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Saddam Hussein reverses ban, agrees to let U.S. arms inspectors into Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Saddam Hussein today reversed his ban on American weapons inspectors in Iraq, ending his defiance of U.N. demands and apparently concluding a three-week standoff that raised fears of a military confrontation.

Iraq agreed to the inspectors' return under a deal arranged by Russia and its foreign minister, Yevgeny Primakov.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said the agreement involved no concessions by the United States or the United Nations. The Iraqis "are prepared to have the inspectors return unconditionally," she said.

The U.N. Special Commission, which

oversees the weapons inspections, was to meet Friday to discuss ways to reform procedures for monitoring Iraq's arms arsenal and preventing it from developing weapons of mass destruction.

Richard Butler, head of the weapons inspectors, said that if all goes well, "We'll be on the plane tomorrow morning and back in business on Friday."

He told ABC's "Good Morning America" that when the inspectors return, "They'll go out and resume inspections — and let's see how they do, OK?"

Speaking in Cairo, Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz told reporters that the Security Council's

permanent members had made no "specific commitments" under the Russian proposal. However, he said Russia has promised to work for a "just and fair diplomatic solution" to the confrontation.

The Iraqi News Agency said the Russian proposal was formally endorsed by a joint meeting of the Iraqi leadership comprising the Revolution Command Council and the ruling Baath Party headed by Saddam.

The official news agency said Iraq accepted the weapons inspectors because the government believes that Russia is sincere in its pledge to work for lifting of the sanctions.

"It has been decided to invite the

Special Commission in its entirety back to resume its duties," the news agency said, quoting a statement by the Revolution Command Council.

Saddam's agreement to readmit the American inspectors to Iraq concludes three weeks of growing tension, during which Baghdad threatened to shoot down U-2 spy planes, the Americans sent aircraft carriers to the Persian Gulf and the UN pulled out all weapons inspectors in solidarity with their banished American colleagues.

While the standoff brought new attention to the threat posed by Iraq's arsenal of chemical and biological weapons, it also exposed weaknesses in the Gulf War coalition as the United

States succeeded at winning verbal condemnations of Baghdad's actions but little more. Many Arab states were openly critical of America's refusal to rule out military action.

It also may provide Iraq with a new platform for its arguments that tough sanctions imposed at the end of the war need to be lifted. Iraq emphasized a Russian pledge to pursue an end to the sanctions.

Maj. Gen. Nils Carlstrom, the Swede who heads the Baghdad monitoring office and who remained in Iraq as part of a skeleton staff, said today that only formalities remained before all inspectors could return from the Gulf state of Bahrain.

USPS makes switch to use 911 addresses

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Today is a rather important day in Big Spring — that is if you work for the U.S. Postal Service or the 911 Communication District.

Postmaster Richard Saxton said the post office is changing its addresses over to the 911 emergency system.

"Effective today, the local address planning authorities in support of the 911 Emergency System and with the assistance of the U.S. Postal Service will begin implementing the first segment of city-style addressing on rural routes in Big Spring," Saxton said.

"Postal customers will begin receiving letters today notifying them of their 911 addresses," Saxton added. "This will effect rural routes one, two and three, and HC (Highway Contract) routes will begin shortly, but we encourage customers to use their 911 addresses as soon as possible."

The postal service does not provide addresses and customers on HC routes will need to call 911 Director Kay Kennemur at 267-1900 for assignment of their 911 address, according to Saxton.

"The 911 director in each county is given the task of assigning addresses," Saxton said. "Our line of delivery will remain the same."

Saxton said letters will be sent to the city of Big Spring and Howard County officials asking them to make sure streets are signed properly (primarily in the county) so post office personnel and emergency services personnel know where they are going.

The public is asked to cooperate by placing their new addresses on the side of their mailbox in one-inch high letters so postal employees may see them as they approach, according to Saxton.

For several mailboxes in a row, customers are asked to place their address on the door of the box, and for emergency services personnel, customers are asked to place three-inch or higher reflective letters on their house or delivery entrance.

Saxton says the entire system should be changed over within a year.

"We hope people will not wait and will go ahead and jump on this right away and switch to city-style addressing," Saxton said. "Rural routes, box num-

Cotton harvest shifting from fields to gins

While Howard harvest basically complete, Martin and Dawson County farmers are in high gear

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

For all practical purposes, the 1997 cotton harvest in Howard County is complete, but that doesn't mean the cotton industry has slowed down. Instead, it has merely shifted gears.

For the most part, the actual harvesting process in complete in the county. Assistant county extension agent Brandon McGinty said that about 85 percent of Howard's cotton fields are now bare, with the majority of remaining activity centered in the Ackerly area.

Officials estimate that about 85,000 bales will be harvested in Howard County by the time cotton season is complete. That will translate into an economic impact in excess of \$120 million.

Once the cotton is picked, however, that doesn't mean that all activity will cease. Many gins in the area are running full-bore operations 24 hours a day.

Perhaps the busiest gins have been in Stanton. A particularly good cotton crop in Martin County has meant busy times for the ginners there.

Officials at the Farmer's Co-



Big Spring Compress employee Tony Bravo uses a forklift to remove a cotton bale from one of the company's warehouses Wednesday afternoon.

op Gin, for example, said 24,000 bales have been ginned there as of today, with enough business to keep everyone busy through late December.

The news is basically the same for the Farmer's Co-op Gin in Ackerly, where manager Jeff Watkins reports that 21,000 bales have been ginned.

Many Ackerly area farmers had to replant their crops late in the season because of a severe early summer duststorm, but perfect growing conditions allowed the crop to come through just fine.

"We're making a pretty good crop up here," Watkins said. "It's good quantity and good

quality. It's going to help our farmers out."

Watkins said the gin will continue its operations for another four or five weeks.

The improvement over last year's drought-ravaged crop has been stunning, Watkins said.

"It's been a very good improvement for us," he said. "The weather hasn't interfered with the harvest... Of course, after last year, anything looks good. All in all, this is just a little better than average."

Not all area gins are running full-bore, however. In fact, smaller gins such as Big Spring Gin north of town and

the St. Lawrence Gin in Glasscock County have basically shut down for the winter.

Delmer Batla, manager of the St. Lawrence Gin, said his operation ended up ginning only about 1,700 bales.

"We didn't gin what we thought we would," Batla said. "I guess you could say we had a below-normal year."

Brad Mikeska, manager at Big Spring Gin, said his operations will be complete within the next two weeks, weather permitting.

He added that his operation's 6,400 bale total was above average this year.

Things surprisingly quiet at Big Spring Compress

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

A better-than-average cotton crop has almost everybody connected with the business up and running this time of year.

Almost everybody. Things are quiet at Big Spring Compress — have been for several months. And things may never get back to the way they were 10 years ago, when the compress was a vital part of the harvest process.

For the uninitiated, Big Spring Compress' title is a bit of a misnomer. The gigantic pressing machine that gave the business its name and squeezed cotton bales to make them easier to store has been gone for the past few years now.

All gins now press their cotton bales to uniform standards, eliminating the need for the giant compresses.

For all practical purposes, the firm might as well be called Big Spring Cotton Warehouse, superintendent Mike Hughes said. The firm's main emphasis now is storage of cotton until it is sold to buyers.

"We receive cotton from the gin, weigh it and store the bales and samples," Hughes said. "When it is sold, the buyers send us the order and they ship it out."

Things usually get busy between January and April. That's when a majority of the cotton is shipped out.

At that time, compress employees play "Needle in the Haystack" on a much larger scale. Driving a forklift, a compress man will pick out individual bales from warehouses holding 8,000 or more of the cotton bales.

"This year, we've already started," Hughes said. "We've already shipped out about 2,000 bales."

Hughes has been at the local compress for six months, and is busily working to

increase the firm's workload.

Competition, from other compresses and gins, has cut deeply into Big Spring Compress' former customer base. The compress used to service 10 gins in this area, but because of increased competition and gin closures, that number has shrunk to four.

With fewer gins comes less business for the compress.

"On a real good year, we'll handle 70,000 bales, but for the last 10 years, we've averaged about 26,000... and this year is looking about average," Hughes said. "We used to have 100 employees out here. Now, because of different circumstances, we only have eight."

The only hope for increased business is to woo uncommitted gins in the area, Hughes said.

"Once (committed gins) pay off their contracts, they'll have the freedom to go where they want," he said. "Then it'll be up to us to persuade them to come in our direction."

Moore to study 4a taxes

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The board of directors of Moore Development For Big Spring Inc. has formed a four-member committee to study the legalities of legislation that allows more flexibility in the kinds of projects a 4(a) taxing entity such as Moore can consider.

The Projects Committee consists of Moore board member Phil Carruthers, businessmen Tommy Churchwell and Jim Weaver and Howard College President Cheri Sparks and will study House Bill (HB) 1525, which amends Section 4a, Development Corporation Act of 1979 (Article 5190.6 of Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes).

Moore has tried to keep citizens aware of the difference between the 4(a) tax, which is the category Moore falls under and the 4(b) tax, which is broader in nature as to what projects can be done. The 4(b) category also allows for tourism projects.

Moore Board President Joyce Crooker says the entire bill is rather complicated, but in simplified terms the new bill allows a city that creates or has created a corporation (such as Moore) governed by the Development Corporation Act to have a ballot proposition to approve new uses for the tax.

Such a proposition would authorize the corporation to use the sales tax and use tax, including any amount previously authorized and collected, for a specific project or for a specific category of projects not qualifying under Section 4a but qualifying under Section 4b.

Projects under Section 4b may include certain civic projects such as sports facilities, parks and many of the industrial projects that qualify as projects under Section 4a.

Before an election is held under provisions of the new bill, a public hearing must be called to inform residents of the costs and impact of said project or projects, according to Crooker.

"The Projects Committee may come back to Moore and recommend a specific project or projects we may be interested in or they could recommend nothing at all," Moore Executive Director Danette Toone said. "There may not be any projects we should be looking at right now, but we want to have the options available to us, which is the function of this committee."

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WEATHER

Tonight:



Fri:



Sat:



Sun:



Tonight, fair. Lows in the mid 30s. Friday, mostly sunny and cooler. Highs 60-65. Friday night, mostly clear. Lows in the lower to mid 30s. Extended forecast, Saturday through Monday, fair. Lows in the 30s. Highs from the mid 60s to the lower 70s.

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Moore: Overcrowding won't affect sentencing

EDITOR'S NOTE — This is the second in a two-part series looking at jail overcrowding and how it affects Howard County taxpayers.

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) officials and state legislators close to the issue are now revising earlier predictions that the state's prison system would reach its 145,000 inmate capacity by April 1998.

The new estimate is that the Texas prison system, which has the largest prison system in the nation, will reach its capacity by

January. The current inmate population in the state system is 139,300.

"When the system is full next year, we will slow down our pick-up of paper-ready inmates from county jails and start building toward our 45-day limit," TDCJ Spokesman Glen Castleberry said. "This process should carry us through the end of 1998."

"Under state law, we have to accept paper-ready felons in 45 days or less," Castleberry added. "In large areas like Harris County (Houston), we may have buses there three times a week because we pick up so many, but in rural areas (like Howard County) we may pick up inmates once a month at a specific location."

Looking at the forecasts of prison capacity, some state officials are already predicting that Texas needs the third prison unit that was denied by a group state legislators led by Gov. George W. Bush's office Monday.

The state is aggressively looking to contract with counties to lease jail space, but how can it when counties are running out of space to house their own inmates, according to Howard County Sheriff Bill Jennings.

Howard County's 118th District Court deals with state inmates as far as sentencing is concerned, but, according to District

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OBITUARIES

Celia Cardenas

Rosary for Celia Cardenas, Midland, formerly of Big Spring, is 7 p.m. tonight at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel, Midland. Funeral service will be 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, 1997, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Gilbert Rodriguez and Deacon Jesse Guajardo officiating. Interment will be in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Mrs. Cardenas died Tuesday, Nov. 18. She was born on Oct. 26, 1929, in Lomax. She grew up in Big Spring, moving to Michigan at an early age. She married Albert Cardenas, Sr. Jan. 2, 1947, in Adrian, Mich. They moved to Big Spring and then returned to Michigan. They operated their own restaurants in both areas, retiring in Midland in 1987. She was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

She is survived by: her husband, Albert Cardenas, Sr., Midland; her sons, Albert Cardenas, Jr., Melvindale, Mich.; Jose Cardenas, Adrian, Mich.; Rudy Cardenas, Toledo, Ohio; her daughters, Helen Hernandez, Midland, Elisa Mendlock, Cleveland, Ohio, Gloria Rodriguez, Midland; her brothers, Felix Terrazas, Adrian, Mich., Fred Terrazas, Midland, and Manuel Terrazas, Marion, Ohio; her sisters, Anita Gutierrez, Fort Stockton, Irene Morales, Big Spring, Rosie Esponzo, Adrian, Mich., and Mary Vargas, Tecumseh, Mich.; 19 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, Midland.

Pearl Shortes

Graveside service for Pearl Shortes, 99, Lamesa, will be 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 21, 1997, at Trinity Memorial Park, Big Spring, with Rev. Billy Bush, a retired Baptist minister, officiating.

Mrs. Shortes died Tuesday, Nov. 18, at Medical Arts Hospital, Lamesa.

She was born on Oct. 15, 1898, in Ada, Okla. She married Goldie Shortes on Oct. 4, 1920, in Rhyn, Okla. He preceded her in death on Nov. 1, 1980. She was a resident of Big Spring since 1923. She moved to Dawson County from Big Spring in 1975. She was a dietitian for Medical Arts Hospital in Big Spring for many years and was a member of Northside Baptist Church.

Survivors include: one daughter, Ineta Cornett, Lamesa; one brother, Henry H. Cook, Midland; one sister, Agnes Newell, Fort Worth five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Branon Funeral Home, Inc., Lamesa.

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Judge Robert Moore III, the current overcrowding problems will not and does not affect the court in any way.

"Overcrowding does not affect the district court," Moore said. "We won't adjust sentences because of overcrowding."

"We do have some discretion when it comes to picking up people on warrants for technical violations of their probation, such as not making payments on fines or court costs, but for substantive violations (breaking the law), we're going to pick people up whether we have room or not," Moore added.

There are about 18 conditions for probation and several reasons for revocation of probation, according to Moore but when crimes are committed people will be picked up.

"The state does not have to start paying us for housing its paper-ready inmates until we've had them for 45 days," Moore said. "If we have to contract out for someone to house inmates, that's what we have to do."

State prison space is in high demand now because parole rates are much lower than in years past.

"A few years ago, approximately 79 percent of all eligible parolees (56,000 inmates) were approved," Castleberry said. "In 1996, following completion of TDCJ's expansion, the parole approval rate was down to 20 percent."

The 667-bed maximum security facility which opened in Houston last month; the 900-bed facility in Gatesville that opened in September; and the 1,100-bed facility that just opened in Edinburg have only served to divert temporary solutions to a long-term problem.

