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Search for new police chief yields seven applicants

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The process of finding a replacement for former Big Spring Police Chief Jerry Edwards, who succumbed to heart problems Sept. 8, has yielded seven applications so far and will continue through Oct. 31, City Manager Gary

Fuqua said. Fuqua said he and Assistant City Manager Emma Bogard and City Attorney Jim Finley will begin reviewing all applications around the first week in November, but emphasized the city is not rushing to hire a new police chief in order to insure a thorough search process. BSPD Capt. Lonnie Smith is

the acting police chief for the department during the search process and was expected to submit his application for consideration as chief early on in the process. "We're going to take out time and find a good person for the position," Fuqua added. "Capt. Smith and the lieutenants and sergeants do a good job, so we

have time to go through the process. It was such a shock when we lost Chief Edwards. We hadn't anticipated having to go through this process again for quite a while." Fuqua said the process of selecting a new police chief will be similar to that used in hiring Chief Edwards in March 1994. In 1994, a total of 114 appli-

cants sought the job when then Police Chief Joe Cook resigned. The position of police chief has an annual salary of about \$48,000. Once the applications for the position have been submitted, Fuqua, Bogard and Finley will review them for the proper credentials, Fuqua said. "We will probably look at a

minimum of at least the top five finalists and bring those applicants in for a personal interview," Fuqua said. "The process will include reference checks, background checks and then the personal interviews." Mayor Tim Blackshear said the city definitely will be looking for a new police chief. Please see CHIEF, page 1A

United Way campaign in high gear

Drive surpassing last year's totals, organizers say

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

There was nothing audible with which to measure magnitude, but with today's mid-campaign report from the United Way of Big Spring/Howard County, it's clear that the effort exploded out of the starting blocks.

With a little over six weeks remaining, the campaign is \$39,311 — or 54.6 percent — ahead of where it was at the same time a year ago. The 1997 goal is \$212,500.

The current total, with several major campaigns still under way, is \$111,311 compared to \$72,000 at the same time last year.

"I'm very pleased with the progress to this point, especially compared to last year," said campaign chairman Archie Kountz. "I'm even more optimistic about the prospects for the outcome of the campaign... there are many small efforts where businesses have really stepped up their efforts."

Individual organizations that have stepped up their respective efforts this year include TU Electric, where employees contributed more than \$3,700 — and increase of 10 percent; Pollard Chevrolet, where the total is up 15 percent from a year ago and Fiesta Dodge, a first-time participant.

Conoco employees took advantage of a company downsizing to hold a surplus equipment auction to raise \$4,550 for United Way — more than \$3,700 more than the company gave a year ago.

Also, with Fina's campaign still under way, employees at the refinery and credit union, along with 200 retirees, have raised \$23,604.

In the Combined Federal Campaign, Big Spring FCI has raised \$6,700 of a goal of \$10,000 while the VA Medical Center will have its first report Friday afternoon.

By division, Loaned Executives lead the way with \$57,872, followed by Pacesetters at \$27,000.

Next is the combined federal campaign at \$6,007, commercial division with \$8,206, community division at \$4,676, and out-of-town at \$3,000.

"We've gotten excellent support from the community, from the agencies, from the media," Kountz said. "What we do is important and those people who benefit from the money raised appreciate it."

MAKING IT LEVEL



As construction on the new junior high continues Monday, Joe Solis, with Monterey Construction, grades the floor of a hallway to ensure that it is level.

HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Banquet to honor Green family

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

The Rev. Floyd Green family of Big Spring will be honored tonight at Samaritan Counseling Center's Family of the Year banquet in Midland.

The event, at Green Tree Country Club at 7:30 p.m., will feature gardening expert and author Neil Sperry as guest speaker. This is a benefit for the center, which operates counseling centers in Midland and Odessa with satellites in Big Spring.

The Greens were named Family of the Year for Big

Spring during the first part of September, chosen from nominations from the community.

"We had some very strong nominations," said Sandra Rhoades, chairperson of the committee that chose the Greens. She added that community service involvement was what gave the family an edge.

Nominations were requested for families which showed strong values, commitment to each other and their community.

The Rev. Floyd Green, pastor at Baker's Chapel AME Church, is also employed by Security State Bank. He has been a youth

sports coach for 20 years. His wife, Sandra, has been employed at the Big Spring Herald for 27 years. She has held several offices and performed many duties within the church and church organizations in the state.

Daughters Stephanie and Kathy, and son Frankie, have been honored students who excelled in extracurricular activities and sports, and took part in various organizations and service groups. Stephanie and Frankie are now attending Angelo State University, while

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Mailbox bandits on the prowl, officials warn

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

As the Christmas holiday season approaches, the volume of mail, including solicitations, increases and not always in a legal way.

"Residents should always remember that if it seems too good to be true, it usually is," Big Spring Postmaster Richard Saxton said.

By the end of this year the U.S. Postal Service will have delivered more than 180 billion pieces of mail, some of which are very interesting, appealing and attractive solicitations from scam artists.

"As far as fraud is concerned, foreign lotteries are especially attractive," Saxton said.

Once scam being conducted via mail service is called the "Nigerian Fortune," in which personalized, handwritten letter are being used to raise money to locate a lost fortune.

Potential donors are promised they will be able to share in the lost fortune once it's located, according to Saxton.

"Anything in the mail asking for a price has the potential to be fraud," Saxton said.

A lot of items many people refer to as junk mail is sent via Third Class mail, according to Saxton, but also popular is the Bulk Business mail class.

"The Bulk Business mail class is 42 percent to 45 percent of all of our mail volume," Saxton said. "The post office would be in a bind without this class. We actually look forward to this because many people mail catalogues, pamphlets and other material advertising their products."

"People order surprising amounts of items in the mail

because advertising in the mail is a big, big business," Saxton added. "Unfortunately, scam artists will look at the economy when operating their scams. People are looking to make money off of people."

Part of the problem for residents having their names on various mailing lists is that lists are sold over and over again to different groups and individuals.

"If people respond to solicitations, they are opening themselves up to possible scams," Saxton said.

When people suspect they are being taken as part of a mail fraud scam, they should contact the local post office, which allows the postal inspector build cases against the operators of such scams.

"We need the public's help in cases involving fraud so that we may increase the awareness of this type of activity," Saxton said.

According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and U.S. Postal Inspection Service (USPIS), mail fraud operators are only after one thing — money.

Many of the approaches are too good to be true type operations and others are designed to tug at your heartstrings and take advantage of the trusting nature many people have.

The best defense against these so called mailbox bandits is to be skeptical of all mail solicitations, including those being delivered by private carrier marked as priority delivery.

The FTC and USPIS suggest following these rules:

- Don't pay for a free gift.
- If a mailing asks for money or an up front fee for a prize or

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The Rev. Floyd Green family, from left to right: Stephanie, Sandra, Floyd, Kathy and Frankie

Submitted photo

WEATHER

Tonight:



Fri:



Weekend:



Mon:



Tonight, fair. Lows in the 50s. Friday, windy. Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 80s. Friday night, becoming mostly cloudy and colder. A slight chance of rain late. Lows in the 40s. Extended forecast, Saturday, mostly cloudy and colder. A chance of rain. Highs in the 50s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Lows 35-40. Highs from near 60 to the mid 60s. Monday, fair. Lows in the lower to mid 40s. Highs in the 70s.

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To reach all departments, please call 263-7331

Morales blames delays on new computer system

DALLAS (AP) — Thousands of Texas families have missed child support checks because of what Attorney General Dan Morales says are problems with a \$77 million computer system.

Morales' office said Wednesday that it could take months to eliminate glitches in the computer system, already years behind schedule when it began operating last month.

The attorney general even wrote utility companies, urging they forgive late payments for electricity and telephone service to those awaiting support

checks, because of severe delays.

"We are hopeful that you will understand the payment delay may not be the fault of your customer," Morales' letter Tuesday stated.

Morales' statement says his office is working overtime to process child-support checks while notifying legislators and local court officials about the problem.

Morales was widely criticized after the new computer system for tracking and processing payments was years late in being

installed and far more expensive than first thought.

He announced earlier this year that installation of the system would delay some checks between Aug. 28 and Sept. 5.

But the problems have continued. Authorities have been swamped with complaints about delays since the federally required new computer was switched on Sept. 7.

"We are aware of the difficulties this delay has created for some families," Morales said. "We care about the families affected by this new system

startup." Morales' office said about 17,000 checks are being processed per day. On Tuesday, 37,000 were processed.

Extra staff has been added, and the office is working nights and weekends to get checks processed, officials said.

The statement did not say when the problems are expected to be fixed. There also was no estimate as to how many checks have been delayed.

More than 400,000 child-support checks are processed by the office each month.

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OBITUARIES

Margaret P. "Margie" Fuller

Margaret P. "Margie" Fuller, 66, a resident of Grand Prairie, passed away Monday evening, Oct. 20, 1997, in a Fort Worth hospital after a long illness. Born in Knox City, she had been a Grand Prairie resident since 1965. She graduated from Gainesville High School. Margie was an energetic and compassionate real estate broker for nearly a quarter century, prior to her recent retirement from Century 21 McCracken Realtors. She was a member of the Grand Prairie Board of Realtors and a charter member of the Grand Prairie Women's Club. She was preceded in death by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.S. Partridge.

Survivors include: her husband, Owen Fuller, Grand Prairie; son, Bill Wingert, Farmers Branch, and son and daughter-in-law, Chris and Karen Wingert, Big Spring; a grandson, Brian Wingert, Big Spring; granddaughters, Crystal and Kelli Wingert, Big Spring; a very special aunt and uncle, Elaine and Donnie Partridge, Austin; and a host of family, friends, clients and co-workers.

Service was 11 a.m. today at Inglewood United Methodist Church, Grand Prairie, with Rev. Leighton Bearden officiating. Interment followed in Restland Memorial Park, Dallas.

Arrangements under the direction of Bean-Massey-Burge Funeral Home, Grand Prairie.

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FAMILY

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Kathy goes to Howard College. "This is the time we need something for families," said Floyd Green, upon learning of his family's recognition. "A home is the family, communicating and working together. It's tough to be a parent, and we have to understand it's tough to be a child, too."

"I feel truly blessed that we have raised our family and lived in such a way that someone would want to nominate us for this honor," Sandra Green said. "I thank God for such a wonderful husband and three wonderful children that have really been a blessing to us."

At tonight's event, families from Midland and Odessa will be recognized as well. They are, from Midland, Dr. and Mrs. Randall Bell, and Alex; and from Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Richey, Amber and Lorelle.

Readers Corner

We accept reader's submissions for this monthly feature, including photos, poems or other items. It runs the fourth Wednesday of each month. Send your submission to: Reader's Corner, Big Spring Herald, 710 Scurry, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721; or fax to 264-7205.

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24th & Johnson 267-8288

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St.
(915) 267-6331

Ruth "Vidala" Abreo Ramirez, 86, died Monday. Services will be at 10:30 AM Friday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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ing to fill the position with someone with a law enforcement background as well as good supervisory skills. As far as leadership in the department, Blackshear said the department was run quietly under Edward's leadership, something the city will be looking to duplicate.

"The police department, in the last few years, has been quiet from the standpoint of complaints to the city council," Blackshear said. "I feel like the department did a good job under Chief Edward's leadership."

The selection of a new chief is not a decision the council has to make, but the council will be informed of the choice for chief before an announcement is made, according to Blackshear.

BANDITS

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contest, don't do it. "If a solicitation urges you to use a private courier to send payment, get rid of it."

"If a solicitation looks like a government document, and says it's a government document, throw it out. The government does not solicit."

"If you respond to a mailing, document your transactions and keep the mailing envelopes from solicitors to prove that the mails were used."

"Never provide credit card or bank account numbers to any solicitor."

"There may not always be a record of complaints against a company or individual if a business in new or a name change has occurred, but resident should always check out a company with the state's attorney general's office before sending any money for any product or service."

Couple charged in backyard cremation of baby

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Robert and Rachael Aitcheson's only announcement that their month-old daughter had died was a flier to friends and relatives.

"God took her back to be with Him," it read. "We are so thankful for the little time we shared with our precious daughter."

They never notified authorities and cremated Alexis' body before authorities could determine a cause of death.

On Wednesday, the couple surrendered to authorities who have charged them with child abuse and abuse of a dead body, both felonies. They and five others, including the baby's aunt and uncle, also were charged with failure to report a death, a misdemeanor.

All are part of an evangelical group which broke away from The Tabernacle, an evangelical church in Melbourne.

The group believes the Bible contains the only laws they should follow. Members believe doctors are practitioners of the occult and the government has no place in people's personal lives.

The Aitchesons, who do not have a telephone listing, couldn't be reached for comment. Their attorney, Jim Kontos, also was unavailable for comment, although he has said the couple was being punished for their religious beliefs.

"It's not a case of religious prosecution," responded Jeff Kraynik, a Palm Bay Police detective. "It's a case of a child not being reported to authorities upon its death."

Alexis' birth in September 1996 was never registered with the Brevard County bureau of vital statistics. She was cremated in her uncle's backyard.

Police learned of the death after the couple distributed the fliers. A homicide investigation ensued, but police were unable to determine the cause of death without a body.

The couple told police that the baby choked to death on regurgitated milk Oct. 16, 1996, while she lay on her back. Robert Aitcheson, 24, told authorities he tried to resuscitate the baby for several hours and called members of their religious group to pray for the infant.

State law requires unattended

deaths to be reported immediately.

"Mr. Aitcheson indicated that the governmental authorities are not 'of God.' Mr. Aitcheson did not want anyone 'cutting her' so he had Alexis cremated," according to a search warrant issued last year for the couple's home in Palm Bay.

BRIEFS

NATIONAL MAKE A DIFFERENCE Day is Saturday, when local agencies and groups will sponsor activities to make a difference in the lives of others. The Salvation Army is spearheading the local effort, with plans to conduct a health fair from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the office, 811 W. 5th.

This event will feature health screenings, fun activities and free information. Call the Salvation Army at 267-8239 for more information.

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF Retired Persons 55 Alive/Mature Driving Course is being planned for two Saturday sessions, Oct. 25 and Nov. 1 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall to accommodate those persons ages 50 and over who are employed during week-day hours.

There are no tests or exams and the cost is \$8. Attendees receive a certificate for a 10 percent discount on auto insurance premiums, good for three years.

