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Bush to explain tax cut proposal in Midland forum Friday

HERALD Staff Report

MIDLAND — Gov. George W. Bush will discuss his proposal for cutting property taxes during a public forum slated for 3:45 p.m. Friday in the East Bay of the Midland Center.

Bush is expected to explain details of his plan which he unveiled during his second State of the State address to the Legislature Tuesday.

In that address, the governor said he

foresees a looming crisis with local school taxes now totaling about \$10 billion annually.

"Property taxes are too high. They are among the highest in the nation," Bush said, adding that failure on the Legislature's part would hurt the elderly, squeeze the middle class, increase rents and put Texas at a competitive disadvantage to attract and keep jobs.

Among the features of the governor's plan are:

- Increasing the homestead exemp-

tion for school property taxes from \$5,000 to \$25,000.

- Cutting the school property tax rate in each of the state's 1,044 school districts by 20 cents.

- Raise the state's 6 1/2 percent sales and motor vehicle sales taxes by one-half cent.

- Replace the state's current corporate franchise tax and property tax on business inventory with a 1 1/2 percent tax on total business sales of more than \$500,000, minus the cost of goods and

capital investment.

- Provide a \$1 billion tax cut funded by the current state budget surplus.

Last school year, the state share of school funding reached \$8.1 billion, while local property taxes kicked in \$9.1 billion, according to a study by the Texas Association of School Boards.

That meant the state's share of education was 47.1 percent, bigger than the previous year's 45.5 percent.

However, if the governor's plan is approved, the state share would

increase to about 55 percent when it is fully implemented in the 1998-99 school year.

Friday's forum is being sponsored by the Midland Chamber of Commerce, and the public is invited to attend.

The Midland Center is located at 105 N. Main in downtown Midland.

Anyone needing additional information may call Angela Latham, Carol McCain or Marvin Wynn at the Midland chamber's offices at 915-683-3361.

Council slating election

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Tuesday, the Big Spring City Council formally called for an election on May 3 to elect three council positions.

Council seats currently held by Pat DeAnda (District 2), Tom Guess (District 4) and John Paul Anderson (District 6) are up for election.

According to City Secretary Tom Ferguson, anyone wanting to run for a council seat must file their candidacy between Feb. 17 and March 19 in his office at City Hall.

DeAnda has twice served on the council. She is completing her first term as the District 2 representative, having previously held the District 1 seat for two terms. Guess and Anderson are each completing their first terms.

None of the current members have indicated whether or not they will seek re-election.

Any candidate for a council seat must designate his or her address on their application to run. That address must be within the city limit of Big Spring.

Candidates for each council seat may reside anywhere within the city limit of Big Spring, and must have been a resident citizen of Big Spring for at least one year immediately preceding the date of the election.

Early voting for the May 3 primary will begin at 8 a.m. April 14 and will continue through April 29 at City Hall, with hours for casting ballots being from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Despite the fact that candidates seeking a council seat are not required to live in the district they represent, voters in council elections may only vote in the race for the district in which they live.

The only time voters may vote outside of their district is when the office of mayor is on the ballot.

For the District 2 seat, only voters in precincts 108, 109, 110, 112, 306 and 402 which are within the city limit, may vote.

In the District 4 race, only voters in precincts 302, 304 and 410 within the city limit, are eligible.

For District 6, only voters residing in precincts 111, 202, 401 and 403 within the city limit, may vote.

The official polling place for the May 3 election will be Big Spring High School, which is the city's central voting location.

Vaccine drop targeting gray fox

Rabies control effort takes off for 52 counties

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

FORT STOCKTON — Just like clockwork, the bright yellow Twin Otters of the Ontario, Canada, Ministry of Natural Resources left and returned to the Fort Stockton-Pecos County Airport at 90-minute intervals on Wednesday.

The trio of planes began dropping 1.1 million of the approximately 1-inch square pellets last Friday over a 20-mile wide swath that angled northeast from the Rio Grande in Presidio County through Pecos, Crane, Midland and Martin counties until swinging to the east over Borden, Scurry, Howard and Mitchell counties.

The vaccines are contained in a square pellet made of dog food and scented with vanilla and are dropped in a regular pattern so as to cover the areas frequented by the gray fox.

"The gray fox has a sweet tooth and this bait really attracts them," Moore said. "By dropping them the way we do (70 per square mile), it's hard for them to miss them."

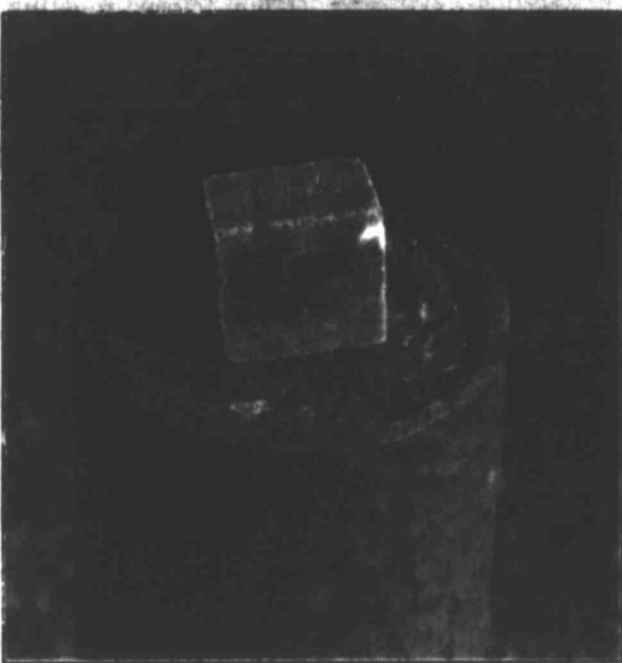
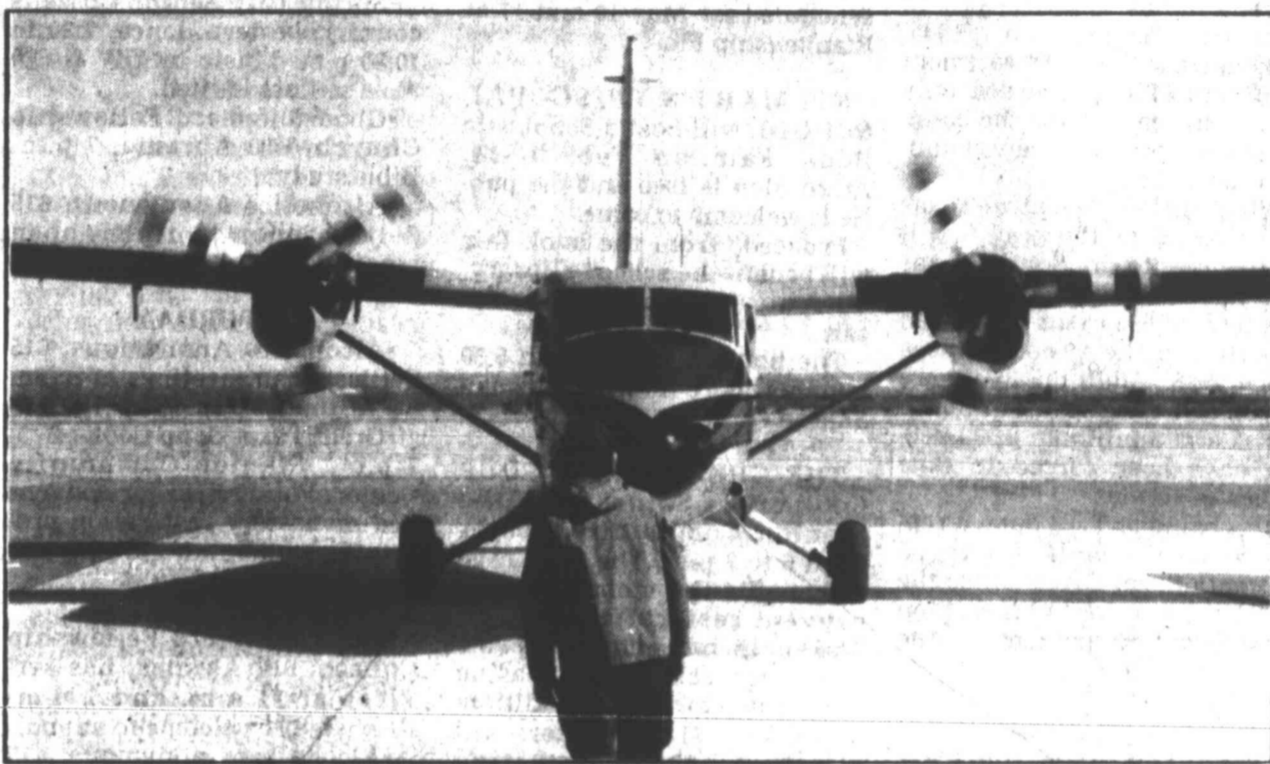
Moore said last year's drought helped curb the gray fox rabies epizootic.