The space problems in Howard County and other areas in the 70th District have also caught the attention of State Rep. David Counts.

"This is not an imaginary problem," Counts said. "The public needs to be educated and shown the need for new or expanded facility in Howard County."

Counts, in referring to the failed jail bond issue in Howard County in 1995 which failed by less than 100 votes, said such a continued effort to educate citizens of the need for a new facility is necessary.

"This way such an issue has a chance of passing," Counts said. "But, it needs to be constantly brought before the people."

BRIEFS

COMMUNITY PEPPER LY is an 1 Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Steer Gym at Big

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agree with the post office and prefer an address be at an entrance or directly on the house.

It is also important that the county keep up with damaged signs and roads and maintain them.

"So far, the county has done a good job for us," Saxton said.

One of the most important things stressed with the 911 system is location, according to Kennemur.

People may have a P.O. Box or a rural route address such HC 76 Box ..., which does the system no good because the HC 76 only indicates a particular road and not a specific address.

"The address we're interested in is the 911 address, which is the physical address of one's home," Kennemur said. "People often make the mistake of assuming that the emergency medical service can just follow the smoke so-to-speak and that's not the case."

"We don't endorse any particular way to display the 911 address, but our main contention is that residents have the 911 address visible from the street, preferably high enough to not be covered up by grass and weeds," Kennemur added.

In rural areas, addresses on mailboxes are often a good distance from the house it belongs to, which is why 911 officials

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Spring High School. All former Steer football players are encouraged to attend. The community is invited to participate in the rally. Call the high school at 264-3641 for more information.

ON DISPLAY AT THE Heritage Museum this month is a collection of oils done by Robert W. Eshleman. Eshleman, a self taught artist, plans to add greatly to his body of work in the months ahead. Beginning his painting career only a couple of years ago, he has shown in area juried shows and is a member of the Big Spring Art Association.

The hours of the Heritage Museum are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. For more information call 267-7955.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, also known as Meals on Wheels, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

FAMILY HOSPICE IS CONDUCTING its annual memorial service Nov. 22 at 7 p.m. at First Christian Church. The candlelighting service, for families of patients, will honor those who have died in the last year. Call 263-4673 for more information.

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.

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.

TODAY - Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has ser-

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

comes to attend.

Spring Tabernacle Church, 1309 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. 1340 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Ron Long, 267-8715.

Rackle - Swords Chp. 379 Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Road. American Legion Post 506, 7 p.m. Call 263-2084.

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.

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

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

Coahoma senior citizens bake sale, Anderson's Lil Sooper Market, from 8 a.m. until all goods are sold.

SUNDAY - Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

MONDAY - Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Al Valdes, 263-6810.

Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

MARKETS

Dec. cotton 71, down 17 points; Dec. crude 19.52, down 20 points; Cash hogs steady at \$1.50 higher at 45.25; cash steers steady at \$1 higher at 67; Dec. lean hog futures 63.37, up 35 points; Dec. live cattle futures 66.97, up 27 points.

Source: Delta Corporation. Quotes provided by Edward D. Jones &

Texas Lottery

PICK 3: 2,3,6

LOTTO: 5,7,12,30,32,42

Table with 2 columns: Index 7770.66, Volume 171,915,980. Lists various stocks and their prices/changes.

Note deadline changes next week

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday next week, the deadlines for all Sunday life selection items, including birth announcements, engagements, weddings and anniversaries for the Nov. 30 paper will be Tuesday, Nov. 25 at noon.

The deadline for club and church news next week will also be Tuesday, Nov. 25 at noon.

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 71, Wednesday's low 32, Average high 65, Average low 36, Record high 82 in 1942, Record low 22 in 1921, Precip. Wednesday 0.00, Month to date 1.29, Month's normal 0.36, Year to date 18.95, Normal for the year 17.47, **Statistics not available

FIRE/EMS

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

Wednesday 12:24 a.m. - 1500 block Kentucky Way, medical call, patient transferred to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. 12:13 p.m. - 200 block E. Fourth, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC. 11:23 p.m. - 500 block W. 17th, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported no incidents between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. Thursday.

POLICE

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

- JASON COKER, 18, arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid. PATRICIA BACON, 25, arrested on a charge of debit card abuse. CRIMINAL MISCHIEF on the 1100 block of E. 15th. ASSAULT on the 1000 block of N. Main. THEFT on the 900 block of Willis and the 2300 block of Wasson (two reports). INHALATION OF VOLATILE CHEMICALS on the intersection of Eighth and Runnels streets. HARASSMENT on the 100 block of Nolan.

70-year-old is third to die of West Texas lottery winners

ABILENE (AP) - Seventy-year-old Mary Beatrice Sancillo is the latest multimillion-dollar Texas Lottery winner to die soon after winning a jackpot.

Mrs. Sancillo was the wife of Ben Sancillo, a former Eastland and Ranger police officer and Eastland County deputy sheriff who was one of 16 winners sharing a \$50 million jackpot on Feb. 21, 1996.

Sancillo's share was \$3,900,345. His wife died last week.

Of the 10 major lottery winners in this West Texas area, three died shortly after receiving their good fortune. The other two were:

Donny David Doster, 57, of Stamford, who became the Big Country's biggest Texas Lottery millionaire with a \$35.3 million jackpot Feb. 5. Less than five months later, he died in an Abilene hospital following heart bypass surgery.

Porter Richardson, 80, a retired longtime Colorado City radio station engineer, died in June 1995, just three months after he won a \$4.3 million jackpot.

Texas Lottery Commission officials said Richardson was the first Lotto winner to die before receiving all payments. The remaining 19 payments are going to his heirs, as stated in his will.



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett Susan Vasquez delivers mail on a rural route Wednesday. Today, the post office begins changing rural route customers to their 911 addresses. Customers who don't know their 911 addresses should contact Kay Kennemur at the 911 Communication District, 267-1900.

BENZENE EXPOSURE INVESTIGATION Our firm has been retained by the family of Miloslav "Mike" Skalicky who died of acute myelogenous leukemia on January 7, 1997 due to benzene exposure. He worked for Fina from May 2, 1956 to December 31, 1993. Fina has disputed the amount of exposure that Mr. Skalicky had to Benzene. If you have any information about Mr. Skalicky's benzene exposure that will help the family in our lawsuit against Fina, please call, toll-free NOTEBOOM AND GRAY - THE LAW FIRM - 1-888-304-9700 http://www.noteboom.com Hurst, Texas

NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER UNDER 47 U.S.C. §214(e) Southwestern Bell Telephone Company has filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("PUC") for the purpose of being designated an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") in accordance with 47 U.S.C. §214(e) by December 31, 1997. Southwestern Bell's application is currently being considered in Docket No. 18100. Southwestern Bell is required to obtain ETC status in order to receive Federal Universal Service Funds ("USFs") beginning January 1, 1998. 47 U.S.C. §214(e) requires that PUC, either upon its own motion or upon request, to designate common carriers as ETCs for service areas. Southwestern Bell seeks ETC status for its entire service area. Southwestern Bell has requested a minimum waiver for one year of the requirement to deploy toll control. Persons who wish to comment or intervene in this application should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas by November 20, 1997. Requests for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or you may call the Public Utility Commission's Office of Customer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136, or use Relay Texas (800) 735-2989 to reach the commission's toll free number (888) 782-8477. Southwestern Bell

Law

AUSTIN (AP) - The state's first public relations law is set to take effect next week. The law, which was passed by the state legislature in August, will require public relations firms to register with the state and disclose their clients. The law also requires public relations firms to disclose their fees and to provide a written contract to their clients. The law is expected to take effect on November 25, 1997.

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AMARILLO (AP) - A public relations company is in bankruptcy court. The company, which was founded in Amarillo, filed for Chapter 11 protection in federal court in Amarillo on November 18, 1997. The company, which has 15 employees, has been in bankruptcy court since September 1997. The company's assets are estimated to be worth about \$1 million. The company's liabilities are estimated to be about \$2 million. The company's bankruptcy is expected to last several months.

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SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Stockholders of a company filed a class action lawsuit against the company's executives, accusing them of failing to disclose information about the company's financial condition. The lawsuit was filed in federal court in San Antonio on November 18, 1997. The lawsuit seeks damages of about \$1 million. The lawsuit is expected to last several months.

Appe

HOUSTON (AP) - Results from a DNA test against a Texas court case. The 54-year-old man, who was arrested in 1996, was found to be the father of a child who was born in 1995. The man's DNA profile matched the DNA profile of the child's father. The man's lawyer said that the man was innocent of the crime for which he was arrested. The man's lawyer is seeking a new trial for his client.

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Lawmakers look at rewrite of 121-year-old Texas constitution

AUSTIN (AP) — Hundreds of amendments have been hung on the Texas Constitution since it was written in 1876. Now two top lawmakers are looking at proposing the biggest one of all: a rewrite of the document that lays out the state's fundamental laws and principles.

"I guess every time we have one of these elections where we have 15 or 20 amendments, it raises the consciousness that we ought to have an instrument that we can do better with," Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, said.

Ratliff said he and Rep. Robert Junell, head of the House Appropriations Committee, are working on the idea.

Voters earlier this month approved

12 more constitutional amendments, including a proposal to remove a reference to "idiots and lunatics." That makes 377 amendments since the constitution was adopted.

Critics, including the League of Women Voters, have said it's time to trim the document to a basic framework like the U.S. Constitution, which has only 27 amendments.

While officials in a 1974 constitutional convention failed to produce a revised document for voters' approval, Ratliff said a different approach is being mullied this time.

Officials would skip the convention, instead allowing lawmakers to offer a proposed constitutional amendment that would actually be a wholesale rewrite. If lawmakers approved, the

question would go to voters.

"I'm not sure the constitutional convention was the reason it didn't succeed, but I think right now our tendency is to try to draw a document that's a beginning point and then see if we can lay it out and let everybody poke holes in it," Ratliff said.

"I don't know that this is a one-session project, either," he added.

Junell, D-San Angelo, didn't immediately return a telephone call from AP. He has said he's hoping to enlist students at Angelo State to help work on a proposed new constitution.

Constitutional clutter is only part of the reason for rewriting the document, Ratliff said. Another is the way the current constitution ties lawmakers' hands, he said.

"One of the things I learned when we tackled the school funding matter was every time we turned around, we ran into another constitutional problem," he said. That included a requirement that money raised locally by a school district be spent to benefit students in that district.

"We were literally hamstrung as to how you can go about solving that problem with all the constitutional prohibitions. We find ourselves in that dilemma far too often, in my opinion."

If a proposed rewrite changes the constitutional language regarding school funding — which has resulted in a court order to equalize financing among school districts — Ratliff said, "That'll be one of the major sticking points as far as getting a new constitu-

tion. But it'll only be one of them."

Others might be distribution of the Permanent University Fund, which currently benefits the University of Texas and Texas A&M systems, and criminal justice provisions protecting the rights of accused people, he said.

Ratliff said he would work on a "first cut" of a rewrite, while Junell completes his work with the university.

"We're going to get together after we have done that. Maybe the two of us will go out to a mountain cabin and hash out what we would like to do. We may come back from that mountain cabin saying forget it," he said.

"It's kind of like Babe Ruth pointing at the right field fence. I'm not sure I'm ready to point at the fence yet. We have decided we're going to give it a shot."

Amarillo judge says Stempel can't pay PR firm

AMARILLO (AP) — A federal bankruptcy judge has ruled that a public relations firm hired by a company in bankruptcy proceedings cannot be paid from company funds.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge John C. Akard questioned Wednesday whether it was appropriate for Stempel Manufacturing to hire the firm of Graham & Associates while it was in bankruptcy.

David Parham, a Stempel attorney, had sought court approval Wednesday to hire the Graham agency.

However, the agency alleges it is owed between \$10,000 and \$11,000 already for services since Sept. 19, the day Stempel filed for bankruptcy protection.

The judge ordered that \$11,000 be deducted from former Stempel president Jerry McGuire's wages and be placed in an escrow account. The pub-

lic relations firm then can file a claim seeking payment from that account, Akard said.

"I do not think this is a reasonable and necessary expense for this bankruptcy estate," Akard said.

During the hearing, Parham called agency owner Thomas Graham and Scott Avila, a consultant overseeing Stempel's operations, as witnesses.

McGuire, who did not attend the hearing, said Graham has not worked for him personally.

"Thomas Graham has never spoken for me, he only speaks for the corporation," said McGuire, who now works as Stempel's plant manager. "That is our only link with Thomas Graham. He is not in any way my employee, or should I ever be held responsible."

However, Graham testified that the Amarillo Economic Development Corp. called and

supported incentives from the AEDC before filing for bankruptcy protection.

"I think the primary interest (of the AEDC) was that the negative publicity from the bankruptcy filing didn't affect the work force," Graham said. "I've never been in consultation with the AEDC on what I say to the press."

No AEDC officials testified at the hearing, and AEDC Executive Director Michael Bourn could not be reached for comment, the Amarillo Globe-News reported today.

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Michael Eugene Sharp executed for 1982 kidnappings, murders of woman, daughters

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — More than 15 years ago, Selena Elms fled terrified into the West Texas desert as an oilfield worker a few feet away fatally stabbed her mother and younger sister after abducting them.

On Wednesday night, the now-30-year-old Selena Kelly again stood a few feet away from Michael Eugene Sharp and watched him die.

"I just remembered the night we were kidnapped and he killed my mom and sister and that he made the conscious decision then to do what he did," she said after emerging from the death chamber where Sharp, 43, became the 35th condemned killer to receive lethal injection in Texas. "So I think he has put himself in this place tonight. He's paying the consequences."

"He's gone and off the streets and for that I'm thankful. For my mom and my sister's sake, I felt I owed it to them to see it through to the end. And it's the end."

In a final statement, he asked for forgiveness, and expressed the hope that the victims' survivors and his friends and family could "put this incident in the past and behind and build a future." Eight minutes later he was pronounced dead.

Sharp was condemned for the June 11, 1982 abduction of Brenda Kay Broadway, 32, and her two daughters, Christie Michelle, 8, and Selena, then 14, from a car wash in Kermit, just south of the Texas-New Mexico border.

Sharp drove them in his pickup into the desert in adjacent Ector County where they were sexually abused and Broadway and the younger daughter were killed. Selena, though, managed to break free of the rope that bound her and she ran naked into the desert, hiding in the mesquite brush. Five miles and eight hours later, she found an oil rig as a haven.

Sharp was arrested about a week later, aided in part by

her description of her attacker as a man with a winged horse tattoo on his chest. She later testified at his trials where he received a death sentence for her mother's killing and a life term for her sister's death.

Winkler County District Attorney Mike Fostel, the prosecutor at both trials, said he's confident Sharp was responsible for killing five people and said the former oil rig tool pusher told investigators "he'd give me five more graves if I got off my high horse and quit trying to seek the death penalty."

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Sharp also was linked to but never charged with three other murders in the area, including two members of his oil rig crew who were clubbed to death with a shovel in February 1982 and the disappearance three months later of a pregnant 18-year-old Odessa woman.

