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Reflecting A Proud Community

## BSPD: Partial returns of money, equipment will keep Texcom.net owner out of trouble

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Returning partial refunds and some equipment to former customers of her internet service company Texcom.net may keep owner Schell Walker, now said to be residing in California, from facing criminal charges in Howard County.

"Schell Walker has made refunds and returned equipment in question to customers so no criminal charges are pending," Big Spring Police Department Det. Tony Hill said Thursday afternoon.

According to Hill, some of Walker's former customers are unhappy about the refunds they received, meaning any further action they seek may have to be in civil court.

"If anything else surfaces, then we'll look at it on an individual basis," Hill said.

Several residents that lost money in their dealings with Texcom.Net began receiving partial refunds a few weeks ago for service and some equipment taken when Walker closed the doors to the business in College Park Shopping Center in early October.

Walker has been tracked to several locations in California, but has not returned numerous phone calls to the Herald.

Residents who had dealing with Walker received a letter (after the fact) indicating the business was forced to close its doors.

The letter in question is also causing

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financial trouble for Walker's California business partners who say she took them for the thousands of dollars they invested for her to build the business.

Part of the letter customers received said, "We will be sending a refund check that has been pro-rated based on your agreement with Texcom.Net. Pending legal proceedings and financial review, Texcom.Net will be remitting refunds in approximately 30 days and we regret

any inconvenience this may have caused.

"Please be aware that we sincerely regret the closing of Texcom.Net, but it is the only alternative we have at this time."

"Please feel free to contact Erik and

money back as well."

Krupp said information he has obtained indicates Walker in trouble in California for credit card abuse as well as misuse of funds.

"She has given everyone our phone numbers and all of her creditors are on our backs," Krupp said. "It's all a big mess."

Big Spring resident Debra Bogard, owner of Deb's Designs (a home-based business that specializes in making items like wind chimes and bird houses) was one of the people taken in by Walker and Texcom.Net and one of the residents to receive some of her merchandise as well as a prorated check for services.

"I recently received about a fourth of my pictures back and my catalogues," Bogard said. "In all honesty, I assumed no criminal charges would be filed

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## HWP program targets at-risk youngsters

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

Keeping children in school and out of trouble is the goal of a tutor-mentor program being developed by the local Hispanic Women for Progress organization.

HWP officials are asking that concerned parents, community leaders and educators attend a training meeting scheduled for noon Monday at the Big Spring ISD board room at the high school.

Lunch will be provided. Hilda Lara of HWP said organization members have been training for this program for the past four months, but more mentors are needed.

The goals of the program are three-fold — to positively motivate students to stay in school; to promote self-esteem; and to provide students with a caring role model.

Despite particularly high drop-out rates among Hispanic youth, Lara said the program wasn't centered just on that sector of the student population.

"We're not just an organization for Hispanics," she said. "We want to help kids. We want to help kids ... and guide them in the right direction."

The mentor program matches adults with young people who need one-on-one assistance to achieve their potential, Lara said.

A mentor would perform traditional tutor duties, such as helping with homework, but also would be available to help students with other problems as well.

"We need role models — parents, grandparents, retired teachers, people like that," Lara said.

Persons interested in becoming mentors need to complete an application and participate in a training program. After certification and training, they are placed with students.

Students are placed in the program on the recommendation of the teacher, but may participate only with the permission of a parent or guardian.

Students and mentors between 30 minutes and an hour a week. All meetings will take place on campus during school hours.

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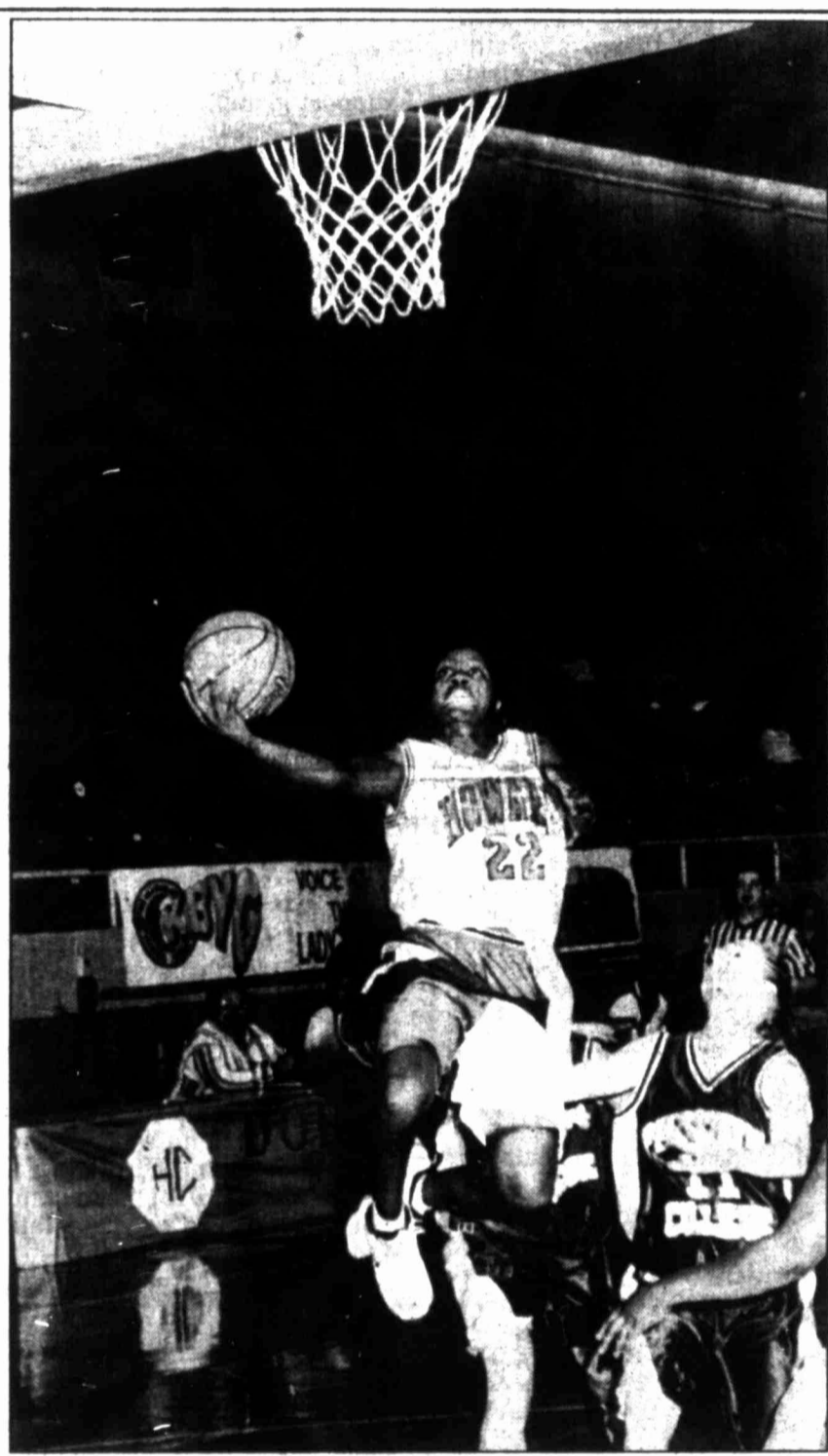
## CROSSROADS CLASSIC CONTINUES TODAY

Howard College's Karlita Washington (22) drives past Christi Reinecke during the first half of the Lady Hawks' 85-31 win over Phoenix College Thursday night.

The game was the finale of the first day of the Crossroads Classic, which continues today and Saturday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The tournament features 10 high school teams and five college teams.

For more on the tournament, see Page 1B.



## Howard County receives award to help with homeless, hungry

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Howard County is among seven West Texas counties to receive a share of \$100 million in federal funds made available to help feed the hungry and shelter the homeless during fiscal year 1998.

The 1998 allocations marks the 15th year Congress has appropriated funds for the program for people with non-disaster emergency needs.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) oversees the program under the Emergency Food and Shelter (EFS) National Board Program.

Howard County has qualified for a direct award of \$8,606. Other West Texas Counties

qualifying include Abilene-Jones-Taylor, \$44,721; Dawson, \$6,300; Ector, \$60,683; Lubbock, \$71,294; Midland, \$38,857; and Pecos, \$6,481.

In Howard County, the funds are divided between the Northside Community Center and the Salvation Army.

"It's extremely important that FEMA continues this program, especially in communities hard hit by bad economic conditions," Salvation Army Maj. Roy Tolcher said. "This is a year-round thing for us because we are helping people with various things like utilities and these funds are usually funds we don't have."

According to Salvation Army Director of Social Services Danelle Castillo, the Salvation Army (as of October) has assist-

ed some 7,500 homeless people with lodging.

"About 2,000 of these people were new clients and this cost us a little more than \$56,000, which does not include the cost for meals," Castillo said.

Organizations such as Northside Community Center and Salvation Army use the EFS program as supplemental funding for mass shelter, mass feeding, food distribution through food pantries and food banks, one-month utility payments to prevent service cutoffs and one-month rent/mortgage assistance to prevent evictions or assist people leaving shelters to establish stable living conditions.

The EFS program is a pub

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## Moore exec

Search for Toone successor yields dozen aspirants, will continue until Dec. 1

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

The search for a replacement for Moore Development For Big Spring Inc. Executive Director Danette Toone has yielded 12 applicants so far and the process is expected to continue through Dec. 1.

"So far we have received 12 applications for the executive director's position," Moore Assistant Director Pam Welch said. "The cutoff day for application is Dec. 1 and we do expect to get more in."

According to Welch, the resumes received so far have come as a result of Moore's advertisement of the position in statewide trade publications.

"The national ad we placed was published on Nov. 10," Welch said. "We expect feedback from that ad pretty soon."

Welch also told Moore board members at Wednesday's meeting that there are some 20 similar positions available around the state.

The plan at this point is to have a new executive director in place before Toone departs on Dec. 31.

"Ideally, we'd like to have someone in place a couple of weeks before Danette leaves so that we can have a smooth tran-

sition," Moore board member Terry Wegman said. "That may be a little ambitious at this point, but that's our goal."

Wegman and board member Phil Carruthers are heading the search committee charged with looking for a new executive director.

Toone announced her resignation in October so she may join former Big Spring TU Electric District Manager John Toone, who accepted a similar position in Temple last month.

Moore named Toone interim executive director in Nov. 1995 as the board searched for replacement for Carole Taylor. Toone was made executive director in May 1996.

One of the ads Moore is running for the position says qualifications of the position should include economic development institute and or certified economic development accreditation; at least four to 10 years economic development experience; and knowledge of Texas incentives and funding programs.

Moore board president Joyce Crooker said the search for a new executive director is a challenge.

"It's going to take a person with a lot of experience in the economic development field,"

Major Roy Tolcher and Deloris Albert get ready to kick off the 1997 Salvation Army Kettle Fund Drive Friday to assist the needy during the holiday season.



HERALD photo  
Jonathan Garrett

## WEATHER

Tonight:



Weekend:



Mon:



Tues:



Tonight, fair. Lows around 35. Saturday, sunny. Highs around 65. Saturday night, fair. Lows in the 30s. Extended forecast, Sunday through Tuesday, Fair. Lows mid 30s to lower 40s. Highs upper 60s to mid 70s.

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## Crossroads Classic, playoff games top items on ticket

HERALD Staff Report

Looking for something to do this weekend? Here's your ticket to weekend activities in and around Big Spring.

This feature is published each Friday and will include a variety of activities. It is limited to activities of a general nature, community fund-raisers, community functions, free performances, etc. It is not available to commercial ventures.

To submit your activity, send it to "Weekend Ticket," Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431,

## Weekend Ticket

Big Spring, 79721.

You may also fax your listing to 264-7205 or bring it by the Herald offices at 710 Scurry. No information will be taken over the phone.

• High school football playoff games, tonight at 7:30 p.m. Games include Big Spring vs. Canyon Randall at Texas Tech's Jones Stadium, Stanton vs. Albany at San Angelo Stadium and Sands Vs. Westbrook at

Klondike High School in Patricia.

• Country and western dance, tonight from 7:30-10:30 at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center. Music will be provided by CW & Company.

• Model train display, today and Saturday from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and 2nd and Main in downtown.

• The Heritage Museum, today from 9-5 and Saturday from 10-5 at 510 Scurry.

Currently on display is an exhibit of oils by self-taught artist Robert W. Eschleman.

• Crossroads Classic Basketball Tournament, today and Saturday, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Today's schedule features high school games at 1, 2:30 and 4 p.m., followed by college games matching No. 5 nationally ranked Weatherford College against Western Texas at 6 p.m. and Howard College's No. 20-ranked Lady Hawks vs. the

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OBITUARIES

James J. Fitts

James J. Fitts, 75, Big Spring, died on Thursday, Nov. 20, 1997, in a Midland hospital. Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, 1997, at Trinity Memorial Park with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating.

He was born on Jan. 20, 1922, in Vicksburg, Miss., and married Ann Johnson on Aug. 3, 1941, in McCamey.

He came to Big Spring in 1942 from Kermit and retired as a clerk from Texas and Pacific Railroad in 1980 after 34 1/2 years of service.

Mr. Fitts was a member of Trinity Baptist Church and had served in the United States Air Force during World War II. He was a member of I.O.O.F. and had been through all of the Chairs.

Survivors include: his wife, Ann Fitts of Big Spring; two daughters and sons-in-law, Patti and Jerry Stout of Odessa and Debbie and Scott Burt of Big Spring; two grandsons, Brad Stout and Caleb Stout both of Odessa and three granddaughters, Callie Burt, LeDawn Burt and Codye Burt all of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and one sister.

The family suggests memorials to: Trinity Baptist Church Building Fund; 810 E. 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas; 79720.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Lennodine "Dene" Dunlap

Service for Lennodine "Dene" Dunlap, 73, Colorado City, is 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, 1997, at Kiker-Seale Funeral Chapel, Colorado City, with Rev. Ken Northcutt officiating. Burial will be in the Westbrook Cemetery.

Mrs. Dunlap died Thursday, Nov. 20, in a San Angelo hospital.

She was born on June 12, 1924, in San Augustine. She retired from Southwestern Bell and was a member of the Dorn Methodist Church. She had been a resident of Colorado City since 1982. She married Raymond Foy Dunlap on July 27, 1942, in Big Spring.