For further information and to preregister, call 267-2070. Also, any club, organization or church group wishing to have a class exclusively for their members may call the same number to make arrangements.

THERE WILL BE A benefit turkey dinner and dance at La Vadera Club on Saturday, Nov. 8, for Mr. and Mrs. Frank (Chico) Rubio, Sr. The dinner will be from noon to when ever and is available for dine in, take out or delivered. The cost is \$4 per plate. The dance will be from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. and is \$3 per person. Call 267-9339 or 263-4260 for more information or to call in orders.

This benefit is to help the Rubios due to their house being burned.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY POST 506 Fish Fry will be Saturday, Oct. 25, from noon to 4 p.m. Plates are \$5 and call in's welcome and free delivery available.

BIG SPRING WOMAN'S CLUB annual coat drive is set for Oct. 1-31.

The group will collect coats, windbreakers, scarves and gloves to give to the needy of our community. Bins for donated items will be at Harris Lumber, 1515 E. FM-700, and Howard County Courthouse.

ON OCT. 24-25, CHAPTER 47 DAV will conduct its annual Forget Me Not drive. Veterans please show your support.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH will offer flu shots to those 18 and over every Wednesday of the winter months (October through February). The injections are available from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane.

For those on Medicare, there is no co-payment, but the card must be presented at the time of the injection. For others, the fee is \$5.

HARVEST SATURDAY IS PLANNED for Oct. 25 at the Big Spring State Park.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Activities include 5K and 10K runs, a kids-only mile race, game and food booths for kids, and a costume contest.

There will also be hayrides around the mountain. For information, call 263-4931.

THE FORSAN BAND IS sponsoring a Dessert Smorgasbord Friday, Oct. 24, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria before the Eldorado game. The cost is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8:30 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.

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 class, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.

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

NA meeting, 6 to 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

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

Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

Alzheimer's Association support group, 7 p.m., Comanche Trail Nursing Center.

College Park Church of God, 603 Tulane, Revival 7 p.m. with Dean Lawson. Everyone invited and a nursery will be provided.

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 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.

Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

Hangar 25 "Over the Top" concert and silent auction, 7:30 to 10 p.m. The Angelo Jazz Band will be featured. For more information call 264-2362.

College Park Church of God 603 Tulane, Revival 7 p.m. with Dean Lawson. Everyone invited and a nursery will be provided.

Forsan Band Dessert Smorgasbord, 6 to 7:30 p.m., cafeteria. \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.

SATURDAY Candlelight NA meeting, 10 to 11:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Gollad.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open meetings at noon, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center 1601 w. 11th Place 263-1211

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Texas Lottery

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LOTTO: 12, 19, 31, 34, 40, 44

DAV Chapter 47 Forget Me Not Drive. Veterans please show your support.

MARKETS

Dec. cotton 71.60, down 75 points; Nov. crude oil 21.26, down 16 points; Cash hogs steady at 25 cents higher at 46.25; cash steers steady at 68; Dec. lean hog futures 60.95, up 37 points; Oct. live cattle futures 70.15, up 20 points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation. Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

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Parallell Petroleum 6% nc
Rural/Metro 36% + 1 1/2
Sears 43% - 1 1/2
Southwestern Bell 64% - 1/4
Sun 39% - 1/4
Texaco 60% - 1/4
Texas Instruments 123% + 1 1/2
Texas Utils. Co 37% - 1/4
Unocal Corp 43% - 1/4
Wal-Mart 35% - 1/4
Amcap 17.06-18.10
Euro Pacific 29.08-30.85
I.C.A. 31.25-33.16
New Economy 21.41-22.72
New Perspective 21.80-23.13
Prime Rate 8.50%
Gold 323.20-323.70
Silver 4.91-4.94

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. Thursday:

GREG SCOTT WILLIAMSON, 29, was arrested on local warrants.

HELEN MOREON, 45, was arrested on Department of Public Safety warrants.

ERNEST VILLALVA, 28, was arrested on local warrants.

JOHN FIERRO, 20, was arrested on a charge of minor driving under the influence/alcohol.

CREDIT CARD ABUSE on

DUNLAPS 111 E Marcy 267-8283 Mon.-Sat. 10 am-6 pm

the 400 block of West Fifth. UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE on the 900 block of West Fourth.

ASSAULT on the 700 block of E. 11th, the 1200 block of E. 11th and the 1800 block of Gregg.

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE on the 4200 block of Parkway.

THEFT on the 400 block of Birdwell, the 200 block of West Marcy, the 1700 block of Wasson, the 1100 block of West Second, the 4200 block of Muir, the 1700 block of Marcy and the 200 block of Marcy.

BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported on the 1300 block of Mount Vernon.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. Thursday:

LEONARD MONACHINO, 27, San Francisco, Calif., was arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to identify.

LARRY WAYNE SHARP, 31, Lubbock, was arrested on a charge of felony failure to appear.

DARRELL WAYNE ROSE, 32, Abilene, was arrested on a Taylor County warrant charging theft by check.

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:

Wednesday 7:14 a.m. — 3200 block Parkway, trauma call, patient transferred to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

7:48 a.m. — 1400 block E. Sixth, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

7:55 a.m. — 3400 block E. 11th, trauma call, patient transferred to SMMC.

1:39 p.m. — 2000 block Virginia, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

8:53 p.m. — Vincent, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 68
Wednesday's low 49
Average high 74
Average low 48
Record high 91 in 1921
Record low 31 in 1917
Precip. Wednesday 0.59
Month to date 0.79
Month's normal 4.38
Year to date 18.45
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Old plants producing most pollution

AUSTIN (AP) — The oldest and least-used power generators in Texas produce a large share of the pollution from the state's electricity plants, according to a report being released Thursday.

The Sustainable Energy and Economic Development Coalition, an Austin-based environmental group, says that Texas power companies could cut more than 25 percent of their total pollution by modifying their oldest generators and using renewable and cleaner fuel sources to produce electricity.

"The Lone Star State has affordable, accessible clean energy solutions close at hand using proven, existing technologies," the report says. "Texas

has the power to cut down air pollution from power plants. We have only to reach out and do it."

The report comes as state lawmakers continue to discuss further deregulation of the electricity industry.

At the same time, federal lawmakers are considering whether to make clean air laws tougher for all industries and other sources of pollution.

According to the new report, there are about 100 power plants across Texas, using a variety of energy sources, such as coal and gas, to produce electricity.

Of those plants, the report says 66 have at least one power-generating unit that is not required to follow the state's

toughest limits on pollution. That's because the units were in place or under construction when the Legislature wrote the Texas Clean Air Act in 1971.

The report says the units produce only a small fraction of the state's total electricity but generate 28 percent of all pollution from power plants.

Peter Altman, head of SEED, said public records used to assemble the report do not make clear the percentage of electricity produced by those units. He added that it takes 6.5 million cars to produce the same amount of pollution generated by the older power units.

Ed Feith, head of Houston Lighting and Power's environmental department, said 28 per-

cent is not unlikely. But he said the older and least-used generators are very important.

Feith said such units are used primarily to produce electricity at peak use times, such as early evenings in the summer when air conditioners and other household appliances are most likely running at the same time.

He could not say how much of HL&P's total electricity is produced by grandfathered units, but said 15 percent of its pollution comes from such generators.

"You have to have all the units to keep the city running," he said, adding that HL&P already uses the cleanest fuel available to run its grandfathered generators.

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Panel to study minority student recruitment

AUSTIN (AP) — Declaring that Texas' future depends on its ability to educate a growing minority population, higher education officials announced a high-profile panel Wednesday that will propose ways to recruit minority students despite a court ban on affirmative action.

"It must be done because it's morally the correct thing to do," said Baylor University Chancellor Herbert Reynolds, representing the Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas.

"Pragmatically, if we want a stake in the future... then we're going to have to educate the leadership of the future. And the leadership of the future to the largest degree is going to be minorities," he said.

University of Texas System Chancellor William Cunningham agreed. "The future of Texas depends on our ability to recruit and retain and graduate minority students," he

said.

The 24 members of the new Texas Commission on a Representative Student Body include William Sessions, former FBI director and former federal judge; William P. Hobby, former lieutenant governor and former University of Houston System chancellor; Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk, former secretary of state; and Wilhelmina Delco, a former state representative.

The panel comes in the wake of the so-called Hopwood case, in which a previous admissions policy at the University of Texas law school was struck down as discriminatory to whites. That 1992 policy was challenged by four white would-be students, including Cheryl Hopwood.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals struck down the policy and the U.S. Supreme Court last year allowed the ruling to stand. The use of race in admissions and financial aid was halt-

ed statewide.

"We are operating under Hopwood... but that in no way permits us to walk away from our responsibility to recruit, retain and graduate minority students. So this is a time to be creative," Cunningham said.

This fall, the number of first-year black medical students declined 38 percent, and Hispanics 22 percent, at the state's eight public medical schools. At Texas' four public law schools, the number of first-year black students declined 23 percent.

Texas public universities overall reported a total of 397,050 students, a decrease of 243 from last year.

Some action already has been taken to address Hopwood's effects.

A new law will require Texas public universities to automatically admit students who graduate in the top 10 percent of their high school classes.

In considering applications

from other students, universities will have to consider race-neutral factors such as economic status and family background in addition to academic performance.

Officials said financial aid is a key issue to be addressed by the commission.

"I would be astonished if our commission did not look at maybe thinking about at least creating some kind of a statewide endowment which would allow students who are from... families with modest incomes to pursue a college education," said Texas A&M University System Chancellor Barry Thompson.

The diversity commission is being organized by ICUT, the Texas Association of Community Colleges, Texas State University System, Texas A&M University System, Texas Tech University System, University of Houston System, University of North Texas System and the UT System.

Court appointee could strike down 'Robin Hood'

DALLAS (AP) — Deborah G. Hankinson, who once represented several Dallas-area school districts in the fight against the Robin Hood school funding system, was named Wednesday as a justice of the Texas Supreme Court.

Gov. George W. Bush named the former special education teacher and Dallas appellate judge to replace Justice John Cornyn, who resigned after declaring he would seek the Republican nomination for state attorney general.

In making Ms. Hankinson the third woman on the nine-member panel, Bush said she was

known for integrity and fairness as a judge on the 5th Court of Appeals.

"Judge Hankinson combines one of the brightest legal minds in the state with a conservative judicial philosophy that understands judges should interpret the law, not attempt to legislate from the bench," Bush said.

A graduate of Purdue University with a master's in special education from the University of Texas-Dallas, Ms. Hankinson, 44, worked as a special education teacher in Plano before attending Southern Methodist University law school.

She was a cum laude law school graduate and was ranked first in her class in 1983.

Ms. Hankinson then served as an attorney at the law firm of Thompson and Knight in Dallas until her 1995 appointment to the appellate court.

"I've seen the impact that the law has had on people," Ms. Hankinson said.

"I plan to operate with intellectual humility, remembering that we serve the people of the state."

Associates who have worked with Ms. Hankinson describe her as a brilliant attorney whose reputation as a legal

scholar more than compensates for her limited experience as a judge.

"It was a big loss to us when she was appointed to the Dallas Court of Appeals," said attorney John Martin, head of the trial department at Thompson and Knight.

"She is one of the most intelligent lawyers I have ever met and she quickly developed a reputation as a scholar of the first order."

Martin said Ms. Hankinson has managed to avoid political entanglements and was noticed almost solely on her merits as a competent lawyer.

Abuse victim recants testimony

AUSTIN (AP) — A 13-year-old boy whose testimony more than seven years ago helped convict his father of aggravated sexual assault now says the abuse never happened.

In court testimony and in a written affidavit supporting his father's attempt to get out of prison, the boy said his former stepfather threatened to kill him, his mother and his younger brother if the boy did not say his father sexually assaulted him.

His mother also says the boy's former stepfather, not his biological father, physically abused him.

She said the two men hated each other and had been in at least one physical altercation before her son first raised allegations of sexual assault by his father in 1989.

Despite the boy's recanted testimony, support from the man's ex-wife and a recommendation from a state district judge in Abilene, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals on Wednesday refused to grant freedom to the boy's father.

The boy was living in Jones County at the time of the alleged abuse, which the boy said occurred in Abilene.

Kollin Shadle, an assistant Taylor County district attorney, said his office opposed allowing the boy's father to be freed from prison.

The boy's father was convicted

in 1990 and sentenced to 37 years in prison.

"The child testified unequivocally that his father committed the assault," Shadle said.

"Over the years, with contact from the family, he now says it didn't happen. I still remain convinced it happened."

According to Shadle, the boy has previously flip-flopped his original testimony.

The boy testified that he recanted his original story about five years ago but was forced by officials in the Taylor County district attorney's office to deny his recantation.

Shadle said the boy voluntarily reversed his first recantation.

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Hangar project to go over top at Friday party

Many people in our community have unique ideas. So it's no surprise a group of local residents has come up with a plan to preserve our past with an eye toward improving our future.

The Hangar 25/44 Restoration Committee is just such a group. These civic-minded citizens plan to create a museum in a hangar from the former Webb Air Force Base.

They say it will be unique in the world — an actual hangar housing memorabilia of World War II. But a project of that magnitude will take a lot of work.

And it takes money.

A state grant needs matching funds, and leave it to the creative minds of the committee — they want to have fun raising those dollars. That's why they plan an "Over the Top" party 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

It's the fun, fundraising event they hope will put their efforts "over the top."

When this committee completes its work, the entire community will have something to be proud of. Your support now shows more than nostalgia — consider it an investment in Big Spring.

A unique museum of the type planned would surely draw visitors from all over the state, perhaps the country and world. It's an established fact that tourists bring dollars into our community.

So why not plan to enjoy an evening of music, comedy and fellowship — and do your part to honor our past while making plans to improve our future.

OTHER VIEWS

When the Senate trotted out witnesses to talk about IRS abuses during several days of hearings recently, the public was willing to take seriously what it heard — and that says a lot. If few Americans had ever been treated arrogantly by the tax agency, most might not then have been particularly exercised by testimony that some people were hounded unfairly for years when they didn't owe the government a cent.

But hundreds of thousands of Americans have experienced discourtesy and disrespect at the hands of the IRS, they have themselves found it difficult to get their stories listened to in disputes, and they therefore found it easy to imagine that the various misuses of power alleged at the hearings were real and something more than aberrations.

