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Reflecting A Proud TEXAS Community

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New blood needed to keep Coalition alive

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The Howard County Coalition of the Environment celebrated its third anniversary Oct. 1 and has had tremendous success with its recycling projects.

But the departure of several key organizers and participants may spell the end of HCCE.

The Board of Directors of the HCCE acknowledges this as a crossroads for the organization's existence and says it is falling in its original stated goal

and purpose, which was to provide education and an opportunity for hands on experience for those interested in recycling and preserving the environment.

During its first three years, the HCCE has collected over 60 tons of recyclable materials, including aluminum, steel, plastics and paper, which has saved energy and natural resources as well as space in the landfill.

The HCCE board says a big "thank you" is in order for those organizations and individuals who have made the first three

years possible. Groups like Monty Farmer and the Reclaimer Unit of the Big Spring State Hospital helped process paper and plastics and Jimmy Bailey of Big Spring Iron and Metal showed his support by purchasing steel and aluminum.

According to the HCCE, every little bit of effort helps, but it really has been the saving and recycling of materials by the citizens of Big Spring and Howard County that has made the difference.

Money made from the sale of recycled goods has been returned to the community by the HCCE in the form of planted trees, purchased trees for others to plant, sponsorship of individuals who have attended environmentally related conferences, a video commercial, and information booths at fairs and festivals.

HCCE members have addressed recycling issues by speaking at schools and clubs throughout the county.

The HCCE says First Saturday Collections were never intended to be an end in themselves to

education about recycling and preserving the environment. The collections were intended to be the "hands on" portion of the program.

HCCE is evaluating its status because it has had few invitations to educate people about recycling, and even fewer people available to initiate and lead.

According to the HCCE, they no longer have the people power to maintain their existing Saturday collections and without new, energetic leadership, the organization cannot contin-

ue. The active membership and board of the HCCE would like to see the program continue and will have its annual general meeting at 7 p.m., Oct. 20, at the First Presbyterian Church of Big Spring to elect officers.

At last year's meeting, many of the officers and board members were "recycled" themselves and, according to the HCCE, unless willing nominees are presented from the floor to fill vacancies, and pledges are made to support the work of the Please see HCCE, page 2A

'Truth Squad' hits town to counter Bush allegations

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

As if one tough race for the Governor's office wasn't enough, Gov. Ann Richards is facing another tough race in 1994.

As an indication of how gender, as well as issues, play a part in a campaign, the University of Texas Press has just published "Claytie and the Lady: Ann Richards, Gender, and Politics in Texas."

According to authors Sue Tolleson-Rinehart and Jeanie Stanley, Richards' 1990 campaign provided provocative insight on not just the Governor's race, but the experience of women running for public office across the country.

"I think that Ann's survival (in the 1990 Governor's race) made it easier for women candidates all over the country," Stanley said, "ironically even Republican women - look at Kay Bailey Hutchison."

Members of Richards' "Truth Squad" were in Big Spring Wednesday, not to talk about the book, but about her 1994 opponent, George W. Bush, and his business record.

District 124 State Rep. Christine Hernandez, Eddie Cavazos, chairman of the Texas Employment Commission, and Aurora Sanchez of the Texas Incentive and Productivity Commission were in Big Spring to talk about Richards, Bush, and the Texas Lottery.

Texas GOP Chairman Tom Pauken, at the recent grandopening of the Republican Party Headquarters in Big Spring, said "Ann Richards has led Texans to believe that lottery money would be used for education and instead it has been used to give raises to state employees."

Hernandez said, "The lottery was intended to be an additional source of funding for education, not the sole source. The legislature itself decided not to dedicate all lottery funds to education because of the problems other states have had. Lottery funds go into the general fund and is allocated to different areas by the legislature."

Hernandez and Cavazos pointed out Texans told Richards they wanted a lottery when she campaigned for governor in 1990 and she fought for the rights of voters to have the final say.

In a little more than two years, the lottery has generated more than \$1.6 billion for state government.

Hernandez said, "Fifty-three percent of the general fund goes to Texas public schools and universities, meaning Texas spent \$875 million of lottery revenue on education."

According to Richards representatives, linking education to the uncertainty of the lottery or gambling is wrong. In California, lottery revenue plummeted from \$1 billion one Please see TRUTH, page 2A



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Big Spring High School seniors Katina Palmer and Imelda Torres add more to the decorations that will adorn their float in the annual Homecoming Parade Friday afternoon.

Take a walk but be cautious of traffic

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

If a pedestrian is crossing in a marked crosswalk, they have the right of way and cars should yield to that person, according to Texas traffic laws.

However, the person should not walk away from the curb or place of safety and step out in front of the car.

"If you do not use a crosswalk, you should yield the right of way to vehicle. Do not cross the road diagonally unless you are authorized by signals. Drivers should also exercise due care to avoid colliding with a pedestrian," says Big Spring Police Officer Terry Hudson.

Traffic laws also state a person must use the sidewalk if one is available and walk as close to the right of it as possible.

"If there is no sidewalk, the pedestrian should be on the left side of the road, facing traffic. Of course, if you are out at night, you should cross at a lighted intersection and wear reflective clothing," adds Hudson.

- Pedestrians should cross the road at intersections only
- Before crossing, watch and listen for approaching cars.
- Obey traffic signals and signs.

- Go to the corner and cross the street to retrieve play toys because drivers cannot see children between the cars.



Herald photo by Carlton Johnson

District 124 State Rep. Christine Hernandez and Eddie Cavazos, chairman of the Texas Employment Commission, part of Gov. Ann Richards' "Truth Squad," were in Big Spring Wednesday afternoon to discuss George W. Bush's business record and to highlight Richards' accomplishments as Governor of Texas.

Physical therapy and you

Month used show benefits of the work

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

October is Physical Therapy Month and is designed to educate the public about physical therapy and the job therapists do to help their patients.

"Physical therapy is a rising occupation and it is becoming more and more popular with doctors and they are ordering it more. There is a shortage of physical therapists in the United States, especially in the small towns. It is hard to recruit

people to the rural areas.

"We do orthopedic therapy, neurological therapy, cardiac rehab, wound care and we also help babies with developmental sequence," explained Donna Wennik, a physical therapist assistant at Dora Roberts Rehab Center.

Wennik says orthopedic therapy involves exercises, massages and the use of ultrasound and is usually done after surgery or an accident.

Neurological therapy helps patients who have suffered strokes or have cerebral palsy.

"We do exercises and teach the patients how to do things differently as a result of their condition.

"We also see babies and kids to make sure they are crawling or walking when they should be. We also teach them how to deal with things if they can't do things normally," Wennik explained.

Physical therapists and their assistants also develop programs for those recovering from heart attacks by building up a patient's endurance with exercise. The program often

involves using a stationary bicycle and treadmill.

"We also do wound care therapy for people who have been burned, have ulcers or bedsores which involves cleaning and dressing the wounds," Wennik added.

Wennik has been at the rehab center for three years and the other physical therapy assistant, Cheryl Thomas, was hired in June. Kaki Morton has been a physical therapist at the center for 23 years and Phil Riegel came on board in June.

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Texas Trivia

Smallest county is?
Rockwell

Bovina first had what name?
Bull Town

Where was the first flax planted?
Victoria

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WORLD/NATION

Nation: Help wanted: 2,770 men and women for new police jobs across America. Doling out the first fruits of his new crime bill, President Clinton distributed \$200 million to communities Wednesday. See page 6A.

World: Former dictator Raoul Cedras flew to exile in Panama today, clearing Haiti's way to democracy and the long-awaited return of the nation's elected president. See page 7A.

STATE

Can't relax

The day the West relaxes its vigilance against dictators like Saddam Hussein will be the day such strongmen succeed with their aggression, said former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. See page 5A.

Retaliation the motive

Two guards accused of fatally beating an inmate apparently attacked the prisoner in retaliation for spitting on one of them, the state prison board chairman says. See page 5A.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Tonight

70 ▲ Highs **50**
Lows ▼

Cloudy, low near 50

Tonight, increasing cloudy, low near 50, east wind 10 to 15 mph.

Permian Basin Forecast

Friday: Mostly cloudy, cooler, 20 percent chance of rain, high near 70, southeast winds 10 to 20 mph; cloudy night, low near 50.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy, cooler, 20 percent chance of rain, high near 70, southeast winds 10 to 20 mph; cloudy night, low near 50.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Walking tours are each Saturday

Relive the historic past of the glory days of downtown Big Spring.

Walking Tours will begin at the Heritage Museum every Saturday evening in Oct. filled with stories of Big Spring's early years as a wild railroad town. A tour will leave every half hour from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

All groups are welcome to attend as well as individuals. The downtown Antique Dealers will be open and part of the walking tour. The Heritage Museum will also be open free of charge. For more information please call 267-8255.

Arts and crafts fair Saturday

The 18th annual Big Spring Arts and Crafts Festival will be Oct. 15-16 in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Hours for the festival are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free.

Class of 34 reunion dinner is Saturday

The Big Spring High School Class of 1934 will have its 60th anniversary reunion dinner 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15 in the Lakeside Room of the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Hamby's play ends its run Saturday

Midland Community Theatre will perform local resident Rick Hamby's play "Gargoyles and Scarecrow Sins" at Midland's Yucca Theatre through Oct. 15. Tickets are \$10. For ticket reservations call 1-682-4111; for more information about the production call 1-682-2544.

Volunteers needed for Meals on Wheels

Volunteers are needed to deliver meals on the Meals on Wheels Program. It's a five day per week project. One day per week, one hour per day. If you are interested call the chairman, Jesse Hernandez, 263-4303 or the director, Imogene Smith 263-4016. Thank you very much.

Little change is expected from AMI-NME merger

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Tuesday saw yet another merger between two of the nation's health care companies.

National Medical Enterprises, based in Santa Monica, Calif., and Dallas-based American Medical Holdings, Inc., announced the signing of a definite merger agreement more than doubling the number of NME's acute care hospitals and strengthening one of the nation's largest hospital companies.

One of AMI's holdings includes AMI Odessa Regional Hospital, which also has a clinic on Gregg Street here in Big Spring. Steve Burke, a spokesman for ORH, said things will stay pretty much the same.

"The merger is definitely a reflection of the anticipated changes in health care should there be any type of future health care reform," Burke said. He added it's much better when people attempt to deal with their own problems, like health care, rather than wait for someone else to do it.

The merger is between NME and AMI is valued at more than \$3.3 billion, including the assumption of \$1.3 billion of AMI debt, and upon completion of NME's acquisition of AMI, the new company will have 84 acute care hospitals in 13 states and four foreign countries.

Lex Guinn, chief executive officer of ORH said, "This is a very positive move that strengthens ORH and accentuates our growth intentions that includes the completion of the ORH Express care Center which will open next spring providing 24 hour minor emergency care, seven days a week.

"As far as AMI Odessa Regional hospital is concerned, it will be business as usual for ORH's employees, physicians and volunteers. Only the AMI part of our name will change to another acronym which is yet to be determined."

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Steve Burke

Under terms of the agreement, approved Monday by the boards of both companies, AMI shareholders will receive \$19 in cash and 42/100 (.42) of a share of NME stock for each AMI share they own. The agreement also permits AMI to pay a ten cents per share dividend to its shareholders at any time prior to the closing of the transaction.

Jeffrey C. Barbakow will continue as chairman and CEO of the combined companies and Michael H. Focht Sr., will continue as president and chief operating officer.

The merger of AMI and NME is expected to result in approximately \$60 million in cost savings during the first full fiscal year of the new company.

NME plans to finance the transaction through a new credit facility and the issuance of public debt securities.

Focht said, "AMI operates primarily large, urban hospitals in markets that are very familiar to us. This is the type of operation that exemplifies our core business and we are completely confident that we can achieve significant benefits with this consolidation."

The NME merger with AMI represents a complete turnaround for NME, which was saddled with massive litigation and federal investigations one year ago stemming from its troubled psychiatric division.

GETTING READY FOR THE PARADE



Brian Thomas lays on the floor as he colors his poster that will be displayed on the YMCA float during the annual Big Spring High School homecoming parade this Friday afternoon.

Toward the goal Area students make the long trip to Odessa for the education

By BARBARA MORRISON
Staff Writer

To many, the journey to achieve an education seems very long. But to almost 300 UT Permian Basin students, that journey is several miles, and a whole bunch more hours, long.

Two hundred and ninety students registered for studies at UTPB for the Fall semester do not live in the Midland - Odessa area, according to the school PASS office. And, almost one-half of those students come from the Big Spring area, necessitating a daily commute resulting in long driving hours, gallons of gasoline usage and an intense strive toward the graduation gridiron.

If this were a game of football, Howard County would win.

Janet Abner is one of the almost 100 students from Howard County, most graduates of Howard College, making the daily trip to Odessa and back - a total of 120 miles round trip. Abner is a graduate student

striving for a Master's Degree in Psychology.

"I've been making the trip for several years," Abner explained. "I've been driving there and back for three years and I think not getting a ticket is my biggest accomplishment. I guess that can probably be attributed to cruise control," she laughed.

UTPB junior Tammy Bird is from Stanton. She, too, laughs at the drive, but adds a somewhat solemn note as well.

"It gets real hard sometimes," Bird said. "But I feel really fortunate that I am in a position that I am able to commute. Not every one can say that. I'm lucky that the nearest college is only 40 miles away - it could be worse."

Both Abner and Bird agree the trip and the ultimate toll it takes on both driver and vehicle is serious - almost deadly serious.

"I get so scared when it's bad weather," Bird said. "I hate the ice storms and the wind. I have one teacher who said he lost a

student, had one who died, trying to make the trip to school and back."

Abner said her fear is also based on real experience.

"I did some work with Rape Crisis and there was a lady one time who broke down on the Interstate. She wound up being raped by the same people she asked for help," Abner said, holding back the emotion. "Now, I always make sure my car is in good order and I check the tires and fluid levels regularly."

Yes, the students are fearful. But the fear and the worries don't dampen the ultimate goal of either Abner or Bird.

"An education is very important to me," Abner explained. "Once you've focused on a goal, you have to be willing to do whatever it takes to accomplish it."

"I have a personal motto I go by - 'Life is change, growth is optional.' I think that about sums it up."

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EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day

"I love America more than any other country in the world and, exactly for this reason, I insist on the right to criticize her perpetually."
James Baldwin, novelist, 1955

Keep the momentum going

It has not taken the Big Spring City Council long to follow through with their decision to renovate the Settles Hotel. It is good to see quick action out of our local government. By hiring Sally Loveland, director of the National Development Council in New York which specializes in economic development, the city has brought in someone who understands and can guide the city in the renovation of the Settles. Her company is finishing up a project in Abilene on the Windsor Hotel there.

Opinions expressed in this column are those of the Editorial Board of the Big Spring Herald unless otherwise indicated.

Charles C. Williams
Publisher

DD Turner
Managing Editor

There is an underlying promise of rebirth with the renovation of the Settles, a holding onto a part of this city's history.

