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Unreconciled vouchers prompt audit of city housing program

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
News Editor

Unreconciled travel voucher discrepancies have landed one city employee on administrative leave and prompted an outside audit of Big Spring's Housing Assistance Program (HAP).

Having twice failed to reconcile travel voucher discrepancies, Housing Assistance Program Director Marva Scurlock was placed on paid leave Oct. 8 by City Manager Gary Fuqua, who then requested an audit of HAP accounts by the Austin accounting firm of West Davis & Co.

Fuqua said the problems were first

noticed when he began reviewing city records after assuming his duties.

"At that time, I talked to the director (Scurlock) and (Finance Director) Tom Ferguson," Fuqua said Wednesday afternoon. "She told us that the previous city manager had told her to go to all the schools possible. We didn't have a problem with that, but all the paperwork was not being filled out."

Fuqua said Scurlock was given several months to review her records and reconcile travel vouchers for those trips with receipts, and was given still more time when a first report still did not account for all funds advanced.

When Scurlock's second report also

failed to fully reconcile the discrepancies, she was placed on administrative leave and Fuqua called in the Austin firm that is contracted to do the city's annual audit.

West Davis is still in the process of conducting the audit, but the city manager expects a final report "the latter part of next week."

Once that report is received, Fuqua said, a copy will be dispatched to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. In addition, a copy of the report will be submitted to an outside law enforcement agency — probably Texas Rangers — for a review of whether or not any criminal charges

need to be filed.

"It's not that our police department couldn't review the report and determine whether charges are warranted," Fuqua explained, "but since this involves another city department, we feel it's better that an outside agency be involved."

"We certainly hope that there's no need for criminal charges to be filed," he added, "but it's definitely something that needs to be reviewed."

Fuqua explained that the city's policies require that employees submit travel voucher requests prior to making trips. Those requests are reviewed and employees are required to provide

receipts justifying expenditures upon their return.

However, since the HAP office is funded entirely with federal funds and the city serves as a "sponsoring governmental entity," its accounts were not under Ferguson's control.

"That was one of the problems," Fuqua said. "They could cut their own checks in the HAP office without having the travel vouchers approved or reviewed."

As a result, Fuqua said he has instructed Ferguson to meet with West Davis auditors and devise a plan for placing HAP office funds under finance office control.

HOUSE HAUNTERS



HERALD photo/Kellie Jones

The witches and fortune tellers will be out in full force tonight at Canterbury Retirement Homes, 1700 Lancaster, as they participate in the 15th annual Spookhouse. The haunted house is open 6-9 p.m. and admission is free. Pictured seated (left to right) are: Cindy Middleton, Marcella McCabe, Margie Windsor, Juanita Mayhall and Beverly Bennett. Standing (left to right) are: Polly Pearce, Julia Correa and Lydia Herrera.

BSISD officials lamenting enrollment decline

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Enrollment in the Big Spring Independent School District is fairly set for the year, but that doesn't mean school officials are happy with the numbers.

Big Spring schools had 4,417 students enrolled as of Oct. 25, a drop of 66 from this time last year. What has school officials concerned the most is a loss of about 100 students in elementary grades.

"We did anticipate a drop in elementary enrollment. That's

why we cut out two elementary teacher positions this year," said Assistant Superintendent Murray Murphy. "But we didn't think we'd be losing 100 students — we thought it would be closer to 55."

The losses in elementary are partially offset by slight gains in kindergarten and secondary enrollment, but Murphy said there was no sugar-coating the elementary decrease.

"I don't know the reason for the drop, but it is substantial," Murphy said.

Enrollment figures are impor-

tant to school districts because they are the prime indicator used by the Texas Education Agency when it appropriates money to school districts every two years.

Although school officials are rightly concerned with the overall decrease in enrollment, they are encouraged by the increased number of students at Anderson Kindergarten. Murphy said that may foreshadow an increase in enrollment in future years.

"It bodes well for us. We project first grade will be back up to about 400 (from 353 this year)

next year," he said. "If we can have two good kindergarten classes back-to-back, we'll be back to where we should be."

Other area school districts report stable enrollment figures.

Figures for this month were not available, but Coahoma ISD officials reported that 1,003 students were enrolled as of the end of September. That marks an increase of 31 students from the same time last year.

Coahoma has 557 students in

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Police arrest Big Spring man on sexual assault charges

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

A 20-year-old Big Spring man is in police custody this morning after being arrested on aggravated sexual assault charges.

John Antonio Slaughter, who listed an address of 813 W. Sixth St., was to be arraigned today in municipal court for his alleged role in the sexual assault of a

40-year-old Big Spring woman early Wednesday.

According to police reports, a suspect illegally entered the woman's residence on the southwest area of Big Spring sometime between midnight and 2 a.m. Wednesday morning. There was no sign of forced entry, Big Spring Police Sgt. Victor Brake said.

The suspect, who may have been known to the victim,

threatened her with a weapon before committing the assault, the reports state.

Slaughter was arrested at about 12:20 p.m. Wednesday on the 2000 block of Johnson Street after he attempted to flee officers wishing to question him on the crime.

"We didn't have a particular suspect at the time," Brake said. "We were checking on ... different suspects when he decided to

take off running. Anytime you go to question someone, and they take off running, there's a strong possibility they're who you're looking for."

Slaughter was arrested at the scene and initially charged with failure to identify and evading arrest. After developing additional evidence, police issued a warrant for his arrest on the sexual assault case around 5 p.m., Brake said.

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TODAY'S WEATHER

73 ▲ Highs 42
Lows ▼

Today: Partly cloudy, becoming mostly cloudy. High in the 70s. Low in the 40s.
Friday: Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. High in the upper 50s. Low in the 30s.

Extended outlook: Saturday, mostly cloudy. High in the 50s. Low in the 30s. Sunday, partly cloudy. High near 60. Low in the 30s. Monday, partly cloudy. High in the 60s. Low near 40.

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Sands Elementary recognized by migrant students' showing

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

ACKERLY — Sands Elementary School is among 218 Texas public schools that were recognized for high levels of performance by migrant students on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills.

Superintendent Donald Bryan said Sands Elementary received a rating of "Acknowledged," one of four ratings issued by the Texas Education Agency based on both the number of migrant students taking the TAAS tests

and their performance on the examination.

Eligible schools were rated as either exceptional, excelling, promising or acknowledged. Schools rated as acknowledged had at least five migrant students taking all sections of the TAAS, with at least 65 percent of those students passing all sections of the test.

School districts received commendations for having at least 80 percent of migrant students graduating from high school or being promoted to the next grade, and having an atten-

dance rate of 94 percent for migrant students.

The Migrant Education Program, which is federally funded, was devised to target students whose parents move from one location to another several times a year. Because of this constant moving, students miss an average of six weeks of school per year, Bryan said.

Ten Sands students are involved in the Sands MEP, he said.

"These students need just a little more educational enhancement than others," he said.

Texas has the second-largest migrant education program in the nation, based on numbers of students served. During the 1994-95 school year, more than 134,000 Texas students were educated through the migrant education programs in 390 districts and 20 regional education centers.

Aside from helping these students through regular instruction, Sands MEP officials Zelda Bilbo and Conchita Rodriguez assist migrant students through

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Consultants suggest plan for roof repairs to city's auditorium

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The May 10 hailstorm that battered Big Spring, leaving millions of dollars in damages, is a memory for some residents but others, including the city of Big Spring, are still having to deal with repairs and insurance settlements.

City officials have formulated a plan to handle damages to approximately 169 roofs on city-owned property. Roofs are being divided into specific categories according to type and amount of damage received.

Earlier this summer the city council gave City Manager Gary Fuqua the go ahead to seek bids for roof repairs need-

ed for the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

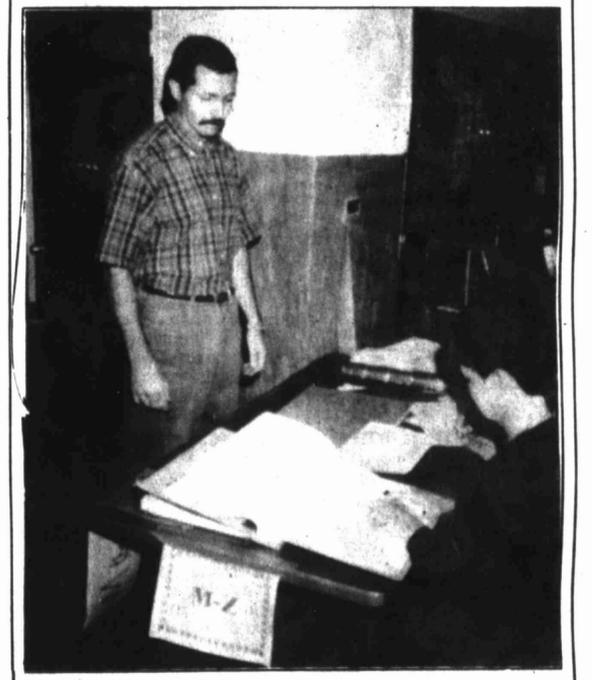
The city retained Amtech Roofing Consultants Inc. of Austin, the same firm used by Howard County, to survey the damages and make recommendations for repairs to the auditorium.

Of seven sections of the roofs inspected, four of the sections have tile roofs. According to Amtech's report, approximately 50 percent of the existing tile was broken during the hailstorm. The tile is in loose pieces and poses a threat to persons on the ground during high winds.

The report also indicates that the four sections in question

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EARLY VOTING



HERALD photo/Bob Rumpff

Troyce Wolf casts his ballot in the Howard County Clerk's Office Wednesday, as clerks Pat Anderson and Donna Wright look on. It appears a certainty that early voting figures for the Nov. 5 general election will shatter record totals established in 1992 County Clerk Margaret Ray said 337 people cast ballots Wednesday, bringing the early voting total to 3,477. That figure, plus the 273 mail-in ballots received by Ray's office, puts this year's totals within easy distance of 1992's total of 4,261 early ballots. Early voting continues through Friday at the county courthouse. Hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

OBITUARIES

Nazario Juarez

Rosary for Nazario Juarez, 89, Big Spring, will be 8 p.m. tonight in the Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel with Deacon Horace Yanez officiating. Funeral mass will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 1, 1996, at St. Thomas Catholic Church with Rev. Cornelius Scanlan, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Mr. Juarez died Tuesday, Oct. 29, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center after a sudden illness. He was born on Jan. 27, 1907, in Big Spring, and was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He married Josefa Alvarado in 1926. She preceded him in death on Aug. 28, 1994. He was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church.

Survivors include two sons: Juan Juarez and Felipe Juarez, both of Big Spring; 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

Jennie Shepperd

Service for Jennie Lea Bryant Shepperd, 86, formerly of Colorado City, will be 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 1, 1996, in the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Howard Quiett officiating. Burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery.

Mrs. Shepperd died Tuesday, Oct. 29, in Webster Hospital. She was born on March 5, 1910, in Emblem. She had lived in Colorado City for several years before moving to Grand Prairie in 1940. She married Quin D. Shepperd on Jan. 28, 1933, in New Mexico. He preceded her in death on Nov. 29, 1981. She was a homemaker but also worked for North American Aviation during World War II.

Survivors include one son: Quin D. Shepperd, II, Houston; and one sister: A.B. Woods, Lubbock.

Arrangements under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Roberta Phelan Birdwell

Service for Roberta Phelan Birdwell, 78, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. She died Wednesday, Oct. 30, 1996, in Big Spring.

RECORDS

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Average high 72
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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288
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Roofs

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appear to be, without leaks, which is due to the heavy organic base sheet that escaped the hailstorm with little or no damage.

