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Stanton man becomes area's first traffic fatality after suffering heart attack

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

A Stanton man died in a one-vehicle accident on Interstate 20 inside Big Spring city limits late Thursday afternoon.

Donald Gene Fulton, 38, of 1409 N. St. Peter in Stanton, died apparently of a heart attack suffered immediately prior to the accident, which occurred at 6:25 p.m. near Rip Griffin's Truck Stop, Big Spring Police Department records indicate.

Fulton, a field service coordi-

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nator for GPM Gas Corp. of Borger, was driving a 1994 Chevy pickup eastbound on Interstate 20 when he apparently suffered a heart attack at the 177 mile marker, the report stated.

The vehicle then struck the south guard rail, flipping over twice before coming to rest on its top.

Big Spring Emergency

Medical Service personnel reached the scene in less than 10 minutes, and transported Fulton to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. He was declared dead at the hospital a short time later, a SMMC spokeswoman said.

Weather and road conditions were good at the time of the accident, and no one else was injured, the report stated.

Funeral arrangements are pending for Fulton at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Service information will be in Sunday's Herald.



Big Spring EMS technician Suzanne Reed checks the neck of falling victim Floyd McKenzie for injuries after he had fallen from a ladder at Norwest Bank. McKenzie was working for Midwest Roofing of Odessa, which is doing roofing work on the bank building.

Fossett settles into balloon flight with all going fine

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. LOUIS — So far it has been smooth sailing for millionaire Steve Fossett in his quest to become the first person to fly a hot-air balloon around the world nonstop.

But from subzero weather to hostile countries, Fossett still has plenty to worry about.

A tired but "absolutely ecstatic" Fossett was racing his shiny silver balloon across the Atlantic Ocean today, hoping to catch a polar jet stream that would carry him at speeds of up to 170 mph toward Europe.

"He's doing well, and his spirits are high," said Bert Badelt, systems manager for Fossett's flight team.

By 8 a.m. CST today, Fossett was halfway across the Atlantic Ocean, flying at 140 mph at 22,000 feet. At that rate, Fossett's Solo Spirit balloon was expected to reach Europe — somewhere near the English Channel — between 7:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. CST today.

Steve Kraushaar, a spokesman for Fossett's team, said the balloonist was able to get about six hours of sleep overnight as the balloon flew on autopilot.

"These first few days are very important as far as predicting how we will do down the road," Badelt said. "It lets us see how the balloon is performing, and it tells us how we're doing on fuel consumption and battery power."

Fossett, 53, a Chicago commodities trader, has experienced no significant problems since lifting off Wednesday from Busch Stadium in St. Louis. It is his fourth attempt at the feat.

Another Chicago man, Kevin Uliassi, wasn't so lucky. Three hours after takeoff Wednesday, a burst helium container forced him to abort and land in northern Indiana.

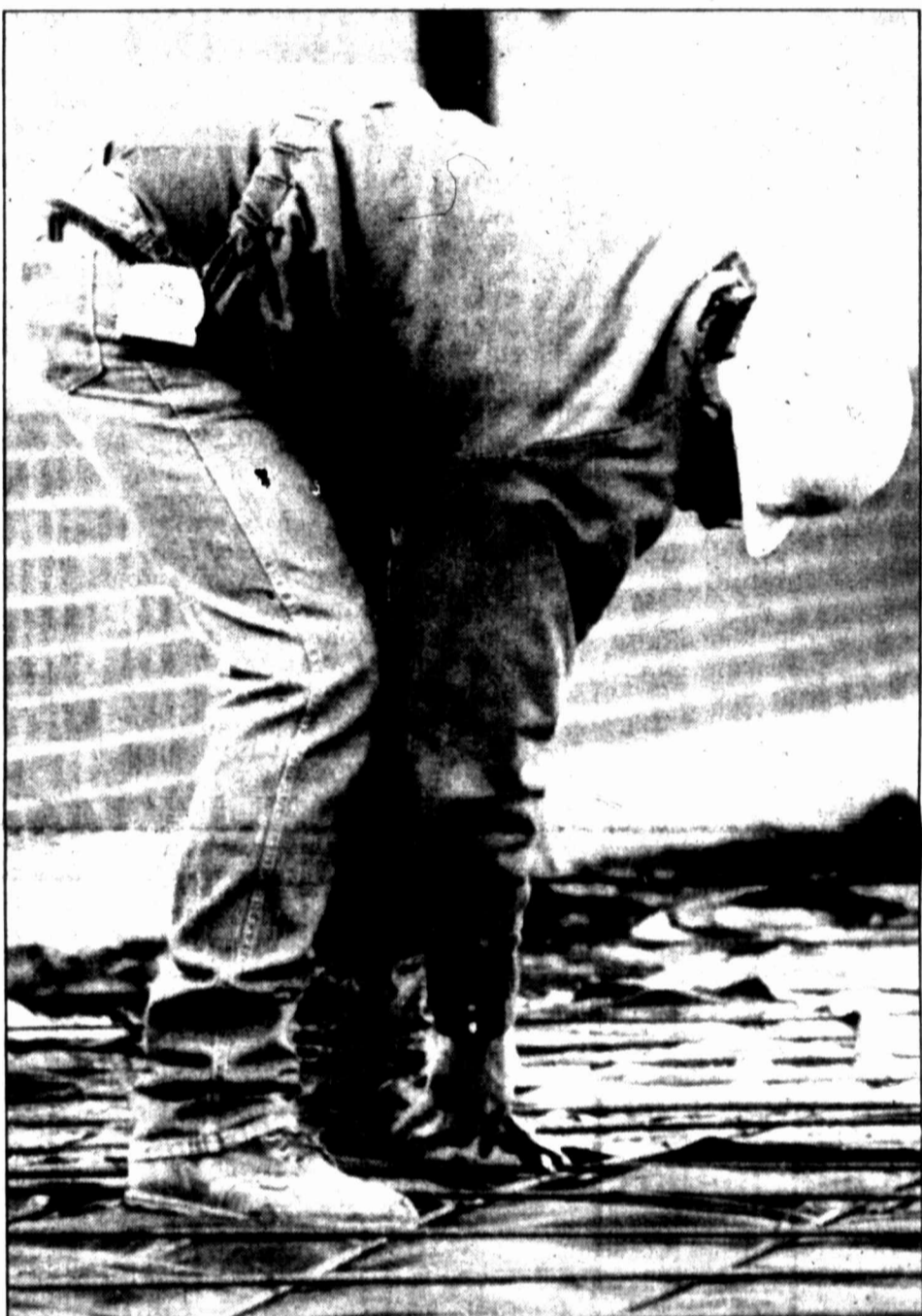
Uliassi, who was unhurt, said he hoped to be back in the air by the end of the month before weather conditions become unfavorable. "We don't have the money to do it. We're trying to get some sponsors," he said today.

As Fossett and his Solo Spirit crossed over the ocean, his volunteer mission control staff of meteorologists, engineers, computer experts and scientists was settling into a routine.

WORKING ON JUNIOR HIGH

Justin Hall of Lubbock-based Monterey Construction, was tying together the steel gridwork earlier today in preparation for the slab being poured for the third section of the new junior high school.

HERALD photo/
Jonathan Garrett



Manufacturing slows in December

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The manufacturing economy's growth rate slowed in December as the rise in new orders and production at the nation's factories cooled off, according to a closely watched survey of corporate purchasing executives.

The National Association of Purchasing Management's monthly index of business activity fell to 52.5 percent from 54.4 percent in November, the private group reported today.

While the rate slowed, the report still marked 19 consecutive months of manufacturing growth and an 80th straight month of growth for the overall economy, as measured by the industry group.

A component of the survey on prices paid by manufacturers also grew at a slower rate, an indicator that inflationary pressures are not overheat-

ing. On Wall Street, bonds soared on signs of noninflationary economic growth and the Dow Jones industrial average was up slightly at late morning.

Although the report eased already diminished inflation fears, slowing growth means lower profits on Wall Street.

The report also provided evidence that while exports still are growing, the rate slowed significantly in December, dropping to 50.6 from 54.2 in November, an indication that Asian economic problems will be taking a toll on the U.S. economy, economists said.

"It was the lowest reading since January-February of 1996 when a blizzard on the East Coast shut down ports and curbed export activity," said Jeremy Siegel, a professor at the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business. "This was a

rather big drop."

Prices increased for a sixth consecutive month but the NAPM's price index in December declined to 50.3 percent from 51.9 percent in November. Fourteen percent of those interviewed reported paying higher prices, 15 percent paid lower prices and 71 percent said prices were unchanged.

The purchasing managers' report is widely followed by economists, including Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan, because it is usually the first indicator of how the economy fared.

Any reading over 50 percent in the index is a sign that manufacturing is growing.

Manufacturing employment failed to grow in December for the first time after nine months of growth, although the furniture, paper, chemicals, printing and publishing and transportation and equipment industries saw growth.

Crossroads area part of proposed 32-county water planning region

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

The Crossroads Country is part of a proposed 32-county water planning region, according to information released by the Texas Water Development Board.

Howard, Martin, Glasscock and Borden counties

all are part of a final draft of the regional water planning strategy by the TWDB.

Other counties in the region include Scurry, Andrews, Mitchell, Reeves, Loving, Winkler, Ector, Midland, Sterling, Coke, Runnels, Coleman, Brown, Ward, Crane, Upton, Reagan, Irion, Concho, McCulloch, Pecos, Crockett, Menard, Mason, Sutton and Kimble.

The maps are important because they will be used to help formulate a state water plan within the next few years, officials said.

"What has happened to us in years past is that we haven't had a state water plan," said State Rep. David Counts, D-Knox City. "So when we have a drought, we don't know who has the water. During the last drought, it got so bad that we had to deliver water to some communities in trucks. We felt like we had to come up with a plan."

Each planning area is required to develop a regional plan of action by September 2000. Those proposals will be incorporated into a statewide plan a year after that.

"The first thing we'll do is establish a (map)," Counts said. "Then we'll have meetings with the regions to determine where the resources are and what to do with them."

"After that's done, you can set up a plan where even in the most drought-stricken areas, you will still have enough drinking water," Counts said.

Approved during the most

REGION F

Counties making up Region F in the statewide water plan:

Howard, Martin, Glasscock, Borden Scurry, Andrews, Mitchell, Reeves, Loving, Winkler, Ector, Midland, Sterling, Coke, Runnels, Coleman, Brown, Ward, Crane, Upton, Reagan, Irion, Concho, McCulloch, Pecos, Crockett, Menard, Mason, Sutton and Kimble.

recent session of the State Legislature, Senate Bill 1 calls for a state plan to manage and conserve Texas water resources for the next 50 years.

The latest regional map includes all Colorado River Municipal Water District clients. CRMWD General Manager John Grant said that was a definite step in the right direction.

"When we look at the map, we're happy with it," Grant said. "It takes into account all of our current sources of supply."

While not totally pleased with being beholden to a state water plan, Grant understood its necessity.

"Since the district was created, we've always done long-range planning, because there's not that much water out here," Grant said. "Unfortunately, now we'll have a set of rules to go by. The fact is that some other areas of the state just haven't done any planning."

This latest draft reflects concerns from civic leaders in San Angelo that previous regions separated Tom Green County from its neighbors.

"This final map they've come up with is pretty much a consensus," Counts said. "Not everybody is happy with it, but almost everybody can live with it."

The board will adopt final region maps and guidelines for regional planning groups by Feb. 19.

WEATHER

Tonight: Sat: Sun: Mon:

Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows 45-50. Saturday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the 60s. Saturday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid to upper 40s. Extended forecast, Sunday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs from near 60 to the mid 60s. Monday, a slight chance of rain. Lows in the 30s. Highs from the mid 50s to near 60.