The city has taken strong steps to begin the process. Those steps need to continue strongly throughout the entire process.



Must we go our separate ways?

JACKSON, Miss. - The message, offered for sale on the front of T-shirts being hawked this week on the midway at the Mississippi State Fair, was unmistakable. So was its intended viewing audience.



Bob Greene
Columnist

The message on the shirts was clearly supposed to be seen - not purchased by, but seen - by black people.

Specifically, by black people who choose to wear caps and other garments bearing the letter X, in tribute to the late Malcolm X.

The T-shirts being sold at the fair, black in color, bore white lightning bolts to present a properly ominous effect. The words across the front of the shirt were: "You Wear Your X and I'll Wear Mine."

And directly beneath those words was a full-color Confederate battle flag - the stars and bars crossing to form the shape of an X.

How provocative was this? Probably somewhere between a jeering flashing of the middle finger, and yelling "Fire" in a crowded theater. Words, it can be argued, are only words, and symbols only symbols - but even if you somehow find the Malcolm X-Confederate flag shirt to be funny, it's worth thinking about what such gestures mean in a country that seems to be on the verge of war with itself.

Maybe the American ideal was never really true - maybe the idea of a genuinely united country existed only in theory. But today the divisions among us seem so pronounced that you wonder in which way we're headed. Sometimes it appears that we don't even desire to be one nation.

The T-shirts at the fair are merely a particularly dumb example. What they represent is not so much hatred as fear. In the wake of Spike Lee's 1992 "Malcolm X" movie, the X caps and clothing, worn by many young blacks, proved a little intimidating to some whites. Being made nervous is a difficult thing to talk about, though - better to adopt the aggressive pose of the "You Wear Your X And I'll Wear Mine" shirts. The lesson is not necessarily that one group loathes the other - but that so many in each group have given up on dealing with one another at all.

A much more subtle and sedate example, with the same regrettable moral, can be seen in newspaper vending boxes in Jackson. The city's leading daily, the Clarion-Ledger, promotes itself as "Mississippi's Newspaper." In the next vending box at the location where I bought papers was the Jackson Advocate - promoted as "The Voice of Black Mississippians." A small distinction, and in terms of marketing strategy understandable - yet we continue to deal with the notion that even news cannot be presumed to be something all of us can share.

The quandary can be seen in all the black legislative caucuses, the Hispanic public interest lobbies, the gay-and-lesbian

task forces, the women's-issues committees that form within larger government entities. All of these have as their stated goal to promote their members' agendas in what is often seen as an uncaring or callous societal whole. But there has been a shift: More and more, it appears that the smaller subgroups may not be interested in working for the strength of the united body - of the mythical "us" - but are devoted instead to strengthening themselves because they assume that the us may not really exist.

The way things are going, they may be correct. It's undoubtedly unwise to draw cogent conclusions from the sights and sounds of a state fair midway - but if you weren't taken aback by the taunting You-Wear-Your-X T-shirts in Mississippi all these years after the civil rights summers, then what were you supposed to make of the implicit discourse between the genders as evidenced by the prizes being offered at the carnival booths?

One example: This is reputed to be an era when men and women are learning to respect each other as people, are discarding all the old stereotypes. But maybe the fear behind those T-shirts is a fear that has long insinuated itself into the male-female equation, too. At a booth where men, women and children fired projectiles at targets, a prize for the lucky winners was a big color poster of a woman wearing a bikini, posing on her hands and knees, with the slogan: "Down On All Fours For You, Baby."

FEATURES

To take or not take that pill



Judge Guy Herman conducts court in a meeting room at Austin State Hospital to allow patients to plead their case to be released from the hospital or be allowed to stop taking their medication. Psychiatrists used to be able to forcibly medicate patients but that changed a year ago when a new state law took effect. The law requires a court to decide whether patients committed to a public mental institution against their will are competent to refuse psychoactive drugs.

Law allows patients to decide on taking medication

By DENISE GAMINO
Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN - Quiet please, court is now in session. But there's no "oyez, oyez, oyez" from a bailiff. The judge is not wearing a black robe. The makeshift courtroom is furnished informally with rocking chairs. And there are chocolate cookies for the participants. This is a hearing on Travis County case 27765-A: "The State of Texas for the best interest and protection of R.M., mentally ill person."

Reginald Moore, 68, a self-proclaimed poet who has been involuntarily committed to Austin State Hospital since Aug. 16, does not want to take psychoactive drugs. He is adamant: "I don't believe in medication. I believe in the Holy Bible," he says. Under a little-known Texas law, Moore has the right to have a judge decide whether he needs to take the medication.

Psychiatrists used to be able to forcibly medicate patients, but that changed a year ago when a new state law took effect. It requires a court to decide whether patients committed to a public mental institution against their will are competent to refuse psychoactive drugs.

The drugs can control paranoia, depression, confusion and hallucinations, but also might have side effects such as involuntary movements, drowsiness and, in extreme cases, death.

About one in 61 patients wins a medication hearing, first-year statistics show. The lopsided figures have generated controversy. While mental health advocates say the hearings preserve an important constitutional right for mentally ill patients, critics say the hearings are unnecessary and wasteful and can be harmful to patients.

"It's important to realize that just because someone goes into a mental institution, they are not legally incompetent people," said lawyer Deborah Hiser of Advocacy Inc., a federally funded rights protection and advocacy office for Texans with disabilities.

"The fact that you have someone who meets the commitment criteria (by being a danger to self or other) does not mean they're not capable of handling their own financial affairs and voting and that kind of stuff. They don't leave their constitutional rights at the door when they go into the institution."

Stan Kerr, the court-appointed attorney who represents Austin State Hospital patients, said he believes the new law is detrimental to patients.

"They suffer needlessly," he said. "For the vast majority of them, it just extends their period of distress and suffering for a couple of weeks" until an order can be obtained.

Intensive psychotherapy is not available at a state hospital "due to budget constraints and time constraints," Kerr said. So, "if they can't medicate and make it better, there's not a whole lot they can do here."

Dr. Robert Gilliland, a psychiatrist at Austin State Hospital,

said doctors have mixed feelings about allowing a court to make medication decisions. He said psychiatric literature shows "the longer a psychosis goes untreated, the worse the eventual outcome." But he said doctors recognize that involuntarily committed patients have the same civil rights as voluntary patients, who are allowed to refuse drugs.

The law continues to allow doctors to forcibly medicate a patient in psychiatric emergencies.

Last month's medication hearing for Moore, who agreed to allow his name to be used, was one of 1,673 in Texas since Sept. 1, 1993.

Moore pulled his chair up to the long conference table that serves as the witness box and told the judge, "I'm here under false accusations, your honor."

But Moore spoke too soon. He had not been sworn in by Travis County Probate Judge Guy Herman, who holds medication hearings every Thursday afternoon in a former administrative office at the state hospital.

"Do you promise to tell the truth?" Herman asked Moore, who did not answer. After some prodding, Moore promised to tell the truth.

For the next 20 minutes, Moore and his state hospital psychiatrist, Dr. Leela Pulim, gave their opinions of antipsychotic and mood-stabilizing drugs. Each was represented by a lawyer. A court reporter recorded the proceedings.

They suffer needlessly. For the vast majority of them, it just extends their period of distress and suffering for a couple of weeks.

Stan Kerr

This type of legal proceeding was nearly unthinkable in Texas a few years ago. The Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation had a rule that allowed physicians to administer drugs to patients against their will if three doctors agreed the medications were necessary to treat mental illness.

But Advocacy Inc. sued MHMR on behalf of an Austin State Hospital patient, known only as S.M. saying the rule violated the patient's civil rights. State officials agreed to settle the lawsuit, then sought a change in state law to grant involuntarily committed patients the right to refuse medication until declared incompetent to make that decision.

Moore's medication hearing began with testimony from his doctor. She said that Moore has an organic mental disorder, and that he lacks the mental capacity to make a decision about the need for psychoactive drugs.

"Mr. Moore has no insight into his mental illness," Pulim said. "He denies any mental problems."

Unless Moore gets antipsychotic drugs and mood stabilizers, Pulim said, his "paranoia will get worse and his delusional disorder will get worse." She said that he "has not made any progress (since) his admission. He's still paranoid."

Moore, under questioning from Kerr, said he suffered a severe head injury in a construction accident 25 years ago. Subsequently, his mental problems occurred.

Moore, who can recite many poems from memory, brought with him a canvas bag containing his reading material: a paperback Bible, a dog-eared "New Yorker" magazine and a newspaper.

He said he does not want to take medication because "I don't think I qualify for it."

"I have no right to take medications when it would doubly affect my life. I have no faith or confidence in medication," he said, speaking rapidly. "I read all the time. I don't disturb anybody, with God as my witness. I don't want anybody to disturb me either, with God as my witness."

After the testimony, Herman announced his ruling: "The court, by clear and convincing evidence, finds that Reginald Moore lacks capacity to make medicinal treatment decisions and that it would be in his best interest to be treated with psychoactive medications."

He told Moore the medication should help him and thanked him for reciting some poetry.

"I've tried to stay out of the human race," Moore said. Gently, Herman replied: "Well, we want you to stay in the human race, Mr. Moore. Good luck, sir."

The medication hearings have gone smoothly at Austin State Hospital, where more patients have been granted the right to refuse medication by Herman than in any of the other seven state hospitals.

"I believe in (the new law)," Herman said. "It isn't right to do something without legal authority."

Some other counties that conduct the hearings for patients in state hospitals have resisted.

In Dallas, MHMR has been forced to supply a lawyer to represent Dallas residents in Terrell State Hospital because the county refuses to do so.

In Cherokee County, where Rusk State Hospital is located, officials have been unable to collect reimbursements from Harris County for conducting medication hearings for Rusk patients from Houston Records show that Harris County owes more than \$25,000 to Cherokee County.

In Wichita Falls, a lawsuit challenged the medication hearing law because the Legislature failed to attach a "judicial impact" statement with estimated financial costs. The law upheld.

Each county charges different rates for medication hearings. Officials estimate that the 1,673 hearings in fiscal 1993 cost \$250,000 to \$300,000.

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NEWS BRIEF

Man given two wrongful convictions

HOUSTON (AP) - A man has been sentenced to two years in jail for his wife committed to a hospital without her consent.

Robert Michael Rent, 34, was convicted of violating a law that makes intentional acts of a person being committed to a mental facility a crime.

Court officials announced Wednesday that the man may be the first convicted under the law.

The jury sentenced Rent to two years in the Harris County Jail, the maximum sentence. Rent, a free lance writer, attends Alvin College, was convicted following a two-day trial. Rent's attorney said he will appeal.

Groundwork laid for border cleanup

CIUDAD JUARAZ (AP) - A border environmental agency created under a new law has taken its first steps, beginning a search for mental projects and programs.

Members of the Environmental Commission met Wednesday for an organizational meeting. The groundwork for encouraging border projects and programs.

"We think it's a good day," Arturo Valero, State Department spokesman after attending the U.S. and Mexican

The Ciudad Juarez mission, known as the American Free Trade Agreement environment accord to recommend environmental projects and programs.

As envisioned, the mission would begin leading in environmental and nature projects in the area.

Bond denied in torture case

McALLEN (AP) - A magistrate has rejected arguments asking for the extradition of a top Mexican federal commander accused of U.S. Magistrate Ormsby said documents should not be used to support the extradition treaty.

"The treaty should be construed liberally," Ormsby said. "We should be overly concerned with the documents."

An attorney for Gonzalez Caldero, Mexico's extradition was incomplete several technical details. But Ormsby said Mexico's intent in the documents was

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Man given two years for wrongful commitment

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston man has been sentenced to two years in jail for having his ex-wife committed to a psychiatric hospital without enough justification.

Robert Michael Rent was convicted of violating a 1991 state law that makes illegal any intentional acts that lead to a person being unnecessarily committed to a mental health facility.

Court officials said Wednesday that the conviction may be the first of its kind in Texas.

The jury sentenced Rent to two years in the Harris County Jail, the maximum punishment. Rent, a free lance artist who attends Alvin Community College, was convicted Tuesday following a two-day trial.

Rent's attorney said he plans an appeal.

Grounderwork laid for border cleanup

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — A border environmental agency created under NAFTA has taken its initial steps, beginning a search for environmental projects and a general manager.

Members of the Border Environmental Cooperation Commission met for the first time Wednesday to discuss organizational matters and lay the groundwork for aiding and encouraging border cleanup programs.

"We think it's an auspicious day," Arturo Valenzuela, a U.S. State Department official, said after attending the meeting of U.S. and Mexican officials.

The Ciudad Juarez-based commission, known as BECC, was created under the North American Free Trade Agreement environmental side accord to recommend border environmental projects to the North American Development Bank.

As envisioned, the San Antonio-based NADBank will begin lending in early 1995 and provide at least \$2 billion for environmental and infrastructure projects in the next 10 years.

Bond denied in torture case

McALLEN (AP) — A U.S. magistrate has rejected technical arguments aimed at stopping the extradition of a former top Mexican federal police commander accused of torture.

U.S. Magistrate Peter E. Ormsby said technical arguments should not subvert the purpose of the U.S.-Mexico extradition treaty.

"The treaty should be construed liberally," Ormsby said Monday. "We should not be overly concerned with technicalities."

An attorney for Guillermo Gonzalez Calderon argued that Mexico's extradition request was incomplete and contained several technical errors.

But Ormsby ruled that Mexico's intent was clear and the documents were complete.



Former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, right, talks with Dallas television anchorman Chip Moody during a fund raiser luncheon in Dallas for the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center of Houston.

Thatcher: West cannot relax its vigilance against dictators

DALLAS (AP) — The day the West relaxes its vigilance against dictators like Saddam Hussein will be the day such strongmen succeed with their aggression, said former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

"So when you get people like Saddam Hussein doing things that we would never do, and you think, 'I've defeated him once, surely he won't be fool enough to try anything again,' it would be absolutely fatal to let your defenses down," said Lady Thatcher, now a member of the British House of Lords.

"The moment you let those

defense down, they will succeed," she said.

Addressing about 1,000 Texans at a luncheon honoring her as a "living legend," Lady Thatcher also said she had no preference for either former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev nor current Russian President Boris Yeltsin. Each brings a critical vision to their nation, she said.

"Mr. Gorbachev gave you what you should never have lost: freedom of speech and freedom of worship. ... What he didn't know was how to introduce an enterprise economy," she said. That is where Yeltsin came in, she said.

First whooping cranes arrive at winter home

ROCKPORT (AP) — The first migrating whooping cranes have apparently arrived at their winter home at Aransas National Wildlife Refuge, an official says.

Refuge manager Brent Giezantner said three of the birds spent the summer at the refuge, but he said she spotted a group of four last week. He said he believes that one or two of them recent migrated from Canada.

The average first arrival date for the whooping cranes is Oct. 16, he said.

