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Concert offers chance to help with United Way

Tuesday night's Crossroads Community Concert performance at 7:30 in the Municipal Auditorium featuring Boxcars will offer patrons the opportunity to support both the United Way and the Salvation Army food bank.

Persons wishing to make a donation on behalf of either organization may do so at the concert.

A collection container will be set up for monetary donations to the United Way while a collection box will be set up for donation of canned food for the Salvation Army food bank.

Republican Club to hold Q&A session

The Howard County Republican Club will meet Tuesday at 5:30 in the County Courtroom of the Howard County Courthouse.

This month's program will include a question and answer session with local candidates Marilyn Carson, Jerry Kilgore, Ben Lockhart, Homer Wilkerson and Scott McLaughlin.

The meeting is open to the public.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Janis Dean, 267-3068.

□ Big Spring Commandery No. 31, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main, 6:30 p.m. dinner.

□ Big Spring Assembly No. 211, Social Order of the Beauceant, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main, 6:30 p.m. dinner.

□ Howard County NAACP, 7 p.m., Chamber of Commerce conference room. Call Stephanie Horton, 264-0306.

TUESDAY

□ Beginning line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628.

□ Quarterback Club, 7:30 p.m. All football parents and fans welcome.

WEDNESDAY

□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park. Call 398-5522 or 267-1628.

□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room

□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

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Fall Welcome Home Reception scheduled for Wednesday

By T.E. JENKINS
Staff Writer

Newcomers to the Big Spring area will have the chance to get acquainted with the sights and sounds of the city Wednesday evening, as the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce presents its Fall Welcome Home Reception for all newcomers Wednesday at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

"This is an excellent chance for newcomers to Big Spring to

get acquainted with many of the area residents, as well as find out what our city has to offer," said Pam Welch, co-chairperson of the Welcome Home Reception. "There will be many different figures from the city present, as well as some of the groups that operate here."

Welch said the program, which began in the spring of 1997, has also spurred other programs within the community.

"After the first meeting in 1997, the Newcomers Club was formed," said Welch. "There are

a number of programs for newcomers to make them more aware of what the community has to offer. A lot of people don't get the chance to go out and meet the different residents of Big Spring, so this should provide a much needed service."

Welch said that the different perspectives newcomers bring to the city is a very important part of the community, as well as the government.

"A lot of people that move here have new ideas and perspectives on a lot of the issues

we are facing as a community," said Welch. "That fresh perspective allows us to make the changes that are necessary to make the community a better place for everyone."

According to Welch, there will be representatives of many different Big Spring organizations present during the program, and will present a chance for individuals to find out what they do.

"There will be a lot of different organizations represented during the program," said

Welch. "Representatives from the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra, the Newcomers Club, the Ambassadors Club, as well as other non-profit organizations."

"We will have refreshments for everyone in attendance, as well as child care available for anyone who doesn't have it available."

"It's going to be a lot of fun, and anyone who is a newcomer or would like to help welcome our new residents to Big Spring is invited."

Salvation Army been helping others for more than 110 years

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the fourth in a series of articles on the member agencies of the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County. NEXT WEEK: Westside Day Care Center.

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

What assistance agency in Big Spring averaged more than 1,000 contacts per week in its fiscal year ending Sept. 30?

If you guessed the Salvation Army, you'd be correct.

From Oct. 1, 1997 through Sept. 30, a total of 52,516 contacts were made by the Salvation Army and more than \$185,000 in assistance was administered by the United Way member agency.

"This is the first year of the new welfare program," explained Salvation Army Maj. Roy Tolcher. "I don't know if this is a sign of things to come, but the increases the first year were tremendous."

Tremendous is an understatement.

Assistance contacts increased 21,500 from the year before, when a total of 31,016 persons were helped — or more than 40 percent — and the amount of assistance increased from \$115,315.92 to \$185,485.21 — more than 60 percent.

And with the agriculture and oil economies suffering, there is a great deal of concern at the Big Spring Corps at 811 W.

Fifth St. Already, persons are applying for holiday assistance. The Corps' "Angel Trees," the Christmas trees that carry the names of young and old alike who would go without Christmas otherwise, are ready to be positioned around the community.

Other efforts persons generally associate with the Salvation Army and the holidays are also in the planning stages. The dolls for the annual doll auction have already been distributed for decoration and dressing and bell ringers are already being solicited.

"It's a busy time of year," explained social services coordinator Danelle Castillo. "There are so many things going on all at once."

Already, there is a fear that there won't be enough to go around. That's because of the heavy demand for assistance all year long and the early demand for holiday assistance.

