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## Proposed jail project scaled down

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**  
Staff Writer

Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart announced Tuesday that Howard County Commissioners have agreed to scale down the proposed 192-bed jail project. The new project will include a 96-bed jail and a Sheriff's Office.

The announcement to scale down the project came during a meeting that was scheduled as a presentation of final plans for the proposed Howard County

Detention Center and the Howard County Library.

Because of the changes, the bond election set for Jan. 21 was canceled by commissioners and a new election date may be scheduled as early as the next commissioners' meeting on Dec. 12.

Ballots for the Jan. 21 election are already in the courthouse, but the county will have to absorb the cost of having those ballots made and new ballots will have to be ordered once a new date has been set for the

bond election.

According to commissioners the total cost of the revised project is still up in the air because it will also include renovations to the Howard County Courthouse as well.

Lockhart said, "Things have changed quite considerably in the last year or so concerning the jail and after talking with commissioners and several citizens of Howard County we would like to downsize the 192-

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## Courthouse facelift plans await final approval

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**  
Staff Writer

According to Howard County Commissioner Bill Crooker it has been several years since the Howard County Courthouse has had renovations of any kind.

But if current plans are approved by Howard County voters in a bond election the courthouse could receive quite a facelift.

Commissioners have decided to scale back the planned 192-bed Howard County Detention Center to include a 96-bed facility with a Sheriff's Office and much needed renovations to the courthouse.

Courthouse renovation plans have been completed by the Dallas-based architecture firm of Aguirre Associates as well as plans for the new Howard County Library, but commissioners

have not given their final approval at this point. Final approval for the plans may come as early as Monday's meeting.

According to Norris Fletcher of Aguirre Associates there is already a lot of interest in the project which would take about 10 to 12 months to complete.

He said, "We're already

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## Pearl Harbor remembered at ceremony today

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**  
Staff Writer

Few men in American history have uttered words that live forever, but the words spoken by President Franklin Roosevelt on Dec. 8, 1941, put him in elite company.

The day after Japan's surprise attack on Pearl Harbor during the dawn hours of Dec. 7, 1941, Roosevelt addressed the nation and Congress.

He said, "Yesterday, Dec. 7, 1941 - a date which will live in infamy - the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the empire of Japan."

Today, Big Spring will cele-

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### BREAK TIME



Will Conley takes a break to prop up against a stack of newspapers and read the comics as seven youths from the First Presbyterian Church were helping at the monthly recycling drive Saturday.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

## 100 USDA offices closing in Texas

### Borden and Glasscock affected

#### AFFECTED COUNTIES

The Texas locations, by county and city, where the Department of Agriculture is closing field offices. The county name is first, followed by the city:

Atascosa: Pleasanton  
Bandera: Bandera  
Baylor: Seymour  
Bell: Bartlett  
Blanco: Johnson City  
Borden: Gail  
Brewster: Alpine  
Briscoe: Silverton  
Burleson: Caldwell  
Burnet: Burnet  
Camp: Pittsburg  
Carson: Panhandle  
Chambers: Anahuac  
Cherokee: Rusk  
Clay: Henrietta  
Cochran: Morton  
Collin: McKinney  
Colorado: Columbus  
Concho: Eden  
Cooke: Gainesville  
Coryell: Gatesville  
Crockett: Ozona  
Crosby: Crosbyton  
Gaines: Seminole  
Glasscock: Garden City

DALLAS (AP) — Texas will shutter almost 100 offices, taking one of the biggest hits in the Agriculture Department's announcement Tuesday that it is closing 1,070 field offices nationwide.

But it will keep 219 offices — far more than any other state.

The news received a mixed reaction in the Lone Star State, which will drop from 317 offices, a loss of 98. Other states losing a proportionally larger number of offices are Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia, which will be hit the hardest, losing 101 of 193 offices.

The plan tendered by Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy is part of a larger streamlining

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## Barr first trustee emeritus of college

By **KELLIE JONES**  
Staff Writer

Former Howard County Junior College District board of trustee James "Buddy" Barr was appointed as the first trustee emeritus during the board's regular meeting Monday.

Barr served on the board from 1974 to 1994 and served as chairman for the last four years before retiring. In order for a person to become eligible for this title, a board member must serve at least 20 years.

Board members also expressed their sincerest appreciation to the family of Charlie Gonzales for his outstanding service during three years of board membership. Gonzales passed away in October. A search committee has been formed to find a replacement. Harold Davis was appointed secretary of the board to take over Gonzales' duties.

Dr. Mary Bailey Federman was honored with the title of

professor emeritus after teaching history at Howard College for more than 20 years.

Committee appointments for the 1994-95 school year were also approved. Harold Davis, Dr. Charles Warren and Don McKinney will sit on the budget and audit committee. Dr. Cheri Sparks, Terry Hansen and Dusty Johnson will provide administrative support.

Dr. P.W. Malone will chair the buildings and grounds committee. Other board members on

the committee include Rob Ethridge and Don McKinney. Sparks, Hansen and Ron Brasel will serve as administrative support.

The communication committee will be chaired by Adrian Randle, Don McKinney and the new board member, Sparks, Brasel and Linda Conway as administrative support.

Warren, Davis and McKinney will serve on the policy committee.

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### AT-A-GLANCE

Tatom to purchase a lot in Big Spring for \$1,995.68.

\*Approved a request by Bill Baker to purchase a lot in Coahoma for \$500.

\*Approved a request by the San Angelo campus to lease a new building. The allied health center will move to the new building to make room for more academic courses in the old building.

\*Approved a bid to Webco Printing Inc. to print recruiting folders.

\*Approved a request by B.G.

### GETTING READY



Herald photo by Tim Appel  
Cassidy Rinehart does a ballet move along with the rest of the students at the Dance Gallery as they prepare to perform at the Nutcracker. The ballet, presented by the Big Spring Symphony and Ballet Lubbock, will be at the Municipal Auditorium Saturday.

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**Did you know...**

...that all of the 10 thefts reported last weekend were from convenience stores.  
(Herald graphic: Tim Appel)

**Texas Trivia**

Major league outfielder Sammy West was born where?

**Longview**

Where is the annual Buccaneer Days celebration?

**Corpus Christi**

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**Nation:** Orange County is an affluent bastion of California conservatism, home of Disneyland, birthplace of Richard Nixon — and now the largest local government to file for Chapter 9 bankruptcy. See page 5A.

**World:** Prime Minister John Major's government, weakened by internal rifts and abysmal ratings in the polls, looked even shakier today after dissidents in his own party rebelled against a proposed tax hike. See page 4A.

**STATE**

**New laws**

The Austin City Council has adopted some new measures after a court tossed out the city's voter-passed law to protect the environmentally sensitive Barton Springs watershed. See page 3A.

**Rapist executed**

Legislation making parents more accountable for the criminal activity of their children has been filed for consideration. See page 3A.

**Tops in violent crime**

Comptroller John Sharp says lawmakers will have to pass some of his proposals to avoid raising taxes. See page 3A.

**TODAY'S WEATHER**

Tonight **75** ▲ Highs **45**  
Lows ▼

**Partly cloudy**

Tonight, Partly cloudy, low in the mid 40s, light south winds.

**Permian Basin Forecast**

Thursday: Partly cloudy, high lower 60s, light winds shifting to north increasing to 10 to 15 mph; partly cloudy night, low mid 40s.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, high lower 60s, north winds; partly cloudy night, low mid 40s.

Friday: Partly cloudy, high in the mid 60s.



NEWS IN BRIEF

Attorney says Cisneros had a contract to pay

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The first transcripts of telephone conversations between U.S. Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros and a former girlfriend have been filed with a state district court in Lubbock.

Attorneys for Linda Medlar, a former Cisneros aide during his tenure as San Antonio mayor, contend the transcripts submitted on Tuesday support her contention that Cisneros had agreed to make the \$4,000 in monthly payments.

Ms. Medlar, now a Lubbock resident, filed the lawsuit in July to force Cisneros to make the monthly payments until her daughter, Cisneros' attorney has asked Judge Blair Cherry Jr. to dismiss Medlar's claims.

A hearing on that request is scheduled for Dec. 16.

'Traveling Rapist' wins reprieve

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Defense attorneys insist they are seeking constitutional guarantees for serial rapist and condemned killer Samuel Hawkins and are not trying merely to delay his execution.

Hawkins, on death row for 17 years, got to within about eight hours of dying early today when the U.S. Supreme Court blocked his scheduled lethal injection. He was to have been executed for the 1977 killing of Abbe Rodgers Hamilton at her home in the Texas anhandle community of Borger.

In his appeals, Hawkins, who is black, contended his father instructed him when he was growing up that the way to retaliate against white men was to attack white women.

Bill holding parents accountable is filed

AUSTIN (AP) — Legislation that would make parents more accountable for the criminal activity of their children has been filed for consideration during the 1995 Legislature.

State Rep. Roberto Gutierrez, D-McAllen, announced the filing of the legislation on Tuesday.

One measure would allow court officials to disclose the name and address of the parents or guardian of a child who has committed a crime resulting in property damage or personal injury.

Currently, authorities are prohibited from releasing information about juvenile offenders because juveniles are protected by law.

Another measure would allow victims to sue the parents of a juvenile offender for damages related to personal injury or property destruction.

Gutierrez said victims currently have no way to contact the parents of a juvenile offender to seek payment for medical bills or property damage.

"One remedy to the gang and discipline problems that we repeatedly hear is that society must make the parents more accountable for the conduct of their children," Gutierrez said.

"With the courts having the authority to release information on juvenile assailants, it will allow the victim's parents an opportunity to pursue payment for ... medical treatment from injuries that result in random acts of gang violence."

The Legislature convenes on Jan. 10.

CHECKING IT OUT



Alberta Frank and Jessie Sellers look at several old wartime photos on display as the Big Spring VA Medical Center hosted the eighth annual Womens Veterans Day program Tuesday morning.

Proposals need to be adopted to avoid any tax increases

AUSTIN (AP) — Despite a rosy economic forecast, Texas Comptroller John Sharp says lawmakers will have to pass some of his money-saving proposals to avoid raising taxes in the upcoming legislative session.

"It's going to be very difficult ... to get through this next session without adopting at least part of" his latest state government review, Sharp said Tuesday. "I don't think they can."

Legislative leaders have said they're determined to balance the budget for the next two years without a tax increase, and Sharp said a healthier economy also will make that task easier.

"The revenue estimate is certainly going to be a lot rosier than it has been," he said.

Sharp said he won't release his revenue estimate for the

1996-97 budget period until around the first of next year.

But he repeated his prediction that a \$2.2 billion surplus announced at the end of the 1994 fiscal year will be increased by more than \$1 billion by the time the current two-year budget period ends.

"You're into the threes (\$3 billion-plus) before you look at normal growth for the biennium that you're appropriating for," Sharp said at an impromptu press conference after a speech to a conference on legislative issues.