Amtech's recommendation is to completely remove and replace the tile roofs because they are in such poor condition and are beyond repair.

Construction to replace those sections of the auditorium roof should began Wednesday. The cost of replacing the auditorium roof is about \$250,000, Fuqua said.

City Engineer Ralph Truskowski said replacing the roof on the auditorium is probably a two-month project and added that administrators will probably be back before the council at a later date (possibly at its next meeting) with reports on several dozen additional city buildings in need of roof repairs. City staffers would like to submit specific bid packages to the council for its consideration.

"We're in the process of getting specifications together," Fuqua said.

The city's dealing with hail-storm damages has been slowed because the May 10 storm hit just as the city was being reimbursed for hail damages received in 1995.

The city will probably be looking at roof repairs for some time, Truskowski noted.

The city's roofing consultant, Conrad and Co., a professional damage estimator from Grapevine, is working with the city and its insurance carrier trying to get both sides to agree on a settlement figure.

The total amount of damage to city buildings is estimated to be about \$2 million by the city's insurance company, but according to Fuqua, the city's consultant is saying the settlement amount should be more than that amount.

"What we're planning to do if the insurance is not settled," Fuqua said, "is to bid out the different packages contingent on the insurance company paying the cost of having the roofs repaired."

"As we get bids in, we'll sit down with the insurance company and our consultant and hopefully reach an agreement on repair costs," Fuqua added.

As for residents who suffered damages from the storm, chief building official Todd Darden said 3,225 permits have been issued to roofers as a result of the storm. The value of those permits are estimated to be about \$11.7 million.

Several hundred roofs have been repaired since the storm, but the city has only been able to inspect about 50 percent of those jobs to this point and has collected about \$50,000 in fees. Darden added about 1,500 roofing permits are still pending for work to be done.

The U.S. Small Business Administration declared the city a disaster area on June 11, making homeowners, renters and businesses eligible to apply for low-interest loans for uninsured, disaster related losses.

Sands

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the district's SMART program, which provides almost 50 days of instruction during the summer months.

"We bring the students to school ... and work with them and their parents," Bryan said. "I think it's contributed to the improvement of these test scores."

"Because they move so much, sometimes they get behind in school," said Bilbo, principal at Sands Elementary. "It's our job to help them get caught back up."

RE-ELECT



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BSISD

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elementary school, 159 in junior high and 287 in high school.

Forsan ISD officials also report a slight increase from the previous year. As of this week, Forsan had a total enrollment of 693. Comparative figures from the previous year were not available, but a spokesman estimated enrollment to be up by about 30 from this time last year.

Elbow Elementary had an enrollment of 324 as of Wednesday, while Forsan Junior High had 184 students and the high school had 185.

Sands ISD officials report a slight drop in enrollment from this time last year. As of this morning, 193 students (73 in elementary and 120 in junior high and high school) were enrolled at Sands, compared to 200 last October.

IN BRIEF

THE SATURDAY MEETING FOR WEST TEXANS

Living with Chronic Fatigue Fibromyalgia Syndromes has been cancelled. The meeting will take place Thursday, Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at HealthSouth in Midland. Dr. Gene Lusk, chiropractor, is the guest speaker.

DAN WILKINS, BIG SPRING'S EDWARD JONES

representative, will host a satellite teleconference for Texas CPAs in conjunction with the Texas Society of CPAs CPE Foundation Inc. from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 13.

The broadcast, "Ethical Responsibilities of Texas CPAs," meets the four-hour ethics mandate imposed by the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy. The program has a \$55 enrollment fee and seating is limited. Interested persons can reserve a seat by contacting Wilkins at 267-2501.

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

will not be giving flu shots this week due to a nursing conference. They will resume their regular schedule on Nov. 4. The office is temporary located at 411 E. Ninth St.

THE BIG SPRING DOWNTOWN LIONS CLUB

is having their annual hamburger supper Friday at the Big Spring High School cafeteria from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 years of age and can be purchased from Lions Club members. All proceeds benefit youth and humanitarian purposes.

BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS INVOLVED

in Distributive Education Clubs of American (DECA) are currently selling a Big Spring Steer card for \$10 offering discounts at various merchants. The owner of the card can use it once a day for a full year to receive such discounts as buy one food item, get one free and discounts on oil changes and dry cleaning.

For more information and to purchase a card, contact DECA Sponsor Lee Lowery at the high school at 264-3641, extension 151.



A scholarship fund has been established at Howard College in memory of Diana (Currie) Nichols, RN/BSN. All monies will be donated toward scholarships in the nursing division. Send contribution to:
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Big Spring ON THE RUN

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AREA MILITARY VETERANS CAN get flu vaccinations at no cost at the Big Spring Veterans' Administration Medical Center. Inoculations will be given in the main lobby at the VA.

Veterans registered at the Big Spring Veterans' Administration Medical Center will be required to show their blue or purple VA cards while any veteran not registered must do so prior to receiving a flu shot.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

TODAY

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.

•Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.

•Support Group for Depression, 7 p.m., Dora Roberts Rehab Center, Third and Lancaster.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles. 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.

•Halloween parade, Big Spring State Hospital, 1:30 p.m. Carnival for patients after parade.

•Big Spring Police Department handing out Halloween candy, 400 E. Fourth, 6-9 p.m.

•Canterbury Spookhouse, 1700 Lancaster, 6-9 p.m. Free admission.

•Boy Scouts Spookhouse in Coahoma, north service road west of Dairy Queen, 7-10 p.m., \$1 admission.

•Big Spring post office employees handing out candy starting at 6:30 p.m. at post office.

FRIDAY

•Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship

TEXAS LOTTERY LOTTO: 11, 12, 21, 37, 42, 46 PICK 3: 6, 4, 7

Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Bible study.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. Big Book Study.

•Big Spring Downtown Lions Club annual hamburger supper, Big Spring High School cafeteria, 5-7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 years of age and can be purchased from Lions Club members.

•Boy Scouts Spookhouse in Coahoma, north service road west of Dairy Queen, 7 p.m. to midnight, \$1 admission.

•Malone and Hogan Clinic retirees luncheon, last one of the year, 11:30 a.m., Cowboys Steakhouse, all retirees are welcome. Call Peggy Kirby for more information.

MARKETS

Dec. cotton futures 72.75 cents a pound, down 20 points; Dec. crude oil 24.27, up 19 points; Cash hog steady at \$1 higher at 52 cents even; slaughter steers steady at 71 cents even; Dec. live hog futures 54.50, down 45 points; Dec. live cattle futures 66.60, down 25 points.

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ATT	35 1/2 -
Amoco	75 1/2 -
Atlantic Richfield	134 1/2 +
Atmos Energy	23 1/2 +
Cabot	24 1/2 nc
Chevron	65 1/2 -
Chrysler	33 -
Cifra	1.20-1.24
Coca-Cola	50 1/2 nc
De Beers	29 1/2 +
DuPont	93 + 1/2
Excel Comm.	26 1/2 + 1/2
Exxon	88 1/2 -
Fina	51 1/2 -
Ford Motors	30 1/2 -
Halliburton	57 1/2 -
IBM	126 1/2 +
Laser Indus LTD	11 1/2 -
Michael Alliance	10 1/2 -
Mobil	116 1/2 +
Norwest	43 1/2 +
NUV	9 1/2 nc
Phillips Petroleum	41 1/2 nc
Pepsi Cola	29 1/2 nc
Polaris	19 1/2 nc
Rural/Metro	36 1/2 +
Sears	47 1/2 nc
Southwestern Bell	48 1/2 nc
Sun	23 + 1/2
Texaco	102 - 1
Texas Instruments	48 1/2 nc
Texas Utils. Co	40 1/2 nc
Unocal Corp	36 1/2 -
Wal-Mart	26 1/2 +
Amapc	14.17-15.03
Euro Pacific	25.32-26.86
I.C.A.	24.02-25.49
New Economy	17.48-18.57
New Perspective	18.03-19.13
Van Kampen	14.51-15.23
Prime Rate	8.25%
Gold	379.20-379.70
Silver	4.81-4.84

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents Wednesday:

•NORMA JEAN WOODRUFF, 31, 1605 Cardinal St., was arrested on a revocation of parole warrant.

•JOHN ANTONIO SLAUGHTER, 20, 813 W. Sixth St., was arrested on charges of aggravated sexual assault, failure to identify and evading arrest.

•ANDREW WHITFIELD, 34, and WELTON TEAL JR., 45, both of Dallas, were arrested on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

•JESUS ARMENDARIZ, 37, 1508 Tucson St., was arrested on a Department of Public Safety warrant.

•MELISSA ADAME, 24, 809 Rannels St., was arrested on local warrants.

•ADELAINO MUNOZ MARTINEZ, 45, 2409 Rannels St., was arrested on local warrants.

•GERMAN SILVA CEBALLOS, 24, no address given, was arrested on charges of driving while license invalid and no insurance.

•JOE ENRIQUEZ, 19, 3304 W. Hwy. 80 No. 26, was arrested on local warrants.

•THEFT was reported on the 2300 block of Wasson Road.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported on the 1900 block of Wasson Road and the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane.

•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported on the 2500 block of Ent Street.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported on the 1600 block of Owens Street.

•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported on the 1400 block of E. Sixth Street.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents Wednesday:

•RAYMUNDO VERA GONZALES JR., 26, 708 Creighton Dr., pleaded guilty in county court to a charge of DWI second offense. He was sentenced to 15 days in jail and ordered to pay fines and court costs.

•SCOTT DRIVER, no age or address given, was transferred from Albuquerque, N.M. after his arrest on a Howard County warrant charging theft of service.

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Public Notice

Pursuant to Tex. Rev. Civ. Stat. Ann. art. 1446e, § 5.08 (1996) Lone Star Gas Company and Lone Star Pipeline Company, Divisions of ENSERCH Corporation, and ENSAT Pipeline Company (collectively referred to as "Applicant") hereby give notice of intent to change the city gate rate of Lone Star Gas Company established by Order of the Railroad Commission of Texas in Gas Utility Division Docket No. 3543.

Applicant proposes a Monthly City Gate Rate Calculation (MCGRC) to replace the rate approved in GUD 3543. The MCGRC recovers the costs of purchasing, storing, and transporting gas to the city gates, including an adjustment provision to recover the carrying cost of working gas in storage. Applicant also proposes transportation and storage rates for city gate deliveries with tracking clauses to recover fuel and lost and unaccounted for gas.

The proposed effective date of the change is November 29, 1996. The change is a major change, and will result in an increase in annual revenues of approximately \$24.2 million or 4.8 percent (4.8%). The customers affected are the 1.3 million residential and commercial customers in Texas served by Lone Star Gas Company under the rates established by the local regulatory authorities in the municipalities and the Railroad Commission in the environs areas.

A statement of intent to make such change has been filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas in GUD 8664 and is available for inspection at the Commission's office in Austin, Texas and at the offices of the Applicant in Dallas, Texas.



TEXAS BRIEFS

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Exxon, Lloyd's finalize settlement over Valdez lawsuit

HOUSTON — A settlement has been reached in the appeal of a \$410 million judgment for Exxon Corp. in its lawsuit against Lloyd's of London over the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska. The Houston Chronicle reported today that details of the agreement are expected to be announced soon by both sides in the lengthy case.

A district court jury at Houston ruled in June that Lloyd's owed Exxon \$250 million for clean-up and related costs of what was called the most devastating oil spill ever for the environment.

State District Judge Carolyn Johnson referred the insurer and Exxon to mediation after Lloyd's said they planned to appeal the verdict.

Susan Soussan, a former state district judge handled the mediation and the settlement was reached after marathon negotiations in Houston and in Europe, the newspaper reported.