"It helped in that it helped weed out the weak animals and control the rabies," he explained.

The West Texas epizootic (an epidemic in animals) began in Val Verde (Del Rio) County in 1988 and has now spread to 48 counties in West and Central Texas.

"What we're doing is drawing in the area where animals are still affected," Moore said. "It will probably take up five or

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HERALD photo/John H. Walker
One of three DeHavilland Twin Otter aircraft (top photo) used to drop gray fox rabies bait over West Texas returns to the Fort Stockton-Pecos County Airport Wednesday. Shown on top of a two-inch pipe (above), the bait is made of sugar-coated dog food. The vaccine is held in place with vanilla-scented wax. Volunteers exit one of the Twin Otters (right). More than 150 volunteers have joined state officials in helping administer the program.



Officials say vaccinating pets, livestock remains important

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

FORT STOCKTON — Just because rabies vaccines have been dropped over portions of Howard County for two years now is no reason to relax in the protection of animals against rabies.

"We haven't completely covered Howard County, so you could still have a case or two of

gray fox rabies," explained Guy Moore, West-Central Texas Project Director for the Texas Department of Health (TDH).

"It's still important for folks to get their animals and pets vaccinated to protect them," Moore added.

Moore said the vaccine pellets manufactured by Rhone-Merieux of Atlanta, Ga., are made of dog food and is sugar-coated. The vaccine is held in place by vanilla-flavored wax.

"The gray fox has a sweet tooth, so this bait really attracts them," Moore said.

"The bait is not harmful to humans and it doesn't attract other animals, either," he added.

Moore said one thing to remember as the rabies battle continues is that the gray fox becomes very aggressive once it is infected with the disease.

"It will bite or try to fight just about anything once it has

been infected," Moore said. "At that stage, the animal is very aggressive and very dangerous."

Forty cases of gray fox rabies were officially recorded in Howard County by the TDH in 1995, although local officials recorded what they believed to be 53 cases of rabies.

There have been no reported cases of rabies in Howard County since August 1995.

Fair board gearing up for events

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

It's only January, but the Howard County Fair Association Board of Directors is already gearing up for the 25th Howard County Fair set for September.

Four members of the board recently attended the annual convention of the Texas Association of Fairs and Expositions in Houston, and were among more than 900 people participating in workshops and a trade show.

Geraldine Posey, Tommy Corwin, Laverne Gaskins and Tammy Watt participated in the three day event and hopes it will help when the Howard County Fair opens.

"We brought back a lot of new ideas and saw many new and exciting things we hope to incorporate into the Howard County Fair this year," Watt said. "We are excited to be celebrating our 25th year in Howard County and look forward to a great fair."

At the board's recent meeting, directors set the dates for the fair for Monday, Sept. 1 (Labor Day) through Saturday, Sept. 6.

The fair board also decided that in order to kick-off the 25th Howard County Fair, the first day of the fair will begin at 4 p.m. with a big celebration.

"We are excited about the 25th

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Robbery trial getting started

HERALD Staff Report

Opening arguments were heard this morning in the aggravated robbery trial of Ronney Dale Windsor, a Blackwell resident.

The trial is being conducted in Judge Robert H. Moore III's 118th District Courtroom at the Howard County Courthouse.

Windsor is accused of robbing a 55-year-old Wal-Mart employee at knife-point as she was leaving work on Dec. 14, 1994.

Reports show Windsor allegedly approached the woman in the store's parking lot and demanded the woman's purse while brandishing a knife.

Aggravated robbery is a first degree felony punishable by five to 99 years or life in prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson is prosecuting the case and Windsor is represented by local attorney Don Richard.

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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today: Partly cloudy. High in the lower 60s. Tonight, fair with a low around 30.
Friday: Mostly sunny. High in the mid 70s. Low in the upper 30s.
Extended outlook: Saturday through Sunday, fair with highs in the 70s. Lows in the upper 30s to lower 40s. Monday, continued fair with a high in the upper 60s. Nighttime low expected to be in the mid 30s.

Specifications approved for police radio consoles

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council recently approved specifications for the Big Spring Police Department (BSPD) to purchase two radio consoles with money received from a block grant.

The purpose of the new consoles is to provide more efficient dispatching.

Police Chief Jerry Edwards said the current console can be moved to the rear site of the dispatching work area and utilized in a dual role, one of a work station and training station.

In a report to the council on the issue, Edwards said the BSPD is currently using one console and two desk style radios for emergency communications, which works for the department but not to the level and efficiency the department would like to achieve.

The proposed cost of the consoles is around \$15,000.

Specifications approved by the council are intended to describe a multi frequency radio console that would allow consolidation of a radio and pager system.

The new consoles will meet or exceed the technical specifications of the BSPD's current Zetron 4010 system, and will include the following features: a minimum of eight separate channels expandable to 12 with the ability to mute any or all transmissions; individual volume control on each channel; operational on 120 AC (alternating current/electricity) or able to convert to 12 volt DC (battery); cross channel audio muting; telephone/headset inter-

face; and encrypted radio communications compatible with the existing system.

The new system will also include paging capability installed in the console to page on the different frequencies; have a LCD (liquid crystal display) screen to show the status of the system; send signals to outside mobile units to call in when back in service; operate in parallel with the existing radio console system, on a different frequency, without causing any interference on either channel.

Access for sale: GOP used White House too, but Clinton breaks new ground

The Associated Press

Bush proposes three new, high-security prisons

AUSTIN — Texas prisoners are more violent and more difficult to control these days, leading Gov. George W. Bush to recommend building three new, high-security prisons.

Bush on Wednesday recommended the new prisons, each housing 990 inmates, as part of his \$84.7 billion proposal for the 1998-99 biennium.

The money would come from what's left of \$250 million in bonds, which state lawmakers authorized for high-security prison construction in 1995.

Glen Castlebury, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, said only one maximum-prison has been built using that bond money.

Castlebury said each of the new prisons would cost about \$24.4 million to build. There is about \$218 million left over from the \$250 million in bonds.

Routier denies killing sons, sobe after prosecution grilling

KERVILLE — At the end of the day, a dejected Darlie Routier buried her head in her hands and wept.

The 27-year-old Rowlett homemaker had taken the witness stand Wednesday in her capital murder trial and firmly declared she did not stab her two young sons to death.

"I loved those children more than my life," she said. "They were the most important thing to me."

But then Routier underwent a grueling cross-examination as a prosecutor asked how she could have slept through such a brutal attack and why she wrote letters from jail trying to blame others for the knife assault.

After her testimony, the defense rested its case and attorney Doug Mulder acknowledged outside the courtroom Routier had endured some damage on the witness stand.

House takes second try at youth helmet bill

AUSTIN — Proposed state laws would require young bike riders to wear helmets, with legislators following the lead of major Texas cities.

Rep. Bill Carter, R-Fort Worth, and Sen. Judy Zaffirini, D-Laredo, introduced the bills which include criminal penalties for parents whose children ride bikes without helmets.

