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THURSDAY
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Tonight:



TONIGHT 57°-59°
FRIDAY 73°-75°

Early voting period ends at 5 p.m. Friday

Early voting at the county clerk's office drew 302 voters for the second day in a row Wednesday, bringing the total of in-person ballots cast to 2,562.

Another 240 ballots have been returned from 328 which have been mailed out. Early voting ends at 5 p.m. Friday. Election Day is Nov. 3.

Public forum tonight on Y2K

First Bank of West Texas will host a Y2K public information forum at 7 p.m. today at the Dora Roberts Community Center featuring two specialists from the Federal Reserve Bank in Dallas.

The program is free and is open to all consumers.

Fundraiser pits K-Bob's and FOS

K-Bob's Steakhouse will hold a fundraiser for the Friends of the Settles from 4:30 until 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

For a \$5 donation per person, which K-Bob's will match, diners can eat "all you care to enjoy" from a menu of finger foods that will include fajitas, chicken tenders, steak fingers, catfish strips, baby back ribs, fried cheese, stuffed jalapenos, fried mushrooms and fresh fruit and vegetables.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Friends of Settles Haunted House and Fall Festival, 6-10 p.m., Morehead Transfer, 100 Johnson St. Fall Festival free; Haunted House \$5 adults, \$3 children.

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

□ Evening line dancing class, 6:30 p.m., Spring City Senior Center.

□ Gideons International Big Spring Camp No. 4206, Hermans, 7 a.m.

FRIDAY

□ Friends of Settles Haunted House and Fall Festival, 6p.m. to midnight, Morehead Transfer, 100 Johnson St. Fall Festival free; Haunted House \$5 adults, \$3 children.

□ Spring City senior citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., music provided by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.

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Hispanic Jehovah's Witnesses to gather for two-day circuit convention

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

More than 2,000 Hispanic Jehovah's Witnesses this weekend will attend the annual circuit convention at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, focusing on the theme "Keep God's Commandments and Live."

"It will emphasize why obeying God's commandments is not burdensome," said Eliseo Gamboa, elder and



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assembly overseer in Big Spring.

"Furthermore, it will show how the doing of God's will brings refreshment and true happiness as well as hope for the future," he said.

The convention begins Saturday at 9:55 a.m. and will feature a water baptism, he said.

"We'll set up a swimming pool in the coliseum, and this will really be something to see. Last year we baptized 376,000 worldwide," Gamboa said.

A Bible-based religion, Gamboa said the Jehovah's Witnesses attending the convention will hear "talks," similar to sermons, throughout the two-day event. Saturday the members will have a sack

lunch and fellowship following the baptisms, he said.

"We are theocratic. We look for God's will and live in harmony. Children will all be with their parents, and whole families will sit together," he said.

Locally, the Jehovah's Witnesses have three separate congregations, two Hispanic and one English, Gamboa said. This convention will be in Spanish.

Gamboa is an elder in the church. Jehovah's Witnesses does not designate preacher or pastor among its leaders. Elders take turns delivering "talks" to their congregation, he said.

"This religious convention will allow us to hear talks about different subjects

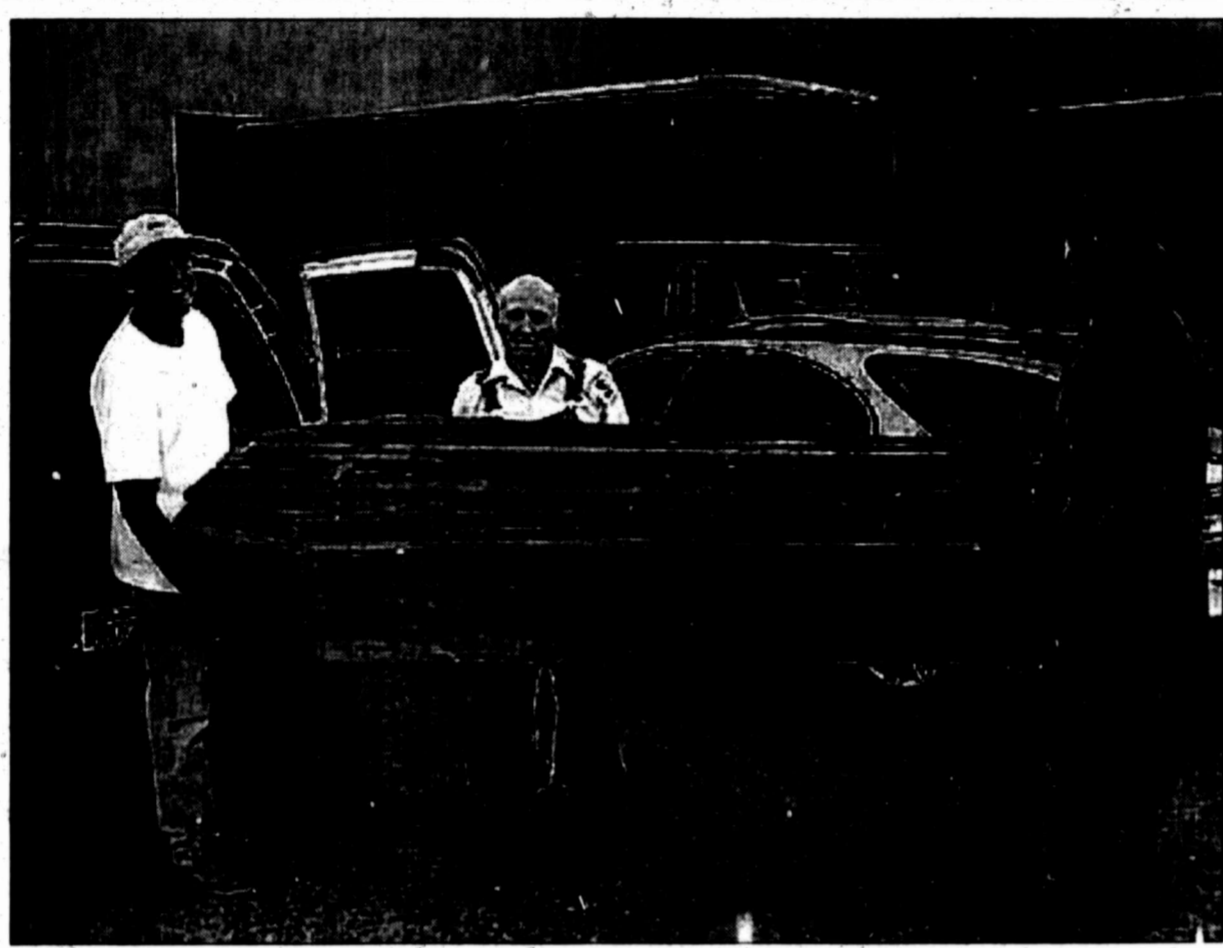
such as daily living and harmony with God's will," Gamboa said.