And even though the agency has to impose deadlines for sign-up, Tolcher says he has a hard time turning someone away who needs help — especially a child during the holidays.

For more than 110 years, the Salvation Army has helped provide for those less-fortunate.

Whether it's a bed or a hot meal or a place to take a shower to be clean enough to go looking for a job, the Salvation Army has been there for mil-



Danelle Castillo, social services director for the Big Springs Corps of the Salvation Army, sorts food as part of the United Way member agency's food bank program. Persons wishing to donate to the food bank may do so Tuesday night at the Crossroads Community Concert at 7:30 in Municipal Auditorium featuring Boxcars from Austin.

lions of men and women. Assistance is provided in a variety of other ways as well — clothing, energy aid, food, a fan in the heat of the summer or furniture.

For the family who has an

emergency to which it needs to respond, but no money, the Salvation Army is there, just as it has been for more than a century.

The local Salvation Army Corps is headed by Maj. Roy

Tolcher and his wife, Maj. Mary Dell Tolcher. Guidance is provided by a volunteer advisory board that helps oversee the annual budget, which was \$437,862 for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30.

Importance of Hispanic heritage impressed upon fifth graders



Tina Lopez, an 11-year-old fifth grader at College Heights Elementary, looks at some of the art work the class has prepared during their study of Hispanic Heritage.

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

The importance of Hispanic heritage became clearer for the 24 students in Pat DeAnda's fifth grade class at College Heights.

"If we mention voting and someone says 'porque voto el cabo no se hace nada,' (why vote? nothing will happen), what do we say," asked Pat DeAnda.

"To make a difference!" the students shouted.

DeAnda's fifth graders have learned the importance of their heritage, as well as the importance of education and government.

Big Spring School board trustee Al Valdes spoke to the

class and shared his heritage and the necessity to keep trying.

"I was born in Havana, Cuba, and I got to this country because I was trying," Valdes said.

He said while playing baseball in Cuba, he was approached by baseball scouts, and came to the United States to play professional baseball for nine years.

Valdes had the students point out Cuba on their class globes. And he told a story about two men who relied on each other to keep time for their city, without the other knowing.

Many of the students said one important lesson they had discovered from Hispanic Heritage studies were the number of role models the culture shares.

Alex Hilario said he enjoyed learning about such Hispanic notables as Antonia Hernandez, who was a civil rights lawyer, and Cesar Chavez, a civil rights leader.

Jose Ramirez said Ellen Ochoa was the first Hispanic female astronaut to travel to the moon.

And William Castillo said Jaime Escalante is a famous teacher in southern California who helped his Hispanic students pass college entrance examinations.

"The students passed, but they accused them of cheating. So they made them take the test again, and they passed again," Castillo said.

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Open house at Runnels brings back memories for many

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

More than 200 people, young, young at heart, and in between, gathered at Runnels Junior High School on Sunday to visit with an old friend and to walk the halls of memory once more.

"We were scared we'd get lost when we came to the school then," said Wanda (Young) Johnson, class of 1958-59. "I thought, 'I hope I don't get lost.' I had never concentrated so hard remembering my classes, but I never did get lost."

Organizers Teri Bamert, school secretary, and principal Bill Tarleton said the event was well attended and informative.

"I was told the bricks lost on the top (arch) outside happened when it was struck by lightning. And also, someone told me our gym was the only competition gym in town that was usable for competition, for a time," Tarleton said.

About 23 current students

helped serve refreshments and conduct tours for the guests. Some of the students said they enjoyed hearing the "old stories" and said they have enjoyed their school year at Runnels.

"Some of these people saw old friends and they said things like, 'I haven't seen you since graduation,'" said Ashley Tuttle, president of the student council.

"Right now, we're hoping and dreaming about our future, and one day, this will all be our past," she said.

Wayland Pierce, vice principal for Runnels, said he was pleasantly surprised by the large attendance.

"I really didn't expect this," he said.

Mamie Padgett Roberts and Francis Gillim Zant said they had a hectic homecoming weekend. Ms. Roberts, the oldest living graduate of the school, Class of 1923, and Ms. Zant,



Among the more than 200 people attending the Runnels Junior High open house were Francis Gillim Zant, left, and Mamie Padgett Roberts.

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Trophies, photos among items at BSHS museum

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

A collection of annuals, diplomas, class pictures, trophies and letter sweaters decorate the Big Spring High School museum, located in the school library.

Craig Fischer, founder and proprietor of the museum, said he began collecting items in 1974-75.

"Then we just had cubby holes, store rooms, off the library. That was my second year here, and it just kept growing," Fischer said.