He refused to claim responsibility for those deaths and would not discuss any other murders or disappearances of people from the area from late 1981 through the spring of 1982.

Sharp insisted he turned his life around after finding God on death row. He gained notoriety among death penalty opponents as a founder of Lamp of Hope, an organization dedicated since 1991 to seeking compassion and forgiveness for condemned killers. It now claims some 700 members around the world.

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Stockholders file class-action suit against UP

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Stockholders of troubled railroad giant Union Pacific have filed a class-action lawsuit that accuses the railroad of misrepresenting its safety record and failing to disclose problems with its merger with Southern Pacific.

The lawsuit, filed in federal court in Dallas, contends that even as the railroad touted the benefits of the merger, top railroad officials knew that combining the two rail lines would be costly.

It also alleges that the optimistic announcements inflated stock prices.

The Omaha, Neb.-based railroad suffered an extended series of fatal accidents and severe

bottlenecks that slowed shipping to a crawl while the merger unfolded, the lawsuit alleges.

The merger also caused stock prices to tumble 20 percent since July, the lawsuit claims.

"There is no doubt that the directors and officers knew very well that those statements about the merger were false," Steven Schulman with the New York law firm of Milberg Weiss Bershad Hynes & Lerach said.

Union Pacific spokesman John Bromley declined to discuss the case.

Federal securities laws require publicly traded companies to disclose accurate information to the federal Securities and Exchange Commission and the public.

Legal experts say so-called "stock-drop cases" are difficult to win because plaintiffs must prove the company provided misleading information intending to deceive investors.

The lawsuit could provide more problems for UP executives who are trying to unclog their bottlenecked lines and work with the Federal Railroad Administration on an ongoing safety audit.

Dick Davidson, chairman of Union Pacific's Dallas-based parent company, announced this week he would stay in Omaha until the gridlock and safety improves.

Railroad executives had predicted last month that fourth-quarter profits would range

from \$74 to \$149 million, but changed that on Monday to a break-even situation and stated they could incur substantial losses.

The lawsuit is a class-action case filed on behalf of all Union Pacific shareholders who acquired stock between March 4 and Oct. 1. Almost 81 million shares were traded during the seven-month period.

Although Union Pacific stock rose to \$72.44 in mid-July after starting the year at \$62, it has since dropped to \$58.19.

The law firm that filed the lawsuit is the same firm that recovered \$528 million for investors stung by Charles Keating and Lincoln Savings & Loan.

Appeals court: Hospital blood tests OK for DWI cases

HOUSTON (AP) — Blood-alcohol test results from a hospital can be used as evidence against a person accused of DWI, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals has ruled.

The 5-4 decision in a Houston case reversed a trial judge, who had suppressed medical records with blood test results.

"Whatever interests society may have in safeguarding the privacy of medical records, they are not sufficiently strong to require protection of blood-alcohol test results from tests taken by hospital personnel solely for medical purposes after a traffic accident," the court majority held.

In the case, Steven Mack Hardy was injured in an auto accident on Dec. 3, 1992, and hospitalized. During his treatment, the hospital drew blood and conducted a blood-alcohol test for medical purposes.

Hospital records showed Hardy's blood-alcohol content was .239, well above the limit. A grand jury subpoenaed them, and Hardy was charged with misdemeanor DWI.

Hardy's attorney filed a motion to suppress the results and other evidence from his medical records, arguing that their release to the Texas Department of Public

Safety violated physician-patient privilege under the Texas Medical Practice Act.

A judge ruled in Hardy's favor, saying that the action violated both the Medical Practice Act and Hardy's right to a "reasonable expectation of privacy."

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OTHER VIEWS

Tour operators have arranged the hasty withdrawal of hundreds of foreign tourists from southern Egypt in the aftermath of Monday's carnage near Luxor. The scenes are reminiscent of an evacuation of civilians from a war zone, which in a sense Egypt has become. The Egyptian government's confident recent claim that it had largely neutralized extremist religious groups ... has now been exposed as wishful thinking. A handful of conscienceless fanatics were able to conduct a prolonged orgy of killing before their grisly labors were finally interrupted by police intervention. Egypt has a very large internal security force; its failure this week to provide adequate protection for the tourists and later to mobilize rapidly to save them demands to be explained. ...

-LOS ANGELES TIMES

Now the state's lawmakers want to change the Ohio Constitution and do away with affirmative action programs.

As if this bunch didn't have enough to worry about with fixing an unconstitutional school funding system, picking up the pieces of a failed workers' compensation reform effort and a zillion other things.

Now they want to tackle an issue that some say will eliminate discrimination and others say will drive a wedge between the races and intensify racial and political tensions.

The plan would end racial or gender preferences in hiring and stop colleges from considering race or sex when awarding scholarships and admission.

It would also eliminate the state's set-aside programs, which require state agencies to give construction jobs to minority owned companies.

We wonder why some state lawmakers continue to try to bite off more than they can chew. There seems to be plenty on their plate right now that needs attention.

-NEWS JOURNAL
Mansfield, Ohio

Saddam Hussein has a chance to cooperate. For the good of his people, he should.

The new United Nations' sanctions against him represent a unified response to the Iraqi dictator's efforts to interfere with inspections for weapons of mass destruction. The U.N. resolution lacked threats of force or a deadline, but it was reasonably specific.

More surprisingly, the Security Council vote against Iraq was unanimous. That offers some hope that the world body will stick together as Saddam continues the crisis. ...

The hope must be that the crisis can be contained and resolved peacefully. But that's only a hope. Caution is necessary when making any predictions about Saddam. ...

... Saddam is a leader who has spent the past six years pointing a gun at the heads of Iraqi children. Now, he maneuvers to maintain the means to point weapons of mass destruction at the children of the world. Sadly but unavoidably, that is what the current crisis is about. ...

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For baby boomers, old age is a real pill

By DALE McFEATTERS
Scripps Howard News Service

Every generation thinks, most often mistakenly, that the problems it faces and the choices it must make are unique. The Baby Boomers and Generation X may be the first for whom this is truly so.

Soon to go on the market are pills to combat two banes of the aging, baldness and impotence. But there's sort of a good-news, bad-news situation. One of the side effects of the baldness pill is impotence. So which do you choose, hair or hanky-panky?

Some swains will opt for both. During a romantic dinner, the man will slip off to the restroom for a quick hit of

potency tablets, and when he returns his date will ask, "Why does your hair of all a sudden look like Don King's?"

He will lean across the candlelit table and whisper into the ear of his silver-haired beauty and she will respond, "YOU SAY YOU WANT TO DO WHAT?" because years of listening to high-decibel rock through headphones has left this generation deaf as posts.

One of the side effects of the impotence pill is headaches, which will add a neat twist to an old line: "How about tonight? I have a headache." Another impotence pill under development has vomiting as a side effect. A woman will know what a man has in mind when he shows up on her doorstep with a bucket.

Another development came this spring when a 63-year-old woman gave birth to a healthy baby through "assisted reproduction" — a fancy way of saying no male was needed. That raises the picture of some poor soul with a fresh prescription for potency pills and nowhere to go, so to speak, and, biologically speaking, no reason to be there.

A whole new set of self-help books will have to be written to deal with new problems involving old people, such as convening a family council to announce: "Grandma's pregnant." And then the other shoe drops: "They're quadruplets."

But there's reassurance. The pregnancy is now covered under Medicare and there is a father. "He wanted to be here

for this moment but he's not allowed to drive at night."

A suitable gift on such an occasion would be former first lady Hillary Clinton's new book on child-rearing, "It Takes A Nursing Home."

These older parents will face the novel problem of having to find day care for both the child and themselves.

So here is our aging Generation Xer. He has a full head of hair, a pocketful of potency pills and a nubile 70-year-old. Now he only needs two more pills. One to remember why. The other to keep him awake past 9 p.m.

(Dale McFeatters is a columnist for Scripps Howard News Service.)



American and Americans should not go to war over 'potential' weapons

By LEONARD LARSEN
Scripps Howard News Service

WASHINGTON — If White House alarmists, congressional toughs and media warriors have their way, young Americans may soon be sent to war against Iraq — and Iraq's women and children — with the principal U.S. intent understood to be the killing of Saddam Hussein.

Never before, not in the war against Germany and "Kaiser Bill" in 1917, not when Hitler's Germany and Hirohito's Japanese Empire were smashed in 1945, not when Mao Tse-tung sent Chinese troops into North Korea in 1950, not in the long anguish of the Vietnam war when Ho Chi Minh was our personification of evil, have Americans been told their purpose is war to kill an enemy head of state.

Even with leaders presumed to be at least well read in military conflict and its consequences like Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Defense Secretary William Cohen, UN Ambassador William Richardson, National Security Adviser Sandy Berger and President Clinton himself, a war to end Saddam's life makes no sense.

We're alone in this. For all of the talk by President Clinton of Gulf War coalition support and claims the United States needn't request UN approval to attack because we've already got it, we're alone in this. And we'll be alone if and when young Americans are ordered to go to war against Iraq, to find Saddam and kill him. It's likely the brutish Iraqi dictator was encouraged to plunge into the new crisis over

weapons' inspections because he understands — perhaps more clearly than the Clinton administration — a weakened international support for economic sanctions against Iraq and for any future U.S. attack aimed at "taking Saddam out."

That's tough guy language issuing from Congress and editorial pages, much of it from politicians and pundits who're far away now from the draft-dodging unease of the 1960s and whose sons and daughters won't be sent in harm's way when it's time to wipe out Saddam.

Media warriors have been especially fearless in demanding war against Saddam, many of them angrily recalling that the "Bush-Baker" team shrank from "finishing the job" in 1991 when, as they say, Americans should have marched to Baghdad and hoisted Saddam's head on a stick.

What could await President Clinton and Vice president Gore, who's nursing his own ambitions to become president, might be similar derision if they shrink from what congressional toughs and media warriors seemingly agree is the duty to send young Americans off to fight and finish off Saddam.

The new Saddam crisis and the conclusion he's got to be killed came after he expelled six U.S. members of the UN inspection team assigned to find and destroy Saddam's "weapons of mass destruction," an arsenal usually described as containing chemical, biological and nuclear weapons and missiles to deliver them. UN supervisors, operating under terms of the Iraqi surrender in the Gulf War, obviously had no choice but to

extract most of the other inspection team members and the crisis, stirred by rhetoric of approaching Armageddon, is said to be at the boiling stage, where something's got to happen and it's got to be more than to bloody Saddam's nose with a few bombs and cruise missiles.

In all the threats and fright talk, President Clinton has lapsed into a sort of code that's not helpful to an understanding of what "weapons of mass destruction" Saddam may be building for use against his enemies. At least I'm having trouble understanding.

In a carefully written and often repeated statement of Saddam's offenses, the president has praised six years of effort by UN inspection team members in thwarting Saddam's intent to build an arsenal of "the most terrible weapons of destruction — nuclear, chemical, biological — and the missiles to carry them to far-away places."

Then he's said, "Those quiet inspectors have destroyed more weapons of mass destruction potential over the last six years than was destroyed in the entire gulf war."

Every time it's the same: "weapons of mass destruction potential."

I don't know what that is. It doesn't sound like actual weapons, more like parts and raw materials than real weapons. And young Americans shouldn't be sent to fight and die in Iraq, not because of Saddam's stupid insults and not because of his unexplained "potential."

(Leonard E. Larsen writes this column twice weekly for Scripps Howard News Service.)

OTHER VIEWS

The stated reason for the Federal Bureau of Investigation's extraordinary news conference yesterday was to announce the termination of its 16-month criminal investigation into the 1996 explosion of T.W.A. Flight 800. Its real purpose was to persuade sceptical Americans that the explosion was not a terrorist act.

The evidence may not convince everyone. ... But even if yesterday's performance does not satisfy the conspiracy theorists, the F.B.I. acted on the right impulse when it chose to share its voluminous evidence rather than ask the public to accept its verdict at face value. ...

The F.B.I. has been justly criticized in recent years for erratic and often furtive behavior, first with the Branch Davidians in Waco and then at the Ruby Ridge standoff. This time it appears to have acted with admirable thoroughness and openness.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES

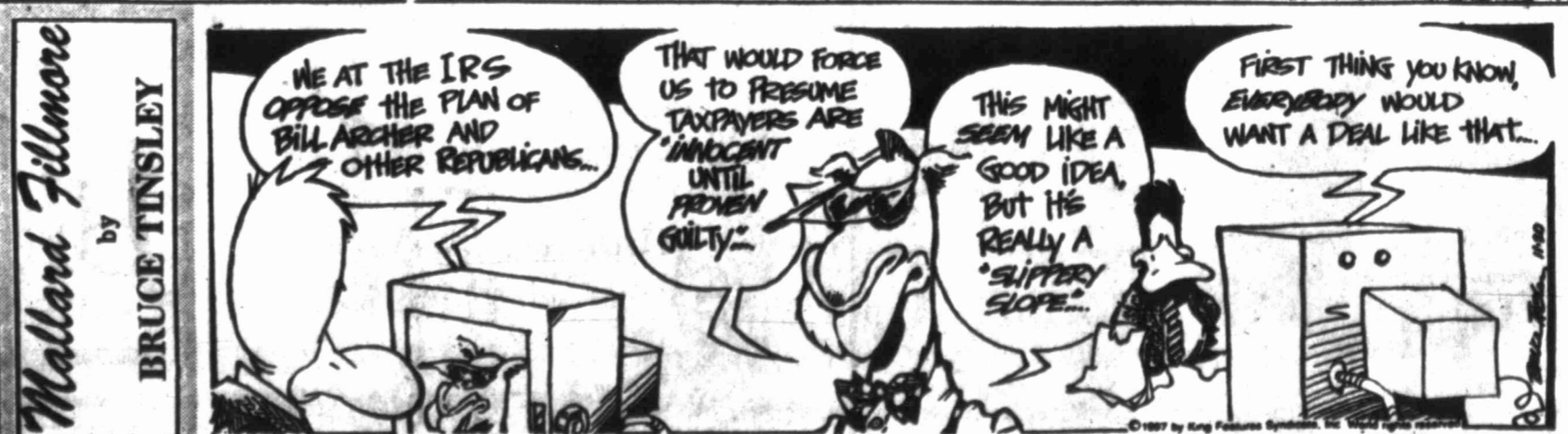
While America's military veterans were being honored with parades and ceremonies last Tuesday, thousands of those same veterans were scrounging for a warm meal and a dry place to sleep. The contrasts in how this nation treats the veterans of different wars has left us with a generation of homeless heroes. ...

It must be remembered that veterans didn't come home from Vietnam to the hero's welcome accorded the veterans of World War II. ... Vietnam is also remembered as the first war that America "lost." So it's hardly surprising that so many of the veterans who fought gallantly in this futile and unpopular war would find it particularly hard to adjust to civilian life. ...