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High school basketball, museum offer activities

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, 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

WEEKEND TICKET

the phone.

• High school basketball, tonight, Garden City. The Miles Bulldogs come to town for face the Bearcats and Lady Bearcats in a pair of games that begin at 6 p.m.

• 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, Saturday from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. in the Doc Hardy Memorial at 2nd and Main in downtown.

• The Heritage Museum, today from 9-5

and Saturday from 10-5 at 510 Scurry.

No special displays are currently at the museum, although visitors can learn about the railroad's role in the development of the region as well as the history of Big Spring and Howard County through standing displays.

The museum is also the site of the world's largest collection of longhorns as well as an extensive doll collection.

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

• High school basketball, Saturday at Steer Gym. Snyder's Lady Tigers come to town to face the Lady Steers. Freshmen play at 3 p.m., jayvee at 4:30 and varsity at 6.

OBITUARIES

E.T. "Ed" Reynolds

E.T. "Ed" Reynolds, 84, Big Spring, died on Wednesday, Dec. 31, 1997, in a local hospital. Service will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, 1998, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rick Cunningham, minister of 14th & Main Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



REYNOLDS

He was born on June 7, 1913, in Avalon, and married Juanita Jackson on Jan. 19, 1933, in Anson.

Mr. Reynolds grew up in Jones County. He came to Big Spring in 1942 from Anson when he went to work for Cosden Oil & Chemical Company. He had worked as supervisor in the carpentry and painting department, retiring in 1978 after 36 years.

He was a member of 14th & Main Church of Christ and a member of Cosden 25 Year Club.

Survivors include: his wife, Juanita Reynolds of Big Spring; one daughter and son-in-law, Judy and A.H. Roberts of Big Spring; one son and daughter-in-law, Don and Lane Reynolds of Big Spring; seven grandchildren, Angelia Misenheimer of Laguna Hills, Calif., Michelle Swenson of Hudson, Wis., Michael Roberts of Bakersfield, Calif., John Byron Roberts of Big Spring, Don Reynolds II of McKinney, Kathleen Brasher of Midland and Leigh Reynolds of Arlington; 14 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Gladys Billingsley of Austin.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and six sisters.

Pallbearers will be Tony Taroni, David Ward, Carlos Humphrey, Hilliard Ditmore, Tommy Wick and James Banks.

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

Paid obituary

Eunice Duncan

Eunice Duncan, 94, Big Spring, died on Thursday, Jan. 1, 1998, in a local nursing

home. Graveside service will be 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, 1998, at Trinity Memorial Park with Dr. Ed Williamson, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating.

She was born on Aug. 26, 1903, in Cisco, and married Dave Duncan on Dec. 27, 1925, in Cisco. He preceded her in death on Dec. 20, 1981.

She grew up in Cisco and was a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin. She came to Big Spring in 1936. In the early years she worked with her late husband, Dave Duncan, in their business, Duncan Drilling Company.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and was involved with the Methodist Women.

Survivors include: one son and daughter-in-law, James and Dorothy Duncan of Big Spring; one grandson and his wife, Dave and Paula Duncan of Midland; two granddaughters and their husbands, Debbie and John Petree of Midland and Sue and Greg Lott of Austin; three great grandchildren, James Petree, Paige Duncan and Alyson Duncan; three sisters, Dena (Dub) Wood of San Angelo, Tommie Norvell of Cisco and Vinny Dentine of Mineral Wells.

She was preceded in death also by three brothers.

The family suggests memorials to: Lubbock Methodist Hospital; 3615 19th St., Lubbock, Texas; 79410.

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

Paid obituary

Opal Box

Opal Box, 83, Big Spring, died on Wednesday, Dec. 31, 1997, in a local hospital. Service will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, 1998, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Roger Huff, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on Jan. 6, 1914, in Austinville, Ala., and married Bonnie Wilburn Box on Sept. 12, 1939, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on April 15, 1957.

She came to Big Spring as a young girl with her family. Her parents were Charles Wilson and Lillie Odessa Lovvorn. She lived most of her life in Howard County and managed Mangel's Dress Shop in Big Spring for a number of years.

Survivors include two step daughters, Mary Jo Tune and Joyce Conner both of Big Spring; a step-son, Bobby Box of Big Spring; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Lazelle and Claude Vaughn, Lois and Maurice Meeks and Jean Cooper all of Big Spring; seven step-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, Katherine Lovvorn and Montez Owen and by one brother, Dillard Lovvorn.

Nephews will be pallbearers. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Ann A. Hornaday

Ann A. Hornaday, 92, recently of Austin, died Jan. 1, 1998, in Brenham. She was born in Big Spring on Sept. 28, 1905, to Peter Walfried Agnell of Stockholm, Sweden, and Della Kathryn Russell of Weatherford. After graduation from Big Spring High School, she attended what is now Mary Hardin-Baylor University, Belton. In 1930, while working for Travelers Insurance Company in Dallas, she met and married Walter C. Hornaday, a political writer for The Dallas Morning News.

She moved to Arlington, Va., in 1944, when her husband was named chief of the Washington bureau of The News. Soon becoming active in the Washington social scene, she established an annual New Year's Day "Black-eyed Pea Party" for Texas congressmen, reporters and other "displaced" Texans in the Washington area. She was the long-time secretary of The Texas State Society of Washington, serving with society president Lyndon B. Johnson, then a United States Senator.

Upon Walter's retirement in

1960, Walter and Ann divided their time between Austin and their Virginia farm on the Shenandoah River. The farm was visited frequently by members of the Texas Congressional delegation, among others. Ann had visitors sign an antique pump organ she had painted red to used as the "guest book." The organ was later acquired by long-time friend and then 10th District Congressman J.J. "Jake" Pickle of Austin. It is now on display at the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library in Austin.

She was preceded in death by her husband Walter, who died in 1970; her brothers, Col. Peter W. Agnell, USAF (Ret.), Dripping Springs, and William Alvin Agnell, Abilene; and grandson, David Alan Hornaday, Austin. In 1976, she married M.T. Taylor of Lubbock, and lived in that city until her 1989 return to Austin following his death the preceding year.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Austin, Daughters of the American Revolution, and various genealogical groups, including the National Society Magna Charta Dames.

She is survived by two sons, William D. Hornaday II and wife Barbara, Industry; and Jon R. Hornaday and wife Rhoda Ann, Austin; four grandchildren: Jon R. Hornaday, Jr., Dallas; Walter C. Hornaday II, and wife Kathleen, Austin; William D. Hornaday III, Austin; and Sarah C. Hornaday, Dallas; four nephews: Martin D. Walberg and wife Billie, Somerville; William A. Agnell, Jr., and wife Cynthia, Austin; James Peter Agnell, Abilene; and Joe R. Hornaday, Jr., and wife Sally, Lubbock; sister-in-law Dorothy Hornaday, Lubbock; and numerous cousins, including Blake Sparenberg, Austin; Orlena Sparenberg, DeSoto, Kan., and Sitty Landers and husband Hudson, Big Spring.

Service will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, in the chapel of the First Baptist Church of Austin, with Rev. Don Searles officiating. Interment will be at Oakwood Cemetery in Austin. Pallbearers are her grandchildren and nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Koenig-Peel & Strickland, La Grange, and Weed-Corley-Fish, Austin.

Paid obituary

Peggy Sue (Bodine) Ratliff

Funeral service for Peggy Sue (Bodine) Ratliff, 66, Colorado City, will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, 1998, at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Kay Reed officiating. Burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery.

Mrs. Ratliff died Wednesday, Dec. 31, 1997, in Abilene.

She was born on April 24, 1931, in Buford. She married Bob Ratliff on Dec. 24, 1951, in Buford. She was a school teacher having taught in Austin, Lorraine, Colorado City and Westbrook. Mrs. Ratliff was an active member in the First United Methodist Church.

She was also a member of Delta Kappa Gamma and the Retired Teachers Association as well as numerous other clubs and associations. She had lived in Colorado City all of her life.

Survivors include: her husband, Bob Ratliff, Colorado City; her daughter, Kathy Beene, Houston; one son, Mike Ratliff, Colorado City; one sister, Aldred Pickens, Nocona; and three grandchildren.

The family suggests donations to the First United Methodist Church, Heart of West Texas Museum of the American Cancer Society.

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

Paid obituary

Donald Gene Fulton, II

Service for Donald Gene Fulton, II, 38, Stanton, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

BRIEFS

THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE is looking for volunteers to assist taxpayers with preparation of their 1997 Income Tax Returns. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) training for volunteers will be Monday-Friday, Jan. 12-16 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the First Presbyterian Church, Eighth and Rannels.

For more information call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522.

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

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

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8:30 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

TODAY
•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.

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.

•TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:15 p.m. weigh in and 6:15 p.m. meeting, Best Home Health Care, 1710 E. Marcy Dr.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

•Gospel singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn. Call 267-6764. Guest singers from Stanton, Midland and Colorado City.

•Encourager's support group, for widows and widowers, 6 p.m., Santa Fe Sandwich Shop, Big Spring Mall. For more information call 398-5522 or 399-4369.

TUESDAY
•Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 to 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

•Beginning line dance class will be taught at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information. All ages welcome.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

•VFW Post No. 2013, 7 p.m., VFW Hall.

Texas Lottery

PICK 3: 9,0,6
CASH 5: 7,17,27,29,33

•Cancer support group, 7 to 8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 268-5077.

•Coahoma senior citizens luncheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.

WEDNESDAY
•Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Archie Kountz, 267-3821.

•Line dance classes, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, following lunch. For more information call 398-5522 or 267-1628. All ages welcome.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.

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

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

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

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

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

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

MARKETS

March cotton 66.91 cents, down 16 points; Feb. crude 17.40, down 16 points; Cash hogs steady at \$1 lower at 34.50; cash steers steady \$1 higher at 65; Feb. lean hog futures 57.15, down 55 points; Feb. live cattle futures 65.80, down 65 points.

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•DOYLE MEIRS, 23, arrested on charge of possession of marijuana under two ounces.

•CHARLES RODRIGUEZ, 18, arrested on charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

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•ROBERT GONZALES, 32, arrested on a charge of no insurance.

•JOEL ALVAREZ, 32, arrested on local warrants.

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•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE on the 500 block of Bell.

•PROWLER on the 600 block of N.W. Eighth.

•JOE LUIS HERNANDEZ, 31, Midland, arrested on a motion to revoke probation warrant.

•RICHARD DON ROWLAND, 21, Midland, arrested on charge of making alcohol available to a minor.

•SHANDAL WAYNE CLAY, 20, Stanton, arrested on charge of driving under the influence of alcohol.

•JOSE RICARDO MOLINAR, 28, no address given, arrested on charge of driving while license suspended.

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

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12:15 a.m. — 2600 block Hunter, structure fire, extinguished by responding units.
6:37 a.m. — 1100 block E. Fourth, medical call, patient transferred to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
7:40 a.m. — 100 block Village Road, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.
11:07 a.m. — 1200 block E. 16th, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.
12:04 p.m. — 500 block West 17th, medical call, patient

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He was born on June 7, 1913, in Avalon, and married Juanita Jackson on Jan. 19, 1933, in Anson.

Mr. Reynolds grew up in Jones County. He came to Big Spring in 1942 from Anson when he went to work

Nichols' life in the balance as bombing trial draws to a close

DENVER (AP) — The anguish from Oklahoma City bombing victims was so thick in the courtroom this week that jurors were warned not to let it dictate the penalty for Terry Nichols. Don't expect his lawyers to fight it, either.

When family and friends of the convicted co-conspirator take the stand, they are expected to tell jurors that Nichols is a devoted father and husband whose role in the deadly bombing does not merit a death sentence.

Defense witnesses in the trial's penalty phase were to begin testifying today. Nichols' ex-wife, Lana Padilla, and her three sons are among those expected to take the stand.