Survivors include: her husband, Raymond Foy Dunlap, Colorado City; a daughter, Judith Ann McKinley, Big Spring; one son, Jerry Lynn

Dunlap, Las Cruces, N.M.; a brother, Floyd Pike, Big Spring; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home, Colorado City.

Lee Hazen

Graveside service for Lee Hazen, 89, Brownwood, formerly of Coahoma, will be 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, 1997, at the Coahoma Cemetery.

Mrs. Hazen died Thursday, Nov. 20, in an Odessa nursing home.

She was born on Jan. 1, 1908, in Brownwood. She married Lee William Hazen in Brownwood in 1930. He preceded her in death in 1973. She moved to Coahoma in 1942. She baked for several businesses and individuals and also cared for children in her home. She moved to Midland in 1989. She had been a member of Primitive Baptist Church in Big Spring.

Survivors include: one daughter, Lisa Roberts; two grandchildren, Taylor and Rachel Roberts, Midland; and many nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be sent to: Parks Methodist Retirement Village; 7801 San Machell Dr.; Midland, Texas; 79765.

Arrangements under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, Midland.

HWP

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HWP had a tutor-mentor program in operation at the West Side Community Center a few years ago, but eventual lack of participation by students forced it to shut down.

The immediate goal of the HWP mentor program is to begin operation at Rannels Junior High School in January, Lara said, with a start-up at the high school tentatively slated for next fall.

Even fellow students can become mentors, she said.

For more information, contact Linda Perez at 263-4921.

Charges expected in child injury case

HERALD Staff Report

Charges may be filed soon in the injury of a four-month-old local baby, Big Spring Police Department officials said.

The child, a young boy, was taken to Saint Mary's of the Plains Hospital in Lubbock in late August after suffering broken bones and other injuries.

The child, who was not identified, underwent surgery to repair his injuries and was then placed in intensive care. He remained in the hospital for about two months, but was recently released to the care of a family member, BSPD Sgt. John Stowers said.

A suspect has been identified, but no arrests made. Detective John Ryder is developing the case for later presentation to a grand jury, Stowers said.

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lic/private partnership. FEMA chairs a national board composed of representatives from the American Red Cross, Catholic Charities USA, Council of Jewish Federations, National Council of Churches, The Salvation Army and United Way of America. The board develops each year's distribution plan based on unemployment figures and poverty rates.

Final distribution of funds to help feed the hungry and shelter the homeless is done at the local level. The National Board encourages local boards to place special emphasis on identification of and assistance to the elderly, families with children, native Americans and veterans.

As of 1992, decision making boards are now required to include a homeless or formerly homeless person in the process.

CHARGES

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against her here. The Krupp brothers told me earlier that they fully intended to file charges against her in California.

"I wish more people had decided to come forward with information, but I guess this is somewhat of an embarrassing situation," Bogard added. "I consider myself lucky that I got anything back at all. I guess I'll cut my losses and go on. I didn't get taken for what a lot of people in Big Spring did."

"With my pictures back, I can now proceed with my business and that makes me happy, but I'm still insulted that I have been prorated for 20 days of internet service I never received," Bogard said. "I guess I'll have to chalk this whole thing up to experience."

The check Bogard received was dated Oct. 10 for \$89.25 and the accompanying letter read, "Customer refund due to closure of business."

Bogard said the check was traced to an account in a bank in Tempe, Ariz.

"It was a Wells Fargo check and it cleared," Bogard said. "She did a real number on Big Spring and I hope they catch her and keep her from doing this again to someone else."

"Sometimes we have to live and learn, but I guess if it seems too good to be true, it usually is," Bogard added.

TICKET

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Abilene Christian JV team at 8 p.m.

Saturday's schedule includes high school games at 2 and 4 p.m., followed by the high school championship game at 6. At 8 p.m., Howard College will meet Weatherford.

High school teams in the tournament include Big Spring, Coleman, Merkel, Midland High, Midland Lee, El Paso Parkland, El Paso Ysleta, San Angelo Central, Abilene Wylie and Snyder.

The Pottou House, a restored historic home, Saturday from 1-5 p.m. at 200

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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.

Local family jailed on drug charges

HERALD Staff Report

A Sands Springs family is in Howard County Jail this morning after being arrested on drug charges early Thursday.

Jim Travis Coker, 46, Annette Mauldin Coker, 45, and Jim Jason Coker, 18, were awaiting arraignment this morning after being arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

Sheriff Bill Jennings said that deputies raided the Coker residence on Moore Road in Sand Springs at about 3 a.m. Thursday morning. Inside the house, they confiscated 15 pounds of a substance believed to be marijuana and more than \$1,700 in cash.

Sgt. Cliff McCartney and deputies Keith Burnett and Chris Huranmana participated in the raid. The office had received information from a confidential informant and secured a search warrant late Wednesday, Jennings said.

The confiscated material will be sent to a lab for testing. Results should be released soon.

This is not the family's first brush with the law, Jennings said.

"This is not the first time; these people have been handled on this type of thing before," he said, declining to state any specific instances.

The trio is currently in Howard County Jail.

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offered Dec. 2-3 at Spring City Senior Citizens Center.

The course takes place from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. with an hour for lunch. Designed for drivers 55 years of age and older, the class offers a certificate for up to 10 percent reduction in auto insurance.

Call 267-1628 for more information.

JURY DUTY SCHEDULED FOR 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 24, Justice of the Peace China Long, has been canceled.

BORDEN COUNTY IS GEARING up for the lighting of the star on Gail Mountain, Nov. 28. The ceremony, at 7 p.m. at the courthouse, will include music, live nativity, Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus and a hayride.

MARKETS

Dec. cotton 70.40, up 8 points; Jan. crude 19.51, down 8 points; Cash hogs steady at \$1.75 higher at 47; cash steers steady at \$1 higher at 67; Dec. lean hog futures 63.25, down 47 points; Dec. live cattle futures 67.85, up 47 points.

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James J. Fitts, 75, died Thursday. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Irene Harrison, 85, died Tuesday. Services 2 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial at Trinity Memorial Park.  
Ester L. Barnes, 73, died Monday. Graveside services will be Friday 4:30 PM at Mount Olive Memorial Park.  
Leroy Guy, 74, died Thursday. Services are pending.

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TEXAS BRIEFS

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Spacecraft working again in time for satellite release

SPACE CENTER, Houston — A solar observatory that had malfunctioned 1 million miles from Earth was up and running in time for the astronaut's planned release of a sun-watching satellite from the space shuttle Columbia.

NASA ordered the crew to wait until today to try dropping the Spartan satellite overboard for two days of flight. The delay was forced by voltage problems that shut down another solar observatory — the 2-year-old Soho — hours before Columbia blasted off Wednesday.

By Thursday evening, ground controllers had Soho back in business.

Scientists want to compare measurements taken by Soho — which studies the sun from 92 million miles away — and Spartan, which astronauts will set loose to make simultaneous observations. The spacecraft will look at the thin outer layer of the sun's atmosphere.

The six astronauts were all set to dispatch Spartan using the shuttle's 50-foot robot arm. The satellite will zoom around Earth within about 45 miles of Columbia before the astronauts return to pluck it from space on Sunday.

Judge rules search warrant affidavit must be released

HOUSTON — A Montgomery County judge was wrong when he refused to release an affidavit used to get a search warrant in a murder investigation, an appeals court has ruled.

The unanimous ruling issued Thursday by the 9th Texas Court of Appeals said District Judge Fred Edwards erred in July when he sealed the affidavit and refused to release it to the Houston Chronicle and Conroe Courier.

The judges said Texas courts have no inherent right to ignore state laws and noted that state law makes no exceptions when it states that such affidavits — sworn statements used to obtain the search warrant — are public information once the warrant is executed.

After the ruling was issued Thursday, Montgomery County officials still refused to release the document that led to a search of a pickup truck. Officers believe the truck was at the scene in June when two north Harris County teens, Sarah Cleary and Misty Morgan, were killed.

The judge said Thursday he had not seen the ruling and would have no comment until he talked with District Attorney Mike McDougal.

Elderly taking their best shot for glamour calendar

DALLAS — Even in a retirement home, elderly residents are willing to take a shot at glamour.

Dr. Malcolm Horne was one of about 40 residents of Marriott Brighton Gardens who posed for pictures Thursday to raise money for charity.

"My daughter wanted me to do a funny picture, but I've been waiting so long, I don't think I'm in a funny mood," he said.

But once called to the camera, his spirits lifted. He delighted other residents by vamping with a red-feathered boa.

Also participating — but remaining skeptical — was Gennie Vee McFarland, 93.

Edinburg man buys famed Bentsen ranch for \$6 million

McCOOK — An Edinburg businessman who bid \$6 million has become the new owner of Arrowhead Ranch, a 10,000-acre swath of land developed by pioneer rancher Lloyd Bentsen Sr.

"It's a big job, but somebody's got to do it," J.W. Thomas, owner of Boarder to Boarder Trucking Co., said Thursday after the Bentsen family accepted his bid of \$618 per acre for the 9,778-acre ranch.

"I spent a little more than I intended to. I might have to hock my wife," Thomas joked to

auction officials as he signed paperwork in a back room of the 7,700-square-foot ranch house.

Former U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen Jr., who attended the auction with his brothers, Kenneth and Donald, and sister, Betty, said afterward: "It's a done deal."

He said the family was pleased that the land was purchased in its entirety rather than split up. The auction company, Alabama-based National Auction Group Inc., had offered the property in 10 tracts or as a whole, whichever brought the better price.

TYC picks site for new youth facility

AUSTIN — The Texas Youth Commission Board has voted to build its new juvenile correction facility in Mart, a small community east of Waco.

The selection Thursday immediately got criticism from South Texas representatives who said the criteria for the facility should have included geographic considerations.

"The criteria were flawed," said state Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, who spoke on behalf of Cotulla, which the selection committee ranked second.

Cotulla and Falfurrias were the only cities to make the final cut from the South Texas region. Falfurrias ranked eighth on the committee's recommendation list.

Ms. Zaffirini said the selection was not political, but showed a lack of sensitivity and insight by the board. There already are eight juvenile facilities surrounding Mart, and none around Cotulla, she said.

Texas Board of Criminal Justice set to vote on new prisons

ARLINGTON — Two new high-security prisons in Amarillo and the East Texas town of Woodville have the backing of state leaders concerned about overcrowding from lower parole rates.

The plans are slated for a final vote today by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Board.

Texas leaders, including staff members from the offices of Gov. George W. Bush, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, House Speaker Pete Laney and the chairmen from House and Senate criminal justice committees, have allocated \$107.4 million for the prisons.

Leaders have said additional prison space is needed because parole rates are lower than in years past.

But the decision must be approved by the Criminal Justice Board, which will vote on the issue during the second day of its quarterly meeting.

Republicans take steps to reduce judge's oversight of Texas prisons

WASHINGTON — Seeking to terminate a federal judge's involvement in the operation of Texas prisons, conservative Rep. Tom DeLay shipped into a spending bill awaiting President Clinton's signature language that would grant state legislators new authority to intervene in prison lawsuits.

DeLay, who long has railed against what he considers "activist" judges, is seeking to end U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice's intervention in Texas prison matters, which stems from a 1972 inmate lawsuit.

The Texas Attorney General's office and a California lawyer representing prisoners in the Ruiz case scoffed Thursday at DeLay's claim that he would end the Tyler jurist's "reign of error," saying Justice hasn't had day-to-day oversight of the prison system since 1992.

"The oversight ended a long time ago," said Ron Dusek, a spokesman for Attorney General Dan Morales. "The federal monitor was removed probably about three years ago now."

In the final draft of a spending bill funding the departments of Commerce, Justice and State, DeLay inserted language amending the 1995 Prison Litigation Reform Act. The spending bill

# Operators of Lone Star Card threaten to bail out of contract

HOUSTON (AP) — Operators of the Lone Star Card, which replaced paper food stamps in Texas, have threatened to sue the state and bail out of their contract on short notice, state officials say.

State budget leaders are angered by threat, and officials at the Texas Department of Human Services say even a temporary return to paper food stamps could disrupt benefits to poor people.

Transactive Corp. contends that sharply falling welfare rolls are causing it to lose money on the card. The corporation is owned by GTECH Corp., which has sued the Texas Lottery Commission in a separate contract dispute.

The Lone Star Card, which looks like a credit card, transfers both food stamp and cash welfare benefits to merchants electronically.

The company, which is paid according to the number of people using the card, is demanding an immediate change in contract terms.

State Human Service

Commissioner Eric M. Bost says striking a new deal with Transactive "might be in the best interests of the state."

"It might end up saving us in the long run because of the disruption (contract termination) might cause our clients and our groceries," Bost told the Houston Chronicle for today's editions.

Bost confirmed that, under the state contract awarded Transactive in 1994, the company has the right to quit the contract on 90 days notice.

The company is claiming a breach of contract under the deal and is threatening a lawsuit, he said.

State Rep. Robert Junell, D-San Angelo, chairman of the state House Appropriations Committee, said he sent a sharply worded letter to Bost on Wednesday, saying he has "severe reservations" about a DHS proposal to set a floor limiting how far the company's payments could fall.

"It's instances like this that raise questions about privatization," Junell said. "The state of

Texas is not going to be black-mailed by this company or any other company.

"I hope the door doesn't slap (Transactive) on the butt on the way out," he said.

Gov. George W. Bush was en route to the Republic Governors Association meeting in Florida and could not be reached for comment, Bush spokesman Ray Sullivan said.

"I know the decision to negotiate was DHS' to make," he said.

Transactive President Gregory L. Coler told DHS officials in a letter in September that a 39 percent drop in combined food stamp and cash welfare rolls has meant the company is short \$1 million a month and had endured an overall shortfall of \$17.4 million through August of this year.

The company believes DHS is "in breach of the contract" because, at the time the contract was put up for bids, the state erroneously projected monthly payments of about \$2.6 million.

# Felon on Andrews grand jury causes judge to declare murder mistrial

ANDREWS (AP) — West Texas prosecutors say that a mistrial in a capital murder case in Andrews calls attention to the shortcomings of the state's motor-voter registration law.

In the Andrews trial, a mistrial was declared because a member of the grand jury that indicted the defendant was a convicted felon.

State District Judge James L. Rex declared a mistrial Tuesday in the capital murder trial of Clayton James Snyder, 20, after prosecutors learned that one of the prospective jurors, who had also served on the grand jury that indicted Snyder, had a felony conviction for driving while intoxicated.