The highlight of the event will be presented by Ruben Salazar, district overseer, at 1:40 Sunday afternoon. Salazar will deliver the talk "Fear God and Keep His Commandments," Gamboa said.

Jehovah Witnesses annual meetings are divided into three events. A district meeting gathers about 5,000 members, while the Special Day event generally includes about 2,000 members, he said.

The circuit convention, like the one in Big Spring this weekend, gathers up to 2,500 members, he said.

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John Paul Foster (left), Dick Piper and Mel Prather unload a coffin to be used in the Friends of the Settles Haunted House. The haunted house runs tonight, Friday and Saturday, starting at 6 each day at Morehead Transfer and Storage, 100 Johnson St. in downtown Big Spring.

IT'S STARTING TO GET A LITTLE SPOOKY

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

With only a few finishing touches remaining to be done at press time, the Friends of the Settles (FOS) Haunted House and Fall Festival opens today at 6 p.m. at Morehead Transfer and Storage, 100 Johnson St. in downtown.

Admission for the haunted house is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. There is no admission to the fall festival, which will include a number of food and beverage booths, as well as games.

Activities will continue until

10 tonight and until midnight on Friday and Saturday and KBST will broadcast live from the haunted house on Halloween night.

"We think this will be an enjoyable haunted house ... it will be scarier, but they're supposed to be, aren't they?" project chairman John H. Walker asked.

"We've worked three days this week building the maze for the haunted house and we're finishing the work on the rooms today," he explained.

He said the group was still soliciting volunteers to help with the project and that anyone wanting to help should just

go to Morehead Transfer.

"We're going to be there pretty much all afternoon today, Friday and Saturday," he said, "so the easiest way to get in touch with us is to just show up."

He said the group has some costumes and masks, but encouraged persons who have their own costumes to bring them.

"We've bought about \$350 worth of things we had donations for, but we really want to use this money on the Settles itself ... any help people can give will be appreciated," he

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Moss Creek Lake to host water ski club under new one-year agreement with city

By T.E. JENKINS
Staff Writer

Big Spring City Council on Tuesday approved measures to improve relations and conditions concerning West Texas Water Ski Club's use of Moss Creek Lake.

"We wanted to compromise with the ski club, so that we all can benefit from this contract," said City Manager Gary Fuqua of the agreement. "We made some changes in the contract, as well as reduced the length of it from three years to one year. That way, if there are some more questions as to the effectiveness of the new contract, we will have the opportunity to

address them in a year."

According to Fuqua, changes were made in the amount charged for the lease, as well as the amount of time the club will have access to the lake.

"Under the old contract, the club paid \$200 each year for the lease, and had access to the lake nine to 10 months out of the year," said Fuqua. "We have changed the lease to a minimum of \$2,000, and reduced the total amount of time the group will be allowed to six months."

Fuqua said although the changes may seem severe at first glance, some of them will actually work to the advantage of the ski club.

"The change in available time

can actually help them," said Fuqua. "With this new contract, they will have 180 total days in which they will be allowed to use the lake. They will be able to pick and choose those dates, opening them up for some times of the year that they didn't have available to them previously."

"We just want to work together with the ski club so that everyone involved can be satisfied with the project," said Fuqua.

Council members also approved measures that will allow for the sale of "wake permits," allowing boaters the chance to test out their boats

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Samaritan Counseling Center celebrating 25 years of service

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Samaritan Counseling Center, celebrating 25 years of service to the Permian Basin, again offers counseling for a variety of personal issues at two satellite offices in Big Spring.

A banquet honoring Dick and Connie Helms, Big Spring Family of the Year, along with their sons and daughter in law, at the Green Tree Country Club will also commemorate the

quarter century mark for the center.

Frances Weaver, author, lecturer and senior editor of NBC's Today Show, will deliver the keynote speech. The Midland and Odessa Families of the Year will also be guests of honor.

Also, three area businessmen will be honored in a new award. Mike Craddock, owner of Delta Lightning Arrestors is the Big Spring recipient of the Ethics in Business Award.

Margaret Jones, development

director of the center, said the family of the year is selected through a nomination process, along with letters of recommendation.

"We have a selection committee who prayerfully reviews all the nomination forms. We're not looking for the 'perfect family.' It's how they look at life, raise their children and what priorities they have in establishing strong, healthy families," Jones said.

The center has a creed, Jones

EMS

Reports show program gaining financial health

By T.E. JENKINS
Staff Writer

Big Spring City Manager Gary Fuqua believes that recent financial reports on the city run

emergency medical services (EMS) system are a good indication that the program will pull itself out of the red sometime in the future.

"We are looking at the EMS program cash balance much like you would a conventional checking account," said Fuqua. "It's very simple. If you have more money going out than you have going in, something is wrong, and you have to correct it."

"The EMS program operated at a loss continuously from Oct. 1996 until May of 1997, at which time the overall deficit for the service was \$448,354.79. After that, it alternated fairly regularly between loss and profit, and although we didn't lose much ground during that time, we weren't gaining any either."

"Between February and



FUQUA

September of this year, we only had one month with a loss on it," said Fuqua. "The overall deficit, which was \$436,697.71 going in to February, has been reduced to \$339,554.34."

"We finished the 1996-97 fiscal year with a \$96,617.96 loss. This fiscal year, however, we finished with a net annual increase of \$32,254.68. It just shows that we are finally moving in the right direction."

Fuqua said the turn-around for the emergency medical services program is due largely in part to the hard work of the current staff, as well as an increase in customers paying their bills.