Defense attorney Michael Tigar has already told the jury that convicted Nichols of involuntary manslaughter and conspiracy to build a weapon of mass destruction that "a sentence of death is never required."

Tigar said Nichols' "life pattern," including his love for his family, was inconsistent with an intent to kill anyone. Tigar also said Nichols' involvement in the bombing plot was "minimal," another fact the jury could use to spare Nichols' life.

Andrew Cohen, a trial analyst and Denver attorney, said Tigar has a big hurdle to jump to overcome the tearful, angry testimony by 55 bombing victims and rescuers who described the

carnage and loss. Their stories were part of prosecutors' plea for the death penalty for Nichols.

"Tigar won't even try to jump that hurdle; he'll run in a different direction," Cohen said. "He's telling the jurors, 'We don't disagree this is a terrible thing, but this is Terry Nichols the individual whose role in this crime was so small he doesn't deserve to die.'"

Nichols, 42, and Timothy McVeigh were charged with planning and carrying out the bombing to avenge the fiery deaths of Branch Davidians during a siege near Waco, Texas. The federal building was bombed April 19, 1995, the second anniversary of the fire,

killing 168 people and injuring hundreds more.

The jurors convicted Nichols on Dec. 23 but acquitted him of murder, concluding he never intended to kill. McVeigh was convicted of all 11 murder and conspiracy charges and sentenced to death.

Only the conspiracy conviction carries the death penalty.

Because of the mixed verdict against Nichols, legal experts have said it would be unlikely the jury would give Nichols the death penalty. The other options are life in prison or a lesser term to be determined by U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch.

It was Matsch who cautioned jurors

not to let their emotions cause them to forget the oath they gave to listen to all information before making a decision and to follow his instructions.

His warning followed the testimony of Kathleen Treanor, who screamed and pounded the lectern Wednesday as she recalled losing her 4-year-old daughter, one of 19 children to die in the blast.

Although the jury cannot consider the emotions of the witnesses, it can consider the graphic testimony to show the bombing caused severe physical and emotional injury, resulted in the deaths of 168 people and caused severe emotional and physical damage to the relatives of victims.

Federal judge declares portions of 1996 Telecom Act unconstitutional

DALLAS (AP) — Moving the "Baby Bells" a step closer to offering long-distance service, a federal judge has struck down part of the landmark Telecommunications Act of 1996.

U.S. District Judge Joe Kendall of Wichita Falls ruled Wednesday that Congress unconstitutionally singled out and barred regional Bell subsidiaries from providing long distance and other services.

The chairman of SBC Communications, which filed the lawsuit in July, said the ruling was the single most important victory for phone customers and competition since the divestiture of the Bell system in 1984.

"We intend to provide our customers with one-stop shopping for all their telecommunications needs by offering the simplest, most affordable long-distance plan available," said Edward Whitacre Jr., head of San Antonio-based SBC.

Liz Rose, a spokeswoman for the Federal Communications Commission, said the agency likely will ask the Justice Department to appeal.

"I am extremely concerned about what seems to be a court's invalidation of much that Congress, this commission and the affected phone companies have done to bring consumers the benefits of competition," FCC Chairman William Kennard said.

Mark C. Rosenblum, AT&T vice president for law and public policy, called the ruling "inexplicable and clearly erroneous." Courts, Congress and regulators "have long recognized that the Bell monopolies differ from other local companies in size and scope," he said.

The Bells see their local markets as an opportunity to offer one-stop communications most cheaply and efficiently. But these markets are where the federal entry requirements are toughest — and they are where the potential is the greatest for local phone companies to have customers subsidize the companies' investment in long distance, which is not allowed.

The 1996 law deregulating the telecommunications industry allowed the Bells to seek permission to provide long-distance service in local phone regions. The law frees local and long-distance companies to enter each other's businesses, subject to regulatory approval.

So far, no regional company has been cleared by the FCC to provide long-distance service within the states of its region.

In its lawsuit, SBC contended the act was unfair because rather than establishing classes or categories, it identifies Baby Bells by name and bars them from entering the long distance and other businesses — such as electronic publishing or electronic alarm monitoring — that other local phone companies

may provide.

The suit was filed after unsuccessful attempts by SBC to enter the long-distance business in Oklahoma, a state served by its subsidiary, Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. It also operates under the Pacific Bell and Nevada Bell names.

The company challenged only the portion of the act that singled out and excluded SBC from competing in certain business, said Lonny Morrison, a Wichita Falls attorney who represented the company.

SBC said the ruling will enable it to provide long distance in its service region of Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, California and Nevada. Whitacre said the company plans to seek permission to offer long-distance service first in Oklahoma.

Another Bell company, Bell Atlantic, said it will file an application with the FCC soon to provide long-distance service in New York and other states.

"Bell Atlantic never thought it was the intent of Congress to impose burdens to keep some players out of long distance and allow others in," spokeswoman Susan Butta said.

Sol Trujillo, president and chief executive officer of US West Communications, said the ruling "will further accelerate the day when consumers can see the benefits of full competition in the long-distance market."

TEXAS BRIEFS

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

WACO — Central Texas authorities are hunting today for a ninth suspect accused of sexually assaulting boys and sometimes taping the encounters.

Police claim the suspects used drugs, alcohol and money to entice the boys into appearing in more than 100 explicit home movies.

Investigators uncovered the ring after the Dec. 2 death of 14-year-old George Scilley in an arson fire that destroyed an Aquilla mobile home shared by Scilley, suspect Jerry Lee Easter and Paul Singleton.

Singleton, 21, has confessed to setting the blaze in what Hill County sheriff's department officials have called a botched murder-suicide attempt.

Easter and Singleton escaped from the home by climbing through a window, but Scilley was trapped by burglar bars at the front door.

DENTON — Two men kneel down in a North Texas cemetery and spread a large dollop of shaving cream on a crumbling tombstone.

They use a squeegee to remove the excess. The cream neatly fills the crevasses, revealing inscriptions. Words and artwork clearly appear: Josephine Fink. Born 1860. Died 1892.

Also scrawled in the tombstone: "I am treading (dancing) at a wine chest by myself. Be easy children."

"It was a cold world back then," David Herold says after looking over the stone.

Herold and his partner, W.O. Skinner, are fighting to save hundreds of tombstones at the Old Slave Cemetery near Pilot Point.

HOUSTON — Thanks to the millennium, retired computer programmers like Charlie Hickman are a hot commodity.

Hickman and other older programmers saw

in the languages that drove computers decades ago are helping companies prepare their computer systems for the year 2000.

The new breed of computer programmers is helpless to fix an expected worldwide programming glitch that didn't account for the turn of the century.

Recruiters are luring retired programmers back to work with paychecks upward of \$100 an hour, paid trips to out-of-town homes every weekend and big-dollar signing, retention and completion bonuses, the Houston Chronicle reported Thursday.

Hickman, who works for Comsys, is helping Texas Commerce Bank with its year 2000 conversion. The bank's parent, Chase Manhattan Corp., is spending \$250 million.

DALLAS — James Monroe Lipscomb Jr. and his brother, James Riccardo, grew up in housing projects in rough Chicago neighborhoods. They were hungry, lacked guidance and were surrounded by violence.

But even their mother says that doesn't explain why the two Texas men were involved in separate hostage incidents last month.

"My boys are scary. They weren't taught to be men," Annie R. Lipscomb said this week. "Their father was raised by a mother who was in a mental institution, and his father was dead."

James Monroe "Mo" Lipscomb Jr., 33, is accused of taking over a Plano day care center in a 30-hour siege that ended Dec. 18. He was jailed without bond on charges of aggravated kidnapping and aggravated assault.

James Riccardo Lipscomb, 43, held his estranged common-law wife and two daughters hostage for nearly 42 hours, until Wednesday afternoon. He was arrested on a charge of aggravated kidnapping. Bond was \$250,000. Both incidents stemmed from domestic violence. Both men were in the Collin County Jail.

Judge: Florida has right to any money from convicted killer's book

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — A judge has ruled that the state of Florida has the right to any money an author made by selling a convicted killer's art, autographs and a book the two wrote together about the slayings.

Circuit Judge Martha Ann Lott's ruling Wednesday came in a 1993 lawsuit the state filed against killer Danny Rolling and Sondra London, who has sold books and stories about the 1990 murders of five Gainesville college students.

The state sued under its version of the "Son of Sam" law — named after a New York law named for serial killer David Berkowitz — that bars criminals from earning money for their crimes.

In her ruling, Lott said the state presented sufficient evidence that London has been acting on Rolling's behalf. Under state law, a convicted felon or someone acting on his behalf is barred from profiting from his crimes.

Money the writer earned from accounts of the crimes, including the book "The Making of a Serial Killer," a narrative of the murders that London said was in Rolling's own words, belongs to the state.

It was not known how much money the state is owed. Lott has ordered Rolling and London to turn in an accounting of their earnings by Monday.

When the state was seeking funds from book and story sales, Assistant Attorney General George Waas had estimated the state was owed about \$20,000, including \$15,000 London received from a 1994 article in the Globe supermarket tabloid.

Now that Rolling's artwork and autographs are included, Waas said it is "certainly more than \$20,000."

London maintained the government was not entitled to the money because she was acting as a journalist when the books and stories were written. She said she was not acting on

Rolling's behalf.

But Lott's ruling says London "shares a unique and special relationship with Danny Rolling" and that the law could be applied to her as well as Rolling.

Rolling "has and continues to send gifts of personal property to the defendant London in the form of marketable serial killer memorabilia, which she then sells for her personal economic gain," Lott wrote.

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OUR VIEWS

New laws cover variety of issues

On January 1, Texans were faced with a number of new laws. As always, there are the good, the bad and the inconsequential to some in that they relate to certain portions of the state.

We believe three of the new laws, however, are good. The teen smoking law puts pressure on kids to stop smoking. While we personally feel it is a bit extreme to send a teen to jail for smoking, hitting them in the pocketbook — both moneyside and where they keep their drivers license — should prove to be a definite attention-getter.

Of course, we still feel it is ludicrous for the federal government to be involved in the anti-smoking movement while still providing subsidies to tobacco farmers.

You're either against smoking or you're not. There should be no middle ground in regards to this nasty habit that is unhealthy not only for the smoker, but for those who are subjected to their second-hand smoke as well.

The law doubling the fines for construction zone traffic violations is also a good piece of legislation.

There are enough dangers in a construction zone without workers and drivers alike having to worry about the driver who insists on driving 70 despite the posted reduced speed.

Doubling the fines, up to \$500, should catch the attention of those who persist in endangering the lives of those who are working to improve our roadways.

The third law, which gives the homeowner the right to borrow against the equity in their home, is another whose time, we believe, has come.

It should be the homeowner's decision as to whether or not they use the equity in their home to secure what they believe to be needed monies.

And in an effort to protect the homeowner from getting "upside down" financially in their home, the state has implemented a number of safeguards — including placing a limit that restricts the amount that can be borrowed to no more than 80 percent of the property's value.

The home equity lending law gives Texans the opportunity to use the value of something they've worked for as an additional benefit.

OTHER VIEWS

The New Year in California means a new and sweeping anti-smoking law, one that bans puffing on cigarettes, pipes or cigars in bars. It's ostensibly meant to protect bar employees from the supposed ravages of secondhand smoke, and it's being cheered by many as a healthy, progressive, civilized thing to do.

The science on secondhand smoke, it should be noted, is far from settled, and bartenders and other barroom workers know what occupational hazards they face when they take their jobs. At any rate, California's record on regulating smoking makes its intentions clear. The Legislature wants to save smokers from themselves and, ultimately, to eradicate the habit from the face of the state.