Giezantner said officials hope that 140 cranes will come in this year. Last year, there were 143.

The expected drop is because a late spring may have caused less nesting in Canada, he said.

The refuge was established in 1937 as a winter home for the whooping cranes, which were on the verge of extinction. Their

population dropped to as low as 16 in the 1940s but has gradually increased.

As refuge officials prepared for the arrival of the cranes, a Conoco Inc. official said that the company plans to ask the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for permission to continue natural gas exploration in the refuge beyond an earlier agreed-on cut-off date of Oct. 15.

George rule, manager of Conoco's Corpus Christi division, said the company wants the extension because weather has delayed the exploration project, which began Aug. 15.

Conoco has been operating for decades at the refuge. The firm has drilled 77 wells there and has fewer than eight active.

Since the cranes began landing, the refuge has asked Conoco to start using trucks instead of helicopters when ferrying supplies onto the refuge, Giezantner said.

Retaliation motive behind death

LIVINGSTON (AP) — Two guards accused of fatally beating an inmate apparently attacked the prisoner in retaliation for spitting on one of them, the state prison board chairman says.

The inmate was found unconscious in his cell after a recreation yard melee at the Terrell Prison Unit, officials said.

Murder charges have been filed against two newly hired guards. Only one other guard has been accused of murdering an inmate in modern Texas history.

Lesser charges were expected against as many as a dozen other guards at the maximum-security prison, and several inmates also could face charges for their roles in the fight, prison officials said.

Alex Torres, 31, and Joel Lambricht Jr., 30, were freed on

\$50,000 bond after their arraignment Tuesday on murder charges. Torres began working at the prison in January, Lambricht in February.

Torres and Lambricht and seven other prison employees have been suspended.

Defense lawyer Travis Kitchens Jr., who represents Lambricht, said his client is innocent of murder.

"He didn't kill the person and stomp him, I can tell you that," he said.

Investigators believe the inmate, Michael McCoy, was fatally beaten in retaliation for his role in the melee Friday, said Larry Todd, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Carol Vance, chairman of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, said Wednesday he understood McCoy, a cancer

patient, may not have been involved in the original disturbance.

"I think this rose out of a spitting incident," Vance said.

"I don't believe McCoy was involved in the first round of events. I think this came as a result of a spitting incident, which is absolutely no excuse," he said. "I think he spat on one of the (accused) guards."

Investigators were still piecing together the events, he said, adding he had no other details.

"Obviously, a whole group of (guards) was out of control," an investigator told the Houston Chronicle. "Things like that can't happen without rank knowing about it."

The episode represented the worst case of physical abuse of prisoners to occur in the past decade or more, the investigator, who asked to remain anonymous, said.

Farm show an agriculture shopping bonanza

LUBBOCK (AP) — Piles of pumpkins and hay bales decorate the landscape around the biggest agriculture shopping bonanza on the South Plains this week.

The Farmer-Stockman Show — 800 acres of exhibits and crops on display — allowed

browsers to wander among tractors, scrutinize the cattle and watch harvesters at work.

The sprawling assembly celebrates the \$74 billion that agriculture generates in Texas business each year.

The annual show started Tuesday and takes place

through today on city-owned land east of Lubbock. It's promoted as the only show of its kind in the Southwest.

Thousands of people roamed Wednesday through the candy-striped aisles where exhibitors offered information on techniques to protect soil and break the wind.

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Interest in O.J. starting to flag

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans are more interested in news of Haiti, Iraq and Congress than the O.J. Simpson murder trial, according to a new poll.

The proportion of Americans who are following the Simpson trial "very closely" has dropped to 25 percent, from 48 percent in June — when Simpson was arrested — and 30 percent in September, according to the survey by the Times Mirror Center for the People & the Press.

The survey released Wednesday found that only 53 percent of those asked knew Simpson could face life imprisonment rather than the death penalty if convicted.

By contrast, 61 percent knew Congress passed a crime bill this year and 58 percent were aware it gave up trying to pass health care reform in 1994.

Government war's attorney removed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government wants a federal judge to remove one of Rep. Dan Rostenkowski's defense attorneys on grounds he has a conflict of interest in the political corruption case.

The attorney, R. Kenneth Mundy of Washington, has represented a witness in the House Post Office investigation who provided "relevant and admissible evidence" against Rostenkowski and is a potential witness at the Chicago Democrat's trial, prosecutors said in court papers.

"The resulting conflicts of interest are clear and irreconcilable, and threaten the integrity of this case," Assistant U.S. Attorney Larry Parkinson wrote.

Device could help elderly heal faster

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration has approved a new device to help elderly Americans' broken bones heal faster.

The Sonic Accelerated Fracture Healing System uses low-intensity pulses of ultrasound on fractures in the lower leg and lower forearm.

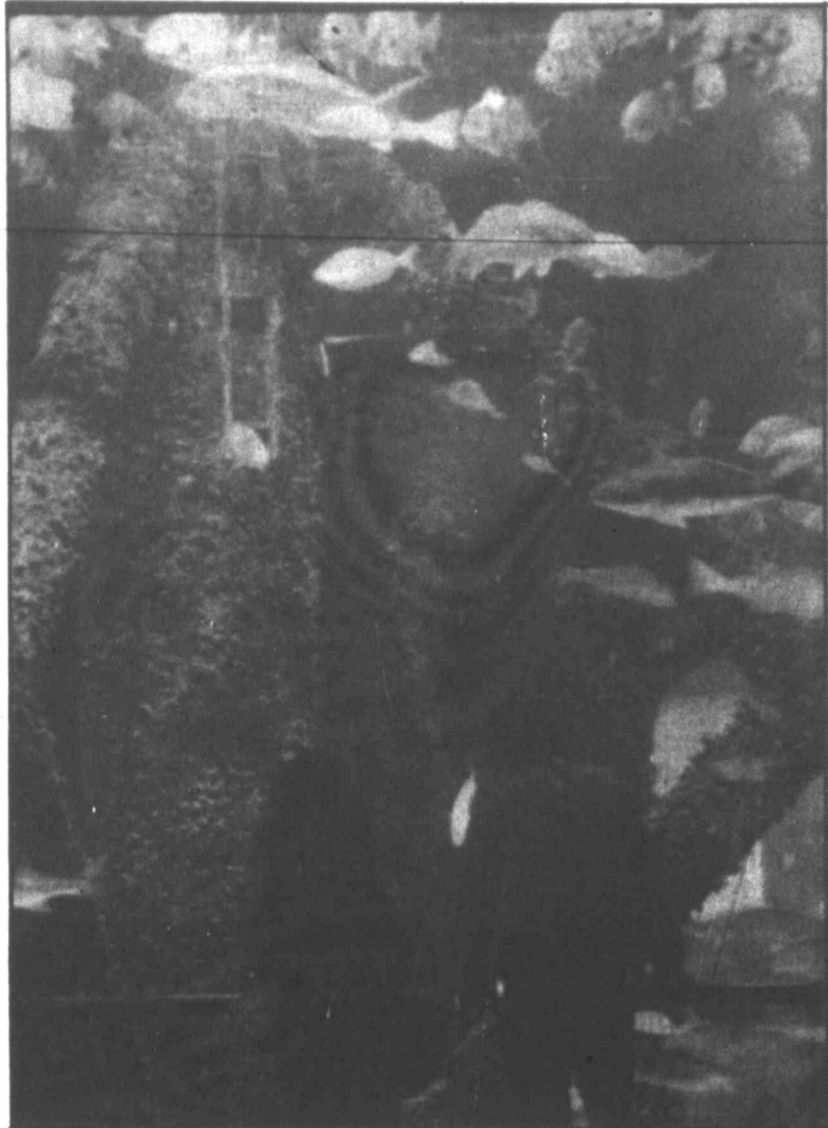
While clinical trials showed the device accelerated healing in all patients with these fractures, the elderly saw the most improvement, FDA said. One study found older patients' leg fractures healed in 102 days if they used the device but 187 days if they didn't.

Women in congress say presence felt

WASHINGTON (AP) — Women in the House and Senate say they made their presence felt more than ever this year, pushing through a range of legislation from new programs to fight domestic violence to increased funding for breast cancer research.

With 48 women in the House — including District of Columbia Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton — and seven in the Senate, they now make a difference when they vote together, and their presence is increasingly felt on key committees, too, they say.

A HOME FOR THE FISH



Associated Press photo

Visitors to the Aquarium of the Americas view the underwater half of a replica of a petroleum production platform in New Orleans. The Aquarium displays the oil rig legs in a giant Gulf of Mexico exhibit which is also home to many species of sea life. The oil industry is being encouraged by the federal government to leave used platforms in place to become artificial reefs.

Magellan 'dies' after diving into Venus

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Magellan, which gave the world its first close-up glimpse of Venus, fell silent Wednesday after scientists sent the failing space explorer on its final, fatal dive toward the planet's surface.

NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory declared the spacecraft dead after receiving a last blip of data at 3:02 a.m.

One final experiment designed to wring the last bits of information from Magellan drained its power to the point where it could no longer transmit data or perform other functions, project manager Douglas Griffith said.

Magellan's last mission was to descend to the atmosphere of Venus in order to explore the spacecraft's aerodynamics as it

dropped.

The information could help scientists design spacecraft that can stay in orbit longer. It also may help program the flight of the Mars Global Surveyor, which will be launched in 1996. Like Venus, Mars has a carbon dioxide atmosphere.

Scientists knew the last assignment would throw Magellan out of position for gathering sunlight on its solar panels, which were rapidly deteriorating anyway.

So on Tuesday, mission director James Stewart passed out a roll of black crepe and mission specialists made themselves armbands to mark the end of a mission that surpassed many expectations.

First of Crime Bill money doled out to 392 communities

WASHINGTON (AP) — Help wanted: 2,770 men and women for new police jobs across America.

Doling out the first fruits of his new crime bill, President Clinton distributed \$200 million to communities Wednesday to put more police on the beat.

"Today, we have rejected decades of excuses that crime is a local problem that Washington can do nothing about," Clinton told a crowd of police and local politicians at a South Lawn ceremony. "Washington can do a lot to help you fight crime."

The \$200 million will go to 392 communities that must con-

tribute 25 percent of the cost of hiring new officers. It is the first installment of \$8.6 billion approved in the new crime law for hiring up to 100,000 police over the next six years.

Clinton noted the crime law is supposed to be paid for by trimming the size of the federal government.

"This is something Washington has done to give you the power to change the future of your communities," he said.

Communities must submit plans for using the new officers in community policing projects that strengthen ties between

officers and the people on their beats. The winners of the first round were chosen on the basis of a Justice Department evaluation of their policing plans plus a rating of their crime rates.

The new law requires that half the \$8.6 billion go to cities with fewer than 150,000 residents. The White House said 324 communities with fewer than 150,000 people received \$103.7 million Wednesday.

Clinton's hometown, Hot Springs, Ark., received \$381,651; Little Rock, Ark., got \$1.8 million. The largest grants went to Los Angeles and Honolulu, \$3 million each.


Most Americans unhappy with federal government

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly three-fourths of Americans are dissatisfied with the way the federal government works, according to a new national survey full of bad news for Democrats just a month before the midterm elections.

In an ABC News survey released Wednesday night, 47 percent of respondents said they planned to vote for the Republican House candidate in their district, while 44 percent favored the Democrat.

While the GOP lead was within the survey's margin of error, meaning it was a statistical dead heat, Republicans have not fared that well on such a generic congressional preference question in 40 years. And just a month ago, 60 percent of respondents in the ABC poll said they favored the Democrat while 44 percent picked the Republican.

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**Arafat cracking down
on Islamic militants**

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — With Israel demanding the return of a soldier held hostage by Islamic militants, Yasser Arafat put his police on high alert and braced for a possible clash with fundamentalists opposed to the peace process. The PLO leader, facing the worst crisis in five months of Palestinian autonomy, sought in vain Wednesday for help from political leaders of the Hamas fundamentalist movement, then convened his top security lieutenants for a midnight session. Arafat ordered a widespread crackdown on Hamas supporters.

**Cult leader believed
to be among dead**

GENEVA (AP) — The apocalyptic leader of a cult at the center of a 53-death mystery has been identified among the dead, Swiss police said today. The body of the cult leader, Luc Joutet, came from 25 charred corpses found in a chalet in the Alpine village of Grange-sur-Salvan, ending an international hunt. Police had issued an international warrant for him on suspicion of premeditated murder and arson in connection with the deaths last week of members of the Order of the Solar Temple cult. Twenty-five people were found in the chalets, 23 in a farmhouse in another Swiss village, and five in an apartment north of Montreal, Canada. Police have said many of the victims were murdered. No details were given on the cause of Joutet's death.

**Japanese writer wins
Nobel for literature**

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Kenzaburo Oe, a novelist and essayist from Japan, won the Nobel prize in literature today. Oe, 59, was cited for his "poetic force (which) creates an imagined world, where life and myth condense to form a disconcerting picture of the human predicament today," said an announcement by the literature committee of the Swedish Academy.

**Christopher backs Rabin
in suspending talks**

JERUSALEM (AP) — Secretary of State Warren Christopher backed Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin today in his suspension of negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Organization over the abduction of an Israeli soldier. Christopher said it was Rabin's decision to make and that once the soldier was safely released it would be up to the prime minister to decide when to talk to the PLO again. The suspension of negotiations is a serious setback to U.S. peacemaking effort, with talks on the Syrian front also flagging. Rabin, after meeting with Christopher, said he had not "heard anything real about the substantive issues."

Neither Rabin nor Christopher mentioned reports that more than 9,000 Palestinian police were involved in a new operation today in the Gaza Strip to arrest militants and search for the soldier.

**Ruble shoots up
among heavy spending**

MOSCOW (AP) — The Russian ruble stormed back against the dollar today, erasing the losses suffered in the spectacular "Black Tuesday" plunge and making its strongest one-day showing ever.

Cedras heads into exile

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Former dictator Raoul Cedras flew to exile in Panama today, clearing Haiti's way to democracy and the long-awaited return of the nation's elected president.



Associated Press photo
**RAOUL CEDRAS in Panama
where he is heading into exile.**

President Jean-Bertrand Aristide plans a triumphant return Saturday, three years after he was ousted in a September 1991 coup that brought Cedras to power and crushing economic sanctions upon the impoverished Caribbean nation.

Cedras, a participant in Aristide's bloody overthrow, was flown into exile with the help of American soldiers he once pledged to battle to the death. His departure — made in the middle of the night to discourage jeering crowds — broke another of his vows: to remain in his homeland.

A convoy of U.S. Humvees carried Cedras and his family from his hillside mansion to the airport at 1:45 a.m. today. Then the man feared by thousands of Haitians walked across the darkened tarmac holding his wife's hand, accompanied by his three children.

The proud army leader ignored shouted pleas by journalists to turn around. Instead, he headed straight for the U.S.-chartered Boeing 757 and

walked up the staircase without a look back at his homeland.