In the 1975-76 school year, a large room located off the library was remodeled. One

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NATO strikes on Kosovo would start with Serb air defenses and escalate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The first stage of an attack on Serbia would feature U.S. B-52s launching cruise missiles from outside the reach of Serbia's formidable air defenses while a pair of B-2 Stealth bombers would work at night, targeting bunkers and underground caves that hide Serb warplanes and command posts, according to defense officials familiar with allied strike planning.

Though designed to force Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic to end repression in Kosovo, the strikes would extend beyond that ethnically divided region throughout all of Serbia, said the officials, who spoke Sunday on condition of not being identified by name. As many as 430 NATO planes are ready for what could grow to become the most massive air campaign in the history of the alliance, they said.

"It could happen at any time," Sandy Berger, President Clinton's national security adviser, said on CNN's "Late Edition."

A Republican senator and former combat pilot said Sunday that Americans should expect U.S. casualties to result from an air campaign.

U.S. spy satellites have captured images of Serbia's small but potentially troublesome air force dispersing to caves, bunkers or even fields to avoid the onslaught that could begin as soon as Monday if diplomatic efforts in Kosovo break down, according to the Clinton administration officials who spoke Sunday on condition of anonymity.

Only a fraction of Serbia's force of 65 MiG-21s and 15 highly capable MiG-29s remains at Serb air bases, and those aircraft are no longer parked wing-tip to wing-tip, where they could be quickly decimated by NATO air power.

Budget negotiations enter second rugged week

WASHINGTON (AP) — Budget negotiations are entering their second week, with the White House and Republican leaders narrowing major differences and lawmakers stuck in Washington for the duration, nervously eyeing the Nov. 3 elections.

President Clinton insisted the bottom line must be Republican concessions on education policy. "The delay must end. On education, Congress must choose progress over partisanship," he said before meeting with Democratic leaders Sunday.

Rep. Tom DeLay, R-Texas, said the two sides discussed differences over education and the environment and "made some real progress."

Both sides insist they will stay until a deal is reached and there will be no government shutdown. "We'll stay here as long as it takes and work on the budget," said House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas.

Doctors order Yeltsin to cut short trip for health reasons

ALMATY, Kazakstan (AP) — Doctors ordered Russian President Boris Yeltsin to cut short his trip to Central Asia for health reasons today, and he agreed to return home a day early, the Interfax news agency reported.

Yeltsin's aides said he was suffering from a cold. The 67-year-old leader has a long history of health problems, but there was no word that he was seriously ill.

Calling Clinton, Starr as witnesses possible key to deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton and prosecutor Kenneth Starr both could end up testifying to the House impeachment inquiry in what some Democrats hope would be a prelude to a deal for Clinton.

American would like to hear from the president," said Rep. Asa Hutchinson, R-Ark., a member of the Judiciary Committee.

Constitution "gave us a procedure... to either impeach or not impeach," DeLay said. "That is the only decision that the House has, and anything else is unconstitutional."

"If I were putting my money on either side, I'd said the president is going to be a more effective witness" than Starr, said Moran.

Three Americans win Nobel Medicine Prize for nitric oxide discoveries

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Robert F. Furchgott, Louis J. Ignarro and Ferid Murad of the United States won the Nobel Medicine Prize today for discoveries that shed light on the cardiovascular system.

They discovered how nitric oxide acts as a signal molecule for the body's blood vessels, a breakthrough with applications ranging from hardening of the arteries to impotence.

Report reveals straps, straitjackets implicated in hundreds of deaths

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Restraints such as straitjackets and bed straps have caused hundreds of deaths in the nation's psychiatric and mental retardation facilities in the past decade, the Hartford Courant reported.

The newspaper's investigation was prompted by the death of 11-year-old Andrew McClain, who died while being restrained in a Portland, Conn., psychiatric hospital in March.

at the State University of New York in Brooklyn, Ignarro is at University of California, Los Angeles and Murad is at the University of Texas Medical School in Houston.

hoping he (Ignarro) would win it. We thought he had a strong chance to win. It's well deserved."

Iranian foundation raises reward for killing Rushdie

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The restraints, supposed to be used only as a last resort, are commonly used for discipline or the convenience of staff at psychiatric and mental institutions, the newspaper reported Sunday.

The Courant said its investigation confirmed 142 restraint-related deaths, many involving children, since 1988. The true death count may be three to 10 times higher because many cases are not reported to authorities, according to a statistical estimate commissioned by the Courant.

Health care officials say restraints are used less frequently and more compassionately than ever before.