Momentum for reform has grown since those hearings. It became obvious that the House would pass a bill this year and that the Senate would act next year. The White House, initially recalcitrant, has now signed on. It evidently discerned the political risk of not bothering to fix what virtually everyone in the country agrees is broken.

Perhaps the most crucial part of the legislation is the provision shifting the burden of proof to the government in conflicts with taxpayers. As of now, tax law says you are guilty until you prove yourself innocent. That's contrary to the way the rest of the legal

system works, and it puts the taxpayer at a huge disadvantage.

Another major element of the legislation — creation of an oversight panel made up mostly of private citizens — could help compensate for the fear of the IRS that even many members of Congress may legitimately have. Whether this board will be a check on agency abuses, though, will depend on whether those the president appoints are independent and ready to stir up a fuss when they spot questionable behavior.

Still other provisions, such as a taxpayer bill of rights, should ameliorate the agency's worst offenses without crippling it in its crucial job of collecting taxes. Most would agree the IRS needs to be effective and most would also agree that it falls well short of operating like the Gestapo. The agency is not so bad that it should be bashed into something unrecognizable.

In our style of democracy, however, a tax agency needs to meet very high standards of restraint. It needs to err, if err it must, on the side of losing some revenues, not of cowering the innocent. Forking money over to the IRS may never be as popular as going to the movies, but neither should the agency continue to enrage a public smart enough to know when it has trespassed beyond the proper bounds.



Death penalty under attack on two fronts

The death penalty, Texas style, was attacked harshly on two fronts Monday.

All 21 of Texas' Roman Catholic bishops urged the state to abandon its increasing practice of executing lawbreakers because it "usurps the sovereign dominion of God," adds to "a climate of violence," is not a deterrent to crime, has racist overtones, and costs millions of dollars.



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In Washington, four justices of the United States Supreme Court issued a statement charging that court practices in Texas swayed jurors toward imposition of the death penalty instead of a sentence of life

imprisonment. Texas forbids judges from telling jurors that a convict will be eligible for parole if he is not sentenced to die. Justice John Paul Stevens wrote — with justices David Souter, Stephen Breyer and Ruth Bader Ginsburg joining him — that this "unquestionably tips the scales in favor of a death sentence that a fully informed jury might not impose."

In early June, Texas broke the all-time record for executions by a single state in one year — 20, a high mark set in 1935 by ... Texas. The Lone Star state has executed 31 of the total of 59 people put to death in the U.S. this year. Five more Texans are scheduled to die by lethal injection before year's end.

The American Civil Liberties Union has accused Texas of "assembly-line justice" and of sending a message that "life is cheap." The 21 bishops expressed shock at the pace of state-sanctioned executions and

urged Texas lawmakers to abandon the death penalty in favor of life imprisonment without parole.

The bishops acknowledged that their views run counter to those of even most of their parishioners. They said: "We must now take bolder steps to change the attitude of the American people regarding capital punishment as a means of dealing with a complex issue. It is unfortunate that a large majority of Americans, including Catholics, support capital punishment as a means of dealing with crime."

Justice Stevens cited studies showing that support for the death penalty drops sharply when a sentence of life without parole is available. A poll conducted for the Death Penalty Information Center indicated that support for the death penalty nationwide drops from 77 percent to 41 percent if the alternative is life without parole, accompanied by restitution.

Several states, including Virginia, Georgia and Indiana, have recently made the alternative of life without parole available.

The move toward life without parole has been enhanced by the recognition by taxpayers and lawmakers that capital punishment is extremely costly. The Texas bishops said: "In the state of Texas, it costs \$2.3 million on average to prosecute and execute each capital case as compared to \$400,000 for life imprisonment."

The cries for the death penalty are so strong, however, that even though the FBI reports that homicides and other serious crimes have declined for five straight years, use of the death penalty continues to rise.

It is significant to note that despite the apparent anguish of four of the nine justices, the Supreme Court did not buck public opinion to the extent that it was willing to hear the case that provoked Stevens and his colleagues to speak out.

No shutdown but budget fight continues

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent

No gridlock this time, no shutdown threats. The money to keep the government going this fall is to be continued, routinely.

It wasn't always so. Stalled appropriations were behind budget disputes that led to eight partial government shutdowns over the past 15 years. When Democrats tried to force more spending in them, Ronald Reagan and George Bush vetoed stopgap spending resolutions and agencies without funds temporarily closed.

When Republicans demanded cuts President Clinton wouldn't accept, he vetoed them and partial shutdowns in 1995 and early 1996 went on for a total of 27 days.

Now there is a balanced-budget deal that sets spending outlines, which is one reason the veto-shutdown weaponry is sheathed. Another is the political penalty Republicans suffered when voters blamed them for the last episodes, and then, this spring, when Clinton vetoed a disaster relief appropriation bill because of GOP amendments that had nothing to do with flood relief.

Once, ironically, there was a provision to block future federal shutdowns by automatically continuing spending authority after Oct. 1, when the budget year begins, for any agencies

not covered by regular appropriations bills.

The Republicans sponsored it as the government shutdown prevention act, and with party-line votes, attached it to the bill to provide disaster aid to victims of the springtime floods in the Midwest.

Under their amendment, agencies and programs for which spending powers lapsed for lack of congressional action by Sept. 30 would have been able to continue financing their operations with a 2 percent cut from the previous year's budget.

The White House called that a gimmick to let the GOP Congress cut funds simply by failing to act on them, and Clinton vetoed the bill over that and other rider amendments. He won. There was a backlash against GOP tactics. They read the polls and yielded, although the compromise outcome was supposed to guarantee action on a separate anti-shutdown bill. There was none, but it would have been pointless because it would have been vetoed anyhow.

The administration argument — like those of Republicans against stalling Democrats before — is that Congress ought to do its work on time, so that the regular appropriations will be set before the new budget year begins.

That's rare. Congress got them all done on schedule in 1994. Before that, it hadn't hap-

pened since 1948.

Hence the stopgap measures, like the one due this week. There have been 53 of them in the past 15 years. There also have been eight partial government shutdowns in standoffs over the temporary spending bills.

The current one simply continues spending at 1997 rates through Thursday.

Five of the 13 appropriations that finance the government have been signed into law. Two await Clinton's signature, six are still in Congress. So there will have to be another continuing resolution.

"My expectation is that it will pass fairly easily," Sen. Tom Daschle, the Democratic leader, said Monday.

Such spending resolutions sometimes have been used as vehicles for policy riders an administration opposed, like the cuts and balanced-budget deadline Republican voted in 1995, prompting the Clinton veto and the shutdown. That round blew up against the Republicans. Voters blamed them for the shutdown, and the episode marked the beginning of Clinton's 1996 political revival.

While the continuing resolution isn't in dispute in this round, other money issues are. So there could still be a stand-off over spending bills, since Republicans are insisting on provisions Clinton won't accept.

The administration has posted veto threats against:

• A provision in the foreign operations bill barring U.S. aid to international organizations that advocate or finance abortions.

• A Republican attempt to forbid the use of sampling along with actual head counting in the 2000 Census.

• Two issues in a bill that covers education funds: House GOP insistence on a provision on a provision against the national reading and mathematics tests Clinton wants, and a Senate attempt to transform federal education aid into no-strings grants to local school districts.

• House GOP attempt to earmark funds in the District of Columbia money bill for school choice grants that would enable about 2,000 pupils to go to private instead of public schools.

Some disputed provisions could be subject to Clinton's line-item veto, which would let the broader bill take effect. But that covers only specific appropriations, not strictures on how they are to be used.

The skirmishes aren't over.

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Experts: Microsoft likely to survive latest challenge

SEATTLE (AP) — It's been called the Evil Empire, and likened to a breed of "Star Trek" aliens who consume everything in their path.

Now the Justice Department is calling Microsoft Corp. a bully in the browser wars, accusing it of trying to monopolize the way we surf the Internet.

Microsoft's years of business practices that test the legal limits and its long refusal to cower to the antitrust cops have few experts thinking the latest threat will bring the company to its knees.

Even the government's attempt to fine Microsoft \$1 million a day would hardly sting a

company that last year made \$4 million every day — including Saturdays, Sundays and Christmas.

"Microsoft has been called every bad name in the book," says Jim Balderston, an analyst with Zona Research Inc. in Redwood City, Calif. "They're pretty thick-skinned."

The Justice Department on Monday accused Microsoft of using its dominant Windows operating software, which runs 80 percent of personal computers, to shut out potential customers of rival Netscape's Internet browser. The government said Microsoft requires PC makers that install Windows 95 on their products to sell it

with Microsoft's browser, Internet Explorer.

Moreover, Microsoft is accused of threatening PC manufacturers who sought to alter its Explorer browser with terminating their licenses for Windows.

The department's antitrust division asked a federal judge to hold Microsoft in contempt of a 1995 court order barring the Redmond, Wash.-based company from anti-competitive licensing. The department wants a judge to fine the company \$1 million a day if it is found in contempt and continues the practice.

Microsoft says it is only giving customers what they want,

did nothing illegal and is confident it can win any court challenge.

In past run-ins with government, Microsoft softened some tactics that got it in trouble, but for the most part it continued its aggressive grab for rivals' business.

For example, Microsoft now thinks twice about big outright acquisitions after authorities in 1995 zapped its proposed merger with Intuit, the maker of Quicken, a deal that would have helped it lock up the market for personal finance software.

But Microsoft — despite the 1995 court order — continued over the next two years to strike deals with nearly every major

PC maker to make its Internet Explorer easier for Web surfers to use than Netscape's Navigator.

"Their business culture is not likely to turn on a dime just because of this suit," says Hadley Reynolds, director of research at Delphi Consulting Group in Boston.

Still, that aggressive strategy could backfire, says Jesse Berst, editorial director for ZDNet AnchorDesk, an online news magazine.

By taking a "haughty, self-righteous air," Berst says, Microsoft is sacrificing goodwill and giving free positive publicity to its competitors.

"I think that this stonewalling

tactic of theirs is a foolish business decision and it comes out of pride and arrogance, not really thinking through what is really going to be best for your business," Berst says.

Though Bill Gates' extraordinary success — and \$38 billion fortune — might cause some sour grapes, many rivals contend his company plays too close to the line of what's permissible in business.

Microsoft's early history was characterized by squabbles with IBM, Apple, Novell and other rivals. In the early 1990s, the government accused it of shutting out competitors through its licensing practices, which led to the consent decree in 1995.

Despite warnings, feds checked into casino

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite warnings that White House involvement would be "disastrous" and "political poison," presidential aides contacted the Interior Department three times in 1995 about an Indian casino opposed by a Democratic fund-raiser, internal memos show.

The aides inquired about the pending decision and learned weeks in advance that Interior was likely to rule in favor of the wealthy tribes who opposed the casino, the documents show. The tribes later donated more than \$270,000 to the Democratic Party.

The White House memos reviewed by The Associated Press show that a lobbyist-fund-raiser for a tribe opposing the casino pressed the White House to intervene. Federal court records show the lobbyist suggested to Democratic officials four days later that he could get some tribal members to attend a \$1,000-a-plate fund-raiser for President Clinton.

Senate investigators are now looking into whether the lobbyist's contacts or the subsequent donations had any bearing on the administration's decision to block the Wisconsin casino. The White House said

Wednesday that its contacts "were not an effort to influence the department's decision and that the department was well on its way toward its final decision before the first status inquiry was made."

"There is no indication that any of the status information the White House learned was passed on to anybody outside the White House," its statement added.

The administration's decision has prompted a federal lawsuit by the tribes who were denied permission to convert a dog track in Hudson, Wis., into a casino.

The memos, turned over Tuesday night to Senate and House investigators, detail how lobbyist Patrick J. O'Connor's brief contact with Clinton on April 24, 1995, set in motion top White House advisers Bruce Lindsey and Harold Ickes, and later Democratic Party chairman Don Fowler.

They also show that presidential aides knew from the start that O'Connor had ties to Democratic fund raising.

"The legal and political implications of our involvement would be disastrous," said Loretta Avent, a White House specialist on Indian affairs,

Taxpayers cooling toward funding stadiums

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Professional sports teams, no matter how well they do on the playing field, have built a winning streak for their owners in getting voters to dip into their pockets and spend public money on new stadiums.

After years of watching owners pocket millions and then threaten to leave town, angry voters may be ready to end that string on Nov. 4. Ballot measures in Minneapolis and Pittsburgh ask voters if they are willing to spend public money on new stadiums and polls indicate owners are probably going

down to defeat in both cities.

"It's not that we're anti-stadium. The people just don't want a public subsidy of any kind and to be making a billionaire more rich," Ricky Rask, a spokeswoman for a Minneapolis referendum group, said of Twins owner Carl Pohlad. "It's about economic justice and when it comes to baseball, there ain't any."

In July, 75 percent of Minneapolis voters questioned for the Star Tribune said they wouldn't give a single dollar to build a stadium, while 72 percent of those questioned for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette in May

said they opposed a sales tax hike for new stadiums.

Although team owners have lost many attempts to grab stadium funding from taxpayers, they have been successful recently. The owners usually claim they can't compete without more luxury boxes and other amenities. And they argue that a new stadium will revitalize their downtown districts, using Cleveland and Baltimore as examples.

Last year, voters in Detroit and Cincinnati agreed to help pay for new stadiums and owners won close races in San Francisco and Seattle earlier

this year.

Put on the ballot by stadium opponents, the Minneapolis measure would require city officials to ask voters if they want to spend more than \$10 million for any future stadium projects. In Pittsburgh, proponents of new stadiums for baseball's Pirates and football's Steelers tacked an 11-county development plan onto a tax hike for the stadiums.

The problem, say sports financing experts, is that new stadiums aren't the money-makers backers claim they will be. They create very few new jobs and little growth.

Congress plans 'civil' welcome for Chinese

WASHINGTON (AP) — There won't be any red carpets out, but Congress, long in the vanguard of those critical of China, plans at least a civil welcome next week for Chinese President Jiang Zemin.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, after consulting with the administration, has decided to put off action on legislation the Chinese would consider hostile. Leaders from the two parties will get a chance to air their grievances directly to Jiang, but only at a closed-door breakfast Oct. 30.