The benefits accorded World War II veterans benefited the whole country in many ways, such as making it possible for millions of veterans to own their own homes for the first time. What a sad contrast that makes with the Vietnam veterans who today are living in homeless shelters. ... To mark national holidays, these homeless heroes don't need fanfares and parades as much as they need therapy and jobs.

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Report: Clinton sold plots at Arlington to political donors

Washington Times magazine says some names 'sold' plots match names on list of Clinton campaign donors

WASHINGTON (AP) — To the White House coffee klatches, Lincoln Bedroom sleep-overs and the Buddhist temple fundraisers, Republicans now want to add another alleged Clinton administration misdeed: selling plots in military cemeteries. Sparked by a summertime article in a trade publication and an upcoming expose in a news magazine, critics of President Clinton are now charging that he gave plots at the hallowed Arlington National Cemetery to undeserving political donors. The White House and the Army moved quickly Wednesday to stanch this latest accusation, which follows months of allegations and investigations into fund-raising abuses during the 1996 election. The Army issued statements and fact sheets saying that exceptions to the rules about who is buried at Arlington were made strictly on merits, not

because of generous donations to the Clinton-Gore re-election campaign. "The president and this administration consider Arlington National Cemetery and other national and veterans cemeteries across the country to be hallowed ground," White House special counsel Lanny Davis said. "It would be outrageous for anyone to grant or influence the granting of exceptions under the rules for burial at national cemeteries because of political or fund-raising considerations." Davis said a report to be published in the Dec. 8 issue of Insight magazine, a publication of The Washington Times, was "based on anonymous sources and innuendo, not the facts." But as faxed copies of the report circulated to reporters and radio talk show hosts, calls of outrage from citizens and lawmakers began to pour in Wednesday.

A House panel announced it was investigating possible irregularities in the Army's granting of exceptions for non-military Americans who want to be buried in military cemeteries. That probe actually started this summer after an article appeared in Army Times, an independent newspaper that covers the Army. An article in the most recent edition of Insight suggests that some who received waivers for burial at the national cemeteries, including Arlington, got them because they made large donations to the Clinton re-election campaign and the Democratic Party. The article quotes anonymous sources and says Clinton "may have 'sold' burial plots to a handful of Democratic donors. The magazine said some names of those granted exceptions also appear on lists of major donors to the Clinton-Gore campaign and the Democratic National

Committee. The article does not appear to establish a link between the donations and decisions on burial rights at military cemeteries. The Army said it would not release the names of those granted waivers. With word of the latest story, members of the House Veterans Affairs Committee also were demanding responses from Army Secretary Togo West. The Army oversees burial at Arlington, which lies across the Potomac River from Washington, while the VA oversees burial at other military cemeteries. Burial sites are difficult to obtain and usually require not only military service but an honorable discharge and military decorations. West did not respond to calls Wednesday seeking comment. But Maj. Gen. John G. Meyer Jr., chief of Army public affairs, issued a statement saying that all exceptions were granted

based on "careful and individual consideration," not political favoritism. "Allegations that exceptions for burial at Arlington National Cemetery are being granted for political considerations, or, worse, for political contributions, are untrue, and a disservice to American military men and women, past and present," Meyer said. Davis said Clinton has granted just four exceptions for burial at Arlington — for a Supreme Court justice, the wife of another Supreme Court justice, an Army veteran Drug Enforcement Agency agent killed on a mission in Peru and a Washington police officer and Marine Corps veteran killed in the line of duty. He said the White House may have provided information to the Army in connection with burial requests for other individuals. The Army said Clinton granted one exception in 1993

and three in 1994. The Army issued a list of 6 cases in which exceptions were made from 1994 through 1996. In 42 of the cases, the exception was made for a spouse or immediate family member who was granted the right to be buried alongside a loved one already interred at Arlington. The burial took place at the same grave site and did not require the purchase of additional burial space. In those cases, the Army list contains the notation "No primary right to be placed" meaning that no one who, through direct military service and sacrifice, was in duty, had the right to be buried at Arlington was displaced of burial site. The Army's intention of increasing the number of exceptions granted in recent years to growth in the number of World War II veterans' spouses was being done

Navy's scientific records destroyed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Naval Research Laboratory records that "chronicle some of the most significant technical achievements in the 20th century" were inadvertently destroyed by the National Archives. They were "pulled beyond recognition," the archives said Wednesday. The archives and the Navy blamed each other. Fed into the pulper sometime last summer were 4,200 scientific notebooks and 600 boxes of correspondence and technical memos. "The historical record of our nation's scientific and technological heritage has suffered a serious and irreparable loss," Rear Adm. Paul G. Gaffney II, chief of Naval Research, wrote National Archivist John Carlin, protesting the destruction of the records. Among the lost records, Gaffney said, were the correspondence of American pioneers in high frequency radio, work of the inventors of radar "and the war records of the

application of these technologies in the campaigns against Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan." Also lost were records of "path-breaking acoustic and oceanographic research" and materials tracing the early history of the American space program with V-2 and Viking rockets, records of Vanguard, the first U.S. satellite program "and much more," he said. The papers, dating from the 1930s through the 1980s, were destroyed at the archives' facilities in Suitland, Md., and the remaining pulp was sent out for recycling, the agency said. The archives said that "in accordance with established procedure" it had sent the Office of Naval Research notice that the records would be routinely destroyed 90 days later unless it heard otherwise. "Though the Navy responded to other notices that came with this one, it raised no objection to carrying out the scheduled disposal of the laboratory material," the archives said.

Dick Thompson, a Navy lab spokesman, said the laboratory did not receive the notice and did not know of the records' destruction until last July. Carlin said he ordered an immediate investigation and put his deputy, Lewis Bellardo, a veteran archivist, in charge. Gaffney asked for more — an independent advisory board to evaluate the archives' "disposal policies and processes." The government generates billions of records in the course of a year. The government permanently stores only about 2 percent, saving others for a stipulated period — 10, 20 or 50 years or such. "If the process is flawed, or the evaluation criteria (for determining what to keep) are inadequate, then obviously the situation must be fixed," Carlin said. "I will be grateful for the Navy's cooperation in determining where the problem lies so that together we can take appropriate action. And I will report publicly on the outcome of the investigation."

Iowa septuplets; mom doing well

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The seven little McCaugheys were reported doing well this morning — astonishing doctors who say the day-old septuplets' size and condition is "virtually unheard-of." The babies born Wednesday to Bobbi and Kenny McCaughey — four boys and three girls — are only the second set of septuplets ever born alive and if they live, would be the first ever to survive. "The size of the babies is wonderful. Each weighs in a normal range for babies this age which is virtually unheard-of" in a multiple pregnancy, Dr. Paula Mahone, who helped deliver them, said on NBC's "Today" show. The babies all did well overnight, she said. Earlier, she had said the babies were "so well-grown, so well-developed, it just strikes me as a miracle." The babies' deeply religious family rejoiced. "I would ask that all believers across the world join us in praying for Bobbi and for the babies that their health will continue and only improve," the babies' grandfather Bob Hepworth said as he announced the birth. The children were in serious condition this morning in the neonatal intensive care unit of Blank Children's Hospital. Joel Steven, the last to arrive, was listed as critical for several hours before his condition was upgraded. All were placed on ventilators to aid breathing. Hospital officials said this morning that their mother was

resting comfortably. The focus now is on her recovery and the babies' continued health, Mahone said. "We want to make sure they breathe on their own eventually, that they're eating well. We're monitoring for bleeding into the brain, and also watching their digestive system," she said. Hepworth and his wife, Peggy, also on "Today," said they were still numb this morning. Mrs. Hepworth described their son-in-law coming out of the delivery room and giving a thumbs up sign, at which point the family's pastor began leading a waiting room full of family and friends in prayer and song. "We are very grateful to the Lord for the way he has provided for us," said Hepworth, noting how the family has been offered everything from free diapers to a new home. "These babies are going to have a lot of needs and we just stand back amazed at how all these needs are being met." The pregnancy of Mrs. McCaughey, who was taking fertility drug, had long been known in the family's tiny hometown of Carlisle, a bedroom community 10 miles outside Des Moines. But friends and neighbors there kept the secret from the outside world for months. Once news began to leak out, the 23-year-old seamstress and her 27-year-old husband, a billing clerk at an auto dealer, found themselves the center of worldwide attention.

The babies' mother, Bobbi McCaughey, was born in Carlisle, Iowa, and grew up in a family of seven children. She and her husband, Kenny, have been married for 15 years. The septuplets were born at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at Blank Children's Hospital in Des Moines. The babies' names are: Robert, Kenny, Paul, and James; and the girls are: Jennifer, Elizabeth, and Mary. The babies' father, Kenny McCaughey, is a 27-year-old billing clerk at an auto dealer. The mother, Bobbi McCaughey, is a 23-year-old seamstress. The babies' grandfather, Bob Hepworth, said the babies' health will continue and only improve. The babies' mother, Bobbi McCaughey, was born in Carlisle, Iowa, and grew up in a family of seven children. She and her husband, Kenny, have been married for 15 years. The septuplets were born at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at Blank Children's Hospital in Des Moines. The babies' names are: Robert, Kenny, Paul, and James; and the girls are: Jennifer, Elizabeth, and Mary. The babies' father, Kenny McCaughey, is a 27-year-old billing clerk at an auto dealer. The mother, Bobbi McCaughey, is a 23-year-old seamstress. The babies' grandfather, Bob Hepworth, said the babies' health will continue and only improve.

Feds raid office of group run by ex-congressman

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal authorities are investigating allegations of insurance fraud by a health care organization run by former Rep. Tom McMillen, according to several media reports. Criminal investigative agents from the Postal Service and the Justice Department seized truckloads of documents, computers and other materials from the Capitol Hill headquarters of McMillen's company, Complete Wellness Centers Inc., The Washington Times, WRC-TV and The Washington Post reported. McMillen, a three-term Democrat from Maryland, is the organization's chairman and chief executive. Court documents related to the raid, including an affidavit used to obtain a search warrant, were ordered sealed by a federal judge. On Wednesday, Complete Wellness Centers issued a statement confirming the reports that authorities arrived at its office the day before with warrants and grand jury subpoenas demanding "patient billing records and computer systems related to various insurers." The company identified five insurers, including Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Virginia and the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services, or CHAMPUS, which insures people eligible for health benefits through the military. Agents also confiscated billing records related to Medicare, Medicaid and the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program. McMillen, a Rhodes Scholar and former basketball player for the Washington Bullets, was unavailable for comment. His company denied the charges.

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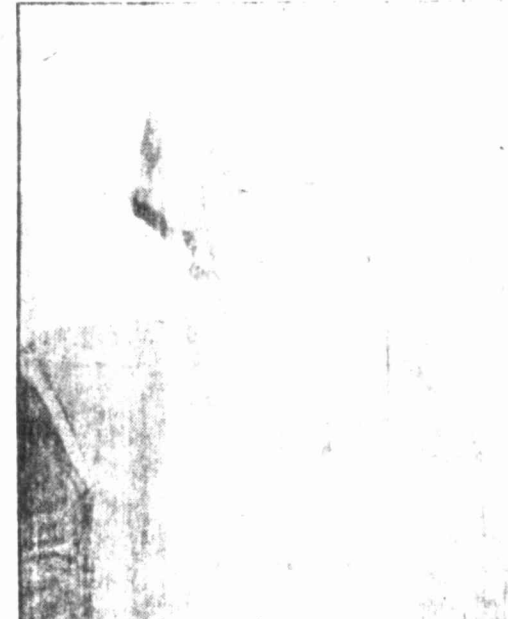
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Optimists honor outstanding seniors at area high schools

HERALD Staff Report

The Morning Optimist Club of Big Spring celebrated Youth Appreciation Week during the week of November 10-14, 1997. During this week the Optimist Club recognized outstanding seniors from Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan and Ackerly. The following students were selected by their schools.

Big Spring High School
Antwoyne Edwards is the son of Carl and the bubble Edwards. He is 18 years old and a senior at Big Spring High School. Antwoyne has played varsity football for the past three years.



EDWARDS

He made the All-State team all- district for two years and has been one of the top three running backs in the Big Spring district for the past three years. Antwoyne is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and is involved in the principles Equipping and Encouraging Our Peers group.

Stefanie Waggoner is a senior

at Big Spring High School.

Stefanie is the daughter of Steve and Sandra Waggoner and a four-year member of the varsity golf team. In the summer, she played in NTJPGA golf tournaments. Stefanie is also a four-year member of the honor band. She was named to the All-Region Band her sophomore and junior years and is currently the Steer Band Head Drum Major.

She has served as a youth representative to the Council on Ministries and also the Evangelism Committee. Stefanie is involved in the BSHS Key Club as a board member and has been a Dare roll model for two years.

Coahoma High School
Shana Earnest is a senior at Coahoma



WAGGONER



EARNEST

High School. Shana has been involved in the National Honor Society, Future Homemakers of America, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Student Council, Spanish Club and Who's Who. Shana has been on the Varsity Cross Country team and Varsity Softball team since she was a freshman and was 2nd Team All-State Catcher in 1996. Shana has been on the Varsity Basketball team since her junior year.

Shana won 5th place in district 1997 in UIL Number Sense and 6th place in district 1997 in UIL Math. She is a volunteer at the VA Hospital and Bible School Teacher at the Coahoma Church of Christ.

Cash Read Berry is a senior at Coahoma High School. Cash has been a member of the National Honor Society. He is ranked 6th in his class and on the "A" honor roll. He is Vice-President of his senior class and also voted class favorite. He has been a band member for five years and captain of the Varsity Football Team. He is also a member of the Varsity Tennis Team. Gary is a member of the D-FY-IT board, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Emmaus community.

Amanda Burton is the daughter of Gary and Debbie Burton,



BERRY

Army can food drive. Cash has been a member of the Texas Hampshire and National Hampshire Association since he was a freshman. He has been a member of FFA since his freshman year and this year is FFA president.

Forsan High School

Gary Simer is a senior at Forsan High School who lives with his mother, Donna, and his step-father Paul Miller. He is employed by H-E-B in Big Spring. Gary is a member of the National Honor Society.

He is ranked 6th in his class and on the "A" honor roll. He is Vice-President of his senior class and also voted class favorite. He has been a band member for five years and captain of the Varsity Football Team. He is also a member of the Varsity Tennis Team. Gary is a member of the D-FY-IT board, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Emmaus community.

Amanda Burton is the daughter of Gary and Debbie Burton,



SIMER

and is a senior at Forsan High School. She has four years on the Varsity Basketball Team, four years on the Tennis Team, four years Band and has been involved with the One Act Play for two years.

She has been on the Student Council for two years and in National Honor Society. Amanda is involved in D-FY-IT and has been a youth board member for Forsan.

Sands High School

Katie Gaskins is a senior at Sands High School. She has been a member of the Sands Student Council all four years and now holds the position of president of the student body. Katie was named the most outstanding student in math, science, and Spanish as a junior.

She qualified last year for the regional



BURTON



GASKINS

UIL mathematics contest. Katie is a member of the National Honor Society and Who's Who.