U.S. Ambassador William Swing showed up at the Port-au-Prince airport, as did reinforcements of American security personnel and military police. But as the engines revved up on the plane, Swing chatted with American officers inside the terminal, who paid little attention to the jet which departed at 2:57 a.m.

The 45-year-old Cedras was accompanied into exile by his top general, Philippe Blamby, and family members. They arrived at Panama City's

Tocumen airport at 4:10 a.m. local time and were greeted by a representative of the country's foreign minister.

Panama offered Cedras, Blamby and 14 family members asylum Wednesday night after requests by Washington and Aristide. It was not known how long any of them would remain.

Panamanian President Ernesto Perez Balladares said the group could stay for the "time needed for them to remake their lives." He said he granted Aristide's request so "Haitians can rebuild their country in peace."

Cedras' departure made inevitable the resignation Wednesday of his civilian figurehead president, Emile Jonassaint.

Earlier Wednesday, joyous Haitians waving branches of peace and playing handmade musical instruments danced outside Cedras' mansion as he prepared to leave.

But elsewhere, Haitians turned their attention to Aristide's homecoming.

Throughout the poverty-stricken country, people were sprucing up: paving roads, cleaning garbage, clearing brush and painting trees red and blue, the colors of the Haitian flag.

**Unimaginable happened:
Pro-British forces declare
cease-fire in N. Ireland**

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — In an announcement unimaginable only a few months ago, pro-British Protestant paramilitaries declared a cease-fire today, six weeks after the Irish Republican Army called a similar truce.

The move is expected to pave the way for round-table talks on the future of Northern Ireland.

The Combined Loyalist Military Command announced it will "universally cease all operational hostilities" beginning at midnight tonight.

The command is an umbrella organization for the two main paramilitary groups committed to keeping Northern Ireland linked to Britain — the Ulster Defense Association and the Ulster Volunteer Force.

The pro-British "loyalists" are responsible for more than a quarter of killings in Northern Ireland's 25 years of

bloodshed. Only recently they were predicting civil war.

British Prime Minister John Major called the move "a remarkable step forward."

At a news conference today, the paramilitary leaders promised to "never again permit our political circumstances to degenerate into bloody warfare ... We are on the threshold of a new and exciting beginning."

The cease-fire will be "completely dependent" upon continued cessation of IRA violence, their statement added.

The IRA announced an open-ended halt Aug. 31 to its bomb-and-bullet campaign against British rule.

Major has demanded a three-month pause before opening constitutional talks on the future of Northern Ireland, saying he wanted a firmer pledge that the IRA cease-fire was permanent. Britain has not yet begun the three-month clock.

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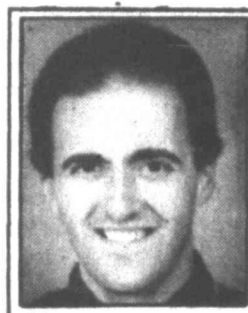
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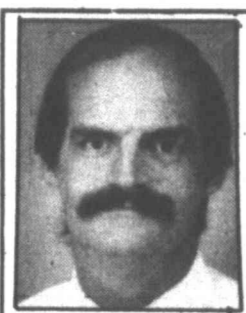


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Sports Writer

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Season 41-20 (67%)

FORT STOCKTON (0-6) at BIG SPRING (2-4)

Do we have to pick this one? Those folks who will leave after the Homecoming queen is crowned may have the right idea. Big Spring 40, Fort Stockton 0

If the Steers lose this one, I really am jinxing them.

Big Spring 45, Fort Stockton 0

WALL (4-2) at COAHOMA (4-2)

Until Coahoma can find an offense, the Dogs chances don't look good. Might have to trot out that "Coahoma runs into Wall" headline again.

Wall 21, Coahoma 6

As long as the Bulldogs' offense struggles, the wins in 6-2A will be hard to come by. No scaling this Wall - at least, not this week.

Wall 17, Coahoma 7

FORSAN (1-5) at WINTERS (6-0)

Anyone who was in Coahoma last week knows how tough Winters is. Forsan fans will learn about Winters this week.

Winters 34, Forsan 10

Winters blew out Coahoma just like their mascot would indicate. This week, the Blizzards blow out Forsan.

Winters 48, Forsan 6

JIM NED (5-1) at STANTON (5-1)

Jim Ned looked strong until losing 28-12 to Wall last week. If Stanton keeps playing like it has been, it wins. It better win - the Buffs plays at Wall next week.

Stanton 24, Jim Ned 20

This is liable to be like a tennis match. The last team with the ball will probably win.

Jim Ned 44, Stanton 28

KLONDIKE (5-1) at WELLMAN (4-2)

Klondike lost big to rival Grady last week. The young Cougars will recover, but not in time to win at Wellman.

Wellman 42, Klondike 36

Klondike is hurting. Wellman is mad. A deadly mix, that.

Wellman 36, Klondike 24

ROBERT LEE (5-0) at GARDEN CITY (2-3-1)

Bad news, Garden City fans. You know how good Sterling City is? Well, Robert Lee is in the Class 1A top 10, and Sterling City isn't. Don't like the sound of that, do you? The Bearkats are in trouble.

Robert Lee 30, Garden City 6

The Bearkats have the misfortune of playing in one of the toughest Class 1A districts in the state - and Robert Lee is the best of the lot.

Robert Lee 38, Garden City 14

OTHER GAMES

Lorraine 56, Westbrook 6
Grady 54, Loop 18
Sands 62, Dawson 6
Greenwood 42, Crane 0
Sonora 17, C-City 14
Borden Co. 45, Hermleigh 28

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Steers set sights on Stockton

By DAVE HARGRAVE
Sports Editor

"Homecoming is great for the fans, but it can be a nightmare for players and coaches."

Big Spring coach Dwight Butler said that before this season's win over Snyder, referring to Big Spring's 31-0 win in Snyder's Homecoming game in 1993. Strange things can happen during Homecoming, and that's what the coach is preaching going into Friday's BSHS Homecoming game against winless Fort Stockton.

"You don't lie to them - you tell them that this is a team you can beat," Butler said. "But if the team shows up like the one that played at Levelland, we'll be in trouble. We've used some other teams as examples. Snyder always has trouble with Homecoming, and Monahans played Levelland for

Homecoming and got killed."

Though the coaches and players are doing their best to stay focused on Fort Stockton, it would be tough to blame them if they let down their guard a bit. The fun of Homecoming permeates the entire week, and Fort Stockton is, well, Fort Stockton. The Panthers (0-6, 0-1 in District 4-4A) have clinched their 11th straight losing season, and only their passing game has shown signs of life.

Big Spring (2-4, 0-1) has the third-best running attack in the district, and Fort Stockton is the worst team in the loop at stopping the run. Fort Stockton has allowed an average of 398.7 yards per game this season - worst in the district - and 301.2 of those yards come on the ground.

Quentin Dickson, Big Spring's tailback who leads the district with 716 rushing yards, could

have a field day.

Monahans beat Fort Stockton 49-18 Friday, while Lake View beat Big Spring 21-17. In the other district game, Andrews beat Pecos 12-8.

"If you don't know what to look for, that Andrews-Pecos score is an eye-opener, but Andrews lost their quarterback on the third play of the game," Butler said. "Both Andrews and Pecos played extremely good defense. The Monahans-Fort Stockton score was about what we expected. It's really a pretty evenly matched district right now. I guess if you go with talent, Lake View has the best team, but if you just go by team-wise, I'd say we're all about even."

Butler said junior Bucky Crenshaw will start at quarterback for the Steers, while Dustin Waters will start at split end. Waters started the first five

games of the season at quarterback before yielding the spot to Crenshaw last week vs. Lake View. Crenshaw - who has completed 13 of 36 passes for 232 yards, one touchdown and four interceptions - seems to have one thing all quarterback need:

Confidence.

"I've been quarterback since third grade, in Pee Wee league, so I'm comfortable there. I don't guess I've ever played anywhere else," said Crenshaw. "If I said I didn't think I did well last game, I'd be lying. There were just some key situations when we were close to scoring that I messed up. But I guess it's please see STEERS, page 10A



CRENSHAW

Buff face tough test in Jim Ned

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports writer

Say what you want about the Stanton Buffaloes' schedule. For sure, it does not get any easier from here.

The Buffalos (5-1 overall, 1-0 in District 6-2A play) begin a murderous four-week stretch of games that will determine, quite simply, if they are contenders or pretenders.

The gauntlet starts Friday at home against Jim Ned. The Indians (5-1, 0-1) were pre-district favorites and, despite last week's loss to Wall, provide Stanton with plenty of problems.

The game is shaping up as a defensive coordinator's nightmare. Both teams have outstanding offenses that feature the running game.

"They have a big-play offense," Stanton coach Bill Grissom said. "They do a lot of things really well. They will spread you out defensively."

Centerpiece for the Indians' attack is running back Larry Trevino, who gained more than 1,000 yards last year. Facing him will be a pair of backs on track to break that mark this



Jerele Lee (21) of Stanton tries to break from the grip of Forsan's Jacoby Hopper (12) during Stanton's 42-16 win at Forsan Friday. Also pictured are Forsan's Ethan Schrecengost (75) and James Cogburn (61).

season, Stanton's Jerele Lee and Todd Davis.

Grissom said that Davis, transfer from Abilene High School, aggravated an ankle injury last week against Forsan but is expected to play Friday.

Grissom added that there's no denying the Buffs are in the meaty portion of the schedule. After Jim Ned, Stanton closes the season with games at Wall and Winters, then at home against Coahoma.

"It's going to be four big weeks for us in a row," Grissom said. "We're just going to have to step up and play good football ... Overall, we were pleased

with the way we played (against Forsan). Forsan did a good job of coming out and being prepared for us."

Wall (4-2, 1-0) at Coahoma (4-2, 0-1)

In Eddie McHugh's own words, the Coahoma Bulldogs are "jumping from the frying pan into the fire."

Coahoma head coach McHugh has a two-fold mission this week: Get the Bulldogs to somehow forget last week's 42-6 drubbing at the hands of Winters, and get prepared for an old nemesis.

The Wall Hawks, perennial playoff representatives from the old District 6-2A, appeared to be on a down cycle when they lost two of their first five games. But all that changed last week when they defeated new district favorite Jim Ned 28-12.

"We watched them on film, and they're just a good football team," McHugh said. "They just line up and come at you. They do a good job of creating turnovers, and that's something we've had a problem with."

Another problem plaguing the Bulldogs of late has been injury.

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Rangers fire manager in latest off-season move

ARLINGTON (AP) — Kevin Kennedy left the Texas Rangers with no bitterness. Instead, he issued a warning.

"I'll be back," Kennedy said Wednesday after new Texas general manager Doug Melvin fired him despite having the Rangers in first place in the AL West despite a disappointing 52-62 record when the strike began.

"I understand change. It's part of the business. I have no regrets. I wish the best for Doug Melvin and the Texas Rangers, except when they're playing against us - whoever I may be," Kennedy said.

There's no immediate word on a replacement, although Melvin said he would immediately start lining up candidates.

Kennedy, 40, sounded like he expects to land on his feet. With three teams looking for a manager and several others reportedly ready to join the market, he may have a chance soon.

If not, he'll still make \$250,000 from the Rangers next year. That may be part of the reason why Kennedy had nothing but kind words about the team's management Wednesday.

"I leave here with a good taste in my mouth, and I was told that by owner-

ship as well," Kennedy said. "I'll never say anything bad about people here. I'm thankful for the opportunity they gave me."

In his first big-league managing job, Kennedy went 138-138 in two years. He was fourth in the manager of the year balloting for 1993 after his first club went 86-76 and finished second in the AL West.

This year's team was considered the



KENNEDY

BOTTOM OF THE ORDER

SHOT OF THE DAY

A sign of the NHL times

Everyone of staff at the Best Western in Kingston, Canada, gets the chance to fill the marquis. Waiter Kelly Hale, left, won this week for using the National Hockey League's commissioner as a pun.

TEXAS SPORTS

Lone Star project progresses

DALLAS (AP) — Executives of the proposed Lone Star track have agreed to a management change requested by their host city, the Texas Racing Commission and project partners to help the racetrack become reality.

With the Lone Star license in jeopardy, an agreement transferring control of the project to an interim general partner and ultimately to a board of directors was signed Wednesday by Jim Musselman, track president, and Vice Chairman Preston Carter.

But the document awaits the signature of Clay Crawford, an attorney for Dallas shareholder Trammell S. Crow, who owns the track site at Belt Line Road and Interstate 30.

Crawford said attorneys and partners would review the agreement overnight, with hopes of signing it today.

AROUND THE WORLD

Rollie's not gone just yet

LAS VEGAS (AP) — UNLV may have to fire Rollie Massimino to oust him as basketball coach. The collapse of efforts to buy out Massimino's contract sent university officials scrambling for ways to get rid of the coach. Massimino is expected to be at Saturday's opening practice.

Packers dump Milwaukee

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — The Green Bay Packers will live up to their name next year. Team president Bob Harlan said Wednesday the team has decided to abandon Milwaukee, where the Packers have played part of their football schedule every year since the Great Depression.

ON THE AIR

Football

Cleveland at Houston, 7 p.m., TNT (ch. 28).

Golf

Nike Tour Championship, 2 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).

No. 4 Sands goes after Dawson

By STEVE REAGAN
Sportswriter

With one major hurdle out of the way, and another waiting for them next week, the Sands Mustangs hope not to stub their toes this week.

On paper, the No. 5 Mustangs (5-1 overall, 1-0 in District 5) would appear to have a breather this week when they host the Dawson Dragons (2-4, 0-1) Friday night. But don't try selling that line to Sands coach Billy Barnett.

"On paper, it looks like we're better, but we play the game on grass, not paper," he said. "Our guys know not to look past Dawson. They've got a lot of speed, and they could very well big-play us to death."

Big plays should be a concern for the Mustangs. Their normally rock-solid defense has surrendered more than 40 points in each of their last two games, including last weekend's 52-48 squeaker over Wellman.

"It just got where we couldn't stop each other," Barnett said of the game. "In the second half, it was just one big play after another."

The Mustangs will be bolstered by the return of quarterback Steven Cantu, who sat out last week with a strained knee.

Although it would be natural for his team to look past Dawson, what with co-district leader Grady on the schedule next week, Barnett is hopeful that won't be the case Friday.

"The only way I know how (to fight that) is to just keep harping on it in practice," he said. "(Dawson) can have a big night. They didn't play too well last week, and they're probably going to come back strong."

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Man Preview

Grady (5-1, 1-0)
at Loop (1-5, 1-0)

It will be an unlikely battle of District 5 leaders Friday when Grady travels to Loop to take on the Longhorns at 7:30 p.m.

It's not so unlikely that the Wildcats are on top of the district standings, but few figured Loop to get past Dawson last week. That makes them all the more dangerous, Grady coach Roger Smith said.