"We have really worked hard to turn this thing around," said Fuqua. "The EMS staff has been instrumental in accomplishing this, as have the people of Big Spring by paying for the services they receive."

Fuqua said that he hopes that the drop in the program's deficit will continue, allowing the service to get "out of the red."

"The emergency medical services the city has provided have been wonderful," said Big Spring City Council member Chuck Cawthon. "Your people have done an outstanding job, and should be commended."

Burn victim improving, may be home in 6 weeks

By T.E. JENKINS
Staff Writer

Doctors at Lubbock's University Medical Center say

that Big Spring resident Danny Heckler is making major progress in his recovery following a house fire that left him with third degree burns over the majority of his body.

"He is doing very well considering everything," said Heckler's wife Debbie. "He's awake now, and he's no longer on life support equipment. He is still having some trouble remembering things, and he doesn't seem to have any recollection of what happened that night."

"He has been eating and drinking now, and up walking a little. The doctors say that he is progressing very well, making as much progress as could be expected, and they expect him



HECKLER

to make a full recovery. They told us that he will probably get to go home in the next four to six weeks."

Big Spring Fire Marshal Burr Lea Settles said the Big Spring Fire Department received the report of the fire at 3:20 a.m. on Oct. 13, and responded to the blaze at 2904 Stonehaven, located in the Highland Sub-Division.

"When the fire-fighters arrived, the house was fully involved in the living and kitchen areas," said Settles.

Settles said that although Mrs. Heckler and their daughter escaped the blaze without injury, Mr. Heckler was not as lucky.

"Mrs. Heckler took her daughter out of the bedroom window when she discovered the fire," said Settles. "... Mr. Heckler tried to escape out the front door of the home, and sustained his injuries at that time."

According to Debbie Heckler, there is still some confusion as to what transpired that evening

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OBITUARIES

Justin "Doc" Henderson

Justin "Doc" Henderson, 74, Big Spring, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 1998, at his home following a long illness.



HENDERSON

Graveside service will be 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 30, 1998, at Trinity Memorial Park with Rev. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating.

He was born on Jan. 8, 1924, in Erath County. He married Ouida Merelyn Arthur on Feb. 6, 1947, in Levelland. He moved to Big Spring in 1961 from Levelland.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army Air Corps. He was active in Veterans of Foreign Wars and The American Legion. He was state service officer for Texas Veterans Affairs Commission at the VA Medical Center from 1961 to 1987. He was a member of the Baptist faith.

He is survived by: his wife, Ouida Henderson of Big Spring; two daughters, Ann Downs and her husband John of Brownwood, and Barbara Shaffer of Big Spring; two sisters, Corine Spears of Levelland, and Nina Osborne and her husband Bob of Colorado City; four grandchildren, Jason Downs of San Marcos, Melissa Downs of Brownwood, Lindsay Shaffer and Lisa Shaffer, both of Big Spring; two sisters-in-law, Betty Eastep of Dripping Springs, and Betty Arthur of Oklahoma; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Robert Craig Creel

Memorial service for Robert Craig Creel, 31, Longview, will be 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, 1998, at the Chapel of Rader Funeral Home of Longview, with Rev. Rodney Cox officiating.

Mr. Creel died Saturday, Oct. 24, in an oil field accident in Louisiana.

He was born July 17, 1967, in Lamesa. He had been a resident of Longview since 1995, coming from Hobbs, N.M. He was a derrick hand and operator in the oilfield for Mosely/Brooks Well Service. Mr. Creel was an avid fisherman and a veteran of the Navy.

Survivors include: his wife, Teresa Creel of Longview; a son, Jeffrey Creel of Longview; a daughter, Amanda Creel of

Longview; his parents, Robert L. and Janice Creel of Big Spring; a brother, Michael Creel of Odessa; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Van McGuire of Lamesa; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Arrangements under the direction of Rader Funeral Home, Inc., Longview.

Mildred "Mickey" Fiveash

Mildred "Mickey" Fiveash, 73, Big Spring, died on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 1998, in a Pasadena hospital. Service will be 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, 1998, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Eddie Tubbs, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Graveside service will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, 1998, at Elm Grove Cemetery, Alpine, Texas.



FIVEASH

She was born on July 12, 1925, in Luther. She married Ervin Odell Elrod on Aug. 5, 1944, and he preceded her in death in November 1988. She then married E.A. "Slim" Fiveash on Aug. 12, 1990, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on July 20, 1994.

Mrs. Fiveash was a member of First Baptist Church. She was a member of Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, a member of American Business Women's Association, and a member of Good Sam's RV Club. She did volunteer work at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and at the VA Medical Center.

Survivors include: one son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Susan Elrod of Denton; one daughter and son-in-law, Lavone and Mark Lott of Eureka Springs, Ark.; three sisters, Ethel Cleere of Odessa, Berniece Bradshaw of Comanche and Alta Mae Bentham of Donna; two brothers, Max Dean of Odessa and James Dean of Comanche; three granddaughters, Tracy Worden of Eureka Springs, Ark., Michelle Carlos of San Antonio and Terra Elrod of Hobbs, N.M.; two grandsons, Michael Lott of Eureka Springs, Ark., and Chris Worden of Columbia, Ga.; and three great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by one son, Johnnie Elrod.

The family suggests memorials to: Circle 6 Baptist Ranch; P.O. Box 976; Stanton; 79782; or to Scenic Mountain Medical Center Volunteers; 1601 W. 11th Place; Big Spring.

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

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CONVENTION

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Andrea Earle, director of the Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau, said Jehovah's Witnesses have selected Big Spring for the other two annual gatherings as well. Those conventions are expected to bring about 7,500 members to town.

This convention should keep the local restaurants and motels busy, as the members will separate and fellowship in small groups throughout the city during the evening, Gamboa said.

Earle anticipates an economic impact of \$125,000 from those attending the convention during the weekend.

"Big Spring has always been good to us. We had conventions here two years ago, and those were such a success we wanted to come back. Big Spring has always been very kind to us," Gamboa said.

RECOVERY

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when she discovered the fire. "I got up and went into the hallway during the night," said Heckler. "When I saw the smoke, I screamed and ran to my daughter's room. While I was getting her out of bed to get her to safety, I was yelling for

Danny.