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The federal government does not collect such data.

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OUR VIEWS

Columbus Day recalls discovery of the new world

As children, we learned the rhyme, "In fourteen hundred and ninety-two, Columbus sailed the ocean blue ..."

We were taught that Columbus discovered what we now know to be America in 1492 and, it was not until the world was set to observe the 500th anniversary of that discovery did the many controversies surrounding Columbus become more or less common knowledge.

After five centuries, Columbus remains a mysterious and controversial figure who has been variously described as one of the greatest mariners in history, a visionary genius, a mystic, a national hero, a failed administrator, a naive entrepreneur, and a ruthless and greedy imperialist.

Columbus's enterprise to find a westward route to Asia grew out of the practical experience of a long and varied maritime career, as well as out of his considerable reading in geographical and theological literature. He settled for a time in Portugal, where he tried unsuccessfully to enlist support for his project, before moving to Spain. After many difficulties, through a combination of good luck and persuasiveness, he gained the support of the Catholic monarchs, Isabel and Fernando.

The widely published report of his voyage of 1492 made Columbus famous throughout Europe and secured for him the title of Admiral of the Ocean Sea and further royal patronage. Columbus, who never abandoned the belief that he had reached Asia, led three more expeditions to the Caribbean. But intrigue and his own administrative failings brought disappointment and political obscurity to his final years.

Still, today is the the day on which we Americans celebrate the discovery of the New World by Christopher Columbus and opportunities made available to us because of his persistence and persuasion with Isabella and Fernando.

Long live Columbus ... long live the Americas.

OTHER VIEWS

The admirals and generals who testified before the Senate Armed Services Committee ... didn't receive their usual warm reception.

Republican and Democratic senators complained that the nation's top military officers had been slow to warn them about the seriousness of the problems that jeopardize the readiness of the armed forces.

The military spends less on new equipment than at any other time since the Carter administration in the late 1970s.

Gen. Harry H. Shelton, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs, pointedly reminded senators that if Congress would approve the proposed two additional rounds of base closings, the Department of Defense would save \$21 billion.

President Clinton has proposed \$1 billion to \$4 billion to address the Joint Chiefs' concerns. The Pentagon would like an additional \$40 billion or so over five years.

For starters, Congress should close bases to help out.

The moment is also right to review priorities. In the post Cold War era, a leaner military makes sense.

AKRON (OHIO)

BEACON JOURNAL

Elected officials in city and county governments throughout California would do well to reflect on the shooting rampage in Riverside ... and look into what can be done to make government buildings safer for themselves and the public.

To be sure, added security measures offer no guarantee of safety, but it would be foolish to insist that unrestricted access is an immutable aspect of democracy. It can happen here.

(Last week) in Riverside, it was a man with a handgun who didn't have to face a metal detector or an armed security guard as he marched into City Hall.

After the Riverside shooting, Mayor Loveridge said security at City Hall will be beefed up. There are ways to do this without succumbing to fortress-mentality demands for unreasonable restrictions.

Angry, disgruntled employees and other disturbed people are everywhere. It's better to be prepared for them than to think about what you could have done after the rampage is over.

LOS ANGELES TIMES

It's wait 'til next year for many high-profile bills

By DONALD M. ROTHBERG
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Every Congress leaves its mark, measured in laws that have an impact on American life. The 105th Congress may be remembered as much for the high-profile legislation it could not pass.

In its final days, Congress has given up plans to enact an \$80 billion tax cut, to deal with widespread public unhappiness with managed health care, to rewrite banking and bankruptcy laws and to raise the federal minimum wage.

Bipartisan proposals to cut teen-age smoking and to rewrite campaign finance laws died earlier in the session.

At this stage in the session, only three weeks from Election Day, words speak louder than actions. Claims are made, fingers are pointed. Democrats refer to the "do-nothing Republican Congress." GOP leaders are using the closing days of the session to list accomplishments in education and the environment and blame the Democratic president for blocking further progress.

The torrent of words is aimed at the voters in an election in which Democrats are trying to portray themselves as protectors of Social Security and advocates of better health care and education. Republicans want the voters to think of them as the party of lower taxes and smaller government.

The Democrats want the electorate to think of their agenda rather than sex in the White House. But the Republicans controlled the highest-profile vote of the 105th Congress, the one that authorized an impeachment inquiry against President Clinton.

Clinton used his weekly radio address Saturday to press Congress to enact his education program in the closing hours of the session. "Congress has an opportunity and an obligation to renew and strengthen our schools. There is no more important task before us," he argued.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., responded that he was a product of public schools, the son of a teacher and therefore was better qualified to help the nation's schools than "pampered people who went to private schools."