"The purpose of this bill is to protect the children," said Carter Wednesday. "We feel like the most vulnerable part of society and the largest number of people that would be affected would be the children riding bicycles."

The bills would require children younger than 18 years old to wear a bicycle helmet on public roads.

Parents of children bike riding without helmets face a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$25. They could avoid the fine by proving their children didn't previously own a helmet, but have gotten out since being cited.

Garage bands battle at Hard Rock Cafe for scholarship

DENTON — When Roger Blevins jumps on stage to perform under the Hard Rock Cafe's 20-foot stained-glass portrait of Elvis, more will be at stake than good exposure for his little-known garage band Mingo Fishtrap.

Blevins' band will be competing against 10 others for a \$6,000 scholarship to the University of North Texas, one of the nation's top music schools. North Texas' music department has received four Grammy nominations, including the first awarded to a student band in 1975.

"We're ready to play our hearts out," said Blevins, who takes courses at the school when he can afford it.

"This is great. We get exposure for the band and a shot at some cash for school. Now all we have to do is win."

Sales manager Sue Fry said Dallas' Hard Rock Cafe created the idea of holding the competition and is putting up the cash for the scholarship.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Newt Gingrich began the October 1989 letter by thanking Art Williams for his "very generous contribution to GOPAC." Then came an invitation to a Washington meeting the following month and this plum:

"The highlight is, of course, the reception with President Bush at the White House." Not to mention briefings with Cabinet members and other senior administration officials.

The White House and the perks that come with it were an irresistible instrument of political fund-raising long before Bill Clinton came to Washington.

President Reagan, for example, greeted big Republican donors at the White House and once attended a Roosevelt Room reception for major contributors to a group providing military aid to Nicaragua's Contra rebels — despite a congressional ban on such aid.

In the Bush years, being a member of the GOP's Team 100 — an exclusive club of \$100,000 contributors — meant an annual White House reception and, in most cases, invitations to state dinners. Maybe even a ride on Air Force One with Bush and baseball greats Ted Williams and Joe DiMaggio.

So as Republicans accuse Clinton of selling access to the White House — and administration policy makers — Clinton is crying foul, on grounds that prior Republican administra-

tions did much the same. "They raise more foreign money," Clinton said of Republicans in a speech last week. "They raise more money in big contributions and we take all the heat."

Republicans do have a perennial advantage in fund raising, including collections of the large, unregulated "soft money" donations at the core of Justice Department and congressional investigations.

In the 1995-96 cycle, national Republican committees raised \$141 million in soft money, compared with \$122 million for Democratic committees.

Like Democrats, Republicans have marketed access.

Early last year, for example, the Republican National Committee promised meetings with Gingrich, who had become House speaker, along with other GOP congressional leaders and the party's presidential nominee for a \$250,000 contribution. In 1991, a National Republican Senatorial Committee fund-raising letter purported to be from the "Office of White House Liaison" but listed the committee's Capitol Hill address.

Still, Republicans involved in prior administrations argue that Clinton has crossed the line when it comes to using the White House itself as an instrument of Democratic National Committee fund raising.

"We would have major donors to the White House to meet with

the president, but it was long after the checks were in the bank," said Bush White House political aide David Carney. "These guys were blatantly bringing people in as a way of getting them to give money."

Clinton and DNC officials vehemently deny fund-raising solicitations were made at the White House; federal law prohibits fund-raising in official government buildings.

But critics note that Democratic fund-raisers were on hand for the 70 political receptions held by Clinton over a 19-month period, and they point to records showing many participants made contributions on the same day as the reception, or within days after.

While highly critical of past GOP practices, campaign watchdog groups echo Republicans in asserting that Clinton has broken new ground.

"There has been for some time a pattern of using the White House for political fund raising," said Don Simon, general counsel of Common Cause. "But I think the Clinton administration has taken the game to a new level both in the amount of money that is being raised and in the aggressive use of the president and the White House as a key part of the fund raising. The image that is created is one of the White House being for sale."

Clinton is hardly the only president to face this allegation.

Senate Watergate hearings were replete with evidence that President Nixon's operatives solicited contributions of \$100,000 or more from wealthy Americans, most of them corporate officials who did business with the federal government.

Post-Watergate reforms banned such giant contributions to federal candidates, but by the 1980s both parties were taking advantage of a loophole that allowed unlimited contributions to party organizations.

Like major Democratic donors during the Clinton administration, many big GOP contributors were named by Reagan and Bush to administration advisory boards, and given coveted spots on trade missions.

In a 1992 study, Common Cause alleged Bush was doling out government favors to big donors and detailed several cases in which administration decisions benefited Team 100 members and their companies.

"The Bush administration's actions ... raise striking parallels to the Watergate scandal," Common Cause said.

Five years later, the organization is lodging similar complaints, complaining to the Justice Department that by arranging White House meetings with Clinton and then collecting contributions on the same day, it appeared the DNC was arranging "the sale of a meeting with the president of the United States."

Moses recommends system, draws fire from teachers

AUSTIN (AP) — Teacher evaluations would be based partly on schoolwide student performance under a system recommended by a state education commissioner and blasted as unfair by educators' groups.

Commissioner Mike Moses, in outlining the appraisal system Wednesday, acknowledged the disagreement about how to link student performance to teacher evaluations, as required by state law.

"Campus performance ratings were chosen rather than student attainment in each teacher's classroom because education is about teamwork," Moses said.

He emphasized that campus ratings would play only a small part in appraisals, as one of 52 evaluation items, and said no one should be fired solely due to that factor.

"This is not a system that is designed to be hurtful or punitive to teachers," Moses said.

Texas' 1,044 school districts may use the recommended Professional Development and Appraisal System or design their own to meet state requirements. The "campus" rating wouldn't be incorporated into teacher appraisal scores until the 1998-99 school year.

The Texas State Teachers Association, the state's largest

teacher group, said Moses' plan places undue emphasis on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills.

Student performance on the TAAS is a key part of statewide rankings of Texas' 6,359 campuses, along with dropout rates and student attendance.

"The test is already out of control in the public schools in Texas. It's already the be-all, end-all of education, and we're going to ratchet it up another notch," said TSTA President Richard Kouri.

Other aspects of student performance that could be looked at instead would be student portfolios or tests designed by

textbook companies, he said.

The recommended system would hurt students at low-performing schools by making it more difficult for those campuses to recruit teachers, Kouri added.

"What's worse, this proposal requires that individual teachers' performances be graded on other people's work, regardless of their own individual performances," he said.

Kouri said teachers' concerns would be made known to school boards locally. TSTA has about 90,000 members, 85 percent of whom are active classroom teachers, according to the group.

Richardson says debt to U.N. hurts America

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. debt of more than \$1 billion to the United Nations is hurting American efforts to press for reform and it damages American influence throughout the U.N. system, Ambassador-designate Bill Richardson says.

"The United States needs to get out of debt and stay out of debt," Richardson testified Wednesday before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on his nomination to be U.N. ambassador.

Richardson appears headed for easy Senate confirmation, and it was a good day for other White House nominees. The Senate voted 99-0 to confirm Andrew Cuomo as secretary of housing and urban development. Also advancing in their quest for confirmation were William M. Daley to be commerce secretary, Rodney Slater to be transportation secretary and Charlene Barshevsky to be U.S. trade representative.

Richardson, a seven-term congressman from New Mexico,

said U.S. arrearages are jeopardizing the U.S. leadership role at the United Nations. But he said he will "press relentlessly" to promote a reform process aimed at creating a leaner, more efficient world body.

The only fireworks at the hearing occurred when Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Jesse Helms, R-N.C., questioned the administration's good faith.

He expressed concern that the administration may seek an emergency appropriation of \$912 million to pay back dues,

instead of insisting that repayments be linked to reform.

"This committee is not going to be shoved around as long as I am chairman," Helms said, disrupting what had been a congenial exchange with Richardson.