Morales' own mayor to endorse Republican opponent

DALLAS — While U.S. Senate candidate Victor Morales was out campaigning behind the wheel of his trademark white pickup truck, his own hometown mayor was endorsing the competition.

Crandall Mayor Terry Hedrich on Wednesday criticized Morales' service as a former city councilman in the town and endorsed his opponent, Republican U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm.

"Everybody in Texas has heard Victor Morales say, 'I don't know,' as a Senate candidate," Hedrich said. "I've heard him say that as a Crandall city councilman."

"If Mr. Morales can't decide what's good for 2,000 people in the city of Crandall, how's he going to know the wants and needs of 18 million Texans?"

Hedrich and more than a half-dozen other North Texas mayors gathered Wednesday for a joint endorsement of Gramm. The Gramm campaign boasted a list of 57 mayors in all who endorse the Republican.

Woman, once accused of racism, wins defamation lawsuit

SAN ANTONIO — A former sixth-grade teacher once accused of racism by a 12-year-old student has won a \$36,550 award in a defamation lawsuit against the League of United Latin American Citizens and the mother of her accuser.

Lisa Bagby, who now lives in Dallas, who was accused in 1991 of insulting the intelligence of Hispanic students.

After the girl's accusation, LULAC state director Rosa Rosales and the girl's mother, Janie Adame, held news conferences to denounce the teacher.

An investigation by the San Antonio School District, which included a survey of Bagby's students, failed to substantiate the allegation.

Texas sweet potatoes circumferentially challenged

DALLAS — Five-pound sweet potatoes about the size of your arm might win a prize at the state fair, but they're scoring no points with farmers who depend on them for profit.

This year, a combination of drought and then heavy rains produced a fast-growing potato that is too big for even a Texan's plate, and it's a nightmare for northeast Texas sweet potato farmers.

Lawsuit contrasts doctors, surgical assistants

HOUSTON (AP) — Who performed your last hospital operation? Stupid question, right? Not necessarily. Increasingly, a little-known professional who can suture, retract and clamp as long as he or she is under the watchful eye of a surgeon is entering the picture.

They are known as surgical assistants. Some are doctors, many are not. A lot are former military medics, surgical technicians or doctors from other countries who don't have a U.S. medical license.

A Texas lawsuit has thrown a spotlight on the largely unregulated profession. In September, Attorney General Dan Morales sued Assistant Surgeons of Texas Inc., a group of surgical assistants at five Houston-area hospitals, accusing them of fraudulently passing themselves off as surgeons on insurance paperwork to get higher reimbursements.

"What we did was expose the fraud in billing process," said

Ron Dusek, a spokesman for Morales. "Some of these persons, some of these groups bill as if they were surgeons."

Tom Wright, a spokesman for Assistant Surgeons of Texas said his company never got reimbursed at an assistant surgeon's rate.

He said the insurance industry recognizes the distinction between assistant surgeons and surgical assistants. And he said that naming his company "Assistant Surgeons of Texas" was simply a naive mistake.

When Morales sued, he said investigators were looking into whether the use of surgical assistants led to 10 deaths at a hospital. But the hospital denied that, and the lawsuit does not accuse the doctors of practicing medicine without a license or passing themselves off to patients as doctors.

Instead, the crux of the suit is the allegation that AST's owner Jaime Olmo Jr. passed both himself and 16 of his employees off to insurance companies as

surgeons by using the designation code "80" on reimbursement forms.

That "80" is the designation for "assistant surgeons." The rather vague description of an "assistant surgeon" is someone who provides "surgical assistant services."

In the medical world, there is a clear distinction between assistant surgeon and surgical assistant. The first has a medical license. The second does not.

Olmo's group, made up mostly of doctors from other countries who have not undergone the five years of work needed to obtain a U.S. medical license, also was running around several hospitals with the letters "M.D." and the title "Dr." on their ID badges.

Wright said that this was not an attempt to deceive. He said it was merely a courtesy extended by the hospital staff in recognition of the foreign medical degrees.

Unlike doctors, registered

nurses or physician's assistants, a surgical assistant is not licensed by any oversight agency. The only certification that many receive is from the National Surgical Assistant Association after passing a four-hour, \$250 exam and proving that they have had 750 hours of experience each year for three years.

Doctors say that's no cause for worry. Surgical assistants are vouched for by the surgeons under whom they work and are therefore chosen carefully.

"In hospitals where there are limited numbers of people who trained to be an assistant, the issue becomes one of economy," said Dr. Kenneth L. Mattox, president of the Houston Surgical Society. "In the past, the hospital would have nurses who were available as part of the OR crew. As the economy required bigger and bigger cutbacks, they looked for creative ways to provide assistance in surgery."

Couple lives in houseboat far from nearest harbor

PORT ARANSAS (AP) — Should another Great Flood ever befall the world, Russ and Sheila Schnorr won't have to run for higher ground. Their home floats.

The Schnorrs live on a houseboat that sits high and dry on a grassy lawn in a neighborhood nearly a mile from the nearest harbor. With its ropes, flag, anchor, life rings and wooden dock, the 42-foot metal-hull vessel draws curious stares and comments from passers-by. But the Schnorrs say they enjoy life aboard a landlocked boat.

"I thought it was cute," Sheila Schnorr said. "It's unique. It has character. I like things that have character." The Schnorrs rent the boat, which is part of Sea & Sand Cottages, a motel at 410 S. 10th St. in Port Aransas.

Patti Witt, former owner of Sea & Sand, said she bought the boat and set it up for rent next

to the cottages about two years ago.

"It just seemed like it would be an interesting thing to have. It did turn out that way," said Witt, a Corpus Christi resident who owns the Cat House, a downtown shop that sells cat-oriented merchandise.

Witt sold the cottages and the boat to Jamie and Toni Van Pelt about six months ago.

Before the Schnorrs began renting the boat, the Van Pelts usually rented it out on a day-to-day basis just like the six cottages they own. They rented it for \$50 to \$65 a night.

The Van Pelts sometimes rent cottages by the month during winter. They are renting the boat to the Schnorrs on a

month-to-month basis for \$350 per month plus electricity.

Moving into the boat last month was just part of a big lifestyle change for the Schnorrs.

The boat was the first home the Schnorrs acquired in sunny Port Aransas after moving from a brick, four-bedroom house in snowy Eaton, Colo.

In Colorado, Sheila, 43, managed a temporary service for nurses. She now devotes her time to writing fiction books. Russ, 46, worked in electronics for a corporation in Colorado but now is looking for something that is not so corporate.

"We're basically here trying to live our lives the way we want instead of a corporation or

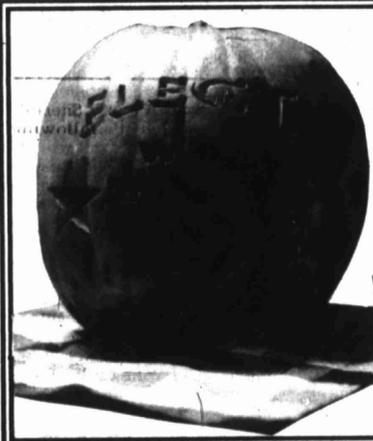
a house owning us," Sheila said. Moving into the boat also has meant a change in the way the Schnorrs communicate.

Instead of saying "kitchen," they say "galley." They don't have walls. They have a bulkhead. They clean the deck A not the floor.

The Schnorrs have managed to cram a lot of household stuff into the boat.

In the living room, which lies in the bow, they have a hide-away, television, microwave oven and freezer.

Also in the living room, Sheila can swivel the captain's chair away from the boat's steering wheel to face the personal computer where she composes her novels.



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OUR VIEWS

Watch out for kids since it's Halloween

Whether you're of Anglo persuasion and call it Halloween, or of Hispanic origin and know it as Dia de los Muertos, today is the day when all the little kiddos — and some bigger ones — don their costumes and go trick or treating.

Today is the eve of All Saints Day and, while some point to the costumery of Halloween and the ghoulish masks and faces on jack-o-lanterns as the devil's work, we prefer to leave the political and religious arguments alone.

This day, traditionally, is when knocks on the door or the ringing of a doorbell have been followed by the cries of "Trick or Treat!"

For the kiddos who participate, we urge both their caution as they roam the streets as well as the caution of their respective parents, in making sure their costume can easily be seen in the dark and that you check their goodies when they get home before letting them bite into them.

We also issue a word of caution to all who will be driving to watch out for the youngsters and expect the unexpected.

And for those who will respond to the knock on the door or the ringing of the bell, make certain you hand out wrapped treats and that you have the entryway to your home well-lighted for safety's sake.

Having issued all of those cautions, we encourage all to enjoy themselves ... and watch out for those hobgoblins!

OUR VIEWS II

Support the Steers in home grid finale

Friday night marks the last time nine Big Spring High School seniors will take to the turf at Memorial Stadium in a regular season football game.

For four years, the young men have worked through the heat of the summer and the frigid air of the winter, battled wind and rain, enjoyed success and shared defeat.

Four four years, these young men have donned the Big Spring uniform each week and represented our community.

And while it is their final time to take to the floor of Memorial Stadium, it is also the final regular season home game for the rest of the squad as well.

The opponent is new in returning back to the district, but there's nothing new about No. 5 Sweetwater and there's nothing surprising about the quality of their team.

That makes it even more important for the community to turn out in force Friday night, decked out in its finest black and gold finery, to give the Steers that grandstand advantage that could be the difference in victory and defeat.

Our Steers have learned that no matter how close you come to winning, an inch truly is as much as a mile when you come up short on the scoreboard.

Let's turn out in numbers Friday night and support the Steers.

Yes, football is just a game but the young men who play it aren't, they are our future and they deserve our best effort.

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Clinton's second-term plans: "An it'sy bitsy agenda"

By **TERENCE HUNT**
AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Four years in the White House have dramatically altered Bill Clinton's vision of his presidency. His once-grand designs have shrunk, reflecting a recognition that he bit off too much in his first term — and there's not a lot of money to spend anyway.

If he wins re-election, there is nothing in Clinton's agenda on the scale of his doomed plan to guarantee health insurance for every American. Nor is there anything like his 1992 idea to persuade taxpayers to spend \$80 billion for a Rebuild America Fund.

"We've gone from the Great Society to the itty bitty society," said University of Virginia political scientist Larry Sabato. "Clinton has a thousand tiny plans, no overarching theme."

It is "an it'sy bitsy agenda," agreed Brookings Institution presidential scholar Thomas Mann. "There is no way this administration is going to pursue some liberal agenda. It just ain't going to happen."

Unlike Bob Dole's big-money tax cuts, Clinton promises "targeted" tax breaks to send people to college, help them buy their first homes and encourage inner-city companies to

hire welfare recipients. He wants to fine-tune laws approved over the past four years.

But history suggests there could be trouble ahead in his effort to build a legacy on tiny building blocks. Second terms are notoriously unsuccessful; midterm elections in second terms are traditionally a disaster for the president's party.

These are some of the adjustments Clinton wants Congress to make:

- He proposes letting workers swap overtime pay for time off. He says he'll ask Congress to let employees take unpaid leave for doctors' appointments and PTA meetings under an expansion of the Family and Medical Leave Act.

- People who beat their would not be able to buy guns under a proposed alteration of the Brady law.

- This year Congress passed a law guaranteeing that Americans can carry health insurance from one job to another. Clinton says it should be strengthened to provide insurance for up to six months for people who are between jobs.

- Ending welfare as we know it was Clinton's goal four years ago. Now, he aims to fix the law he signed ending the federal guarantee of cash assistance

to the poor and turning welfare programs over to the states. For starters, he wants to reverse the ban on aid to many legal immigrants.

Overall, he proposes incremental steps that he hopes will build a favorable legacy.