"I guess he woke up and heard me screaming. The smoke was so thick you couldn't see. I think Danny ran into the living room to find us and thought that we were somewhere in the fire. I climbed out of the bedroom window with our daughter, and once I got safely to the neighbors, I went back to the house to wait for Danny."

"When he didn't come out, I got scared. The police were there, and I could hear him moaning near the front of the house, just inside the door. That's when the police officer went in and got him out."

She said Big Spring Police Officer Wayne Wright pulled Heckler from the burning house shortly after. Heckler was rushed to Scenic Mountain Medical Center for treatment, and once his condition was stabilized, transported to Lubbock by the Flight For Life.

"We still aren't sure what caused the fire," said Mrs. Heckler. "The fire department has said that it might have been a cigarette, but we hadn't been smoking in the house for the last few months because our daughter has severe allergies."

CENTER

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compulsive gambling, alcohol and drug abuse recovery, marital counseling and individual counseling.

Dr. Jerry Kelly, the executive director of the center in Midland since 1983, said the therapists also offer help for families in transition.

"This is for families who might be placing an elderly family member into a nursing home, or selling a family home after so many years," Kelly said.

The center's again offering services to the Big Spring community at two satellite offices, he said. Appointments had been available until June of this year, and recent staff changes allow the center to have clients in Big Spring again, he said.

The therapist who will visit Big Spring every Wednesday is Ellen Dunn-Sablan, a license professional counselor and registered play therapist.

By calling 1-800-329-4144, an individual or family may make an appointment with Dunn-Sablan, with fees based on a sliding scale.

The center has been offering counseling in Big Spring off and on since 1983, Kelly said.

"We are excited to be offering Big Spring services again," said Kelly, a former federal prison chaplain.

LAKE

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before long and costly trips. "One of the most common complaints with the lake has been the fact that there is a no-wake rule in place," said Fuqua. "A lot of local boaters have expressed to me how convenient it would be for them to be able test their boats out at the beginning of the season somewhere closer than the lakes that they normally travel to."

"These permits, which will cost \$5 each, will be good for one day only, and from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. only. The permit holder will be allowed to use the center portion of the lake to test out their boats, and run them full throttle."

Fuqua said he hopes opening the lake up to new utilizations will allow the facility to prosper.

"Moss Creek Lake has operated on a deficit since day one," said Fuqua. "We hope that these changes will help us to turn that around, and get it to bring in some funds."

"We had a very similar situation some years back with the city's golf course, and we have managed to turn that around into a winning matter. We hope

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to do the same with the lake, which will allow us to make improvements to it for the people of Big Spring and Howard County."

SPOOKS

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said. Friends of the Settles will use the proceeds from the project to help pay for the removal of asbestos-tainted trash from the lobby area of the former hotel.

"(FOS) Tommy Churchwell is scheduling the clean-up with a company in Odessa that came in with the low bid of \$4,100," Walker said. "After they get the tainted trash out, we'll have a work day as originally planned to clean up the ground floor in preparation for the installation of the windows."

Walker said the group felt the entire project would be a good opportunity for the community to pull together on the common goal of doing something positive in the downtown area.

"Tommy (Churchwell) had the vision of replacing the glass in the Settles and I don't think anybody could disagree with the fact that the building looks so much better with the glass in," he said.

SUPPORT GROUPS

THURSDAY

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.

•Alzheimer's support group, noon, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, third Thursday of the month. Call Janice Wagner at 263-1211.

•Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-6523.

•Alzheimer's Association Support Group, last Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m. Call Viola Barraza at 267-9459.

•Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

•Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

•Greater West Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association will have the next meeting of the Scenic Mountain Support Group on Thursday, Oct. 15 at noon in the private diningroom at SMMC. The topic will be on dealing with sleep disturbance.

•Greater West Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association will meet 7 p.m. Oct. 29, at 3200 Parkway. The topic will be "Dealing with Holiday Stress."

FRIDAY

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

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THE HALLOWEEN SPOOKHOUSE AT Canterbury, 1700 Lancaster, will be Saturday, Oct. 31, from 6 to 9 p.m. There will be residents and community members who will act out various characters. There will also be the Canterbury Witches, fortune tellers, the Boo Boys, the clown and the Fairy Godmother.

The spookhouse is for all children 11 years and under.

THE BIG SPRING POLICE Department will be giving away safe, drug free candy and other things on Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m. at 305 S. Johnson.

POLICE

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

- KENNETH DAVIS, 24, was arrested on local warrants.
- AGAPITO CHAPA, 25, was arrested on local warrants.
- LUPE HERNANDEZ, 44, was arrested for public intoxication.
- RAFAEL LOPEZ, 54, was arrested for public intoxication.
- ERNEST CLARK, 58, was arrested for criminal trespass.
- ASSAULT in the 100 block of Courtney Place.
- THEFT in the 300 block of Gregg.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING in the 700 block of Scurry, and the 200 block of Main.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 2000 block of Main.

MARKETS

Dec. cotton 66.89 cents, down 129 points; Dec. crude 14.26, down 3 points; Cash hogs steady at 24; cash steers steady at 63 cents even; Dec. lean hog futures 38.55, down 40 points; Dec. live cattle futures 65.37, down 55 points.

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Justin (Doc) Henderson, 74, died Tuesday. Graveside services will be 10:00 AM, Friday at Trinity Memorial Park.
Adolfo Rizo, Jr., 56, died Wednesday. Services are pending.

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Mildred "Mickey" Fiveash, 73, died Tuesday. Services will be 4:00 PM, Friday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Graveside services will be at 10:00 Saturday at Elm Grove Cemetery, Alpine, Texas.

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Bush touts his fiscal conservatism; Mauro pushes teacher raise

AUSTIN (AP) — The air war in the increasingly heated lieutenant governor's race got hotter Wednesday.

Democrat John Sharp is running a television ad describing Republican Rick Perry as a follower rather than a leader, complete with video of a flock of sheep.

A second Sharp ad touts as his accomplishments writing much of the welfare reform law, starting the Lone Star welfare card and helping kill an income tax with money-saving audits.

Sharp, the current state comptroller, contends that Perry "says we should elect him just 'cause he'll always be the governor's man. ... I won't be any-

body's man but yours."