But an administration official later denied that an emergency appropriation would be sought. "We want to work with Senator Helms and other members of Congress to develop a bipartisan, effective plan to encourage U.N. reform and pay off our arrearages," one official said.

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An explanation about why teenagers appear hostile, uncaring

QUESTION: Our 15-year-old son literally seethes with hostility at home—at his mother and me, at his sisters, and at the world. Believe me, we have done nothing to provoke this anger, and I don't understand what has caused it. But other parents of teens report the same problem. Why are so many adolescents angry at their parents and families? Sometimes they seem to hate the people who love them the most!



Dr. James Dobson
Guest Columnist

DR. DOBSON: At least part of

the answer to that question can be explained by the "in-between" stages of teenagers. They live in an era when they enjoy neither the privileges of adulthood nor the advantages of childhood. Consider the plight of the average 15-year-old. All of the highly advertised adult privileges and vices are forbidden to him because he is "too young." He can't drive or marry or work or leave home. And his sexual desires are denied gratification at a time when they scream for release. The only thing he is permitted to do, it seems, is stay in school and read his dreary textbooks. This is an overstatement, of course, but it is expressed from the viewpoint of the young man or woman who feels disenfranchised and insulted by society. Much of the anger of today's

youth is generated by their perception of this injustice. There is another side to this issue of adolescent volatility. I'm now convinced that the hormonal changes occurring in a developing body may be more important to feelings than we thought earlier. Just as a woman's emotions are set on edge by premenstrual tension, menopause and extreme fatigue, it is entirely possible that the adolescent experience is largely hormonal as well. How else can we explain the universality of emotional instability during these years? Having watched thousands of children sail from childhood to early adolescence, it still amazes me to witness textbook characteristics suddenly appearing on schedule as though responding to a pre-programmed computer.

QUESTION: Alright, so my kid feels disrespected and hostile. I still have to impose some limits and discipline on him, don't I?
DR. DOBSON: Yes, but it is possible to lead teenagers without insulting and antagonizing them unnecessarily. I learned this lesson when I was a junior high school teacher. It became clear to me very early that I could impose all manner of discipline and strict behavioral requirements, provided I treat each young person with genuine dignity and respect. I earned their friendship before and after school, during lunch and through classroom encounters. I was tough, especially when challenged, but never discourteous, mean or insulting. I defended the underdog and tenaciously tried to build each child's confidence

and self-respect. However, I never compromised my standards of deportment. Students entered my classroom without talking each day. They did not chew gum, behave disrespectfully, curse or stab one another with ball point pens. I was clearly the captain of the ship, and I directed it with military zeal. The result of this combination of kindness and firm discipline stands as one of the most pleasant memories of my professional life. I loved my students, and I had every reason to believe that I was loved in return. I actually missed them on weekends (a fact my wife never quite understood). At the end of the final year when I was packing my books and saying goodbye, 25 or 30 teary-eyed kids hung around my gloomy room for several

hours and finally stood sobbing in the parking lot as I drove away. And yes, I shed a few tears of my own that day. (Please forgive this self-congratulatory paragraph. I haven't bothered to tell you about my failures, which are far less interesting.) These questions and answers are excerpted from the book *Dr. Dobson Answers Your Questions*. Dr. James Dobson is a psychologist, author and president of Focus on the Family, a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home. **EDITOR'S NOTE:** Dr. James C. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" appears each Thursday as a cooperative effort of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Herald. Letters to Dr. Dobson may be sent to P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, Colo., 80903.

Find the real problem when a child complains of stress

Scripps Howard News Service

DEAR DR. FOURNIER: My son has been a middle-of-the-road student throughout the years. He is now in the fifth grade and seems to have simply accepted that status. If I say anything to him about doing better, he simply says he is doing all he can do. Then comes the statement that stuns me: He is forever saying he is stressed. I feel as if my son is shutting me out. How do I deal with my son's stress?

THE ASSESSMENT: "I'm so stressed out" may well be the theme of the '90s. It started with adults complaining about the stress in their lives, but now younger and younger children come to my office and tell me that they can't do their work because of stress. What exactly does it mean?

when we're "stressed out"? I believe children have learned from adults that "stress" is a very convenient label for everything that bothers them. Stress is not a condition. Stress is the feeling produced by a situation. Getting to the root of the problem means examining the situation and the child's inability to deal with it. In my practice, I have a simple rule: Stress is not an answer I accept when trying to determine how I can help a child. Parents don't have to stop at the word either. **WHAT TO DO:** When your child tells you that he is stressed, ask what is stressing him. It may be hard for your child to name the problem, but keep the channels of communication open until you feel you have found the cause. When a child tells me that he or she is stressed, I don't just

ask "Why?" I try to phrase my question in a way that allows the child to search for the situation that started the negative feeling. What happens when you feel like this? Are there certain things you avoid because you know they will make you feel stressed? Once you and your child have identified the problem, then you can work on a strategy to help eliminate the problem or reduce the fear and pain your child has associated with it. For example, many children feel scared when a test is coming up. Have your child put on a calendar when his tests are scheduled. Two nights before each test, you will quiz your child and together you will make an estimate of a reasonable grade your son can make. From that grade, take some points off and call them the "If I were calm" points. Help your

child understand that these are points he might miss if he takes the test with fear. When the actual grade comes in, compare and see how close your estimate was. But remember the goal is to reduce or eliminate your child's fear and not simply focus on the grade and the content. Each child needs different strategies depending on the situation and the fear it provokes. The important thing for parents to know is exactly what they are dealing with. This can free you from the word "stress" and from the feeling of "stress" in your home. **Parents — and students — may send questions about homework, education or parenting to Dr. Yvonne Fournier at Fournier Learning Strategies, 5900 Poplar Ave., Memphis, Tenn., 38119. They can be answered only in future columns.**

Study questions value of allergy shots for asthma victims

BOSTON (AP) — Allergy shots, a mainstay of asthma treatment since the turn of the century, appear to be worthless for many youngsters. A major new study found the shots do nothing for children with moderate to severe year-round asthma who are already taking standard medicines. Asthma is caused by allergic reactions to a variety of common substances, such as grass pollen, dust mites and cockroaches. To fight it, doctors often give gradually increasing injections of the allergy-causing substances that trigger the attack. The goal is to prompt the body to make antibodies that will then block future allergic reactions. Researchers began rigorously

testing this approach — known as immunotherapy — in the 1990s. They found in the laboratory, at least, the shots could reduce reactions to common allergy-causing materials. The new study was intended to see how this translates into the everyday lives of children who are often sick with asthma attacks. "We didn't find any statistically significant benefits," said Dr. N. Franklin Adkinson Jr., who directed the study at Johns Hopkins University. "This doesn't mean the treatment is ineffective. But it means in children who are getting adequate medical care, including avoidance of allergenic substances in the

home, adding immunotherapy doesn't do what we had hoped." The study dealt only with the use of allergy shots for asthma, not for the other allergy problems for which they are given. For instance, doctors often administer allergy shots to relieve the itchy eyes and runny nose of chronic hay fever as well as to prevent life-threatening reactions to bee stings. Dr. Daniel Rotrosen of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases said the study's message seems clear: "Immunotherapy should not be the first line of therapy" for children with asthma. The results, published in Thursday's issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*,

are likely to be controversial among allergists who give the shots routinely. Dr. Betty Wray, an allergist at the Medical College of Georgia, said the study may have failed to show a benefit because the researchers did not give the youngsters the right allergy-blocking shots. For instance, she noted that they did not treat them for cockroach allergy, which experts have come to realize is a major cause of asthma in poor neighborhoods. "I would expect at least 80 percent of patients to take less medication and make fewer emergency room visits on appropriate immunotherapy."