At least since 1989, when the Chinese military eradicated the Tiananmen democracy movement and Jiang came to power, Congress has been a thorn in China's side with annual battle to cut off China's most-favored-nation trade status and attempts to punish China for its policies on human rights, population control, weapons proliferation and Tibet.

It's always been the White House, whether under George Bush or Bill Clinton, that has insisted that the key to getting China to change is engagement, not confrontation.

But at least when Jiang is in Washington, Congress plans a

truce.

Republicans, said Gingrich spokeswoman Christina Martin, "realize the importance of the United States speaking with one voice and one policy. Therefore, Republicans have consulted with the administration to ensure the timing of China-related legislation does not appear an insult" during Jiang's visit.

Gingrich's decision didn't please some Democrats, who are in the minority and, thus, cannot control the agenda. "He's pulled the plug and is trying to muffle Congress' voice. He's trying to quiet the voices of dissent in anticipation" of

Jiang's trip, said House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt.

Rep. Frank Wolf, R-Va., a vocal critic of China's human rights policies, said he was disappointed by the delay but that wouldn't stop him and other lawmakers from making speeches and holding news conferences.

On Wednesday, Wolf held a news conference to charge that the Chinese military was selling the organs of executed prisoners for use in transplants in America.

Gingrich in the past has been aggressively outspoken on China issues.

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◆There is at least one cat in 32 percent of U.S. households.

Do you have a good story idea for the life! section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 236.

SCHOOL NEWS

Forsan High School

Forsan High School's annual induction ceremony for the National Honor Society took place Oct. 14 in the school auditorium.

Members were selected by a faculty council for meeting high standards of scholarship, service, leadership and character.

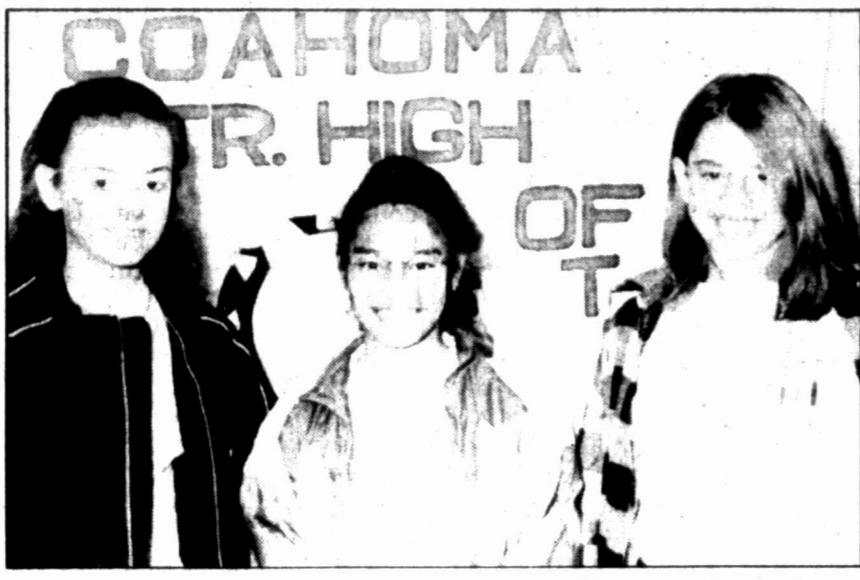
Inducted were: Jerrod Fishback, Jeremy Hedges, Joy Humphreys, Katie Kirn, Cade Park, Carrie Robinson, and Cullen Sartor.

Coahoma choir honors

Bobbi-Leigh Spiller, a sophomore at Coahoma High School, was named to Region II All-Region Choir first soprano section in an audition in Abilene Oct. 11.



SPILLER



Shown are Coahoma eighth graders recently selected for Big Country Honor Choir: Brandi Hutchison, Jackie Molina and Ashley Woolverton.

She will also advance to the next level of competition, pre-area, Nov. 21. The Region Choir concert will take place Nov. 22.

Bobbi is a second-year member of All-Region Choir and competed against students from Wichita Falls, San Angelo, and Abilene and other schools.

Three Coahoma eighth-graders were recently selected to be part of the Big Country

Honor Choir, an Abilene all-city choir for 7th and 8th graders.

Brandi Hutchison and Ashley Woolverton, first sopranos, and Jackie Molina, alto, will represent Coahoma in the concert Friday at Lincoln Middle School in Abilene. To earn positions in the choir, they competed against students from Abilene, Sweetwater, Clyde, Merkel, Albany and Wylie.

RUNNELS TOP SINGERS



Runnels Junior High students who earned spots in the Region VI All-Region Choir recently were: top row, Brian Wingert, Marissa McCartney and Brandon Greathouse; middle row, Antoine Scott, Andrew Campbell and Sherrean Jones; front row, Chris McGee, Alex Edgemon and Kim Jumper. Not pictured is Jennifer Evans. They were chosen from singers all over West Texas for the 80-member choir of middle and junior high students.



4-H VOLUNTEERS

4-H members, from left, Cody Griffith, Meagan Kothmann and Terra Sellers load boxes at the West Texas Food Bank Big Spring branch. The group was volunteering time at the local food bank location Saturday.

HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Attention deficit disorder can be successfully treated

QUESTION: What kind of treatment is available for attention deficit disorder?

DR. DOBSON: Treatment involves a range of factors, beginning with education. The adult with attention deficit disorder (ADD) is often greatly relieved to learn that he or she has an identifiable, treatable condition.



Dr. James Dobson
Columnist

and Ratey call "a coach." A knowledgeable friend is needed to stand nearby with a whistle - offering encouragement, pointing out mistakes, teaching and modifying behavior. If a wise instructor can teach a novice to play tennis or golf, a caring coach can help a person with ADD learn to behave in more successful ways.

Finally, there are the considerable benefits to the use of prescription drugs for both children and adults. Approximately 70 percent of ADD patients, benefit from appropriate medication. Surprisingly, certain stimulants are often effective in helping ADD children - including those who are hyperactive. No one knows exactly how they work, but they probably affect the electrochemical processes in the frontal lobes of the brain, which regulate behavior. The most commonly prescribed drug is Ritalin, although some patients do better on Dextroamphetamine or Cylert. In some instances, these substances have a remarkably positive effect.

QUESTION: What can we as parents do to improve the public schools in our area? DR. DOBSON: Most educators know that parental involvement is absolutely critical to what public schools are trying to do. Others (fortunately not the majority) see themselves as the professionals, and they resent parental interference. We should never concede to that idea. Parents are ultimately responsible for the education of their kids and they should not surrender that authority. Educators are their employees.

Please see DOBSON, page 7A.

Delicious cookies wanted: Wal-Mart plans contest

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Just how good are your cookies?

Wal-Mart stores across the country are participating in the "Lovin' the Oven: A Baking Celebration" contest Nov. 1. Local cooks are invited to bring a dozen of their best cookies to the service desk at the Big Spring store by 2 p.m.

Three community judges will choose the best on appearance, texture and flavor. The top three winning cooks will take home prizes.

"This is something we hope will be a lot of fun," said Anna Gutierrez, zone director at Wal-Mart. "We're really trying to build up a lot of interest in it."

BAKING CONTEST

Lovin' the Oven cookie contest
Takes place Nov. 1 at Wal-Mart service desk
Drop off a dozen of your best cookies by 2 p.m.
Judging by 4 p.m.
Judges are from local community.
Prizes include kitchen appliances.
National winner will be featured in Wal-Mart circular.

Judging takes place at 4 p.m. that day. First place cookie baker will win a Black & Decker Mini-Chopper and Lovin' the Oven T-shirt; second place earns a Proctor Silex Handmixer; and third place an Air Bake Non-stick Insulated Cookie Sheet.

Local cooks have the chance to advance to the national competition, which offers a Kitchen-Aid Chrome Standmixer and the chance to be featured in the Wal-Mart January circular. Gutierrez said the mixer offered is a \$500 value.

Girl's letter to President comes back undeliverable

ENFIELD, Conn. (AP) - Most schoolchildren know that President Clinton lives at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. in Washington.

Someone at the U.S. Postal Service apparently does not. Eleven-year-old Christina

Reveruzzi's letter to "President of the United States, Mr. William Clinton," at that address came back to her this week stamped: "Moved, Not Forwardable."

The Enfield girl printed the address clearly but admitted

she didn't post it with a ZIP code.

That may have been the problem, a Postal Service spokesman said.

White House spokesman Jon Murchinson said letters to the president often arrive without

even a street address, "although it takes longer without the ZIP code."

For the record, Murchinson confirmed that Clinton is still a resident at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. and "expects to be until early in 2001."

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Beauty contest planned at mall

Big Spring Mall will host the 1997 Sunburst USA Beauty Pageant and Baby Contest Nov. 7. Registration is 5-6:30 p.m. that day, and the pageant begins at 6:30 p.m.

Pageant entry forms are available at Big Spring Mall. All ages will compete, from babies to women age 27. Every contestant will receive a trophy.

Runners-up and winners will receive their entry fee paid to state finals. The competition continues to an international level.

For more information on the contest, call Sunburst at (619) 462-7461.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Harvest Saturday set

Harvest Saturday is planned for Oct. 25 at the Big Spring State Park. Activities include 5K and 10K runs, a kids only mile race, game and food booths for kids, and a costume contest.

There will also be hayrides around the mountain. For information, call 263-4931.

Fish Fry Saturday

American Legion Post 506 Fish Fry will be Saturday, Oct. 25, from noon to 4 p.m. Plates are \$5 and call ins welcome and free delivery available.

THE LAST WORD

One of the secrets of a happy life is continuous small treats.

Iris Murdoch

You have achieved excellence as a leader when people will follow you anywhere, if only out of curiosity.

Colin L. Powell

For sleep, riches and health to be truly enjoyed they must be interrupted.

John Paul Richter

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By LISA JONES
St. Louis Post

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Make your own scary face for Halloween

By LISA JONES TOWNSEL
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Just the thought of Halloween conjures up images of creepy critters, ghoulish ghosts and wicked witches. Traditionally, this is the one night of the year that adults and children alike suspend reality and roam neighborhood streets dressed in scary, jaw-dropping costumes.

But it can get costly for those who rely on store-bought outfits and masks to set the evening aglow. Yet, there are several ways to personalize your fright-night adventure. For one, you can do away with commercial masks and make perfectly haunting ones of your own with theatrical makeup.

"You'll pay about \$100 a pop for a good mask," says James Daher, an attorney and part-time makeup artist. "But you can use one batch of makeup for several kids. It's a lot cheaper."

Daher says you don't have to be a professional to create authentically spooky looks. "Most of the time, people want to try to make their own costumes and eerie looks," he says. "People are very interested once they know how to do it."

And the best part, he says, is "you can let your imagination run wild."

Daher enlisted Missourians Sadie Beaver, 9, and Drew Stevens, 26, to prove his point. He transformed Sadie into a spooky jack-o'-lantern and turned Stevens into a frightening devil.

To create the pumpkin head, Daher first sectioned off a small section of hair and pulled it up into a ponytail. The rest of her hair was allowed to hang free.

With a toothbrush, he painted the ponytail with Ben Nye Magic Color's light green makeup. He repeated the process again with a darker green hue. "Make sure it's clumpy," Daher insists. "You don't want it to be consistent."

Sadie's hanging tresses were then gathered up into an orange-painted Woochie bald cap. A hole was cut in the very top and Sadie's green ponytail was pulled through.

For the pumpkin smile, Daher drew horizontal lines that extended from the fold of the lips to each ear lobe. Using a paint brush, he drew alternating blocks along the top and bottom of the horizontal line. The area was filled in with black foundation.

—Scripps Howard News Service

Best Halloween costumes are true originals with own style

By BECKY HOMAN
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

"Men in Black," aka the Blues Brothers, are about to show up at your front door. Don't be afraid.

Xena, that popular warrior princess, will probably be there, too.

And if you're lucky, a walking submarine sandwich will come your way. Maybe even a talking crab, a witch or a floppy-eared baby bunny.

The trendiest costumes for homemade Halloween are getting their inspiration from characters in movies and on TV. But some of the most fanciful costumes — and often the easiest to make — are ones that come straight from the heart.

That's Bruce Mai's opinion. And as secretary of the St. Louis Costumers Guild — a group of amateur enthusiasts with ties to the international guild of costume makers — he should know.

Mai says he has dressed in some of his most elaborate, guild-generated costumes for many a Halloween contest. His outfits include fur-covered, snout-pointed characters from the comic book *Xanadu* and a very scary "Bride of the

Cobra" that he designed for a woman friend.

"They never win," he says. "It's annoying."

What does win, he says, is anything "funny, or risqué, depending on the venue, or recognizable, or cross-genre, like mixing titles from two movies."

Winners, he adds, generally "can't be looking too professional. I think that's what happened to us."

And so, Mai has changed his tune for Halloween.

After seeing prizes awarded to a guy "carrying an entire motocross bike across his body," to a gentleman wearing "scads of lights, turning on and off in a sequence," and to a couple posing as a vacuum cleaner and bag, with the trailer behind them pulling a dummy "pushing" the vacuum — Mai went for a simple submarine sandwich.

From cardboard, foam, construction-paper cutouts and a little green crepe paper, he had the wearable sandwich.

When Mai added flippers and a child's toy periscope, he had the submarine twist.

But a smile, he says, can turn the same costume into a "cheese" sandwich; lying played on the ground makes it

sandwich spread; wielding a club makes it a club sandwich. Well, you get the idea.

Of some of his competition, Mai says, "I've seen some amazing stuff by total amateurs."

There is Dale Pessin, for instance.

As president of the St. Louis chapter of the American Sewing Guild, Pessin felt amateurish enough to go to Winston's Fabrics for help in creating her costume — Xena: Warrior Princess.

There, Cissy Kolodgie helped her pick black vinyl and faux leather for the main part of the costume, plus gold vinyl to cut into metal-like decorations overall.

The outfit cost about \$35 and is on display at Winston's.

Orthodontist Dr. Sondra Naegler went to her baby granddaughter, Madeline Todd, for inspiration.

Madeline needed some bunny ears to go on top of a pink, knit infant's cap, her grandmother decided.

Naegler bought 44 cents' worth of pink-colored craft foam, \$2 of white fleece and stitched it all together.

—Scripps Howard News Service

DOBSON

Continued from page 6A.

paid with tax dollars, and are accountable to the school board members whom parents elect. The best schools are those with the greatest parental involvement and support.