The chief question, then, is not just whether the law will prove enforceable — it probably will be if the state is serious about it — but

whether government should invade people's private lives to this extent, even with the best of motives.

If you don't have the smoking habit, you may quickly reply in the affirmative. But you should consider that you may have some other habits that may be unhealthy or disliked by others, and you should ask whether you really want the politicians intervening — whether you really trust their wisdom that much and whether you really prefer their dictates to your own freedom of choice.

Short of arresting people for lighting up in their own homes, the federal government and many state and local governments seem to assume they can do just about anything to curb smoking. Along the way, a pattern of governance is being established. It's not one that favors individual liberty or responsibility. It is one that is confining, encumbering and intrusive.

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Distance learning is viable for modern students

By KATHY A. KRENDL
For Scripps Howard News Service

The profile of a typical student seeking access to higher education has changed profoundly and dramatically in recent years.

Over the past decade the majority of students enrolling in college classes across the United States has shifted from 18- to 22-year-olds to those characterized as "nontraditional" students. They are over 25 and represent diverse social and ethnic backgrounds. Many of them have full-time jobs and significant family commitments. They balance a complex mix of economic and time constraints as they attend classes — many on a part-time basis.

Distance learning is an appropriate way to serve many students, especially these non-traditional ones. It appeals especially to the disabled, full-time employees (particularly those whose jobs demand flexible scheduling or extensive travel), single parents, stay-at-

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home moms, senior citizens for whom mobility is problematic, high school students in remote areas or schools where AP programs are not available, students who can save large tuition bills by leaving campus short of a degree and finishing that last course or two from home or a worksite, people who for one reason or another need time-shifting to be able to take needed courses, as well as any number of other special cases.

Distance learning makes lifelong education feasible and attractive. It includes a wide array of technologies, including videoconferences, e-mail, listservs, phones, fax, and World Wide Web resources. Some of these can be highly interactive when the need arises. In fact, a student might well have more interaction with the instructor than he or she would in a class on campus.

A recent national survey on education needs, conducted at Washington State University, concluded, "The attitudes and behaviors of people from all age groups, income levels and backgrounds indicate that a large majority of adults recognize the value of lifelong education." Adults interviewed for this study identified distance learning as one viable option to help them achieve their goals. Goals of nontraditional students can be quite specific and may include enhancing promotion, increasing marketability or entering entirely new careers.

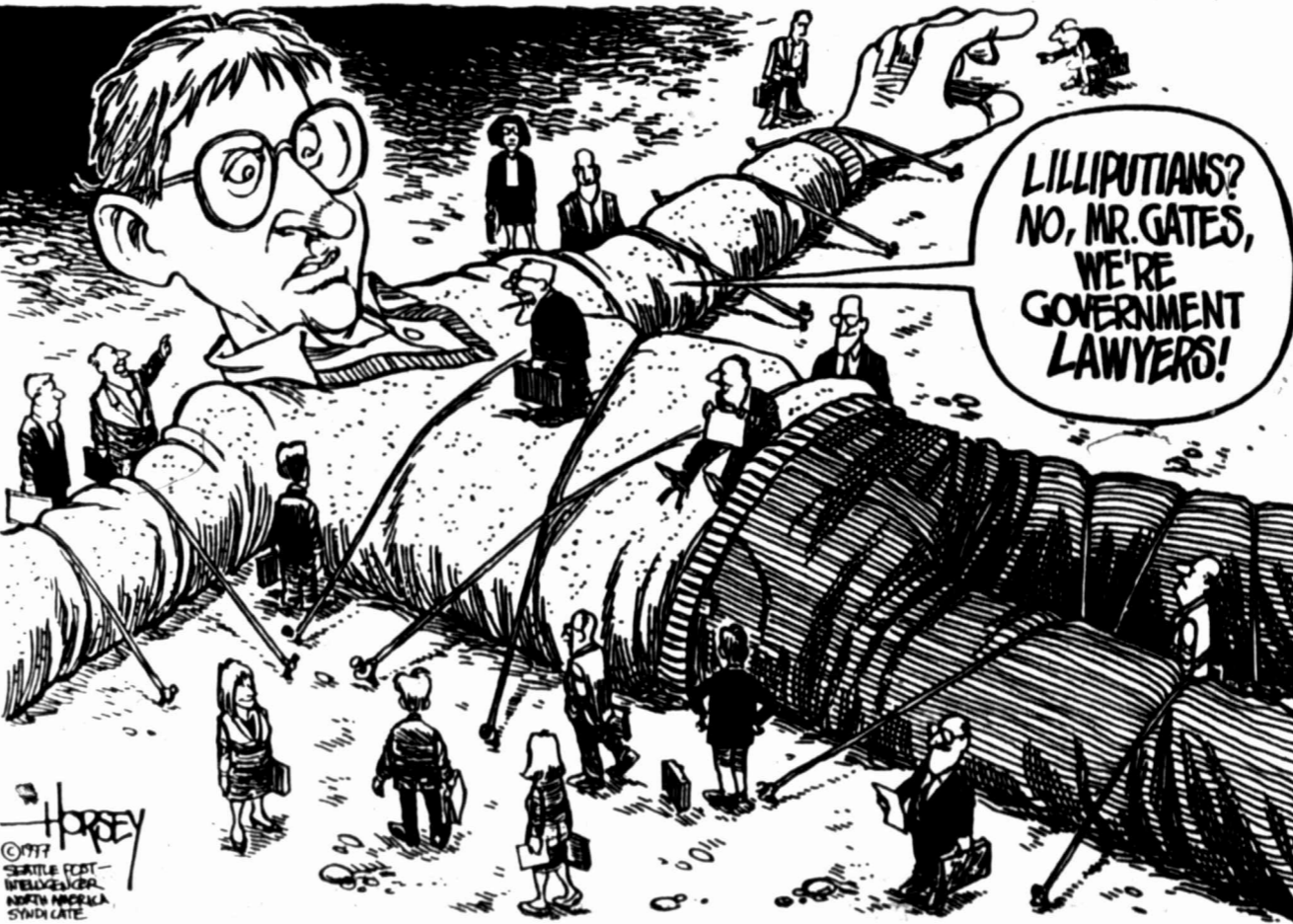
Other research has looked into how and how much people learn in distance-learning contexts. The consistent finding is "no significant differences" in learning outcomes in comparisons of traditional classroom settings and distance-learning settings. These comparisons are typically based on performance on exams and final grades in the courses. And the finding is very consistent across such factors as content

areas, types of technological linkages and regions.

Of course, distance learning is not for all people all the time, and it does not generalize to all types of learning, although some experiments have included such applications as laboratory courses, where portable labs have been compiled and used successfully by students at a distance. (This is one area where more research is needed.)

Creative combinations of technology-based and face-to-face instruction can best serve the needs of today's students. Educators can overcome the barriers of space and time by using distance learning where appropriate to help both traditional and nontraditional students achieve the lifelong learning goals that will make them viable in the global economy of the future.

(Kathy A. Krendl is dean of the College of Communication at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio.)



Time to question whether distance learning programs work or not

By ROD C. KELCHNER
For Scripps Howard News Service

One university that awards a large number of MBAs doesn't have a campus. A Midwestern university offers management courses for employees at a plant in eastern Pennsylvania. Neither the instructor nor the students see each other "in person." A group of college-bound high school students complete a college-level English course without leaving their high school classroom. Their teacher is 130 miles away. These are three examples of distance education — an instructional methodology that is revolutionizing education.

Distance education is not new. More than 10 years ago Pennsylvania's Mansfield University formed a partnership with Mansfield and Liberty high schools to provide a mathematics course via audio graphics. Measured by the results of students who were tested, the course was successful. But was it? Was the quality of learning as high as it should have been? Are students who study from "a distance" well served?

COUNTERPOINT

There is an ample amount of literature devoted to distance education. However, little has been written about its impact on learning. The question is, does the use of Picture-Tel, audio graphics, interactive video, on-line courses, the World Wide Web and technology enhance learning? Is it possible that we have adopted distance education for reasons such as convenience, accessibility and enrollment building, rather than because it is an effective teaching/learning tool?

The reaction of students who enroll in distance courses is mixed. Some miss the personal contact with the instructors. Others claim that effective classroom discussion is absent. Students and teachers suffer when the equipment malfunctions.

Other students are advocates of distance education. They are comfortable with a teacher who is not present in their classroom. They enjoy the convenience of studying at home or at a nearby high school. Some

maintain that distance education is more focused. Teachers also have different opinions. Some think the distance teaching style is more rigid. Others maintain that they can't get a feel for the class. Critics claim that the "teachable moment" is lost. All teachers seem to agree that teaching from a distance demands a high level of preparation. Many instructors note that "once you become accustomed to it, it's fun!"

Educators sometimes have difficulty measuring learning. For years we depended on tests (usually paper and pencil tests) to determine the rate of student learning. Today, given the demand for accountability, assessment of learning is becoming more sophisticated. It's about time.

It's also time for serious scholars to evaluate distance education as a teaching technique. That means a study of student learning will be required. We know we can teach students from a distance. But the more important question is can students learn from a distance?

(Rod Kelchner is president of Mansfield University in Mansfield, Pa.)

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Christian hospitality Projects gives families of prison inmates safe, free place to stay

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

James and Nelline Ham are expecting dozens of holiday visitors this weekend.

But their guests won't be members of their own family. Instead, the Hams will be hosting family members of local prison inmates.

The Hams operate Big Spring's Hospitality House — a Baptist mission that provides free lodging so families can visit loved ones in prison. The house was recently honored with a Phillippian Award from the Baptist General Convention of Texas — recognizing it as a successful Christian outreach.

Supported by the Big Spring Baptist Association, the house has been open since June of 1995. Since that time, more than 2,500 guests have stayed there — for a night or a weekend.

"It's kind of a home away from home," explained James, a retiree from Texas.

"We get to know them," Nelline added. "Some of them have become our friends. When their loved one gets out, we're glad about that, but we will miss seeing them."

When they arrive, families

are assigned one of the house's nine rooms, which can sleep four to eight people. They are given linens, but provide their own food and other needed items.

There is a common kitchen/dining area and a common living area. The guests share two bathrooms.

"It can get kind of crowded, waiting for the bathroom," Nelline said. "But I never hear them complaining."

Ordinarily, families visit only on Saturday and Sunday, but on holiday weekends, such as this one, prisons often allow more visiting days. Hospitality House began receiving guests Thursday, most of whom will stay throughout the weekend.

There are house rules posted in each room, and the Hams said guests usually have no problem following them.

Some of the visitors don't speak English, so a local minister comes to the house each Saturday to talk with them in Spanish.

The Hams attend College Baptist Church, but support for the house comes from all member churches in the Big Spring Baptist Association. College Baptist choir recently had a choir practice and social event at the Hospitality House, per-



James and Nelline Ham, who run the Big Spring Baptist Association's Hospitality House, recently accepted an award on behalf of the mission project from the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

forming their Christmas music for the visitors.

Monday nights, College Baptist has a church service at the federal prison camp.

At the house, the Hams take a delicate approach to Christian witnessing.

"We just visit with them," Nelline explained. "We don't push anything on them."

James said they have had 29 professions of faith from House guests.

Nelline said she and her husband "never ask the reason their loved one is in prison,

unless they want to talk about it. Then, we listen to them."

James and Nelline often spend time sharing meals and conversation with their visitors, and they hear many difficult stories. One woman said that before she heard about Hospitality House, when they came to visit her husband in prison, she and her three children would bring a tent and sleep in one of the local parks.

The Hams live in a small apartment attached to the house. With so many guests, and sharing duties as caretak-

ers of the nearby Crisis Closet, life can be hectic.

But the important thing, James said, is that they are serving people.

"We just want to help them," he said.