Perry, the state agriculture commissioner, has a new ad ignoring his opponent and focusing on his plan for public schools, saying, "Education must be our top priority."

"I think all three of these new ads crystallize the differences between Rick Perry and John Sharp. Perry is continuing his positive campaign and talking about his plan to make Texas schools the best in America," said Perry spokesman Ray Sullivan.

"Sharp is resorting to barnyard animals to continue his ... negative attack campaign without one mention of what he would do in office," Sullivan

said. In other developments Wednesday:

— With a key legislator saying the state's budget surplus may be smaller than previously thought, Gov. George W. Bush said his fiscal conservatism would pay off for Texans.

In Waco, Bush was asked about comments made by Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, who said a substantial chunk of the \$6.3 billion budget surplus projected for the 1999 Legislature would be eaten up by the demands of a bigger state population.

"One of the things I didn't do is overspend or overpromise,"

Bush said in an interview with television station KWXT. "I'm a fiscally conservative person, so the budget I outlined is one that I'm confident is a realistic budget."

Bush spokeswoman Mindy Tucker said the governor's spending proposals total about \$4.5 billion, including \$3.6 billion more for education and property tax relief and \$400 million in consumer tax cuts.

— Bush's Democratic opponent, Garry Mauro, told a San Antonio campaign crowd that the Republican incumbent has fallen short when it comes to teaching Texas children.

Mauro again took Bush to task over teacher salaries.

"Don't we need to pay our teachers at the national average, a \$6,000 pay raise, so we keep the best teachers?" Mauro said.

He also criticized Bush for wanting to expand the TAAS student achievement test, which Mauro said is culturally biased. "I'm so sick and tired of my kids being taught how to take a test and not being taught," he said.

— In Nacogdoches, Gov. Bush said polls showing him with a whopping 45-point lead over challenger Garry Mauro give him more anxiety than comfort. He's worried people won't be motivated to vote.

"I don't want people to consid-

er the polls and then decide that their vote doesn't count," he said. "I'm here to convince people to get out and vote. I'm fighting to win."

— Republican attorney general candidate John Cornyn began airing a television ad citing descriptions of Democratic opponent Jim Mattox as "a mud machine" and a "junkyard dog" and saying he is responsible for "unwieldy ... ineffective" child support collection.

The ad notes newspaper editorial praise for Cornyn's integrity and priorities, along with Gov. Bush's description of him as a "principled conservative" judge. Cornyn is a former Texas Supreme Court justice.

Jurors deliberate fate of three in bio-weapons trial

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Jurors today begin deciding the fate of three men prosecutors say hatched a "sinister, nefarious scheme to kill people" with poisoned cactus needles.

Jack Abbott Grebe, Johnnie Wise and Oliver Dean Emigh are charged with conspiring and threatening to use weapons of mass destruction. They face eight counts each — one count of conspiracy and seven counts of sending threatening e-mails.

Grebe and Wise are accused of directing a government informant to send threatening messages to government officials. The first e-mail sent was titled "Declaration of War." The second e-mail sent told officials they were "targeted for destruc-

tion by revenge. Wise is also accused of plotting to create a device made out of a modified Bic lighter designed to shoot cactus needles coated with biological toxins like anthrax, rabies or botulism at targeted people.

Among the officials allegedly targeted: President Clinton, Attorney General Janet Reno and FBI Director Louis Freeh.

Emigh is accused of composing the "Declaration of War."

During closing arguments Wednesday, Assistant U.S. Attorney Mervyn Mosbacher told jurors that the government had not presented enough evidence to convict Emigh of the seven e-mail counts, all dealing with the second message, but

urged them to convict him on the conspiracy count.

The verdict seems to hinge on whether jurors believe government informant John Cain and whether they believe he did not entrap the three men by looking up e-mail addresses for them and sending the e-mails from his computer.

"What (Cain) was, was a mere opportunity for them to carry out their idea," Assistant U.S. Attorney Trey Martinez said during closing arguments Wednesday. "John Cain didn't write those letters. John Cain didn't set this thing into motion."

Although defense attorneys argued that their clients were being persecuted for following

the beliefs of the Republic of Texas and for expressing political views, Martinez argued that the e-mails sent were not "mere political talk."

"This is a threat on people's lives," he said.

Republic of Texas members believe Texas was illegally annexed by the United States and is not part of the union. The three men were associated with a faction of the Republic of Texas that held regular meetings in Harlingen.

Defense attorneys throughout the trial hammered away at Cain's credibility. They said he was a con-man who masterminded the whole crime and pinned the blame on three unwitting victims.

Woman convicted of failing to help children blames herself

FORT WORTH (AP) — In a jailhouse interview, Schwana Patterson said she blames herself for her daughter's death because she had become involved with the man who killed the girl.

Ms. Patterson was convicted this month of injury to a child by omission and sentenced to 23 years in prison in connection with the death of her daughter, Sarah, 11, and son, Cody, then 11.

Wayne Woods, is on death row for Sarah's murder, and testimony at Ms. Patterson's trial focused on whether she could have tried to stop the attack or notified police immediately that Woods might be responsible. She did not testify at her trial.

"In hindsight, I ask myself if there was anything I could have done," Ms. Patterson told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram for today's editions.

"I feel responsible because I'm the one who got involved with

Bobby Woods. I'm the one who brought him into the home."

The Granbury woman said in a telephone interview from the Hood County jail that police mentioned Woods' name within an hour of the time she reported the children missing — prosecutors said she didn't tell authorities that Woods might be responsible.

"They asked me if I thought he could have taken them, and I said I didn't think so but I didn't know," Patterson said. "I did

tell them that he was the only one that could walk past the dogs without them barking."

Ms. Patterson also said she did not hear Sarah screaming as the children were abducted from another room in her small house.

Hood County District Attorney Richard Hattox said he thinks jurors convicted Ms. Patterson because she was the one person who should have known her children were in danger.

Federal judge releases suspect in banker's death to halfway house

WACO (AP) — A cashier charged with plotting the murder of a banker in rural Central Texas has been released from jail and sent to a halfway house by a federal magistrate.

After hearing testimony from lifelong family friends of Dava Beth Truett, the magistrate ruled Ms. Truett is not a danger to the community. She was sent to the Salvation Army halfway house in Waco.