With that understanding, let me urge you to visit your child's school to answer questions of interest to you. Does the staff understand the necessity for structure, respect and discipline in the classroom? If so, why don't you call your child's teacher and the principal and express your appreciation to them? They could use a pat on the back. Tell them you stand ready to assist in carrying out their important mission.

If your school system is not so oriented, get involved to help turn the tide. Meet with parent groups. Join the PTA. Review the textbooks. Work for the election of school board members who believe in traditional values and academic excellence.

Let me say it again: Schools function best when the time-honored principle of local control "by parents" prevails. I believe it is making a comeback!

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.

Exotic animals sold to highest bidder at wildlife park sale

HARWOOD (AP) — Animals from alligators and baboons to zebras and zebras were up for bid this weekend at the close-out auction of Noah's Land, a 500-acre wildlife park. The bidding Saturday brought a large crowd of shoppers from around the state and beyond. They were mostly collectors, owners of small zoos and cowboys no longer content with just cows.

CHRISTMAS LAYAWAY

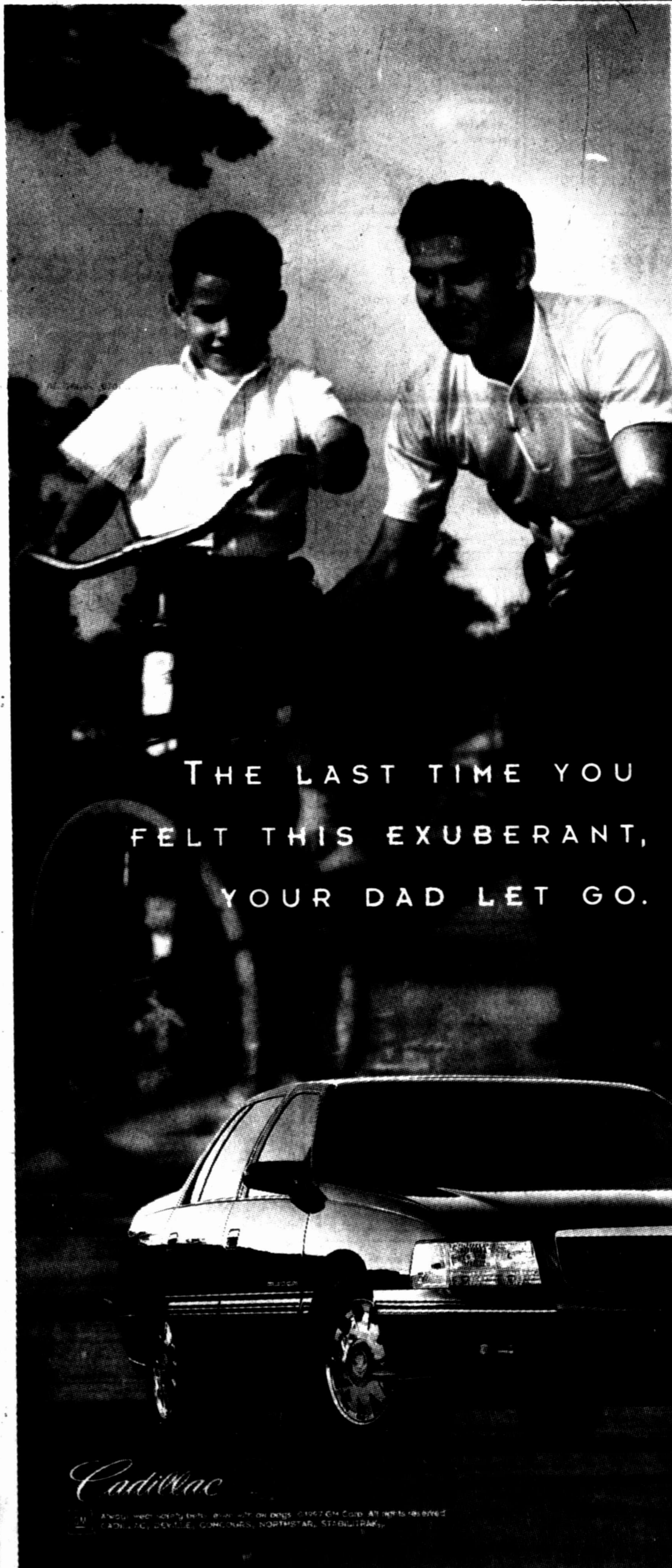
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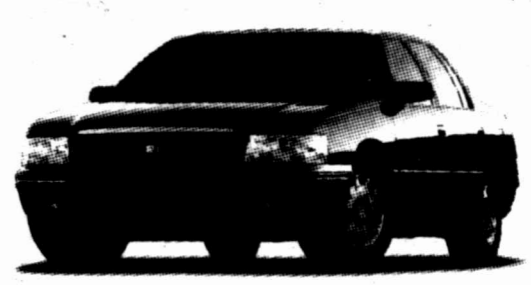
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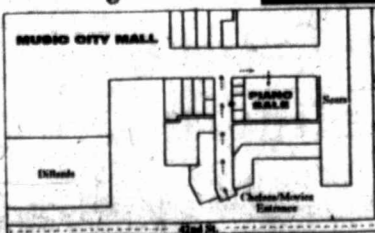
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WHO'S WHO

David Drake of Big Spring placed second and received two honorable mentions in the Permian Basin Poetry Society's World Day of Poetry Contest, and Darrian Alexander, also of Big Spring, won an honorable mention. The contest results were announced Saturday, Oct. 18, at the Permian Basin Poetry Society's World Day of Poetry Festival held at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin's Center for Energy and Economic Diversification.

Both Drake and Alexander were present at the festival to receive their awards and read their winning poems. Drake was awarded a cash prize and a Barnes and Noble gift certificate, and both he and Alexander received certificates. One hundred forty-six poems from 64 writers, representing nine West Texas towns, were entered in the contest.

Nikita V. Bezrukiy and Kim L. Hughey of Big Spring were recently inducted into the Angelo State University chapter of the national honor scholarship society, Alpha Chi.

Bezrukiy, a native of the Ukraine with a double major in applied physics and computer science, and Hughey, a junior majoring in mathematics at ASU, were among over 60 outstanding juniors and seniors inducted into the organization in ceremonies at the university last week.

Alpha Chi is a coeducational society whose purpose is to "promote academic excellence and exemplary character among college and university students, and to honor those who achieve such distinction." In order to meet membership requirements for Alpha Chi, students must be either juniors or seniors "of good character" in any academic discipline, and have completed at least 60 to 95 semester hours with a GPA of 3.75 or better as juniors, or upwards of 96 hours with a minimum GPA of 3.60 as seniors.

Joshua Edward Cox of Big Spring has begun classes as a first-year student at Southern Methodist University this fall. He is one of 1,251 members of the class of 2201 at SMU.

Clipped
Woman ends try
at world record
for longest nails

DALLAS (AP) — It took a doctor and a manicurist just 20 minutes to end Lauretta Adams' dream of setting a world record.

The 43-year-old Dallas woman had been growing her fingernails for the last 24 years. Last year, when she was interviewed about her quest to get into the Guinness Book of World Records, her nails ranged from 10 to 28 inches long.

But since then, the inconvenience of having more than 100 inches of fingernails has turned into pain.

"For about the last year, they'd been hurting me," Ms. Adams told Fort Worth television station KDFW. "Besides, the world record holder is a man from India and he has me beat by 76 inches."

"I would never have been able to pass him," Ms. Adams said that after having her nails cut, she did something she hasn't been able to do since the early 1970s: "I scratched."

CHURCH AND CLUB NEWS DEADLINES

Church and club news items are due at the Herald office on Wednesday by noon for Friday publication. Items should be dropped off to the office, 710 Scurry; mailed to P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721-1431; or faxed to 264-7205. For more information call 263-7331, ext. 235.

Especially for kids and their families
The Mini Page

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By BETTY DEBNAM

National Wildlife Refuges
Protecting Nature's Treasures

You may have seen this sign with the flying goose. It means a National Wildlife Refuge is nearby. Wildlife refuges are special places set aside to protect the land, animals and plants.

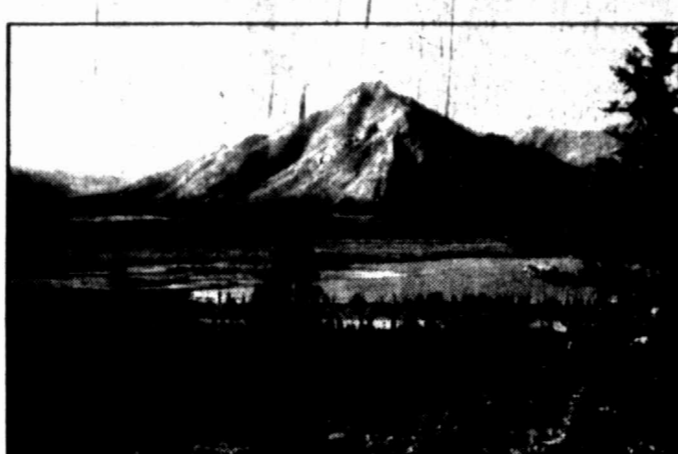
Many people don't realize it, but no matter where you live, there is probably a national refuge close by. They are in all 50 states. Even if you live in a big city, there is probably a refuge within an hour's drive from you.

There are more than 500 National Wildlife Refuges. The refuge system, managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, also protects more than 3,000 small wetlands areas.

Wetlands are areas with waterlogged soil that is often covered by shallow water. These lands are important stopping-off places for migrating birds.



This wildlife manager releases a golden eagle, a protected species.



The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska is the largest in the country. More than 80 percent of refuge wilderness is in Alaska. Wilderness areas are lands still mostly undisturbed by humans.

The beginning

About 100 years ago, a lot of people were killing birds so they could use their feathers for hats. Tens of thousands of birds were killed. Several species were almost wiped out.

In 1903, President Theodore Roosevelt created the first refuge, Pelican Island in Florida, to protect pelicans and other birds.



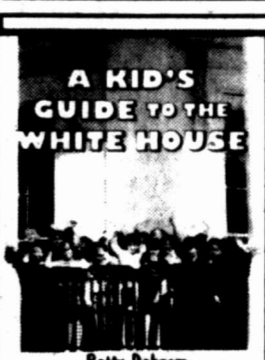
Almost 100 years ago, the first refuge manager, Paul Kroegel, cared for a pelican on the 3-acre Pelican Island Refuge.

Refuges:

- protect threatened or endangered species;
- provide stopping-off spots for migrating birds;
- teach about the environment;
- provide places for outdoor recreation;
- preserve historic areas such as Native American campsites.



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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and Alpha Mouse are visiting a wildlife refuge. See if you can find:



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- number 3

WILDLIFE TRY 'N FIND

Words about wildlife refuges are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find: WILDLIFE, REFUGE, ANIMALS, PROTECT, ENDANGERED, DESERT, THREATENED, BIRDS, PELICAN, GOOSE, WATERFOWL, ACRES, BEAUTIFUL, STATES, VISITORS, ALASKA, FORESTS.

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**Rookie Cookie's Recipe
Refuge Rarebit**

- You'll need:
- 1 can Cheddar cheese soup
 - 1/2 cup Cheddar cheese, grated
 - 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
 - 4 pieces of toast

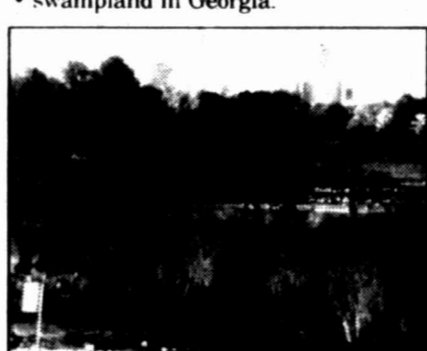
- What to do:
1. Heat soup in a medium pot over medium heat. Stir well.
 2. Add cheese and Worcestershire sauce. Stir until cheese melts.
 3. Pour equal amounts of sauce over toast.
- Serves 2.

Safe Sites for Nature

Protecting the land

Refuges protect lots of different kinds of environments. These include:

- Alaskan Arctic plains, or tundra
- forests in Maine;
- extinct volcanoes in Hawaii;
- desert lands in Arizona;
- swampland in Georgia.



The Tincum wetlands refuge in Pennsylvania rests between an interstate highway and the Philadelphia airport. It is an example of a refuge within an urban setting.



The Desert National Wildlife Range outside Las Vegas, Nev., includes a wide variety of land, ranging from yucca forest to snow-capped mountains.



Some refuges have been set up especially for big game animals such as elk and buffalo. This refuge in Alaska protects a huge herd of caribou, which native people depend upon for food and shelter.

Protecting wildlife

Refuges are home to more than 200 threatened or endangered species.

They are also home to 700 kinds of birds, 200 kinds of mammals, 250 kinds of reptiles and amphibians, 200 kinds of fish, and hundreds of types of plants.



The whooping crane depends upon the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge for its survival. Each year whoopers migrate from Canada to winter on the Aransas refuge on the Texas Gulf Coast. These birds are still in great danger, but their numbers are growing each year on the refuge.



Many waterfowl such as ducks and geese migrate. This means they fly north each spring and south each fall. They need wetlands refuges so they will have places to rest and find food on their journeys.



The Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge allows the Florida panther the space it needs to hunt food and find mates.

Look through your newspaper for stories and ads about animals.

The Mini Page thanks Janet Tennyson at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for help with this issue.

Next week The Mini Page celebrates Halloween.



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Endangered species

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Steers have sights set firmly on Fort Stockton's weapons

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Big Spring's Steers have three games left in the regular football season ... three extremely tough games with Fort Stockton, Sweetwater and Andrews.

For Dwight Butler and his charges, however, only Friday night's trip to Fort Stockton is the focus. That's because Butler has long believed the Panthers would play a factor in the District 4-4A race this season.

While virtually everyone was putting a lock on 4-4A for Sweetwater's Mustangs and the reserving the remaining two playoff spots for Andrews and San Angelo Lake View,

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Butler was extolling Fort Stockton's talent.

"Mark my words," Butler said during two-a-day practices in August. "Fort Stockton is going to surprise some people. They're going to be good ...

real good."

Although the 5-2 Panthers have lost their first two district games to Lake View and Sweetwater, the Steers boss hasn't changed his opinion.