Summing up Clinton's agenda for a second term, Sabato said:

"Let's put it this way: Mount Rushmore is safe. There will be no additional blasting on Mount Rushmore if the first Clinton administration is any indication of what's to come."

Still, it is not surprising that Clinton has downshifted to a modest agenda.

The failure of his sweeping health plan painfully taught the president that Americans are wary of government and doubt that it is competent.

Even though he met his goal of chopping the deficit in half, Clinton has enormous budget constraints. His promise to balance the budget by the year 2002 — a difficult feat by itself — is complicated all the more by his promise to protect Medicare and Medicaid, education and the environment.

Then, there is Congress. Even if Democrats regain control of either the House or Senate, their margin is likely to be so small — and the Republican opposition so united — that Clinton's ability to

maneuver will be limited.

The president also may be thrown on the defensive by Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr. And if Republicans hold Congress, they can be expected to continue harassing the White House with subpoenas and hearings.

One reason for Clinton's modest efforts to help Democrats in their push to retake Congress, said Norman Ornstein of the American Enterprise Institute, "is the fact that Republicans use their subpoena power to drive him nuts."

Foreign policy is an avenue often pursued by presidents when they get tangled in domestic troubles. In a second term, Clinton would be expected to focus more on international affairs, seeking elusive settlements in the Middle East and in Northern Ireland.

Already, his post-election travel plans are growing rapidly, with a November journey to Australia, Thailand and the Philippines for a summit with Pacific nations and a December visit to Ireland for a European Union summit. The president also has called for a NATO summit early next year to speed up the process of bringing Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic — and perhaps other former Warsaw Pact countries — into the 16-nation alliance.

YOUR VIEWS

Only the voter can legislature true change at any level

To THE EDITOR:

How much longer will Texans tolerate massive spending through incompetent legislative decisions? What happened to the class of people who composed the Constitution of the United States of America? Where is the leadership that defeated Santa Anna, that wrote the Constitution of Texas, that led Texas to become an independent State in 1836? Then in 1845 to become the 28th State in the U.S., an Independent Nation from 1869 to 1876? Have Special Interest groups taken over all state offices?

State spending for the 1988-89 biennium was \$40.1 billion. Projected 1996-97 biennium \$78.9 billion, an increase of \$38.7 billion. All the while reducing services to Texans and passing on more unfunded mandates. The average citizen has no idea how the state spends our money, and you don't even inquire as to what goes on in the school systems.

Forsan ISD reported a "LOSS" in their meals program of \$504,865, over \$100,000 average for approximately 500 students per year for the period 1990 through 1995. State and Federal funds are available for the asking.

Property values were increased statewide to make up for the loss of mineral values over the last five years of \$10 billion 800 million. Funding we had to pick up for an estimated 52,584 unfunded students. Present Texas Legislators claim that tax reform is almost beyond their ability. Can't never could do anything!

A property tax revolt would benefit no one. But human madness is never without reason. People endure only so much, then they explode like an overinflated balloon. Wasteful spending in our state must stop!

For these and many more reasons, YOUR vote is crucial this 5 November, 1996. Only you can solve these and other problems, proving that the pen (vote) is mightier than the sword.

ROY SIMMONS
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Motorists with car trouble thankful for constable

To THE EDITOR:

On Sept. 8, 1996, we were returning home from a trip. Our car broke down outside of Big Spring. The Constable of Forsan, Joseph Lesueur, stopped to help us. Even though he was not on duty at the time, he called the wrecker, waited with us until the wrecker got there, and took us into Big Spring.

I would like to compliment him for going out of his way to help us on his time off. It was very much appreciated.

BUD AND BOBBIE ASHLEY
A smile on the face doesn't make a wrong a right

To THE EDITOR:

This is my first "Letter to the Editor" but recent and ongoing events compel me to express my views concerning our role models and what morals we are teaching our young people.

It is OK for Daryl Strawberry to be busted two or three times on cocaine charges for he is a good baseball player, and we need him to go for the World Series.

It is not really OK for Roberto Alomar to spit in the umpire's face, so we will slap his wrist, and punish him next year, because we need him now in an effort to get to the World Series.

It is not really ok for Michael Irvin (a married man) to be in a motel room with marijuana, cocaine, and whores, but we need him as a good football player.

It is ok for the White House staff to have illegal drugs, to covet, to commit adultery, to dodge the draft, defame American Policy in foreign lands, and to prevaricate.

This is what we teach our young people! It's all OK if you smile a lot!

Can we, who call ourselves Christians, accept this? Apparently the answer is YES! Keep Smiling!

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Ignoring critics on campaign money, Clinton presses safe themes

PHOENIX (AP) — Publicly ignoring the swirl of controversy over his party's money-raising tactics, President Clinton is studiously sticking to the safe campaign themes his strategists believe have brought him to the brink of re-election.

With an eye toward the Nov. 5 finish line of his final political campaign, Clinton today was addressing a rally on the campus of Arizona State University in a traditionally Republican state where polls show him in a

close race. Later today Clinton was making quick campaign stops in Las Vegas, Nev., and Oakland, Calif. In Denver on Wednesday night, Clinton sounded the familiar theme of strengthening the "American community" through greater racial and religious tolerance.

Addressing a rally at the National Western Events Center in Denver, Clinton said that unlike many other countries the United States has made its

racial and religious diversity a strength rather than a source of conflict and division.

"It's good, and I want more of it," he said, adding that his administration's goal was to "build an American community where everybody has a seat at the table and a role to play." This is the type of rhetoric that Clinton has made the centerpiece of his stump speeches in these final days of the campaign.

His Denver speech was inter-

rupted by a small group of hecklers in the crowd who waved Dole-Kemp banners and shouted. Clinton seemed ready for them. "The only reason they're screaming is the truth hurts," he said to wild cheers.

Earlier in a speech at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, Clinton promised an extension of a Small Business Administration program designed to help female entrepreneurs. The program, which gives special attention to female

applicants, is now available in 16 states and will be extended nationwide.

He also announced a new Internet network to link investors with small business owners in search of capital.

Questions about the Democratic National Committee's fund-raising practices — including whether it illegally accepted contributions from foreign interests — have escalated in recent days. The DNC has delayed releasing the

party's latest pre-election financial report, triggering harsh criticism not only from Republican Bob Dole but also Ross Perot.

Wednesday, Perot challenged Clinton to appear with him on national television the night before the election to answer the campaign money charges.

"I don't want to be rude or abusive, but I do want you to have the facts before you go to the polls the next day," Perot said.

Thousands of refugees on move as warfare escalates in Rwanda

KIGALI, Rwanda (AP) — Tens of thousands of refugees fled into the bush today as battles between Zairian troops and Tutsi rebels drew closer to the Zairian town of Goma, the main food base for camps housing 700,000 desperate people.

Heavy fighting was also reported around Goma's airport, and it was not known which side had the upper hand there.

Paul Stromberg, a spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, said more than 110,000 Rwandan Hutu refugees from the Kahindo camp and 20,000 local Zairians were fleeing westward along bush paths toward Goma.

They were avoiding main roads for fear of being caught up in the fighting, Stromberg said.

The fighting in eastern Zaire has raised the specter of another humanitarian catastrophe like the 1994 exodus of 1.1 million Rwandan Hutus following the genocide of 500,000 Tutsis and opposition figures in

Rwanda. In the current battles, Zairian troops are fighting Tutsi rebels who have defied the government's order to leave the country that their ancestors have lived in for at least 200 years.

Today's exodus began after reports of a two-pronged Tutsi rebel attack on the Kahindo region, 36 miles north of Goma, said Brenda Barton, a spokeswoman for the World Food Program in Nairobi, Kenya.

The Tutsis have made striking advances in recent days. Trained and aided by Rwanda's Tutsi-led army, the rebels routed the Zairians from the provincial capital of Bukavu on Wednesday.

The retreating Zairians took up defensive positions in hills outside Bukavu, 60 miles south of Goma, but Tutsi artillery continued to pound them unabated.

Ruth Marshall, UNHCR spokeswoman in Geneva, said the refugees from Kahindo were headed for the Mugunga camp on the outskirts of Goma, which is already the biggest refugee

camp in the world. "This concentration is a recipe for rapid deterioration," said Marshall. "It could within days become catastrophic in that camp."

Stromberg had no details on the fighting near Kahindo, but said heavy gunfire was reported around Goma's airport this morning and he did not know if Zairian troops or Tutsi rebels were in control there.

"The airport may not be under anybody's control," Stromberg said.

The strategic airport, the last lifeline supplying food aid to 700,000 refugees in camps along the northern shores of Lake Kivu, is on the outskirts of Goma. All road routes into Zaire from Rwanda, Burundi and Uganda have been closed by the fighting.

The fighting around the airport came a day after the World Food Program announced it planned to start an emergency food airlift into Goma.

Stromberg described the situation in Goma as "very unstable."

U.S. donates \$7.3 million to feed Kurds

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States is giving \$7.3 million to help feed destitute Iraqi Kurds, and the Clinton administration urged other countries to join Wednesday in answering a U.N. appeal for \$39.9 million to feed Iraq's hungriest people.

The \$7.3 million earmarked for Kurds goes to the appeal and represents 4 times as much as the rest of the world had pledged by Monday.

While urging others to help, the administration again Wednesday blamed President Saddam Hussein for the plight of the Iraqis. "He is letting children die because he prefers to build palaces for him and his family," State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said.

Overall, Burns said, Saddam has spent \$2 billion in the last four years on 48 palaces and other residences for himself and his family and on a yacht plus millions of dollars on rebuilding the Iraqi armed forces.

On Tuesday, Burns said lavish spending by Saddam and his family during the six years Iraq has been under U.N. sanctions is contributing to severe food shortages for hundreds of thousands of Iraqis.



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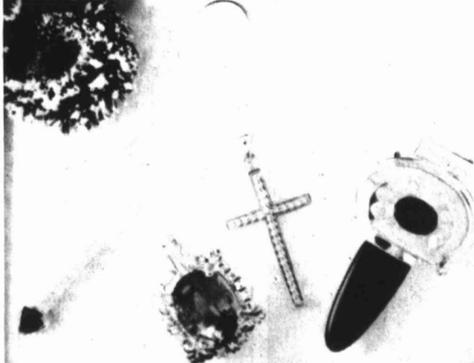
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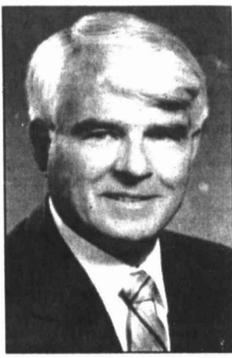


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◆ It looks like sight can be considered the most important sense. The part of the brain dealing with sight is far larger than the parts that deal with the other senses.

Do you have a good story idea for the *life!* section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 235.

New Goliad Middle School band director enjoys teaching music

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Dean Boyles knows that being a beginning band director is a job full of big challenges and small rewards, but that's one of the reasons he likes his profession so much.

Boyles, 24, is the first-year director of the Goliad Middle School band. As such, he is at ground zero of his students' budding music careers, covering all the basics of instrumental music to children who might not have been able to tell the difference between a sousaphone and a telephone a few months before.

In short, Boyles knows he has a big job ahead of him.

"There's a lot more to it than I expected," he admitted. "It's not quite what we did as student teachers."

"The biggest challenge is that you can't assume anything," he



DEAN BOYLES

added. "You have to teach it from scratch down here. If you assume anything, assume that they don't know anything about music. You have to start from ground zero and build a good

foundation." Despite that, Boyles enjoys what he's doing.

"I like working with kids," he said. "I like to teach them as much stuff as I can ... and I hope they end up appreciating music as much as I do — and, if possible, more."