"Here they are after the first week of district, in a three-way tie for first with us and Sands," Smith said. "Their non-district record means nothing. They'll definitely be ready to play."

But then again, so will the Wildcats, who broke a three-year curse by beating Klondike last Friday.

"I think it'll be a big momentum booster for us," Smith said of the win. "Our seniors had never beaten Klondike."

With No. 4 Sands coming up next week, even Smith concedes the temptation is there to look past the Longhorns.

"I won't say there's not some anticipation to playing Sands, but our kids know they have to

take it a week at a time - and I'm sure Sands' kids feel the same way," Smith said. "Both teams will probably be looking out of the corner of their eyes. I just hope we're not looking so far ahead that we lose our focus."

Klondike (5-1, 0-1)
at Wellman (4-2, 0-1)

A week after falling behind in the District 5 race, the Klondike Cougars and Wellman Wildcats now face the possibility of falling out of the picture altogether.

With the overall quality of the district being what it is, neither team can afford to fall two games behind the league leaders, but that is what will happen to the loser of this game, set to start at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Wellman.

"It's pretty much do or die for us, and they're pretty much in the same position," Klondike coach Ed Wilson said. "It should be interesting."

The Cougars should be bolstered by the return of running back Chris Arismendez, who missed last week's game against Grady with a groin pull. However, Shawn Barton, one of the leading receivers on the team, is lost for the rest of the regular season with a hip pointer.

Wilson said he'll need all the guns he can muster against the Wildcats.

"We've probably got the toughest game we'll face," Wilson said. "We'll have to play way above our heads to win ... (Wellman running back Sean Rowden) is an exceptional back."

Westbrook (1-4-1, 1-0)
at Loraine (2-4, 1-0)

The Westbrook Wildcats finally got to celebrate a win

after their blowout victory over Ira last Friday, but they won't have long to savor the win.

The Loraine Bulldogs, preseason favorites in District 6, finally played up to their placement last week, destroying the Borden County Coyotes 54-8. Next in their sights are the Wildcats, playing their first season of UIL-sanctioned games.

"The win was a long time coming," Westbrook coach Jim Hill said. "The bad thing is having to play Loraine this week. They've got a lot of talent and speed, and we're going to have to play extremely well just to stay on the field with them."

As always, the focal point of the Loraine attack will be all-purpose back Corey Wooddell.

"That Wooddell kid can really motor," he said. "But they have a lot of speed in that backfield beside him. We're going to have to put a lot of points on the board, because we know they will. Last week, they pretty much manhandled Borden County, and Borden County's not that bad."

Hermleigh (4-2, 0-1)
at Borden Co. (4-2, 0-1)

Two teams looking to get back on track will square off in Gail Friday when the Borden County Coyotes host the Hermleigh Cardinals at 7:30 p.m.

Borden County coach Bobby Avery said the game is pretty much a do-or-die situation for both District 6 teams.

"Anytime you get into the second week of the district schedule, you've got to have a win to stay in contention," Avery said. "If we don't win Friday, we're going to be playing the rest of the season just for fun ... The pressure's not only going to be on us, but on them, too."

FISHING

It's that in-between season in area lakes, and where was it more apparent than Lake O.H. Ivie?

Black bass fishing, rated good to excellent all year, dipped a bit to fair and good as the fish were at various depths. Cool, windy weather didn't help. Weedbeds and mounds continued to be best places, worms, jiggling spoons and jigs were best bait. Few catches of small-mouth bass were reported, and most of these were caught off rocky points and along ridges. Best bait were deep-diving crank baits, jigs, and jiggling spoons.

One indication of things to come was the steady improvement of crappie fishing as weather cooled to 70.3 degrees surface and 62.8 bottom. Minnows were best bait, and favored spots were around brush 15 to 25 depths.

Channel catfish were mostly on hold, with trotlines yielding best counts. Mouths of creeks and the river channel were best places, although some were being taken in the body of the lake. Yellow catfishing were taking live perch and goldfish best in the river channels. No white basses were reported.



Courtesy photo
Kerry Mills shows off the fish that helped him earn first place and big bass honors at the Big Spring Bass Club's September points tournament.

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Parity is getting a bit out of hand in the NFL

Time to get the coins out.

Isn't that how you're picking National Football League games these days? Flipping coins?

Come on - get with the program!

Parity can be a good thing, but in the NFL it's getting a tad bit out of hand. Other than the Dallas Cowboys, there isn't a sure bet in the league, and the Cowboys' loss to Detroit wasn't exactly a ringing endorsement for them, either.

Used to be you could sit down with the sports page in the middle of the week, look at the NFL standings and pick Sunday's winners in less than a minute.

Now it takes 20 minutes just to look at the standings because they are so unbelievable.

Quick - name three members of the San Diego Chargers.

"Junior Seau."

Yeah, that was easy. Keep going.

"Stan Humphries."

Very good. Some people can't even name the quarterback. One more.

"Uh, some running back. Means is his last name."

Good! We'll give it you! Thank God we didn't ask you to name four.

What's up with the Chargers? Well, just so happens that San Diego - not Dallas, San Francisco, Kansas City or Buffalo - is home of the only undefeated team in the league. How are the Chargers doing it?

They are wearing the coolest uniforms the league has seen in 30 years, mainly because the threads are throwbacks to the 1960s. Don't you remember what your Pop Warner coach told you?

"If you wanna be a champion, you gotta dress like one."

Thanks, Coach. We would've been lost without you. Now tuck in that belly and lose the cigar.

Think about this season. San Francisco chews on the Los Angeles Raiders on the first edition of Monday Night Football, and half the world anoints the

49ers as the best team in football.

Then they lose in Kansas City.

Suddenly, Kansas City is the team half the world believes in. They have Joe Montana.

They also have a 3-2 record after losing 16-0 to the Los Angeles Rams at home (are you kidding me?) and to San Diego on the road.

Now that same half of the world - the one that hates the Cowboys - jumps on the San Francisco bandwagon again.

Philadelphia goes to San Francisco and wins. 40-8.

40-8?!

Obviously, lounging on the Cowboy bandwagon is the safest place to be.

OK, so the Cowboys are going to the Super Bowl again. Who's going from the AFC?

Buffalo, of course. In this world of regular-season chaos, it feels good to have a two-time Super Bowl combination to

pick. Sure, San Diego looks good, the Miami Dolphins are 4-2, the Cleveland Browns are winning - but let's have the big names like Aikman, Smith, Kelly and Thomas at the big dance again. The Buffalo-Dallas routine is getting old, but it's better than the alternative.

Quick - name a player on the first-place Atlanta Falcons!

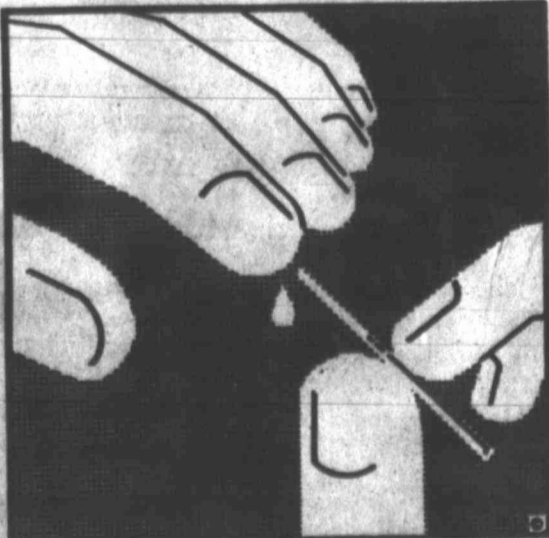
LEAVE THE 'SKINS IN WASHINGTON



Associated Press photo
Lauren Schoukroun hides underneath the sweatshirt of her father, Gil, at a news conference in Annapolis, Md., Wednesday. Attorneys were discussing their decision to stop the Washington Redskins' plan to build a stadium in Laurel, Md. - a decision that Gil Schoukroun loved.

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FOOTBALL

Six-Man Pool

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal's weekly high school six-man football pool of Texas sportswriters with records, first-place votes in parentheses, total points and last week's rankings. Poles are tabulated on the basis of 10 points for a first place vote, nine for a second, etc.:

District 4-4A

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Friday, Oct. 7
Andrews 12, Pecos 8
Lake View 21, Big Spring 17
Monahans 49, Fort Stockton 18

Friday's Games
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F. Stockton at Big Spring, 7:30 p.m.
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TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Announced that Chris Sabo, infielder-outfielder, refused outright assignment to Rochester of the International League and elected free agency.

MINNESOTA TWINS—Announced that Carl Willis, pitcher, refused outright assignment and elected free agency.

TEXAS RANGERS—Fired Kevin Kennedy, manager, and Marty Scott, director of player development.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Placed Dave Righetti, pitcher, on waivers for the purpose of giving him his unconditional release.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
ATLANTA BRAVES—Announced that Mike Bielecki, pitcher, and Bill Pecota, infielder, refused outright assignments and elected free agency.

NEW YORK METS—Purchased the contract of Alberto Castillo, catcher, from Birmingham of the Eastern League.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
CHICAGO BULLS—Signed Dickey Simpkins, forward, to a multiyear contract. Waived Walter Palmer, center.

MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES—Waived Randy Carter and Brian Davis, forwards.

NFL Standings

National Football League

By The Associated Press

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

Table with columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct., PF, PA. Rows include Buffalo, Miami, New England, N.Y. Jets, Indianapolis.

Central

Table with columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct., PF, PA. Rows include Cleveland, Houston, Cincinnati.

West

Table with columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct., PF, PA. Rows include San Diego, Kansas City, Seattle, LA Raiders, Denver.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

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Central

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West

Table with columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct., PF, PA. Rows include Atlanta, San Fran.

Sunday's Games

New York Jets 16, Indianapolis 6
Green Bay 24, Los Angeles Rams 17

Monday's Game

Minnesota 27, New York Giants 10

Thursday's Game

Cleveland at Houston, 8 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 16

Arizona at Washington, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Los Angeles Raiders at Miami, 1 p.m.
New England at New York Jets, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
New York Giants at Los Angeles Rams, 4 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 4 p.m.
San Diego at New Orleans, 4 p.m.
OPEN DATE: Chicago, Detroit, Green Bay, Minnesota, Seattle, Tampa Bay

Monday, Oct. 17

Kansas City at Denver, 9 p.m.

Bufs/Dogs

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ies. Four of the 11 defensive starters missed last week's game, and it showed. Going into the Winters game, the Coahoma defense had surrendered only 2.8 points a game.

"We've just got to put it behind us," McHugh said of the loss. "It was one of those things that happens to every team every once in a while. It happened to Texas Tech against Rice, it happened to Dallas against Detroit, and it happened to us against Winters."

Forsan (1-5, 0-1) at Winters (6-0, 1-0)

Last week, the Coahoma Bulldogs found out about the Winters Blizzards. Friday, it's Forsan's turn.

Jan East's Buffaloes, who played Stanton close for three quarters before collapsing in the final 12 minutes, get no letup in the quality of opponent this week. The Blizzards are fresh off scoring 42 points against a Coahoma defense that was giving up less than 3 points a game.

As usual, Forsan is playing a shell game with injuries. Senior Chris Evans is close to 100 percent after being hobbled by a deep thigh bruise. However, that cheery news is more than offset by the fact that fellow running back Jacoby Hopper is questionable with a badly sprained ankle.

East said there's no doubt his team is facing a quality club Friday.

"They've got a good football team, and they play soundly on both sides of the ball," East said. "Their quarterback (John

Below) is 6-5, can see down the field real well, and does a good job of throwing or running."

The Buffaloes, who also get Brandon Kemper back for the game (he's been out since August with a broken ankle) can take a bit of solace from the Stanton loss. The 16 points generated in the 42-16 defeat marked the most by Forsan since its season-opening 34-0 win over Garden City.

"We could have gone into the half either up by seven or tied," East said. "We played good ball for three quarters."

Steers

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just a learning experience." "I thought Bucky did some things extremely well," Butler said. "He ran the check-offs the way we wanted to, he scrambled very well, and in his first start, against those kind of people, he did really well."

Despite the loss to Lake View, the Steers appear to have things going their way. The next two opponents are the district doormats - Fort Stockton and Pecos - and the team has suffered no major injuries.

Still, there's that matter of Homecoming.

"I don't really like Homecoming," Crenshaw said. "There's too much else going on. We kind of forget about things, everybody messes around too much. It does get everybody pumped up more, but it's a week where everybody's not really focused."

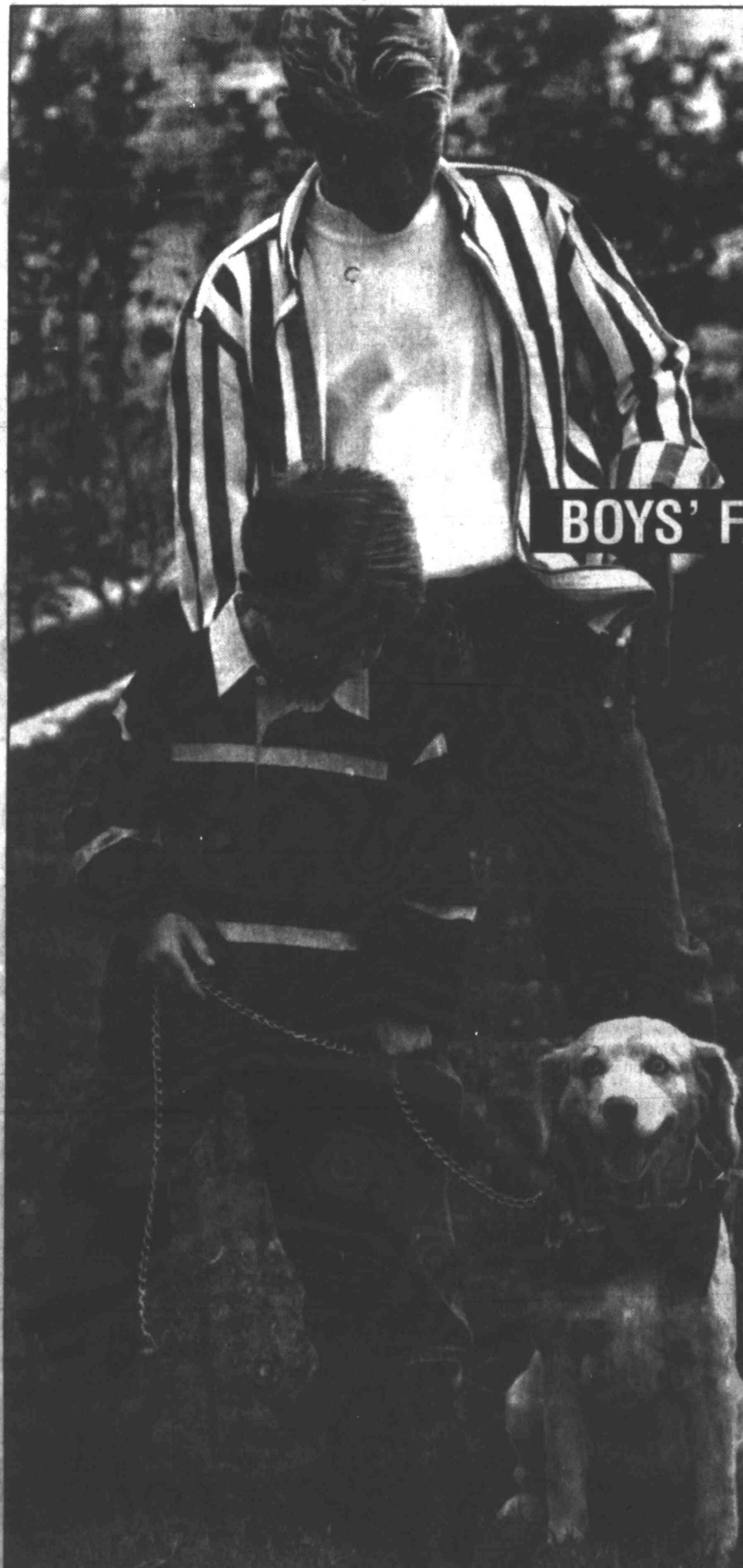
"There's so many distractions, and we've got to find some way to focus them in on the game," Butler said Wednesday. "There's something going on every day. Today it was Crazy Clothes Day, I think we had War Paint Day yesterday - it's just a carnival atmosphere."