"They're still in the picture," Butler explained. "I imagine they feel like they're through with the toughest part of their schedule and that they've got just as good a chance of reaching the playoffs as anyone."

Indeed, were the Panthers win their remaining three district games, chances are they'd finish no worse than third in the 4-4A standings and advance to postseason play.

But Butler, who also refused to rule out the Steers' chances as contenders back in August, isn't making postsea-

son plans, yet, even though the 6-1 Steers are a perfect 2-0 in district play and can virtually wrap up a playoff berth with a win in Fort Stockton.

"We don't know anything about the playoffs ... just trying to win a game Friday night," Butler said Wednesday afternoon, explaining that he, his staff and the Steers are doing their best to stay in the moment. "We just know we've got one heck of a game coming up ... one that's going to be a real test for us."

"You can't wrap up your whole season in just one game," he added. "This has been a lot of fun for us. We've won a lot more games than we have in the last couple of years. The kids are enjoying the run and so are we (coach-

es)."

To continue enjoying that run, the Steers will have to shut down one of the district's most prolific offenses that features superbly talented tailback Jacob Vasquez.

A 5-foot-11, 175-pound senior with excellent quickness and breakaway speed, Vasquez is a potential game-breaker every time he touches the ball.

Butler, however, says opponents can't concentrate all their defensive efforts on the Panthers' stellar runner.

"There's no question that Vasquez is their key weapon," he noted, "but you can't just try and stop him. They've

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Indians even Series

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — The Indians found the best way to escape the cold and snow: Send the World Series back to Florida.

Yes, baseball's not supposed to be played in weather like this.

Sure, shorts and shirt sleeves are preferable to skicaps and scarves.

So the Indians got their wish with Wednesday night's 10-3 victory over the Marlins, which tied the best-of-7 Series at 2-all. The title will be decided this weekend in the warmth of Miami's Pro Player Stadium, but not until tonight's Game 5 is played in Cleveland.

"It was the coldest I've pitched in," said Jaret Wright, who allowed three runs in six innings to win only the sixth Series matchup of rookie starters.

It was 38 degrees when the first pitch was thrown, the coldest for a Series game since temperature records started in 1975. The wind chill was 18 and snow flurries fluttered throughout the night. Even the Indians' mascot wore a Santa cap.

"Let it snow, let it snow," Sandy Alomar sang in the interview room after getting three of Cleveland's 15 hits and driving in three runs.

On Tuesday night, Florida had taken a 2-1 lead with a 14-11 win, winning a game that most called ugly.

Cleveland didn't let the loss snowball, getting ahead in the first on a two-run homer by Manny Ramirez and an RBI double by Alomar. The Indians made it 6-0 in the third and, after Florida closed to 6-3, pulled away with a run in the sixth, another in the seventh and Matt Williams' two-run homer in the eighth.

"That was important to get going early in the game," said Williams, who went 3-for-3 with two walks. "That goes back to putting pressure on the other team. That was huge. That set the tone from the beginning."

Wright, at 21 the youngest starting pitcher in the Series since Bret Saberhagen in 1985, showed why Cleveland promoted him from Double-A to the majors in the last half-year. He

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PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT



Area cowboys Allen Parrish and Steve Fryar (top photo) get in some practice roping Wednesday afternoon at a practice arena south of Big Spring. In the bottom photo, Gary Romine and Rusty Newcomb take their turn in preparation for a weekend roping event.

HERALD photos/Jonathan Garrett

Johnston will have surgery, miss rest of year

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — Fullback Daryl Johnston will miss the rest of the Dallas Cowboys' season after deciding to undergo surgery on bulging disk in his neck.

Johnston made his decision on Wednesday.

He said the problem disk is pushing on a nerve at the base of his neck.

"So we'll remove the entire disk and fuse the C-6 and C-7

vertebrae together," he said.

Johnston told the station that he expected to undergo the procedure Oct. 31.

"We have a few personal things that I made in advance that I need to take care of," he said. "Hopefully, Friday will be the first open day that we can get the surgery done because we feel it should be done as soon as possible once the decision is made."

He said he'll be limited in the use of his neck for about six

months after the surgery as a precaution. However, he denied recent reports that the injury and corrective surgery would end his football career.

"This gives me the best chance to be on the field next year," Johnston said.

"So as I pointed out last week, this never was career-threatening. My career was never in jeopardy. The procedure that we're going to go ahead and do, that was discussed all along."

Edwards, Owens players of week following big win

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

When outstanding performances seem to be the rule rather than the exception, the only yardstick has to be the level of competition against which those accomplishments are made.

As a result, Big Springs' Antwoyne Edwards and Joe Owens earned top honors as the Herald's offensive and defensive players of the week.

Playing in the first of what figures to be four straight District 4-4A showdowns, the Steers needed a big game from Edwards, their senior fullback, and got it in the 28-20 win over San Angelo Lake View.

With usual backfield mate Tory Mitchell sidelined with a strained knee and facing an opponent that has reached the 4-4A playoffs the past three seasons, Edwards responded with a 250-yard performance on 26 carries and touchdown runs of 7, 31 and 74 yards.

"It was probably as good as I've ever seen him," Steers coach Dwight Butler said of Edwards' performance. "We needed a big game from somebody offensively. He stepped up and provided it."

Owens, the Steers' strong safety faced no less daunting a task, since the Chiefs arrived at Memorial Stadium with one of the best passing offenses in the state.

Chiefs quarterback Alonzo Robinson had a big night, completing 16 of 26 passes for 197 yards. But Owens seemed to be all over the field, picking off two of Robinson's passes and leading the Steers in tackles with 11 — six solo stops and five assists.

"Our pass defense did just exactly what we'd asked them to do," Butler said. "We knew they were going to get some passing yardage, but we wanted to keep them from getting the big play. We wanted to let them have 5 or 10 yards, not 65 on a play."

"If somebody made a mistake on a pass play, we wanted it to be them," Butler added. "Joe made them pay twice ... picked one off in the end zone and another one when they were driving in the second half."

Stanton quarterback Kyle Herm, last week's offensive



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honor winner, had another big night in the Buffs' 73-0 demolition of Tornillo. Seeing action for little more than half the game, Herm completed 10 of 15 passes for three touchdowns and returned a punt 60 yards for still another Stanton score.

Wide receiver Tyrone Davis caught five of Herm's passes for 92 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Davis not only earned honorable mention offensively, but defensively as well with two interceptions, including one he returned 27 yards for a touchdown.

Stanton placekicker Joey Noyola also earned mention, going a perfect 10 for 10 on extra point attempts and kicked a 25-yard field goal in the Buffs' rout.

Grady's Wildcats also had multiple offensive nominees, running backs Frankie Garza and Jed Hinojosa, following their 62-22 win over Klondike.

Garza, after having two straight sub-par performances, returned to form by rushing for 267 yards on 23 carries and four touchdowns. He also caught a pass for a touchdown against the Cougars.

Hinojosa ran for two touchdowns and caught a pass for another. In addition, he kicked three two-point conversions for the Wildcats.

Despite a 41-26 loss to Winters, Forsan's Buffaloes also had a couple of offensive nominees — quarterback Cade Park, who completed seven of 16 passes for 223 yards and two touchdowns, and receiver Brian Fielder, who caught those two scoring tosses for 101 yards, a 49-yarder and another of 52 yards.

Sands' Jerrod Beall also enjoyed a big night Friday, running for touchdowns of 50 and 70 yards and throwing a 52-yard touchdown pass to Anthony Cantu in the Mustangs' 63-8

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All out of excuses, Selig now putting blame on baseball's pitchers

CLEVELAND — The games are too long and he is fresh out of alibis, not to mention ideas. So Bud Selig fingered the pitchers.

Them. Over there. The guys on that little hill-top. They are killing baseball.

"Ball one. Ball two. Ball three," the commissioner said. "It reminds me of my own club. When you have pitchers who can't throw the ball over the plate — and when they do it hits the wall somewhere — you're going to have long games."

Selig offered this assessment standing inside a tunnel Wednesday night at Jacobs Field. Snow was falling on

the diamond outside, but he was adamant: no postponement. The only thing that would have made for a more appropriate backdrop is if silver dollars were cascading down from the heavens instead.

He is still steaming that it took more than four hours for the Marlins and Indians to play Game 3 of the World Series the night before. Because if the network numbers were correct, most of the TV audience still hanging on at the bitter end were either relatives or insomniacs or both — not exactly the demographic profile baseball is after.

So Bud wants somebody to take the fall.

Somebody else. But there were no takers.

"Let him do the front-office work," Florida pitcher Alex Fernandez shot back, "and we'll do the playing."

Selig, though, is right about this much: Most big-league pitching is

decidedly small time. The reason for that is that there are too many teams to stock. And the reason for that is Selig and all the other conflicted power brokers who run baseball can't bring themselves to turn down the nine-figure ransoms people will pay for an expansion franchise.

Conveniently, he forgot to mention that in his blistering assessment of the foot soldiers.

The pitchers, we have to assume, are doing the best they can. But even their best is not very good. The matchup of Game 4 starters marked only the sixth time in World Series that rookie starters have faced each other. That was by necessity, not design.

Florida left-hander Tony Saunders was 4-6 in the regular season. The only reason he and fellow Marlins rookie Livan Hernandez are in the starting rotation this late in the season is because Fernandez went down

with rotator cuff problems and manager Jim Leyland is flat out of options. But he does not complain because other clubs have it worse. The clubs that are not here.

Saunders was chased after seven runs in only 4 2-3 innings of work Wednesday night. The three pitchers who followed him were left to divide the last three Indian runs in Cleveland's 10-3 win.

"He felt like he had to make a perfect pitch every time to get their club out. When he comes in here, I have no idea what he'll tell you," Leyland said, "but that's what it looked like to me. And normally a good game is dictated by your starting pitcher."

If that's true, there isn't much pitching in the whole lot — on either side. The only exception Wednesday night was Indians reliever Brian Anderson. He needed only 35 pitches to complete three innings because 25 of them were

strikes.

"Sometimes pitchers pitch like they don't want to get hit," Cleveland catcher Sandy Alomar said. "You have to be aggressive."

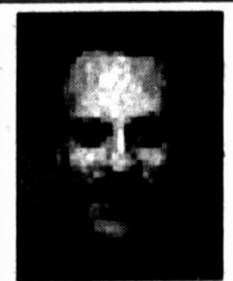
Through four games, the average length of a game is 3 hours, 33 minutes. Nice as it might be to think so, the time hasn't been consumed entirely by the parade of runners crossing home plate. Quite a bit of it has been wasted by pitchers blowing on their hands to stay warm or rubbing their necks after tracing the arcs of baseballs flying out of the playing surface.

Unfortunately, all this trying to keep the extremities in working order is part of the problem, too.

"There's too much of hitters stepping in and out and pitchers fooling around on the mound," Selig said.

He could do something about that.

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Jim Litke
Associated Press

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SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

'Meet the Hawks' set for tonight

Howard College will have its "Meet the Hawks" program at 7:30 tonight at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The event will begin with a Lady Hawks basketball scrimmage. The college's rodeo and baseball teams will be introduced following that game and then the Hawks will take the court for a scrimmage.

According to Hawks coach Tommy Collins, the four Hawks players, all starters, arrested earlier this fall on possession of marijuana charges have been dropped from the team.

Tournament to benefit United Way slated

The staff, family members and friends of the Big Spring State Hospital will take part in a golf tournament benefitting the United Way of Howard County on Friday at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The four-person best ball event will begin with a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start. Entry fees are set at

\$27.50 per person and registrations must be completed by Thursday.

Any player managing a hole-in-one on a par 3 hole will win a mountain bike.

In addition, a set of wood covers will be awarded to the man and woman turning in the longest drives on No. 3. A set of iron covers will go to the player getting closest to the hole on No. 10; and the player making the longest putt on No. 6 will receive a sleeve of Titleist balls.

For more information, contact Joe Simons or Maria Saracho at 267-8216, extension 7781.

YMCA forming swim team

A swim team to be coached by Harlan Smith is being formed by the Big Spring YMCA.

The team meets from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights, and anyone between the ages of 6 and 16 who can swim one length of the pool and is willing to learn the four competitive swimming strokes is welcome to join.

For more information, contact the YMCA by calling 267-8234.

Coahoma Booster Club meeting Tuesday

The Coahoma Booster Club's next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday in the high school's faculty dining room.

The club meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. and each meeting includes a brief review of the previous Friday's game film.

All Bulldog fans are encouraged to attend.

Local chapter needs softball umpires

The Permian Basin chapter of the Southwest Softball Umpires Association needs umpires to work high school softball games through West Texas, including the Big Spring area, this spring.

For more information, contact Mack Gipson at (915) 520-5961 or Freddie Ezell at (915) 520-6502.

CGA sets its final tournament of year

Big Spring's Chicano Golf Association has scheduled its final tournament of the year, the third annual Charlie Gonzalez Memorial Tournament for Saturday at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The event will be a four-man scramble, with players to assemble their own teams. Tee times for the tournament will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Entry fees are set at \$15 per person.

For more information, interested persons may call 263-7741 or 264-2366.

Youth soccer league results

David Frey, Sage Gibson, Jeremy Scott and Christopher Ross came up with goals for the Eagles during their Under 6 division game in Big Spring Youth Soccer Association play Tuesday.

In addition to that quartet's play, the Eagles also got excellent play from goalies Alex Crabtree and James Childress.

In another Under 6 game, Shelby Jones scored the Racers only goal in their game with the Scorpions Tuesday. Teammate Skyler Coats was credited with two saves in goal.

Josh Correa, Zack Dawson and Jake Cerda each scored goals for the Hot Shots in their 3-1 win in Under 8 division play.

Jordan Bollos was credited for strong defensive play.

SPORTS EXTRA

NFL SCHEDULE

Sunday, Oct. 26 Baltimore at Washington, 12 p.m. Cincinnati at NY Giants, 12 p.m. Dallas at Philadelphia, 12 p.m. Denver at Buffalo, 12 p.m. Kansas City at St. Louis, 12 p.m. San Francisco at New Orleans, 12 p.m. Minnesota at Tampa Bay, 3 p.m. Chicago at Miami, 3 p.m. Tennessee at Arizona, 3 p.m. Indianapolis at San Diego, 3 p.m. Jacksonville at Pittsburgh, 3 p.m. Oakland at Seattle, 3 p.m. Atlanta at Carolina, 7 p.m. Open date: Detroit, NY Jets Monday, Oct. 27 Green Bay at New England, 8 p.m.