The Hams said they could use the assistance of someone with a van or other large vehicle who could occasionally transport inmate families from the bus station to the House, and provide occasional rides to the prison for visiting hours. Call them at 263-5752.

Living in grace

If you are like me you have at times been frustrated in trying to do the right things and be the kind of person that reflects the image of Jesus Christ to the world around you.

As hard as I try, there are always things that I say or do that someone could point to and say, "I knew it! Those Christians are just a bunch of phonies."

It seems that the harder I try to live a "Christian life," the worse it gets. Sometimes it seems impossible. And you know what else? I have come to realize that it is quite impossible to live the Christ kind of life by my own power.

Now for some good news! *I am crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not set aside the grace of God: for if righteousness could be gained through the law, then Christ died for nothing.* Ga. 2:20-21

The apostle Paul gave us a short course in daily Christian living in these two verses, but it is easy to skim quickly over them and think that we know what God is saying to us, without uncovering the rich promise of His power to sustain and empower us.

Let's look a little closer and clarify a few words to see what this portion of scripture really has to say. The first word is Christ. Christ is not just Jesus' last name. It means "anointed one." Anointed means chosen and empowered. If I have given my life to Jesus, the chosen and empowered one lives in me. The one who has the power to live righteously (He proved it already) lives in me.

Next comes faith. Faith is much easier than "believing really hard." Faith, in its simplest form, is doing what God says to do, when He says to do it. It doesn't depend on me knowing everything there is to know, or understanding the "things of God." It depends on me hearing God's voice and doing what He says, one step at a time. This may seem a little heavy, but the Bible promises that He will teach us to hear His voice as we read it. Last is Grace. Grace is more than the gift of forgiveness. Grace is the power of God moving through our lives to enable us to accomplish what He says. He not only tells us what to do, He gives us the power to do it. Grace is the abundance of strength to accomplish any task He gives.

Awesome! Imagine a graceful animal, such as a deer, running through the field. Rather than having to stop and climb over the fence, it leaps over with strong, fluid motion. You see, grace is the power to not only get over obstacles, but to look good doing it. Now let's see how these verses look!

I am crucified with the Anointed one, and I no longer

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Please see FELTY, page 6A.

To rekindle spark, relive good times

QUESTION: Tell me why it is inevitable for couples with good marriages to go through "flat spots" or "the blahs," and can you offer more advice about what to do when those times come?

DR. DOBSON: Romantic love is an emotion, and as such, it has a way of coming and going. Emotions tend to oscillate from high to low to high, etc. One of the best ways to regenerate "that lovin' feeling" in the down times is to talk about the time and place when passion ran high. Do you recall those days when you just couldn't wait to see each other, and how each minute away seemed like an eternity? Recalling those moments together is one way to regenerate what you felt before.

Even better than talking about them is re-experiencing them. My wife and I celebrated a recent wedding anniversary by exploring what we called our "old haunts." One evening we went to the Pasadena Playhouse, where we had our second date, and ate at the same restaurant for dinner. The next week we visited the Farmers Market, where we used to stroll on lazy summer

evenings. We talked about warm memories and relived the excitement of those days. It was a wonderful reprise.

Another suggestion is for couples to return regularly to the kind of romantic activities that drew them together in the first place. They need to put some fun and laughter into their lives, which otherwise can get dreary and oppressive. A few years ago, Shirley and I found ourselves in that kind of situation, where we had almost forgotten how to play. We finally got fed up and decided to do something about it. We loaded the car and headed for a winter wonderland in Mammoth, Calif. There we spent the weekend skiing and eating and laughing together. One night we built a fire in the fireplace and talked for hours



Dr. James Dobson
Columnist

while our favorite music played on the stereo. We felt like kids again.

The next time you feel that you're losing the closeness you once shared, try talking about your memories of earlier days and revisit the old haunts, sing the old songs, tell the old stories. It's the best bet to rekindle the sparks of romance that first drew you together.

To keep a marriage vibrant and healthy, you simply have to give it some attention. Water the plant, place it in the sunlight, and it will grow. If you put it in a cold, dark corner, however, it is likely to die.

With a little effort and creativity, you can keep the fireworks in your marriage ... even when the Fourth of July has come and gone.

QUESTION: I find I'm more likely to say "no" to my children than to say "yes," even when I don't feel strongly about the permission they are seeking. I wonder why I automatically respond so negatively.

DR. DOBSON: It is easy to fall into the habit of saying "no" to our kids.

"No, you can't go outside."
"No, you can't have a cook-

ing."

"No, you can't use the telephone."

"No, you can't spend the night with a friend."

We could have answered affirmatively to all of these requests, but chose almost automatically to respond in the negative. Why? Because we didn't take time to stop and think about the consequences: because the activity could cause more work or strain; because there could be danger in the request; because our children ask for a thousand favors a day and we find it convenient to refuse them all.

While every child needs to be acquainted with denial of some of his or her more extravagant wishes, there is also a need for parents to consider each request on its own merit. There are so many necessary "nos" in life that we should say "yes" whenever we can.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. James C. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" appears each Thursday as a cooperative effort of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Herald. Letters may be sent to P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, Colo.; 80903.

CHURCH NEWS

Promise Keepers

There is a Promise Keepers meeting Monday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m. at College Park Church of God, 603 Tulane Ave. There will be a time of prayer and fellowship.

First United Methodist Church

"Make Love Your Aim" (1 Cor. 13) is Dr. Ed Williamson's message this Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. The message is about learning how the love like the Lord loves. Worship is at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. Our home page is www.xroadstx.com/users/fumc/index.htm

The First United Methodist Church has Wednesday noon Bible study class and meal each week in Garrett Hall and everyone is invited to attend.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

An open house reception, given by the Sutton and Money families, will be this Saturday from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Everyone is invited.

Father David Krause, Chaplain at Texas Tech in Lubbock, will be here Sunday to share a message about Campus Ministry in the Diocese.

On Wednesday, Jan. 7, a healing service with the sacrament of Holy Unction will be available to those who wish to receive it during Noon Chapel.

Eastside Baptist Church

Legacy, a gospel music group from Branson, Mo., will be appearing at the Eastside Baptist Church, East Sixth and Settles, this Sunday.

The group will be singing Please see CHURCH, page 6A.

CLUB NEWS

Newcomer's Club

The Big Spring Newcomer's Club will meet Thursday, Jan. 8, at 11:30 a.m. with lunch at noon at the Big Spring Country Club. The guest speaker, Q.T. Coats, owner of Timeless Design, will share ways to dress up the home after the holidays.

For reservations or more information about other newcomers activities, call Linda at

263-1966.

Big Spring Prospectors Club

The Big Spring Prospectors Club met Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at a local restaurant for their annual Christmas party and banquet.

An enjoyable program of music and songs was presented by Billie Miles, Mary Ellis, Janita Lindsey, Verla Dagget, Margarita and Gabriel Durand-Hollis

During a short business session, outgoing president Jerald Wilson presented the officers for 1998. They are as follows: President, Ralph Matteson;

Vice President, Bill Bohannan; Sec./treas., Lola Lamb

Board of directors: Mary Leek, Elaine Matteson, Myrtle Griffith, Chester Faught, Joe Whitaker, Laurence Snively, and show chairman, Jerald Wilson. These new officers will assume duties at the Jan. 8 regular meeting at 606 E. Third at 7:30 p.m.

Gifts were exchanged. Jerald announced that two of our members had been inducted into the American Federation of Mineral Societies Bulletin Hall of Fame at their annual meeting in Jackson, Miss., earlier in 1997. They were Lola Lamb and Virgil Perkins. This is the only South Central

Federation club having two members inducted. We are proud of their accomplishments.

Virgil has been a loyal member since 1974 until recent failing health has curbed his activities for a while. Lola Lamb has been editor since 1985 and has won numerous competition awards including one first place in the American Federation of Mineral Societies and has received five first place awards in South Central Federation. She has also won several first place awards in other categories as well.

If you are interested in gems Please see CLUB, page 6A.

SLICE of life!

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Motorcycle accidents declining

(NAPS) — A report from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation shows that in the last decade, motorcycle accidents and fatalities in the U.S. have decreased dramatically. These safety tips from the Foundation are hoped to further reduce accidents and fatalities for motorcycles and drivers who share the road with them:

- When driving a motorcycle, wear brightly colored clothing. At night, wear light-reflecting attire.
- Be cautious of drivers turning left across traffic lanes. This is a major cause of car/motorcycle collisions.
- For cars sharing the road with motorcyclists, always use turn signals to alert others in which direction you are going.
- Remember motorcyclists have the same right of way as automobile drivers.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Looking for casual, contemporary worship?

First Presbyterian Church, 8th and Runnels, will conduct a series of casual, contemporary worship services beginning Sunday at 9 a.m. The service will include many of the elements of a traditional service, but in a casual atmosphere.

It should last between 30-45 minutes. For more information, call the church at 263-4211. Services are planned in the chapel.

Line dancing at YMCA

The Big Spring Family YMCA has line dancing now, Fridays from 11 a.m.-noon. Call for more information, 267-8234.

THE LAST WORD

Cruelty must be white-washed by a moral excuse, and pretense of reluctance.
George Bernard Shaw

The impossible is often the untried.
Jim Goodwin

People only think a thing's worth believing in if it's hard to believe.
Armiger Barclay

Starting a new life

Nursing home patient, 27, leaves many 'grandparents' behind as he goes home

By GILLIAN SWANSON
The Monitor

McALLEN — When Paul Cantu walked out of Retama Manor Living Center nursing home last week, he left behind dozens of his closest family members.

"I'm anxious to leave, but at the same time I'm sad," Cantu, 27, said, glancing back at the center where he moved in February 1993. "This place is like a second home to me."

Cantu entered the facility after complications from chronic renal failure almost took his life. At the time, Cantu, then 22, was attending Texas State Technical College in Harlingen, taking computerized accounting classes and enjoying life as a first-year student.

"I ate anything, I drank anything ... I had that attitude. I didn't care," Cantu said.

A diabetic who didn't monitor his condition, that attitude nearly killed him.

When his limbs began to swell and he began to wear a jacket when it was 90 degrees outside, Cantu knew something was wrong. Eventually, both his kidneys failed.

Cantu didn't have medical insurance. Family problems prevented him from staying at home under the care of his parents. He soon qualified for Medicare and Medicaid.

His only option for 24-hour supervision was a nursing home, where at 22 Cantu became neighbors with nurses and senior citizens.

"When I got here I was very secluded. I was a hermit," Cantu said. "I didn't want anyone to hurt me, get near me."

Nurses and doctors monitored Cantu around the clock and ushered him to and from dialysis sessions. Cantu stayed in his room and grew angry at the world.

"I put them through Hades, especially when my blood sugar dropped to 19," Cantu said. "I was between life and death."

But three months into his urgent care, Cantu began to participate in activities to alleviate the boredom. He joined in crafts programs with the seniors and other nursing home residents. And he took those activities a step further, crafting key chains and belts from strips of leather.

"It kept me occupied," he said. "I'm not the kind of person (who) likes to lie down. ... I need to be active."

And somehow, those neighbors became close friends.

"I don't look at it like I'm the youngest and there are all these old people around me," Cantu said. "I look at them like they are all my grandparents and I am their grandchild."

Then, in March, Cantu

received news that his sister would donate one of her kidneys, a move that helped end his estrangement from his family.

"He's my brother," said Minnie Cantu. "I felt he needed a second chance at life, and if I could make a difference, I would."

"His mistakes almost cost him his life."

Four months after receiving his sister's kidney, Cantu is now fully recovered. Last week, he began packing up belongings. He loaded plastic crates and a stereo neatly into the back of his father's pickup. His roommate watched posters come off the walls and listened as the lone stereo blared music by Nine-Inch Nails.

"I crank it up," Cantu said. "The residents like it. They gather around the room."