"The kids get caught up in it and forget about what they're supposed to do, but by the same token it's good for the school. It brings us all some unity, and a lot of people put in a lot of work.... Homecoming here is a little bit more in-depth than anywhere else I've ever been."

"With the tough loss we had last week, maybe all the festivities will help us. I guess we ought to look at it in a positive way."

More on the Steers...

...in Friday's Herald



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Video hockey: Hottest thing on ice

BRITT and BRIAN WARNER
Thomson News Service

GAME: NHL Stanley Cup Hockey
COMPANY: Sculptured Software
SYSTEM: Super Nintendo (SNES)

DIFFICULTY: Adjustable
PLOT SUMMARY: A cold, frosty mist swirls around your skates as you glide out onto the rink. A blindingly bright spotlight illuminates your entrance. The light projects a towering shadow of you over the faces of the cheering crowd. The announcer calls out your name and the building rumbles with applause. That's right, you're the star center of this city's one-and-only NHL hockey team. You speed around the rink as the rest of your team is called out to the ice. The spectators roar their approval and you feel even bigger than your shadow. The excitement floods your body and you feel as if you could take on the entire world.

Now the other team enters from across the rink. As they skate by you exchange a few harsh looks and even harsher words. The two teams are neck-and-neck for first place in the league, so this is by far not your ordinary hockey game. This is a grudge match that won't be settled nicely. Do you think you have what it takes to come out of this grueling competition victorious? Find out in NHL Stanley Cup Hockey.

STRUCTURE: NHL Stanley Cup Hockey is the latest in video hockey, and it's loaded with exciting new features. Like Tommy Moe's Winter Extreme from last week, this game also uses Mode-7 scrolling. Mode-7 scrolling is basically a new technology that redraws the screen seven times per second. This allows you to have perfectly fluid motion and gives the game a much more realistic look. During play when the puck changes hands, the view swivels so that the player can see the rink from behind the puck-holder. This view makes the game a lot easier to see and control. The usage of the real NHL hockey teams is another great feature. Stanley Cup Hockey allows you to play all 26 NHL hockey teams from all four divisions (north east, Atlantic, Pacific, and central). The teams even have their real logo and team jerseys. This game also gives athletes all the real moves needed for a realistic hockey game. In the offense there are slap shots and wrist shots (which are weaker but quicker than the slap shots), and you can pass or dump the puck. On the defense there are shoulder checks (which knocks the opponent to the ice and can easily draw a penalty), hip checks (weaker), and pokes at the puck in attempts to steal it.

BRIAN'S COMMENTS: NHL Stanley Cup Hockey is a pretty hard game to get used to, but once you do it's fairly easy to handle. I liked the option of choosing how long I wanted my game to be. This is nice because sometimes there isn't enough time to get into a really long game. The music was pitiful; the only reason I got a two is because the sound effects are decent. If you don't understand a thing about hockey, you might want to steer clear of this one. If you're a hockey fan go out and buy or rent it.

Ratings: Britt Brian
Graphics 4.3
Sound & Music 2.2
Fun Factor 4.4
Maneuverability 4.4
Length 3.5
Overall 4.4

Coahoma cheerleader goes All-American

By JANET AUSBURY
Features Editor

Misty Baker, an eighth-grader at Coahoma Junior High School, has achieved a distinction many girls her age would envy - she's been named an All-American Cheerleader.

"I think this is the first time a Coahoma girl has ever made All-American Cheerleader," said Cindy Kerby, Misty's mother. The CJHS cheerleaders were chosen earlier in the year for an all-around national award during competition at Howard College, but Misty was singled out for honor as well.

What does it take to be selected as an All-American Cheerleader? Misty had to be able to do three advanced jumps, tumble and cheer. She competed with 160 other girls from around the country for the honor.

All-American Cheerleaders have the privilege of going to a Senior Bowl football game to be part of a nationwide cheerleading team. The Senior Bowl games, Kerby explained, are where college seniors who are prospects for pro teams show off their talent.

Misty and her family selected the Senior Bowl to be played in Mobile, Ala. She will spend Jan. 19-22 learning and performing her cheers.

Only one problem stands in her way, however, and it's a sizable problem. The school is unable to help with the expense involved in sending Misty to the Senior Bowl, and her family can't pick up the entire cost themselves.

Those who wish to help send Misty to Mobile to represent Coahoma at the Senior Bowl



Misty Baker, an eighth-grade student at Coahoma Junior High School, recently earned the national honor of All-American Cheerleader. Her challenge now is to raise money to join other All-American Cheerleaders at the Mobile, Ala., Senior Bowl.

can contribute to the Misty Baker All-American Account, Cosden Federal Credit Union, P.O. Box 2139, Big Spring, Texas 79721-2139, or contact the credit union at 263-9387 or

Kerby at 394-4748.

Misty will also have a bake sale booth at the 18th annual Big Spring Arts and Crafts Festival this weekend at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

DOES THIS COMPUTE?



Heddy Wigington and Hayley Knox join fellow Goliad Middle School students in working with computers Friday afternoon. A TU Electric-sponsored program keeps the students on the information superhighway as part of science class.

Family practice studies gain in popularity in medical schools

Family Practice Studies Gain in Medical Schools

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — When Derek Williams went to medical school, he wanted to specialize in cardiology or general surgery.

Three years later, during his first year of residency at the University of Kansas Medical Center, Williams is committed to becoming a family doctor.

"Eventually I started to realize that all the specialties interested me in some way," Williams said. "And I saw that with family medicine, I could do a little bit of everything."

Michelle Britton-Mehlisch, who originally planned to specialize in obstetrics-gynecology, also changed her mind and is now in her second year of residency in family practice at the medical center. The chance to establish long-term relationships with patients was an important factor in her decision.

"I saw that family practice would let me treat a wide range of ages and a lot of medical con-

ditions, including pediatrics," Britton-Mehlisch said. "Rather than just treat the acute problems, I would have a chance to follow patients all through their lives."

Williams and Britton-Mehlisch are examples of what's happening in medical schools nationwide, at a time when health care experts and the Clinton administration are pressing for fewer specialists and more primary care physicians.

"It has been a wonderful three or four years for family practice medicine," said Dr. William Coleman, president of the American Academy of Family Physicians, based in Kansas City.

A recent national convention in Kansas City sponsored by the AAFP drew almost 900 family practice-oriented students and 600 residents — more than any other such gathering ever held in the country, Coleman said.

Perhaps just as importantly, the

more exhibitors and recruiters than had ever attended similar conventions, a sign of changing attitudes in medical schools, he said.

Family practice doctors generally haven't received professional respect because they don't make as much money or do the highly specialized research that brings fame and funds to medical schools, Coleman said.

However, many medical schools now are adding family physicians to their staffs to serve as role models.

Congress has begun to favor primary care physicians — family doctors, internists and pediatricians — when directing funds for education programs and student loans. For instance, the federal government offers 3 percent loans to primary care students, while students in some specialties pay 15 percent.

Other programs forgive all or part of a student's loans or tuition if they choose family

Summer program immerses students in Mexican culture

By VERONICA PUENTE
The McAllen Monitor

EDINBURG, Texas — University of Texas-Pan American students who spent four weeks in Mexico returned with an understanding of the culture as well as six hours of college credit.

Unlike some students who prefer to spend a short time in class, seven UTPA students are wishing they had more time to absorb the culture of the classroom, which in their case was Puebla city in Mexican state of Puebla. Puebla is about three hours southeast of Mexico City.

The students were part of the 1994 "Summer in Mexico" excursion offered through the UTPA Center for Continuing Education, in cooperation with the Department of Modern Languages.

The participants, who were housed in the Colonial Hotel, earned credit in Spanish and intercultural communication.

"It's much better because if you're learning Spanish in the classroom, you can leave and forget about it," said Dr. Bill Strong, who taught the intercultural communication course. "Here they are totally immersed and dealing with Spanish 24 hours a day."

In addition to attending class five days a week, the students visited historical archeological sites, museums, art galleries, markets and bullfights. Several students also visited the cities of Amozoc, Cholula, Acapulco, Teotihuacan and Mexico City.

"This is a concentration of learning about the culture, how it currently operates and its heritage," Strong said.

Wendy Henrichson, who will major in clinical psychology at St. Mary's University this fall,

said she enjoyed the excursion because it added a lot to traditional book learning.

"At first, I felt like I stuck out so much. ... I got a lot of attention for being so light-skinned," she said. "After a week, it felt like home."

Henrichson said she admired the Italian and French influences on the city's architecture, including its plethora of tiled walls and arched doorways.

Communications major Suzanna Williamson said she particularly enjoyed the family-oriented way of life of the "proud poblanos."

"Puebla is a very individual area, very colonial," she said. "It thrives (with) life. You can feel the presence of the people that have lived there since the 16th century."

Her brother Michael, who also took the trip, said the Reynosa bullfights pale in comparison to the bullfights the group saw in Puebla.

"The people are much more involved and they taunt the picadores if they don't like them," said Michael, who is majoring in international business.

Like Henrichson, Suzanna Avila said the students learned from the strong role of the family in everyday life at Puebla, which is widely-known for its mole — a spicy chocolate sauce often served over chicken, and pottery.

"They want to involve us with the whole family," she said.

Each student was assigned a Puebla university student, who served as a tour guide three times a week.

During one outing, Avila said she even learned how to make corn tortillas from her guide's grandmother.

Science, math hotline assists curious kids

By JANET WILSON
Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN — Ever wonder how many paper plates can be made from a tree? Or whether it's possible to dig a hole all the way to the other side of the world?

How about what happens to electricity after you use it? And just what are the two major contributors of carbon dioxide found in the Earth's atmosphere, anyway?

Chances are your parents won't know the answers. Neither will your peers. Sometimes even science and math teachers are stumped by the questions their students ask.

Well, kids from kindergarten through 12th grade with a healthy curiosity about the world have a place to turn these days when their science and math questions fall on deaf ears.

It's the Texas Math & Science Hotline — (800) 566-5066.

This free service, sponsored by the Texas Society for Biomedical Research, hooks up students and teachers with hundreds of scientists and mathematicians throughout the state in an effort to expand their resources and horizons.

"According to the International Center for the Advancement of Scientific Literacy at the Chicago Academy of Sciences, only 7 percent of the United States is scientifically literate," says Lorraine Hough executive director of the Texas Society for Biomedical Research. "Yet 40 percent of the decisions we make every day depend on math and science. With today's technology, that number will get even higher."

Hough says regardless of career choice, everyone needs a good understanding of science and math, "especially policy-

"Remember all the debate about the superconducting super collider? Most people didn't know what it was going to do or what could be gained and that's why people thought it was just a billion-dollar hole in the ground," she says.

Last year, Congress pulled the plug on the \$11 billion proton smasher, which was being built south of Dallas. It was designed to shatter protons, tiny constituents of atoms, into even tinier, short-lived particles called quarks to probe them for their secrets. Scientists say the collider would have allowed them to replicate the earliest moment of the universe's creation.

Science and math experts who volunteer their time for the Texas Math & Science Hotline have been questioned about everything from dimples to volcanoes. They have answered medical questions from students who wondered about a disease in their family, helped with science and math homework and even helped one teacher decipher a chemical formula on a student's T-shirt that was found to be against the school's dress code.

"The teacher called on his break and said he needed an answer fast," says Hough. "We found a pharmacologist who said the formula was for an inhalant drug that kids abuse. They sent the kid home."

In addition to expanding students' science and math resources, Hough says, the hotline offers the opportunity to interact with working scientists. Instead of just answering a student's question about cloning and genetics, one graduate student at Baylor College of Medicine invited the younger student to come to the lab on Saturday and spend the day.

The hotline operates on a toll-free phone line. Telephone calls or faxes come into the central office in San Antonio.

READ ALL ABOUT IT

The Associated Press

This column is based on an AP story that was transmitted on June 23.

Digging History Test your reading comprehension by reading the story below and answering the questions that follow.

Archaeologists Flesh Out Colonial Boston History BOSTON (AP) — John Carnes, an 18th-century pewter-smith who lived in the city's North End, married twice, had 14 children with his first wife and paid for one son's tuition at Harvard with pewter forks and knives.

Historians have known all that for a long time thanks to various documents.

Now they're sorting through his garbage to learn his shoe size and what he ate for dinner. Looks like he had a healthy ego, too.

"He had wine bottles with a seal with his own name," said Elena Decima, project manager for a company digging up the remains of an old colonial neighborhood. "Usually you just had initials ... so he must have thought well of himself."

The discoveries are part of more than 150,000 artifacts recovered from beneath a parking lot in the city's North End.

A team of archeologists is examining and preserving remnants of the 2-square-block area, which needs to be cleared to make way for the \$7.7 billion Central Artery-Third Harbor Tunnel, the costliest highway project in the nation's history. They dug 3 to 6 feet under the lot to find the crumbled walls and drains.

Many of the items have been found in about a half-dozen brick privies, all-purpose out-houses and garbage dumps that residents used in the 1600s and early 1700s, said Decima of Timelines Inc. They include parts of leather shoes, long-stem clay pipes, bottles for herbal medicines, surgical instruments, bone combs and buttons, a George T. Halpinny, animal bones and china fragments.

At the time, the North End was an upper-middle-class neighborhood of homeowners who kept stables of horses, Decima said. As the city grew, many of those families moved out, leaving the North End to tradesmen and tenants.

When Timelines excavates the last privy this summer, the archeologists hope to find parasites, evidence of diseases the colonists may have suffered. They also will examine pollen to find out what kinds of plants the colonists grew.