Snyder was to be tried in the October 1996 beating death of 87-year-old Lena Opal Easter in her Andrews home. Law officials have said they believe the

deadly attack was committed during a burglary, a combination punishable in Texas by life in prison or death.

The state motor-voter law, mandated by the federal National Voter Registration Act of 1993, provides Texas residents with the right to automatic voter registration when they get their driver's license.

It also requires state judicial districts to summon prospective jurors from a list of licensed Texas drivers, rather than from a list of registered voters, as in the previous system.

The prosecutors say the Snyder trial shows just how many problems the 1995 state motor-voter registration law can cause.

Andrews County Attorney Katrina Jackson told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal that she was made aware of the DWI conviction four weeks into

jury selection only because the same prospective juror had served on the grand jury that indicted Snyder only weeks earlier.

The current grand jury will have to attempt to re-indict up to 25 suspects, Ms. Jackson said.

Dawson County District Attorney Ricky Smith, who had been called in as a special prosecutor in the Snyder case, said the law makes jury selection cumbersome and expensive.

"The idea (of the motor-voter law) was good," Smith said. "The more diversity you can get in your jury pool, the better. It's just not practical."

He said the problems are caused because the system allows felons and noncitizens to be called for jury duty.

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United States should be wary of war hawks

President Clinton has not yet ordered the Pentagon to bomb Baghdad or the CIA to assassinate Saddam Hussein, choosing first to try diplomacy to resolve the dispute over Iraqi weapons of mass destruction.



Carl Rowan Syndicated Columnist

So he is already being branded as the new Neville Chamberlin-type coddler of dictators by U.S. super war hawks.

Washington Post columnist Charles Krauthammer throws around such phrases as "appeasement," "Munich," "supine acquiescence" and "this debacle" to support his charge that Mr. Clinton has

"cravenly caved in to Saddam's intimidation." Others are saying that a president with guts would long ago have moved to what they see as the only solution: Kill Saddam so Iraq can have saner leadership.

A lot of things are wrong with this simplistic scenario, but three are serious enough to cause any prudent president to act with some caution.

First, there is no reason to believe that if Saddam is assassinated Iraq will get a leader who will be palatable, let alone friendly, to the United States. Saddam may be a ruthless dictator but he surely has the support and protection of many Iraqis who share his contempt for the USA, and some of Iraq's neighboring countries who embrace Saddam's desire to so arm Iraq as to make it feared.

The only certain result of the U.S. killing Saddam would be that for generations U.S. leaders would be the targets of the

bombs and bullets of revenge-crazed would-be assassins.

Second, those who want the U.S. to rush unilaterally into fierce bombings of Iraq forget the great lesson of the 1960s and 1970s: There are stark limitations to the uses of military power. Bombs were not enough to win a guerrilla war in Southeast Asia; they cannot guarantee U.S. primacy in any guerrilla strife that might erupt in the cities of the United States and the world.

The hawks are portraying Secretary of State Madeleine Albright as a beggar crawling around the world seeking support. They don't seem to understand that what she seeks is vital to the United States, especially if it turns out that military action is absolutely necessary to restrain Iraq.

The United States needs Kuwait as a base for war planes and Saudi Arabia as a staging area.

Third, military action by the United States must be seen as clearly justified by most of the world, especially some Arab populations. It would be reckless to appear to rush into war in total disdain of Arab feelings and opinions. The slaughter this week of dozens of tourists in Luxor, Egypt, gives us a clue of the kind of world our children and grandchildren will have to live in if we fail to maintain broad alliances in the risky business of protecting a sane world order.

So the pursuit of diplomatic solutions to vexing problems before lurching into violence is not a show of weakness; it is evidence that U.S. leaders are not as recklessly and ruthlessly irresponsible as Saddam Hussein.

This crisis is far from over, so it is too soon to label anyone who tries to avoid a war as an appeaser of thugs and murderers.

OTHER NATIONAL VIEWS

British au pair Louise Woodward will soon be exiting the national stage, having served her purpose. We put her on TV and then dissected her for weeks, talking about her case, her life, the verdict and the sentence, about working mothers and child care and au pairs and all kinds of things. We confront social issues by elevating some poor soul to the level of national symbol and investing that person with all the unresolved, often unspoken, ambiguities of our era. Then we use that person as a battleground. The next object ... can already be seen making his sullen way into the spotlight ... We present Theodore Kaczynski, charged with two murders in the Unabomber case. The issues to be crystallized for national discussion include technology run amok, the anguish of those who suspect a family member has gone wrong and — the metaphysical biggie — the very nature of evil. Take it away, Ted.

-THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION

How surprised are you to learn that when the landing gear of a flight collapsed in Charlotte, N.C. earlier this month and the crew ordered an emergency down-the-slides evacuation, nearly half the passengers paused to grab their carry-on luggage ... stalling not only their own exiting but also blocking others who were in a called-for hurry. There are all sorts of explanations for carrying on (and off) like this. Still, the airlines note that this is a serious safety hazard. Though some carriers have set their own rules, passengers have found all sorts of ways to get around them — from monstrous purses to closets with handles. Aisles are blocked and takeoffs delayed as people try to cram the impossible, often bearing others below. Individual, varying airline rules aren't enough. People need to hear that ... you can't take it with you.

-THE WASHINGTON POST

A Federal election monitor made the right decision ... in disqualifying the teamsters' president, Ron Carey, from a court-ordered rerun of the union's 1996 elections. The rerun was made necessary by the discovery of an illegal campaign funding scheme operated on Mr. Carey's behalf. Mr. Carey, a longtime union reformer, insists he was unaware of what his top campaign advisors were doing, although several of his close aides have testified otherwise. But even if he did not know what was going on, he has to be held accountable. So notorious is the teamsters' history of looting union funds for dubious purposes that Mr. Carey had a special duty to be vigilant.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES

We salute:

Each Friday, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play.

This week we salute:

- Area students recognized by the Morning Optimist Club of Big Spring during Youth Appreciation Week. Students recognized included: ANTWOYNE EDWARDS, Big Spring High School; STEFANIE WAGGONER, Big Spring High School; SHANA EARNEST, Coahoma High School; CASH READ BERRY, Coahoma High School; GARY SIMER, Forsan High School; AMANDA BURTON, Forsan High School; KATIE GASKINS, Sands High School and JERROD BEALL, Sands High School. FRANCES WHEAT, named as the Big Spring regional liaison by State Sen. Robert Duncan (R-Lubbock); ALLSTATE FOUNDATION, for its \$1,000 donation to help fund ongoing training for the Big Spring Police Department. The grant application was made through the PARKS AGENCY. BIG SPRING STEERS, STANTON BUFFALOES and SANDS MUSTANGS, on winning their bi-district playoff games and advancing to tonight's second round of the high school football playoffs.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

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Eastern lunacy and western water

By LEONARD LARSEN Scripps Howard News Service

Back when President Jimmy Carter was in the thrall of environmental cuckoos, Western water storage and power projects became cursed violations of nature, expensively wasteful and unnecessary to life in that vast end of the continent.

Fortunately for the millions of Americans who live and prosper in the arid West — in Los Angeles, Denver, Albuquerque, Phoenix, Las Vegas and every other city and town where dependable supplies of water are needed to sustain life — major projects were already in place and President Carter and the cuckoos could only halt and delay work in progress or work planned.

And fortunately, too, it hadn't occurred to either the president who never grasped the West's need for stored water or Eastern-headquartered environmentalists that well aimed zealotry to glorify undammed rivers and free-flowing streams might tear down water resource projects already in place.

Now, though, having shut down much planning for future Western water projects with lies and damned lies, some of them gross enough to transform bothersome and abundant populations of trash fish into endangered species, the cuckoos are back on the scene with that specific demand.

Destroy the massive Glen Canyon Dam on the Colorado River in northern Arizona and drain the 252 square mile Lake Powell, the environmental cuck-

oos now advise. That way, it's said, the "natural wonder" of the once-wild Glen Canyon will be "restored," the river will flow freely as it's supposed to and the evils of man's works will eventually be erased. Simple as that. And, oh by the way, stored water guaranteeing supplies for Los Angeles, Phoenix, Las Vegas and other cities downstream on the Colorado will be eliminated, as will electricity for 4 million users in the Southwest and gone along with that will be a \$500 million a year tourist business and a water recreation area for an estimated 2.5 million visitors each year. But never mind, the Colorado River, the one true life force for most of the American Southwest, would be back the way the Eastern environmental industry knows nature intended it should be, unused by humans except those who might drop by on a visit out West to admire free-flowing water running to the sea. Almost as bizarre as the idea of dynamiting Glen Canyon Dam is the prospect it could be seriously discussed in places away from New York fern bars or Boston coffee houses. But that's already happened — in a congressional committee — and environmentalists have rhapsodized over that as a "breath-taking" event adding a sheen of legitimacy to otherwise obvious lunacy. It is, of course, beyond imagination — well, almost beyond — that a band of particularly intent crackpots would prevail to the point that the economic and environmental well being of the Colorado

River's lower basin states would be jeopardized. But the dynamiting proposal, already given lengthy reporting and favorable analysis by that storehouse of Western lore and information, The New York Times, does serve to demonstrate again a prevailing Eastern ignorance of the simplest fact of life in the arid American West. In much or most of that area annual precipitation can be less than 14 inches, as opposed to 40 or 50 inches in Eastern states where large rivers can run bank to bank year around. For Westerners, even as it was for the ancient Indians of the Mesa Verde area, water must be trapped and stored during spring snow melt and runoffs from the higher country. The point seemingly beyond the understanding of many Easterners and crackpot environmentalists is that waterflow in Western streams and rivers drops after the runoff and water not captured is gone. And even Easterners, readers of The New York Times, must understand that without stored water in the West there would be no assured supplies for cities and farms and industry, no Los Angeles as we know it, no Denver, no Phoenix, none of them. And much of the West would be an empty place, perhaps the place the environmental cuckoos would have it, where buffalo roam and rivers run free and the life of great populations could not be sustained without stored water.

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



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# Seven is a lucky number: Donations pour in for Iowa septuplets

CARLISLE, Iowa (AP) — They rolled out the new van Thursday with seven new names brightly stenciled on the side.

Seven car seats will follow. And apple juice for 16 years. By then, it'll almost be time for those seven college scholarships.

Oh, and don't forget the seven years of free cable. It will be hooked up, of course, in a new house, designed to accommodate 14 little feet.

Bobbi and Kenny McCaughey took their place in medical history on Wednesday when they became parents of septuplets, four boys and three girls. By Thursday, it seemed as if they had won the lottery, seven times over.

Corporations across America stumbled over each other to be the first to show their generosity, pledging everything from free groceries for a year, a lifetime supply of diapers (that's about 31,500), toys, a washer and dryer, lumber, steel, paint, windows and other materials

needed to give the McCaugheys a new roof over their heads.

"It's very humbling," Ken McCaughey Sr., grandfather of the seven, said Thursday outside Missionary Baptist Church.

The outpouring of gifts — including a 1998, 15-seat van donated by the dad's employer, a Chevy dealer — is just part of the grand plan to help the McCaugheys as they raise their septuplets and 2-year-old daughter, Mikayla.

Townsperson in this hamlet of 3,400 — make that 3,407, according to a new sign here — are also doing everything they can.

"We get people calling all the time saying, 'You make sure you put me on that baby-sitting list!'" said grandmother Valerie McCaughey, who herself received a steady stream of casseroles.

Ellen Warner, a neighbor, might be on the top of that list.

"I plan on running across the street every now and then to say, 'OK, it's time to take a break,'" said Mrs. Warner, the

mother of two boys. "Monetary (assistance) is fine, but they'll need the emotional support, too."

The McCaugheys are getting plenty of that from friends and family in this community 10 miles south of Des Moines.

"I've grown up here, and it just feels like a family," a beaming McCaughey said at a news conference.

For several months, while Mrs. McCaughey was pregnant and bedridden, parishioners from the family's church, Missionary Baptist, have been doing laundry, preparing meals, baby-sitting Mikayla, even cleaning the family's modest two-bedroom home.

"The church has been supporting in financial, spiritual and physical ways," McCaughey said. "They've just really been providing well."

The parish sent out a questionnaire months ago asking if members would be willing to provide financial aid or other services and were flooded with positive responses, said Dwight

Loomis, head of a church committee coordinating the effort.

"I almost feel like a grandfather myself," Loomis said. "Sometimes there isn't enough to do because there are so many volunteers."

Mrs. McCaughey, a seamstress, and her husband, a billing clerk, also will be getting financial support. Two local banks — First Bank Iowa and Hartford-Carlisle Savings Bank — have set up funds for the family.

And the town, which has received calls from as far as Australia and Japan, has planned a Nov. 29 balloon release — \$1 each for each balloon — and will donate the proceeds.

Raising the seven — Kenneth Robert, Alexis May, Natalie Sue, Kelsey Ann, Brandon James, Nathaniel Roy and Joel Steven — will undoubtedly be an expensive proposition.

It will cost about \$761,000 to raise the septuplets from birth to their 18th birthday, according to the U.S. Agriculture

Department.


And when they reach that landmark, if they're so inclined, they can attend Hannibal La Grange College in Missouri, which has offered the seven college scholarships.

Folks here say they all know the spotlight will eventually


fade, but they intend to be at the McCaugheys' side long after the TV crews have packed up.

"We're in this for the long haul," said Loomis, the church organizer. "This is a 20-year commitment for us. So if you come back in five years, you can be sure we'll still be here."

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## FBI: Nichols worried about fertilizer after bombing

DENVER (AP) — Hoping to link Terry Nichols to the Oklahoma City bombing, prosecutors zeroed in on an FBI interview in which he fretted about fertilizer at his home and said Timothy McVeigh warned of "something big" three days before the blast.

In the interview two days after the bombing, Nichols denied being involved but admitted scattering fertilizer over his lawn out of fear, FBI agent Stephen Smith testified Thursday.

Nichols, he said, was afraid that if it was found it would make him "look guilty to a jury." A neighbor told jurors Nichols spread so much it looked "like snow."

Prosecutors contend Nichols and McVeigh mixed racing fuel, 4,000 pounds of ammonium nitrate fertilizer and blasting caps to make the bomb that blew up the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building on April 19, 1995, killing 168 people.

It was the first time since the trial began Sept. 29 that testimony focused on the interview, which prosecutors hope will buttress their case. The govern-

ment has conceded that Nichols was far from Oklahoma City the day of the blast, but contends he is just as guilty as McVeigh because he helped plan it and build the bomb.