Legislative leaders praised Sharp's work last month after he released about 400 recommendations that he said could save the state \$4.6 billion over the next five years.

The proposals include cutting 11,700 state jobs within two years.

New measures follow old to protect springs

AUSTIN (AP) — The Austin City Council has adopted some new measures after a court tossed out the city's voter-passed law to protect the environmentally sensitive Barton Springs watershed.

The ordinance, approved 5-1 on Monday, is aimed at limiting development more than the original 1991 city law but less than the Save Our Springs initiative.

"We are doing the most responsible thing we can do under the circumstances, which is plugging the loopholes in the (old) ordinance and trying to

make it effective immediately," said Council Member Brigid Shea.

"We are supporting these stopgap measures because the alternative is having no protection for our creeks, water supply and Barton Springs," she said.

The Save Our Springs ordinance — regulating development and storm-water runoff in the watershed which feeds Austin's popular swimming hole, Barton Springs — was placed on the ballot by citizen initiative and approved 2-to-1 in August 1992.

Some Hays County landown-

ers and the Circle C Land Corp., a developer, filed suit against the city, arguing that the SOS law was too strict. On Friday, a Hays County judge agreed with what the jury in that lawsuit already decided: the law was invalid.

The city's legal position is that the SOS law remains in place while the court ruling is appealed. But as a matter of policy until the future of SOS is clarified, Austin will regulate new development proposals under the stopgap ordinance, officials said.

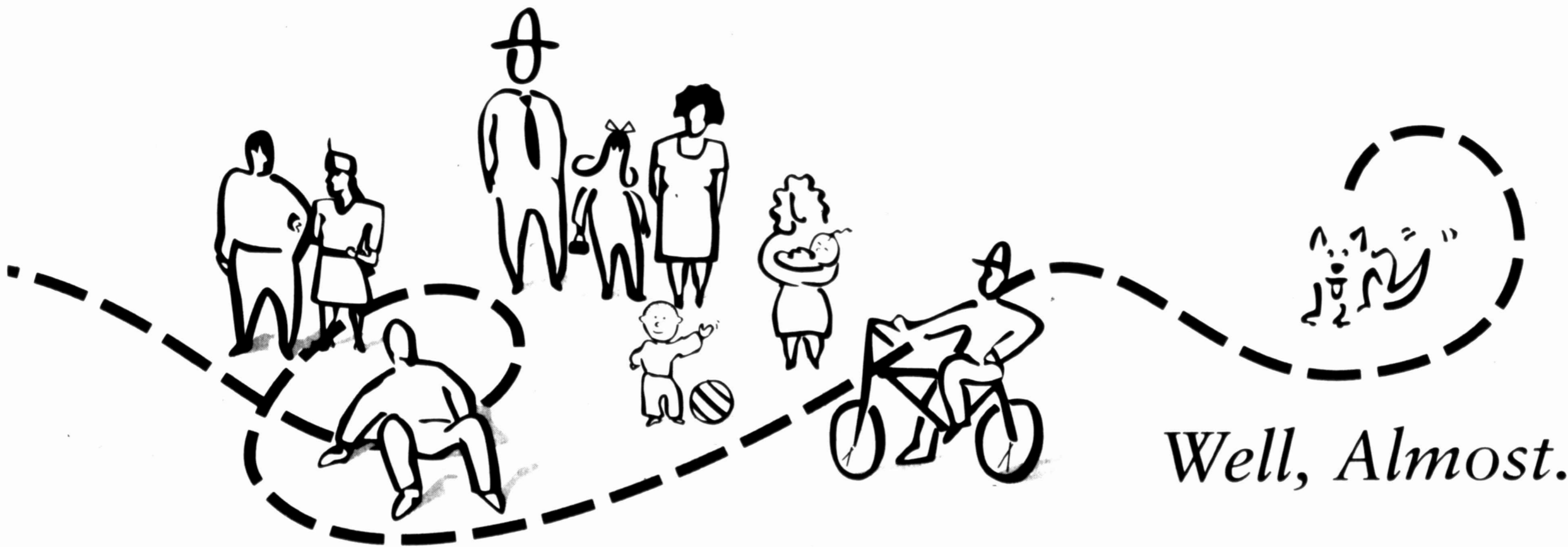
For the most part, the new law is weaker than the SOS.

It restricts transfer of development rights from other areas into the Barton Springs watershed, requires that the first quarter-inch of storm-water runoff be captured by retention ponds throughout the watershed, requires developers to adopt plans promoting use of drought-tolerant landscaping and require service stations and other sites selling or storing hydrocarbons to prepare spill-control plans.

"I believe the composite (law) represents the best effort we can make and still have some certainty of its legal defense," said Mayor Bruce Todd.

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NEWS IN  
BRIEF

# Change in treasury secretary bodes no great changes in plans

## For sale: House office buildings

WASHINGTON (AP) — Moving swiftly on a campaign pledge of smaller government, House Republicans want to sell one of five House office buildings and cut off \$5 million in federal subsidies for the Congressional Black Caucus and numerous other groups.

"The American people voted decisively this year to change things," Rep. Newt Gingrich of Georgia, the incoming House speaker, said Tuesday after a party caucus in which the 72 incoming freshmen played an aggressive role. "They voted overwhelmingly that this is the year to dramatically shrink the Congress."

In a closed-door caucus that lasted much of the day, Republicans also approved a three-term limit on committee and subcommittee chairmen, rejecting a proposal to extend the time to a fourth term. But deferring to the wishes of lawmakers from sprawling, rural districts, they shelved a proposal from the first-termers to force a cut in personal staff.

## Clinton warming up for battle with GOP

WASHINGTON (AP) — Warming up for battles with the new GOP Congress, President Clinton says he's ready to cut deeper into the deficit and federal bureaucracy but eager to make clear that he started the efforts Republicans claim as their top priorities.

In a spirited defense of his performance and agenda Tuesday night, Clinton said he was open to bipartisanship but, in an apparent counterpunch to recent criticisms from incoming House GOP leader Newt Gingrich, said: "Let's have a contest of ideas. But let's stop this demonizing and get on with the business of America."

Clinton, speaking to a Democratic Leadership Council gala, also had some blunt words of advice for his own party, particularly those in the centrist organization who have been critical of him and his administration.

As they responded to their heavy losses in the midterm elections, Clinton said Democrats and particularly policy shops like the DLC have a responsibility. "It is to join me in the arena, not in the peanut gallery," Clinton said sternly. "In the arena and fight and roll up your sleeves and be willing to make a mistake every now and again."

## Welfare reforms could hurt child-care system

WASHINGTON (AP) — Requiring more low-income mothers to get jobs will throw thousands of children into a child-care system that is out of the reach of government health and safety regulators, congressional investigators say.

The General Accounting Office, the congressional watchdog agency, said welfare reform is expected to increase demand for family child-care — care that is provided in the home of someone not related to the child, such as a neighbor or friend.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration is making it known it doesn't plan any major changes in its economic game plan with Robert Rubin replacing Lloyd Bentsen at the Treasury Department.

But while its offensive strategy should stay the same, analysts are wondering how good the administration will be on defense with Bentsen, an experienced Washington insider, leaving the Cabinet.

Defense most likely will be where the administration finds itself for much of next year with Republicans in control of Congress for the first time in 40 years and aggressively pushing their own package of tax and

spending cuts.

President Clinton announced Tuesday at a Rose Garden ceremony that Bentsen was returning home to Texas and that he was nominating Rubin, a former co-chairman of the investment banking firm Goldman Sachs & Co., to be the new Treasury secretary.

Rubin has won widespread praise over the past two years for his performance as director of the National Economic Council, the White House organization Clinton created to coordinate economic policy.

However, that was a largely behind-the-scenes job and far different from the Treasury

post, which makes Rubin the point man in pushing the administration's economic agenda through Congress and selling it to Wall Street.

Analysts said Rubin, who amassed a fortune estimated at between \$150 million and \$200 million during three decades at Goldman Sachs, will have no problem being the administration's emissary to financial markets, which took the news of the change in stride on Tuesday.

But Rubin has little experience with Congress, whereas Bentsen spent 22 years in the Senate, rising to the chairmanship of the Finance Committee.



Orange County Board of Supervisors Chair Thomas F. Riley, left, confers with County Consul Terry Andrus before a closed meeting to discuss what to do regarding a recent investment losses in excess of \$1 billion Tuesday.

# Death sentences won't stop the violence

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — The two death sentences given to the killer of an abortion doctor will do little to stop anti-abortion violence, say activists on both sides of the issue.

Paul Hill was sentenced Tuesday to die in Florida's electric chair for the July 29 shotgun killings of Dr. John Bayard Britton and escort James Barrett outside a Pensacola abortion clinic. Both men were unarmed. "They're going to try to use him. They're going to make him a martyr and egg others on to join him," said Eleanor Smeal, president of the Feminist Majority Foundation.

The Rev. David Troesch, a suspended Roman Catholic priest from Alabama who considers the killing of abortion doctors justifiable homicide, said the death sentences will not deter those who agree with him.

"Undoubtedly in time this will continue the practice of burning abortion clinics, sabotaging them, eliminating abortionists and those who ... actively approve of abortions by participating in them," said Troesch, who attended the sentencing.

Hill, 40, is a former minister in the Presbyterian Church in America and Orthodox Presbyterian Church. Shackled at his feet, he stood impassively in a drab green jail jumpsuit as Circuit Judge Frank Bell imposed the sentence that a jury unanimously recommended last month. Hill's usual bemused smile was replaced by a bored look.

"May God have mercy on your soul," Bell said. Last year, protester Michael F. Griffin, 32, shot Dr. David Gunn outside another Pensacola abortion clinic. Griffin is serving a life sentence.

The Rev. Flip Benham, director of the anti-abortion group Operation Rescue National in Dallas, has condemned the killings and supports the death penalty for murderers. But he also criticized Hill's sentence.

## IT'S COLD



Using his back pack to shield him from the snow, a shivering Alex Conlon, 6, is comforted by his kindergarten teacher Mary Riedesel Tuesday in Des Moines, Iowa. Conlon was waiting for a ride home from Holy Trinity school as a winter storm swept across the Midwest.

# County tries bankruptcy to solve clogged money flow

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — Orange County is an affluent bastion of California conservatism, home of Disneyland, birthplace of Richard Nixon — and now the largest local government to file for Chapter 9 bankruptcy.

Battered by disastrous losses to its multibillion-dollar investment fund, the county sought protection from its creditors Tuesday after brokerages cut off the fund's credit.

Police, fire, emergency and other vital services won't be interrupted, but any actions other than ordinary business will have to be approved by a bankruptcy judge.

The filing gives county officials 120 days to study the complicated investment portfolio assembled by former Treasurer Robert L. Citron, who resigned Sunday. It also allows officials

to work out a strategy to pay the fund's debt.