She has been a varsity letterman in basketball, she also lettered in track, has run cross-country and participated in the UIL One Act Play. She has been the secretary and the president of the El Rancho district FFA.

Jerrod Beall is a senior at Sands High School. Jerrod has received academic nominations for the Wendy's High School Heisman, National Merit Scholar, and Who's Who American High School Students.

He has been elected to the National Youth Leadership Conference, has received an Outstanding Agricultural Technology Student award, and is a member of the National Honor Society.

He currently is the vice-president of his class. Sports in which he has taken various honors include golf football, basketball and track.



BEALL

Paperwork purgatory

Loss of records may halt man's future plans

KELLER (AP) — Darren Taylor watched as his plans to continue his education evaporated because of a paperwork purgatory.

Taylor can't prove he lived in a Fort Worth suburb, so he can't prove he graduated from high school in 1984. "We know he was in school," he says, "but talking to people," he says, "we can't find his records and can't say what happened to them."

School officials looked for months trying to find his high school transcript. The school district superintendent Charles Bradberry said, "But we can't find his records and can't say what happened to them."

School officials found a permanent file, but it did not contain the required transcripts, test scores, shot records, driver's education work and other records. What it contained were copies of a fourth grade report card and a number of other papers.

Taylor said the record may have been misplaced when the school moved to its present location a year in 1985.

Taylor said his report cards and his diploma — burned in a fire several years ago at his father's home in Haltom City. He conceded that he has not been very helpful in remembering what classes he took, the names of many of his teachers and other information that would help school officials.

"I cannot go to college or a trade school without a transcript," said Taylor, 32. "It's hard to explain what a big mess this is."

A graduation program from 1984 surfaced with Taylor's name on it.



COLLECTING FOR NEEDY

HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Patsy Heckler, with the Salvation Army, fills bags with cleaning and hygiene products to be distributed to people who are in need. Since their incomes are barely enough to provide food, rent and utilities, many of the poor are unable to afford their cleaning and hygiene product needs. Transient people and the homeless, also, are often unable to provide themselves with toothpaste, soap and other necessary items. Donations to this project are still being taken at the Salvation Army office, 811 W. 5th.

Marriage woes sign of larger issues at stake

QUESTION: Would you say that most marital problems are caused by sexual difficulties?

DR. DOBSON: No, the opposite is more accurate. Most sexual problems are caused by marital difficulties. Or stated another way, couples who have problems in bed often have bigger problems in the other 23 1/2 hours in the day.

QUESTION: What would your recommendation be to a young wife and mother whose husband is extremely violent and frequently abuses her and their children?

DR. DOBSON: She should get herself and her kids out of the home immediately. Abuse of spouses and children simply must not be tolerated. It's against the law, and the law must be enforced. No one has to live in an abusive environment today.

QUESTION: Do you recommend premarital counseling for engaged couples? If so, why? My fiancée and I have spent hours getting to know each other over the past year, so why should we bother with the time and expense of counseling?

DR. DOBSON: Premarital counseling is a must and can literally be a marriage-saver. Furthermore, these sessions can help young men and women overcome the cultural tendency to marry virtual strangers. Let me explain.

The typical couple spends much time talking, as you and your fiancée have done. Still, they don't know each other as well as they think they do.

That's because a dating relationship is designed to conceal information, not reveal it. Each partner puts his or her best foot forward, hiding embarrassing facts, habits, flaws and temperaments.

Consequently, the bride and groom often enter into marriage with an array of private assumptions about life after the wedding. Then major conflict occurs a few weeks later when they discover they have radically different views on non-negotiable issues. The stage is now set for arguments and hurt feelings that were never anticipated during the courtship period.

That's why I strongly believe in the value of solid, biblical premarital counseling. Each engaged couple, even those who seem perfectly suited for each other, should participate in at least six to 10 meetings with someone who is trained to help them prepare for marriage. The primary purpose of these encounters is to identify the assumptions each partner holds and to work through the areas of potential conflict.

The following questions are typical of the issues that a competent counselor will help the couple address together:

- Where will you live after getting married?
- Will the bride work? For how long?
- Are children planned? How many? How soon? How far apart?
- Will the wife return to work after babies arrive? How quickly?
- How will the kids be disciplined? Fed? Trained?
- What church will you attend? Are there theological differences to be reckoned with?
- How will your roles be different?
- How will you respond to each set of in-laws? Where will you spend Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays?

Please see DOBSON, page 7A.



Dr. James Dobson
Columnist

IN THE MILITARY

Air Force Airman James D. Wheeler Jr. has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

Wheeler is the son of James D. and Frances L. Wheeler, Big Spring.

He is a 1996 graduate of Big Spring High School



WHEELER

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Louie R. Jackson, son of Leonard H. and Cathy R. Reitzer, Big Spring, recently participated in Exercise Bright Star '97 while on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea aboard the aircraft carrier USS George Washington.

Jackson was one of more than 5,000 sailors and marines who participated in the multinational exercise.

U.S. troops from all branches of service along with those from Egypt, France, Italy, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom.

The 1993 graduate of Coahoma High School joined the Navy in June 1993.

Navy Chief Warrant Officer Roger D. Ewing, son of Alice L. Ewing of Big Spring, recently participated in Exercise Bright Star '97 while on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea aboard the aircraft carrier USS George Washington.

Ewing joined more than 5,000 sailors and marines, U.S. troops from all branches of service and other countries for the exercise.

The 1977 graduate of Coahoma High School joined the Navy in February 1977.

SLICE of life!

NEWS YOU CAN USE

So many gifts to buy, so little money...
(NAPS) — If your Christmas cheer turns into January dread because of high credit card bills, try these tips from the American Collectors Association to avoid the new year financial crunch:

- Decide in advance how much you can really afford to spend, and stick with it.
- Avoid credit card spending at all, if possible, by planning ahead to save Christmas gift money.
- Keep track of your purchases so you don't get surprised by the bills. Then start planning for how to pay off the debt.
- Take advantage of bargains and special sales, but beware of deferred payment plans that offer "buy now and make no payments until..." since those start charging interest right away.
- Plan ahead for next year by starting a savings fund.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Remember the Settles?
What are your memories of Big Spring's landmark, the Settles? Put your thoughts in writing and send them to us for an upcoming feature. Send your memories to: Settles Memories, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, TX, 79720.

Planning meeting tonight
Big Spring Humane Society will meet today at 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Discussion items will include the group's entry in the Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade, as well as the Christmas dinner.

THE LAST WORD

Knowledge is the frontier of tomorrow.
Denis Waitley

Procrastination is like a credit card: It's lots of fun until you get the bill.
Christopher Parker

Only if we are secure in our beliefs can we see the comical side of the universe.
Flannery O'Connor

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By TODD SILBE
Raleigh News &

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School for sale? Districts sell space, promote products

By TODD SILBERMAN
Raleigh News & Observer

Schools in Plano, Texas, soon will sell only juices and other beverages made by Dr Pepper. In exchange, the school system gets to pocket \$1 million for each of the next 10 years.

Students in Colorado Springs, Colo., ride on buses plastered with advertisements. And now the school system has an arrangement with Coca-Cola that is worth as much as \$11 million for the next 10 years.

Jim Surratt, superintendent of schools in Wake, N.C., says he is intrigued by such deals. And he has begun giving a close look to a once-shunned commercial approach to boosting funds for schools.

"I'm wide open on this issue," said Surratt, who was schools chief in Plano before coming to Wake in 1995. "You test where a community would want to be on this, of course. But I promise you this sort of thing is coming."

He has requested from Plano a copy of the Dr Pepper agreement, which the school board there approved this week. "This movement is spreading

across the country," he said. "It may be necessary to negotiate on a widespread basis. If one company made an offer, we'd have to consider it."

In Plano, school leaders plan to use the funds from Dr Pepper for grants to schools and teachers. The offer from Dr Pepper comes when the school system is struggling with a state funding approach for public education that means Plano returns \$25 million in property taxes each year to help low-wealth systems.

"We feel that we have to become entrepreneurial to provide funds we need to provide educational programs," said Carole Greisdorf, special assistant to the superintendent in Plano. "I think our community appreciates the fact that we are trying to mitigate the effect of the state finance plan."

Dr Pepper, which is relocating its corporate offices to Plano, came to the school system with the offer.

In Colorado Springs, the school system went shopping for offers. Coca-Cola's was one of several, said Tracy Cooper, public information officer there. Already, the Colorado

Where the money is for some school districts

Raleigh News & Observer

Schools across the country are opening their doors to advertising and exclusive vending deals to make up a shortfall in public funds or to provide such extras as scoreboards. Here's what a few systems are doing:

Colorado Springs, District 11 — Advertising — The school system sells space on everything from school buses to school hallways for from \$1,500 to \$12,000.

For \$12,000, an advertiser gets the use of one side of five school buses, a 2-by-5-foot sign in five high schools and nine middle schools and 2-by-3-foot signs in 37 middle schools. Other promotions are provided, including the sponsor's cor-

porate logo on numerous school system's publications and public address announcements at football and basketball games.

For \$1,500, an advertiser is entitled to a 2-by-5-foot sign in one high school or middle school or a 2-by-3-foot sign in one elementary school.

The fee also buys an eight-page advertisement in all the system's football and basketball programs.

— Exclusive soft-drink contract — The school board this fall approved a 10-year contract with Coca-Cola that will provide between \$8 million to \$11 million to the schools.

Each high school gets \$25,000 a year; each middle school, \$15,000; and each elementary school, \$3,000. Athletics, teach-

ers awards and other programs also will receive funds. In exchange, schools will use only Coca-Cola vending machines and sell Coca-Cola products at athletic events.

Wake County, N.C. — Soft-drink agreements — Most high schools have formal or informal arrangements with beverage companies to provide and maintain scoreboards in exchange for exclusive vending rights.

Some schools also have deals with Gatorade that permit vending machines in locker rooms for after-school use. In return, schools receive free Gatorade, coolers and other equipment for sporting events.

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Springs schools sell space for ads inside their buildings. Last year, such arrangements generated nearly \$100,000 for the school system.

Cooper said the community has been generally supportive

of an approach that critics see as an invitation to commercialize public schools.

"There's always a little bit of concern," Cooper said, "but in all of this, we have had surprisingly little criticism." The Coke

deal promises each high school in the system \$25,000 a year; each middle school, \$15,000; and each elementary school, \$3,000.

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WORKING ENVIRONMENT: They work in the post office eight hours a day, five days a week. At times they must work at night or on Saturdays.

HELPFUL HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES: Journalism, business classes, basic math and regular high school diploma program.

SOURCES OF TRAINING OR EDUCATION: Most advance to Postmaster by their postal experience and their test scores on postal test.

SALARY: In 1995, the average salary for a Postmaster was \$43,576.

JOB PROSPECTS: Below average.

Career Corner is provided by Roger Goertz, Big Spring High School Technology Department.

Buffalo roam away from zoo home

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The guy who sang about giving him a home where the buffalo roam wasn't thinking of Oakland. Nine bison did just that until the Wonder Bread lured them back.

The beasts escaped from their 17-acre enclosure at the Oakland Zoo Tuesday and took a romp through a surrounding park. Zoo workers coaxed them back 45 minutes later with a trail of Wonder Bread.

The creatures wandered only a few hundred feet to munch on a patch of poison oak and a field of California native grasses.

Zoo officials said the bison apparently ambled through a gate at the top of the enclosure. The gate is usually double locked, but one of the locks was missing, and the second had been opened for reasons unknown, spokeswoman Allison Lindquist said.

Donate now, pay later at some kettles

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — Cash, coin or charge — the Salvation Army here is happy to take money any way it can.

Again this year, Salvation Army bell ringers in this city will accept plastic at credit card machines set up at donation kettles.

The Salvation Army hopes the option will reduce the risk of thefts against bell ringers and boost contributions.

The standard red kettle on a tripod will be linked to a credit card reading device. Donors enter their cards into the magnetic strip reader, punch in the numbers, make a contribution and get a receipt.

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— How will financial decisions be made? Who will write the checks? How do you feel about credit?

— Will a car be bought with borrowed money? How soon? What kind?

— How far do you expect to go sexually before marriage?

— If the bride's friends differ from the groom's buddies, how will you relate to them?

— What are your greatest apprehensions about your fiancée(s)? What expectations do you have for him/her?

This is only a partial list of questions to be discussed and considered. Then a battery of compatibility tests is administered to identify patterns of temperament and personality. Sometimes the findings are quite shocking. Indeed, some couples decide to postpone or call off the wedding after discovering areas of likely conflict down the road. Others begin working through their differences and proceed toward marriage with increased confidence. In either case, men and women typically benefit from knowing each other better.

Someone has said that the key to healthy marriage is to keep your eyes wide open before you wed, and half closed thereafter. I agree. Premarital counseling is designed to help engaged couples accomplish that.

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Sharing bedroom may build sibling bond

By STASIA SCARBOROUGH
Scripps Howard News Service

Sharing a bedroom with a brother or sister can make a family stronger and teach children about sharing and getting along with each other.

If a parent's only sanctuary is the bedroom, it makes sense that each child should have his or her room for that much needed private time ... right?

Not so fast, say many parents. Having children share a bedroom offers a good lesson in sharing, builds family bonds and gives siblings the chance to hash out the happenings of the day, parents say.

"You learn a lot about life having to share, said Denise Montantez of Redding, Calif. "That's where the basic tools of life come from."

Montantez's two youngest daughters — 9-year-old Jessica and 6-year-old Kayla share a room and have learned to weather the good times and the bad.

"They can be mortal enemies during the day, and they'll be in the bed together in the morning, Montantez said.

Montantez's daughters also share a room out of necessity — there are no empty rooms in the house. But even when there is extra space, many parents still opt to keep their kids together.

"I like the idea of them being together, said Patty Weber also of Redding, whose daughters Megan, 3 1/2 and Melissa, 1 1/2, share a room even though there is a space.

At a young age, sharing has taught the two to get used to another's habits, something that's sure to crop up later in life.

"They've learned to adapt to one another. The older one does all the things to disrupt it, but the youngest goes with the flow, Weber said.

Even when it's a boy and a girl, sharing can work. Colleen Woodward of Redding said her son Trevor and daughter Torie have shared a room since Trevor was born four years ago.

"They've had no conflicts yet — it will probably come later, Woodward admitted.

So far, the only dilemma has been over decor. Woodward picked a Mickey Mouse theme for the room with bright primary colors. Torie "gets pink things and they don't necessarily go with the room," Woodward said.

But what sharing does for the bond between siblings outweighs the squabbling over posters and paint, parents say.

"They can talk to each other at night. They sing songs together before going to sleep, Woodward said.

Parents do voice concerns about sharing when a teen is paired with a younger child.

"She doesn't need to hear the concerns of 15-year-old girls, Montantez said of her 9-year-old. Sometimes parents have to make sure their kids stay kids for awhile, she said.