Prosecutors said they could wrap up their case by the end of next week.

More testimony from Smith was expected today.

On Thursday, the agent told jurors that Nichols insisted he "did not do anything wrong" and spent the majority of the nine-hour interview pinning the blame for the bombing on McVeigh, his former Army buddy. McVeigh was convicted and sentenced to die for the deadliest act of domestic terrorism in U.S. history.

Nichols said McVeigh "could make a device to blow up a building" without Nichols' knowledge, Smith said.

"Terry Nichols advised that he would be shocked if Tim McVeigh implicated him in the bombing," Smith said.

"Terry Nichols said he trusted Tim McVeigh more than anyone, and that Tim McVeigh lived up to his arrangements and took responsibility for his actions."

The interview took place after Nichols came to the police station on April 21, 1995, with his wife and daughter, asking agents why his name was mentioned in news reports about the bombing.

He told the FBI he was with McVeigh in Oklahoma City three days before the bombing, and on the trip back to Junction City, Kan., they talked about the government raid on the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, on April 19, 1993. Prosecutors have said the raid, in which about 80 people died, provided the impetus for the bombing.

Nichols said McVeigh told him he would see "something big in the future," Smith said.

"Terry Nichols then responded, 'What are you going to do, rob a bank?' Mr. McVeigh's response was, 'No, but I've got something in the works,'" Smith said, quoting Nichols.

Smith said Nichols told him, "In my eyes, I did not do anything wrong, but I can see how lawyers can turn things around."

Nichols answered all their questions, Smith said, except

those about two phrases in a letter left with his former wife, Lana Padilla, when he traveled to the Philippines in November 1994.

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## Weapons inspectors return to Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.N. weapons inspectors made a low-key return to Baghdad today, driving through streets lined with anti-American banners and graffiti to reach their headquarters again after a dangerous three-week standoff.

The 75 arms monitors, returned to Iraq by relentless international coaxing and threatening of Saddam Hussein, flew from Bahrain to Habaniya air base, 75 miles west of Baghdad.

"Down America," a message scrawled in yellow paint on a wall at the air base declared. The same sentiment was repeated on banners that lined the six-car convoy's route to their Baghdad headquarters.

Despite the animosity of the banners, Iraqis seemed to pay little attention to the U.N. motorcade. No crowds turned out to watch the return.

One of the casually dressed

weapons monitors sported an American flag on a patch sewn to his baseball cap. Four of the inspectors were believed to be Americans, back in Baghdad a day after a Russian-brokered deal persuaded Saddam to rescind an order expelling all American members of the U.N. teams.

The weapons teams plan to resume their inspections, include a search for suspected stockpiles of VX nerve gas and mustard gas, on Saturday.

"We will start our inspections as soon as possible," Maj. Gen. Nils Carlstrom, the Swede who heads the Baghdad monitoring office, said earlier.

Underscoring U.S. skepticism about Iraq and whether it will allow weapons inspectors to work unimpeded, the United States persisted in its military buildup in the Persian Gulf.

The aircraft carrier USS George Washington arrived in

the Gulf before dawn today and six F-117 Stealth fighters landed in Kuwait to boost forces in the emirate.

"They will be there until there is full compliance" with U.N. demands on weapons inspections, U.S. Defense Secretary William Cohen said.

The U.N. inspectors had left behind only seven monitors to staff the Baghdad headquarters and an eight-member Chilean helicopter crew.

Iraq said it reversed its ban on the Americans following Russia's assurance that it will work for the lifting of U.N. economic sanctions on the country.

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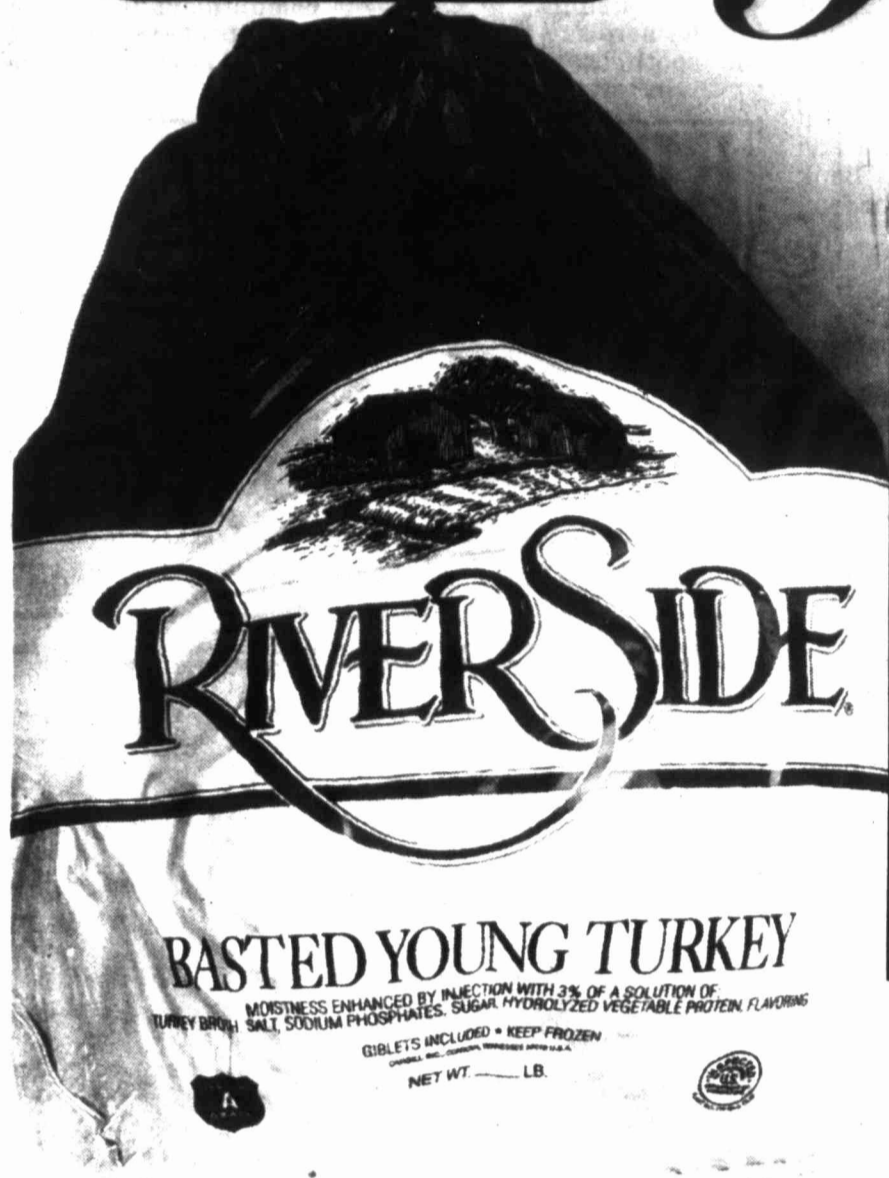
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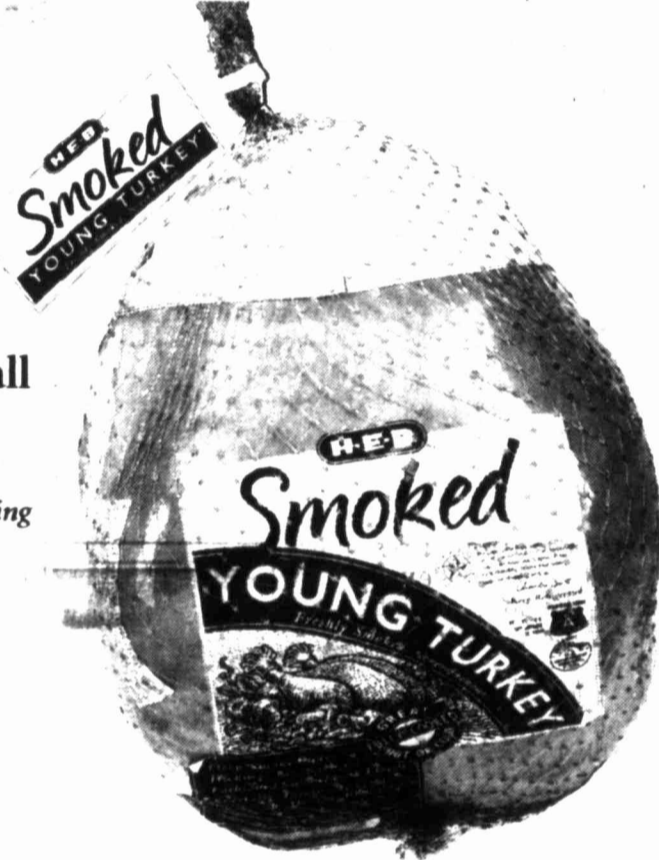


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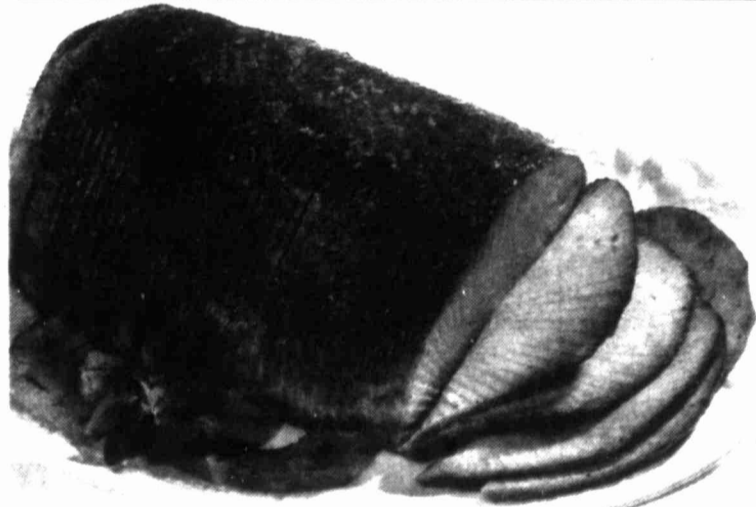
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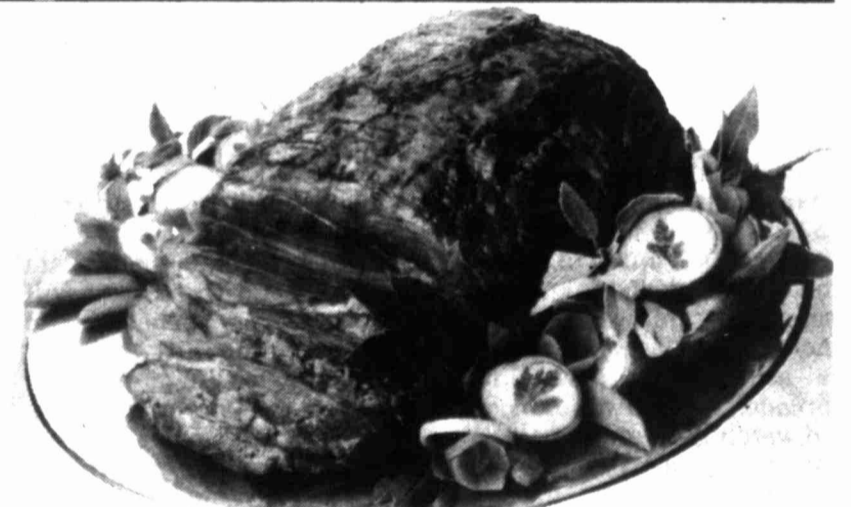
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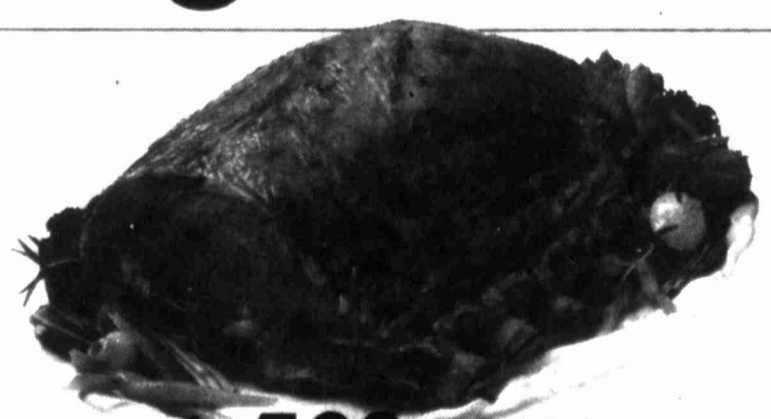
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Do you have a good story idea for the *life!* section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 236.

## Living Christmas Tree begins rehearsals

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

'Tis the season for a number of holiday traditions in the community — including the Living Christmas Tree.

First United Methodist Church, which organizes and hosts the annual event, hands out free tickets, everyone is welcome, and there is rarely a seat left in the house. This year's version is planned to begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday Dec. 6 and 7.

"It's something so special," said Denise Ross, co-director of music at FUMC. "It is truly a gift to Big Spring."

Ross and her husband, John, are directing the choir of about 75, expected to come from seven or eight local churches. It's church cooperation at its best: An event that welcomes all singers and musicians, regardless of affiliation.

When the voices join, Ross said the effect is "grand."

"It's absolutely glorious," she said. This year's musical program will include traditional carols, some with familiar tunes, others more unusual.

Ross said people will recognize many of the songs, such as "O Come All Ye Faithful."

"Concentrating on a familiar program is an important part of it," she said. This is the couple's second year to direct the Living Christmas Tree.

"This has been a tradition in Big Spring for nearly 20 years now," said Ed Williamson, pas-



Singers in the Living Christmas Tree production to take place at First United Methodist Church Dec. 6-7, had their first practice last week. They will practice again Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. Call the church at 267-6394.

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tor of First United Methodist. "It has served as a focal point for the community's worship, a way of celebrating the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ."

Since it began, the program has grown and evolved continuously, Williamson said.

"It's even bigger than the church," he said. "It's a part of

the whole community."

A later starting time is designed to allow plenty of time for Saturday night's audience to see the Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade and stop by the Trail of Lights in downtown before attending, Ross said.

After one rehearsal, performers are still getting organized,

Ross said.

Tickets for the production will be available at the church office beginning Dec. 1. Although there is no charge, a ticket is needed for admission.

For those who to see the show but can't make either performance, a dress rehearsal is open to the public Saturday at 2 p.m.

## CHURCH NEWS

### First Baptist Church

First Baptist Church, Big Spring, will host a farewell reception honoring retiring pastor, Dr. Kenneth Patrick and his wife, Wanda, from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 23. Dr. Patrick is retiring from full-time pastorate after 41 years, having served the last 27 years as pastor of First Baptist Church.