Lott told a news conference that "the president and the vice president never spent a day in public schools in their lives."

When reporters pointed out that Clinton attended public schools in Arkansas, Lott said

he was thinking of the fact the president went to college at Georgetown and law school at Yale.

Clinton also chided Congress for failing to act on his proposal to enact legislation that would expand opportunities for people to challenge decisions made by managed-care organizations, his so-called patient's bill of rights.

Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota tried to get Senate action on that bill Friday. Or did he?

Daschle conceded that prospects for action were "not good." But he pledged to keep the issue alive.

Lott immediately labeled the effort "a planned PR effort." He said he had offered repeatedly to let the Democrats pit their bill against a GOP alternative if the minority party would agree to a limit on debate. The Democrats said Lott was unwilling to give them enough time for a true airing of the issues.

Instead, the bill is dead until next year.

The five-year, \$80 billion tax cut passed by the House died quietly in the Senate without a vote. Democrats solidly backed President Clinton's vow to veto the bill because it would have spent part of the projected \$1.6 trillion budget surplus before

ensuring Social Security is solvent for the future.

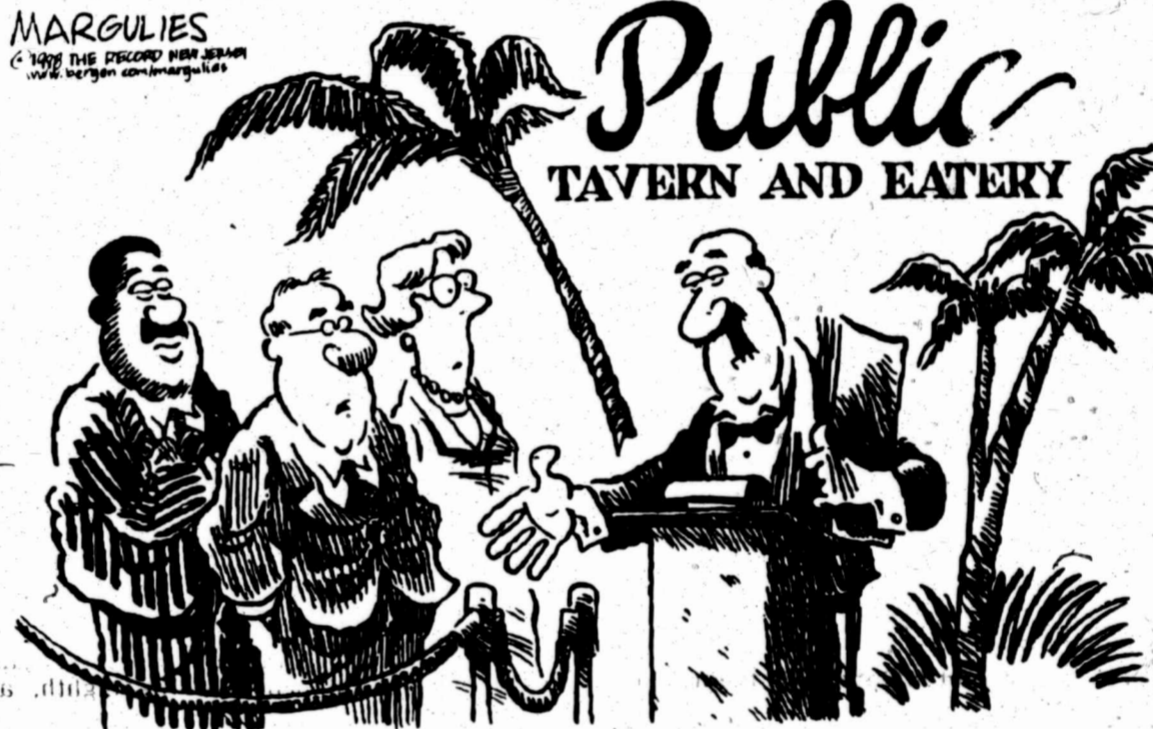
That forced Republicans to fall back to a package of up to \$9.2 billion over 10 years that extends a series of expiring business tax credits as well as modest relief for farmers and the self-employed.

Legislation overhauling bankruptcy laws and making it tougher for people to sweep away their debts garnered strong support in the House and Senate. But the two versions were sharply different, and a new bill reconciling the two was considered too stringent by the White House and Senate Democrats. It passed the House on Friday, but the Senate did not vote as it neared adjournment for the year.