"For me, I can have 10 things going wrong at once, and if just one kid gets it, it makes my day," he said.

Boyles, a New Mexico native, is an accomplished percussionist.

He was a member of the New Mexico All-State band all four years in high school before going on to McMurry College in Abilene, where he received his degree in music education.

His love of music, interestingly enough, came at the encouragement of his beginning band director.

"I started in sixth grade in



Goliad Middle School Band Director Dean Boyles leads his students during class recently. This is Boyles' first year at the Big Spring school and received his music education degree from McMurry College.

New Mexico, and my beginning band director saw that I had some potential," Boyles said. "So he encouraged me to audition for anything that came around."

Boyles, who also assists with the high school band, said that initial encouragement still drives him to be the best musician and teacher possible.

"I've continued to learn all I

can," he said. "In a way, I still consider myself a student. I can teach someone how to do something, but I still want to learn a different approach to doing something."

ALL-REGION CHOIRS



HERALD photos/Kellie Jones

Students from Goliad Middle School and Runnels Junior High recently competed at a University Interscholastic League choir competition with those pictured receiving the honor of being selected to the all-region choir. There were 300 students from around the district competing and only 90 were chosen.

Pictured above from Goliad are front row (left to right): Brian Wingert, Chris McGee and Laura Rutherford. Second row: Brandon Greathouse, Alex Edgemon and Bethany Curran. Back row: Sherrean Jones and Kori Johnson.

Below from Runnels are front row (left to right): Stephanie Herren and Brittany Stone. Second row: Sterling McIntosh and Angie Copeland. Back row: Koesha Boyd, Jeanie Warren and Sandra Munoz. Not pictured is Shawn Simmons. Their instructor is Chris Felty.



COAHOMA CHOIR STUDENTS HONORED



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Bobbi-Leigh Spiller, (left) a freshman at Coahoma High School, recently qualified for the All-District 6-2A and All-Region choirs. She advances to pre-area auditions Nov. 22 in Wichita Falls and will perform with the all-region choir Nov. 23.

Several Coahoma students (below) recently qualified for the Big Country Choir, which includes singers from Abilene, Sweetwater, Clyde and Merkel. Coahoma students making the choir are: (seated, left to right) Sara Murphree, Marianne Mullins and Tiffany Hancock; (back row, left to right) Stephanie Sparks, Melanie Simpson, Kami Bennett and Kayla Smith. Not pictured are Jackie Molina and Amber Johnson.



Recipe Corner

If you have any recipes you would like to see published, please submit them to the Herald office at 710 Scurry or mail them to: P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas; 79721; attention: Kellie Jones.

Submissions need to be in the Herald office no later than Nov. 4. It is scheduled for Nov. 13. Call 263-7331, ext. 235 for more information. Recipes for Thanksgiving and holiday meals, appetizers and desserts are needed.

Skeletons: Scaffolding of human life

Scripps Howard News Service

Don't waste time inspecting the vampires, ghosts, werewolves, witches, mummies, ghouls, and aliens from outer space that come a-knocking at your door this week.

Instead, watch for those old favorites, the skeletons. Skeletons are among the most popular Halloween costumes, and are available for humans and pets.

There may be no better time than Halloween — our de facto national day of celebrating skeletons — to reflect on the biological wonders of life's bony framework.

A skeleton does more than hold body and soul together. It provides a system of muscle-powered levers that allows the body to move. Bone stores and releases into the blood minerals like calcium and phosphorus. It also encloses bone marrow, which forms new blood cells. Bone is armor that protects vital structures such as brain, spinal cord, and eyeballs.

A surprising number of people think bone consists of some "dead" mineral substance. Bone is living tissue that undergoes constant change. Cells termed osteoblasts build new bone. Osteoclasts tear it down, releasing calcium and phosphorus.

Humans and other vertebrates — that is, animals with a backbone — have an interior skeleton, an "endoskeleton," that is largely invisible. Lobster, shrimp, beetles, and some other invertebrate animals wear their skeletons. These exterior skeletons, or "exoskeletons," both protect and support the body.

How many bones in a human skeleton? Most of us form 206 separate bones along the journey from fetus to adult. More than half are in the hands (54) and feet (52).

The hip bone is connected to the leg bone, and every other to another, by joints. Some joints, like those in the skull, are immovable. Most joints are movable, sometimes in critical ways that few people fully

appreciate.

The human skeleton, for instance, is blessed with opposable thumbs that can be moved against the fingers. This architecture made fine hand movements possible. Anthropologists cite it as a key factor in the emergence of humans and the development of tools and technology.

Evolution tends to "conserve" structures and approaches that work especially well, using them time and again in building different animals. Thus skeletons of humans, horses, dogs, rats, frogs, and fish share similarities. A mouse and a giraffe, for instance, both have the same number of neck bones.

One field of science, "comparative anatomy," compares bones and other structures in different animals and plants.

Humans have an axial skeleton and an appendicular skeleton.

Bones in the head, neck, chest, spinal column, and pelvis form the axial skeleton. The term originated because the spinal column acts as an axis for these other bones. The skull bones are connected to the neck (cervical vertebrae) bones. The rib bones are connected to the thoracic vertebrae in the upper back and the sternum (the breast bone). The thoracic vertebrae connect to the lumbar vertebrae in the lower back, which rest on the sacrum and the tail-like coccyx.

The appendicular skeleton is composed of bones of the appendages, the arms, legs, and their associated bony structures. Bones and teeth are the most enduring parts of the body. Long after everything else is dust, they will remain. Written in them — in scars, grooves, overgrowths, and other form — is a condensed version of our life history.

A trained eye can read bones, discovering how and when a person died; whether a woman was pregnant and gave birth; what diseases and accidents occurred during life; whether we ate a healthy diet; and perhaps even how we worked and played.

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TIPS 'N' TRIVIA

Halloween

(NAPS) -Tips for Halloween:

- ◆Put reflective tape on costumes.
- ◆Review traffic rules and encourage youngsters to stay on sidewalks and paved areas.
- ◆Arrange for older children to travel in groups and younger children with a chaperone. Stick to familiar neighborhoods and start trick-or-treating while it's still light out.
- ◆Long capes or trains can get tangled. Prevent falls by securing hems and edges that hang low.
- ◆Make a spill-proof goody bag from an old pillowcase.
- ◆Remind kids not to eat unwrapped candy or treats. Parents need to examine all candy before it is eaten.
- ◆Carry a flashlight so motorists can see you.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Halloween activities:

- ◆Big Spring Police Department - candy handed out 6-9 p.m.
- ◆Scenic Mountain Medical Center - candy handed out at circle drive in front of hospital, 6-9 p.m.
- ◆Post Office - candy handed out 6-9 p.m.
- ◆Canterbury Spookhouse - 1700 Lancaster, 6-9 p.m.
- ◆Coahoma Boy Scouts Haunted House - located off the north service road west of Dairy Queen. Admission is \$1, 7-10 p.m.
- ◆SkateLand Haunted House - 8-11 p.m. No skating during this time. Cost is \$3 per person. Halloween skating party, Friday from 7 to 11 p.m., cost is \$5 and \$1 off if you come in full costume.

THE LAST WORD

Language is the light of the mind.

—John Stuart Mill

The universe is true for all of us and different for each of us.

—Marcel Proust

When you praise someone you call yourself his equal.

—Goethe

The basis of a democratic state is liberty.

—Aristotle

No matter how old a mother is, she watches her middle-aged children for signs of improvement.

—Florida Scott-Maxwell

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By KELLI
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Big Spring woman becomes U.S. citizen

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

She came to the United States to have a voice and to join her family already living in Big Spring. Yolanda Bravo recently became an American citizen.

Bravo is one of several students of Evelyn Marshall who teaches English as a Second Language, a ministry provided by Hillcrest Baptist Church. She came to Marshall's class in January to learn English and to receive some help in obtaining her citizenship.

Each person applying for citizenship must answer a 100-question test. Bravo said she only needed help with three

and sounds.

Marshall explained, "I tell my students that every word we say is a sound. Once we learn letter names and letter sounds, learning to speak English comes a little easier. Then we work on dialogues, vocabulary, structure focus, reading, writing and understanding English." After the students complete the course, many go on and take the GED test. The students have homework

every night that involves reading a story and answering questions to test their comprehension.

Why did Marshall get interested in teaching English as a second language? "I was there myself. I married at a very, very young age and had three children. When my oldest was 16, I went and got my GED and I used the Laubach program to teach my little brothers and sisters in 1986. I see this as my formal education. I am always

studying." Three years later, Marshall had mastered the English language and began helping others.

Marshall adds she is currently teaching eight students Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6-9 p.m. at the church with four of the students driving in from Ackerly. Only two of them, including Bravo, knew any English when they began taking the course. She is also teaching a girl how to speak Spanish at her home.



HERALD photo/Kellie Jones

Yolanda Bravo, left, is a student in Evelyn Marshall's, right, English as a Second Language course being taught at Hillcrest Baptist Church. Bravo recently became a U.S. citizen.

answers, the ones that asked who our vice president and two U.S. Senators from Texas were. The answers: Al Gore, Kay Bailey Hutchison and Phil Gramm.

Bravo said, "I came here to join my family and was a legalized alien. I wanted to be an American. The three reasons why I wanted to get my citizenship are all my family lives here, it's the land of opportunity and a good place to live."

"Two of four brothers are citizens and the rest of my family wants to become citizens. I plan on voting in the election. I'm trying to learn English."

Some of the other questions asked on the test quiz the person on how many stars and stripes are on the flag and what they represent, how many amendments are there in the U.S. Constitution, who was Martin Luther King Jr., what does the Fourth of July represent and how many amendments make up the Bill of Rights.

During each class, Marshall writes three questions from the citizenship test on the blackboard for all the students to learn the answers to. She will give them the answers one night and review them at the next class.

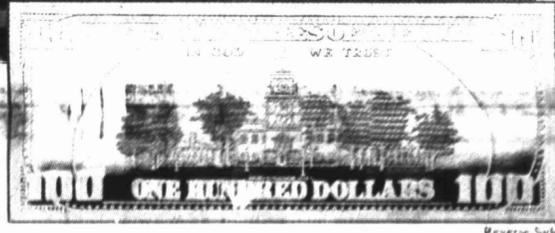
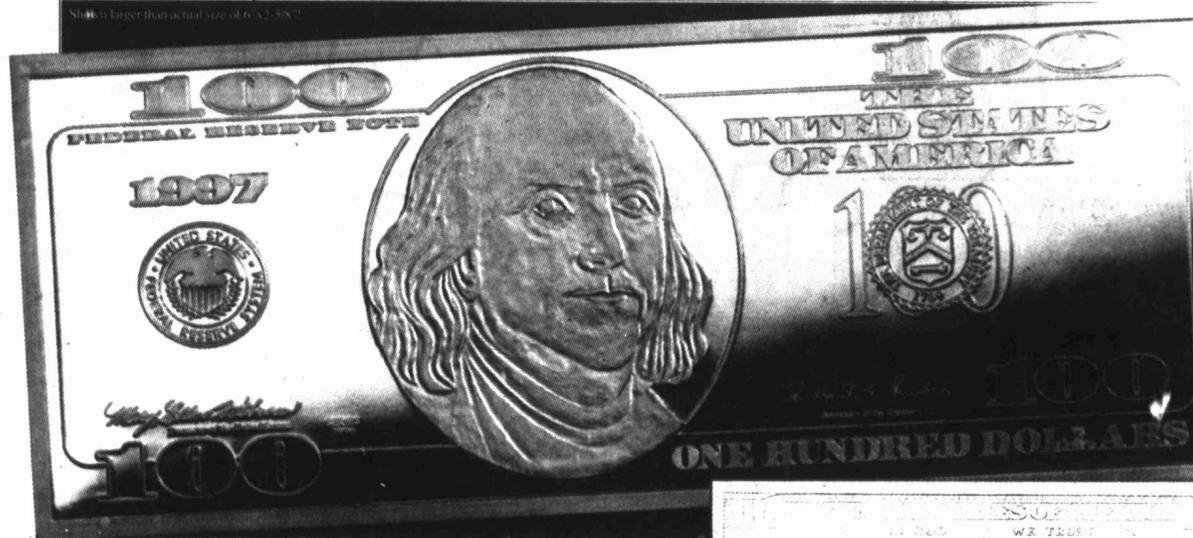
Marshall said Bravo is doing real well in grasping the English language. The instructor uses "Hooked on Phonics" and the "Laubach Way to English" as her two guides. The classes take about a year to complete because there are four books the students must complete. Marshall has been teaching ESL courses since 1989 and one of the things she said helps her students is to learn the alphabet, all the letter names

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Grady to test Wellman's Rowden, district title on line for Stanton

By CLIFF NEWELL
Sports Editor

GRADY vs WELLMAN

7:30 p.m. at Wellman
Some people call Wellman's Sean Rowden "Super Man." The Grady Wildcats will find out why when they travel to face Wellman on Friday night.