Wisconsin parents miss baby's signal during Super Bowl

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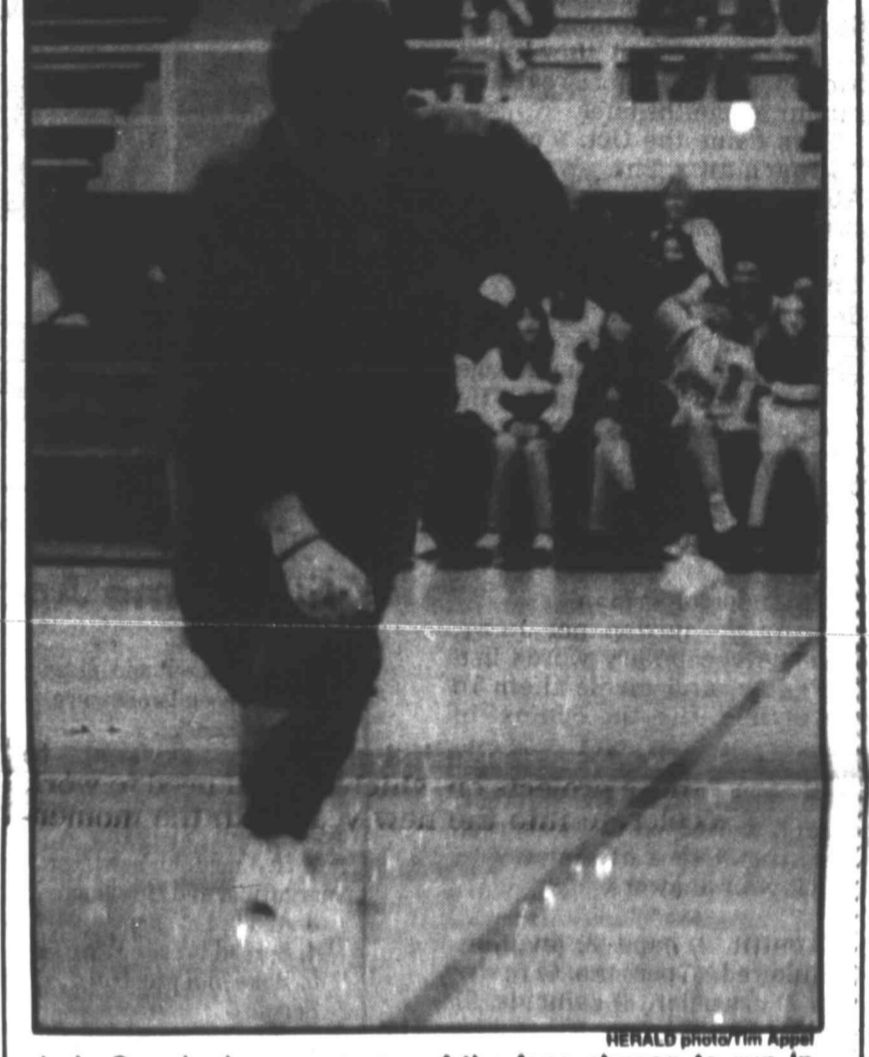
BAY VIEW, Wis.: A pair of devoted football fans waited until the Green Bay Packers delivered their Super Bowl victory before leaving for the hospital and a delivery of their own. The intense interest of Irene Galati and her husband, Santo, in watching the game on television, coupled with a missed signal that turned out to be labor, resulted in the couple barely making it to the hospital in

time for the delivery of their first child. "It happened so fast we could have had the baby in the house," said Santo of the eventual delivery, which occurred less than an hour after the Super Bowl's final gun. But as it turned out, "things were perfect. We saw the whole game," he said. Irene, 34, was not due to deliver until Feb. 26, so she had no thoughts of labor when she settled in to watch the game. "We were watching the game, and it was really exciting, and

she began having back pains," Santo said. But that had happened before, so the couple "didn't think much of it" and continued watching the game. By half time the "back pains" were getting worse, and the time between them was shorter. Still, the couple continued to watch the game. But by the fourth quarter the pains were "really intense," and, more ominous, they were continuous. In fact, Irene was beginning to feel the urge to push. "I said, 'I think it was time to go to the hospital,'" Santo said.

As the game ended, Santo hustled his wife into the car for the nearly four-mile drive from their Bay View home to the hospital. "The doctor took one look at her and said, 'The baby is going to come now. You are going to push three times and have the baby,'" Santo recalled. Less than an hour the game, that is what she did and that is what happened. The couple became the proud parents of a 6-pound, 11-ounce boy. Welcome to Packermania, little Santino Galati.

DASHING FOR CASH



Lois Cunningham was one of the fans chosen to run in the "Dash for Cash" halftime feature at the Big Spring Steer basketball game on Tuesday.

Government distributing \$87.1 million for summer job programs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Labor Department announced it is sending \$87.1 million to cities and communities across the nation to use in summer jobs programs for low-income youths. The grants are part of a \$3.9 billion package to finance job training and job search programs for all job-seekers, dislocated workers, disadvantaged adults and at-risk youth. The summer job funds will restore the program to the 1995 level and reverse a 28 percent cut last year. They will be released immediately so cities and suburban and rural communities can begin planning. The program provides public-sector jobs for low-income youth between the ages of 14 and 21. Jobs include clerical positions, maintenance work, park and recreation activities, hospital employment, aiding the elderly and tutoring and

assisting at day-care centers. Many of the youth also participate in educational programs, including math and reading instruction. **A**n additional \$1 billion will pay for training programs for disadvantaged adults and youth. The remainder of the package will be available beginning July 1. It includes \$1.3 billion to help dislocated workers get training and job-search assistance. An additional \$1 billion will pay for training programs for disadvantaged adults and youth. Also included is \$762 million to operate the nation's 1,800 state employment offices.

SLICE of Life!

TIPS 'N TRIVIA

Drying your clothes:
 (NAPS) - Suggestions for ways to save energy when drying clothes:
 • Dry only full loads, but don't overload.
 • Use an automatic cycle rather than a timed one (if your dryer offers it) to avoid guessing at how long to dry a load.
 • Use the less dry or normal dry automatic settings to avoid wasting energy, over drying, shrinking or damaging fabrics and creating static electricity.
 • Clean the lint filter every time before drying a load. A clean filter saves energy.
 • Remove the load as soon as it's dry and fold or hang items to avoid wrinkling and wasting energy later to iron.
 • An automatic dryer helps free scarce time for busy families, dries clothes properly and safely, all the while being used in an energy-efficient way.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Help young cancer victim
 A fund raiser for Christina Saucedo, College Height fourth grader, will be Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Thomas in the fellowship hall. This is to help pay expenses for cancer treatment. The following items will be served, menudo, breakfast plates, burritos, desserts, coffee and milk.
Soup cook-off this Saturday
 The Great Soup Cook-off is Saturday at the Stanton Community Center from 5 to 7 p.m. The fund raiser benefits the monastery and convent restoration project. The public has a chance to vote on the best soup by purchasing three votes for \$3 and additional votes are \$1 each. There will also be a bake sale auction starting at 6:30 p.m.

THE LAST WORD

As a general rule the most successful man in life is the man in life is the man who has the best information.
 Benjamin Disraeli
 There are no accidents so unfortunate from which skillful men will not draw some advantage.
 La Rochefoucauld
 When fate is adverse, a wise man can always strive for happiness and sail against the wind to attain it.
 Rousseau
 The reward for work well done is the opportunity to do more.
 Jones Salt, M.D.

READ ALL ABOUT IT

Read the story then answer the questions that following to test your reading comprehension.

Superman gets new outfit
NEW YORK (AP) — It's a bird. It's a plane. It's ... wait a minute, who's this guy in the white and blue tights?

After 60 years of wearing the same red, yellow and blue costume, Superman is getting a makeover with a white-hot and blue outfit that will debut in March, the New York Post reported Wednesday.

And Great Caesar's Ghost! The crusader from Krypton will no longer have a cape.

"The costume is electrical looking," DC Comics executive editor Mike Carlin told the Post. "He still wears an 'S' on his chest but it's not the one we're used to."