"She (Jessica) is attracted to it ... the makeup, the nail polish, Montantez said of her 15-year-old's belongings.

Woodward agreed, saying that if she split up her son and daughter, 5-year-old Torie would be sharing a room with her 10-year-old sister. "I don't know how we're going to handle it, she said.

What if good fortune — say a big lottery win — provided enough money for each child to have his or her own room. Would these parents split up their kids?

"If I won it today, no. They like each other and they like being in the same room, Montantez said.

What about when toddlers turn into teens and privacy becomes a battle cry?

Sharing can still work, said Denise Granger of Palo Cedro, Calif. Her two teenager daughters shared a room until this fall when Jessica, 19, headed off to college.

The Mini Page

Celebrate Children's Book Week
Meet Rosemary Wells

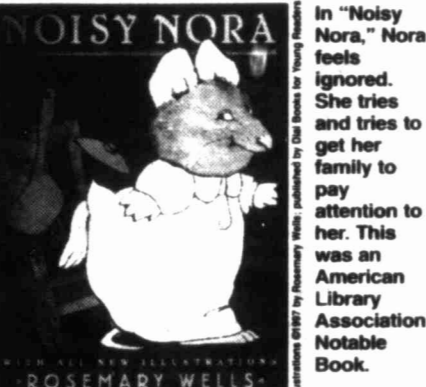
Rosemary Wells may have already touched your life. She has written more than 60 children's books, most of which she has also illustrated.

Some of her most-loved characters include the bunnies Max and Ruby, Edward, a late-blooming bear, and the mouse Nora. She has also written six books for young adults.

Background
Rosemary Wells wanted to become a writer and an artist ever since she was a child. "I was always a writer. All writers are always writers. I was always an artist.

"When I was a little girl, the most important thing my parents did for me was to read to me all the time. Books were hugely important.

"I was also outside a lot by myself. I was happy to be alone. I had a lot of unstructured time."

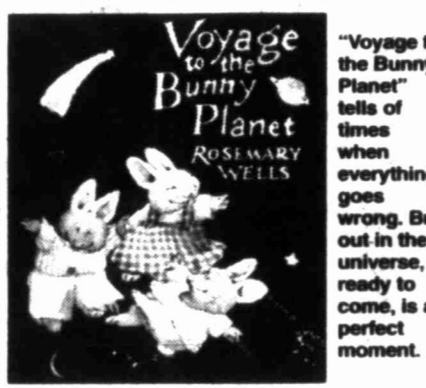


Personal
Husband: Tom, an architect
Children: Meg, studying farming, and Victoria, learning to be a chef
Home: New York
Age: 54



Rosemary Wells has two white terriers, Lucy and Snowy. They are always with her when she works.

Some favorite things
Music: all kinds except rock and pop
Time and place to read: "All the time, everywhere, every time I have a minute."
Sports to play: tennis and walking
Food: fried chicken, homemade bread



"Voyage to the Bunny Planet" tells of times when everything goes wrong. But out in the universe, ready to come, is a perfect moment.

Her work
She has worked as a book designer and wrote her first book nearly 30 years ago, in 1968.

Sometimes she writes books illustrated by other artists. Recently she updated Eric Knight's 1938 book, "Lassie Come-Home." The art is by Susan Jeffers.

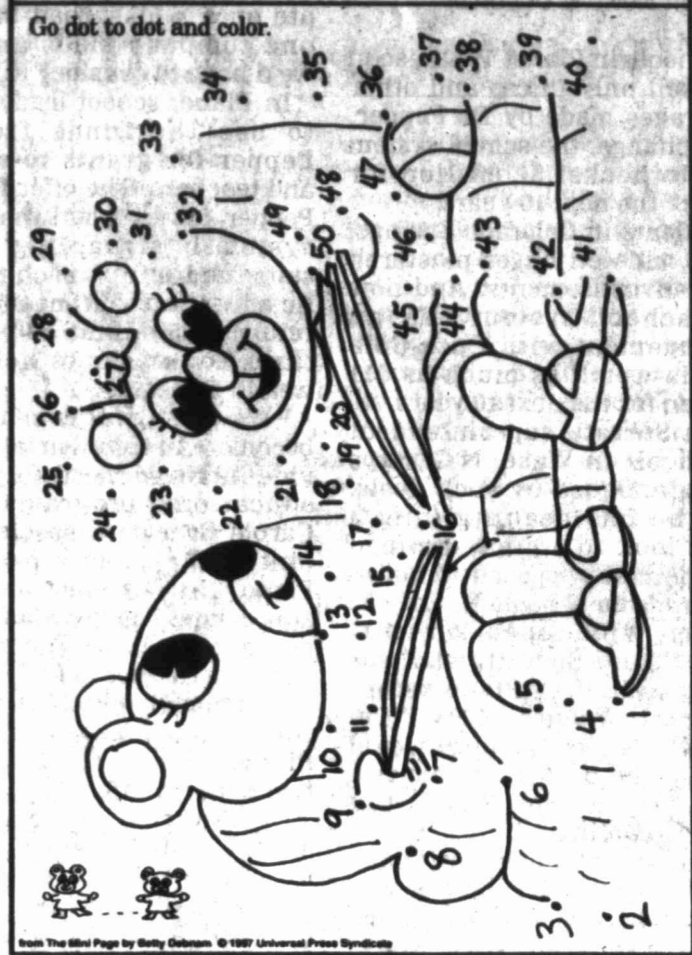


"Lassie Come-Home" deals with the love of a boy for a dog, and the love of the dog for a boy. No hardships or meanness can keep them separated.

Advice for kids
"Don't watch much TV. If you want to be a writer you have to read. If you want to draw or you want to write, please don't draw or write anything that comes from the television. It should come from your life that you know.

"The more you turn off the TV, the better off you'll be. In order to be a writer, you have to be able to imagine things. TV kills imagination.
"Read and read and read. Write and write. Just do it. Write letters, write articles for the school newspaper.
"It's like anything else. You have to stay in shape and you have to practice."

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 - 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
 - 1 cup beef bouillon
 - 3 cups cooked rice
- What to do:**
- Cook onion, hot dogs and butter or margarine in a skillet over medium heat 10 to 15 minutes or until onion is soft.
 - Combine remaining ingredients except rice in a bowl. Mix well.
 - Add bouillon mixture to skillet. Heat to boiling, stirring constantly.
 - Cover and simmer 10 minutes.
 - Serve over rice. Serves 6.

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1997 Book Award Winners

"Any Time Is Book Time" is the theme of Children's Book Week, Nov. 17-23. The American Library Association gives Newbery and Caldecott awards to outstanding kids' authors and illustrators.

The John Newbery Medal is awarded each year to the author of the most outstanding children's book. There were four runners-up, or Honor Books.

The Newbery Medal went to E.L. Konigsburg for "The View From Saturday." In this book, a group of sixth-graders learn to value their own special skills.

Newbery Honor Book winners
Nancy Farmer served in the Peace Corps and lived in Africa and India. She won a 1995 Newbery Honor Book award for "The Ear, the Eye and the Arm."

In "A Girl Named Disaster," an 11-year-old girl flees an arranged marriage to a cruel man.

Eloise McGraw has written 20 books for kids. In "The Moorchild," a girl is outcast by both her families, humans and fairy people. She must find a way out of her loneliness.

Megan Whalen Turner worked as a children's book buyer for stores. She and her husband travel together to do research.

The hero of "The Thief" is forced to steal a magic treasure for a king.

Ruth White has worked as a teacher and a librarian. She lives in Virginia Beach, Va.

In "Belle Prater's Boy," two children learn to face the truth about their lives and the disappearance of the boy's mother.

The Randolph Caldecott Medal is awarded each year to the illustrator of the most outstanding children's picture book. Four Honor Book awards were also given.

The Caldecott Medal went to David Wisniewski for "Golem." In it, a rabbit makes a giant clay man to protect the Jewish people.

Look through your newspaper for an interesting picture. Make up a story about it.

Caldecott Honor Book winners
Holly Meade studied painting. She has worked as a teacher and designer.

In "Hush!" by Minfong Ho, a mother tries to quiet all the animals so her baby can sleep.

David Pelletier is a graphic designer in New York City. Letters in "The Graphic Alphabet" are drawn in dramatic ways to illustrate a word starting with each letter.

Starry Messenger tells of Galileo, the astronomer who changed the way people look at the sky.

Peter Sis was born in Czechoslovakia, studied in Paris, and lives in America. He is also a filmmaker.

Dav Pilkey lives with his pets in the Oregon hills. "The Paperboy" tells of the joy of working all alone in the early hours.

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Lady Hawk Classic
Abilene Christian JV vs. Western Texas College, 4 p.m.
Howard College vs. Phoenix College, 6 p.m.
at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum

Crossroads Classic
EP Ysleta vs. Merkel, 8 a.m.; Parkland vs. Coleman, 9:30 a.m.;
San Angelo Central vs. Snyder, 11 a.m.; Wylie vs. Midland Lee, 1 p.m.;
Midland vs. Ysleta-Merkel winner, 2:30 p.m.; Big Spring vs.
Parkland-Coleman winner, 6 p.m.

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Lady Hawks, Lady Steers open play in tournaments tonight

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

While Matt Corkery and his Howard College Lady Hawks may not know what to expect from their first two opponents in this year's Lady Hawk Classic, it's certain they'll face a challenge in Saturday night's finale with highly-ranked Weatherford College's Lady Coyotes.

The Lady Hawk Classic is again being staged in conjunction with the Crossroads Classic which features a number of West Texas' top high school girls' teams.

Of course the Lady Hawks, who carry an unblemished 8-0 record into tonight's 8 p.m. opener with Phoenix College, are well thought of nationally,

as well.

While the regular season's first JUCO women's poll won't be released until Nov. 30, the Lady Hawks were ranked 20th in this year's preseason coaches poll.

Weatherford, the team which eliminated Howard's women in the finals of the Region V tournament last season, denying them a trip to the NJCAA national tournament, opened the season ranked No. 5.

"It's really hard to tell what to expect from Phoenix, because this will be their first game of the season," Corkery said. "We play Abilene Christian's junior varsity Friday and you never really know what the make up of a college JV team will be... we'll just have to wait and see what we're facing once those two games start."

"But with Weatherford, we've got a pretty good idea of what to expect," the Lady Hawks coach added. "They lost one of their big players inside that hurt us last year, but they've got three extremely good players that were starters back from last year. That ought to be a pretty good test of where we are."

Corkery said he's been pleased with the progress the Lady Hawks have made to date, but noted there's still room for improvement.

"We've made some real strides, but we still need to continue improving," he said. "We looked good at the South Plains tournament and played extremely well against McLennan last weekend in the first game at the Temple tournament."

"We didn't play with much intensity

in the second game against Temple... certainly not the way we did against McLennan that first night," he added. "We'll have to play a lot better this weekend, especially against Weatherford."

The Lady Hawk Classic calls for Abilene Christian's JV to face Western Texas College at 4 p.m. today. Friday's games have Weatherford College facing Western Texas at 6 p.m. and the Lady Hawks' game with Abilene Christian set for 8 p.m. Howard and Weatherford tangle at 8 p.m. Saturday.

Big Spring's Lady Steers, trying to rebound from a disappointing 61-58 home opener loss to Merkel Tuesday will also be in action tonight in the Crossroads Classic.

Joining the Lady Steers in the high school tournament will be El Paso

Ysleta, Merkel, El Paso Parkland, Coleman, San Angelo Central, Snyder, Midland, Wylie and Midland Lee.

Ysleta's Lady Indians and Merkel's Lady Badgers opened the tournament this morning. The morning's other games pitted Parkland and Coleman and Central's Lady Bobcats taking on Snyder's Lady Tigers.

The afternoon schedule has Wylie and Midland Lee playing at 1 p.m., Midland's Lady Bulldogs facing the Ysleta-Merkel winner at 2:30 p.m. and the Lady Steers meeting the Parkland-Coleman winner at 6 p.m.

Friday's schedule again calls for eight games set for tips from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Saturday's Crossroads Classic action begins with high school games at 2 p.m.

Steers face sterner test in Randall

Kicking game, turnovers will be key factors

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Now it gets tougher.

After having posted a 23-0 shutout of El Paso Ysleta in their Division I, Class 4A bi-district playoff, Big Spring's Steers must now face a more worthy opponent — Canyon Randall's Raiders.

The Steers and Raiders will kick off their area playoff game at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Jones Stadium on the campus of Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

When they do, Big Spring coach Dwight Butler said it will be a battle of evenly balanced teams, as might be indicated by the 8-3 records both teams bring into the fray.

"Whoever has the fewest turnovers and has the better kicking game's probably going to win," Butler opined. "It's going to be a couple of evenly matched football teams. That's the way it should be at this level."

The Raiders advanced to the area playoff with a 28-14 win over Frenship's Tigers last week and displayed enough weapons to have Butler and his staff impressed.

"They have a pretty diverse offense... an excellent quarterback; a really strong, hard-running fullback; and a tailback that has good size and excellent speed," Butler explained. "They run the option well and can throw the ball. They can be dangerous."

In addition, the Raiders are an experienced team — just three juniors own starting positions in an offense that has averaged 342 yards per game and almost 25 points per outing.



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Big Spring punter John Lawdermilk waits on the deep snap from teammate Jason Mathews during the Steers' Wednesday afternoon workout in preparation for Friday night's playoff game with Canyon Randall's Raiders. Steers coach Dwight Butler expects the kicking game to be pivotal in a battle of evenly matched teams.

The key to the Raiders' success was primarily rested on the leadership of senior quarterback Brian Evans who has completed 63 of 137 passes for 1,025 yards and nine touchdowns — six of those touchdowns, 29 of those catches and 624 of those yards winding up in the arms of flanker Micah Ladd.

Tailback Jessie Hunnicut a 208-pound senior has gained 911 yards on 139 carries behind an offensive line that averages better than 225 pounds per man.

Defensively, the Raiders operate out of a base 5-2 front. Much smaller than their offensive teammates, the Randall defensive linemen rely on quickness, stunt repeatedly and flow to the football well.

Asked if he could compare the Raiders to one of the Steers' 11 opponents this season, Butler offered a number of

comparisons, but not just one team.

"Hunnicut's a lot like Lake View's tailback and Evans runs the option and leads the offense a lot like Boatright at Sweetwater," Butler explained. "Their linemen are big and physical like Midland's. They're not as physical as Sweetwater, but they do a lot of the same things."

And defensively?

"In a lot of ways they remind me of Andrews... a little bigger and more active," Butler added. "They stunt a lot like Snyder did, but have better athletes."

"I guess more than anyone defensively, they remind me of us," he continued. "They attack you defensively, try to disrupt things before the play develops and really get to the football."

As a result, Butler says the Steers' offensive linemen will be faced with a difficult assign-

ment if they're going to provide running lanes for fullback Antwoyne Edwards, who improved his season rushing total of 1,640 yards with a 155-yard, 24-carry performance against Ysleta.