The Securities and Exchange Commission is investigating whether the county or Citron violated securities laws.

The county of 2.6 million residents southeast of Los Angeles is home to Nixon's presidential library and wealthy beach towns. Its 31 cities and several unincorporated areas also include enclaves of Southeast Asian immigrants.

About 185 cities, school districts and other government agencies also have money tied up in the fund, which enjoyed big profits by borrowing money short-term to buy longer-term bonds.

Using that strategy, Citron had leveraged \$7.8 billion into a \$20 billion portfolio. But when interest rates soared this year, the fund's value tumbled to \$18.5 billion.

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# 'Dogs looking mighty good

## Coahoma

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Zant scored 13 points and Amy Nichols added 12 for the Lady Mustangs (5-2). The Bulldogettes (2-6) were paced by Dianna Coleman and Terri Kirkpatrick, who scored 13 and 10 points, respectively.

Hodnett did most of her damage from outside, scoring 15 points on three-pointers. Three of those treys came in the first quarter and enabled the Lady Mustangs to eke out an early 16-11 lead.

Sands didn't take full control of the game until the start of the second half.

Leading 34-27, the Lady Mustangs opened the third quarter with a 13-3 run fueled by a Zant jumper and a three-pointer and layup by Hodnett. Nichols capped the run with a basket with 3:07 remaining in the quarter, and Sands had a 47-44 lead and firm command of the game.

Tuesday night's performance gave Hodnett more than 50 points total in her two games against Coahoma. Afterward, she refused to take most of the credit.

"We're all pretty good scorers," she said of her team. "We all play together. It's not just one person, it's all of us."

Sands coach Leland Bearden said that Coahoma's inside height advantage forced the Lady Mustangs to look for outside scoring punch.

"They were so big," he said. "And the other guards were hitting their shots as well, so that made it hard for them to concentrate just on Mandy."

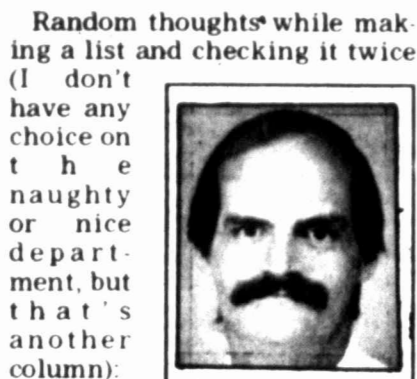
The Lady Mustangs return to action Thursday in the Highland tournament, while the Bulldogettes are at a tournament in Ozona.

**Boys**  
Sands 15, 15, 15, 20 - 65  
Coahoma 14, 19, 20, 23 - 78  
SANDS: Steven Croft 2 0-0 4; Cory Maxwell 1 2 1; Jayson Fryar 2 0-0 5; Delynn Reed 9 6 8 24; Steven Cantu 4 0-0 12; Jason Henderson 2 2 3 6; Bill Barnes 1 2 2 4; Nathan Zarate 2 0-0 4; Billy Brown 1 2 1 1; totals 23 14 20 65  
COAHOME: Brian Ruiz 5 0-0 10; Josh Colom 1 1 1; Jason Archibald 4 0-0 12; Adam Tindal 1 1 2; Aaron Barr 1 0-0 2; Jamison Ward 0 1 2 1; Harrison M. Coore 3 3 3 8; Henry DeLaRosa 11 5 4 27; Atron DeLaRosa 2 2 3 6; Brandon Shifflett 11 2 7; totals 35 10 15 78  
Three pointers - Fryar, Cantu 4; Archibald 4; McGuire 2; Total fouls - Sands 14, Coahoma 18; Fouled out - none

**Girls**  
Sands 19, 15, 25, 10 - 69  
Coahoma 11, 16, 8, 16 - 51  
SANDS: Mandy Hodnett 10 2 2 27; Irma Ybarra 0 0 2 0; Hollie Zant 6 0 1 13; Shauna Nichols 3 0 1 6; Lori Nichols 1 1 2 3; Kim Webb 2 2 3 6; Amy Nichols 4 3 7 12; Stacy Newell 0 2 2 2; totals 26 10 20 69  
COAHOME: Mandy Herring 4 0 2 8; Nicci Reed 4 1 2 9; Tori Elmore 2 2 4 6; Dianna Coleman 4 5 11 13; Terri Kirkpatrick 4 2 4 10; Audra Birmingham 1 2 2 2; Robin Key 1 1 4 3; totals 19 13 21 51  
Three pointers - Hodnett 5; Zant, A. Nichols, Total fouls - Sands 21, Coahoma 15; Fouled out - Newell

# Arkansas players disciplined

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — Six Arkansas freshman players were disciplined after authorities began investigating a report that an 18-year-old woman was sexually assaulted. The school said two athletes were suspended pending further investigation, while four others were suspended for not reporting a violation of dorm policy barring unauthorized visitors. Prosecutor Terry Jones said Robert Reed, a backup quarterback and a member of the basketball team, was among the athletes questioned. Jones identified the others as DeAnthony Hall, Norman Nero, Tyrone Henry, Melvin Bradley and Derrick Harrell.



Steve Reagan  
Sports Writer

Random thoughts while making a list and checking it twice (I don't have any choice on the naughty or nice department, but that's another column):  
...  
When Dave Hargrave and I

were eyeballing the area basketball teams a few weeks back, we exchanged opinion as to who we thought the best teams would be.

I'm not going to tell you the details of those conversations. They have been classified Top Secret, stashed in a time-release vault at an undisclosed site and are under close guard.

In other words, I'm too embarrassed to tell you what my pre-season thoughts were. Let's just say they were slightly off the mark and let it go at that, shall we?

Anyway, Dave and I were looking at the teams, and there

were a few givens. The Big Spring Lady Steers, we knew, would be good, and they've done nothing to change our minds.

The Stanton Lady Buffalos, we also agreed, were in for a good season.

One team that has been a pleasant surprise, however, has been the Coahoma Bulldogs boys' team.

Oh, it's not I didn't think they'd be good. After all, when you have the District 6-2A MVP from last year (Henry DeLaRosa) returning, you're not exactly going to be chicken soup.

But the Bulldogs' fast start

has been surprising. As of Tuesday night, Coahoma has a 7-1 record, which is their best start in several years. Just how long it's been since the 'Dogs have jumped out the chute so fast is a mystery even to head coach Kim Nichols, who said, "Just say it's been a long time."

The Bulldogs confirmed their fast start wasn't a fluke when they defeated Merkel 58-53 in the finals of the Coahoma Invitational Tournament last weekend.

Anybody that knows basketball in this area knows that Merkel isn't exactly chopped beef, and the Badgers have a 6-

foot-6 center, Bryce Buntin, who has received more than a few all-state votes.

The team has proved able to beat you in a variety of ways. The Bulldogs have long been known as a group of mad three-point bombers, but Coahoma's more than just a high-school version of Loyola Marymount. They can bang it inside as well.

"They all have a good attitude," Nichols said of his team. "They're unselfish and, up to this point, their work habits have been good. I think they get along together - chemistry, I guess, is the word I'm looking for."

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## Legion Auxiliary opens VA gift shop

By JANET AUSBURY  
Features Editor

Patients at the VA Medical Center received their chance to Christmas shop for loved ones this week.

Today is the final day for the American Legion Auxiliary's Christmas Gift Shop. For 25 years, Auxiliary members have operated the shops at all VA hospitals so patients have an opportunity to buy gifts for family members.

After a weekend's work of setting up the shop, wards of patients were brought in Monday to start browsing the shop's goods. The schedule is set up so each ward has two hours to shop.

Gifts are sorted so each ward has an equal choice. Patients need not feel they must rush to select items.

Evelyn Redman, Auxiliary representative to the VA, said Auxiliary volunteers do the gift shopping for those unable to shop on their own. "Nobody gets left out," she said.

And the best part is, shopping is free for patients. All the gifts are donated. After gifts are selected, volunteers wrap them in gift paper. If family members live out of town, the packages are mailed to them.

Some of the money for gifts comes from the Auxiliary's recent Veterans Day poppy sale. Eighteen Auxiliary units, including Lubbock and El Paso, donate gifts.

Auxiliary members from as



Evelyn Redman, left, and Helen Holcomb sort gifts at the American Legion Auxiliary's gift shop at the VA Medical Center. Holcomb, from the Regional Auxiliary in Odessa, was on hand to help local Auxiliary leader Redman, as well as other Auxiliary volunteers, staff the shop Monday.

far as Odessa and Lubbock also helped set up the shop and are assisting in operating it.

Patients may shop for brothers and sisters, spouses and children living at home, or parents if the patient is single. A registration sheet giving relatives' names, relationship, age and address is filled out and

brought to the shop.

The selection of donated gifts is larger than many might realize. "This is all nice stuff, too," she said, pointing to rows of goods ranging from Rival crockpots, to slippers, to shirts and nearly everything in-between.

Indeed, the selections are

very much what a shopper might find and buy at any department store.

Depending on the size of a patient's family, providing enough gifts can be a challenge. "Some of these people have 15 kids," said Auxiliary member Jane Ray. "But we take care of them."

## Local 4-Hers in winners' circle

A 4-H food show is more than a cooking contest, as you would learn from youth participating in the Far West Texas 4-H Food Show.



Dana Tarter  
Extension Agent

The Food Show was Dec. 3 in Fort Stockton at the Pecos County Civic Center.

While the food was tasted, the contestants were tested. Each youth had to demonstrate what he or she knows about nutrition, meal planning, food buying and meal service as well as food preparation.

Almost 200 youth, representing 21 counties in the Far West district of the Texas Agriculture Extension Service participated in the Food Show.

Five members represented Howard County. Following is a list of the 4-Hers and their awards. Senior division - Dustin Gaskins, Cinnamon

Apple Rings - first place; Intermediate division - Courtney Grissam, Curry Black on Black Bean Salad - second place; Clay Hart, Apple-Streusel Gingerbread - Blue Award; Trisha Nichols - Roasted Corn and Avocado - Red Award; Junior division - Steven Nichols, Mexican Rice - Red award.

As a senior 4-H member receiving first place, Dustin Gaskins earned the right to participate in the State 4-H Food Show which will be held at Texas A&M University in June.

4-H is the youth development program of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Annual county, district and state food shows are part of an Extension foods and nutrition project, one of many educational programs offered by the Extension Service.

4-H is open to any youth in the third grade through 19 years of age. For more information about the variety of projects offered in Howard County contact the Extension Office at (915) 264 2236 or stop by the office located on the First Floor East of the Howard County Courthouse.

## Get ahead on drug prevention

By MIA B. MOODY  
Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO — Most young children look at drugs and alcohol and think "yuk." But as they get older and peer pressure kicks in, they may become a little less apprehensive.

It is up to parents to make sure their children know the real dangers of drug abuse before this invisible shield wears off, said Randy Plemons, a sergeant with the McLennan County Sheriff's Department's D.A.R.E. (Drug Awareness, Resistance, Education) program.