The angular "S," and jagged stripes resembling lightning bolts, are in keeping with Superman's new "energy-based" powers.

"Bullets don't bounce off him anymore," Carlin said. "They go right through him. The first few times that happens, it causes some problems."

It's hardly the first time Superman's persona has been tinkered with. First, they killed him off in 1992, before reviving him nine months later.

Then came the Oct. 9 comic, "Superman: The Wedding Album," timed to coincide with the Oct. 6 marriage ceremony on ABC-TV's "Lois and Clark: The New Adventures of Superman."

Superman's powers "dwindled away" after his marriage to Lois Lane, Carlin said. "He tried different ways of boosting his energies and his powers, and all these things have combined to alter him," Carlin said.

- It's a new Superman!
Using the newspaper story, find the vocabulary words listed below, and circle them in the article. Use the context of the story to help you figure out the meaning of each vocabulary word. Then, write the number of each word next to its correct meaning. Use a dictionary to check your answers.
- 1) outfit. 2) cape. 3) angular.
 - 4) tinkered. 5) persona. 6) reviving.
 - 7) crusader. 8) coincide. 9) alter. 10) boosting.

- a) set of clothes.
 - b) public image; personality.
 - c) change.
 - d) sleeveless garment that is worn hanging loosely from the shoulders.
 - e) person who strongly supports a cause.
 - f) experimented.
 - g) bringing back to life.
 - h) increasing.
 - i) happen at the same time.
 - j) sharp-cornered; pointed.
- Answer key: a) 1. b) 5. c) 9. d) 2. e) 7. f) 4. g) 6. h) 10. i) 8. j) 3.

Shots

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Wray said.
The study was conducted on 121 youngsters with year-round moderate to severe asthma who required daily medication. They were randomly assigned to receive 2 years of allergy shots or look-alike dummy shots.

They were also urged to take their regular asthma medicines, and parents were instructed how to keep down the levels of allergy-producing substances in the home by keeping surfaces clean and getting rid of pets.

One-third of the youngsters receiving the shots got better, but so did one-third of those in the comparison group.

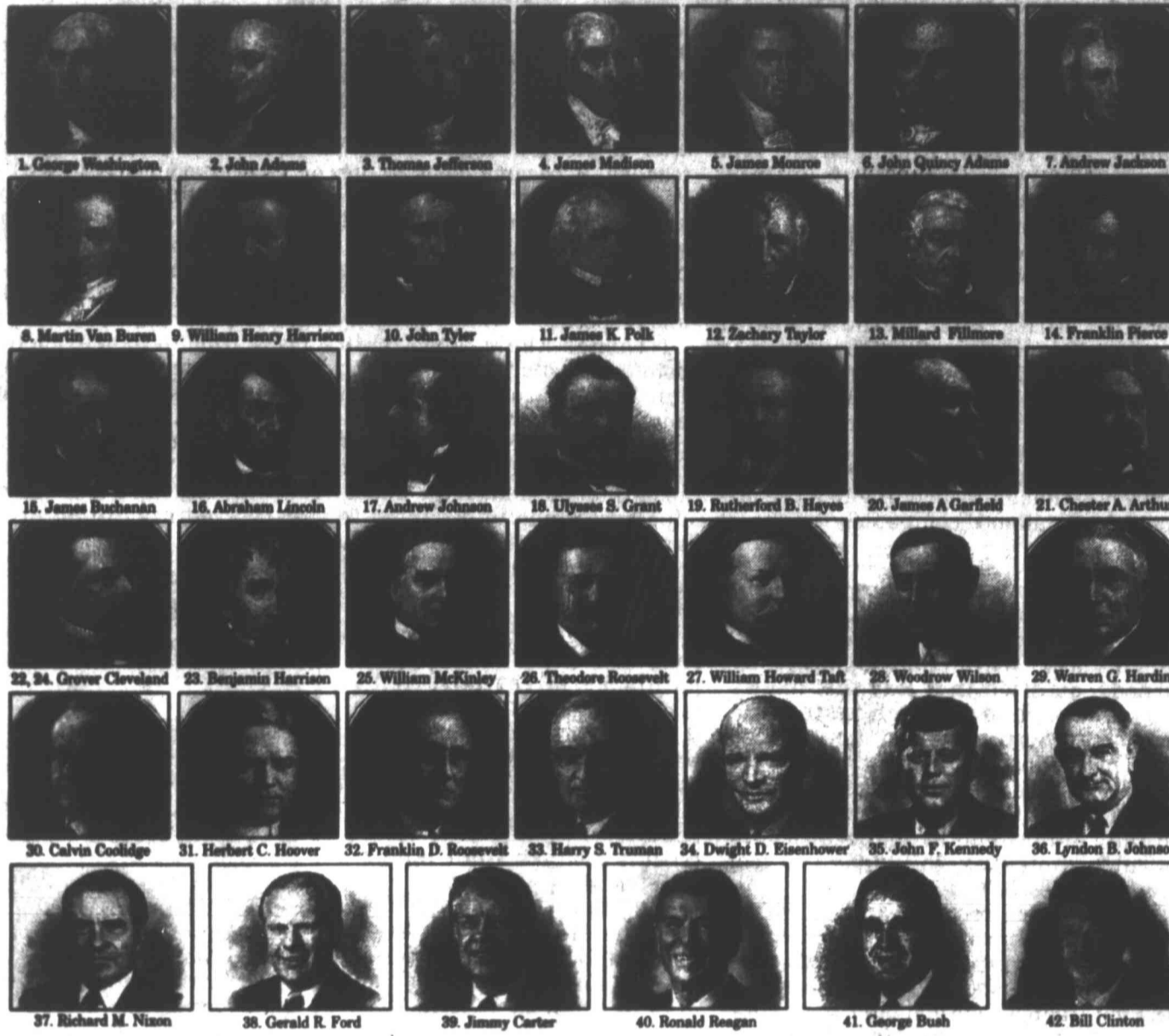
Overall, there was no difference in their symptoms or the amount of medical care they needed.

Researchers said allergy shots may still be useful for some asthmatic children, such as those who are in early stages of the disease or who don't take their asthma medicines as regularly as they should. However, this has not been proved.

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Especially for kids and their families
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Bill Clinton is No. 42
The U.S. Presidents



NIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

WHAT DID THE MATHS MAN SAY WHEN HIS RUBBER DISAPPEARED?
"HIS RUBBER, YOUR FORTUNES!"

(sent in by Stephanie Dean)

Q: What did the big fire say to the little fire?
A: "You're too young to smoke!"

(sent in by Mark Patterson)

Q: What do baby vampires call their parents?
A: Mommy and Batty!

(sent in by Sandra Brown)

Rookie Cookie's Recipe
Awesome Apples

You'll need:

- 5 apples, cored and sliced
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 1/2 cups soft bread crumbs

What to do:

1. Place apples and lemon juice in a 8 1/2 x 9 inch baking dish. Mix well.
2. In a medium bowl, combine honey, butter or margarine, and cinnamon. Mix well.
3. Add bread crumbs. Mix well.
4. Spread bread mixture over apples.
5. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven 35 minutes. Serves 6.

THE NEWS HOUND'S VICE PRESIDENTS TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of the vice president's job are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: VICE, PRESIDENT, JOB, ROLE, PRESIDE, GOVERNMENT, CONSTITUTION, SENATE, VOTE, DUTIES, DECIDE, OFFICE, SWORN, IMPORTANT, ADVISER, TRAVEL, WIN, SEAL.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and Rookie are visiting the vice president's house. See if you can find:

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- number 8
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- letter E
- ladder
- muffin
- saw
- letter A
- ruler
- kite
- sock
- olive
- number 7

A Job That Changes With Each Boss
The U.S. Vice President

In the beginning
John Adams served as our country's first vice president. He said this about the job: "I am vice president. In this I am nothing, but I may be everything. He meant that with this job there was nothing to do. But if something happened to the president, he would take over. He would be "everything."