The church would like to invite the people of Big Spring and Howard County to come by and express their well wishes to the Patricks. Over the past years, the Patricks' ministry has touched countless lives in and around our city and state.

The reception honoring the Patricks will be held in the First Baptist Church Parlor, 705 West Marcy Drive (FM 700).

### First United Methodist Church

"Are Lost Causes The Only Ones Worth Fighting For?" (Genesis 18:18-33) is Dr. Ed Williamson's message this Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. The message is about daring to dream the impossible dream and daring to fight the unbeatable foe. Worship is at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. Our home page is <http://www.xroadstx.com/users/fumc/index.htm>.

The First United Methodist Church has several Sunday School classes for adults, youth

and children. There is a Wednesday noon Bible study class and meal each week in Garrett Hall and everyone is invited to attend.

Following this Sunday's morning service, there will be a special Thanksgiving dinner presented by the youth, and a charge conference will be held at 6 p.m. Rehearsal for the Living Christmas Tree is Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with lunch provided. The next rehearsal is Dec. 1 from 7 to 9 p.m. All interested people are encouraged to participate and call the church for more information. The performances for the Living Christmas Tree are Dec. 6 and 7 at 8 p.m. and tickets can be picked up (as long as they last) in the church office on or after Monday, Dec. 1. As a gift to the city of Big Spring, tickets are free, but you must have a ticket to attend.

### Baker's Chapel AME

Baker's Chapel AME Church will have a bake sale Saturday at Wal-Mart Super Center, sale will start at 8 a.m. Cakes, pies, cookies and lots of other goodies. All proceeds from this sale will go toward improvement of the church. Also the church will celebrate their 68th anniversary, Sunday, Nov. 23, at 3 p.m. The church is located at 911 N. Lancaster. Rev. Floyd Green, Jr., is the pastor. The community is invited to attend. Special guest will be Rev. Elliott Lampert, Greater St. Paul AME Church, San Angelo.

### Friends of Unity

All friends of unity are invited. Please see **CHURCH**, page 8A.

## CLUB NEWS

### 1970 Hyperion Club

The 1970 Hyperion Club met at the home of Wanda Driver on Nov. 14. Hostesses were Wanda Driver, Barbara Donelson and Pat Anderson.

The program was presented by the Spring City Stompers, Dorothy Kennemur, coordinator.

Following the program, Kim Cooksey, president, conducted a short business meeting. It was announced that the Christmas party will be Dec. 11.

### NSDAR Chapter

Gary W. Cantrell, director of Financial Development for Tamassee DAR School, Tamassee, S.C., spoke to the Capt Elisha Mack Chapter, NSDAR, on Nov. 15, at the Big Spring Country Club.

Cantrell is well known for his motivational style in speaking about Tamassee's children and their needs with skills honed through his training as a Baptist minister. He has been at Tamassee since 1985.

Established in 1919 by the South Carolina Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, and later adopted at the 29th Continental Congress as a National Society DAR project, the school was originally conceived to provide an education for local mountain girls.

Tamassee DAR School today cares for both boys and girls.

The school depends on financial support from individual members and the National and State Societies of Daughters of the American Revolution as no state or federal money is accepted.

Other guests at the meeting were DAR members of Permian Basin Chapter - Andrews, Lt. William Brewer Chapter of Midland, and Col. Theunis Dey Chapter of Midland.

Lunch was served to the group by Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter members, Martha Cummings and Lora Mae Pollard were the hostesses.

### Retired Teachers Association

Carol Scott reviewed the book "Outlaws and Petticoats" to the Big Spring/Howard County Retired Teachers Association on Monday, Nov. 17.

The luncheon meeting was held in the Cactus Room of the Howard College Student Union Building.

Scott, dressed in the flamboyant fashion of the early 1900s with a feather boa and a hat also decorated with feathers, related interesting experiences and information about the first woman governor of Texas, Miriam Amanda (Ma) Ferguson.

Scott also related stories of other famous Texas women including Bonnie Parker of the Bonnie and Clyde team, Belle Starr and Sally Skull.

Doris Huibregtse, president, conducted a short business meeting.

She reported that cookies had been donated to the Big Spring State Hospital Volunteers and that nine members had attended the District Convention in Odessa.

Among those attending were second vice president of the district, Eunice Thixton, and district Retirement Education Committee chairperson Billye Grisham. Don Green and Grisham were elected to the district Nominating Committee to select a slate of officers for the 1998-99 year.

The next meeting of the Association will be on Dec. 15.

## We can learn from God's 'lesser' creations

I would like to talk to you about geese. Many of you may already know some of the interesting things about geese that I am going to share, but even if you do, it's worth reading again.

Flying in formation, the noble geese travel literally thousands of miles with seeming ease and precision on their migrations south in the fall and north in the spring. As each bird moves its wings, it creates an uplift of air for the bird following it. Experts say that "formation flying" is 70 percent more efficient than flying alone.

When one of the great birds falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone and quickly rejoins the formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front.

At a distance, the flock appears to be guided by a sin-

gle leader. The lead bird does in fact guide the formation, winging smoothly through the oncoming elements. If the lead geese tires, however, it rotates back into the formation and another bird flies at the point position, the most exhausting position in the formation.

Each flock of birds finds its own rhythm. The pulsating sound of the great wings beating together excites and energizes the whole formation. The geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to

keep up their speed.

When a goose gets sick, wounded or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to help and protect it. They stay with it until it is able to fly again or dies. Then they launch out on their own into another formation or they catch up with their flock.

It doesn't take a lot of imagination to see the lessons learned from a flock of geese for a Christian congregation. Each of us needs the "up lift" of our brothers and sisters in Christ to continue to do the ministry we have been called to do.

Everyone needs to take turns bearing the load of leadership, thereby sharing the responsibility and burden of work. If we are not leading at the present time, we need to "honk" and cheer for those who are out front.

The church needs to move in

formation, all heading in the same direction and each with the same goals in mind.

And, obviously, when someone suffers sickness or other problems, we must be willing to stop what we are doing to help that person and be with them during their trial to give comfort and support.

It is amazing what we can learn from what we sometimes consider God's lesser creations.

Jesus is quoted by St. Matthew (10:16) as saying that we should be wise as serpents and harmless as doves, and the author of Proverbs (6:6) suggested that we learn from the ant.

Perhaps it would not be out of order to say that we should be wise as geese.

Think about it!  
Carroll C. Kohl is pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church.



Carroll Kohl  
Guest Columnist

## The good news

Here's a reason to be thankful: We have a leader, direction

Psalms 95:1 "O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation."

"Tis the season to be thankful. Every person is indebted to God. We are twice His. He made us. He is our Creator and He brought us. He paid the price for the salvation of men on Calvary's Hill. This is the reason the Psalms says 'let everything that hath breath, praise the Lord.'"

The writing of this wonderful Psalm took place during a time in history when absolutely nothing was happening.

The overthrow of Babylon and the regathering of Israel

were wonderful events in history. The rebuilding of the Temple meant that God was moving again.

Psalms 95 is included in the Hebrew Bible as an anonymous psalm.

King David was anointed three times as king. David's thankful heart had much to do with the fact

that he had crowned Jesus as the Lord of his life. Many people are unconcerned about God.

But, here is the good news. Everybody on the face of this earth will crown Him Lord. Romans 14:11 says, "Every knee shall bow before Him and confess Him as Lord God."

The good news is that life changes when we confess Jesus as Lord. We have a new leader (Jesus) and a direction that is always right.

God gives a lifetime guarantee to those who crown Him Lord. He will never leave you or forsake you. Praise the Lord! This is indeed a time for thanksgiving.



Bud Parker  
Guest Columnist

## RELIGION BRIEFS

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — The Archdiocese of Santa Fe has warned members that scattering ashes of loved ones is improper, indeed forbidden by the church.

Catholics have sprinkled their relatives' ashes on mountains, rivers, oceans and other places since the church approved cremation in the 1980s. But reports of odd funeral practices prompted Archbishop Michael Sheehan to write a pastoral letter reaffirming Roman Catholic Church policy.

Entitled "To Honor the Dead," the letter noted that Pope John Paul II has called Please see **BRIEFS**, page 8A.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Symphony plans 'The Nutcracker' Nov. 29

The Big Spring Symphony and Ballet Lubbock will present "The Nutcracker" Nov. 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium. Tickets are available now at Blum's, Dunlaps, First Bank of West Texas and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Prices are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and \$8 for senior citizens. The traditional story of a little girl's Christmas gift that comes to life will feature 10-year-old Kristin Douthit of Lubbock in the role of Clara (shown in the photo at right). About 30 young dancers from Big Spring's Dance Gallery will also join the cast in certain scenes.



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Free eyeglasses available

Free, recycled eyeglasses are given out for adults the third Saturday of each month at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club Bingo Building, 1607 E. Third St. A doctor's prescription is recommended, but not required. Call 267-3068 for 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.

## THE LAST WORD

Remember one thing about democracy. We can have anything we want and at the same time, we always end up with exactly what we deserve.  
Edward Albee

We are never prepared for what we expect.  
James A. Michener

To achieve the marvelous, it is precisely the unthinkable that must be thought.  
Tom Robbins

### Churches face rash of burglaries

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Someone is violating the seventh commandment by burglarizing Corpus Christi churches with such regularity that police have been forced to step up patrols.

The seventh commandment says "Thou shalt not steal," but police here say some one isn't heeding it.

Seven churches have been burglarized so far this month, police say. They say, however, that they don't appear connected with two church arson cases on Oct. 31.

Burglars have taken two videocassette recorders, a microwave and some cash from churches. Three other churches that were burglarized didn't have anything missing.

"Think of the parishioners, the time (that) parishioners put into a house of worship. That's a big expense," said Lt. Robert MacDonald of the Corpus Christi Police Department.

Churches can be easy targets for burglars and thieves because they often do not have security systems, often are easily accessible, and it's pretty easy to guess when no one will be inside the building, MacDonald said.

"Some of the smaller churches can't afford security systems," he said. "And there is that trust there, that they would expect even a criminal would have a little respect for a house of God."

One of the latest burglaries occurred late Sunday or early Monday. Someone took a microwave and VCRs from St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church.

The Rev. Ken Parks, pastor of St. Bartholomew's, said church officials will monitor the building more closely, but plan to keep the building accessible to parishioners during the usual times.

### Muralist works to build spiritual identity of Hispanic community

By VALERIA SKOLD  
Beaumont Enterprise

CLEVELAND — There is something mystical happening to a little yellow-brick church in this small Liberty County community.

Every sunrise for the last four weeks, an elderly Mexican gentleman, clad in Eastern-inspired dress of sandals and white slacks, arrives at the walls of St. Mary's Catholic Parish. Before the sun can warm up the morning air, he prepares a mixture of vibrant acrylic and oil-based colors — lilac, marigold, azure, translucent white — which speckle and stain his brown fingers.

Using a 10-foot-long bamboo stick attached to a broad brush, he begins his work. The paint-soaked bristles sweep across the sharp jawline of an emerging face, caressing it with color. He continues tirelessly into the sunset, switching his painting hand when one becomes numb.

"He works from the morning, until his arm does not (keep up with) him," said Brother Angelo Scolozzi, pastor of St. Mary's Parish. Scolozzi, a devout follower of Mother Teresa, introduced her Third Order of Missionaries of Charity to the United States a year ago. His parish is the only one in the world accepted by her order, Scolozzi said.

The artist he commissioned is Arturo Moyers, a famous disciple of David Alfaro Siquieros, one of "los tres grandes" (the three giants) in Mexican mural painting. Moyers' signature brush strokes can be found on 26 murals in Mexico and some

of the latter works of Siquieros, who in his old age trusted Moyers to finish many of his paintings.

Moyers left his art work in Mexico this past summer to come to St. Mary's, dedicating these early autumn months to depicting the images of the Holy Trinity — Father, Son and Holy Spirit — flanked by Mother Teresa and Lady Guadalupe, on a 40-by-70-foot outside wall of the church. When complete, it will be the only known religious mural on the outside of a church in the Catholic Diocese of Beaumont.

It is Scolozzi's hope that the mural will instill a spiritual identity to the fast-growing Hispanic community — perhaps not as grand as the Sistine Chapel in Rome, but one that will represent the church's milestone 50th anniversary in the year 2000.

"Here was nothing to see," Scolozzi said. "It will put Cleveland in the tourist anthologies."

The work-in-progress is entitled, "Atras en el porvenir acercandose al tercer milenio," or "Back to the Future Approaching the Third Millennium."

At the top of the church wall Moyers has painted God the Father above Jesus Christ in a symbolic vertical line representing the masculine side of Christianity. It is crossed by Mother Teresa, referred to as the Mother of the World and the church figure of the future, on the left, and the Virgin Mother of Guadalupe, the human roots of the church, on the right.

### BRIEFS

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U.S. customs "the culture of death." The letter stated that abortion and euthanasia have cheapened life.

The church teaches respect for human life and for the body after the soul leaves it in death. Remains, either the body or its ashes, must be buried or placed in a mausoleum blessed by a priest, he said.

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Jimmy Carter, in opposition to Southern Baptist leaders, says Mormons should be considered part of the Christian community.

The Deseret News reported that the former president, speaking in a teleconference with religion writers, said leaders were wrong to imply The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is a non-Christian cult.

He said they "are trying to act as the Pharisees did, who were condemned by Christ, in trying to define who can and who cannot be considered an acceptable person in the eyes of God."

"In other words, they're making judgments on behalf of God. I think that's wrong."

Some fundamentalist Protestant denominations criticize Mormon acceptance of additional scriptures — the Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants and Pearl of Great Price — and their temple worship as departures from traditional Christianity.

The Southern Baptist Convention meets in Salt Lake City next summer.

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — The South Carolina Baptist Convention has ended its financial support a group that ran a prayer vigil for religious leaders who want to remove the Confederate flag from the statehouse dome.

The Rev. Bobby Eubanks of Ridge Baptist Church in Summerville introduced the resolution at the annual statewide meeting, citing theological differences and the Christian Action Council's intervention in the flag issue.

### CHURCH

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ed to the Box. Car for Wednesday evening Inner Peace Activities at 5 p.m. All are also invited to share in a time of magnified healing led by Rosa Rickabaugh at 5 p.m. on Sunday.