"Schools and law enforcement can't solve the problem of drug abuse alone," he said. "Prevention has to start at home where parents spend more time with their children than anyone else and have more influence."

Children form attitudes about alcohol and other drugs early in life, and it is important for parents to watch for teachable moments to share their views and give accurate information on drugs, said Laurie DeLong, regional coordinator for the Texan's War on Drugs.

"The temptation to try drugs or alcohol for most kids begins between the ages of 12 and 14," she said. "The earlier you begin talking to them about it, the more likely they will accept your views."

Teachable moments include watching programs that portray drug abuse as funny or normal. Parents should point out that such programs don't tell the truth about drug use, then warn the child of the deadly consequences.

Charlotte Talley, a McLennan County extension agent, said parents can influence their adolescents by establishing strong relationships with them during their formative years.

"Positive relationships appear to be a direct consequence of parents spending time with their children," she said. This consists of parents asking for the child's opinions, spending time talking and addressing the child's concerns, Ms. Talley said.

Tips such as these will be offered at the program to help parents fight the war on drugs:

— Follow your instincts. Parents usually have an intuitive feeling when something is

wrong, but sometimes they are scared to act on them, Ms. DeLong said. It is important to follow through.

— Look for signs that point to drug abuse, said Plemons. These signs include lower grades, truancy, drug paraphernalia, large sums of money, stolen money, curfew violations, red eyes, slurred speech and poor coordination.

— Come to terms with your own drug use, Ms. DeLong said. Children go through a stage in which the peer group has more influence than parents, but most children eventually repeat their parents' pattern of drug use.

— Be inquisitive, Ms. Talley said. Find out where your children are going, with whom and what time they will be back. Also, get involved in their school activities.

— Instill self-esteem in your children. Entire books have been written about the parent's role in creating and sustaining the child's feeling that he or she is whole and loved, Ms. DeLong said. "Read them and practice what you read," she said.

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Otis Bell, 82, puts a shine to a pair of boots at the Hidalgo County Courthouse annex in Edinburg. Bell has been shining shoes on the same city block for 61 years. He started at the Edinburg Hotel. Then it was closed and he went down the street to Houston's Barber Shop, working there until 1985, when he came to the courthouse annex.

## Mexico makes gains for disabled Man puts polish on Edinburg

By TRACEY EATON  
The Dallas Morning News

MEXICO CITY — This city's massive subway system, which hauls more than 4.5 million people each day, has some special new passengers: guide dogs.

City officials agreed to let the dogs climb aboard last month after a federal human rights agency accused the subway of discrimination.

For the disabled, it was a hard-earned victory, one of many small yet promising signs that life for them is improving in Mexico.

"In a lot of places, people still ignore us. They step on us. They push us around. But at least some people are changing their attitude. They're starting to treat us like human beings," said Jorge Jimenez, a chewing gum vendor who is blind and works in downtown Mexico City.

Among the signs of changing times: More and more grocery stores are building wheelchair ramps. Restaurants are printing menus in Braille. One of the capital's top museums, the

Templo Mayor — or Great Temple — museum, now offers tours for the deaf and blind.

"We hope other museums copy us. We're trying to change people's ideas about the disabled," said Lya Diaz Mercado, head of educational programs at the museum, which features Aztec ruins, artifacts and carvings. "The disabled should have the same access to art and culture as everyone else."

There also have been some modest advances on the political front. Six disabled candidates ran for local offices in the Aug. 21 election. One of them, Ignacio Robles, who is blind, won a seat on Mexico City's Assembly of Representatives.

"Little by little, we're making our presence felt," said Eugenia Antunez, a disabled political activist and member of Free Access, a Mexico City advocacy group. "We don't have 100 percent of what we want, but people in government are starting to realize that we have needs."

As part of efforts to gain attention for their cause, more than 1,500 disabled people took to the streets in February,

protesting outside the legislative palace in Mexico City.

While such efforts produce headlines, serious problems for the disabled remain, advocates said. One of the most pressing, they said, is job discrimination.

"Suppose you can type or you have some other ability. Companies don't care about that. They only care about appearances, what you look like," said Juan Castro.

Castro, 40, considers himself lucky, however, because he has a job as a federal employee. Still, he said he has trouble making ends meet. So on weekends, he hitches his dog, Wolf, to his wheelchair and travels six blocks to a market to sell pies.

His wife, Celia del Palacio, 29, also is a polio victim. She said her biggest difficulty is getting around the city.

"Sometimes you have to wait a half hour before the drivers let you cross," she said. "It's awful. Buses won't take us. And taxis — if they take you at all — charge double because the drivers have to carry you and your wheelchair in and out of the car."

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By JOHN FLORES  
The McAllen Monitor

EDINBURG — Autumn shadows lingered along the beige bricks of the Hidalgo County Courthouse annex as a potential customer ambled by. Otis Bell was hell-bent for leather.

"I think those boots could use a shine," Bell said after spending a few minutes talking to the man, charming him.

Within minutes, the scuffed boots were transformed by Bell's steady hands.

With only one brief interruption, Bell, 82, has been shining shoes in Edinburg for 61 years on the same city block.

He came here with his older brother, Arthur, back in 1928. Arthur worked in construction. Otis tried his hand at shining shoes. He never has had any regrets about the work he chose, he said. After all, it made him something of a living legend in these parts.

Almost everybody in town knows him. Some boast he's the most experienced shoeshine man anywhere.

"When I first came to Edinburg, I worked different

places, getting work where I could," Bell said, ticking off local landmarks here and gone.

"I started at the Edinburg Hotel. Then it was closed and I went down the street to Houston's Barber Shop. I worked there until 1985, when I came here to the courthouse annex."

"It's kind of hard to get me off this block," he said with a wink. "You run me off one side of the street, and I'll just go on to the other."

Bell waves at passing friends, revealing a quick, bright smile. His skin is light brown. His hair has gone gray but is always neatly combed and trimmed, as is the matinee idol moustache. Warmth reverberates in his gentle voice.

Job opportunities were limited in the beginning, he said.

"I could make more money shining shoes than working at a fillin' station, where you'd make only about \$7 or \$8 a week," he said, leaning back against his two-seater shoeshine stand.

Bell works from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and a couple of hours

on Sunday. He shines leather with 1990s gusto for 1950s prices — \$1.50 for shoes and \$2 for boots.

On Sundays, he holds court at his shoeshine stand, drinking coffee, shining shoes and talking with friends.

Those friends include long-time cohort Hallie Sies, 96, of Edinburg.

"I'm so old, my memory and my hearing have both gone haywire. ..." Sies said. "But, yessir, I've known Otis for about 40 years or more. ... I don't go see Otis much now because I don't wear leather shoes like I used to. But I used to get my shoes shined there."

His life may seem staid to some, but Bell probably would say it's just a matter of old-fashioned resolve.

He and his wife, Isabel, have been married 47 years. They are raising two grandchildren adopted after their daughter was killed in an automobile accident.

Isabel Bell smiles as she talks about her husband.

"I met him through a friend in 1946," she said. "He's always Please see SHNE, page 2B"

**SUPPORT GROUPS**

**MONDAY**

•Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•TOPS weight support group, 6:30 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster. Weigh-in, 6 p.m. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual/spiritual abuse and/or dysfunctional families, starts Aug. 22 at 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

**TUESDAY**

•Support for MS and Related Diseases, 7 p.m. first Tuesday of each month, Canterbury West. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.

•Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced the death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday of each even-numbered month, room 113 of the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 W. Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.

•VOICES support group for adolescent victims of sexual abuse, incest, rape, date rape, any other crime of indecency, 3:45 p.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.

•Diabetes support group, second Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom.

•Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, noon-1 p.m. and 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 263-7361 ext. 7077.

•"The Most Excellent Way" drug and alcohol support group meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m., Cornerstone Bookstore, 1909 Gregg. For more information, please call 263-3168 or 267-7047 from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., after 5 p.m., call 267-1424.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.

•Widow/Widowers support group, 5:30 p.m., Midway Baptist Church, 1-20 East. Rev. Hubert Wright will be the speaker. Dinner afterward at Alberto's. Call 398-5522 or 393-5234.

**WEDNESDAY**

•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

•Survivors support group for survivors of sexual abuse, 10-11:30 a.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

**THURSDAY**

•Salvation Army drug education program, sponsored by Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 7 p.m., Salvation Army building, 308 Alford.

•Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse community re-entry group meeting, noon, 905 N. Benton. Call 263-8920.

•Battered women support group, 2:30 p.m. Call 263-3312 or 267-3626.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, small cafeteria on the first floor.

•Howard County Mental Health Center family education meeting 6 p.m., last Thursday of each month. Followed by Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill, 7 p.m. Call Shannon Nabors or Dixie Burcham, 263-0027.

•Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill meeting 7 p.m., last Thursday of each month.

# 77-year marriage defies all odds

**By LISA PELAMATI**  
St. Petersburg Times

LARGO, Fla. — The year 1917 was full of landmark events. The United States entered World War I and American women won the right to vote.

John F. Kennedy and Kirk Douglas were born, and Mata Hari and "Buffalo Bill" Cody died.

And Largo residents Warren and Midge Greenlaw met and married.

Last week, the couple celebrated their 77th wedding anniversary with a potluck dinner at Grosse Pointe Estates Mobile Home Park in Largo.

"We must have done something right," Mrs. Greenlaw said with characteristic modesty.

The Greenlaws have been married two years longer than the current average life span. They are just nine years short of the longest marriage in the Guinness Book of World Records.

The Greenlaws' marriage outlasts Hallmark's wedding anniversary gift guide, which stops at the 60th, or diamond, anniversary. The World Book Encyclopedia guide goes to the

75th and suggests diamonds, diamond-like stones or gold.

The longevity of their union is even more extraordinary considering that the current divorce rate is 1 in 2, according to government statistics.

Warren and Midge Greenlaw were born and raised in Maine towns less than 20 miles from each other. But they didn't meet until they were set up on a blind date in Massachusetts. He was 20 and she was 18.

"I thought he was all right," she said. "I liked her from the start," he remembered.

They married Oct. 16, 1917, in Cleveland, where they settled. He worked as an auto mechanic and an auto and insurance appraiser. She stayed home with their two children — Warren "Bud" Jr., 75, who lives a few doors down from his parents, and Phyllis, who died at 30.

The Greenlaws, now 97 and 95, play rummy every day. She said he keeps score and usually wins.

Mrs. Greenlaw said they are happily married and get along very well. "We've never had any knockdown fights, just ordinary arguments."

— Scripps Howard News Service

## TOYS FOR TOTS



Cyclists take part in the Toys for Tots Biker Run, sponsored by the Independent Bikers of Queens, in New York. The toys were distributed to residents of the Bernard Fineson Developmental Center Children's Division in the Howard Beach section of Brooklyn.