In any case, it will be a true battle between two powerhouse teams with identical 7-1 records.

Grady's goal: stop Super Man.

"He's one of the best in this area," said Grady head coach Roger Smith. "He's a super athlete and he's really strong. If we can stop him, we should be in good shape."

But can Rowden be stopped? In his most recent game, a 53-46 win over Klondike, Rowden rushed for 486 yards on 33 carries and scored seven touchdowns.

Still, opponents haven't been stopping Grady, either. The Wildcats have smoked their last six opponents by at least 40 points, with several games being called early.

"Our bunch doesn't have a super star," noted Smith. "Our overall team effort has really been nice."



C. PEUGH

Brad Cox has racked up some sparkling stats for Grady, accounting for four to six TDs per game. He gets great support from Cody Peugh, an outstanding blocker and dangerous runner, and quarterback Brady Peugh.

Friday night's contest is a toss-up. As Smith said, "It's been a real strange year."

"When you compare the scores, it's really unusual," he said. "We beat Ropes by two, and Sands forty-five them. But there's no doubt that Wellman is the favorite to win district."

But Grady may be playing better right now.

STANTON vs IRAAN

8 p.m. at Iraan
The way the Stanton Buffaloes (7-1) have been playing, it is hard to imagine them having a difficult game.

But that will happen on Friday night when they travel to take on powerful Iraan. The Braves are 7-1, ranked sixth in the AP Poll and third in the Harris Poll. Meanwhile, Stanton is 11th in the Harris Poll and just a few votes short of making the AP Top 10.

This will definitely be the district game of the year. "I think this will decide dis-



MOORE

Area Football Preview

trict," said Stanton head coach Mark Cotton. "If we win, we're the district champ. If they win, they'll have to beat McCamey next week. We've already beaten McCamey."

Iraan has a list of standouts befitting its high ranking. Split end and safety Robin Hanna has scored 17 touchdowns and is an outstanding kick returner. Then there is running back Reynoldo Mendoza and all-state center Rudy Galindo. On the defensive side Ryan Rylander is a great middle linebacker.

The Braves' numbers are phenomenal. Iraan is averaging 55 points per game and allowing but four.

Stanton counters with the brilliant twosome of split end/safety Leo McCalister and sensational sophomore quarterback Kyle Herm. Both were recently honored on the AP Schoolboy Honor Roll.

McCalister has caught 25 passes for 513 yards and eight touchdowns, leads the area in interceptions with nine, and has scored five more TDs on kickoff, punt and interception returns.

Colleges have been a little slow in catching on to the 6-2, 175-pound senior, which Cotton can't understand.

"They had better get on to him or they'll miss the boat," Stanton said. "He's an unbe-

lievable leaper and has good speed. He'll be an all-state basketball player. He can go either way in college."

Herm has sizzled, completing 52 of 99 passes for 949 yards and 17 TDs. He has rushed for 413 yards on 68 tries and has scored six TDs.

Other stalwart Buffs include receiver Tyron Davis (15 catches for 277 yards and five scores), running backs Mark Carrillo (436 yards) and Chris Carroll (404 yards) and linemen Matt Moore, Jerry Smith and Josh Carson.

KLONDIKE at SANDS

7:30 p.m. at Sands
Two perennial powerhouses who are rounding into form after slow starts will clash on Friday night.

Sands (4-4) is coming off two lopsided victories, while Klondike is starting to resemble the Cougars of old, based on their close game against powerful Wellman. Wellman didn't get the winning score until the last play of the game.

"Klondike is similar to us," said Sands head coach Billy Barnett. "They've had to replace a lot of faces. Their young kids are starting to jell."

The key to stopping Klondike will be stopping all-state receiver Clayton Roberts. He ranks in the area top 10 in receiving.

Area Honor Roll

Area players turning in outstanding performances last week included:

Leo McCalister, Stanton - intercepted his ninth pass of the season and returned a kickoff 91 yards for a touchdown in a 55-0 victory over Van Horn.

Kyle Herm, Stanton - accounted for three touchdowns, averaged 14 yards per carry in rushing.

Brad Cox, Grady - had several long distance touchdown runs, including interception returns of 70 and 65 yards, and a 50-yard run.

Josh Richter, Sands - scored three touchdowns on a 10-yard run, 1-yard run and 80-yard kickoff return in a 50-0 win over Loop.

Sands is starting to reach top form, with the rapid improvement of quarterback Jerrod Beall. What Barnett likes best is the resurgent Mustang defense, which scored a shutout against Loop.

"The whole group played well," Barnett noted. "Our secondary had its best effort of the year, with three interceptions. They did what we ask of our defense."

After a year plagued by injuries, Sands may be ready to save its season.

"We've gone through a lot, both on and off the field," Barnett said. "We hope we put things together the next two weeks."

FORSAN vs OZONA

8 p.m. at Forsan
The Forsan Buffaloes (1-7) will attempt to break their six-game losing streak, and they have a good chance of it

tonight against Ozona. Despite its recent losses, Forsan is getting fine play from newcomers like receiver Robert Hilger, quarterback Cade Park and running back Wes Osburn.

Still on the injured list for Forsan will be Eric Lipham, Ferrell Voight and Daniel Davis.

GARDEN CITY vs WATER VALLEY

7:30 p.m. at Water Valley
The Garden City Bearkats (4-4) were once stumbling along badly.

But once they discovered a running game, the Bearkats became a new team. The ground game has nicely balanced the passing of quarterback Bradley Batla as the Kats have won three straight games.

Coahoma (4-4) is off this week. The Bulldogs return to action next Friday.

UT investigation does not reveal rules violations

AUSTIN (AP) - Texas Longhorns coach John Mackovic says an internal investigation revealed that four of his players met with an agent on Sunday, but there was no apparent violation of NCAA rules.

Mackovic said the four players - receiver Mike Adams, cornerback Bryant Westbrook and safeties Tre Thomas and Chris Carter - will be held out of the starting lineup Saturday against Baylor after it was confirmed that they met with an agent at a luxury hotel in Austin.

The players are not suspended, however, and could well see playing time in the Baylor game, Mackovic said.

"We have been investigating, and we think we have most of the information," Mackovic said late Wednesday.

"We have reported it to the NCAA. At this point, we don't feel that it's a violation of NCAA regulations, and based upon that, we don't think it's appropriate to suspend the players."

Said Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds: "We have sought an interpretation from the NCAA and expect their response in the next 24 hours."

David Berst, head of the NCAA's enforcement division, said, "Student athletes are permitted to meet with agents but are not permitted to agree orally or in writing to be represented by an agent, and they may not receive any cash or material benefits from agents."

Mackovic said he was disappointed in the players' judgment, meeting with the agent just one day after a difficult 28-24 loss at Colorado in which the Longhorns (3-4, 2-2 Big 12) held the lead most of the game.

"In light of our circumstances of having just lost a really big game and the fact that we were trying to get started again on a new, fresh start, I think it was just bad judgment on their part," Mackovic said. "I told them that directly. At this point, we are going to move forward."

There was no answer at phone numbers listed for Carter and Westbrook. Thomas didn't immediately return a message left on his answering machine and Adams' number is unlisted.

Mackovic said the players met with an agent named Mike George, who was introduced to the players by former Longhorns linebacker Winfred Tubbs.



HERALD Photo/Jim Piarro

Post player Nesha Gamble, a returnee from last season, is expected to bolster the Lady Hawk inside game.

Corkery out to keep tradition with '96-97 Lady Hawks team

By CLIFF NEWELL
Sports Editor

First-year head coach Matt Corkery doesn't have to be reminded of the tradition of the Howard College Lady Hawks basketball team.

Their past glory is recorded on plaques and certificates hanging all over the walls of Corkery's office at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Corkery is even following right on the heels of a Lady Hawk team that went 28-4 and earned a conference co-championship.

But things do not figure to drop off under the young man from West Texas A&M. He has seven sophomores who are expected to go on to four-year college programs, and he has brought in some excellent recruits.

"Our goals are high," said Corkery. "We have high expectations for this team and program. This program has had a lot of success, and we want to continue that tradition."

The Lady Hawks will be uptempo under Corkery. They will play pressure defense, and on offense they will capitalize on their great quickness and speed.

"We'll be fun to watch," promised Corkery. "I want us to be a smart team, too."

There are some excellent returnees to build around.

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- Nov. 7-9 South Plains College Classic, Levelland
- Nov. 12 Ranger College, Ranger, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 15 Abilene Christian JV, Big Spring, 8 p.m.
- Nov. 16 Collin County College, Big Spring, 8 p.m.
- Nov. 18 New Mexico Junior College, Big Spring, 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 21 Midland College, Midland, 8 p.m.
- Nov. 22 Howard Payne JV, Big Spring, 8 p.m.
- Nov. 25 Odessa College, Big Spring, 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 27 Panola College, Lovelady, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 2 South Plains College, Levelland, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 5 Howard Payne JV, Brownwood, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 7 Blinn College, Big Spring, 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 3 Blinn College, Brenham, 7 p.m.
- Jan. 7 Frank Phillips College, Borger, 6 p.m.
- Jan. 11 Western Texas College, Big Spring, 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 13 New Mexico Junior College, Hobbs, 6 p.m.
- Jan. 16 Midland College, Big Spring, 6 p.m.
- Jan. 20 Odessa College, Odessa, 6 p.m.
- Jan. 23 South Plains College, Big Spring, 6 p.m.
- Jan. 27 Western Texas College, Snyder, 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 3 Frank Phillips College, Big Spring, 6 p.m.
- Feb. 6 New Mexico Junior College, Big Spring, 6 p.m.
- Feb. 10 Midland College, Midland, 6 p.m.
- Feb. 13 Odessa College, Big Spring, 6 p.m.
- Feb. 17 South Plains College, Levelland, 6 p.m.
- Feb. 20 Western Texas College, Big Spring, 6 p.m.
- Feb. 27 Frank Phillips College, Borger, 6 p.m.
- March 4-6 Regional Tournament, Cisco
- March 18-22 National Tournament, Tyler

The best could be Latonya Kindie (5-7), who made all-conference and led the team in scoring last season (11 ppg). She also led in three-pointers and was second in steals.