Ms. Truett and her husband, Jerry Bayne Truett of Kosse, are charged with conspiring to kill Michael Wells, an executive at First State Bank of Kosse, in May. Authorities allege the Truett's killed Wells so he wouldn't report that the couple had embezzled more than \$700,000 from the bank.

Jerry Truett, who operates a gravel truck business, remains in the McLennan County Jail on \$100,000 bond.

U.S. Magistrate Dennis Green heard testimony Wednesday from 10 of Ms. Truett's friends, including the Rev. Billy Anderson of Victory Baptist Church near Thornton and Thornton Mayor James Jackson, who said she was not dangerous and would appear at her court dates.

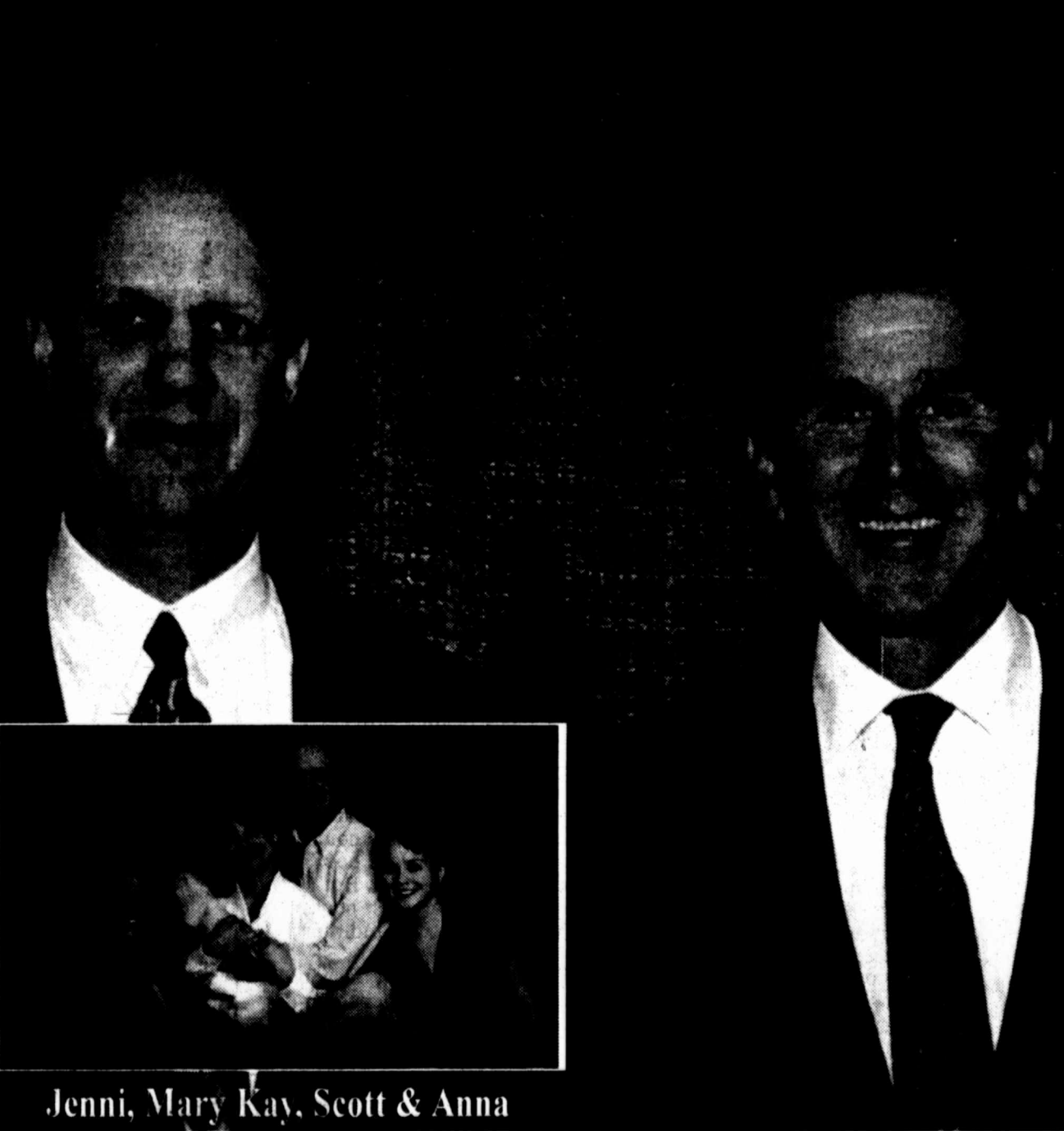
Assistant U.S. Attorney John Phinizy opposed Ms. Truett's release on bond, arguing that the seriousness of the charges indicate she is too dangerous to be released. But he presented no testimony.

A federal grand jury indicted the Truett's earlier this month on charges of embezzlement, bank fraud, conspiring to embezzle from the bank and conspiring to tamper with a witness and bank robbery. They face up to 70 years in prison if convicted of all the federal charges.

A Limestone County grand jury also is investigating Wells' death.

Ms. Truett worked with Wells for more than 20 years at the bank in Kosse, a Limestone County town of 550 people. She told police an intruder who knocked at the bank's back door hit her in the head and knocked her out before the bank opened May 14. She said that when she regained consciousness, Wells, 51, was lying fatally shot near the unopened vault.

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ENDORSEMENTS

Sending Stenholm back to Congress an important task

In the race for Texas' 17th Congressional District seat, Republican Rudy Izzard once again challenges incumbent Democrat Charlie Stenholm.

Howard County is a keystone in this election. The vote in Howard County will be watched closely by both parties. By the Republicans as they attempt to gain a filibuster and veto-proof majority and the Democrats, who hope for off-year gains in both the house and senate.

We have watched this race for well over a year, for it began many months ago as the candidates and their supporters began to jockey for position ... to lobby for time to visit ... to work to gain support.

Quite frankly, we feel now as we did then. Charlie Stenholm has done a good job of representing this district, this county and this community and Mr. Izzard has given us no reason to turn him out, especially at a time when both agriculture and oil are in such dire straits.

Perhaps the least compelling reason of all is that Charlie Stenholm has been in Washington too long.