## Doodles may be revealing

**By MIA B. MOODY**  
Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO — What do doodles, dreams and how you draw a house have in common?

On the surface they seem insignificant. But they may be able to tell you something about yourself that you don't already know, or at least give you something to think about.

Since people project themselves into their everyday activities, things such as drawings are revealing about our lives, said Kimberly Bistis, who has a master's degree in clinical psychology and is a graduate student in the psychology doctorate program at Baylor University.

Bistis doesn't use avant-garde techniques such as looking at the shape of lipstick and doodles, but she agrees that they are fun. For serious evaluations, she recommends using a professional.

She uses a battery of tests, including the "House, Tree, Person," to help police departments weed out candidates who might have pathological or underlying psychological problems.

"We project aspects of ourselves onto the things that we do and very often these are unconscious facts about us," she said. "I look for patterns that pop up in several tests."

Dr. Mark Pantle, assistant professor of psychology at Baylor University, said there are generalities one can make about drawings: a drawing of a person with a big head means the client is concerned about something that is going on in his or her life. On the other hand, a drawing of a person with spiked fingernails may signify the person is scared about what is going to happen in the future.

But overall Pantle places little stock in "so called" personality predictors.

Projective techniques that are widely accepted in the psychology profession include the Rorschach inkblot test, in which the test subject describes what he or she sees in a standard series of inkblots; sentence completion, where the

person in therapy completes a sentence the therapist reads; and the "House, Tree, Person" test, which allows a therapist to analyze a person's drawings of these three objects.

The idea of personality assessments such as these are anchored in Freudian theory, which says we subconsciously project ourselves into the things we do.

But for those of us without the experience and training for interpreting these items, a tube of lipstick, doodles and other handy items will have to do. Here is a list of objects and simple tests you can use on friends and mates to learn more about their personalities or just to have fun.

**HOUSE, TREE, PERSON**  
For the "House, Tree, Person" test, the subject draws the three items separately in this order: house, tree, then a person. Everything concerning the drawing is data, including how the subject approaches the task, the amount of time spent on each drawing and its details.

Here's a brief description on how Bistis interprets the drawings of her clients:

— Trees: give an in-depth look at personality or the subconscious because it is easier for a person to project aspects of themselves onto something ambiguous, such as a tree. For example, dead branches may indicate the person is depressed or has had to deal with stressful situations recently. Sketchy, overlapping leaves may represent a fantasy life because the top of the tree represents the

head of a person.

— People: in drawings reveal something about the artist based on the facial expressions drawn and the size of the drawing's head in relation to the rest of the body. If the arms in the drawing are stiff and spear-like, the test subject may be cold or unfulfilled. If the arms are open and welcoming, the artist may be nice or happy.

— Houses: represent early or present home life. Windows are revealing depending on their size, location and openness. Are the windows adequate for a house its size? Are they open without panes, curtains or blinds? If the windows are open, the drawing may mean the person is accessible to other people. A walkway leading to the house may mean the person is accessible, but if it has lots of steps or bumpy stairs and a fence, he or she may be feigning accessibility and could be harder to get to know than he or she pretends.

**FACIAL FEATURES**  
Blame your gene-pool on this personality predictor. Facial features are the personality predictor over which we have no control. Still, they may give us some clues about why people act a certain way.

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— Square face: energetic and impulsive.  
— Rectangular face: a great leader and adventurous.  
— Triangular face: impatient.  
— Oval face: optimistic and affectionate.

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been the same way. He doesn't change."

The couple has been active for many years in the Lilly of the Valley Baptist Church, then the Rising Star Baptist Church, both in Edinburg, although the aches and pains of age have restricted their activities.

And his 61-year career has had only one interruption over the years — when he broke his hip two years ago and he was sidelined for about two months. Today, he relies on a cane when he walks, but he shines shoes using the same old "elbow grease" as always.

"There's not very many people in town that don't know him," said Edinburg Mayor Joe Ochoa. Ochoa, who graduated from Edinburg High School in 1970, said Otis Bell is a childhood memory.

"I think he's a fine gentleman," Ochoa said. "We need more citizens in town like him."

Bell, one of the very few black men in a largely Hispanic area, said he never has had a problem with racism.

"No, that never bothered me much," he said. "I didn't pay any attention to it. I always minded my own business. If a fellow does that, he'll stay too busy to worry about anybody else's business."

When Bell opened his stand at the Edinburg Hotel, a jay-walker "could cross any street in town with his eyes closed and not get hit by a car," said Ronald Case, mayor of Edinburg from 1973 to 1981 and a friend of Bell's for 55 years.

"When I was in the Army in Europe during World War II, I remember sending a postcard to Otis. And I said, 'Send me a shoeshine,' Case recalled, laughing.

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**Christina Ferchak**  
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# Don't call me - I won't call you

I'm very thankful that I live in an era when indoor plumbing, electricity and central heating are givens.



**Christina Ferchalk**  
Columnist

I don't think I would have made a very good pioneer woman. I'd much rather do battle at the supermarket than have to go out and kill something for supper.

I'm as accustomed to the luxuries of modern living as anyone else, but sometimes the conveniences that are supposed to simplify our lives are more trouble than they're worth.

The worst of these has got to be the telephone. This nifty, little invention has managed to destroy our privacy and rob us of our solitude. Old Alexander Graham Bell would spin in his grave if he knew what a monster he had inflicted upon us.

I recently spent some time as a house guest of "phone-oriented" people. They had phones in every vehicle and every room. There were wall phones, desk phones, cellular phones and duck-shaped phones. Answering machines were stuffed into every nook and

cranny. They had two separate lines; one for the kids, one for the adults. All these phones were equipped with that ultimate discourtesy — call waiting. Darn near drove me bats!

Somehow they had all this phone stuff set up so they could "patch in" to each other (whatever that means). They insisted I learn how to operate this nonsense — just in case I was the only one at home and a call came in.

They tried to teach me. I tried to learn, but I just couldn't retain the information. I guess I'm too old, because even the youngest of their children had no problem operating these electronic gizmos. The kids could punch and patch all this equipment in their sleep.

It amazes me that children can possess such enormous capabilities and still lack the hand-eye coordination necessary to fill an empty ice cube tray or replace a roll of toilet paper on a spindle.

I was never very fond of telephones, but after living with these people I have come to loathe, despise and deplore telephones.

If I ruled the world, I'd make some rules about phones and their use. For instance, all personal calls would be automatically terminated after three minutes. Callers would be forced to quickly state their

business, and then get out of your ear.

Never again would we be at the mercy of people who reached out to irritate us simply because they were bored and it never occurred to them that we had lives we'd like to get on with.

In my world, all telephones would be attached to a gadget that would not only let you know who was calling, but why.

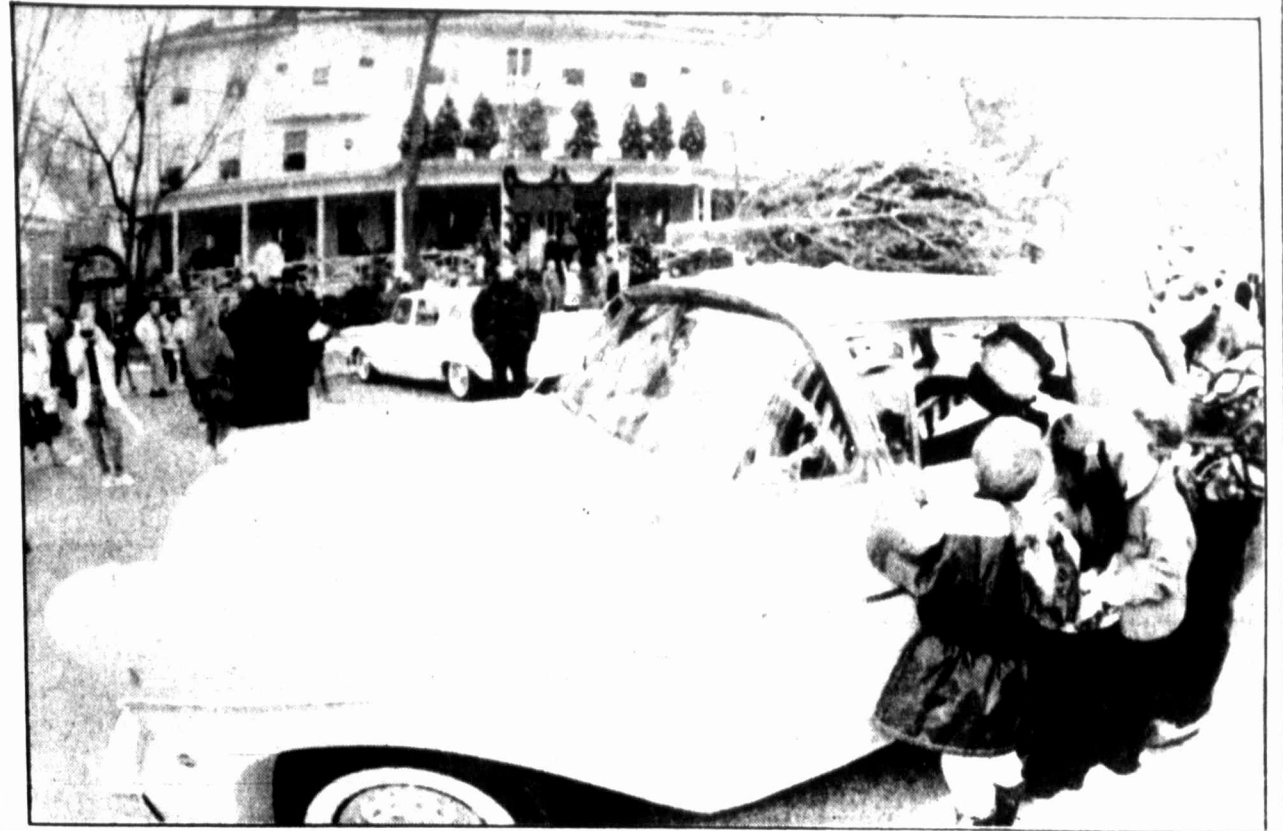
You'd know before you picked up that phone that the caller was a bill collector demanding to know when he could expect payment.

In my world, call waiting would be banned. People who interrupted your call to them with, "Hang on a sec, I gotta call on the other line" — and then put you on indefinite hold — would be fined, imprisoned and thoroughly flogged.

In my world, unlisted numbers would be a charge-free option. No longer would we have to grease phone company palms with a "little something extra" so they wouldn't publish our private numbers or give them out to any idiot who asked for them.

Possibly you're a phone-oriented person and would like to give me an opposing viewpoint. Feel free, but for the love of heaven write me a letter. Don't call me!