Walking down the hallway, Cantu bid farewell to his friends at the nurse's station.

He asked for a supply of syringes and insulin to take with him when he moves into his sister's house.

"You're taking your stash," said Sudad Jenkins, LVN, handing him a box of syringes. "Just come back and visit."

After a brief hug, Jenkins began to tear up.

"I don't like to cry, so I'm leaving," Jenkins said, walking down the corridor. "Be good to

yourself."

As Cantu made his way down the hallways, he ran into other good friends, including house-keeping employee Hector Murilla. Each offered encouraging words and heartfelt hugs.

He placed a firm hand on the shoulder of some residents, asking in Spanish or English how they were doing.

"We're going to miss Paul," said Ann Hamby, administrator of Retama Manor Living Center. "He could run the activities department if we let him. If someone needed to go down the hall, he'll grab a wheelchair."

"Where else could you have a family of 80 or 90 people?" Hamby said.

But Cantu hesitated, looked down and grew silent when asked if he would bid goodbye to all the residents.

"I just hurts me to say goodbye to them, so I don't want to say goodbye," Cantu said. "I'm too attached to them."

It will be hardest to bid goodbye to his roommate, 56-year-old Ruben Pena.

"He was a good friend. ... I'll miss his music," Pena said.

Cantu's spirit, however, will remain. Pena will keep a few leather goods that Cantu has made him over the years.

"He knows that I'm leaving ... that's what I'm worried about," Cantu said. "It's kind of hard. ... Some of them I

make friends with and the next day they pass on. I get emotional, but I think they are in a better place."

Bennie Dillard, 52, who has been living at Retama for almost four months, also will miss Cantu's friendship.

"I just like Paul for all the things that he did," Dillard said.

He, too, has something to remember his friend by. Christmas decorations carefully selected by Cantu hang on Dillard's bedroom door.

"Paul was a funny guy ... he would say funny things," Dillard said.

The time spent at the center has convinced Cantu of what he wants to with his life. He plans to return to school next fall, this time seeking out a counseling program so he can help sick people discover the road to recovery and self-love.

"For them to gradually accept what they have and live their life to the fullest," Cantu said. "(Give them) a second chance at life."

And Cantu's dream is growing closer to reality.

Last week, he received a call from South Texas Organ Bank, asking him to help them counsel donor families and those who have lost loved ones.

"I'm trying to get over the shock ... everything is coming so fast," Cantu said.

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and minerals, lapidary, fossils or any phase of similar nature, remember our meetings are open and visitors are always welcome.

For more information call 263-3340 or 267-6233.

Mighty Oaks Senior Adult Club

The Mighty Oaks Senior Adult Club of East Fourth St. Baptist Church met in the church fellowship hall Tuesday, Dec. 16, for their regular monthly meeting and for a catered Christmas luncheon. Eighteen members and Bro. Dudley Mullins, new pastor of East Fourth St. Baptist Church, attended.

Ida Belle Bankston, club secretary/reporter, presided due to the illness and hospitalization of club president, Gertrude McCann.

December birthday honorees were Emily Pike and Mattie Richardson. Emily Pike, club pianist, entertained the group with selections of Christmas carols prior to the meal.

New club officers were elected to serve for the 1998 years. These were: Ida Belle Bankston, president; Joyce Walker, vice-president; Dorothy Taylor, secretary/reporter; Norma Kelley, treasurer; Marie Gillihan and Thelma Roberts, telephone committee; Dorothy Taylor, decorations chairman; Joy Fortenberry, program chairman; Vera (Hipp) Covington, assistant program chairman; Emily Pike, pianist; and volunteers to perform kitchen duties each month.

A resolution was adopted expressing sincere appreciation to all the outgoing club officers who served so well in 1997 and especially to outgoing president, Gertrude McCann for 12 years faithful service in this capacity.

Christmas gifts were exchanged by members attending.

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during regular Sunday morning services at 10:15 a.m. and will give a concert at the church 2 p.m. Sunday.

Doug Shelly, pastor, invites everyone to attend the morning worship service and the concert.

The 2 p.m. concert will be free, but an offering will be taken.

Outreach Aglow

Big Spring Outreach Aglow meeting will be 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 5, at the Dora Roberts Community Center with Tammy Woods guest speaker.

Tammy Woods and her husband, Bill, served as missionaries. They have just returned to the States after serving as orphanage administrators in Romania for the past four years. She is the daughter of Benny and Melva Hofacket of Big Spring.

Tammy's message will concern the trials through which we all must walk, pure motives, and how to heed the cry of the Holy Spirit.

Refreshments will be served from 6:15-7 p.m. and the cost is \$1.25 per person. There is a nursery provided at Miracle Revival Center, 600 E FM 700, for ages 0-4.

Study says churches need generational programming, mission

By CECILE S. HOLMES
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — A new, bipartisan study suggests savvy churches must heed generational differences in shaping programs and outreach over the next decade.

Or, as Houston pastor David McKechnie phrases it: "What we know is, you can't bring people in through the same chute. They want to come to church through a variety of entry points."

Many turn to the church over the holidays. Some simply visit on Christmas Eve and never come back. They're nostalgic for the church they attended in childhood or wonder how to pass on faith and values to their children. It's a season when churches try extra-hard to reach out.

The new study, however, suggests such outreach must be year-round.

For instance, McKechnie's 4,100-member congregation, Grace Presbyterian Church in west Houston, keeps individual needs and differences in mind in structuring everything from after-school programs for kids to mission trips for adults. So do hundreds of other churches across Houston. The pastors of several reported their congregations already recognize the mounting list of challenges to churches highlighted in the recent academic study.

The study, recently released through Duke University

Divinity School in North Carolina, examined the church-going habits, worship styles and religious beliefs of three different generations in the United States.

Overseeing the project were religion scholars Jackson W. Carroll of Duke and Wade Clark Roof of the University of California at Santa Barbara. This phase is part of their ongoing project examining how local churches handle the disparate values, needs, expectations and life experiences of three generations of Americans and how those patterns might influence church growth and decline.

In this phase, the scholars conducted a random sample of 1,150 North Carolinians and Southern Californians this past spring. The sample was divided into three groups: Generation Xers, people born between 1946 and 1964 and "pre-boomers," people born before 1946. In face-to-face and telephone interviews, respondents were asked detailed questions about religious and congregational life.

"One of the most striking findings of our study is the difference between the family experiences of Generation Xers and that of the two older generations," Carroll said.

Generation Xers and baby boomers are much more likely to require autonomy and freedom to explore theologically than previous generations.

Moms say caring for multiples requires organization, patience

By CHRISTI MAYS
Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO — A Waco mother of triplets remembers the day she heard about Bobbi McCaughey giving birth to seven babies in November.

"I thought, 'They can't feed them all,'" said Dee Ann Salinas, noting one person would have to work around the clock to feed seven babies. "That's not counting changing or bathing them."

Salinas remembers how much work it was to feed her own triplets when they were newborns five years ago.

"They were premature and had to be fed every three hours. It takes 30 minutes to feed each baby," she said. "That left only an hour and a half before the next feeding."

Taking care of one newborn can be challenging. What about twins or triplets?

Three bottles. Three high-chairs. Three cribs. Three mouths to feed. Three diapers to change. Three of everything.

The key is organization, Salinas said. "That's the bottom line to everything — to just be organized and also sticking to a schedule when they're small," she said. "They're 5, now but still on somewhat of a schedule. At night we bathe, book and bed in that order."

When her triplets — Jaclyn, Matt and Andy — were babies, Salinas said she and her husband, Gerry, kept them on a strict eating and sleeping schedule.

"Everybody says don't ever

wake up a sleeping baby, but I did just that to keep a schedule going," she said. She pointed out that if she let one baby sleep longer than the others, that baby would stay up later that night.

She still passes on to friends what she considers her best bit of advice when it comes to having several children.

"Get up and get yourself dressed," Salinas said. "If you want to do anything, like read the paper or have a cup of coffee, you have to get up early."

Once the babies are awake, there won't be any time left for you, she said.

"Getting yourself dressed makes you feel better — like you can attack different problems," Salinas said.

Tension caused by physical, mental and emotional stress is common for new parents, and multiplied for those with twins or triplets.

Planning some time for yourself on a regular basis can help relieve stress, according to California-based Twin Services, an information service for parents with multiples. Take a walk or a long bath, go shopping or go see friends, the service says.

When the triplets were younger, Salinas would pay a sitter to watch two of them while she took the third with her to run errands each week, rotating turns among the three children.

"It was like I was a mother with a kid. I could do it," she said.

Taking out one sibling at a time gave Salinas a chance to devote a little one-on-one atten-

tion to that child. "That's one thing you really miss out on when you have multiples," she said. "I missed that when they were babies. A lot of times, you did not have time to just hold that one."

With time at a premium, an organized home is a must for those dealing with infant multiples, according to Twin Services.

It advises putting baby clothes and equipment in convenient locations and setting up more than one changing area in the house.

Set up a few safe places where the babies can be left alone, like playpens, a circle of pillows, etc. Also, try to simplify your housework as much as possible.

Plan ahead when it comes to grocery shopping.

"We're fortunate with our careers and everything we do, but it's still costly. I bit the bullet when I went to the grocery store," said Salinas, who is a dentist, while her husband is a physician. "We didn't use name-brand diapers and used coupons."

Once the triplets got old enough to eat "people food," Salinas said finger foods were a lifesaver.

"Once they could pick up, I would be real creative about trying to get everything into finger-food form," she said. "I'd cut up chicken, peas, carrots or grapes."

Every day is a new challenge with multiples.

"The terrible 2s are not fun to be around when the children are having temper tantrums," she said.

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for if righteousness could be gained through my understanding and observing the law, then Christ died for nothing. Gal. 2:20-21.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen. Craig Felty is minister at Cornerstone church.

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Michigan lays claim to national title with 21-16 comeback

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

PASADENA, Calif. — With a close but clear victory in the Rose Bowl, Michigan needed just one more thing to claim the national championship; a final college football poll with its name still on top.

The Wolverines came back to beat No. 8 Washington State 21-16 on Thursday as Brian Griese threw three touchdown passes and Heisman Trophy winner Charles Woodson played his usual tough defense.

All that remained to validate Michigan's first national title since 1948 was balloting by the voters in The Associated Press' final poll. The poll will be released Saturday morning,

ROSE BOWL

after No. 2 Nebraska plays No. 3 Tennessee in the Orange Bowl.

No top-ranked team entering a bowl game has won and not been the national champion.

The game ended in controversy as Washington State's Ryan Leaf tried to spike the ball on the Michigan 26 with two seconds remaining. But by the time the play ended, the clock had run out and the Wolverines rushed onto the field to celebrate.

The Cougars stood stunned on the sidelines as the Wolverines gathered at the 20-yard line to receive the Rose

Bowl trophy.

Entering the game, Michigan had a commanding lead over Nebraska in the AP poll, 69-1 in first-place votes. In the coaches' poll, Michigan led Nebraska in first-place votes 53-8.

The Wolverines (12-0) should stay on top thanks to Griese. He had TD passes of 53 and 58 yards to Tai Streets, and 23 yards to Jerame Tuman early in the fourth quarter.

Woodson helped, too, intercepting a Leaf pass in the end zone after the Cougars were poised to take a 14-0 second-quarter lead.

With the victory, Michigan is set to give the Big Ten its first national title since Ohio State won it in 1968 and brings to an end 52 years of Rose Bowl

exclusively featuring the Big Ten champ against the Pac-10 champ. Next year, the Rose Bowl becomes part of a four-bowl alliance.

In front of a crowd of 101,219 — half in Cougars' crimson and gray, the other half in the Wolverines' maize and blue — Griese stole the spotlight from Leaf, who finished third in the Heisman Trophy race and completed 17 of 35 for 341 yards, one TD and an interception.