People even used to make jokes about the job.

We don't remember most of the vice presidents' names.

Have you ever heard of Garret Hobart? He was vice president from 1897 to 1899.

Today
The vice president's job is much more important than it used to be. As a supporter of the president, the vice president serves as:

- ☆ adviser on important matters. Most sit in on Cabinet meetings.
- ☆ messenger to world leaders. He usually travels to many countries on behalf of the president.
- ☆ campaigner and running mate who helps win elections.

The vice president's family
The Gore family: Sarah, 17; Kristin, 19; Karenna, 23; Vice President Al Gore; wife, Tipper; and son, Albert III.

The vice president's wife
Tipper Gore's real name is Mary Elizabeth. She enjoys jogging, biking and in-line skating. She is a very good photographer. She has many interests, including the homeless and mental health.

For a long time in our early history, the vice presidents were given little to do.

The president decides what role his vice president will play. He or she serves at the will of the president. However, the vice president is the one person in government the president cannot fire.

According to our Constitution, the vice president has three jobs:

- to preside over the Senate and to vote if there is a tie. (Today, a vice president does not spend much time doing this.)
- to help decide if a president is too disabled to carry out his duties.
- to take over if the president dies or is removed from office.

Meet Vice President Gore

While some presidents and vice presidents did not get along well, Bill Clinton and Al Gore are great friends. Gore is often mentioned as a candidate for president in the year 2000.

- born March 31, 1948
- his father was U.S. senator Albert Gore Sr.
- went to Harvard University
- served in the Army in Vietnam
- worked as reporter for The Tennessean in Nashville
- elected to U.S. Congress in 1977
- elected to U.S. Senate in 1984
- wrote a best-selling book about the environment. He is also an expert on technology

The vice president's house
The vice president and his family live in this 33-room house. It sits high on a hill away from a busy Washington street.

The vice president's salary
A vice president makes \$171,500 a year.

Look through your newspaper for articles about the president and vice president.

Next week, The Mini Page celebrates Thomas Edison's birthday with a story about him and his inventions.

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GREETINGS:
You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's petition at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of sixty-two (62) days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being the 9 day of March, 1997, at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. before the Honorable 118th Judicial District Court of Howard County, at the Courthouse in Big Spring, Texas. Said Plaintiff's petition was filed on the 12th day of January, 1997, the File Number of said suit being No. 87-01-38907. The names of the parties in said suit are:
LAWWOOD EXPLORATION, as Plaintiff, and RONALD EARNEST SHAFER, as Defendant.
The nature of said suit being essentially as follows, to-wit: Said suit is an Application for the Appointment of a Receiver to operate an oil and gas lease covering the undivided mineral interest owned by Defendant in the following described tract of land situated in Howard County, Texas, to-wit: All of the West One-half of the Northwest Quarter (W1/2 NW1/4) of Section No. 12, in Block No. 25, of the HATC Tr. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, containing 80 acres, more or less.
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
The unexpected runs high when dealing with someone you put on a pedestal. You are dismayed to find that a friend disappointed you, especially in a money venture. Take responsibilities seriously, then have fun! Call your own shots. Tonight: Make dinner for two.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Don't let a boss push you too hard. There is a problem with how you handle him. Listen to a partner's ideas, but don't necessarily defer to them. You need to withdraw, rather than getting caught up in a situation. Tonight: Be your own person.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Question the source of office gossip. What is happening may not be grounded, but it is important for you to deal with. You aren't seeing a clear picture. Get into a routine. Eliminate problems areas. Your efficiency is tested. Tonight: Make it an early night.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
What had been established may no longer be dependable. Adopt a more even manner, especially with partnership matters. Ponder what is happening with an associate and a monetary matter. Think through your reactions. Tonight: Let the flirt in you come out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You feel weighed down by what is going on. Honor the sense of disappointment over a family member or domestic situation. Then, move on. There is no point in doing anything halfway. Consider letting go of what isn't working. Tonight: Head home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Have that long overdue discussion. Stay centered. Do not let nervousness or unexpected developments shake you up. Aim for what you want, and

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head in that direction. Question what appears inevitable. Tonight: Join a friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
A risk is a bad idea, no matter how you play it. Don't choose to wander down that path. Stay focused. Take care of finances. You have more to offer than you originally thought was possible. Stay clear of anything that spells trouble. Tonight: Wine and dine another.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Stay centered and direct with a family matter. You might feel that uproar is inevitable. State your case. Claim your power, and refuse to get involved with silliness. You know what is needed here. Release what isn't working for you. Tonight: Do what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Take a back seat. Re-evaluate your choices. There may be a lot going on over which you have no control. Do some mental homework before you react. You need to think through a decision. Gather information. Tonight: Mystery works.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Stay clued in to what is going on with a friend. You cannot trust him as well as you have up to now. Take a step back. Invest less of your energy or

money in a cause or a long-term idea. Make mental preparations, but take no action. Tonight: Stay out with friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You might shake up someone important to you because of your odd behavior. Are you doing it for a reaction? Perhaps you are profoundly changing. You need to figure out what is happening with you. Make adjustments accordingly. Tonight: Paint the town.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
View the big picture. A change in perspective will help you get where you want. Re-evaluate recent decisions. Be willing to backtrack, if need be. You might have overreacted. Willingness to say you are wrong is your strongest selling point. Tonight: Be where there is good music.

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Deception should play no part in couple's choice

DEAR ABBY: I have a problem and need your advice. My husband wants me to lie to his parents, and I would feel uncomfortable in this lie. He says this "white" lie is necessary if we are to maintain a harmonious relationship with them. We don't see them often, so perpetuating the lie would not be too difficult, but I feel guilty about it just the same, and I wonder if the web of deceit we are weaving will entangle us one day.

We have been attending a church that is not the same faith as my in-laws. If they knew it, they would be very hurt — especially since they want their grandchildren to grow up in their faith.

Both churches are Christian churches, and there are more similarities than differences. Because of these similarities, I think my in-laws would get over our attending this church if they knew; my husband disagrees.

I like this church, especially the programs for our children. My husband, however, feels a loyalty to the religion in which he was raised. Because of this ambiguity, he does not want to tell his parents because they might believe he has abandoned his faith, which would not be entirely true.

Abby, do you think it would be OK to tell a lie if it prevents hurt feelings and friction within the family? My husband thinks so. — ANYTOWN, U.S.A.

DEAR ANYTOWN: You and your husband are adults and should not feel it is necessary to lie to his parents for any reason. "Oh, what a tangled web we weave when first we practice to deceive!" (Sir Walter Scott)

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I recently bought a house together. We share all the cooking and cleaning. Prior to "us," he was living with a girl for 10 years, and I was married for 15 years.

His former girlfriend was completely domestic, and I'm totally the opposite. I'm a successful small-business owner with a very busy schedule.

Recently he asked me to hem a pair of his work pants. I said that I'd have my seamstress do it, but it would cost \$5. He refused to pay for it, saying his former girlfriend would be more than happy to do it for nothing.

I am furious! I'd rather pay \$100 than allow her to "think she's taking care of my man's needs. He refuses to fight over this and is ordering a new pair of pants. What should I do? — SUZIE IN CANADA

DEAR SUZIE: When the new pants arrive, if they solve the problem — give him a hug. However, if they don't solve the problem, don't needle him. Since sewing is not one of your many talents, when the new pants arrive, quietly take them to your seamstress. Five dollars is a small price to pay to let sleeping dogs lie.

DEAR ABBY: I hope "A True Friend" reconsiders trying to help her friend who wears heavy makeup by telling her about it "for her own good."

I have an attractive, intelligent friend who also wears very heavy makeup. I had often wondered why she didn't realize that the shade was too dark and was applied a little too thick, but thank God, I was never so bold as to mention it to her.

One afternoon I went to her home unannounced, and she came to the door without makeup. Much to my surprise, she had a bright red port-wine birthmark that covered half her face.