Legislation to lift Depression-era barriers between the banking, securities and insurance industries squeaked through the House in May by a 214-213 vote and was approved recently by the Senate Banking Committee. But it died in the Senate when GOP senators, notably Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas, objected to requirements that financial institutions lend to the poor and minorities in their neighborhoods.

Donald M. Rothberg is head of the AP's congressional staff.

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"Smoking or non-smoking? Impeachment or censure?"

First memories are significant

He came home early from the meat market that night and rushed through supper. Then Daddy hustled my sister and me into the car and drove in the direction of that amazing light.

I can remember the klieg light swiping the black sky like a giant windshield wiper trying to erase the stars. It made me tremble with anticipation. That light signaled the fair was in town, and we were going.

First memories are significant. I'm sure some scientist would tell us. They represent, after all, a major awakening. Just as the first thing that happens each morning shapes the day, so must a first memory shape a life.

A trip to the Pensacola, Fla., fair with my father is one of my first strong memories. I guess I'm lucky. Beholding a metronome of light in the sky above the sea is not a bad way to wake up.

We did everything we wanted to do that fine night. Money must have been tight back then for my parents; they had two small children and a baby. But the fair brought with it some marvelous exceptions. For one

night we could spend lots of money, stay up late and eat all the wrong things. Daddy's pockets were deep, and he was smiling.

We bought big pink clouds of candy, and apples with a caramel coating shiny as chrome. We rode the live ponies, tired little horses that seemed resigned to following one another's rumps round and round a small circle.

Daddy pitched a ring around the neck of a milk bottle and won us both dolls with glitter, feather dresses and pouty red lips. You had to hold them gingerly or they collapsed like paper.

A man wearing a silly sailor cap let us pick a rubber duck from a long line of ducks and check its bottomside for a winning number. Our ducks were losers.

The three of us rode the Ferris wheel together, shuddering with delight as we took our turn at the tiptop. You could see the entire midway from that perilous Panhandle perch, probably all the way to my grandparents' house in Georgia.

Best of all, we climbed aboard a boat that plowed through the bluest water you ever saw. The little boats had bells and apparently a deaf attendant with a good heart; we cruised forever, ringing the bells nonstop.

I haven't been to a decent fair in years. As my car rolls through the countryside in the

fall I sometimes see the posters tacked up on telephone poles and old barns. "Come to the fair," they say.

I'm always halfway tempted.

But fairs have lost their magic. There's not much to them anymore. The competition has done them in. They have been replaced with fancy, sanitized theme parks that operate nearly year-round. People buy season passes and ride merry-go-rounds and roller coasters in the spring, summer and fall. They see fancy, overwrought productions on real stages.

Somehow, to me, it's like buying tomatoes in the dead of winter. Some things just shouldn't be done out of season.

A fair needs a crisp fall night. And a proper midway should be strewn with hay, not flanked by careful landscaping.

A fair needs the dimension of smell, which is missing at the theme parks.

It needs the stink of the livestock barn, and the sour stench of muddy hay after an unexpected shower. Mix in all that with the aroma of trash food on a stick, and you have the right recipe.

When the fair came once a year, in the fall, it was announced by a light in the sky and an anticipation that rose slowly like a backwater flood. It was an event.

But maybe all first memories work that way. Instead of dimming, they grow brighter.

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"I'VE NEVER HAD SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH THAT WOMAN... MISS LEVINSKY?"

YOU BELIEVED ME, DIDN'T YOU? OF COURSE!

BECAUSE I USED THE "FINGER OF SINCERITY". JUST ONE OF THE VALUABLE TECHNIQUES YOU'LL LEARN WHEN YOU JOIN THE LARS CLUB FOR MEN!