AREA SCHEDULE

Here is a composite schedule for the seven high school football teams in the Crossroads Country area for the remainder of the regular season:

FRIDAY, OCT. 24

BSHS at Fort Stockton, 7:30 p.m. Roscoe at Coahoma, 8 p.m. Eldorado at Forsan, 8 p.m. Stanton at Van Horn, 8 p.m. Garden City at Christoval, 7:30 p.m. Loop at Sands, 7:30 p.m. Dawson at Grady, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCT. 31

BSHS at Sweetwater, 7:30 p.m. Grape Creek at Coahoma, 8 p.m. Forsan at Ozona, 8 p.m. Iran at Stanton, 8 p.m. W Valley at Garden City, 7:30 p.m. Sands at Klondike, 7:30 p.m. Wellman at Grady, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOV. 7

Andra at Big Spring, 7:30 p.m. Coahoma at Wall, 8 p.m. Roscoe at Forsan, 8 p.m. Stanton at Anthony, 8 p.m. Bronte at Garden City, 7:30 p.m. Grady at Sands, 7:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

National League SAN DIEGO PADRES—Named Dave Smith pitching coach for Las Vegas of the PCL.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association NEW YORK KNICKS—Traded F Walter McCarty, F Dontae Jones, F John Thomas and F Scott Brooks to the Boston Celtics for F Chris Mills and two second-round draft picks.

FOOTBALL

National Football League DALLAS COWBOYS—Signed RB

MAJOR LEAGUE PLAYOFFS

WORLD SERIES (NBC)

Saturday, Oct. 18 Florida 7, Cleveland 4

Sunday, Oct. 19 Cleveland 6, Florida 1

Tuesday, Oct. 21 Florida 14, Cleveland 11

Wednesday, Oct. 22 Cleveland 10, Florida 3, series tied 2-2

Thursday, Oct. 23 Florida (Hernandez 12-3) at Cleveland (Hershiser 14-7), 7:20 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 25 Cleveland at Florida, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 26 Cleveland at Florida, 6:35 p.m., if necessary

Emory Smith to the practice squad.

GREEN BAY PACKERS—Waived DE Shannon Clavelle. Signed DL Gerald Williams.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed RB Steve Lee to the practice squad. Released WR Donnell Baker from the practice squad.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Signed S Cory Gilliard to the practice squad.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Signed LB Bobby Houston to a one-year contract.

CANADIAN FOOTBALL League HAMILTON TIGER-CATS—Signed QB Jason McCullough.

HOCKEY National Hockey League ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS—Recalled D Ruslan Salei from Cincinnati of the AHL.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Recalled LW Patrik Elias from Albany of the AHL.

PHOENIX COYOTES—Signed D Teppo Numminen to a three-year contract.

International Hockey League CHICAGO WOLVES—Traded D Bob Marshall to Hershey of the AHL for future considerations.

West Coast Hockey League IDAHO STEELHEADS—Named Todd Hine athletic trainer.

HORSE RACING DOVER DOWNS—Named Charles B. Lockhart executive assistant to the president and general manager for harness racing.

SOCCER A-League CONNECTICUT WOLVES—Exercised their option on F Erik Barbeni and D Derek Sullivan.

COLLEGE EASTERN COLLEGE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE—Named Gene Doris president. Elected Bill Marshall as president-elect.

Lauren Anderson vice president, Janet Little, Frank Pergolizzi, Gail Cummings-Denson and Adele Boyd to the executive council and Robert Dranoff to the eligibility and

broaders.

Class 5A Pts Rec

- 1. Tyler John Tyler (15) 7:0
2. Austin Westlake (2) 7:0
12. Longview (1) 7:0
4. Killen Ellison (2) 7:0
5. Aldine Eisenhower 7:0
6. Abilene Cooper 6:1
7. Garland 6:1
8. North Mesquite 6:1
9. Houston Madison 7:0
10. New Braunfels 7:0

Class 4A

- 1. Denison (12) 7:0
2. Sweetwater (3) 7:0
3. CC Calallen (2) 7:0
4. Texas City (3) 5:1
5. Jacksonville 7:0
6. West Orange-Stark 7:0
7. LamMarque 5:2
8. Brownwood 6:1
9. Terrell 7:0
10. Dumas 6:0
11. Grapevine 5:2

Class 3A

- 1. Commerce (1) 7:0
2. Crockett (3) 7:0
4. Breckinridge 7:0
5. Friona 7:0
6. Vernon 7:0
7. Alledo 7:0
8. Hitchcock 7:0
9. Llano 7:0
10. Cuero 5:2

Class 2A

- 1. Elysian Fields (14) 7:0
2. Alto (5) 7:0
3. Italy (1) 7:0
4. Ganado 7:0
5. Garrison 7:0
6. Stanford 6:1
7. Leurgton 7:0
8. Quanah 7:0
9. Industrial 7:0
10. Crawford 7:0

Class 1A

- 1. Wink (15) 7:0
2. Ruge (3) 7:0
3. Celeste (1) 7:0
4. Tenaha (1) 6:1
5. Wood 7:0
6. Cross Plains 7:0
7. Granger 5:1
8. Menard 6:1
9. Springlake-Earth 6:1
10. Windthorst 6:1

TOP 10

- 1. Nebraska (33) 6:0
2. Penn St. (26) 6:0
3. Florida St. (9) 6:0
4. North Carolina (2) 7:0
5. Michigan 6:0
6. Florida 6:1
7. Washington 5:1
8. Tennessee 5:1
9. Ohio St. 6:1
10. Washington St. 6:0
11. Auburn 6:1

HIGH SCHOOLS

This week's Associated Press high school football poll, with first place votes in parentheses. Total points are based on 10 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 10th-place vote. Voting is by a panel of 20 sports writers and

Cowboys backup makes most of his role as an understudy

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING — Three years after the defining game of his NFL career, Jason Garrett continues to live the fairy tale. He has parlayed his persona as the unknown backup who led the Cowboys to a 42-31 come-from-behind Thanksgiving Day thriller over Green Bay into a role not usually reserved for a third-string quarterback.

Garrett, 31, is a fan favorite, an NFL anomaly, the league's busiest third-string quarterback. He is showered with cheers even as he totes his clipboard each Sunday. He makes regular public appearances. He has three radio stints, including the "Monday Night Football" — accompanying "Cowboys Live" call-in show from Planet Hollywood every week.

What other third-string quarterback in the NFL generates such a profile? What other quarterback who has completed only 58 career passes — none this season — commands such attention?

"I know I've got a great following here, but I was just lucky enough to somehow get recognized," Garrett said. "The important thing for me to do is worry about myself, not others. It's the guys who play on Sundays that deserve the recognition."

Even as he downplays the attention he receives, it's Garrett who can't help but attract the crowds. His autograph-signing session at Academy Sports and Outdoors in Arlington on Saturday attracted a crowd of 400, which manager Bob Fussner said was

larger than Garrett's appearance there last year. "He has appeal to so many fans here," Fussner said. "He talks to the people as one of them. They really appreciate that. It gives them a chance to rub a real Cowboy, so to speak."

These are happy days. Garrett, with his flame-red hair and modest demeanor, is more Richie Cunningham than even Richie Cunningham, the Cowboys kicker. Sixteen quarterbacks — including Troy Aikman and Rodney Peete — were selected in the 1989 draft. Of those, only three are on an NFL roster.

Garrett signed with the New Orleans Saints as a free agent, then had stints on developmental rosters, practice squads, the World League and the Canadian Football League before getting his shot with Dallas in 1993.

That summer, he bumped free-agent acquisition Hugh Millen from the Cowboys' depth chart after a 549-yard, three-touchdown preseason. He is the only third-string quarterback in the NFL with three Super Bowl rings.

Still, it can be a lonely life as a third-string quarterback. Your clipboard is your best friend on Sundays. You rarely receive snaps with the first team. And you're even lower on the totem pole than the Vice President of the United States: As a third-stringer, you're one heartbeat away from, well, being No. 2.

Garrett is used to being alone; he even serves as his own agent. He grew up as the youngest of eight children and

attended schools in Pennsylvania, Florida, Dallas, New Jersey, Dallas again, Houston and New Orleans — all before he turned 16. Being a son of an NFL assistant coach prompted a nomadic lifestyle.

Friends were hard to come by. So the Garrett clan relied on each other. "Generally, we would move in and take over a school," said Garrett, whose father, Jim, is a Cowboys scout. "It was great for us. We had a built-in family wherever we went. We made it like that because we had to."

Two of his brothers are NFL assistants: Judd is with the Saints, and John is with the Cincinnati Bengals. Another brother, Jim, is the head football coach at the high school they graduated from in Ohio.

At Princeton University, Garrett was an honorable mention All-American as a senior, when he was 1988 Ivy League Player of the Year. That was all a warmup, however, for his 1994 Thanksgiving Day.

With Aikman and Peete out with injuries, starting duties fell to Garrett. His first pass to a wide receiver that afternoon was intercepted, and the Cowboys trailed 17-6 at halftime. But he threw for 198 yards and two touchdowns in the third quarter, helping the Cowboys come from behind.

The day began with the storyline "Jason who?" and ended with Garrett on national television, eating a turkey leg while being interviewed by John Madden.

Nevertheless, after the game, Garrett said, "I'll be running the scout team on Monday." He practically was.

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but he won't. At least not right away. Selig said he recognizes the need to shorten the regular-season schedule from 162 games to 154 and get it out of autumn's raging way.

But he also said he's not in the mood to get into a fight right now with those owners who don't want to lose money by cutting any games. He thinks he might be ready to talk about it ... in 1999. In the meantime, Selig sits in his hotel room watching The Weather Channel with his fin-

gers crossed.

The TV ratings through the first three games of the Series were the lowest since they started keeping records in 1959 — a 14.0 rating and 24 share. Don Ohlmeyer, the president of NBC's West Coast operations, was forced by the higher-ups at the network to apologize for saying he was "looking for four (games) and out," but Selig knows what he meant. He accepted the apology, but has been loathe to fire back.

"Other than shooting him," Selig said, "I don't know what else I could do."

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Can Gentle Ben bear up under Ryder Cup captainship's pressure?

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Don't let the shy style and slow words be deceiving. "Gentle Ben" Crenshaw just might have what it takes to be a winning Ryder Cup captain.

"I don't know if the toughest person you can conjure up is going to have any kind of affect," Crenshaw said Wednesday when he was introduced at PGA of America headquarters in Florida as captain of the 1999 U.S. team.

"We have felt the sting of losing the last two," Crenshaw said. "These fel-

lows know how they have to come together. They will need no special incentive from me or anybody else."

The choice of Crenshaw, 45, made sense in that he is a veteran player with Ryder Cup experience and is still active on the PGA Tour and will be in a good position to evaluate his players.

Crenshaw was a surprise, however, in that it was generally assumed, after the criticism of Tom Kite following the loss at Valderrama, that the PGA would pick a stern, get-tough captain. Crenshaw, a shy historian, hardly fits that image.

"I sometimes think 'Gentle Ben'

might be a misnomer," said Crenshaw, who played the last 12 holes of his Ryder Cup singles match in 1987 without a putter after he broke it over his foot.

"Sometimes I can be very competitive in spots," he said in a conference call from Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. "I think players I've played with know that."

Among those considered contenders were Curtis Strange, who won the 1988 U.S. Open at The Country Club, two-time PGA Championship winner Larry Nelson and Hale Irwin, who has won nine times on the Senior PGA

Tour this year.

Crenshaw touched on three insightful points that indicated his studious approach to the game might put him in a position to make the difficult decisions needed to be a successful Ryder Cup captain.

— The U.S. team lost the last two Ryder Cups because the Europeans were better around the greens.

— He is willing to bench team members who are not playing well.

— He will challenge his team's sense of pride with the fact that the United States has failed to bring home the Cup five of the last seven times since

1983.

"They know," Crenshaw said. "They've felt enough pain. It will make them try extremely hard."

The PGA of America moved with unusual speed in selecting Crenshaw, making the choice five weeks earlier than the selection of Tom Kite in 1995.

The European team is taking a more leisurely course.

"The feeling is why put all that pressure on someone for two years when one year seems to be quite enough," said a source familiar with the PGA European Tour, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Can Chicago win without 'The Worm'?

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

DEERFIELD, Ill. — Dennis Rodman's coach says the Chicago Bulls need him. The Worm's teammates say they can win another NBA title with or without him.

By the end of today, everyone is supposed to know whether Rodman is staying or leaving.

"I don't care," teammate Ron Harper said after Wednesday night's 95-87 exhibition loss to the Philadelphia 76ers. "Hey, whatever Dennis do, Dennis do. If Dennis don't want to play basketball, go home. Point blank."

Rodman, who has led the league in rebounding — and suspensions — the last six seasons, said he would announce today if he was going to return to the team he helped win the last two championships.

"If it's going to be, let's do it. If it's not going to be, move on," he said Tuesday in his last public statement. "There's always a chance I won't be here. If it doesn't happen, we go on with our lives."

Rodman initially said he was dissatisfied with the one-year contract he agreed upon but didn't sign two weeks ago. But coach Phil Jackson and Rodman's agent, Dwight Manley, said the 36-year-old forward simply was trying to decide if he wanted to return or retire.

"I think Dennis put the onus on himself as to whether he needs or wants to play," Jackson said. "I don't think Dennis has to play financially."

"It's all come down to the fact that negotiations and contract and everything else are OK. It's just now whether it's in his heart to play or not."

Jackson told management during the offseason that the Bulls needed to keep either Rodman or Brian Williams, another power forward from last year's championship team. Williams signed with Detroit, so "we had to have Dennis," Jackson said Wednesday.

"We need Dennis' fire. We need that player who can instill some fear," the coach said. "We need the desire, intensity, full-out play ... all the capabilities Dennis brings to the floor. That goes some distance when the team is trying to defend, rebound, get after the ball. Just that energy level that's a fueling source to the rest of the players, we need that."

"I don't know if we can or can't win without him. All I know is it would be a lot easier with him."

Wednesday's game was a good illustration. Led by Clarence Weatherspoon and Terry Cummings, Philadelphia out rebounded the Bulls 49-35.