"Latonya brings a lot of experience and athletic ability to

us," Corkery said. Jenny Bland (5-8) is a deadly shooter from 3-point range, shooting 50 percent last season. She is a good decision maker on the floor and provides

See LADY HAWKS, Page 2B

'So what?' say Irish, as Notre Dame team arrives

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) - When the Notre Dame football team arrived in Ireland, there were no welcoming banners, no screaming crowds, no marching bands to greet the Fighting Irish.

Dubliners looked on with mild curiosity and bewilderment as the most famous college football team in America set foot for the first time in the land of its nickname.

As the players and coaches trooped wearily through the airport Wednesday after an eight-hour flight from Chicago, they were met only by the cheers of five Notre Dame

female students wearing backpacks.

"I think it's awesome that the team's here, the band's here, and we're here!" said Sara Boblick of Chicago, who like her friends flew to Dublin earlier Wednesday from Spain, where they are on a Notre Dame overseas program.

Notre Dame plays Navy on Saturday in the "Shamrock Classic" at Croke Park stadium, a game that might attract more interest from American fans than the Irish public.

"Nobody knows for sure what to expect," Notre Dame sports information director John Heisler said of the low-key reception. "Until we get there Saturday, we don't know what sort of feel it will be. But our players understand that American college football is not a household word over here."

As many as 20,000 Americans

are expected to travel to Dublin for the game in what is being billed as the single biggest tourist event in the city's history.

The first wave of fans began arriving Wednesday, many of them easy to spot in their Notre Dame caps and sweat-shirts.

One of the boosters was Chester Jaskolka, a 64-year-old retired police lieutenant from Chicago who said he has attended nearly every Notre Dame game - home and away - since 1957.

Like most of the traveling fans, Jaskolka is on a package deal that includes more than just a football game. His group will be touring Ireland and making trips to Germany and Italy.

"I figure if I'm going this far, I've got to see something," Jaskolka said during his con-

necting flight from London to Dublin.

For many of the Notre Dame players, the trip represents their first journey overseas. And, just like any trans-Atlantic traveler, they experienced the rigors that go along with it.

Chris Clevenger, a 6-foot-8, 300-pound offensive tackle, could barely fit in his seat and spent much of the flight standing up.

To counter jet lag, coach Lou Holtz opted to keep the players up all day rather than let them go to sleep.

Plans for a brief visit to Croke Park were called off after the bus ride from the airport to the hotel took longer than expected due to Dublin's congested traffic.

But the team did hop back on buses for a one-hour ride to the

7th century monastery of Glendalough in the Wicklow hills south of Dublin. As darkness fell, the players wandered among the headstones and ruins taking photographs.

"It's not something you see in South Bend every day, that's for sure," Heisler said.

But Holtz has made clear the trip is not a vacation, especially since the team is 4-2 and coming off a stunning overtime loss to Air Force on Oct. 19. Navy, which beat Air Force, is 5-1.

Notre Dame was scheduled to practice Thursday at the Royal Dublin Society Grounds - on a field normally used for show jumping.

Navy was scheduled to arrive Thursday and practice at Croke Park, a 45,000-seat stadium that is the home of Gaelic football and hurling.

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Belle ranked top player in Elias survey

NEW YORK (AP) — Albert Belle, who filed for free agency earlier this week, is the top-rated player in baseball for the first time, according to the annual rankings released by the Elias Sports Bureau.

And for the first time ever, teammates were 1-2-3 among starting pitchers in one league, with John Smoltz, Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine of the Braves outdistancing the rest of the National League.

Belle, the temperamental free-agent outfielder, had a 98.378 score out of a possible 100 in the rankings released Wednesday, just ahead of Chicago White Sox first baseman Frank Thomas (98.261) and Baltimore second baseman Roberto Alomar (96.703).

Thomas and Houston's Jeff Bagwell tied for first last year, when they became only the third and fourth players to record 100s. Bagwell dropped to 95.833 this year.

Rankings are based on statistics over two seasons and include figures such as plate appearances, batting average, on-base percentage, home runs and RBIs. The rankings, created in the 1981 strike settlement, are used to divide free agents into groups that determine draft-pick compensation for a player's former club if he signs with a new team.

Belle was third in last year's rankings. In 1994, he trailed San Francisco's Barry Bonds.

Thomas led AL first basemen for the fourth straight season, and Alomar led at second base for the fourth time in five years, taking over from Minnesota's Chuck Knoblauch.

Baltimore's Cal Ripken led AL shortstops for the first time since 1992, and the eighth time overall, replacing Boston's John Valentin. Chicago's Robin Ventura took over from New York's Wade Boggs and led AL third basemen for the third time, the first since 1993.

Belle was among the top three AL outfielders for the fourth straight year, and California's Tim Lincecum also repeated. Cleveland's Manny Ramirez replaced New York's Paul O'Neill in the third slot.

Lady Hawks

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leadership, which is not surprising from an Academic All-American candidate with a 3.55 GPA.

Inside, the Lady Hawks will be lifted by 6-2 Keelah Wilson. She led the team in blocked shots last season (averaged 3 points, 3 rebounds) and has the skills to become an excellent all-around post player.

Nesha Gamble (6-1, 3 points, 2 rebounds) shot 45 percent from the floor in '95-96 and was second in blocked shots. She has excellent defensive skills, is a solid rebounder and, with her speed, excels at the transition game.

Niki Sherlock (6-0, 3 points, 2 rebounds) bolsters the HC inside game. Corkery expects her to be a force around the basket. With a 3.92 grade average, Sherlock is another Academic All-America candidate.

Two sophomore transfers are Keena McGruder and Paige Mitchell.

McGruder is a familiar face since she played on Howard's national tournament team of 1995, earning All-Region 5 honors. The 5-9 McGruder brings her well-rounded offensive and

defensive game back to the Lady Hawks.

Mitchell (5-8) shot 45 percent from 3-point range as a freshman at Campbellsville College in Kentucky.

"She's a great 3-point shooter," praised Corkery. "She's a threat anytime she's left open."

Corkery's California connections worked well in bringing in his new players.

Carm Petretera (5-8) is a point guard who excels at finding open players on high speed breaks up the floor. Can she shoot? Petretera is the all-time leading scorer for Bishop Ludden High School in Syracuse, N.Y.

Shawnte Johnson (5-11) is coming from Edison High in Fresno, CA, where was first team all-league and team MVP. She's a great athlete who can play outside or inside.

Jeanine Horton (5-8), from Riverside, CA, can apply excellent pressure defense. She also had fine offensive skills in earning all-state honors at J.W. North High.

From Pasadena, CA comes Ellen Rice, a 6-1 post player who earned All-CIF honors.

"She has a lot of skills to become a big contributor for

us," Corkery said. "She'll gain the experience she needs playing with our sophomore posts, Nesha and Niki."

The only Texas recruit is 6-0 post player Latrisha Spencer. She gives the team added rebounding help, and she is improving as an offensive player every day.

"So far I've been very pleased," said Corkery. "Everything has been new for both our veterans and newcomers, so everyone is on the same page. They're learning our system and making lots of improvement."

The competition, as always, is excellent. Midland has a powerful front line, fine size and loads of experience. South Plains is an outstanding club. But the Lady Hawks can play outside or inside.

Corkery may be a first-year head coach in his first year at Howard College. But his goals are high for 1996-97.

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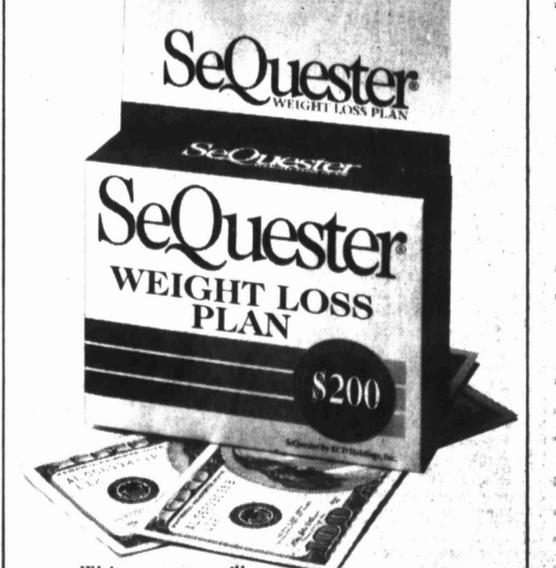
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READ ALL ABOUT IT

This column is based on a AP story that was for use on Oct. 7. Test your reading comprehension by reading the story and then answering the questions that follow.

Ant Farm Still Crawling At 40

CINCINNATI (AP) — What's 40 years old, full of ants and mailed only on Mondays? Uncle Milton's Ant Farm.

Milton Levine invented the classic item in 1956 after watching an anthill and thinking what a great toy they'd make.

"Usually if a novelty item lasts two seasons, it's great," says Levine, 83, of Westlake Village, Calif. "Who knew that 40 years later it would still be alive and growing?"

About 20 million farms and more than a billion ants in little vials have been shipped from Uncle Milton Industries. The ants are mailed only on Mondays, so they won't have to spend a weekend in a post office.

The first Ant Farms sold for \$2.98. Now farms go for \$11.20.

It takes a special ant to make it into an ant farm. Ant pickers go to California's Mojave Desert for the Pogonomyrmex californicus — or harvester ant — because it digs in daylight.

Most ants survive three to four months in the Ant Farm, although some people claim to have kept them around for years.

"We have teachers that write us that have had (ants) for two years," Milton said. "Well, maybe they have. Teachers are pretty smart. Maybe ants do live a couple years. But I doubt it."

Use the facts from the story to complete each of the following statements below:

- Milton Levine...
 - was born in 1956.
 - invented the Ant Farm.
 - makes lots of great toys.
 - Uncle Milton Industries...
 - has been selling ants for 40 years.
 - owns a billion farms.
 - announced that it's going out of business.
 - Levine got the idea for the unusual item while...
 - working in a toy factory.
 - observing an anthill.
 - digging in the desert.
 - The 83-year-old Californian expected that his novelty (new and different) toy would be...
 - sold in stores for four years.
 - bought mainly by postal workers.
 - popular for two seasons.
 - Over the past 40 years...
 - about 20 million ant farms have been purchased.
 - Uncle Milton Industries needed over a billion ants.
 - both a) and b) are correct.
 - According to the article, the price of Ant Farms has...
 - stayed about the same.
 - more than tripled.
 - gone up almost \$11.00.
 - Harvester ants are used in ant farms because the insects...
 - are active during the day.
 - like to crawl into vials (little bottles).
 - are easier to see than other types of ants.
 - The scientific name for the harvester ant is...
 - Pogonomyrmex californicus.
 - daylight digger.
 - special picker.
 - In order for the tiny insects to be placed in farms as quickly as possible, they...
 - need to spend the weekend in a post office.
 - must live in Uncle Milton's house for a while.
 - are shipped on Mondays.
 - One reason that teachers buy the little farms may be that...
 - they help pupils learn about the Mojave Desert.
 - students enjoy watching the ants at work.
 - most ants live for only three to four months.
- Answer key:
1)b; 2)a; 3)b; 4)c; 5)c; 6)b; 7)a; 8)a; 9)c; 10)b.

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By BETTY DEBNAM

The Electoral Vote

On Nov. 5, we will vote for the president and vice president of the United States.

The presidential and vice presidential candidates from each party run as a team. They are on the same "ticket."

The Constitution sets down rules for electing a president. Each state is allotted a certain number of votes. These votes are called electoral votes. Today, the total number of electoral votes for the whole country is 538.

The winning ticket in each state wins all of that state's electoral votes. This is called "winner takes all."