Griese, the son of NFL Hall of Fame quarterback Bob Griese, was 18-of-30 for 251 yards in his final game for the Wolverines.

Washington State (10-2) played most of the game without 1,000-yard rusher Michael Black, who left late in the first

quarter with a bruised right calf. He did not return until midway through the fourth quarter and was stopped for no gain on his only play.

It was 7-7 at halftime but the Cougars took a 13-7 lead on a 14-yard reverse by Shawn Tims with 8:33 left in the third quarter. Rian Lindell's extra point attempt was blocked by James Hall.

The Wolverines came right back and took the lead for good as Griese, who hit Streets with the 53-yard TD pass in the second quarter, connected with him again, for 58 yards. This time, Streets streaked past Dee Moronkola, hauled in Griese's pass at the 7-yard line and scored with 5:07 left in the

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Huskers can only wait, hope

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MIAMI — Even before the Rose Bowl began, Tom Osborne knew the score.

The retiring Nebraska coach was well aware that a victory by No. 1 Michigan would make it tough for his No. 2 team to win the national title, no matter how it did against Tennessee in the Orange Bowl.

Still, Osborne was not about to give up Thursday night after Michigan's 21-16 victory over No. 8 Washington State.

"We set a number of goals at the start of the season and I don't think any of those are eliminated at this point," Osborne said.

"Tennessee is going to be a very strong opponent and we'll just have to see how we play and what people think after the game is over," he said.

In the morning, he offered this one thought.

"My only hope is that people will watch the games — at least through January 2," he said. "However it falls, it falls."

Now, in Osborne's final game tonight, the unbeaten Cornhuskers will get a last chance to stake their claim to a third national title in four seasons when they take on Peyton Manning and the No. 3 Volunteers.

"Whether Michigan wins or loses, hopefully it will not have a major effect on how we play the game," Osborne said. "You kind of wish you were all playing at the same time."

Despite its 12-0 record, Nebraska finished far behind Michigan in the regular-season polls. The last time a team went undefeated and did not win the title was 1994 — when the Cornhuskers were voted ahead of Penn State.

Starting next season, the bowl alliance will include all teams, making a No. 1 vs. No. 2 match almost certain. Yet Osborne and Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer would support a playoff setup.

"I've changed in the last couple, three years," Fulmer said. "I always thought the bowl system was the way to go. But after being left out of the bowl alliance the last two or three seasons, I think we should play it off."

In the meantime, there was not much for either team to do Thursday except wait and watch.

Nebraska and Tennessee (11-1) each held walk-through practices at Pro Player Stadium during the first half of the Rose Bowl.

FINAL TUNE-UP SATURDAY



Big Spring Lady Steers post Nadia Cole (54) puts up a shot and scores, despite the defensive of two Lady Steers junior varsity defenders during a practice session scrimmage. The Lady Steers, 10-3 on the season, will have their final opportunity to prepare for the start of District 4-4A play Saturday when they play host to Snyder's Lady Tigers. Freshman action is slated for 3 p.m., with the junior varsity to play at 4:30 and the varsity nightcap set for a 6 p.m. tip.

McNown directs 29-23 UCLA win over Texas A&M

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DALLAS — Cade McNown joined Joe Montana in the Cotton Bowl miracle workers club.

Only Montana still owns the bowl's record for igniting comebacks, bringing Notre Dame from 22 points down to throw a touchdown pass on the last play of the game for a 35-34 win over Houston in 1979.

UCLA's McNown had to rally his team from a 16-0 deficit to beat Texas A&M 29-23 on Thursday.

Tight end Ryan Neufeld's 5-yard touchdown on an end around with 7:05 left put the Aggies away but it was McNown and running back Skip Hicks who made the big plays in the UCLA rally.

UCLA coach Bob Toledo said he wished the 10-2 Bruins could be in a playoff for the national title. The Bruins lost their first two games, narrowly, to Washington State and Tennessee then rolled to 10 consecutive wins. No UCLA team had won as many games in a row since 1946.

"I believe we should be in a playoff," Toledo said. "It's the only major college sport where there is no playoff for the championship. We should be able to win the title on the field not in the polls."

The Aggies got a big surprise when Neufeld scored his first rushing touchdown of the year.

"We practiced that play for a month," Neufeld said. "And it paid off."

McNown threw two touchdown passes and ran for a third and Skip Hicks gained 140 yards on 31 carries.

"When it had to be done, Cade did it," said Toledo. "We had to make some big adjustments at

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halftime. Cade is poised and confident."

McNown said the Aggie defense gave the Bruins big problems.

"A&M's defense played us well but we knew what we had to do and we did it," McNown said. "Talk is cheap when you got into a spot like we did. We stopped ourselves a lot and it got frustrating."

Hicks said UCLA was a little worried but added "we still had the confidence we were going to come back. We've been down before. It was great to end my career like this."

A&M (9-4) was led by linebacker Dat Nguyen, who intercepted a pass and had 20 tackles, 15 of them solo, in the loss.

"We had them going in the first half but they made adjustments to our blitz," Nguyen said. "We at least prove to the nation what a good defense we have."

The Aggies beat the UCLA blitz with a reverse pitchout to split end Chris Cole, who dashed 43 yards for a touchdown in the third quarter to give them a 22-14 lead with 8:37 left. Randy McNown, subbing at quarterback for injured Brannon Stewart who hurt an ankle, faked a handoff, then pitched to Cole going the other way, fooling the Bruin defense.

But McNown ran 20 yards to cut the deficit to 23-21 heading in the fourth quarter.

McNown threw a 22-yard touchdown pass to Jim McElroy, with two seconds left in the half and then hit Hicks with a 41-yard pass on UCLA's first possession.

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Georgia's quickness too much for Wisconsin's power

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TAMPA, Fla. — Size and power were no match for speed and quickness in the Outback Bowl.

Robert Edwards ran for three touchdowns and Mike Bobo finished a near-perfect day with 19 consecutive completions to lead No. 12 Georgia to a 33-6 rout of Wisconsin on Thursday.

Edwards ran for 110 yards, while Bobo wound up 26-of-28 for 235 yards and one TD to earn the most valuable player award. Edwards' backup, Olandis Gary, rushed for 61 yards on just four carries and scored once.

Wisconsin's superior size, particularly on the offense line where the Badgers

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average 324 pounds, proved to be a liability instead of an advantage. Georgia's smaller, but much quicker defensive front dominated the line of scrimmage.

Edwards and Gary upstaged Ron Dayne, Wisconsin's 262-pound tailback who this season joined Herschel Walker and Marshall Faulk as the only runners in NCAA history with over 3,000 career rushing yards as sophomores.

Dayne ran for 1,421 yards and scored 15 touchdowns during the regular season despite being slowed by ankle problems, but was held to 36 yards on 14 carries by

Georgia's swarming defense.

When the Bulldogs weren't stopping Dayne, they were making the day miserable for Badgers quarterback Mike Samuel, who was intercepted twice in the first half and finished with eight completions in 27 attempts for 84 yards.

Edwards scored on runs of 2 and 40 yards in the opening quarter, then ran over safety Leonard Taylor at the goal line on a 13-yarder that put Georgia up 26-0 early in the second half.

Gary had a 44-yard run to set up Edwards' second TD and later scored on a 3-yard carry for a 19-0 halftime lead. Bobo threw a 7-yard TD pass to Corey Allen in the fourth quarter, but Hines Ward was Georgia's most productive

receiver with an Outback Bowl-record 12 receptions for 122 yards.

The loss was Wisconsin's first in four bowl appearances under Barry Alvarez, the only coach since 1901 to lead the Badgers (8-5) to more than eight victories in a season.

The Big Ten team avoided a shutout when backup quarterback Scott Kavanaugh threw a 12-yard touchdown pass to Dague Retzlaff with 4:04 remaining in the game.

Georgia finished its second season under Jim Donnan with victories in six of its last seven games. The Bulldogs' 10-2 record was their best since 1992, when they beat Ohio State in the Florida Citrus Bowl to end up with 10 wins.

Florida lets Taylor carry load in knocking off Penn State, 21-6

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

ORLANDO, Fla. — Forget the offensive imagination of Steve Spurrier. No. 6 Florida let its best running back carry the load, which made all the difference against Penn State in the Citrus Bowl.

Fred Taylor pounded the No. 11 Nittany Lions for a career-high 234 on 43 carries, and Jacquez Green caught two touchdown passes from different quarterbacks in a 21-6 victory Thursday.

Florida (10-2) had no trouble stopping Penn State, which was without All-America running back Curtis Enis and big-play receiver Joe Jurevicius, who had accounted for half of the offense and 60 percent of the touchdowns.

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Penn State (9-3), which gave up a school-record 452 yards to Michigan State in its last game, never could find a solution for Taylor, who broke a 35-year-old Citrus Bowl record for most rushing yards.

Even more devastating for the Nittany Lions was the loss of Enis, who was suspended for accepting a suit from a sports agent to wear at an awards show.

Penn State had minus-1 yard rushing at halftime, when it trailed 14-3, and was twice stopped on fourth-and-goal from inches away.

Taylor, a senior whose career was

marred by two suspensions for misdemeanor crimes, finished it in style. Although his longest run was only 15 yards, he continually picked up chunks of yardage that wore down Penn State.

His 234 yards broke the Citrus Bowl record set by Jim Gray of East Texas State in 1953, and was the best ever by a Gator in a bowl game. Only Emmitt Smith, who had 316 yards against New Mexico State in 1989, has had more rushing yards in a game for Florida.

For the second straight game, Florida rotated quarterbacks every other play. Actually, all three of their quarterbacks figured in the scoring.

Noah Brindise scored on a 1-yard sneak to open the game and Doug Johnson threw a 35-yard TD pass to

Green on the next possession for a 14-0 lead just seven minutes into the game.

Johnson hurt his right shoulder on a tackle at the end of the third quarter, but Spurrier stuck with the rotation, and Canadian freshman Jesse Palmer threw a 37-yard touchdown to Green on his first pass.

Still, it didn't matter who Florida used at quarterback or how. Taylor and the defense were more than enough.

Penn State finished with only 139 yards, its worst performance of the year, and had only one drive longer than 25 yards. Chris Eberly had 53 yards on 14 carries, while Mike McQueary was 10-of-32 for 92 yards and was intercepted three times.

When the Lions had their chances,

the Gators' defense took them away.

Penn State linebacker Brandon Short came on a perfectly timed run blitz, knocked the ball loose on the exchange and then recovered it 22 yards later at the 6 late in the first half. But on fourth-and-inches, Tim Beauchamp stuffed Chris Eberly.

The Lions got one more chance before halftime when Kenny Watson returned a punt 52 yards to the 5. McQueary tried to pass on fourth-and-inch and was picked off by Mike Harris.

Spurrier ran his assortment of razzle-dazzle plays — a fake double reverse, a flea-flicker for 19 yards, a tight end reverse — but Taylor carried the

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third. Kraig Baker's extra point
gave Michigan a 14-13 lead.

The Cougars, who entered the
game averaging 42.5 points per
game, were unable to respond
against the nation's top-ranked
defense.

Michigan's offense, though,
took control in the fourth quar-
ter, moving 77 yards on 14
plays, capped by Griese's 23-
yard TD pass to a wide-open
Tuman on a play-action pass.

Lindell kicked a 48-yard field
goal with 7:25 left to pull the
Cougars within 21-16, but Leaf
and the Cougars fell short in the
end.

Washington State took over
with 29 seconds left and no
timeouts from its own 7. After
two incompletions, Leaf con-
nected with Nian Taylor for 46
yards — a play on which Taylor
appeared to push off Woodson.
After a 5-yard penalty against
the Cougars, Leaf hit Love
Jefferson, who lateraled to
Jason Clayton and the play
went to the Michigan 26.