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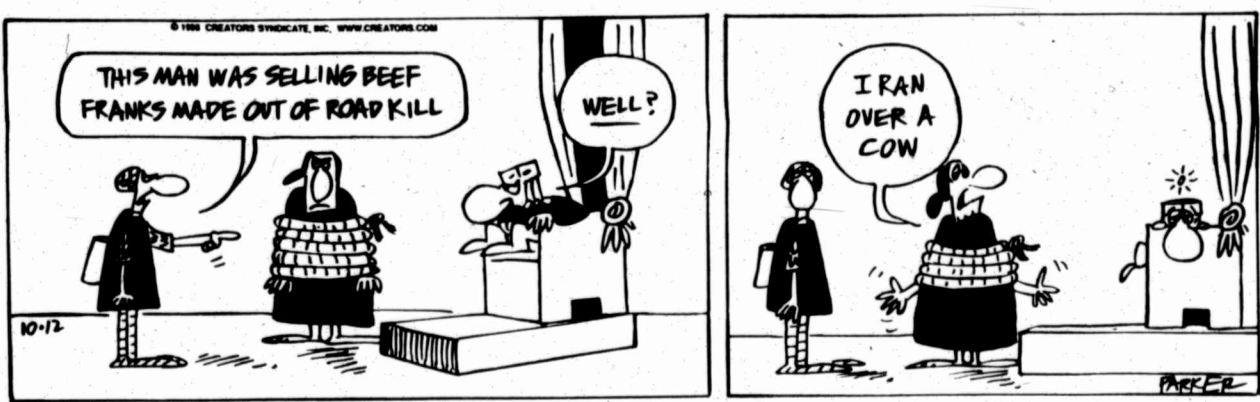
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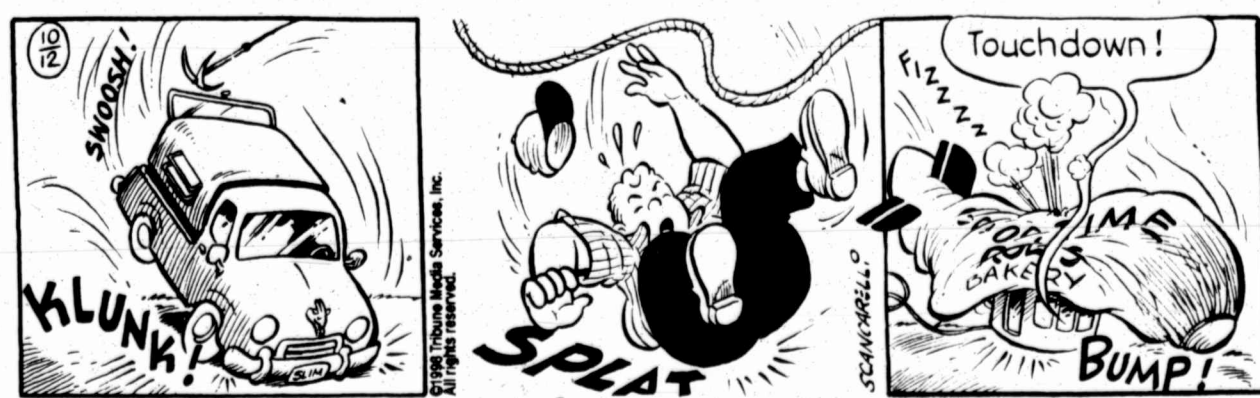
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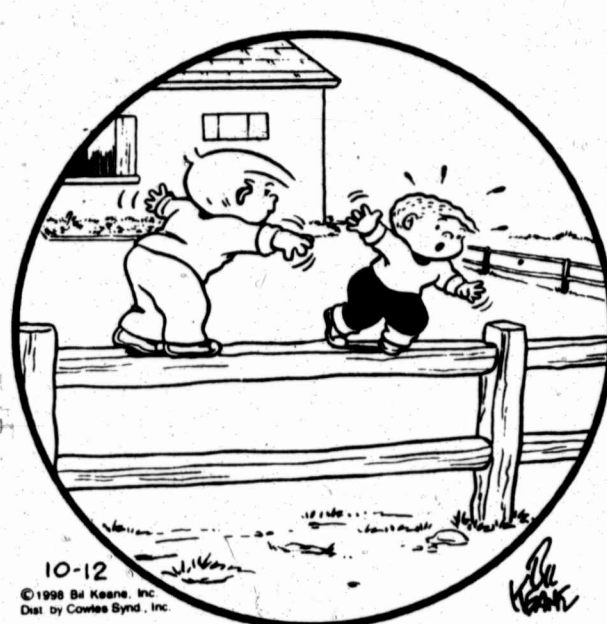
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Oct. 12, the 285th day of 1998. There are 80 days left in the year. This is

Columbus Day in the United States, as well as Thanksgiving Day in Canada.

Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 12, 1492 (Old Style calendar; Oct. 21 New Style), Christopher Columbus arrived with his expedition in the pre-

sent-day Bahamas.

On this date: In 1870, Gen. Robert E. Lee died in Lexington, Va., at age 63.

In 1915, English nurse Edith Cavell was executed by the Germans in occupied Belgium during World War I.

In 1933, bank robber John Dillinger escaped from a jail in Allen County, Ohio, with the help of his gang, who killed the sheriff.

In 1942, during World War II, Attorney General Francis Biddle announced that Italian nationals in the United States would no longer be considered enemy aliens.