If the blocking is there and the Steers avoid costly penalties and turnovers, Butler believes his team will have an overall advantage in team speed.

"That's one of the reasons to play at Jones Stadium," Butler said, noting that Randall had expressed a preference for Lowry Field in Lubbock. "If you've got an advantage in speed, you're that much faster on artificial turf."

"Besides, this is will be a big experience for our kids... getting to play in a Big 12 Conference stadium," he added. "And that's what some people forget. This is all about the kids... it's for them."

Cowboys' dynamic trio taking aim on Packers again

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING — Emmitt Smith, Michael Irvin and Troy Aikman are 8-0 against the Green Bay Packers in the 1990s.

This potent trio in the Dallas Cowboys' offensive arsenal has always played well against the Packers. Seven of the wins have come in Texas Stadium, where weather problems are limited.

Now running back Smith, wide receiver Irvin and quarterback Aikman take on Green Bay again Sunday, this time in

the hostile environs of Lambeau Field, where no Dallas team has won in three tries.

Smith, Irvin and Aikman are coming off their best performance of the year. In fact, it's the best game they've had together in three seasons.

Aikman led the Cowboys on a 97-yard drive in the final five minutes Sunday to beat Washington 17-14 to keep Dallas alive in the NFC East championship race with a 6-5 record.

Irvin caught a 6-yard touchdown pass after being the tar-

get on a 31-yard completion on fourth and 2 from the 50. Smith caught a 2-point conversion pass.

"It was great to see the trio put it together again like that," Smith said. "Now we have to do it again against Green Bay. We have to go out and get our jobs done. We've done it before against the Packers. We have to do it again no matter what the weather elements are."

"We expect it to be very loud and very rowdy. But those fans can't be more rude than the people in Philadelphia and New

York."

The Dallas offense, ranked 19th in the NFL, goes against the No. 22-ranked defense.

"We've got guys missing like the Moose (fullback Daryl Johnston) who were instrumental in our success against Green Bay before," Smith said. "Green Bay isn't chopped liver — I don't care what the stats say. Without Johnston and (offensive tackle) Mark Tuinei then it kind of evens things up. We've had to shuffle a lot of people. But we did do it against Washington and have success."

Westbrook defense could force Mustangs to open up air attack

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Don't be surprised if Sands' Mustangs appear to be a somewhat different team Friday when they face Westbrook's Wildcats in the second round of the six-man football playoffs.

After having watched his team rally for a 70-56 bi-district win over Sanderson last week, Mustangs coach Billy Barnett says the secret to Westbrook's success this season has been the same thing that's propelled Sands to a 10-1 record.

"The thing that impresses me the most is their defense," Barnett said. "In fact, they're probably the best defensive team we've faced this year."

They're really aggressive and literally annihilated Ropes last week.

"They're big, strong and fast," he added. "I haven't found any weaknesses. We've got our work cut out for us, that's for sure."

In fact, Barnett says Westbrook may well be the best team the Mustangs have faced this season.

That's lofty praise, considering the Mustangs lone loss came in the opening game of the season at the hands of No. 6-ranked Grandfalls-Royalty.

As a result, Barnett is convinced the Mustangs will have throw the football this week — something they haven't been forced to do much this season.

In the same breath, Barnett recalls legendary University of Texas coach

Darrell Royal's observation about the passing game.

Royal once observed that "if you throw the football, three things can happen and two of them are bad."

"We threw the ball three times against Sanderson," Barnett noted. "One of them went for a 59-yard touchdown, one was incomplete and one was intercepted. I guess we proved what he (Royal) was talking about."

Nonetheless, Barnett says to expect the Mustangs to throw the ball when they square off with Westbrook at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Klondike.

"We're going to have to open it up some this week," Barnett said. "We prefer to run the ball, but at this level, we're going to have to throw the ball

and loosen up our opponents' defenses some or we're not going to have much success on the ground."

Of course, the Mustangs aren't totally unfamiliar with the passing game — approximately a quarter of Sands' 4,000-plus total yards of offense this season has come through the air.

"We do have a little bit of an advantage because we have two kids that throw the ball pretty well," Barnett said, noting that both sophomore quarterback Coby Floyd and senior running back Jerrod Beall are proficient passers.

Going into Friday's showdown with Westbrook, Floyd has completed 48 of 100 passes this season for more than 700 yards and 15 touchdowns.

"Coby's really done a heck of a job... especially for a sophomore," Barnett said. "Early on he didn't have a lot of confidence, but that's to be expected from a sophomore. That's not a problem now. He's been outstanding."

Offensively, Barnett says he's not sure what to expect from Westbrook following the Wildcats' demolition of Ropes in bi-district play.

"They've predominantly been a spread team," the Mustangs' coach explained. "But last week against Ropes, they set up tight and ran the ball right down their throats."

However, Barnett acknowledges that Westbrook will more than likely

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AREA PLAYOFFS

Big Spring (8-3) vs. Canyon Randall (8-3)
7:30 p.m. Friday
Jones Stadium, Lubbock
Advance tickets: \$5 adults, \$3 students
All tickets at the gate: \$6

Stanton (11-0) vs. Albany (8-3)
7:30 p.m. Friday
San Angelo Stadium
Tickets: \$5 adults, \$3 students (no advance sales)

Sands (10-1) vs. Westbrook (8-3)
7:30 p.m. Friday
Klondike High School, Patricia
Tickets: \$3 adults, \$1 students (no advance sales)

Bennett, a 6-3, 202-pound senior, has passed for more than 1,000 yards and eight touchdowns this season.

"He's a big key to their success," Cotton said of Bennett. "He's big and moves well... likes to roll out and throw back across the field. When you can do that, you're dangerous."

That's lofty praise from a coach who's convinced that he has the state's best quarterback in senior Kyle Herm.

Herm, of course, possesses almost impossible numbers. To date, he's passed for more than 1,700 yards and 28 touchdowns, and with only a couple of exceptions, has amassed those statistics playing only about one half of every game.

Herm and his offensive teammates even impressed their coach in last week's bi-district win over Shallowater.

"I didn't think we'd be able to move the ball as easily as we did last week," Cotton admitted, "but I didn't expect them (Mustangs) to have the passing success they had, either."

Shallowater picked up big passing yardage, most of it coming on two 60-yard plays — one on a tipped pass and the other when the Buff secondary blew its coverage assignment.

"You take those two plays away and Shallowater doesn't do that much against us," Cotton noted. "There's not much you can do when someone comes up with a tipped ball, but we can't afford blown coverages this week. We do that Friday and Bennett's going to hurt us."

The Lions have other offensive standouts, however, with a 1,000-yard rusher in tailback Ricky Lucas, a 6-1, 210-pound senior, and good receivers in wideouts Gavin Gillit and Brian Barte and tight end Sam Balliew.

In addition, the Lions operate

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Lakers, Sonics, Spurs roll in blowout night for Western Conference

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Don't look for parity in the Western Conference.

There are several very good teams, several 500 teams and several basket cases.

If there were any doubts, Wednesday night's games dispelled them as the Los Angeles Lakers, Seattle SuperSonics and San Antonio Spurs gave a vivid demonstration of the best beating up on the rest.

Los Angeles ran its season-opening unbeaten streak to 10 games by romping past the Minnesota Timberwolves 118-93.

Seattle (8-3) stayed in second place in the Pacific Division by routing Vancouver 107-87. And San Antonio (7-3) boosted its Midwest Division lead to one game by trouncing the winless Golden State Warriors 108-87.

That's a 25-point victory, a 20-point victory and a 21-point victory. Clearly, the most talented teams are having no trouble asserting themselves.

None of the three above-mentioned victories was as impressive as the one by the Lakers. Facing a Timberwolves team that is widely considered the most up-and-coming in the conference, Los Angeles easily dismissed the threat and led by as many as 30 late in the fourth quarter.

"Ten and 0. We're on a roll," Kobe Bryant said, breaking into a grin. "I'm having a lot of fun. Let's keep it going."

In other NBA games, Charlotte defeated Portland 106-92, Orlando rallied past Cleveland 96-93 in overtime, Miami downed the Los Angeles Clippers 122-113, Philadelphia topped Washington 97-86 and New Jersey beat Boston 108-100.

Eddie Jones scored 31 points, Shaquille O'Neal had 26 and Bryant 20 for the Lakers.

The Wolves are the only NBA team with three players averaging 20 or more points, but Tom Gugliotta, Stephon Marbury and Kevin Garnett were no match for the Lakers' trio.

Bryant and O'Neal keyed a 21-6 second-quarter run that gave the Lakers a 46-33 lead. O'Neal had seven points and Bryant five.

Garnett drew the Wolves within four late in the period,

but they got no closer the rest of the way.

O'Neal had consecutive baskets early in the fourth, and the Lakers were quickly up by 12 points. Bryant and Jones had 3-pointers early in the fourth quarter to increase the Lakers' lead to 19 points.

Minnesota trailed by 30 with two minutes remaining and the Lakers' starters on the bench.

"The challenges we faced within this 10-game streak — San Antonio, Houston and the

biggest one in Utah — we were able to withstand it," Bryant said. "Keep bouncing back and keep fighting in the course of the game. That's the biggest plus for us right now."

Sonics 107, Grizzlies 87

At Seattle, Gary Payton scored a season-high 31 points and handed out 11 assists and Detlef Schrempf added 23 points.

The Grizzlies, after falling behind by 25 points in the first

half, closed to 84-80 with 6:02 left. But the Sonics responded with a 23-7 blitz the rest of the way.

Payton, who played the entire second half, shot 12-for-22 with seven rebounds and five steals. He was at his best in the fourth quarter, scoring 13 points on 4-for-5 shooting and hitting all four of his free throws.

Payton also schooled rookie point guard Antonio Daniels of the Grizzlies throughout the game. The rookie from Bowling

Green scored 13 points and had four turnovers in 33 minutes.

"When All-Stars know they're going up against rookies, they're going to show them why they're an All-Star," Vancouver coach Brian Hill said.

Spurs 108, Warriors 87

At San Antonio, David Robinson scored 31 points and Tim Duncan added 19 as the Spurs dealt Golden State its ninth straight loss to start the

season. It was San Antonio's first victory over the Warriors since the 1985-86 season. Golden State swept the Spurs 4-0 last season when they were ravaged by injuries.

The Spurs hit a season-high eight 3-pointers, including three by Chuck Person and two each by Sean Elliott and Jaren Jackson.

Elliott snapped out a slump by shooting 7-for-8 with 18 points.

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behind a tremendous offensive front anchored by 6-3, 250-pound senior tackle Brandon Parsons, that Cotton labels as all-state caliber.

Parsons is a two-way performer who's chalked up more than 130 tackles this season, 15 for losses. He and linebacker Michael Graham, a senior who's led the Lions with more than 140 tackles, headline a defensive unit that is extremely aggressive, pursues the ball well and hits well.

"Albany is certainly for real," Cotton concluded. "They're a good, solid, fundamentally-sound football team. They'll be a good test and we're going to have to play well if we want to keep playing."

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return to its spread game Friday, since one of the keys to the Mustangs' success this season has been strong defensive play.

"We kind of look for them to spend most of the time in the spread, but they certainly gave us something to think about last week," he added.

There is one thing, though, that Barnett says he doesn't have to worry about — whether or not the Mustangs can handle adversity. They answered any questions on that subject last week, erasing a halftime deficit en route to the bi-district victory over Sanderson.

"Our kids really played outstanding football in the second half," he noted. "I really didn't say much at halftime ... didn't have to. We made a couple of minor adjustments, but our seniors came in the locker room ... they called a team meeting and provided the inspirational speech, then we went out there and took it to them."

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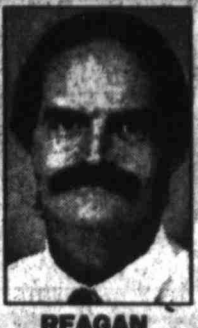
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SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Lancaster named all-conference honorable mention

Big Spring High School product Torbin Lancaster was one of 21 McMurry football players to earn mention Wednesday when the all-American Southwest Conference team was announced. A linebacker, Lancaster was one among 11 McMurry players that earned honorable mention status. The Indians had one first-team pick in defensive lineman Hiawatha Hickman, nine second-team selections headlined by quarterback Braxton Shaver.

TP&WD officials offers hunting recommendations

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials are reminding local landowners and hunters that the white-tailed deer season opened and continues through Jan. 4, 1998.

The bag limit is four deer with no more than two bucks. Deer population surveys in Howard County have resulted in TP&WD officials recommending that hunters not harvest antlerless deer north of I-20 and recommend that they take one doe per 800 acres and one buck per 1,300 acres south of I-20.

For more information concerning deer harvest rates, wildlife management procedures and Big Game Awards, contact wildlife biologist Bill Del Monte at (915) 798-3152.

Local chapter seeking additional softball umpires

The Permian Basin chapter of the Southwest Softball Umpires Association needs umpires to work high school softball games throughout 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.

Quarterback Club meeting scheduled for Tuesday

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Big Spring High School Athletic Facility's film room. The club meets each Tuesday at 7 p.m. to review films from the previous week's Steers game.

Youth basketball clinic slated at YMCA

The Big Spring Family YMCA is now taking registrations for a youth basketball clinic which will be conducted on Mondays and Saturdays, Nov. 24-Dec. 20.

Open to boys and girls in kindergarten through the second grade, the clinic will offer additional help for beginners. Clinic sessions will be held from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. on Saturdays and from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. on Mondays.

For more information, contact the YMCA at 267-8234.

Registration under way for youth hoops league

The deadline for registration for a youth basketball league being formed by the Big Spring YMCA is Dec. 6.

No tryouts will be held for the league which will emphasize participation and fundamentals, not winning. The league will be for youngsters from kindergarten through the sixth grade.

For more information, call 267-8234.

Co-ed power volleyball league being formed by YMCA

The Big Spring YMCA is currently forming a co-ed power volleyball league with an organizational meeting slated for 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the YMCA.

For additional information, contact YMCA officials by calling 267-8234.

PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

CLASS 5A Division I Region I Regional EP Franklin (9-2) vs. Odessa (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Ratliff Stadium, Odessa Duncanville (10-1) vs. Arlington Martin (8-3), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Texas Stadium, Irving Division II Region I Area EP Irvin (8-3) vs. Amarillo (9-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Sun Bowl, El Paso Flower Mound Marjory (9-2) vs. Haltom (11-0), 1 p.m., Saturday, Cotton Bowl EP Socorro (9-2) vs. Abilene Cooper (10-1), 8:30 p.m. Friday, Socorro Student Activities Center, El Paso South Grand Prairie (9-2) vs. Arlington Lamar (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Owmby Stadium, Dallas	CLASS 3A Region I Area Seminole (10-1) vs. Monahans (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Ratliff Stadium, Odessa Vernon (10-1) vs. Aledo (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Fouts Field, Denton Perryton (8-3) vs. Colorado City (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Plainview Breckenridge (11-0) vs. Bridgeport (8-3), 8 p.m. Friday, Coppell
CLASS 4A Division I Region I Regional Canyon Randall (8-3) vs. Big Spring (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jones Stadium, Lubbock Brownwood (9-2) vs. Sherman (8-3), 1 p.m. Saturday, Maverick Stadium, Arlington Division II Region I Area Dumas (10-0) vs. Andrews (8-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Lowrey Field, Lubbock Stephenville (8-3) vs. Denison (11-0), 1 p.m. Saturday, Amon Carter Stadium, Fort Worth Borger (7-3) vs. Sweetwater (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lowrey Field, Lubbock Graham (7-4) vs. Springtown (10-1), 7 p.m. Saturday, Memorial Stadium, Wichita Falls	CLASS 2A Region I Area White Deer (10-1) vs. Lockney (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Kimbrough Stadium, Canyon Iran (9-2) vs. Winters (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Snyder Spearman (8-3) vs. Post (7-4), 4 p.m. Saturday, Kimbrough Stadium, Canyon Stanton (11-0) vs. Albany (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Angelo Stadium
CLASS 1A Region I Regional Wheeler (8-3) vs. Petersburg (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Hereford Alvord (10-1) vs. Cross Plains (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mineral Wells	Sixman Region I/II Area Follett (10-0) vs. Lazbuddie (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Groom Westbrook (8-3) vs. Ackerly Sands (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Klondike Miami (7-2) vs. Silvertown (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Groom Borden County (11-0) vs. Grandfalls Royalty (11-0), 2 p.m., Saturday, Garden City

FISHING REPORT

AUSTIN — Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Nov. 20:

CENTRAL
BROWNWOOD: Water clear; normal level; black bass to 4 pounds are slow to fair on jigs and crank baits. Hybrid stripers are fair to good on live bait and spoons. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs. Channel catfish are fair on rod and reels baited with shrimp and worms.

BUCHANAN: Water fairly clear; 54 degrees; black bass are fair to good on Jig-N-Pig combos and on worms fished in 10 to 15 feet of water. Striped bass are good on live bait fished in deep water. White bass are slow to fair on live bait and slabs fished around Garrett Island. Crappie are good on live minnows fished around crappie barges. Catfish are slow.

SOUTH
AMISTAD: Water clear; low; black bass to 6 pounds are fair on Power Worms, spinners and on deep-diving crank baits. Striped bass are good on live bait and Rat-L-Traps fished on the main lake and in the river. White bass are fair on slabs and spoons. Catfish are fair on rod and reels baited with shrimp and cut bait.

FALCON: Water fairly clear; low; 55 degrees; black bass to 5 pounds are fair spinners and crank baits. Striped bass

are good on spoons and live bait under birds. Catfish are fair to good on rod and reels baited with shrimp and prepared bait.

WEST
KEMP: Water fairly clear; low; black bass are slow to fair on worms. Striped bass are fair to good on live bait. Catfish are fair to good on trotlines baited with cheese bait.

O.H.IVIE: Water clear on main lake, murky in upper end and tributaries; 52 degrees; black bass and smallmouth to 3 pounds are slow on plastic worms and crank baits fished on secondary points. Crappie are fair on minnows fished in 20 to 30 feet of water in the creeks, coves and ridges at night. White bass are fair on live bait. Crappie are fair on minnows fished in 20 to 30 feet of water. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with cut bait fished over baited holes. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live perch.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; low; 53 degrees; black bass are slow to fair on spinners and Carolina-rigged worms fished during the middle of the day. Striped and white bass are fair on slabs fished on the main lake under birds. Crappie are fair on minnows fished around the docks. Catfish are good on rod and reels baited with cut bait.

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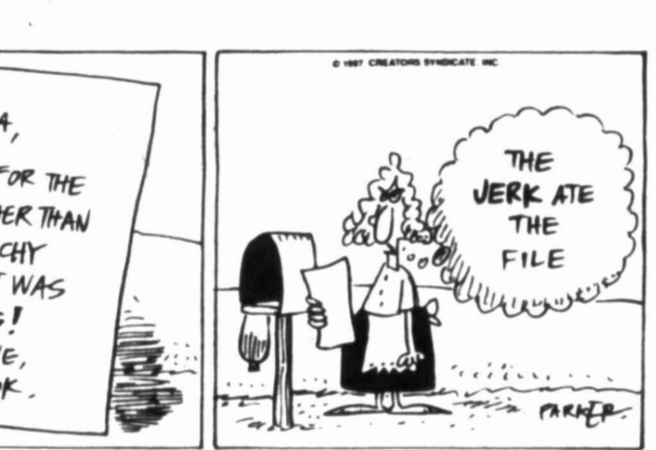
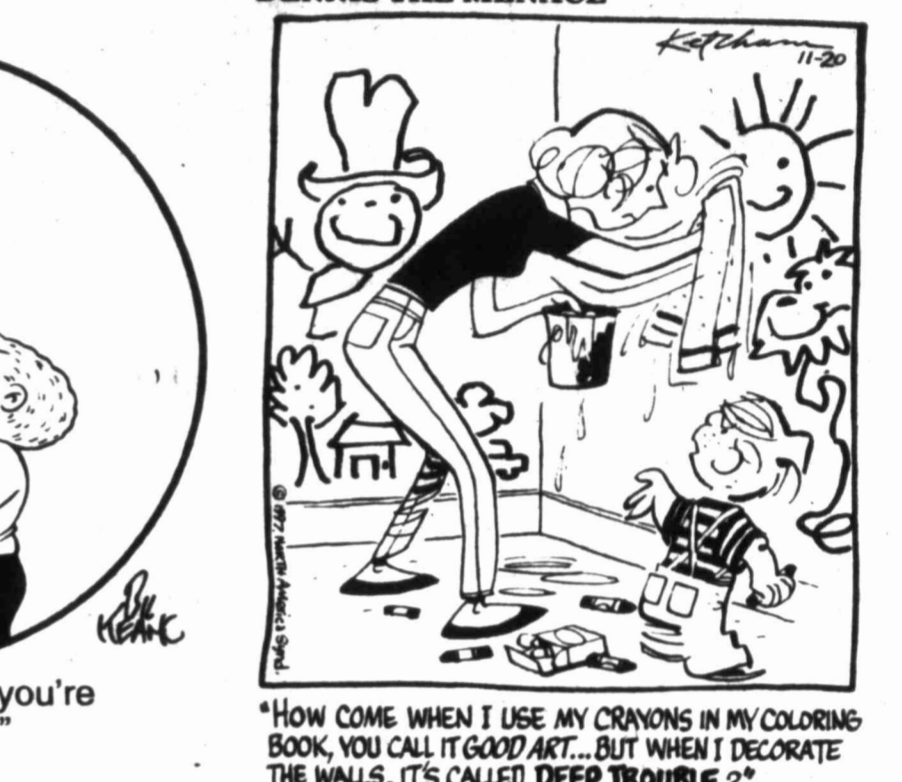
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KMID	7:30	20/20 (CC)	KPEJ	7:30	Deadliest Swarms	KERA	7:30	Antiques	FAM	7:30	Rescue 911 (CC)	KOSA	7:30	Promised Land (CC)	WFAA	7:30	20/20 (CC)	KWES	7:30	Friends (CC)	WTBS	7:30	(05) Movie: Stone Cold	UNI	7:30	El Alma No Tiene Color	DISN	7:30	(CC) Movie: Championship Rodeo	NASH	7:30	Johnny Marmore (CC)	TMC	7:30	Movie: Bullet	SHOW	7:30	Movie: Showgirls	HBO	7:30	Real Sports (CC)	KMLM	7:30	Intelligence	A&E	7:30	Biography	DISC	7:30	Wild Discovery	TNT	7:30	Movie: The Principal	FSN	7:30	FOX Sports NBA Basketball	ESPN	7:30	(6:56) College Football	AMC	7:30	Triumphs Movie: The	BET	7:30	..
KMID	8:30	Movie: Medusa's	KPEJ	8:30	Scarier Police Stings	KERA	8:30	Mystery (CC)	FAM	8:30	Movie: Let Me Call You	KOSA	8:30	Diagnosis Murder (CC)	WFAA	8:30	Movie: Medusa's	KWES	8:30	Saintfield (CC)	WTBS	8:30	..	UNI	8:30	Alguna Vez	DISN	8:30	The Preacher's	NASH	8:30	Prime Time Country (CC)	TMC	8:30	Movie: The Last Boy	SHOW	8:30	Movie: The Last Boy	HBO	8:30	Bishop James John Osteen	KMLM	8:30	..	A&E	8:30	..	DISC	8:30	Into Unknown Movie Magic	TNT	8:30	..	FSN	8:30	..	ESPN	8:30	..	AMC	8:30	..	BET	8:30	..
KMID	9:30	Child (CC)	KPEJ	9:30	Team Knight Rider	KERA	9:30	News (CC)	FAM	9:30	Sweetheart (CC)	KOSA	9:30	48 Hours (CC)	WFAA	9:30	Child (CC)	KWES	9:30	ER (CC)	WTBS	9:30	(05) Movie: Rocky IV	UNI	9:30	Stevenson	DISN	9:30	Wife (CC)	NASH	9:30	Today's Country	TMC	9:30	(40) Movie: Dallas	SHOW	9:30	The Show (CC)	HBO	9:30	(15) Things Do in Denver	KMLM	9:30	..	A&E	9:30	..	DISC	9:30	..	TNT	9:30	..	FSN	9:30	..	ESPN	9:30	..	AMC	9:30	..	BET	9:30	..
KMID	10:30	News (CC)	KPEJ	10:30	Home Imp. Mad Abs. You	KERA	10:30	News-Lahrei	FAM	10:30	700 Club	KOSA	10:30	News (35) Late	WFAA	10:30	News (CC) Nightline	KWES	10:30	News Tonight	WTBS	10:30	..	UNI	10:30	P. Impacto Noticias Uni.	DISN	10:30	The Thanksgiving	NASH	10:30	Dallas	TMC	10:30	..	SHOW	10:30	..	HBO	10:30	..	KMLM	10:30	..	A&E	10:30	..	DISC	10:30	..	TNT	10:30	..	FSN	10:30	..	ESPN	10:30	..	AMC	10:30	..	BET	10:30	..
KMID	11:30	Nightline (38) Keenan	KPEJ	11:30	..	KERA	11:30	..	FAM	11:30	..	KOSA	11:30	..	WFAA	11:30	..	KWES	11:30	..	WTBS	11:30	..	UNI	11:30	..	DISN	11:30	..	NASH	11:30	..	TMC	11:30	..	SHOW	11:30	..	HBO	11:30	..	KMLM	11:30	..	A&E	11:30	..	DISC	11:30	..	TNT	11:30	..	FSN	11:30	..	ESPN	11:30	..	AMC	11:30	..	BET	11:30	..
KMID	12:30	..	KPEJ	12:30	..	KERA	12:30	..	FAM	12:30	..	KOSA	12:30	..	WFAA	12:30	..	KWES	12:30	..	WTBS	12:30	..	UNI	12:30	..	DISN	12:30	..	NASH	12:30	..	TMC	12:30	..	SHOW	12:30	..	HBO	12:30	..	KMLM	12:30	..	A&E	12:30	..	DISC	12:30	..	TNT	12:30	..	FSN	12:30	..	ESPN	12:30	..	AMC	12:30	..	BET	12:30	..



THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, Nov. 20, the 324th day of 1997. There are 41 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 20, 1947, Britain's future queen, Princess Elizabeth, married Philip Mountbatten, Duke of Edinburgh, in a ceremony broadcast worldwide from Westminster Abbey.

On this date: In 1620, Peregrine White was born in Brookline, Mass.

In 1929, the radio program "The Rise of the Goldbergs" debuted on the NBC Blue Network.

In 1945, 24 Nazi leaders went on trial before an international war crimes tribunal in Nuremberg, Germany.

In 1967, the Census Clock at the Commerce Department ticked past 200 million.

In 1969, the Nixon administration announced a halt to residential use of the pesticide DDT as part of a total phase-out.

In 1975, after nearly four decades of absolute rule, Spain's General Francisco Franco died, two weeks before his 83rd birthday.

In 1977, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat became the first Arab leader to address Israel's parliament.

In 1995, BBC Television broadcast an interview with Princess Diana, who admitted being unfaithful to Prince Charles.

Ten years ago: President Reagan and congressional leaders announced agreement on a two-year, \$76 billion deficit-reduction plan designed to reassure jittery financial markets.

Five years ago: The United States and the European Community announced they had resolved a dispute over EC farm subsidies, but French officials expressed dissatisfaction. Fire seriously damaged the northwest side of Windsor Castle, the favorite weekend home of Britain's Queen Elizabeth II.

One year ago: House Republicans chose Newt Gingrich to be speaker for a second term. Thirty-nine people were killed when fire broke out in a building in Hong Kong.

THE Daily Crossword

by Eugene Puffenberger 11/20/97

ACROSS

- Haut - (high society)
- Rose essence
- Audit pro
- Decorate
- Ecu
- Broadcast
- Disastrous
- Explosive letters
- Clammy
- Holding in bridge
- Frightens
- Salad vegetable
- Asserted
- Powerful
- long, life is short
- Not live
- Sought office
- Journalist-social reformer
- Cabled
- Tiny opening
- Mr. Quayle
- Ms. Evert
- Antic
- Titters
- Tore
- Prunes
- Inn
- Novelist
- Laurence
- voice
- Word of discovery
- Diagonal
- Turkish VIP
- Actor Flynn
- Corday's victim
- Obtain
- "The Wreck of the Mary..."
- Schedule

DOWN

- Call to an unknown
- Harem room
- Negative
- personae
- Audience demands
- Chasm
- Authenticate
- Tiny
- Ruffled
- Fell back
- Calamity
- Emergency
- Comic Johnson
- Prevaricated
- Diarist Anais
- Narrow groove
- "The..." (Dr. Seuss)
- Lariats
- Camelion
- City of Light
- Grows weary
- Spinning
- Twerp
- "the snows of yesteryear"
- Agrarian
- Occurred
- Tariffs
- At any time, poetically
- Military acronym
- Actor's place
- According to
- Certain rug abbr.
- Gun lobby: abbr.
- Consume
- Map abbr.

Wednesday's Puzzle solved:

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Today's Birthdays: Author and TV personality Alistair Cooke is 89. Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., is 80. Actress Evelyn Keyes is 78. Economist Beryl Sprinkel is 74. Actress-comedian Kaye Ballard is 71. Actress Estelle Parsons is 70. TV personality Richard Dawson is 65. Comedian Dick Smothers is 58. Singer Kim Weston is 58. Singer Norman Greenbaum is 55. Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., is 55. Actress Veronica Hamel is 54. Broadcast journalist Judy Woodruff is 51. Singer Joe Walsh is 50. Actor Richard Masur is 49. Actress Bo Derek is 41. Reggae musician Jim Brown (UB40) is 40. Actress Sean Young is 38.