Abby, instead of suggesting that they go together for a professional makeup to learn the "latest tricks," your suggestion to accept her for the inner qualities that make her special would have been sufficient ... and is darn good advice for all of us. — A TRUE FRIEND, TOO

DEAR ABBY: Back in the Midwest in the fall of 1948, my husband and I drove to Chicago to buy a car. At about 6 a.m. on the return trip, we passed through a small settlement near Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri and saw two young men thumbing a ride. They were wearing civilian clothes, but since it was a couple of days before Thanksgiving, we thought they were soldiers on a weekend or holiday pass.

As they neared our car, I felt uneasy, but we stopped anyway and let them get in the back seat.

We had gone only a few miles down the road when the Highway Patrol roared up with their lights flashing, pulled us over, and came up to both sides of our car with their guns drawn. They asked if we had picked up our passengers a few miles back. We, of course, said,

"Yes."

They hauled the two young men out of our car, found them armed and cuffed them. Then the officers read us the riot act for picking up strangers.

Abby, those men had stashed a car behind a shed before coming out to the road to hitch a ride. An observer thought it looked suspicious and reported it to the Highway Patrol. We found out late the men had started a crime spree in New York City and left a trail of stolen cars halfway across the country. When someone gave them a ride, they'd wait for a quiet place along the road, force the driver out of the car at gunpoint and take off with the car. They had killed some of the drivers and wounded others.

Abby, death was riding in our back seat that morning. Thank goodness our guardian angels were on duty, because we had five little ones at home.


Tell the kind-hearted husband who believes hitchhikers are all good people that for every honest, needy "thumber" there are a jillion no-goods out there, and his first concern should be his wife and loved ones. — A LUCKY OKIE

For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more attractive person, order "How to Be Popular." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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THURSDAY

JAN. 30

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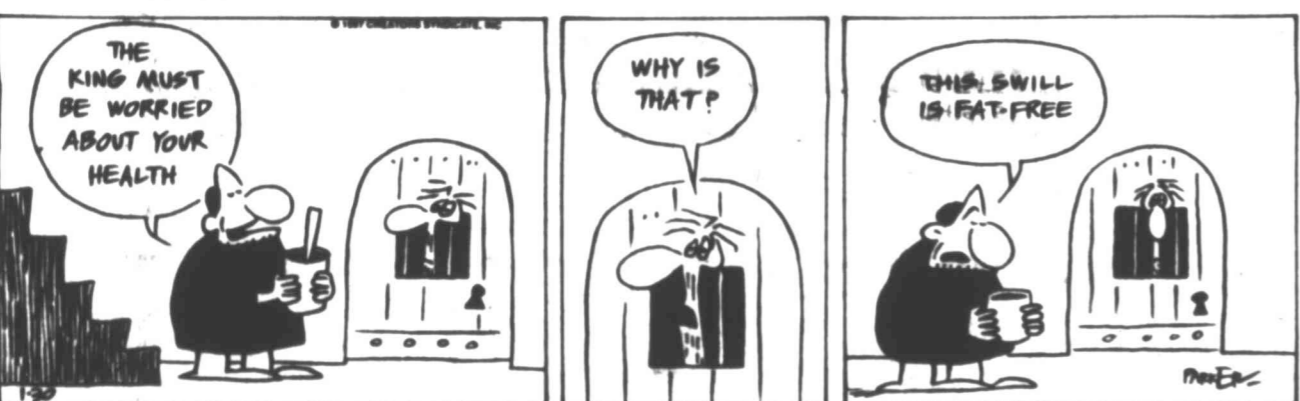
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"Don't yell at him, Mommy. He's a friend of Barry's just visitin'."

"He wakes up goin' like 60, zips into his clothes, scarfs his breakfast, races over here... and puts it in 'park'!"

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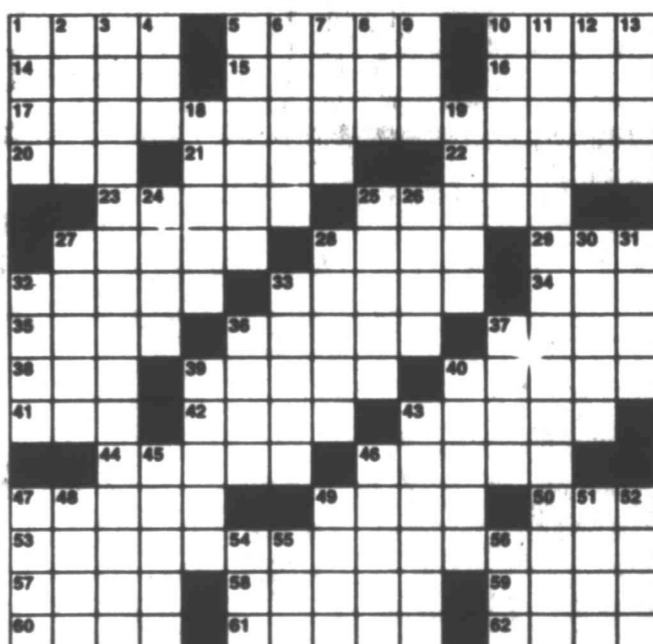
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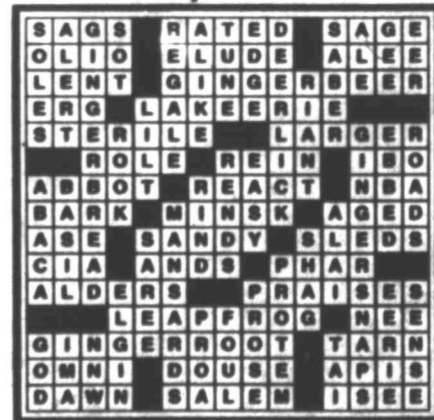
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by James Barrick

Wednesday's Puzzle solved:



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In 1882, the 32nd president of the United States, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, was born in Hyde Park, N.Y.

In 1933, Adolf Hitler became chancellor of Germany.

In 1933, the first episode of the "Lone Ranger" radio program was broadcast on station WXYZ in Detroit.

In 1962, two members of the Flying Wallendas high-wire act were killed when their seven-person pyramid collapsed during a performance in Detroit.

In 1964, the United States launched Ranger 6, an unmanned spacecraft carrying television cameras that was to crash-land on the moon.

In 1968, the Tet offensive began as Communist forces launched surprise attacks against South Vietnamese provincial capitals.

In 1972, 13 Roman Catholic civil rights marchers were shot to death by British soldiers in Northern Ireland on what became known as "Bloody Sunday."

In 1979, the civilian government of Iran announced it had decided to allow Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, who'd been living in exile in France, to return.

Ten years ago: Calling it a "budget-buster," President Ronald Reagan vetoed a measure renewing the Clean Water Act that was expected to cost up to \$20 billion through 1994. (Congress, however, overrode the veto.)

Five years ago: President George Bush and other world leaders gathered for an unprecedented U.N. Security Council summit to coordinate policy on peacekeeping, disarmament and quelling aggression. The space shuttle Discoverer landed in California, ending an eight-day mission. Irish Prime Minister Charles Haughey announced his resignation.

One year ago: In an election billed as an early barometer for the national political season, Ron Wyden won a close race to become Oregon's first Democratic U.S. senator in 30 years, replacing Bob Packwood.

Today's Birthdays: Producer-director Harold Prince is 69. Blues singer Ruth Brown is 68. Actor Gene Hackman is 67. Actress Tammy Grimes is 63. Actress Vanessa Redgrave is 60. Country singer Jeanne Pruett is 60. Former defense secretary Dick Cheney is 56. Rock singer Marty Balin is 55. Rhythm-and-blues musician William King (The Commodores) is 48. Actor Charles S. Dutton is 46. Actress-comedian Brett Butler is 39. Singer Jody Watley is 38.

Thought for Today: "Be civil to all; sociable to many; familiar with few; friend to one; enemy to none." - From "Poor Richard's Almanack" by Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790).