## RECREATING ROCKWELL



People look into a 1957 Mercury with a mannequin in the driver's seat in front of the Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge, Mass., as the town re-enacted Norman Rockwell's painting "Stockbridge Main Street at Christmas Time." Antique cars lined the closed street as the temperature approached 60 degrees without the snow in the original painting.

# Couple finds, trains mall Santas

By DAVID FLICK  
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Perhaps more than most parents, Bill and Betsy Hamilton worry that their daughter's belief in Santa Claus will be shaken when she sees so many imitators dressed in red suits.

Certainly, Haylee Hamilton has seen more than most 3-year-olds.

The Hamiltons run Promo Creative Services, which supplies Santas to some local shopping centers. They run the business out of their home, where their closets bulge the year long with 25 Santa suits.

"It gets harder and harder," Mrs. Hamilton said. "She isn't at the age where she's noticed all the beards and wigs on the laundry room floor, but I dread the day she starts putting two and two together."

The Hamiltons advertise for Santas and Santas' helpers through newspaper classifieds beginning in October. They have received as many as 200 responses, of which they usually select about 20 potential Santas.

"The ideal Santa is 5-10 to 6 feet, about 250 pounds with rosy cheeks and a button nose — but that's rare," Hamilton said.

The work runs six weeks, and a beginning Santa typically will earn about \$5 per hour.

"Contrary to belief, most of our applicants aren't unemployed," Hamilton said. "We mostly get college students or retired people."

The Santas are put through a one-day training session in early November. The day consists of viewing a video of an accomplished Santa impostor and getting instructions from the Hamiltons on how to talk, dress and act.

The new Santas are also given a list of "do's and don'ts" and sample "Santa Lines" such as "Do you remember to brush your teeth each night?"

Just so the children don't wonder the same thing about Santa Claus, the Hamiltons' employees are also given tips on personal hygiene.

"The worst thing is you don't want to have the kids say, 'Mama, Santa smells bad,'" Hamilton said.

Although the day after Thanksgiving was for decades the first day that Santa opened shop at retail establishments, most malls now want Santa to start taking requests on the second Saturday in November. That, mathematically, could be as early as Nov. 8.

Hamilton said company

employees get some complaints from people who say they are starting the season too early, "but mostly it takes the form of sarcasm."

For the most part, though, people have adapted to visiting Santa at the mall as a part of their Christmas tradition.

"We'll have people on Christmas Eve come directly from the hospital to have the baby's picture taken with Santa," he said.

Nor is there an upper age limit. As kids get older, of course, they become increasingly concerned about whether association with Merry St. Nick will cramp their image.

"Preteens do it more for mom than because they really want to. We tell them one year Herschel Walker sat down here. If he can do it, they can," said Hamilton, referring to the pro football running back.

Seburne Medders has been one of the Hamiltons' Santas for eight years — one of their longest-running, and most popular, employees. He mans the Santa's workshop on the second level of Town East Mall.

The secret to being a good Santa, he said, is "you have to follow their rules, but at the same time you let a little of yourself show through."

# Dentists urged to treat HIV patients

By SALLY LEHRMAN  
San Francisco Examiner

SAN FRANCISCO — Two dental associations are urging dentists to treat people with HIV and AIDS.

"We said it's a given that dental health-care providers should be willing to treat HIV-infected individuals," said Barbara Gerbert, professor and chair of the division of behavioral sciences at University of California — San Francisco.

"There's no reason to alter treatment plans except in advanced stages of the disease," Gerbert headed a six-person committee that developed the standards for the American Dental Association and the Dental Alliance of AIDS Healthcare.

The Justice Department is investigating two doctors for refusing to care for people with HIV. One, San Francisco plastic surgeon David Kahn, was sued earlier this year for allegedly refusing to perform a cosmetic procedure on a man with HIV. Kahn did not return phone calls.

In seminal studies on doctor attitudes toward people with HIV from 1986 to 1990, Gerbert found that about 30 percent of physicians and dentists were uncomfortable about treating people with HIV. But, she added, the number who actually refused care was probably much lower.

Dr. Molly Cooke, also a UCSF professor, has worked many years on helping doctors overcome fears and prejudices against people with HIV. She found she could finally reach them by acknowledging their

worries about infection, discomfort with protection procedures, and fears about their own competence.

Gerbert said the guidelines aim to convince dentists they must serve as role models for the community and should treat patients with HIV just as they treat others. They must ensure confidentiality and they must have clear policies against rejecting patients, she

said. Scrupulous infection control must override concern about additional cost, she added.

A dental office in Texas recently was fined \$100,000 for refusing to treat an HIV-positive man.

Dentists are certain to take note, Gerbert said. "That's powerful incentive."

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**HEALTH IN BRIEF**

**Cancer pain widely undertreated**

Much of the pain experienced by 60 percent of patients with advanced cancer is unnecessary. Undertreated pain results in curtailed physical activity, loss of appetite, fear and anxiety, poor sleep and diminished physical and emotional resources to fight the disease. One of the most damaging myths is that patients become addicted to opioids and exhibit the compulsive, antisocial behaviors associated with addiction to street narcotics. That just doesn't happen. From Patient Care, Oct. 15, 1994.

**Take your magnesium today?**

Three of four Americans do not take their recommended daily allowance of magnesium, according to a new Gallup poll. Magnesium is an essential nutrient in heart and muscle function, energy metabolism and other physiological processes. Common dietary sources include dried beans, spinach, whole-grain breads and cereals, bananas, milk, yogurt, fish and sunflower, pumpkin or sesame seeds. From Drug Topics, Oct. 24, 1994.

**Nurses rated high in prestige**

In a major public opinion survey, nurses outscored all occupations but physicians and engineers on a prestige scale. Three out of four respondents described nurses as caring, knowledgeable and responsible. From RN Magazine, October 1994.

**Diagnosis but no treatment**

The genetics explosion is creating the prospect of millions of people demanding genetic tests to learn if they are at risk for common diseases. Some genetic tests are available within months of the news that a disease gene has been discovered, also, detection of diseases that strike after adolescence is speeding up. The problem for the medical community is that the public does not understand that, at present, effective treatment for genetic diseases is rarely available. From Patient Care, Sept. 15, 1994.

**The silent killer**

Ovarian cancer produces no symptoms and remains undiagnosed until the late stages. Women over 40 and especially those 50-65 are most likely to develop the disease. Other risk factors include living in an industrialized country, a history of infertility or breast cancer and a family history of ovarian cancer. The best weapon is early detection; women are encouraged to have regular pelvic exams. From RN Magazine, November 1994.

**What to eat after nausea**

After a bout with severe vomiting or diarrhea, avoid milk and milk products and carbonated, caffeinated, alcoholic or sugary beverages—even juices—for the first day or two. Eat bland, easily digested foods, like bananas, rice, applesauce. From Patient Care, Aug. 15, 1994.

**RARE BEAR**



"Teddy Girl," the teddy bear manufactured by Steiff of Germany in 1904, is held by its new owner Yoshihiro Sekiguchi, at Christie's auction house in London. The rare bear, which accompanied its owner the late Col. Bob Henderson on a long military career, sold for a record price of 4171,600 at Christie's on Monday. Sekiguchi intends to put the bear in a toy museum near Tokyo.

**What to do with Rover's remains?**

By RICHARD SCHMIDT  
Deutsche Presse Agentur

**KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany** — When man's feathered friends go to the great birdcage in the sky, there comes the touchy question of how to dispose of the remains.

Packing Budgie in among the potato peels and putting him out for the next garbage collection seems a betrayal of all his happy chirps. With bigger pets the problems only get worse.

In Germany, where garbage must be sorted for re-use, it's illegal to put one's dead cat or German shepherd in the trash. And most Germans don't have a garden where they can bury pets. There are disposal centers that are obliged by law to take dead animals, but they charge fees and offer Rover an anything but dignified departure.

Now veterinarian Wilhelm Roessler, 43, has come up with a pet crematorium that eases grief-stricken owners' separation from their beloved animals. But to Roessler's fury, local authorities where he lives near Kaiserslautern won't let him operate it.

Cremation is not only reliable and hygienic but environmentally considerate, argues Roessler, who first applied for a license in 1992 and now is fighting his case in the courts.

The authorities argue that animal disposal centers have a statutory monopoly and Roessler has no right to set up

a commercial crematorium for pets. A lower court agreed, but he is appealing.

Roessler denies he wants to make money from death. But he says that for many who love their pets, the 20 pet cemeteries in Germany are too expensive, while the rough ways of animal disposal centers make no

allowance for the "special place of pets in our society."

The market must be there. German pet cemeteries provide about 140,000 graves in all in a country with a human population of 80 million.

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**Stocking stuffers fun for all ages**

EDITOR'S NOTE: This story on ideas for stocking stuffers was compiled by the staff of The Naples (Fla.) Daily News.

If you've spent hours thinking of the perfect gifts to tuck under the tree for your family, chances are you've overlooked the little things that can make the holidays so much fun: Stocking stuffers.

Here's a list of items for children, teens and adults — some common, some quirky. Most can be found in department stores.

- CHILDREN:**  
1.) Remember paddleball? It's still around, and for just a buck or two, you can add some bounce to your Christmas.  
2.) Kids love diaries (call it a journal for a boy). If the lock-and-key type is too expensive for budget, try a blank book (available at discount stores or local bookstores.)  
3.) There's always fruit. Oranges are great for filling out a heel or toe, and can stand up to the rough handling stocking-sometimes get on Christmas morning.  
4.) If your kids loved the

music and story of "The Lion King", here's a little something for their stockings. Lion King book and tape sets are available from Walt Disney Records.

5.) If you enjoy those coupon books your child makes for you at school (this coupon good for one car wash, etc.), why not turn the tables and make one for him or her?

6.) How about a video? The "Home Alone" movies are both Christmas stories.

7.) Children always enjoy seeing their very own ornaments hanging on the tree. Why not buy one that relates to a favorite sport or hobby?

- TEENS:**  
1.) Film — and maybe a new battery — for that camera you bought last year.  
2.) Tickets to a rock concert.  
3.) Hair scrunchie for girls; some GOOD cologne for boys.  
4.) Music, music, music. Tapes or CDs are always a hit.  
5.) Gift certificates to the eateries teens crave: Pizza Hut, McDonald's, etc.  
6.) Jewelry is popular, earrings especially.

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# Chevrolet contest wins Lumina fans

By LUIANE LEE  
Scripps Howard News Service

If someone should call offering an unbelievable prize over the phone, don't be too quick to hang up.  
Betty Iibegi of Palos Verdes, Calif., almost lost out when she rejected a telephone award as something too good to be true.

The caller was offering a week-long family vacation complete with \$1,200 and/or a gas credit card, an MCI phone cash card, a new Panasonic camcorder and the use of a brand new Chevrolet Lumina.

"At first I said, 'Yeah. OK. Fine.' But they called me back and I still didn't believe them," says Iibegi, who works part-time as an office assistant for a judge and part time for an optician.