But Leaf ran out of time and
the Wolverines had their first
perfect season since their title
season of '48.

In the first half, the Cougars'
defense looked more like the
Wolverines', shutting down
Michigan's running game. But
Griese was still completing
passes more consistently than
Leaf, who had six balls dropped
in the first half.

Griese overcame an interception
by Lamont Thompson on the
Wolverines' first series and
tied the game at 7 with his 53-
yard hookup with Streets, who
beat cornerback Ray Jackson
with 7:08 left in the half.

Leaf, meanwhile, survived
two early blitzes from Woodson
and came back on the Cougars'
second series to throw a 15-yard
TD pass to Kevin McKenzie.

Leaf had the Cougars poised
to score again, completing pass-
es of 22 yards to Shawn
McWashington and 35 yards to
Chris Jackson down to the
Michigan 14. But two plays
later, Woodson stepped in front
of McKenzie in the left corner of
the end zone and pulled in his
eighth interception of the season.

Coming off four straight four-
loss seasons, the Wolverines
were an unlikely No. 1 choice
when the season began. In fact,
coach Lloyd Carr's job reportedly
was in jeopardy if the
Wolverines weren't able to turn
things around.

Carr challenged his team by
using the best seller "Into Thin
Air," a nonfiction account of an
ill-fated ascent of Mount
Everest, as a metaphor for the
season.

A strong season-opening 27-3
win over Colorado moved
Michigan into the Top 10 and
the Wolverines' defense took
over. Through the first eight
games, Michigan did not allow a
touchdown in the second half.

When Penn State scored one
on Nov. 8, the Wolverines were
already ahead by 34 points in
their 34-8 win, which bumped
them from No. 4 to No. 1 in the
AP poll — the first time in
seven years the Wolverines
were atop the rankings.

Two weeks later, Woodson
came up with the game of a life-
time in a 20-14 win over bitter
rival Ohio State. He returned a
punt 78 yards for a TD, inter-
cepted a pass in the end zone to
stop a Buckeyes' scoring threat
and caught a 37-yard pass to set
up a TD.

It gave Michigan its first per-
fect regular-season since 1971,
sealed Woodson's Heisman
Trophy and put the Wolverines
in position for the school's sec-
ond national title.

At the Rose Bowl, Michigan
finally conquered their own
Mount Everest — the national
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He carried the ball five times
to start the game and had 40
yards, and Noah Brindise fin-
ished off the 80-yard drive with
a 1-yard run on third down.

Penn State's longest drive of
the half — 8 yards — ended
when Fred Weary stepped in
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in his integrity; his
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, JAN. 3:

You throw yourself fully into whatever you do. Your sense of commitment and caring opens doors and allows loved ones to be who they really are. You feel better with others than you have in past years. You might not take any long-distance trips this year. Plans change easily. If you are single, your love life becomes increasingly active; you enjoy being with others, socializing and sharing. If attached, your relationship grows much closer. Be more generous with your mate. You enjoy the rewards of fully understanding each other. PISCES makes you feel lively.

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) Assume a low profile. You wonder what is really happening here; you aren't getting a full, clear picture. Do not abandon ship, but continue your quest to get down to basics. Take a long-needed nap; you have pushed beyond your limits. Tonight: Vanish!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Aim for what you want. You are overwhelmed by a boss, parent or someone in charge. You are correct; this person doesn't hear you. Take the day off for a fun excursion. Out of your normal environment, you

can relate differently. Tonight: Join friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You are out of sorts; no matter what you do or say, you can't seem to turn a situation around. You must postpone a trip or unusual get-together. Spending time with a partner helps you gain another perspective. Talks are upbeat. Tonight: Let another coax you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Pressure is intense with a key partner, who also affects you financially. Take the overview, and choose to get past problems. You'll enjoy getting together with friends. Laughter helps ease tension. Try a new place, be willing to break patterns. Tonight: Try an art film.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Another wants all your time. Whether you choose to be with this person is the question. You might be a bit out of kilter; think through what is important in the long run. A child or new friend is difficult. Discussions are animated. Tonight: Get down to basics with a partner.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Creativity is highlighted, so you might want to find solutions to a domestic situation. Listen to a child or loved one who has excellent ideas. Brainstorming, laughing and teasing allow you to relax. You might be overly tense. Tonight:

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Let another take the lead. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Anxiety is high; ask for that massage or foot rub. You also need to tackle your work or a project. Energy is high and somewhat diverse, though you have established strong foundations. A child or loved one acts up. Let it be. Tonight: Take a night off.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Your amusement quotient is high. You are determined to have it your way, though a friend is contrary. Your playfulness is alluring. Rely on your seductiveness. A good time happens, and everyone appreciates what you add. Tonight: Others count on you for fun.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Though you make the world your playground, and feel the grass is always greener on the other side, you are happiest at home. Take a day off, and establish greater security for yourself and a loved one. A communication befuddles you. Tonight: Make a favorite dinner.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Discussions are your forte. Others come to you for insight, direction and feedback. There is an element of confusion. Plans can change; this is the time to express what is happening with you. Have lunch with an out-of-town friend. Tonight:

Do your thing. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Take stock of finances. You might want to take advantage of a sale before you put yourself on a stringent budget. A child or loved one acts up; discussions don't seem to help. Don't pull out your hair; take a deep breath, and let go. Tonight: A little indulgence works.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You are personality-plus, but you aren't sure about everyone else. Examine what you want and keep it in mind. Friends get together and invite you. Make the most of the weekend and the tail end of celebrations. Ask for what you want. Tonight: Your smiles go far.

BORN TODAY Actor Mel Gibson (1956), actress Victoria Principal (1950), singer Stephen Stills (1945)

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Choosing teams in gym class needn't be lesson in rejection

DEAR ABBY: I am a P.E. teacher, writing in response to the letter in your column from the child signed "Always Chosen Last."

It is humiliating to be chosen last. I know; I've been there, too. Usually friends are chosen first, and then the most skilled players.

When I became a P.E. teacher, to prevent anyone from being chosen last, I stopped the "choosing" midway and allowed the remaining students to go to the team of their choice. Many times I chose the "always chosen last" student to be the leader, so that he or she could "pick and choose."

Children who feel the same as "Always Chosen Last" should talk to their P.E. teachers and tell them how they feel. And, Abby, if you print my letter, please urge the children to clip it and take it with them.

In the meantime, they should try not to let this bother them because it's a very common problem. Learning to "roll with the punches" will make them stronger later in life. —EBBIE, AN OLD P.E. TEACHER

DEAR EBBIE: I agree that it's a common problem, but I do not agree that facing daily rejection at school will make students stronger. Sometimes it only reinforces their feelings of inadequacy and low self-esteem. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: This is the first time I've written to you, but when I read the letter from "Always Chosen Last," my heart ached. Not everyone can be a "jock" or have an outgoing

personality. When I was a volunteer gym teacher years ago, we didn't allow kids to pick sides for that very reason. The kids would line up and count off 1-2-3-4. Sometimes the team would be made up of the "ones and threes," the "twos and fours," etc. It kept the kids from knowing ahead of time which team they'd be on. And once in a while, the shy kids outshone the jocks!

Maybe the current P.E. teachers should take note. Kids have enough to cope with without being made to feel inferior to their peers. —EX-GYM MOM IN CINCINNATI

DEAR EX-GYM MOM: Your method of team selection is simple and straightforward. Another suggested method is to divide the children into teams using the school colors and to further subdivide them with the random number system for activities such as debate teams and sports teams.

DEAR ABBY: My heart broke when I read the letter from "Always Chosen Last." My grandson could have written it. He is also a 10-year-old fifth-grader who likes sports, but does not excel in them. Although he's highly intelligent and achieves academically, P.E. is a blight on his day.

Gym teachers should make sure the teams are different every day, perhaps by putting numbers into a hat and having the kids draw them sight unseen. You may not develop any super teams that way, but that's not the purpose of P.E. class anyway. —HOPING FOR A CHANGE

DEAR ABBY: At 10 years old, I suffered the same rejection and humiliation. But playing ball was not the only game in town. Books became my friends — and I've been on a treasure hunt ever since.

For exercise, I rode my bike, swam and trail-hiked. Years

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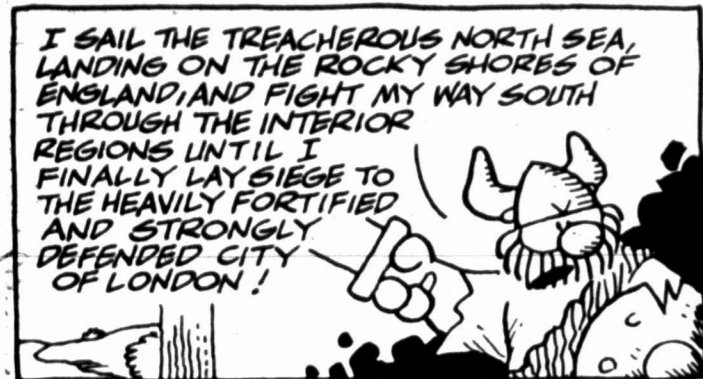
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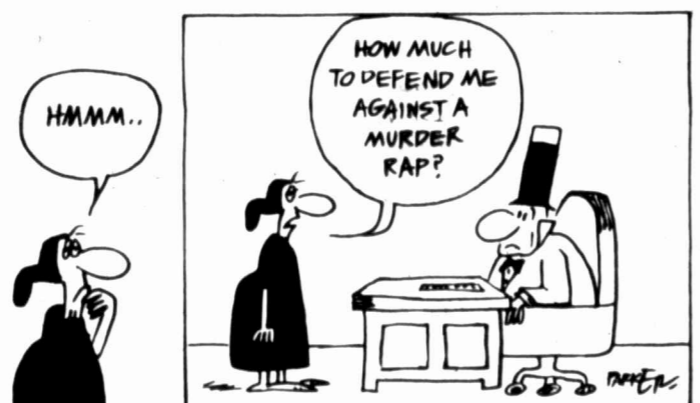
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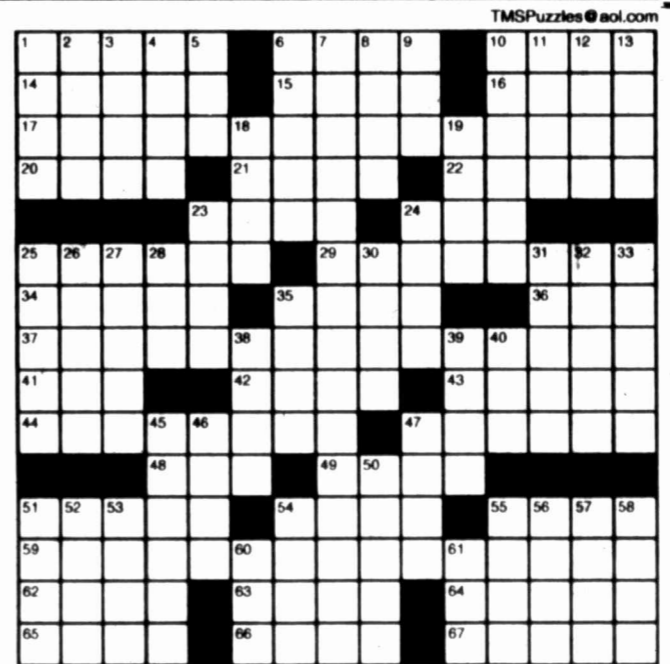
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In 1492, the leader of the last Arab stronghold in Spain surrendered to Spanish forces loyal to King Ferdinand II and Queen Isabella I. In 1788, Georgia became the fourth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution. In 1929, the United States and Canada reached agreement on joint action to preserve Niagara Falls.

THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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