#### St. Mary's Episcopal Church

The Rev. Jon Stasney, from St. Nicholas' Church in Midland, will be conducting our Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, Nov. 26, at 5:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, Dec. 3, a healing service with the sacrament of Holy Unction will be available to those who wish to receive it during Noon Chapel.

#### Calvary Baptist Church

The members of Calvary Baptist Church invite all those who want to work for Jesus to come and help rebuild and revitalize the church.

Space will be provided for those who wish to start Sunday schools in their native languages: English, Spanish, Indian, or any other possibility.

All races and cultures are welcome; all those of other religious denominations will feel at home at Calvary.

Calvary Baptist Church is located at 1200 West Fourth. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m.,

morning worship at 11 a.m., Sunday evening service at 6 p.m. and Wednesday Bible study at 6 p.m.

This Sunday's topic will be God, giants and grasshoppers; scripture from Numbers 13:33.

#### First Christian Church

During the 10:50 a.m. worship service at First Christian Church this Sunday, Nov. 23, the Rev. Gary Groves will deliver the last of his series on "Be Thou My Vision: A Dreamer's Dream for Tomorrow's Church."

The sermon this Sunday, "A People Spreading the Word," will be based on Act. 2:36-41.

An all-church Thanksgiving luncheon will begin immediately after the morning worship. The meat (turkey and ham) will be provided. A love offering will be accepted to cover this cost.

Each Shepherding Flock has been assigned as follows: "Green Pastures" Salad; "Seeker's" Vegetables; "Sunflowers" Breads; "Stepping Stones" Desserts; and clean up after meal.


The official board will be at 6 p.m. for their regular monthly meeting.

The church office will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27-28, for Thanksgiving.

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## SCOREBOARD

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<b>Lady Hawk Classic</b> Weatherford College vs. Western Texas College, 9 p.m. Howard College vs. Abilene Christian University JV, 8 p.m. at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum	<b>Crossroads Classic</b> EP Ysleta vs. Merkel, 8 a.m.; Parkland vs. Coleman, 9:30 a.m.; San Angelo Central vs. Midland, 11 a.m.; Big Spring vs. Abilene Wylie, 1 p.m.; Snyder vs. Ysleta-Merkel winner, 2:30 p.m.; Midland Lee vs. Parkland-Coleman winner, 6 p.m.

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## Playoff coaches say now it's time to be both good and lucky

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

There are no more patsies. When Big Spring's Steers, Stanton's Buffaloes and Sands' Mustangs tee it up for their 7:30 football playoff games tonight, they'll be facing opponents that have their coaches concerned.

While Dwight Butler, Mark Cotton and Billy Barnett are convinced they bring talented teams into tonight's area playoff games, they know last week's bi-district games in large part separated the men from the boys.

Butler, whose 8-3 Steers take on Canyon Randall's 8-3 Raiders at Texas Tech's Jones Stadium in Lubbock, expressed it best this week, observing that just being good isn't enough once the Texas schoolboy football playoffs begin.

"Once you get to the second round of the playoffs, everyone's pretty good," explained Butler.



**BUTLER** **COTTON** **BARNETT**

"Now it gets tougher ... you have to get the breaks.

"There's an old saying that I'd rather be good than lucky," but when you get to this point, I'd rather be good and lucky."

The Steers have proved they're good, averaging 332.2 yards and 24.6 points per game with an offense that's been sparked by senior fullback Antwoyne Edwards' 1,640 yards.

Big Spring's defense, led by linebacker Brock Gee, end Jeff Denton and safety Joe Owens, has limited opponents to 225.4 yards per game and just 13.4 points.

However, the Raiders come into the game averaging 342.7 yards and 24.7 points per game.

"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."

By a like token, there's little question the No. 4-ranked and unbeaten Buffaloes are among the state's best Class 2A teams, but Cotton's taking nothing for granted as Stanton faces Albany's Lions at San Angelo Stadium tonight.

In fact, Cotton's convinced the 1997 Buffaloes are the best team Stanton's ever had, but he and his staff have spent the week stressing that only a win over the Lions will allow their charges to truly make that claim.

No Stanton team has ever progressed past the second round of the playoffs.

"The best record we've ever had was 11-1," Cotton noted. "We're telling the kids if they win this week and advance to the next round, they can make the claim that they're the best football team Stanton's ever had."

Labeling Albany as "scary," Cotton says the Lions a much better football team than it's record indicates.

"They've lost three games, but every one of them was to a school that won its district," he noted. "The only game they lost by a big score was to Stamford, but I've seen the game film. That 45-19 score is deceptive ... it was a war. They lost three fumbles inside Stamford's five. They avoid those turnovers and it could have been a lot different."

While the Buffs have the state's best passing

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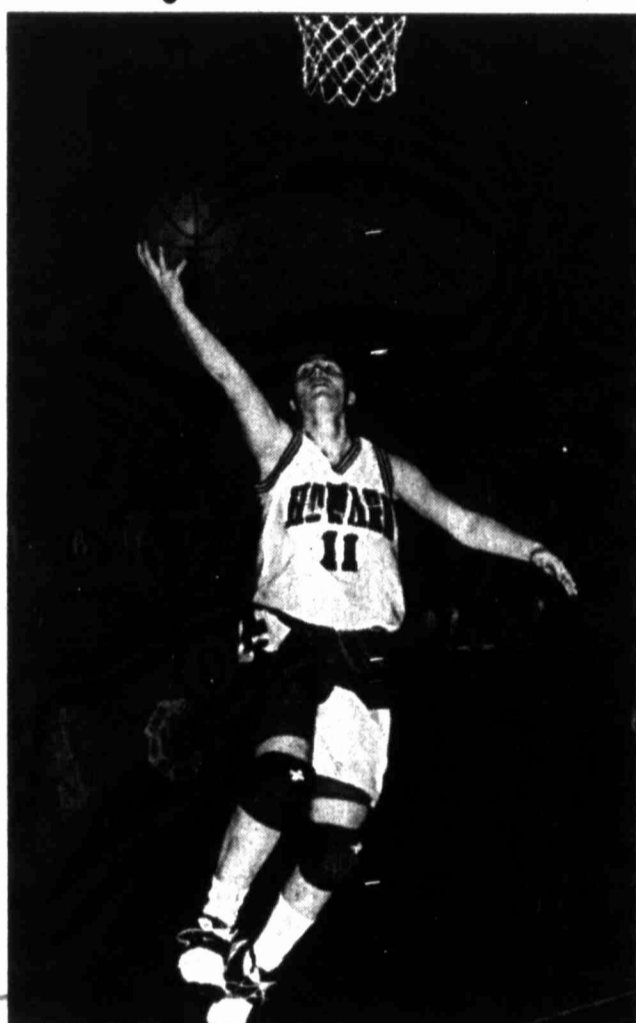
## Lady Hawks, Lady Steers Classic winners

### Howard just too much for Phoenix to handle

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

It was almost a book-end start and finish for Howard College's Lady Hawks in the first round of the Crossroads Classic at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Thursday night.

Howard scored the first 23 and 23 of the last 26 points en route to an 85-31 rout of Phoenix College's Bears. Howard improved to 9-0 win the win while it was the first game of the season for Phoenix.



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett  
**Howard College's Ricka McKee drives to the bucket and hits a layup during the Lady Hawks' 85-31 rout of Phoenix College in Thursday's first round of the Lady Hawks Classic.**



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett  
**Big Spring's Keesha Lott (12) leaps and scores over the outstretched arms of Coleman's Allcyn Ivy (34) during the Lady Steers' 51-32 win in Thursday's Crossroads Classic first round game.**

Six different players scored in the opening run, which covered eight minutes and 14 seconds as Howard Coach Matt Corkery kept shuffling players in and out of the game.

"With the things we like to do — especially on defense and with our up-tempo offense — you have to play a lot of players ... and I feel like we have good depth," he said.

Meanwhile, the Bears had a look on their collective faces that was all-too-familiar to West Texas drivers, that of a deer who has just been caught in the headlights of a vehicle.

And Thursday night, Howard did perhaps as good a job of executing their five-minute drill as they have all season.

"We emphasize the first five minutes of each half as being very important," Corkery said. "We believe the first five minutes are key to setting the tone and tempo of the game."

In the first half, Howard outscored Phoenix 11-0 in the game's first five minutes and then came back with a 15-6 run in the first five minutes of the second half.

Still, Corkery saw areas that needed improvement.

"At times, our patience on offense was not as good as it could have been," he said. "Our decision making on throwing the ball into the post wasn't as good as it could have been. We need to

learn how to read defenses better."

In the latter stages of the second half, it was almost as if Corkery had his team running drills. Repetition was the key and the Lady Hawks worked the ball around the perimeter, side-to-

side, before picking up the open post player under the basket.

"You know, that's a pretty simple philosophy,"

See LADY HAWKS, page 2B

## Hughes' 16 points lead Lady Steers past Coleman, 51-32

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

It took Big Spring's Lady Steers more than three minutes to score Thursday, but when they did, the stampee to a relatively easy 51-32 win over Coleman's Bluekatts in the opening round of the Howard College Crossroads Classic was on.

Senior guard Kara Hughes ignited a 14-point first run with back-to-back 3-point bombs, as the Lady Steers took a 14-4 lead at the end of the first quarter and never looked back in chalking up their first win of the season.

The Lady Steers extended that lead to 23-7 in the second quarter before Coleman managed to score eight unanswered points against Big Spring's reserves in the final two minutes of the first half, trimming the lead to just eight, 23-15, at halftime.

Big Spring coach Ron Taylor blamed himself for the brief scare Coleman created late in the second period.

The late run by the Bluekatts resulted in the only quarter in which the Lady Steers were outscored.

"I put our reserves in too early," Taylor said following the game. "We were up 16 points and I should have kept the pressure on ... increased the lead to 20 or 25 and then started the reserves in the second half."

"It's not that our reserves are bad ... we depend

on them a great deal, but they were just cold and we lost our momentum," he added.

The Lady Steers were anything but cold at the start of the third quarter, however, as opened the period with a quick 7-1 run to take a 30-16 lead and then made the most of a three-minute span late in the period when the Bluekatts went ice cold. The result was another 6-0 spurt that allowed Big Spring to extend its lead and coast to a 40-25 edge at the start of the fourth quarter.

While Big Spring managed just 11 points in the final eight minutes, the Lady Steers' defensive pressure made certain of the win, allowing the Bluekatts just seven points.

In fact, Coleman managed just three points during the final five minutes of play.

Although Hughes was the Lady Steers' only player to provide double-digit scoring, Keesha Lott added eight points and Nadia Cole seven more, Big Spring's harassing defensive style never allowed Coleman to get untracked — Crystal Mendoza's nine points was the best the Bluekatts could manage.

It was a big turnaround for the Bluekatts who had opened the tournament with a 53-41 win over El Paso Parkland.

In other first-round games Thursday, Merkel knocked off El Paso Ysleta, 58-30, before dropping a 52-49 decision to Midland High; San Angelo Central took a 51-35 win over Snyder; and Abilene Wylie defeated Midland Lee, 54-45.

"We're still playing in spurts, but I think that

had a lot to do with our lacking a little confidence from the other night," Taylor said, recalling the Lady Steers' fourth quarter collapse in which they squandered a 14 points lead and dropped a 61-58 decision to Merkel in their season opener Tuesday.

"We're not seeking the floor that well, but a lot of that had to do with playing here," Taylor added, explaining that Dorothy Garrett Coliseum's size affected his team's collective depth perception. "The important thing was to get the win ... to get back on track and we did that."

The Lady Steers, now 1-1 on the season, advance to a second-round game with Wylie's Lady Bulldogs at 1 p.m. today. This morning's schedule called for Merkel-Ysleta and Coleman-Parkland rematches in the consolation bracket followed by San Angelo Central and Midland squaring off at 11 a.m.

This afternoon, Snyder will play the Ysleta-Merkel winner at 2:30, followed by the Parkland-Coleman winner facing Midland Lee in the consolation bracket's semifinals.

### Merkel 58, Ysleta 30

Bethany Teaff led the Lady Badgers with eight points and teammates Amanda Copeland, Jamie Hellums and Ashlie Hobbs scored seven points each as Merkel coasted to a win.

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## TONIGHT'S PLAYOFFS

### BIG SPRING (8-3) vs. CANYON RANDALL (8-3)

7:30 p.m. kickoff, Jones Stadium, Lubbock

Turnovers and the kicking game — those are the factors Dwight Butler expects to determine the Steers' showdown with the Raiders. Steers punter and kick returner John Lawdermilk could be on the spot. As their records might indicate, the two teams appear almost even. The Steers average 332.2 yards per game in total offense, while Randall averages 342.7 yards. Big Spring has averaged 24.6 points per game, while the Raiders have averaged 24.7. If the Steers have an advantage, it's in overall team speed, which means Jones Stadium's artificial turf may give Antwoyne Edwards, Tory Mitchell, Jacob Rios and Colby Ford an extra edge.



LAWDERMILK

### STANTON (11-0) vs. ALBANY (8-3)

7:30 p.m. kickoff, San Angelo Stadium

The No. 4-ranked Buffaloes can rewrite Stanton's record book tonight. A win would propel the Buffs deeper in the playoffs than any Stanton team has ever gone. The Buffs' explosive offense, which features Kyle Herm, Tyrone Davis and James Jenkins should have a big night. Last week Herm and Davis combined for one touchdown under extremely adverse conditions, but Herm added two touchdown runs and a score on a kick return in a 35-6 demolition of Shallowater. The Lions, a surprise winner over District 8-2A champion Eldorado last week, are no surprise to Buff coach Mark Cotton, who'll remind anyone willing to listen that all three of Albany's losses this season came at the hands of eventual district champions. The Lions are led by three-year starter Brian Bennett at quarterback, who's passed for more than 1,000 yards, and 1,000-yard rusher Ricky Lucas.



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### SANDS (10-1) vs. WESTBROOK (8-3)

7:30 Kickoff at Klondike

The Mustangs, who came back from a halftime deficit to take a 70-56 win over Sanderson. Look for Sands to throw the ball more than normal, meaning the Mustangs need a big night from both sophomore quarterback Coby Floyd and senior running back Jerrod Beall, who not only leads the Mustangs with more than 1,000 yards rushing, but is a proficient passer. The Wildcats, according to Sands coach Billy Barnett, have the best defense the Mustangs have faced this season and could well be the best overall opponent they've met. Again, the Mustangs will need a big night from the rest of their running backs, Anthony Cantu, Robin Cisneros and Robert Cisneros. The Wildcats are best known for a wide-open spread offense, but tightened up and ran right at Ropes in their bi-district win last week. The Mustangs' defense will have its work cut out in trying to keep the versatile Westbrook attack in check.