Decima hopes that researchers will finish preserving and cataloging their finds by early next year.

Digging History

Use information from the story to answer the following true or false questions.

- 1. John Carnes, an 18th century pewter-smith, lived in northern New York state.
2. Only one archeologist is studying the items found below the streets of Boston.
3. More than 150,000 items have been found beneath a playground in Boston's North End.
4. In the 1600s and early 1700s, middle-class homeowners lived in the North End of Boston.
5. Archeologists dug 9 feet below a parking lot to find the buried items from the past.
6. The old colonial neighborhood was discovered when workers cleared some land to make way for a tunnel.
7. Some of the items found include pieces of shoes, clay pipes and horses.
8. Archeologists hope to find parasites beneath the earth so they can learn more about colonial education.
9. Archeologists found out that Mr. Carnes was married twice and had 14 children.
10. After archeologist examine their finds, they usually put the items back they found them.

BONUS: Before digging under the parking lot, it was necessary for archeologists to get permission from John Carnes.

Answer key: 1) F 2) F 3) F 4) F 5) F 6) F 7) F 8) F 9) T 10) F Bonus) F

Especially for kids and their families The Mini Page

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By BETTY DEBNAM

Answers from Vice President Al Gore The Information Superhighway



Vice President Al Gore

Have you heard about the "information superhighway"? Do you know what it is?

The information superhighway is one of the top interests of Vice President Al Gore. Even before he was a senator from Tennessee, he spoke out in favor of it.

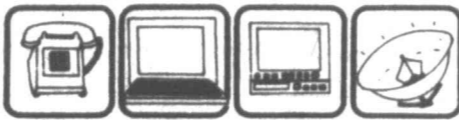
He feels strongly that our country and our citizens must develop super ways to communicate in the Information Age.

The Mini Page asked him to answer some questions for our readers.



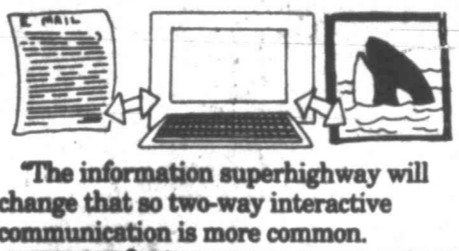
Students in North Carolina can explore the Internet and the information superhighway through Nendo Land, a special service offered by The News & Observer, a newspaper in Raleigh, N.C.

Q: What is the information superhighway?

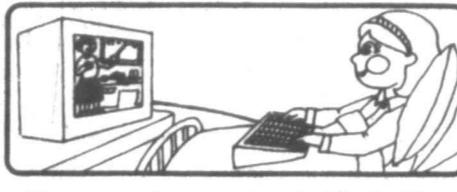


Gore: "The information superhighway is a web of communications networks that will forever change the way we live, learn, work and communicate with each other. The technologies of the information superhighway include telephone, computer, television, satellite, and others that may not have yet been invented."

"Right now, we can receive one-way communication through computers and televisions, meaning that we get information but most of us cannot send any information back at the same time."



The information superhighway will change that so two-way interactive communication is more common.



"For example, a student in Nashville, Tenn., recovering from an illness at home, recently was able to keep up with his school work and communicate directly with his teacher and classmates through an interactive computer."

Q: Who will build it?

Gore: "The information superhighway will be built by private companies, not the government — for example, cable, television and telephone companies. They will do so with guidance from the federal government. In fact, President Clinton has announced the establishment of the National Information Infrastructure (NII) — the official name for the information superhighway — to spur investment and set flexible standards for its development."

(An infrastructure is a foundation or framework.)



To do: Make a list of all of the information you would like to receive over your computer or TV screen. Compare your list with that of a friend. What do you think the sources of this information might be?

The Binary Code

Computers can understand only simple commands. So computers use a code with only two signals — on and off.

This is called the binary code. We write this code using 0's and 1's.

When the flow of electricity is off, we write 0's. When it's on, we write 1's.

People use this alphabet code a lot. It is called ASCII (AS-kee).

Table mapping letters A-Z to binary code (0s and 1s).

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MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

Can you solve this riddle by using the binary code?

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01010000 01001111 01010100
01010010 01001111 01000001 01010011 01010100

Can you write your name in the binary code?

PETER PENGUIN'S PUZZLE & LE-DO

Fit the names of these things that remind us of communication into the puzzle.

Word search puzzle grid with clues for communication-related terms.

The Mini Page Teacher's Guide

For use by teachers and parents at home and at school. For use with issue: Information Superhighway

Main idea: This issue is about the information superhighway as explained by Vice President Al Gore. The following is a list of activities to be used with this issue. They are listed in order of difficulty. Ask the children to do the following:

- 1. Draw a picture of yourself using a computer, telephone or another way to communicate.
2. Discuss the following: What do you think of the information superhighway? How will it make our lives easier? What do you think communication technology will be like in the future? If you were to have a job involved with the information superhighway when you grow up, what would the job be and why would you choose it?
3. Look through your newspaper for Vice President Gore's name. In what article(s) is he mentioned?
4. Pretend you want a job involved in the information superhighway. Write a letter applying for a position.
5. How have people communicated in the past? (For example, by Pony Express or by using smoke signals.) How do they communicate now?
6. If you were to interview Vice President Gore about the information superhighway, what other questions would you ask?
7. Look through the classified ads in your paper for ads seeking people to work with computers and other means of technology.

TEY 'N SUPERHIGHWAY FIND

Words that remind us of the information superhighway are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find: SUPERHIGHWAY, SUPERCOMPUTER, DATA, SEND, WIRES, TELEPHONE, TELEVISION, CABLE, TRANSMIT, COMMUNICATE, CONNECT, ELECTRIC, SWITCH, BYTES, SCREEN, TYPE, FAX.

Word search grid with words hidden in it.

Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy is helping Basset Brown catch up on his class assignments with help from his teacher's program. See if you can find:

Illustration of a classroom scene with a teacher and students.

YOU CAN MAKE PASTA

Dear Craig, Long ago, before there were shopping channels on cable TV selling us fake jewelry and pasta machines, we used to call it macaroni — or even noodles. Now it seems as though everyone uses the word "pasta." Maybe the word pasta is better because it's so close to another word that explains what noodles are really all about — paste. Pasta and paste have very similar recipes.

Most pasta is made by extrusion (x-TRU-shun), which means it is squished out of special nozzles that give it special shapes — just like you can see on a shopping channel.

V.P. Gore on the Information Highway



Vice President Al Gore and students work at a computer.

Q: How does the information superhighway work?

Gore: "The technology for such a network already exists. Currently, the information superhighway exists through programs such as the Internet, a massive network of computers that connects an estimated 20 million computer users worldwide."



"The NII (National Information Infrastructure) will build upon the Internet to harness technology for lifelong learning, health care, manufacturing, the delivery of government services, and many other applications."

"The challenge, therefore, is to ensure that all Americans — rich and poor, urban and rural — have access to the benefits of the NII. That's why President Clinton and I are committed to connecting every classroom, hospital, library and clinic to the NII by the year 2000 so that no one gets left behind on the information superhighway."

To do: Look through your newspaper for a story or ads about ways we communicate.



Q: What will it mean to kids?

Gore: "For young people, reaching the goal of universal service means that they will be limited only by their own imagination. No longer will geographic location, wealth, gender or any other factor limit learning. One of my ideas for the information superhighway is that a child from my hometown of Carthage, Tenn., will be able to come home from school, turn on a computer and plug into the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. He or she will be able to find information on any topic from all over the world by browsing through vast digital libraries."



"Through the information superhighway, students also will be able to conduct scientific experiments on powerful supercomputers, learn about foreign languages and cultures by communicating with other young people around the world, and order new school clothes from their home computer."

To do: If you could have a videotalk with someone in another part of the world, what country would you choose? Make a list of the questions you might ask.

Next week, read about Columbus and the contributions and history of Italian Americans.

Q: What skills will people need to take advantage of the superhighway?

Gore: "People who want to take part in the information revolution will need to be willing to learn new skills, such as using a keyboard or understanding unfamiliar computer language. There will be all kinds of ways to access data in the future, and people must be open to learning these new skills if they want to use the information superhighway."



Gore: "During the past decade, we have witnessed incredible technological change, but those changes are nothing compared to what will happen in the coming decades. Satellite dishes and fax machines already unite the world by providing instant information. In the future, such communications will be much more widespread and allow people on both ends of the connection to directly interact."

Q: What are some careers associated with it?

Gore: "People working in education, government, health care, business, manufacturing, indeed, almost any career, will be affected by the NII in some way. The information superhighway will create many new jobs for American workers, and provide opportunities for people of all ages to take part in the communications revolution."

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FOR FRIDAY, OCT. 14, 1994
ARIES (March 21-April 19): Keep a low profile with others. There is confusion in your professional goals. A partner could cause a last-minute problem. Avoid a power play at all costs. You would be wise to stay mum and non-reactive. The less said, the better. Tonight: Be a listener. **

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't push your responsibilities. Communications are off today. You might wonder what to do. A partner does not like the way you look at an issue and lets you know. Be more forthright about what it is you want. Tonight: Plan on doing your own things. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take the lead looking for solutions. A partner may be confused. You have the understanding to come up with the solution. You are more aware of what's appropriate than you thought. Pace yourself, as fatigue is high. Tonight: Make a must appearance. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your spirit soars. One-to-one relating is confusing. Partners are not sure about what they want. A loved one has opinions that you need to think through. Be upbeat about your possibilities. A loving approach goes far. Tonight: Take a country drive. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Let go of problems and remain optimistic. A new approach gets you far. Listen to your intuition about a situation. Stay on top of it and remain content. You might need to confront a family matter. Be direct. Tonight: Be with your favorite loved one. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Let go of tension. Stay on top of a situation and ask for more of what you need. A positive approach allows you many options. Popularity is high. Communications open up. Listen carefully to your instincts and you can avoid a misunderstanding. Tonight: Be happy. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Worry less about what's going on. Stay in tune with a situation. An opportunity comes your way. Let creativity flow. Confusion surrounds family and finances. Right now, stay on an even course. You get more information later. Tonight: Take a Friday off. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You might be uptight because of tension at home. Trying to control a situation could backfire, causing unnecessary pressure. Conversations are basic to your well-being dealing with a loved one. Tonight: Go out with that special person in your life. **

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Stay responsible. Keep conversations going. You might be exaggerating a situation. Get past your fears and resistance, and you prove to be successful. Use extra caution with funds. You could have a cash flow problem. Tonight: Touch base with a loved one. **

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't push too hard. Stay more secure. Be aware of your limits as you deal with over-powering situations. A positive approach opens new opportunities. Communications sizzle. You might need to question a friendship and a long-term goal. Tonight: Don't let a friend disappoint you. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take the lead. You are personality-plus. Know that your instincts are incorrect about a loved one. The more you feel jeopardized by what's facing you, the more difficult the situation. Let go of having to have things your way. Stay centered. Tonight: Go shopping. ****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Kick back. Communications are off. You sense the unusual. Being alert to your alternatives helps you determine your best course. Be careful with news from a distance. You might not like it, but don't overreact. Tonight: Be personality plus. ****

IF OCT. 14 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your focus is on creativity and work this year. You might need to let go of certain situations. Flow with the opportunities presented to you. Use care with finances, which could become pressured. If single, you meet people easily, thanks to your optimistic attitude. If you are attached, you want to build on your relationship. Be careful how many commitments you take on because your relationship will need additional time. PISCES anchors you.

THE ASTERISKS (*) SHOW THE KIND OF DAY YOU'LL HAVE: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

Barbies lead to living dolls for brother

DEAR ABBY: I hope your readers aren't fed up with stories about boys playing with dolls, because I have a cute one to add:



Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

When I was a teenager (15 years ago), one of my younger male cousins asked if he could have my Barbie doll collection. I said "Yes."

The following week, we realized what a clever boy my cousin was. Every day after school, he invited the cutest girls to his house to play "Barbie." Sometimes he had three or four girls all playing "Barbie" on his living room floor.

He has since moved on to become a ski instructor during the winter; he mountain-climbs and windsurfs during the rest of the year — and he is completing his studies toward an international law degree.

By the way, he still has lots of beautiful girlfriends! — REBECCA CAIN, SKOKIE, ILL.

DEAR ABBY: Regarding your recent column on the etiquette of responding to sympathy cards: I disagree with both you and your etiquette authority, Letitia Baldrige, stating that even a sympathy card must be acknowledged.

I grew up (and still live) in southwest Missouri, and in all my 69 years, I have never sent nor received such a thank-you card. I do not believe it is necessary — or expected. To me, it would be an added burden on people who are already burdened with grief. — MARY C. WEBB CITY, MO.

DEAR MARY C.: I double-checked with Letitia Baldrige,

who said: "Of course, people would understand if they were not thanked for having sent a card expressing sympathy; but the card had to be purchased, signed, addressed, stamped and mailed, and in my opinion, it would be rude to ignore that effort. Surely everyone has a friend or relative who could help with that chore."

DEAR ABBY: Here's a question I have always wanted to ask: Why are strollers made so the baby faces away from its mother?

The baby needs to see its mother, and she needs to see how the baby is. — MILDRED GERHARDT, BRAINERD, MINN.

DEAR MILDRED: If the baby were facing its mother, the baby would have to ride backward. I would assume that babies, like adults, prefer to see where they are going — not where they've been.

DEAR ABBY: We have neighbors who have two children in high school and one in college, but the parents act like a couple of teenagers.

When the husband comes home from work, the wife runs out to the street to meet him, and he carries her into the house piggyback! If the husband is repairing the roof, she is right up there with him. If he's under their car, she's there, too. When they sit in church, they hold hands and read out of the same book when hers is right beside her, closed.

What do you think of people like them? No names, please. Sign me ... ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.

DEAR ST. PETERSBURG: I think your neighbors know the secret of real happiness. God bless them.

To order "How to Write Letters for All Occasions," send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Letter Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61064-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Too Late Too Classify 001

1979 301L WINNEBAGO Chieftain. 68,000 original miles. Loaded. Dodge drive train and chassis. \$14,000. Call 264-7131.
3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH. Den, fenced, evaporative air w/central heat, sprinkler system, sliding w/storm windows. 4109 Dixon. \$29,000. 267-3074.
CEMETARY LOTS for sale. 4 lots in Trinity Memorial. Call 267-7129.
FOR SALE: Freezer, upright, 20 cu.ft. Works fine! \$150.00. 267-1729. Do not call after 9:00pm.
FOR SALE: Nice 6-room house on large fenced lot. Ideal for Home/Business. Call 263-2133 for appointment.