In the time he has been there, he has worked his way up the ladder of seniority to the point where he is the No. 1 ranking member of the minority party on the House Committee on Agriculture.

Why trade in that seniority for a rookie who says he has been promised a seat on the ag committee?

Why trade in the 65 to 75 votes that Charlie Stenholm carries on any ag issue for a rookie looking for directions to the House chamber?

Why cut off your nose to spite your face?

We like Mr. Izzard, but this isn't about liking someone more than you do another ... and in Congress, one vote is not the same as another, despite what Mr. Izzard would like for us to believe.

We feel that with the economic situation facing agriculture and with the world market in its current condition, trading an experienced representative like Charlie Stenholm for someone with no experience would be like playing Russian roulette — it's only a matter of time until that decision proves costly.

Counts-McLaughlin a win-win situation

Two years ago, this would have been an easy decision to make. In fact, it was an easy decision to make back then, but times have changed.

In the race for the 70th District seat in the Texas House of Representatives, Big Spring businessman Scott McLaughlin again challenges Democrat incumbent David Counts and, by all polling data we've reviewed, it looks to be a race that will go down to the wire.

As in the congressional race, the vote in Howard County will be vital as the Republican Party seeks to control both the House and Senate in Austin.

Two years ago, we blasted Mr. Counts for his inactivity and lack of effort on behalf of Big Spring and Howard County. He responded.

For the past two years, Mr. Counts has been a faithful representative of Big Spring, Howard County and the issues that affect us.

We can list numerous times that he has been in Big Spring and a number of things he has done for the community ... not the least of which are increased funding for both Howard College and SouthWestern Collegiate Institute for the Deaf and the locating of a Texas Veterans Nursing Home here.

Mr. McLaughlin has worked tirelessly in his efforts to unseat the incumbent. He has gone from county to county, from town to town and from door to door.

If sheer effort can turn the tide in an election, Mr. McLaughlin has certainly done all he can do.

Mr. McLaughlin is right on target on a number of issues, including efforts to improve our educational system, reform both the tax system and the welfare system and to protect our youth from gangs and drugs.

Just as his opponent has worked tirelessly for Big Spring these past two years, we know Mr. McLaughlin would hit the ground running — working in whatever manner it took to represent his hometown to the very best of his ability.

In this race, regardless of the outcome, Big Spring and Howard County will be winners.

Despite the fact Mr. Counts lives in Knox City, he has proven his ability to do the job for us and because Mr. McLaughlin is a native son, we know he would do the job for us.

Whether you cast your ballot for Mr. Counts or Mr. McLaughlin, we believe you can rest assured that the winner will work on our behalf in Austin.

Because we feel the qualifications of the incumbent and those of the challenger are so strong and so similar in nature, we offer no endorsement in this race.

Third rail of politics untouched before election

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — It is a huge issue, President Clinton said — but with details on hold until after the elections. Until then, the future of Social Security is being debated largely in slogans and generalities.

The issue remains the high-voltage third rail of American politics, risky to touch with specific campaign-season proposals for the overhaul needed to keep the system solvent as the drain of a booming retirement generation hits in 15 years and peaks in 30.

"You need to think about that when you go to the polls," Clinton told Democratic donors in Los Angeles. "Who do you want to make the complex ... decisions to reform Social Security?"

"It is a huge issue." Republicans think so, too, accusing Clinton of double talk on the use of the budget surplus, which their congressional leaders want earmarked for tax cuts as well as Social Security financing.

There are exceptions to the generality rule on both sides. Broadly put, Republicans favor an overhaul that would

put increasing shares of Social Security money into private investments, an idea that gained headway when the stock market was soaring but has been shaken by its declines.

The administration opposes privatization of Social Security but is open to the investment of part of the money. While liberals oppose that option, it does have Democratic supporters in Congress.

But Clinton has centered his case on the use of the surplus, rather than on details of a financial plan.

Such a plan will require unpopular steps, probably an increase in the Social Security retirement age — already going up gradually to 67 in 2025 — and possibly limits on future cost of living increases.

Republicans know the risk of tinkering with the cost-of-living increases; they counted it the issue that cost them Senate control in 1986.

Clinton framed this Social Security debate in his State of the Union message, declaring that every penny of projected budget surpluses should be saved until the future financing of the system is settled.

"Save Social Security first," he said, in what has become an

eight-month refrain, to counter Republicans seeking tax cuts with part of the surplus.

Republicans are using much the same slogan. Their campaign committee produced a television commercial for House candidates saying they delivered the surplus and they want to save Social Security while cutting taxes, too.

In that 30-second spot, "Save Social Security" is repeated four times.

Clinton argues that they wanted to "squander the surplus" on the \$80 billion, five-year tax cut that passed the House but died in the Senate, in the face of a certain filibuster and a veto threat.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich said the Senate blinked, and that Republicans will be back next year, bolder after the elections, and ready to push the tax cut. He said they will force a separate debate on taxes. "We're going to take away the mask of saving it all for Social Security," Gingrich said.

But the power of the issue was displayed when House Democrats almost won an attempt to reserve all of the projected surplus until the Social Security problem is solved.

The vote was 216-210, and GOP leaders had to scramble to avoid that bar to their tax cut plan. The House then voted to set aside 90 percent of the surplus, room enough for the tax cut Republicans vow to press again.

Actually, Clinton's insistence on saving every cent didn't hold anyhow.

The catchall spending bill Congress passed to adjourn includes more than \$20 billion designated as emergency appropriations, which will come out of the surplus.