FLOYD

## Mavs' Green sets NBA Ironman record; Hawks lose their first game

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

On a night when A.C. Green set an NBA record for consecutive games, two other notable streaks came to an end.

Atlanta's season-opening 11-game winning streak was halted by the New York Knicks, who beat the Hawks 100-79 Thursday night.

"This loss isn't the end of the world," Tyrone Corbin said. "We'll just have to start another streak."

Green played in his 907th consecutive game, but his Dallas Mavericks were beaten 101-97 in overtime by previously winless Golden State.

The game was stopped following the opening tipoff to recognize Green's milestone. With baseball Ironman Cal Ripken Jr. looking on, Green surpassed Randy Smith's mark of 906 consecutive games from 1972-83.

"It was a great night despite the loss," said

Green. "I feel very honored."

While the Warriors snapped their nine-game losing streak, the Mavericks' losing streak continued. Dallas opened the season 3-0, but has lost eight in a row since then.

Elsewhere, it was Portland 93, Detroit 87; Indiana 109, Milwaukee 83; Houston 127, Toronto 97; Phoenix 89, Chicago 85; and Sacramento 97, Utah 95.

### Knicks 100, Hawks 79

John Starks scored 20 points as the Knicks beat the injury-depleted Hawks. Atlanta's loss left the Los Angeles Lakers as the only unbeaten team in the NBA. Patrick Ewing scored 18 points for the Knicks, while Christian Laettner scored 16 for the Hawks.

### Trail Blazers 93, Pistons 87

Isaiah Rider had 28 points and Kenny Anderson scored nine of his 17 in the final six

minutes to help Portland win at Detroit. The Trail Blazers have won eight of 10, while the Pistons have lost eight of 10.

### Rockets 127, Raptors 97

Clyde Drexler had 21 points, eight rebounds and eight assists in three quarters as the Rockets handed Toronto its franchise-record eighth straight loss. Mario Elie, Hakeem Olajuwon and Kevin Willis each scored 17 points for Houston, which rested its starters in the fourth period. Guard Damon Stoudamire had 25 points and 11 rebounds for the Raptors.

### Pacers 109, Bucks 83

Reserve Travis Best scored a season-high 18 points as Indiana handed Milwaukee its worst loss of the season. Chris Mullin and Jalen Rose each had 16 points for the Pacers, who topped 100 points for the second straight game and held an opponent under 90 for the fifth straight.

### Suns 89, Bulls 85.

Danny Manning scored 23 points, including two free throws with 2.7 seconds remaining, as Phoenix kept Chicago winless on the road this season. Michael Jordan scored 30 points, but only six came in the fourth quarter. Chicago is 0-4 on the road to start the season.

### Warriors 101, Mavericks 97

Latrell Sprewell scored 28 points, including the first six of overtime, as Golden State won at Dallas. Joe Smith added 17 points for the Warriors. Dennis Scott scored 33 points for Dallas and made nine 3-pointers.

### Kings 97, Jazz 95

Mitch Richmond scored 22 points as the Kings snapped a 14-game losing streak against Utah. The Kings, who never trailed, beat the Jazz for the first time since Feb. 18, 1994.

SPORTS EXTRA

PLAYOFF SCORES

Thursday's Scores
Class AA, Hn Westbury 0
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COLLEGE SCORES

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Georgia 78, Mercer 58
Indiana 80, Ala. Birmingham 64
Jacksonville 76, Florida A&M 54
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St. Bonaventure 66, Liberty 48
W. Carolina 92, Belmont Abbey 75
Westford 84, Montreat 50
MIDWEST
Butler 51, Bradley 48
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NBA

Thursday's Games
New York 100, Atlanta 79
Portland 93, Detroit 87
Indiana 109, Milwaukee 83
Houston 127, Toronto 97
Golden State 101, Dallas 97, OT
Phoenix 89, Chicago 85
Sacramento 97, Utah 95
Today's Games
New York at Washington, 6:30 p.m.
Miami at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Boston, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Seattle, 7 p.m.
Denver at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Chicago at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Orlando at Philadelphia, 12 p.m.
Charlotte at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Portland at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Denver, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Utah, 8 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Detroit at Boston, 6 p.m.
Vancouver at New York, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Sacramento, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.
NHL
Thursday's Games
Buffalo 5, Boston 0
Pittsburgh 2, Ottawa 0
New Jersey 5, N.Y. Islanders 1
San Jose 3, Philadelphia 0
Calgary 2, Florida 1

NFL STANDINGS

Table with columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct., PF, PA. Divided into American Conference and National Conference.

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Sunday, Nov. 23
Arizona at Baltimore, 12 p.m.
Buffalo at Tennessee, 12 p.m.
Dallas at Green Bay, 12 p.m.
Indianapolis at Detroit, 12 p.m.
Miami at New England, 12 p.m.
Minnesota at New York Jets, 12 p.m.
New Orleans at Atlanta, 12 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 12 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Chicago, 12 p.m.
Carolina at St. Louis, 3 p.m.
Jacksonville at Cincinnati, 3 p.m.
Kansas City at Seattle, 3 p.m.
San Diego at San Francisco, 3 p.m.
New York Giants at Washington, 7 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 24
Oakland at Denver, 8 p.m.

Edmonton 3, St. Louis 0
Vancouver 4, Phoenix 2
Los Angeles 4, Chicago 3
Today's Games
N.Y. Rangers at Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Florida at New Jersey, 12 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Buffalo, 2 p.m.
Dallas at Boston, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
San Jose at Washington, 6 p.m.
Calgary at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.
Edmonton at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Anaheim at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.
Chicago at Vancouver, 9:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

AUTO RACING
CART—Announced the retirement of Bobby Rahal, driver, at the end of the 1998 season.

BASEBALL
American League
ANAHEIM ANGELS—Acquired 3B Phil Nevin and C Matt Welbeck from the Detroit Tigers for RHP Nick Skuse. Purchased the contracts of INF Justin Baughman, INF Nelson Castro, RHP Brian Cooper, OF Norm Hutchins and RHP Jarrod Washburn.
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with INF Jeff Rebutel on a one-year contract.
BOSTON RED SOX—Purchased the contracts of INF Jim Chamblie, RHP Rafael Betancourt and LHP Brian Barkley from Pawtucket of the International League, and RHP Peter Munro from Trenton of the Eastern League.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Purchased the contracts of RHP John Ambrose, RHP Lorenzo Barcelo, RHP Derek Hasselhoff, RHP Bob Howry, RHP Jason Olsen,

LHP Todd Rizzo, RHP John Snyder, C Mark Johnson, 3B Carlos Lee and OF Brian Simmons. Designated RHP Jeff Darwin and INF Chad Fournie for assignment.
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Purchased the contract of INF Russell Brannan from Buffalo of the American Association. Purchased the contracts of RHP Jason Rakera and OF Scott Morgan from Akron of the Eastern League.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Agreed to terms with 1B-OF Jeff Conine on a two-year contract.
NEW YORK YANKEES—Purchased the contracts of OF Brian Buchanan, RHP Mike Budde, RHP Darrell Einarston, RHP Mike Jerzabek, 3B Mike Ljwll and OF Donzell McDonald from Norwich of the Eastern League.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Purchased the contracts of RHP Tom Bennett, RHP Jeff D'Amico, OF Ryan Christensen, RHP Bill King and C Ramon Hernandez.
TEXAS RANGERS—Purchased the contracts of RHP Dan Kolb, RHP Dan Smith and INF Rob Sasser from Oklahoma City of the American Association, and RHP Ryan Glynn, RHP Jonathan Johnson and RHP Brandon Knight from Tulsa of the Texas League.
Agreed to terms with RHP Barry Johnson, RHP Mark Small and INF Scott Sheldon on minor-league contracts.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Purchased the contracts of RHP Tom Davey, RHP Gary Glover, LHP Steve Sinclair, 2B Michael Peeples, SS Ryan Freel and INF Kevin Witt from Knoxville of the Southern League.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with 1B Andres Galarraga on a three-year contract.
CHICAGO CUBS—Purchased the contracts of RHP Justin Speier, RHP Jason Ryan and RHP Jose Espinal and INF Jose Nieves.
CINCINNATI REDS—Purchased the contracts of LHP Justin Atchley, LHP Eddie Priest, C Jason LaRue and INF-OF Damon Ingram.
FLORIDA MARLINS—Traded 1B-OF Jeff Conine to the Kansas City Royals for RHP Blaine Mull. Purchased the contracts of 2B Amaury Garcia, SS Alex Gonzalez, CF Julio Ramirez, OF 1B Ryan Jackson, C-1B John Roskos, 1B Kevin Millar and RHP Brian Meadows from Charlotte of the International League. Placed C Bob Naito and INF-OF John Wehner on unconditional waivers.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Purchased the contracts of INF Carlos Hernandez, INF Daryle Ward, C Ramon Castro, C Mitch Meluskey, LHP John Halama, RHP Scott Elarton, RHP Freddy Garcia and RHP Brian Sakoraki.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Purchased the contracts of OF Kevin Gibbs, INF Mike Metcalfe, INF Brian Richardson, LHP Will Brunson, RHP Ignacio Flores and C Paul LoDuca and C Angel Pena.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Acquired LHP Mike Myers, RHP Rick Greene and SS Santiago Perez from the Detroit Tigers for RHP Bryce Florie and a player to be named.

COACHES

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tandems in senior quarterback Kyle Herm and favorite wide-out Tyon Davis, that has produced almost impossible numbers — Herm has passed for more than 1,700 yards and 28 touchdowns, more than half of that number winding up in Davis' hands — Cotton wins last week's bi-district win over Shallowater displayed how even small factors can make a big difference.
"I didn't expect them (Mustangs) to have the passing success they had," he noted.
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 it's 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 coversages this week. We do that Friday and Albany's going to hurt us."
Barnett, whose Mustangs face Westbrook at Klondike tonight, isn't about to have his team be deceived by the Wildcats' 8-3 record.
"The (Wildcats) may be the best team we've faced this season," Barnett explained, saying 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. "It's certainly the best defensive team we've faced this year. They're really aggressive. They're big, strong and fast. I haven't found any weaknesses. We've got our work cut out for us."
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.
Nonetheless, Barnett says to expect the Mustangs to throw.
"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.

LADY HAWKS

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he said. "The closer in you can get with the ball, the better shot you'll have.
"When you take the ball inside, you put pressure on the defense and force them to make a decision as to how you stop it ... do they foul, do they double-team and leave somebody open ... you just have better opportunities.
"The key to the offense is to just pound it down inside."
It was over the game's final seven minutes that the Lady Hawks really took the inside game to Phoenix, getting 13 points on either inside baskets or free throws resulting from fouls on shots taken near the basket.
Donelle Jones, Shawnta Johnson, Jennifer Vinum, Jovanae St. Cyr and Dawnyel Brown all scored during the game's final minutes.
Jones and freshman Karlita Washington led a balanced Howard attack with 13 points each. Latraica Spencer scored 12 points and Vinum added nine while St. Cyr and Jeanine Horton each had eight points.
Johnson had seven, Latasha Moore six, Ricka McKee five and Brown four. Kamilah Ward and Kim Robertson also saw extensive playing time, but did not score.
Alisa Schroeder led Phoenix with nine points.
Howard out-rebounded Phoenix 64-36 and forced 39 turnovers while committing 21. Howard also had four blocked

shots to one for Phoenix.
Howard faces Abilene Christian University's jayvee squad tonight at 8 p.m. and defending Region V champion Weatherford at 8 p.m. Saturday.
It was Weatherford that ended Howard's season last March, but Corkery played down the game.
"Our philosophy is one game at a time ... I know that's a coaching cliché, but we stick to it," he said.
Weatherford, the nation's No. 4 team in the NJCAA pre-season poll, returns starters Patty Cantella at point guard, Reda Kakerenaite at forward and Olga Firsova at post.
HOWARD 85, PHOENIX 31
PHOENIX — Melissa Lake 0 0 0 0 0, Christi Reinecke 1 0 0 2 2, Kim Rupert 0 0 0 0 0, Rhonda Rajsich 0 2 1 2 7, Connie Rae Flusche 1 0 0 0 2, Alisa Schroeder 2 1 2 2 9, Kathy Halverson 0 0 1 4 1, Erin Epley 0 0 0 0 0, Regina Early 0 0 0 0 0, Jenni Kincaid 1 1 0 0 5, Nichelle Luster 1 0 1 2 3. TOTALS 7 4 5 12 31.
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LADY STEERS

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Merkel used the balanced scoring for 18 points in the second quarter to take a 25-9 halftime lead and added another 18 in the third quarter to take a 21-point edge into the final eight minutes.
Stacie Valdez and Ronnie Ordenez led the Lady Indians with eight points apiece.
Coleman 53, Parkland 41
Crystal Hinds scored 10 of her 14 points and Heather Hall scored eight in the first half, staking the Bluekatts to a 26-17 halftime lead.
Avonay Williams scored a game-high 17 points for Parkland, but a dismal 9-of-23 showing at the free throw line kept the Lady Matadors out of contention.
Crystal Mendoza had 12 points for the Bluekatts and Hall finished with 10 more.
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Kanesha Randle, a 6-foot senior, was almost unstoppable for the Lady Cats, scoring 13 of her game-high 22 points in the first half.

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# Kentucky blows out Morehead

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Tubby Smith's debut at Kentucky was a blowout, while Indiana got its first win this year after another Bobby Knight blowup.

Smith, named Rick Pitino's successor as head coach of the Wildcats, got his first win Thursday night when No. 9 Kentucky routed Morehead State 88-49 at Rupp Arena.

"Of course, I had some butterflies," said Smith, who previously coached at Georgia. "I was a little anxious because (Morehead coach) Kyle Macy is someone we are familiar with and someone I have a lot of respect for."

Wayne Turner scored eight points in Kentucky's game-opening 19-0 run, and Allen Edwards finished with 15 points for the Wildcats.

Meanwhile, Knight's temper tantrum after being called for a technical foul in the second half sparked Indiana to an 80-64 victory at Alabama-Birmingham.

"There's no doubt the Indiana players feed off his emotion," said UAB coach Murry Bartow, who coached for Knight from 1985-87. "He got excited and his players got very excited. From that point on, there's no doubt they played much better."