Too Late Too Classify 001

FOR SALE: Table saw, 257 deer rifle w/weaver scope, telescope, '78 Lincoln Town Car, antiques. 263-8284.
FOUND: Near Courthouse, 2 Cowdogs. 1-black, 1-white. Must find old or new owner. 263-8401.
MALE DOG to give away. Loves kids. Sorry, watch dog. Neutered, shots. 267-7798 after 5:00pm.
138 JONESBORO ROAD. Saturday, October 15th, 8:00am-3:00pm. Bedroom set, hutch, and other goodies.
1503 JOHNSON. Good toys, baby items, furniture, clothes boys-adults, shoes, miscellaneous. AKC Dachshund puppies. Saturday 8:00-5:00, Sunday 8:00-3:00.
2-FAMILY: Furniture, clothing, exercise bike, paintings, washer/dryer, refrigerator, misc. 401 Edwards Blvd. Saturday, 8:00-5:00.

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4201 BILGER, Saturday 8:00-2:00 only. Lots of furniture, clothes, toys, and miscellaneous items.
549 HILLSIDE DRIVE: Friday, 3:00-8:00pm. Saturday, 8:00-12:00am. Old trunks, jewelry, fabric, recliner, storage chest, dishes.
BACKYARD SALE, Saturday, 601 Settles. 8:00 a.m. 117 Furniture and more. Vietnam Veterans of America.
BACKYARD SALE: 1602 Tucson. Friday-Saturday. Gas stove, twin bed, couch, love-seat, clothes children-adult.
GARAGE SALE: Tools, lots of men stuff, lots of miscellaneous. Saturday-Sunday, 6809 Midway.

Too Late Too Classify 001

GARAGE SALE, 2205 Cecilia. 8:00 to 2:00 Saturday, October 15th. Tools, household items, miscellaneous.
GARAGE SALE, 2711 Larry Drive. 8:00am to 4:00pm Saturday, 15th, only.
GARAGE SALE: 207 South Avenue-COAHOMA. Saturday, 8:00-3:00. Twin mattresses, TV & lots more.
TV SALE: Saturday! 6407 Craig Road, South 87 to Jeffrey, left on Craig. Play pen, car seat, children's clothing, deep freeze, furniture, lots misc.
GARAGE SALE: Saturday, 8:00-5:00. 1108 Johnson. 2 lawnmowers, refrigerator, chairs, lots misc.



1994 LINCOLN TOWN CAR
Sante Fe Metallic with carriage top, all power, program car, w/19,000 miles
***26,995**



1994 LINCOLN TOWN CAR
White with Red Leather, all power, program car, w/14,000 miles
***24,995**



1994 FORD 15 PASSENGER VAN
Dark Blue, 254,000, all power, program van, w/19,000 miles.
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Two 1994 Ford Thunderbird LX's
One White, One Blue, all power, V-8, program cars, w/15,000 miles.
***16,995**



1994 FORD PROBE SE
Portofino Blue, 4 cyl, automatic, all power, program car, w/14,000 miles
***14,995**



1993 GMC SUBURBAN SLE
Teal/Gold Tutone, loaded, local one owner, w/19,000 miles.
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1993 NISSAN ALTIMA
Black with Cloth, loaded, local one owner, w/17,000 miles.
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1993 MITSUBISHI ECLIPSE GS
Red with Cloth, automatic, loaded, local one owner, w/17,000 miles.
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One Gray/One Black, local one owner, 19,000 miles/22,000 miles.
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1992 LINCOLN TOWN CAR
Blue with Leather, loaded, local one owner, w/41,000 miles.
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White, 4 cyl., automatic, local one owner with only 11,000 miles.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
By virtue of a Writ of Execution issued out of the District Court of Howard County, Texas, pursuant to judgment rendered in 118th Judicial District Court of Howard County, Texas, by the District Clerk of said Court, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suits and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I did on the 30th day of September, 1994, at 8:00 o'clock, A.M., levy upon and will proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder at public auction on the 1st day of November, 1994, being the first Tuesday of said month beginning at 10 o'clock a.m. on said day, at the North Courthouse door of said County, all the right, title, and interest of the Defendants in such suits in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said Defendants, the same being and being situated in the County of Howard and the State of Texas, to-wit:
Cause No. _____ Style of Suit and Property Description
T-4181 _____ Howard County, Et Al v. Arlene Gailya Nixon Krueger
Lot Ten (10), Block Five (5), Hall Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas.
Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.
I hereby give notice that the 30th day of September, 1994, is the day on which the above described real estate was levied upon and the same is being sold by me as Sheriff of Howard County, Texas.
BY: ROBERT PUENTE, CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF
9006 OCTOBER 6, 13, 20, 1994

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO LEASE LAND FOR OIL AND GAS LEASE EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION
PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED FOR CONSIDERATION OF LEASING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION:
TRACT 1 7.5 Acres more or less out of the 999th Section 14, Blk 31, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Survey, TRACT 2 85.80 acres more or less out of Section 26, Blk 31, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Survey. Save and except all land reserved by RL Powell and wife Wills Powell in deed dated January 16, 1939 and recorded in volume 104, page 174, Deed Records of Howard County, Texas.
Each parcel of land should be bid on individually. Sealed bids will be received until 5:00 P.M., Tuesday, November 8, 1994 in the office of the City Secretary, Room 102, 310 Nolan St., Big Spring, Texas 79704-2657. Bid information and specifications may be obtained from the office of the City Secretary. All bids must be marked with the date of bid and general description of bid item.
Bids will be opened and considered at the City Council meeting at 5:30 P.M., Tuesday, November 8, 1994 in the conference room located at 2000 Air Park Pkwy Drive, W. Big Spring, Molokah/Winnable Airport, Big Spring, Texas.
The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any bid and to negotiate any of all formalities.
BY: ROBERT PUENTE, CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF
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THE 1995's HAVE ARRIVED and THE 1994's ARE GOING at CLOSE OUT PRICES!!

1994 FORD PROBE STK # 2508
MSRP.....\$16,298.00
FORD DISCOUNT.....343.00
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LESS REBATE.....1,000.00
YOUR PRICE \$13,124⁰⁰ PLUS TT&L YOU SAVE \$3,174

1994 CROWN VICTORIA STK # 2623
MSRP.....\$21,198.00
FORD DISCOUNT.....1,353.00
BOB BROCK DISCOUNT.....1,950.00
YOUR PRICE \$17,395⁰⁰ PLUS TT&L YOU SAVE \$3,303

1994 F-150 117" W/B PICKUP STK # 2720
MSRP.....\$16,566.00
FORD DISCOUNT.....1,335.00
BOB BROCK DISCOUNT.....2,261.00
YOUR PRICE \$12,950⁰⁰ PLUS TT&L YOU SAVE \$3,616

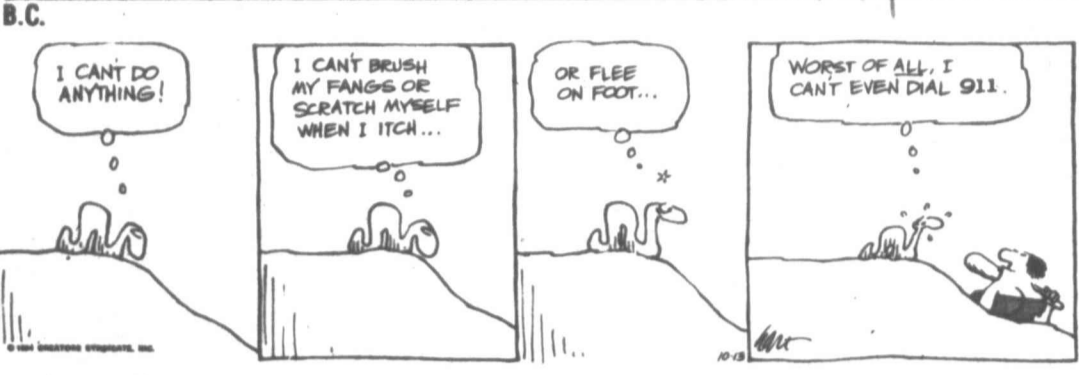
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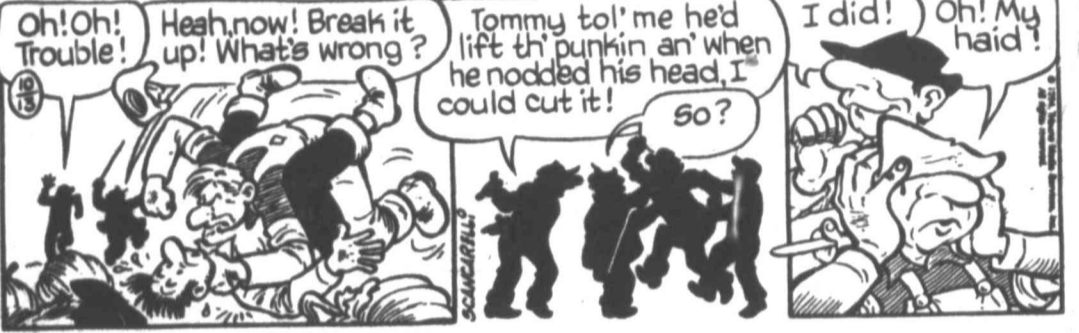
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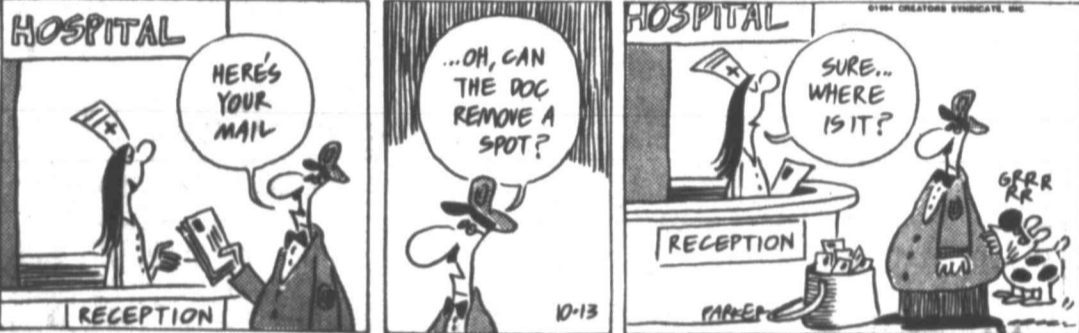
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THE Daily Crossword by James Barrick

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.



This date in history

Today is Thursday, Oct. 13, the 286th day of 1994. There are 79 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 13, 1792, the cornerstone of the executive mansion, later known as the White House, was laid during a ceremony in the District of Columbia.

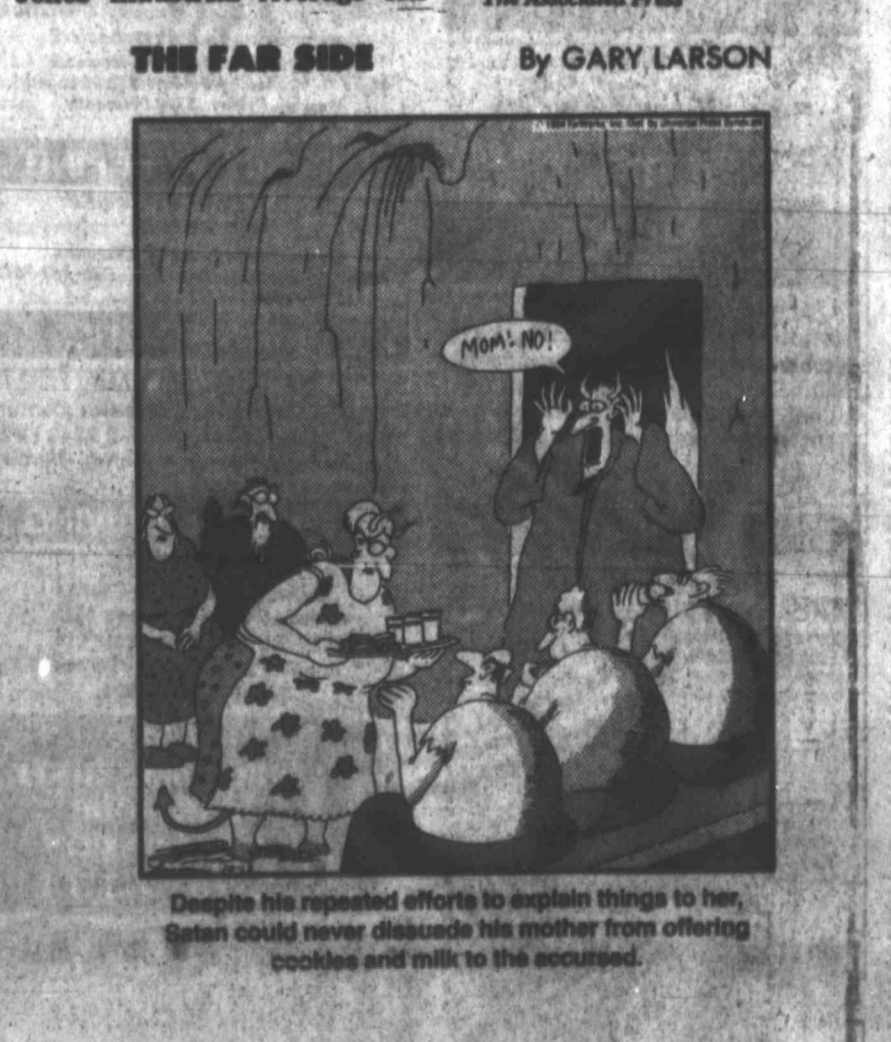
tion of a naval fleet. In 1843, the Jewish organization B'nai B'rith was founded in New York City. In 1845, Texas ratified a state constitution. In 1943, during World War II, Italy declared war on Germany, its one-time Axis partner. In 1944, 50 years ago, during World War II, American troops entered Aachen, Germany. In 1944, British and Greek advance units landed at Piraeus during World War II. In 1960, Richard M. Nixon and John F. Kennedy participated in the third televised debate of their presidential campaign, with Nixon in Hollywood, Kennedy in New York. In 1962, the four-character drama "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" by Edward Albee, opened on Broadway. In 1981, voters in Egypt par-

ticipated in a referendum to elect Vice President Hosni Mubarak, the new president, one week after the assassination of Anwar Sadat. Ten years ago: The space shuttle Challenger and its seven astronauts landed at Cape Canaveral, Fla., ending a journey that featured the first space walk by an American woman, Kathy Sullivan. Five years ago: The stock market took a plunge as the Dow Jones Industrial Average fell

190 points, sparking memories of the 1987 crash. President Bush called anew for the overthrow of Panamanian ruler Manuel Antonio Noriega. One year ago: The U.N. Security Council voted to reimpose sanctions on Haiti unless military leaders there stopped violating a U.N.-brokered accord. The Philadelphia Phillies won the National League pennant, defeating the Atlanta Braves in game six.

Wednesday's Puzzle solved: A grid of words and their corresponding puzzle numbers.

Big Spring Herald advertisement with contact information: (915) 263-7331, Fax #915-264-7205.



THE FAR SIDE By GARY LARSON