In 1960, Soviet premier Nikita Khrushchev disrupted a U.N. General Assembly session by pounding his desk with a shoe during a dispute.

In 1964, the Soviet Union launched a Voskhod space capsule with a three-man crew on the first manned mission involving more than one crew member.

In 1968, the summer Games of the 19th Olympiad were officially opened in Mexico City by Mexican President Gustavo Diaz Ordaz.

In 1973, President Nixon nominated House minority leader Gerald R. Ford of Michigan to succeed Spiro T. Agnew as vice president.

In 1986, the superpower meeting in Reykjavik, Iceland, ended in stalemate, with President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev unable to agree on arms control or a date for a full-fledged summit in the United States.

Ten years ago: Federal prosecutors announced that Sundstrand Corp. had agreed to plead guilty to fraud charges and pay a \$115 million settlement for overbilling the Pentagon for airplane parts over five years.

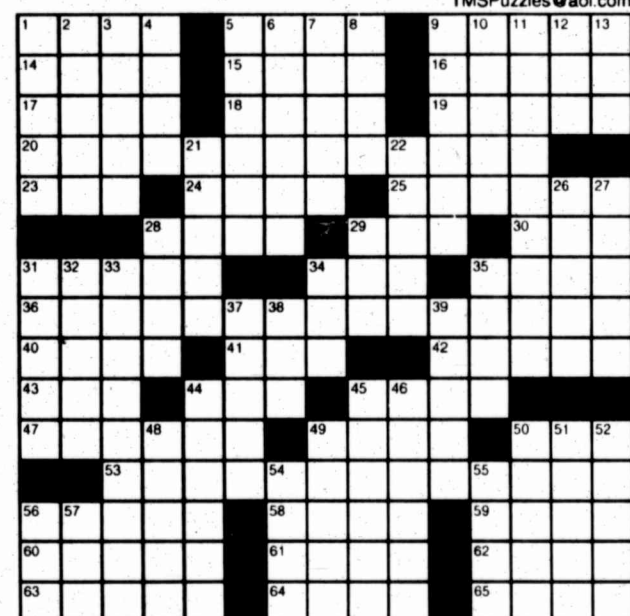
Five years ago: Hundreds of militant right-wingers in Haiti cheered as an American warship retreated in a major setback for a U.N. mission to restore democracy. The Toronto Blue Jays won their second straight American League pennant, defeating the Chicago White Sox in six games.

One year ago: Singer John Denver was killed in the crash of his privately built aircraft in Monterey Bay, Calif.; he was 53. President Clinton opened his first trip to South America as he arrived in Venezuela.

Today's Birthdays: Blues singer Nappy Brown is 69. Comedian-activist Dick Gregory is 66. Former Sen. Jake Garn, R-Utah, is 66. Opera singer Luciano Pavarotti is 63. Singer Sam Moore (formerly of Sam and Dave) is 63.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS
1 My friend
5 Mineral springs
9 Golden-touch king
14 Genuine
15 Saga
16 Outdo
17 Summit
18 Gardner of mysteries
19 Peachy
20 Noiseless
23 Wrath
24 Portent
25 Combines
28 Bulk
29 Turn right
30 This moment
31 Cornered in branches
34 Scale notes
35 Louise of "Gilligan's Island"
36 Huge
40 Unknown auth.
41 Gangster's gun
42 Stir to anger
43 Q-U connection
44 Auction action
45 English boys' school
47 After-dinner party
49 Normandy town
50 Research rm.
53 Foolish
56 Part of a pansy
58 Author Kingsley
59 Human parasites
60 The in crowd
61 Lacoste or Levesque
62 Ending for tear or gum
63 Printers' measures
64 Tired feet
65 Adjusts



By James P. McWalters Tinley Park, IL

Saturday's Puzzle Solved



- DOWN
1 Hussein, for one
2 Come up, again
3 Ike's wife
4 On the sheltered side

- 5 Cooks in vapors
6 Diagrams a sentence
7 Edgar Poe
8 Appear
9 Sofa section
10 Occupied
11 Occurring every ten years
12 Northern sea bird
13 007, e.g.
21 Warty amphibians
22 Fatter than fat
26 "Divine Poems" poet
27 Swings of the bat
28 Intend
29 Guy's date
31 Ski-slope devices
32 Old detergent brand
33 Self-centered
34 Showed the way
35 Skinny
37 Shakespearean sprite
38 Wordless agreement
39 Antler tip
44 Ball lasses
45 Palliating
46 Pokes fun
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50 French river
51 Flamboyant tie
52 Toots
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56 Enthusiasm
57 Samuel's teacher

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