It took more phone calls to convince Iibegi that there might be something to the story.

"Then I called them back at the number they had given me. And I said, 'Let me talk to your supervisor. Are you SURE? Because I can't take a week off work...'"

Iibegi's husband, Bob, who is a service advisor for Mercedes Benz, was also convinced it was a hoax.

He wasn't alone. Seventy-three families across the United States were suffering the same kind of doubt.

Jeanne Jackson of Dallas called her ex-mother-in-law who works for Chevrolet to verify that the offer for her family to take a free week's vacation wasn't a scam.

"I thought it was some kind of gimmick," says Jackson. "But she told me it was a legitimate contest. So I eventually believed it."

School teachers Dick and Julie MacLachlan of Grand Blanc, Mich., thought it was some kind of joke.

"They said, 'You're going to drive this car for a week, paid for by us.' And we kept asking, 'How would this help you?' says Julie MacLachlan.

Liz Miele, a registered nurse from South Hadley, Mass., bought the story almost immediately. "Nobody's ever offered us a vacation before," says Miele, the mother of two toddlers. "So, yeah, I kinda believed it. I was pretty excited. We've never won anything so I was pretty awestruck by it."

Lisa Henrich of San Pedro, Calif., was sure there was a catch and it took a call to Chevrolet headquarters to convince Cary Abbott, a housewife from Riverside, Calif., that the offer was legitimate.

The point of the campaign was to introduce the 1995 Lumina sedan as a family vehicle and convince people that it's once again time to "see the USA in your Chevrolet."

The car has been redesigned through the help of 2,000 volunteers who offered suggestions for the new version.

Selected by Chevrolet Motor Division and Good Housekeeping magazine, many of the families chosen are still confused as to how they were picked.

Linda Howell of Torrance, Calif., had answered an ad earlier in the year for readers of Good Housekeeping to take part in their New Traditionalists Readers Panel. "They wanted people to be on this panel," says Howell, who is a labor and delivery nurse.

"I always wanted to be a writer so I wrote this little paragraph and they let me join the panel."

Howell answered questionnaires throughout the year "on what products I prefer, and things like that. But I don't know how they picked me from that."

## LETTER MANIA



Rachel Chandler, an 11-year-old from Roanoke, Va., wrote letters to people she admired, nearly 200 in all, asking the question, "What do you think is the most important thing built in life?" She got return letters and photos from over 100 people. Some of the letters were handwritten and many photos were hand signed. Her favorite letter is from writer Danielle Steel.

## HOROSCOPE

FOR THURSDAY, DEC. 8, 1994  
**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): There is a plethora of possibilities. You have choices to make left and right. You might find it makes you crazy, but take the bull by the horn. Important discussions about situations involving intuition will help you. Tonight: Use your intuition dealing with a loved one.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): You zoom around full steam ahead. Listen to your instincts and you'll feel positive. You are more upbeat and enjoy social interaction on a new level. Ask another for what you want. A friend has something important to share. Tonight: Start the weekend early.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Accept responsibility. Some things you hear may be intense; you might want to think them through. A co-worker is on your side. Discussions in the afternoon prove favorable. Have long talks, and consider options. Tonight: Out and about.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Gain perspective, and review what you need to make your life work. Unique opportunities come your way. Someone at a distance has an important message. Listen carefully, though it may be difficult to concentrate. Tonight: Have fun.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Financial matters are still being debated. You have high potential to come up with unusual solutions. Knowing what it is you want will help you in your dealings. Be clear about your choices, desires and direction. Tonight: Make the most of a loving advance.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Refer to another. Listen carefully to another's input. You know more than you think and are willing to make a difference. Be aware of choices, desires and long-term friends. A soft conversation brings positive results. Tonight: Have fun.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You get a lot done because of your diligence and hard work. You might push someone away without thinking. You might have important priorities right now. Consider options, feel good with choices and move with the moment. Tonight: Be happy-go-lucky.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Creative insight helps you open

up to change. Talk things through, and be more open. As you listen to another's feedback, let your creativity flow. A serious decision about a loved one is impending. Be sure about what you desire and need. Tonight: Out and about.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take care of basics. The clearer you are about what's happening, the better. Listen and be aware. A serious approach gets you far. Instincts are right on. Fun occurs out of the blue. Sharing your feelings brings positive results. Tonight: Have a ball.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You are talkative. It's important to be as clear as you can about what is acceptable and what isn't. Others respond to your vibrations. A friend lets you know how much he or she cares and is willing to help you get what you want. Say yes. Tonight: Hang out.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You might tend to overdo spending. Listen carefully to what another is offering you. You are more on target than you realize. Sensitivity and understanding are strong. Listen to options. Another cares about you big time. Tonight: Let a boss treat you.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Your instincts are right on. This is a positive period in which you make important changes. You might tend to be overly serious about events, but a lighter approach proves positive. Fine news from a distance is romantic. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.

**IF DEC. 8 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** This is an unusual year in which lady luck works with you. There could be big tension between your domestic and romantic needs; be aware of this conflict and try to work it through. Being vulnerable with a loved one or roommate about your feelings will help. If you are single, others are drawn to you; however, it may not be the time to tie the knot. If attached, this is a great year to work through your intimate issues; you will come out feeling better. PISCES can be irritating.

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

## Twice the fun in twins' restaurant

**DEAR READERS:** Wall Street Journal reporter Joyce Cohen wrote a piece about identical twins that I found fascinating.

For openers, Lisa and Debbie Canz of Manhattan decided to capitalize on people's fascination with twins, so they are opening a bar and restaurant that will be staffed by two dozen sets of identical twins — wearing identical clothes and working identical hours. The name of the restaurant? "Twins," what else?

Where did they find all these twins? It was easy — they advertised in the newspaper.

I predict double trouble. If the service is not up to snuff, the customers will not know which twin to chew out. Or one twin will have served Table 3 — and the other twin will pick up the tip.

If they're still in business when I get to Manhattan, I am going to book a table for two and bring my twin sister!

**DEAR ABBY:** I was born in an era when manners were important. I was recently invited to a bridal shower. I have never met the bride or groom; the bride's mother and I belong to a women's club.

As a courtesy to the bride's mother, I accepted the invitation, and I feel I brought a nice gift for the bridal shower. As I was sitting with the other guests, it suddenly dawned on me that I had not been invited to the wedding! I had heard it was going to be a church wedding — and a very grand affair — followed by a dinner.

Is this the new yuppie form of greed and tacky taste? No names or city, please. Sign me... USED

**DEAR USED:** I don't know what one would call it — but those who are invited to bridal showers should most certainly be invited to the wedding.

**DEAR ABBY:** Regarding a recent letter about a gal who didn't know if it was proper to attend her 10-year reunion because she didn't graduate. Here's my 2 cents' worth:

I am on the committee for our 10-year reunion, which is scheduled for next year. We will welcome everyone who was part of our class. High school is not only about getting the degree — it's about a lot of years of hard work and building friendships. Some people moved away, or didn't graduate for other reasons. But that doesn't mean they should be excluded simply because they didn't walk down the aisle at commencement.

Tell "Nameless" that if the reunion committee thinks it's "improper" for her to attend her class reunion, she can come to ours! — PORT ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1985, KIRKLAND, WASH.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a male lieutenant, now stationed in Bavaria. My mother recently visited me here. When I was growing up, she used to say, "You are just like your father!" During her visit, she told me that after 29 years of a very rocky marriage, she and my father are finally divorcing — and she trashed Dad something terrible. Her verbal attacks on my father angered me, and I had trouble controlling it.

I never understood why I reacted so strongly until I read a letter in your column written by a divorce lawyer. The letter explained that children are half of each parent, and when one parent speaks ill of the other, the child feels that half of him is bad.

Thank you, Abby, for explaining why I felt so guilty and defensive. — VINDICATED IN BAVARIA

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By GENE TRAINOR  
Thomson News Service

**NEW HAVEN, Conn.** — Yale University researchers believe they have uncovered three characteristics that can identify those elderly drivers likely to have traffic accidents.

The results may prevent future car crashes and injuries.

In a study published in the Dec. 1 issue of the Annals of Internal Medicine, Yale School of Medicine researchers reported that elderly people with foot abnormalities, who walk less than a block a day and perform poorly when copying designs on mental functioning tests are more likely to be involved in collisions, moving violations and stopped by police.

Study leader Dr. Richard Marottoli noted that while the total number of automobile crashes involving older drivers is low compared to other age groups, the rate of collisions per mile driven approaches the rate for those under 25 — the highest risk group.

"We believe that clinicians, family members and state regulators need guidance in identifying older drivers who are at particular risk for adverse driving events," the researchers wrote in their report.

The five researchers studied 283 people age 72 and older from New Haven who drove between 1990 and 1991. Marottoli, a 35-year-old geriatrician, said he launched the study out of his own medical interest in elderly people, the issue's notoriety and in response to requests for advice.

The factors they looked at included: hearing, eyesight,

depression, physical activity and motion, and ability to correctly copy intersecting pentagons on the Mini Mental State Examination. Marottoli said the five-member team targeted foot problems, such as calluses, bunions and toe deformities, because of reports of elderly people accelerating cars by mistake.

Three factors stood out from their research: foot abnormalities, lack of walking and poor copying performance. They found that 6 percent of the people who showed none of the three factors faced traffic "events" or problems. The figure increased to 12 percent for one factor; 26 percent for two factors and 47 percent for three factors. They stressed that their research is preliminary and that further studies are needed to draw firm conclusions.

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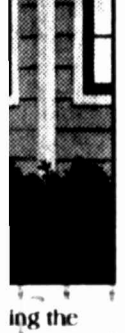
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HI AND LOIS. WAH! TRIMIE'S UP AGAIN! I JUST PUT HER DOWN. WHAT'S THE MATTER? I'M JUST NOT UP FOR GOING DOWN. HAGGAR THE HORRIBLE. WHY WASN'T I INVITED TO YOUR PARTY? IT WAS AN OVERSIGHT... ...MY WIFE OVERSAW THE INVITATIONS.

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SNUFFY SMITH. JUGHAID!! YOU'RE ON TIME!! WHAT ARE YOU UP TO? RITE. Tom Cruise in Interview With A Vampire. Kevin Costner & Elijah Wood in The War PG-13. The Professional R. The Lion King G.