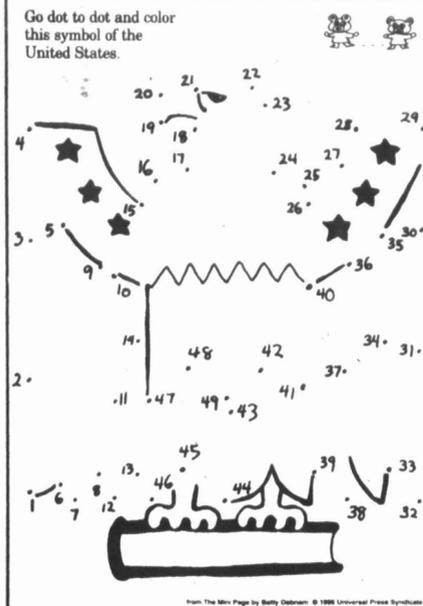
Write the number of votes for each state on the map. Save the map. After the election, color the states blue that voted for the Democratic ticket. Color the Republican states red. If a third party wins in a state, leave it white.

Electoral votes for each state

Alabama	9	Louisiana	9	Oklahoma	8
Alaska	3	Maine	4	Oregon	7
Arizona	8	Maryland	10	Pennsylvania	23
Arkansas	6	Massachusetts	12	Rhode Island	4
California	54	Michigan	18	South Carolina	8
Colorado	8	Minnesota	10	South Dakota	3
Connecticut	8	Mississippi	7	Tennessee	11
Delaware	3	Missouri	11	Texas	32
District of Columbia	3	Montana	3	Utah	5
Florida	25	Nebraska	5	Vermont	3
Georgia	13	Nevada	4	Virginia	13
Hawaii	4	New Hampshire	4	Washington	11
Idaho	4	New Jersey	15	West Virginia	5
Illinois	22	New Mexico	5	Wisconsin	11
Indiana	12	New York	33	Wyoming	3
Iowa	7	North Carolina	14		
Kansas	6	North Dakota	3		
Kentucky	8	Ohio	21	TOTAL	538



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Words that remind us of the Electoral College are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find: ELECTORAL, COLLEGE, DEMOCRATIC, REPUBLICAN, PARTY, CANDIDATES, TICKET, DEMOCRAT, DUTY, TIE, CONSTITUTION, ELECTION, ELECTING, WIN, GROUP.

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- word MINI
- lima bean
- paintbrush
- toothbrush
- high-heeled shoe
- letter H

How We Elect Our Presidents

Before you read... think about and discuss: What do you know about how our president is elected? Then read on.

The Electoral College

When we talk about this election process, we say that our president and vice president are elected by the Electoral College.

There is not a college with a campus and students. Another meaning for "college" is a group that meets and has special duties.

The Electoral College has the duty to elect the president of the United States. But its vote is based on how the people in each state voted.

Electoral votes

We elect our president and vice president by what we call electoral votes.

There are a total of 538 electoral votes. This number is based on the total number of members of Congress:

- Senators 100
- Representatives 435
- From District of Columbia ... 3
- Total electors 538

Each state is allotted the number of electoral votes equal to the number of members that it has in the U.S. Congress.

For instance: South Dakota has two senators and one representative, so it will have a total of three electoral votes.

The political party in each state nominates a set of electors equal to that state's number of members of Congress.

If a state has three people in Congress, it would have:

- three Republican electors, who would be expected to vote for the Republican ticket.
- three Democratic electors, who would be expected to vote for the Democratic ticket.

Independent parties would nominate a set of electors, too.

We will all know who the winner is on the night of Nov. 5 by counting the electoral votes. However, there are other steps that make it official.

In December, the winning electors, or special voters from each state, meet in their state capitals and cast their votes.

They are expected to vote for the ticket that won the popular vote in their state. (However, in a very few cases, unfaithful electors haven't cast their vote for the winners, but this is unusual.)

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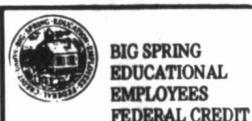
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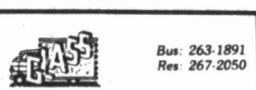
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ESTATE/GARAGE SALE: 2201 Johnson. GMC Pickup, tools, fishing equipment, hospital bed, miscellaneous. Saturday, November 2: 9:00am-5:00pm. No early sales.
ESTATE SALE: Friday & Saturday Action Auction Barn, N. Lamesa HWY. 267-1551. Bedroom furniture, recliner, table & chairs, china cabinet, cook stove, chest & dresser, shelves, old trunks, quilts, new material, sewing notions, jewelry, lots of misc. & collectibles, extra large amount of christmas items & lights.
ESTATE SALE: Saturday Only 101 Ramsey, COAHOMA
GARAGE SALE: 2807 Coronado, Friday 7-12. TV's, fishing items, tires, clothes, vacuum, tools, and many items. 25 items.
GARAGE SALE: First Presbyterian Youth Garage Sale this Saturday, November 2, 8:00am-2:00pm. 701 Funnels. Furniture, tools, toys, clothes, & more.
GARAGE SALE: Becker Rd. (Sandsprings). Take Salem Road exit, turn back right on South Service Rd. Saturday 8:00am-4:00pm & Sunday 10:00am-4:00pm. New Christmas stuff, clothes, furniture, children clothes, & jackets.
GARAGE SALE: 2600 Rebecca, Saturday 8:00 - 3:00. Books, toys, adult clothes, exercise like, miscellaneous.
GARAGE SALE: 1505 Chickasaw. Friday & Saturday, 9:00am-5:00pm. Furniture, dishes, & what nots.
GARAGE SALE: Take Andrews Hwy. First Rd. Right- Old Mill Rd. FOLLOW SIGNS! Furniture, appliances, tires, nice clothing, RV antenna, CD player, fluorescent lighting. To much to list. Friday 1st & Saturday 2nd. 264-0058.
GARAGE SALE: 705 Highland. 8:00am-11:00am. Saturday, Nov. 2nd.
GARAGE SALE: 1701 Lancaster. Saturday Nov. 2nd. 8:00am. Furniture, clothes, kitchen stuff, washer/dryer.
GARAGE SALE: 3232 Cornell. Saturday Only. 8:00am-2:00pm. Baby items, womens clothes, toys, furniture, home decor. items.
HUGE YARD SALE: 409 Aylestord. 9:00am-7:00pm. 1959 Chevy pickup, 2 wheel shored trailer, small kitchen cabinet, love seat, tools, paint plumbing fittings and lots more.
INSIDE SALE: Its warm! Couch, Southwest reel, old wood windows, TV, twin bed, lots of misc. 2210 Main. Friday & Saturday.
MULTI-FAMILY. 207 E. 3rd. (across from Settles). Saturday Nov. 2nd. Clothes, linens, kitchen items, toys, lace fabric, & face painting.
PATIO SALE: 2604 Larry, Saturday only 8-4. B/bed, H/chair, lights, linens, misc.
SATURDAY NOV. 2ND. 2601 Carleton. 8:00am-2:00pm. Boys clothes, 0-4T, women, Jr, household goods, toys, furniture, wedding dress, priced to sell.
THREE FAMILY GARAGE SALE: 3701 Dixon. Saturday, November 2, 8-12.
TWO FAMILY SALE: 710 Craigmont. Air conditioner, waterbed, childrens furniture, toys, bedding, clothes & lots misc. Saturday, Nov. 2: 8:00am-2:00pm.

Miscellaneous 395

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FOR SALE: 1989 E-Z-GO golf cart. Good condition. Call 267-3424.
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Acreage for Sale 504
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FOR SALE: 900 Acres pasture on North Midway Road. Good water 1 1/2 mile of paved frontage. Call 267-3547 or 263-7201.
Buildings for Sale 506
12x20 Shop/storage. Heavy duty floors. 563-1807.
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Commercial Real Estate 511
FOR LEASE, 2 fenced 1 acre yards with small building. Call 263-5000. Westex Auto Parts, Inc.
LARGE OFFICE space with attached garage, located at the corner of 4th and Benton. Former AMT building. Call 263-6021.
LARGE SHOP with separate office building on five acres located 2 miles north on Highway 350. Call 263-6021.
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Houses for Sale 513
3 BEDROOM, 1 bath, central air and heat, large fenced yard, \$29,000. Call 267-7347.
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OCT. 31

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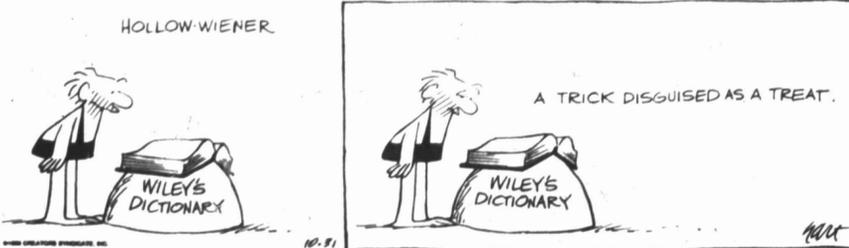
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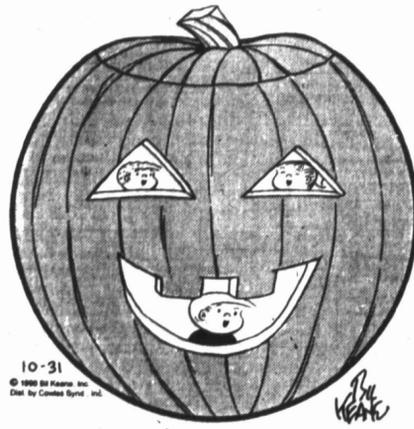
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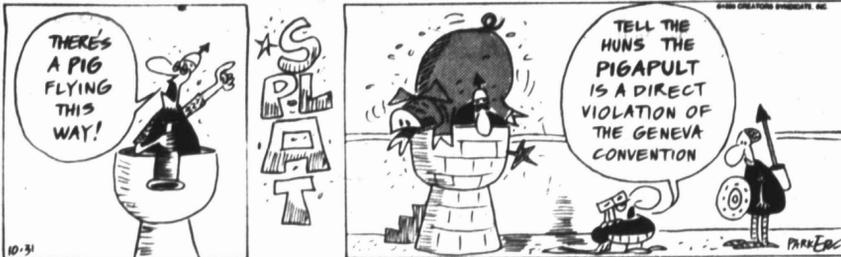
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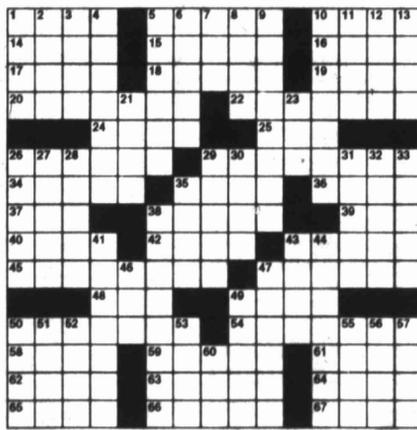
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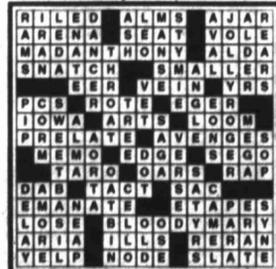
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18 Stratum
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24 Redding or Birdsong
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61 Forearm bone
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by Roger Jurgovan 10/31/96

Wednesday's Puzzle solved:



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1 Woody's boy
2 Lanai blast
3 Adj.
4 Sallies forth
5 Shepherd dog
6 Certain examinations
7 Merry month
8 Pub suds
9 Love song
10 Abandon
11 Cookie
12 Son of Isaac
13 Shopping place
21 Cigar end
23 Preceded
26 Depends
27 Accustom to hardship
28 Uproariously funny one
29 Sycophant
30 Demolish
31 Conspiratorial group
32 Wed secretly
33 Murders
35 Pluck
38 Illusions
41 Beginnings
43 Tender
44 Attract a larger audience
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55 Polpourri
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