Sophomore guard A.J. Guyton scored 24 points and made all five of his second-half shots for Indiana (1-1), which avoided its first 0-2 start in 19 seasons.

Elsewhere in the Top 25, it was No. 1 Arizona 115, Morgan St. 53; No. 3 Duke 100, Davidson 65; No. 8 Purdue 107, Northeast Louisiana 80; and No. 25 Georgia 78, Mercer 58.

Smith's jitters didn't last long as the Wildcats overwhelmed Morehead State from start to finish.

Turner added 12 points and Heshimu Evans 10 as the Wildcats shot 64 percent (35-of-55) from the field, including 44 percent from 3-point range (7-of-16).

Kentucky, the NCAA tournament runner-up last spring, started its opening burst on Edwards' alley-oop dunk 13 seconds into the game off a pass from Scott Padgett.

## Arizona 115, Morgan St. 53

At Tucson, top-ranked Arizona got 17 points from reserve Eugene Edgerson and romped in its season opener.

The defending NCAA champion Wildcats tormented Morgan State (0-3) with full-court pressure, forcing a record 35 turnovers.

Jason Terry and Miles Simon scored 16 points each, and Michael Dickerson had 14, including 10 in the first 3:50 of the second half as Arizona opened a 70-25 lead.

At Durham, N.C., Steve Wojciechowski led the offensive charges and the defensive stands as the Blue Devils (2-0) won their 16th consecutive home opener.

Wojciechowski led the Blue Devils with 16 points, including a pair of 3-pointers in a back-breaking second-half run as Duke beat Davidson for the 11th straight time.

Stephen Marshall scored 20 for Davidson before fouling out.

## Purdue 107, NE Louisiana 80

At West Lafayette, Ind., Mike Robinson came off the bench to score a career-high 29 points as the Boilermakers (3-0) won without leading scorer Chad Austin.

Austin, who sat out with a broken nose, watched Brad Miller score 25 and Brian Cardinal add 24 as the Boilermakers' frontline made up for his absence in the backcourt.

Northeast Louisiana (0-3) was led by Marcus Anthony with 15 points.

## Georgia 78, Mercer 58

At Athens, Ga., freshman Jumaine Jones scored 17 points and sophomore Adrian Jones added 12 as the Bulldogs won coach Ron Jirsa's home opener.

Michael Chadwick and G.G. Smith scored 10 points each for Georgia (2-1).

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Stay mellow, and don't let your emotions get triggered. You are overwhelmed by pressure. Explore different ways to resolve problems over the next few weeks. Breaking past self-imposed barriers is possible. Tonight: Make it relaxing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Dig into your imagination; use your fantasies as a guideline. A loved one is happy to participate in this sharing. You are far more creative and innovative than you give yourself credit for. Jump on a last-minute invitation! Tonight: You are capable of great mischief.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Putter around the house. If feeling badgered by a friend, take time off, hang up the phone and do your own thing. In the next month, you consider handling your social life differently. Meanwhile, let a partner entice you to a new way of thinking. Tonight: You are happiest at home!

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Discussions are animated, and you hear a lot! You might be somewhat out of kilter, or domestic conversations trigger you. Let go, and do what feels right. A friend or loved one is full of energy and fun. If you let go, you can have a banner day. Tonight: Party-hop.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A pet project takes highest priority now. Interpersonal relationships are challenging. Another is capable of manipulation, to get what he wants. Your best play is not to play; do your own thing. Use your high energy creatively. Tonight: Mind your budget.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You are personality-plus, though a child or loved one might jump up and down to have his way. The exercise might be good for him! Go off, and do what is in your heart. Your creativity and high energy need an outlet. Tonight: If single, it could be memorable!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Put your hands over your ears. You don't want to hear another's point of view; furthermore, you could care less. Pressure abounds. Something very important to you or a family member could be preferable outlets for your attention. Tonight: Mystery makes you more exciting.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Aim for what you want. You receive helpful feedback, which you need to listen to. Be direct about your feelings; express frustration and irritation. It is important to remain clear. Others will be able to hear your message better. Tonight: Be careful with spending!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) The sun moving into your sign adds to your charisma. Deal with authority figures early in the day. A decision to put in extra hours is grounded. After all, you might want more spending money; Christmas is around the corner! Tonight: Stay in the limelight!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You are high-voltage energy. Accept an invitation. You will break ground. Say yes; right now is perfect for a little exploring. You need a break and some perspective. A mini-trip could be the answer. Let your hair down. Tonight: The more different, the better.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You get a kick out of a partner. You might feel he is manipulating you, but you understand he wants you on his team. Smile about this. You might want to change plans, even if a friend feels as if you left him in the lurch. Tonight: Share a secret with that special person.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Popularity is high and offers you many options. Visit friends, and party. Don't answer your phone; surprises of surprises, a boss wants you, or there is another responsibility calling. Avoid demands. Follow through on what you want. Tonight: The party goes on and on.

November Stock Reduction Sale

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LUXURY FOR LESS \*\*\* 1997 Lincoln Town Car - Evergreen metallic, tan leather, fully equipped, program car w/19,000 miles. WAS \$26,995 NOW \$25,995

1996 Lincoln Town Car - Silver metallic, graphite leather, fully equipped, local one owner, 33,000 miles. WAS \$22,995 NOW \$21,995

1995 Lincoln Town Car Signature Series - Evergreen w/leather, fully equipped, local one owner w/39,000 miles. WAS \$21,995 NOW \$20,995

1994 Lincoln Town Car - White/red leather, fully equipped, local one owner w/66,000 miles. WAS \$15,995 NOW \$14,995

1993 Cadillac Sedan DeVille - Red w/tan top, tan leather, local one owner, w/62,000 miles. WAS \$13,995 NOW \$12,995

1992 Lincoln Town Car - Silver blue w/leather, one owner, fully equipped, 67,000 miles. WAS \$12,995 NOW \$11,995

1985 Lincoln Town Car - White, fully equipped. WAS \$3,995 NOW \$2,995

TRUCKS \*\*\* 1997 Ford F150 S/C XLT - Pacific green, tan cloth, captains chairs, 4.6 V-8, all power, one owner, 14,000 miles. WAS \$21,995 NOW \$20,995

1997 Ford F150 S/C XLT - Black, graphite cloth, 5.4 V-8, all power, 12,000 miles, one owner 12,000 miles. WAS \$21,995 NOW \$20,995

1997 Nissan Regular Cab - Red, 5 speed, air, local one owner w/48,000 miles, some hail damage. WAS \$8,995 NOW \$7,995

1995 Nissan Regular Cab - Purple, 5 speed, air, cassette, local one owner w/10,000 miles. WAS \$9,995 NOW \$8,995

1995 Ford F150 S/C XLT 4X4 - White, cloth, 351 V-8, all power, local one owner w/50,000 miles. WAS \$17,995 NOW \$16,995

1995 Chevrolet Ext Cab Silverado - Black, 350 V-8, local one owner w/27,000 miles. WAS \$19,995 NOW \$18,995

1994 Nissan Regular Cab - White, 5 speed, air, local one owner w/35,000 miles. WAS \$7,995 NOW \$6,995

1991 Ford Ranger Supercab XLT - Green, V-6, 5 speed air, local one owner. WAS \$6,995 NOW \$5,995

VANS & UTILITIES \*\*\* 1997 Ford Explorer Eddie Bauer 4X4 - Tutone green/tan, tan leather, loaded, program unit, 25,000 miles. WAS \$26,995 NOW \$25,995

1997 Ford Expedition XLT - White, tan cloth, 5.4 V8, dual air, all power, local one owner. w/19,000 miles. WAS \$28,995 NOW \$27,995

1996 Plymouth Grand Voyager SE - Iris, dual air, V-6, all power, CD, local one owner w/37,000 miles. WAS \$17,995 NOW \$16,995

1996 Dodge Grand Caravan SE - Charcoal, dual air, V-6, all power, local one owner w/20,000 miles. WAS \$18,995 NOW \$17,995

1996 Jeep Cherokee Country Edition 4-DR. - Red w/cloth, all power, local one owner w/33,000 miles. WAS \$18,995 NOW \$17,995

1994 Ford Aerostar Eddie Bauer Edition - Red/tan tu-tone, 4 captain chairs w/leather, fully equipped, local one owner, 54,000 miles. WAS \$12,995 NOW \$11,995

CARS \*\*\* 1996 Ford Thunderbird LX - Blue, V-8, moonroof, all power, local one owner w/29,000 miles. WAS \$13,995 NOW \$12,995

1995 Ford Taurus GL - Green w/cloth, all power, some hail damage, local one owner w/20,000 miles. WAS \$10,995 NOW \$9,995

1995 Ford Escort LX H.B. - Red, automatic, local one owner w/54,000 miles. WAS \$6,995 NOW \$5,995

1995 Mercury Sable GS - Red, all power, local one owner w/50,700 miles. WAS \$10,995 NOW \$9,995

1995 Ford Contour GL - Red, all power, local one owner w/41,000 miles. WAS \$10,995 NOW \$9,995

1995 Ford Taurus GL - Red w/cloth, all power, local one owner w/36,000 miles. WAS \$10,995 NOW \$9,995

1995 Mercury Grand Marquis L.S. - Black w/graphite cloth, all power, one owner, w/22,000 miles. WAS \$15,995 NOW \$14,995

1995 Pontiac Grand AM GT 4-DR. - Pacific green, cloth, all power, local one owner w/30,000 miles. WAS \$12,995 NOW \$11,995

1994 Pontiac Firebird - Red w/cloth, V-6, all power, locally owned, 44,000 miles. WAS \$11,995 NOW \$10,995

1992 Mercury Sable GS - White w/cloth, 3.8 V-6, all power, local one owner, 57,000 miles. WAS \$7,995 NOW \$6,995

1988 Ford Taurus GL - Dark mocha, cloth, all power, local one owner. WAS \$4,995 NOW \$3,995

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Abigail Van Buren Columnist

Sister with money woes profits not from advice

DEAR ABBY: I am deeply disturbed by the situation my sister has gotten herself into. She calls me often to ventilate and seek my advice. I care a great deal about her, but the telephone time and expense are beginning to affect my marriage, and she never takes my advice anyway.

"Nancy" and her husband have been married 23 years. They are both well-educated. He is a professional and Nancy has worked off and on to supplement their income. They have three children, one in college and two in high school.

Abby, their main problem is that they are heavily in debt due to his excessive use of credit cards. Nancy has allowed the situation to continue for many years, claiming she has no control over him. He manages their money and feels that as the primary wage earner, he has the right to control their finances. They have gone to credit counselors, but have never gained control of their debt situation.

Now they are having trouble qualifying for a mortgage, and their son who is in college is being held liable for \$3,900 in telephone charges his roommate incurred.

I have urged my sister to take control of the money in their family, but apparently she hasn't. Every time a new crisis arises, she seems surprised and angry.

Abby, what advice can I give her? - J.A. IN EL PASO, TEXAS

DEAR J.A.: Since your sister has never taken advantage of your wise counsel, stop giving it. Listen to her other problems if you wish, but when she starts to replay this broken record, end the conversation. If she asks you why, tell her that you love her, but that her refusal to handle financial problems is beginning to affect YOUR marriage.

DEAR READERS: With Christmas approaching, I have recently discovered an outstanding new reading resource for parents, grandparents, teachers and mentors who want to find books especially for young African American males. Beginning with books for very young children, it progresses to books for high school and adult readers - and contains lively, informative descriptions of more than 100 outstanding works of literature by such authors as Langston Hughes, Walter Mosley, Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, Frederick Douglass and James Baldwin.

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

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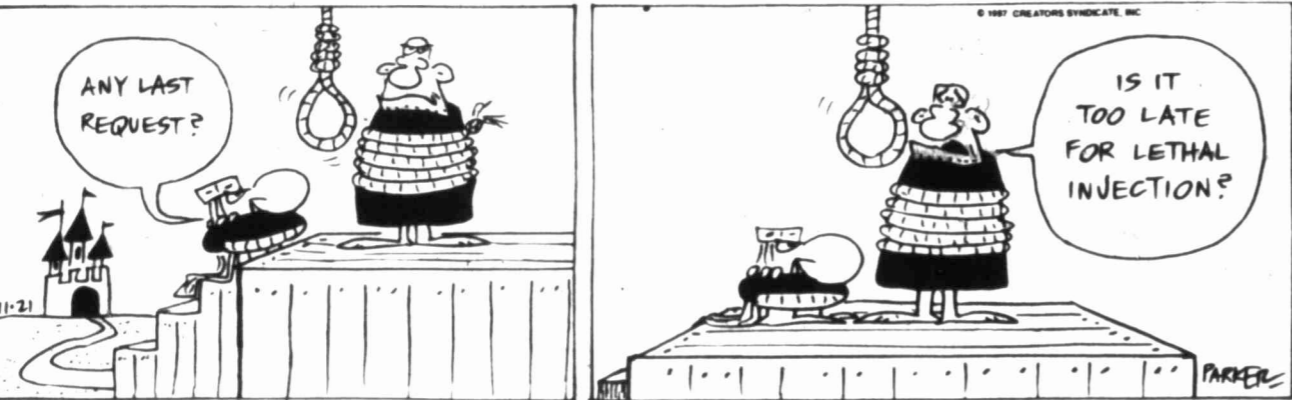
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Friday, Nov. 21, the 325th day of 1997. There are 40 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 21, 1877, inventor Thomas A. Edison announced the invention of his phonograph. In 1789, North Carolina became the 12th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution. In 1922, Rebecca L. Felton of Georgia was sworn in as the first woman to serve in the U.S. Senate. In 1942, the Alaska highway across Canada was formally opened. In 1964, New York's Verrazano Narrows Bridge opened. In 1969, the Senate voted down the nomination of Clement F. Haynsworth to the Supreme Court, the first time since 1930 that a candidate for the nation's highest court was rejected. In 1973, President Nixon's attorney, J. Fred Buzhardt, revealed the existence of an 18-minute gap in one of the White House tape recordings related to Watergate. In 1980, 87 people died in a fire at the MGM Grand Hotel-Casino in Las Vegas, Nev. In 1985, former U.S. Navy intelligence analyst Jonathan Jay Pollard was arrested, accused of spying for Israel. In 1991, the U.N. Security Council chose Boutros Boutros-Ghali of Egypt to be the new Secretary-General. In 1995, the Dow Jones industrial average closed above the 5,000 mark for the first time.

THE Daily Crossword

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