THE Daily Crossword by Harvey Chew. ACROSS 1 Trouble persistently... 5 Foolhardy... 9 Nut... 14 Triticata, for one... 15 Gen. Robt... 16 Worship... 17 Concert halls... 18 Harbor feature... 19 Poet's concern... 20 Highway sign... 22 Implore... 23 Chalk remover... 24 Did in... 26 "o'clock scholar"... 29 Respite... 33 Small change... 37 Moves aimlessly about... 39 Got it!... 40 Ward off... 41 Gardner of films... 42 Ms. Lauder... 43 Inca homeland... 44 Footnote word... 45 Sacred song... 46 Expeditious... 48 Meadows... 50 Face... 52 Maxims... 57 Act indecisively... 60 Mold-ripened cheese... 63 Leaves... 64 Concerning the ear... 65 Lone... 66 Embankment... 67 Novelist Philip... 68 Luncheon... 69 Despoils... 70 Fleuret... 71 Piscivorous bird... DOWN 1 Sphere... 2 Lowest point... 3 Cub scout leader... 4 Ridges caused by blows... 5 Account in detail... 6 Iriler... 7 Vaticinator... 8 Drove... 9 Coddle... 10 Alpine plant... 11 Animal shelter... 12 Type of code... 13 Unpopular student... 21 Cad... 25 Weight units, abbr... 27 Mild expletive... 28 Type of orange... 30 Movie dog... 31 over (faint)... 32 Appear... 33 Dogpunch creator... 34 All at times... 35 Roman emperor... 36 Louis Armstrong... 38 Titled lady... 42 a down... 44 a boy... 47 Pimlico... 49 He played Bell... 51 Twenty... 53 Steak... 54 General sense... 55 Synthetic fiber... 56 Composer Jule... 57 Ridge... 58 Hatchets... 59 "Zapata"... 61 Over... 62 Arachnid

This date in history. Today is Wednesday, Dec. 7, the 341st day of 1994. There are 24 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese warplanes attacked the home base of the U.S. Pacific fleet located at Pearl Harbor on the Hawaiian island of Oahu, an act that resulted in America's entry into World War II. On this date: In 1787, Delaware became the first state to ratify the U.S. Constitution. In 1836, Martin Van Buren was elected the eighth president of the United States. In 1842, the New York Philharmonic gave its first concert, performing works by Ludwig van Beethoven and Carl Maria von Weber. In 1946, a fire at the Winecoff Hotel in Atlanta killed 119 people. In 1965, Pope Paul VI and Orthodox Patriarch Athenagoras I simultaneously lifted the mutual excommunications that had led to the split of the two churches in 1054. In 1972, America's last moon mission to date was launched as Apollo 17 blasted off from Cape Canaveral. In 1972, Imelda Marcos, wife of Philippine President Ferdinand E. Marcos, was stabbed and seriously wounded by an assailant who was then shot dead by her bodyguards. In 1987, 43 people were killed in the crash of a Pacific Southwest Airlines jetliner in California after a gunman apparently opened fire on a fellow passenger and the two pilots. In 1988, a major earthquake in the Soviet Union devastated northern Armenia; official estimates put the death toll at 25,000. Ten years ago: South African Bishop Desmond Tutu met at the White House with President Reagan, who told reporters afterward that he disagreed with Tutu that the U.S. administration's policies were hurting South African blacks. Five years ago: East Germany's Communist Party agreed to cooperate with the opposition in paving the way for free elections and a revised constitution. Today's Birthdays: Actor Eli Wallach is 79. Actress Ellen Burstyn is 62. Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., is 57. The Associated Press

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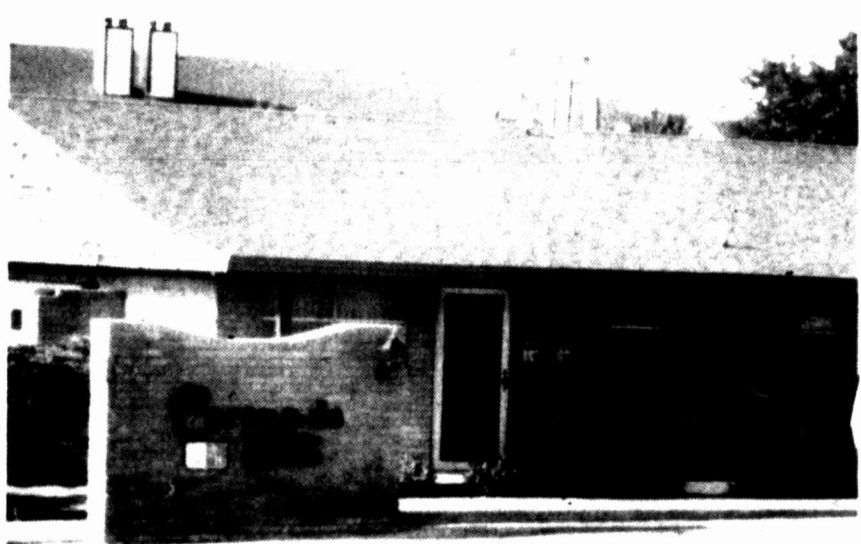
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By BETTY DEBNAM

It's in, in, in!

## In-Line Skating

In-line skating is the fastest-growing sport in the country. Santa will probably be delivering many pairs of skates this Christmas.

As most of our readers know, in-line skates have wheels in a single line on a skating boot.

### Skate with care

In-line skates are not toys. They are a type of transportation, just as bikes are. If you are not careful, the sport can be dangerous. Most of the skating injuries in 1993 were broken bones, especially wrists.

### Gear up

It's important always to wear your protective gear:

- helmet
- elbow pads
- wrist guards
- knee pads



Look at this picture. Are the instructor and his student wearing all the right gear?

### Take lessons

You will want to take lessons from licensed instructors. Many skate shops offer free lessons. Below are some of the things your lessons might include:



### How to stop (this is most challenging)

- Bend knees.
- Scissor skates (move feet back and forth).
- Move left foot back.
- Move right foot forward (that's the one with the brake).

### Stance and balance



- Bend knees.
- Feel some pressure on the balls of your feet.
- Put hands in front.
- Look straight ahead (avoid looking down at your skates).

### How to fall



Go for the plastic (land on the protective pads you are wearing).

### Skate alertly

- Control your speed.
- Watch for road hazards.
- Avoid water, oil and sand.
- Avoid heavy traffic.
- Never wear anything that limits hearing or vision.
- Don't skate at night.

### Skate legally

- Obey all traffic regulations. When on skates, you have the same obligations as any wheeled vehicle.
- Yield the right of way to pedestrians.

### Skate courteously

- Skate on the right, pass on the left.
- Let people know you are coming by saying in a loud tone:



## Meet Barney



"I love you, you love me," is the beginning of a song almost everyone knows. It's Barney's song. Barney is the popular purple, 6-foot-4-inch dinosaur.

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A little girl in Connecticut fell in love with the videos. Her father worked in television and decided Barney was a good idea for a TV show.

The first Barney show aired in 1992.

The show also includes Barney's friend Baby Bop, her big brother BJ, and a group of children.

## PETER PENGUIN'S PUZZLE LE-DO

Fit the names of these holiday symbols into the puzzle.

ACROSS:

2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 9.

DOWN:

1. 2. 3. 4.

Answers: Down 1 candle, 2 wreath, 3 wreath, 4 gift, Across 2 snow, 3 sleigh, 5 star, 6 star, 9 star

## MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

**WHAT DO A DOG AND A TREE HAVE IN COMMON?**

**THEIR BARK!**

(sent in by Leslie Powers)

**THAT'S MIGHTY FUNNY!**

**Boss:** If you can't do your work, I'll have to get another clerk.

**Clerk:** Oh, thank you. I could use some help!

(sent in by J.T. Taylor)

**Q:** What did one fish say to the other fish after it was hooked?

**A:** "That's what you get for not keeping your mouth shut!"

(sent in by Allyson Chappell)

## Rookie Cookie's Recipe Christmas Crunchies

**You'll need:**

- 2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 1 cup miniature marshmallows
- 1/2 cup pecan pieces
- 2 cups crisp rice cereal

**What to do:**

1. Place chocolate chips in a large, microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on HIGH 4 minutes or until melted.
2. Stir in peanut butter. Mix until smooth.
3. Stir in remaining ingredients. Mix well.
4. Place by teaspoonfuls on waxed paper.
5. Refrigerate until firm. Makes about 36.

**BASSET BROWN THE NEWS HOUND'S TRY 'N FIND**

### IN-LINE SKATING

Words that remind us of in-line skating are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: SKATE, WHEEL, LACE, HELMET, PADS, BRAKE, GO, BALANCE, LESSONS, PRACTICE, STOP, FORWARD, BACKWARD, RAMP, TRICKS, BLADE, SOCKS, ROLL, SAFETY.

A O B S K A T E J B R A M P P  
P A D S B R O L L W R P C K R  
C Q D S N O S S E L H A N U A  
D R A W K C A B F T R E K E C  
S K C O S G S F B O R V E E T  
H T Y T E F A S L L G I S L I  
J F O R W A R D A A U G C H C  
T E M L E H L V D C I O T K E  
E C N A L A B N E E P O T S S

### Teacher's Guide

For use by teachers and parents at home and at school.

For use with issue: In-Line Skating

Main idea: This issue is about in-line skating. 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 in-line skating. Be sure to include the protective gear.
2. Discuss the following: Have you ever been in-line skating? If so, what was the most difficult part? What tips would you give people who would like to try the sport? What are some good places in your area to skate? Why is it important to wear protective gear and take lessons?
3. Pretend you have on in-line skates. Practice the tips from this issue on how to stop, fall, etc.
4. Look through the sports section of your newspaper to see how many different sports you see pictured. In which sports are the players wearing protective gear?
5. Look through the ads of your newspaper for in-line skate products.
6. Make a graph of the age groups involved in in-line skating.

## Skating History

### In-line

In-line skating is more than 200 years old. The first in-line skates were used in Holland in the early 1700s.

People wanted to enjoy the sport of ice-skating when there was no ice. They attached wooden spools to strips of wood fastened to the bottom of their boots.

### Today's in-line skates

In 1980, two hockey-playing brothers, Scott and Brennan Olson, saw an old in-line skate in a sporting goods store in Minnesota. They thought this design would make an ideal off-season hockey training tool.

They began making in-line skates in the basement of their parents' home. People began to notice these hockey players zooming down the Minnesota roads in the summer.

Some skiers added poles when they took up in-line skating. The sport really took off when makers started using soft, lightweight urethane wheels. In-line skates are mounted on three, four or five wheels. Ski-type boots have plastic frames. Each boot has a liner.

### Skateboarding

Skateboarding was invented by surfers on the West Coast in the early 1960s.

Today, in-line skaters are using the same type half-pipe that skateboarders used in the past.

## Roller hockey

Roller hockey was a demonstration sport in the 1992 Summer Olympic Games.

Roller hockey is a popular sport in many parts of the world. In some countries the players are pros and the games are on TV.

Roller hockey is becoming a popular sport in the United States. Kids as young as 7 start playing in competition.

Roller hockey is played in or out-of-doors. A game takes about an hour.

Roller hockey is not a contact sport like ice hockey is. Rough play is illegal. The object is to use a stick to hit a rubber ball or puck into a net. Each team has five players and a goalie. The courts vary in size. Some are as small as a basketball court.

Next week The Mini Page celebrates the winter season with a story about Christmas trees.