"The way we got beat on the boards, we'd sure like to see Dennis back in uniform," Jackson said. "It's pretty obvious that's one of our weaknesses without him. We need someone to react to the ball."

Of course, Chicago also was without All-Stars Michael Jordan, who is out for the rest of preseason after having ingrown toenails removed, and Scottie Pippen, who had foot surgery and is out at least until January.

"If he wants to play, he can come play for us," Jordan said Wednesday. "If he don't want to play ..."

Jordan finished his statement with a profanity, much like Rodman probably would have. One of Rodman's three suspensions last season was for swearing on live television; the others were for kicking a cameraman and hitting an opponent in the groin.

"Frankly, I think he can probably use the 5 million bucks," teammate Steve Kerr said.



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got other people that can hurt you — a quarterback (Steven Cordero) that runs well and a fullback (Jimmy Lopez) that's dangerous as well. They can throw the ball on you, too."

The Panthers operate out of a wing-T offensive alignment similar to that the Steers employ, running behind tackles Armiro Cabello, a 6-5, 255-pounder, and John Bailey, 6-1, 220.

Fort Stockton also boasts an excellent tight end in James Matchett, 6-3, 200, who is not only an excellent receiver, but a strong run blocker as well.

Defensively, the Panthers operate out of a multiple scheme that often puts five and six players at the line of scrimmage.

Cabello anchors the defensive front at an end's position, but 5-10, 230-pound tackle Carlos Vasquez is the Panthers' best defensive lineman and often lines up in a nose tackle's right over the center.

The Panthers also have two

strong defensive backs, Andy Gonzalez and Jeremy Hickman, that split time at a "monster" position. Both are equally effective in helping stop opponents' running games.

Look for them to key on Big Spring fullback Antwoyne Edwards, who's coming off a 250-yard, three-touchdown performance in the Steers' 28-20 win over Lake View last week.

While still listed as "day-to-day," Steers tailback Tory Mitchell is expected to return to the offensive lineup after being held out of last week's game with a knee sprain.

Mitchell, if ready to play, could take considerable pressure off Edwards — his game-breaking speed making it impossible for opponents to "load up" against Edwards.

The biggest question mark for the Steers is linebacker Brock Gee, Big Spring's leading tackler this season, who suffered a deep abdominal bruise during Tuesday's workout session and is listed as questionable for Friday's game.

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whitewashing of Dawson. Coahoma receiver Jerry Mann also earned mention by catching three touchdown passes in the Bulldogs' 26-20 loss to Ozona.

There were a number of other defensive superlatives, as well, not the least of which was the overall play of Stanton's unit that limited Tornillo to a minus-10 yards in total offense — 43 yards in rushing losses overshadowing the 33 yards passing managed by the Coyotes.

Another top performance by an entire defensive unit came from Garden City, which limited Miles to just 119 total offensive yards — 82 rushing and another 37 passing — in the

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is 3-0 in the postseason and 9-0 this season when pitching after an Indians' loss.

"He's everything I heard and more," Marlins manager Jim Leyland said. "He has all the ingredients for being a great one from what I saw."

Brian Anderson followed Sanders with three innings of shutout relief, allowing just one hit and facing one batter over the minimum. He's been an Indians' fan all his life, growing up in Geneva, Ohio, and now he was helping his team move within two wins of its first Series title since 1948.

"Once I got out there, I couldn't tell if I was in Cleveland or Timbuktu," Anderson said. "I just wanted to get guys out."

While Cleveland's rookies shined, Florida's Tony Saunders failed to come

Bearkats' 9-7 win over the Bulldogs.

Like Stanton's Davis, Grady's Garza earned defensive mention as he and Brady Peugh led the Wildcats in tackles against Klondike. Garza led the way for the Wildcats, with 16 tackles, seven of them unassisted, while Peugh had 13 tackles, nine of them solos.

Several other Big Spring defensive nominees also deserved mention, however. In addition to Owens' 11 tackles, end Jeff Denton and cornerback John Lawdermilk had nine tackles each, while linebacker Brock Gee and tackle Jason Brock had eight apiece. Three of Brock's tackles were for losses, while Gee and Denton both had two for losses.

through, allowing six runs and seven hits in two-plus innings. Thirty-five of his 68 pitches were called balls.

"I never gave my team a chance," Saunders said. "They were very patient hitters. I didn't throw many strikes, and they swung at nothing but strikes."

Florida tried to come back with Jim Eisenreich's RBI single in the fourth and Moises Alou's two-run homer in the sixth, but Anderson made sure this lead wouldn't be wasted, not like the 7-3 advantage Cleveland squandered in Game 3.

Williams capped the big night with a long homer into the plaza behind the left-field seats, becoming only the seventh player to homer in the Series for teams in both leagues.

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Surviving the Unabomber

Bomb victim takes light-hearted look at tragedy

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — More than four years after having part of his right hand ripped away, his chest and right eye damaged in an explosion blamed on the Unabomber, David Gelernter has no time for bitterness.

Instead, he wrote a book that recounts with wry, dark humor how he was critically injured in June 1993 and his long recovery. He flippantly refers to being "blown up" and peppers "Drawing Life: Surviving the Unabomber" with such one-liners as, "It is hard to wash your hands when you are down to only one."

Gelernter, 42, a Yale University computer scientist, expounds beyond the damaging physical effects of the explosion but makes clear he is carrying on with his life and does not wish to be seen as a victim.

"I consider myself an extraordinarily lucky man," he said in a recent interview in his alarmingly cluttered office here. "Anybody who witnesses an explosion like this up close feels lucky for the rest of his life to have survived it."

Not that Gelernter, who wears a brown glove over his injured hand, is upbeat about the experience. Called as a witness at the trial of the man suspected of trying to kill him and others in a string of mail bombings spanning 17 years, Gelernter sounds apprehensive.

"I certainly don't want to be at the trial," he said. "I'm not looking forward to it. I have a duty to do it, so I'll do it. It's not a thing I like thinking about. It's the thing that I barely can think about."

The federal trial for Montana recluse Theodore Kaczynski is set to begin Nov. 12. Kaczynski is suspected in four California bombings, two of them fatal. The indictment handed up in California included the attack in Gelernter's office because the mail bomb had a Sacramento postmark.

In the book, Gelernter writes that if given the chance, he would personally execute the man who injured him.

But he also said he would commute the sentence if the Unabomber repented and spent the rest of his life "pleading with the world to hate evil, to hate what he stood for."

Gelernter believes that the idea that some have suggested that Kaczynski is insane rather than an evil criminal is more evidence that the nation has lost its ability to distinguish right from wrong. "I think every American citizen knows for a fact that perfectly sane men are capable of unspeakable bestiality," he said.

Dieters looking for alternatives to fenfluramine

WASHINGTON (AP) — Maria Checkley used to wake up longing for breakfast. At breakfast, she couldn't stop thinking about lunch. By noon, dinner was already planned.

Enter Redux, a diet drug that left her moody, dizzy and running to the bathroom with diarrhea — but also helped her drop 25 pounds and ended her obsession to the point she often forgot to eat.

"My husband would come home at lunch time and ask me what I had for breakfast and I'd have to think. I'd look in the trash to see if there was any clue," said Checkley, a 30-year-old mother of three from Fort Walton Beach, Fla. "I'd look in the dishwasher for a dirty bowl and say, 'Gosh, I did eat.'"

So Checkley panicked when, 30 pounds shy of her ideal weight, manufacturers pulled Redux off the market along with fenfluramine, the "fen" in the popular diet cocktail, known as "fen-phen," after the Food and Drug Administration and others raised health concerns.

She sought support from an Internet news group for dieters, posting a note asking, "Can I do it without Redux?"

She wasn't the only one. Dieters desperate to shed pounds, who marveled at the willpower they gained while on Redux and fenfluramine, are now scrambling for alternatives.

Some eyeball herbal remedies. Others contemplate alternative diet drug combinations including "phen-pro," which substitutes the antidepressant Prozac for fenfluramine.

Many are furious over the negative attention showered on Redux and fenfluramine, even though researchers note they were pulled because of potentially life-threatening side effects.

Comparatively little fuss, these dieters argue, is being made over how the drugs finally brought success to thousands of dieters who failed to lose weight through more traditional

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—Maria Checkley

"These drugs provided a way for people to see some hope and feel better about themselves," Bruner said. "But we need to keep helping people learn proper nutrition and learn to exercise and learn to drink their water."

The whole point is, and people have got

to understand this, there is no magic bullet in this deal."

All the frenzy over the search for alternatives worries Mary Ball, who has battled obesity all of her life and had been using fen-phen.

"The whole field of weight loss is open to shysterism," she said from the antique shop she runs in Leesburg, Va. "Folks are pitiful when trying to lose weight. They'll do anything."

For Ball, 54, the diet drugs were no cure-all, but they did help her shed pounds and ultimately keep her weight steady. That, in turn, helped reduce her blood pressure and cholesterol and encouraged her to start water aerobics.

Since going off the drugs cold turkey, Ball has begun exercising more and started a liquid protein-based diet to maintain her current weight.

"Nothing's a miracle drug. If it was a miracle drug I'd weigh 135 pounds now," Ball said.

The drugs may not have been a miracle, but they were the next best thing for Checkley, who said she never would have lost 25 pounds had it not been for Redux.

"I know I couldn't have, because I certainly have tried," said Checkley, who now weighs 165 pounds. "Those first 25 didn't come off because of me. They came off because the drugs gave me the ability to not scarf."

A few years ago Checkley skipped her high school reunion because she was too embarrassed by her weight. Until recently, she hated going for walks outside.

Blind potter learns to build by using 'mental pictures'

By VALERIA SKOLD
Beaumont Enterprise

BEAUMONT — Freddie Martin leans his head as he grips and massages a hand-size bit of clay, listening for the pop of air bubbles from the amorphous beige clump.

His stiff fingers press inside the curve of the form, cupping it on the outside with his other hand. Slowly, the porcelain clay will transform into a coffee cup, a Japanese bowl, or a dinosaur egg.

"I haven't put a known picture to the piece yet," Martin says as his fingers continue to smooth out the hairline cracks. "Ninety percent of the time there's a mental picture."

That is the only visual Martin has of his works. The 49-year-old Beaumont man is legally blind.

An unknown group of Halloween pranksters threw acid into his face three years ago. He spent 52 days at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston recovering.

Since the incident Martin's eyes have been sealed shut, hidden behind a pair of dark glasses. But another world opened up this May when he encountered Ilona Paul, a Lamar University graduate student in ceramics working at the Artists' Guild studio at Parkdale Mall.

The first time they met, Paul was throwing a small Japanese tea bowl on a pottery wheel at the Artists' Guild studio. Martin came in by chance with his volunteer walker. It took some convincing, he remembered, but Paul convinced a then-skeptical Martin to try his hand at clay work. She knew another woman in an undergraduate class who had successfully taught ceramics to a visually impaired retired chemistry teacher.

"A lot of throwing is not visual at all," Paul said. "It is bal-

ance, sense of touch."

Martin's skepticism soon grew into enthusiasm. The former truck driver's only other creative endeavor up until that time had been making belts at some leather workshops sponsored by the Texas Commission for the Blind.

"Making belts is all right, but it gets old," Martin said. "Clay doesn't. I love clay."

He works at his art six days a week, eight to 12 hours a day, working on as many as two to three pieces per day. Most of the time he spends building up the pieces at home with his hands. Paul helps by firing the clay in a kiln at the studio. But everything else is left to Martin, from the burnishing to the polishing.

He burnishes by pressing a metal spoon against the dried clay until it solidifies leather hard. He then smokes the pieces in burning newspaper on a barbecue grill — an improvised technique, Paul admitted — giving the porcelain pieces an uneven swirly smoke pattern. Finally, Martin applies a neutral shoe wax to give them their pearlesque sheen.

Despite Martin's lack of formal training, Martin has adapted so quickly in the past six months that Paul promoted Martin this October from student to partner of the 13-member Artists' Guild. They now share a space and the profits from the store in the Westbrook Shopping Center where he has about 26 pieces for sale, signed with his initials "F.L.M." in nine red braille dots.

"I've taught a lot of people to throw. Their sight gets in the way," Paul said. "(Martin) can feel if the bottom is two inches thick. People aren't successful because they let their vision lie to them."

"I knew all the time I could feel far more than I could see," Martin said.

Martin later plans to purchase

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You are in the limelight. You need to take a stronger hand in your life.

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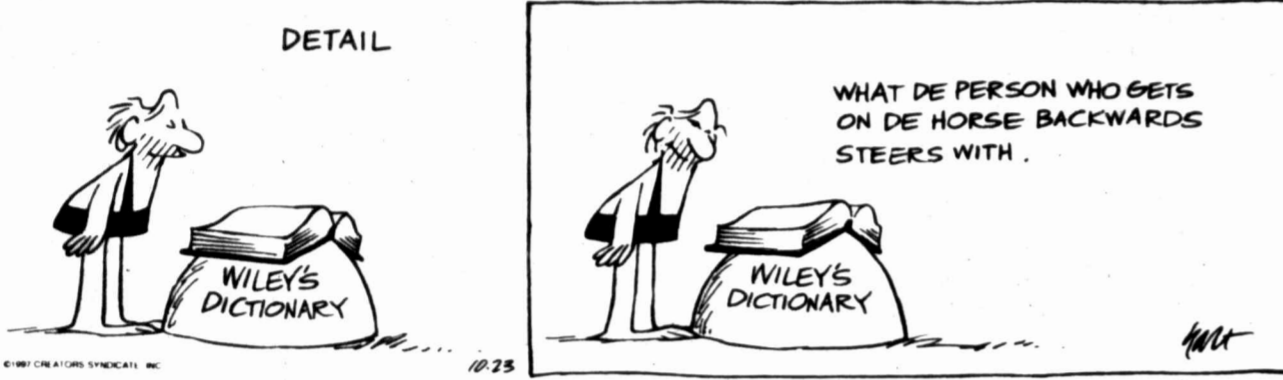
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Gen. Samuel R. Curtis defeated Confederate Gen. Sterling Price's army in Missouri. In 1915, 25,000 women marched in New York City, demanding the right to vote.

THE Daily Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

Wednesday's Puzzle solved:

Solved crossword puzzle grid with words filled in.

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