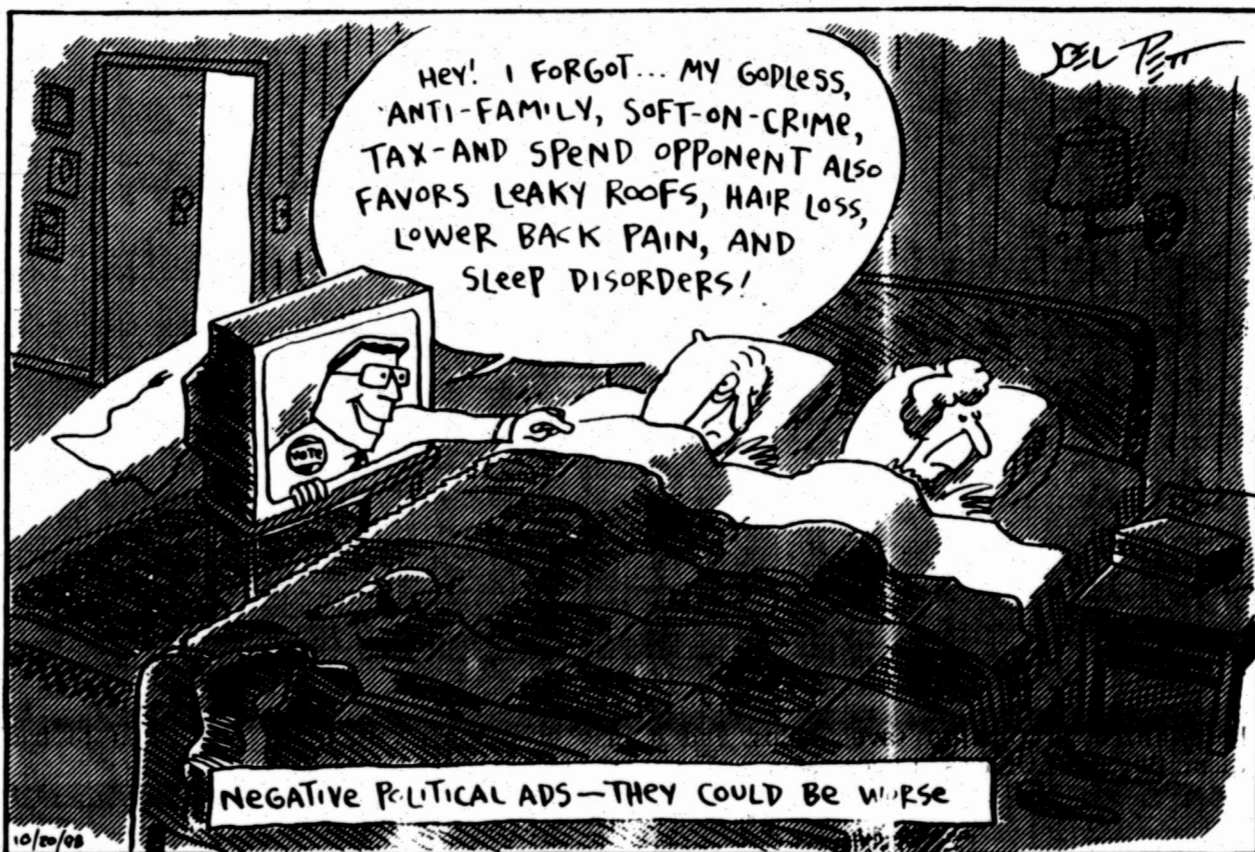
Republicans raise that against Clinton, but it was a collaboration, including items such as farm relief and extra Pentagon spending most of them advocated, too.

Clinton has called a White House conference on Social Security for Dec. 8-9, aiming for "a bipartisan solution early next year."

"I believe we must save Social Security and do it next year," he said. "I pledge to work with anyone from any party who is serious about this task."

It will take a consensus to shape and enact a formula for the future.

But first, there are off-year elections to settle.



Cabin playhouse like a desert oasis

PINE LEVEL, Ala. — It stands out like a desert oasis, like a kind face in a room of hostile strangers. The cabin with its tin top and detached kitchen is the little log home you remember but never had.



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In this day of mini-marts and fast-food outlets, quick lubes and fast traffic, the small cabin on the edge of a moss-draped swamp is a thing of pure beauty. It makes you want to hum Hank Williams and chop wood.

I'm not sure what in the human psyche compels us to revere and romanticize the past and fear the future. Something does. We are drawn back, a tide forever going out. Parker Mount, cattleman and occasional carpenter, is no exception.

"I plant the cotton for the Yankees," Mount says as I approach. He is a handsome, erudite fellow of 66 with a top as silver as the cabin's.

Part of the appeal of Mount's cabin playhouse is its placement — just off congested U.S. 231, south of Montgomery, north of Pine Level. (He actually lives next door with wife, Annie Ruth, in a more conven-

tional house.)

I've passed the cabin hundreds of times en route to my parents' home. At times I've almost caused a wreck, daring to slow and gawk while in a line of traffic that never quits, day or night. You feel if you could hop the rail fence and get inside that cabin, all would be well.

Parker Mount loves showing his retreat to strangers, something I didn't know until recently or I'd have been knocking on his old board door before. He even keeps a guest register for those who pull off the highway — many do — to take a picture and end up taking a tour.

He never seems in a hurry; hurry wouldn't fit the setting. This day he's going to South Carolina for a meeting, but you'd never know it. Those in a perpetual rush might as well forget restoration work, anyhow.

"If you're someone who has to have everything perfect, don't get involved with a log cabin," he says. This, after all, is an out-of-square world, where walls lean and no two chinks are the same size.

Parker Mount moved the once-dilapidated cabin from another spot on his large farm and worked a year or more on the original renovation. Lately, he's added the kitchen.

But as well as the cabin is, its contents are the real story. He has collected old, oddball things all his adult life, from all over, things that amassed

make the 130-year-old dwelling a sort of homespun Smithsonian. Among the thousands of interesting pieces are:

A crowbar made from a buggy axle.

A bottle of St. Joseph's glycerin, good for burns, extractions and dandruff.

A MoseT primitive painting. A collection of egg beaters.

An 1873 Godey's Girls fashion magazine. A cobbler's bench.

An all-wood plow. A ceramic snuff jar. The list goes on and on, a scavenger hunt list from the 1800s. The inventory is eclectic, astounding.

Parker Mount, however, is not a fanatical purist; the cabin has insulation, electricity and indoor plumbing. But the essence of yesteryear is here, and that's what counts.

And despite Mount's love of the past, he often is thinking of the future.

At the root of his cedar posts, for instance, are mock orange supports. Cedar eventually rots; mock orange won't.

The yard is full of more artifacts, and flowers and ferns that evoke days gone by. The shady porch is a temptation of biblical proportions. I could rock there for several hours and never miss them. But I have to sign the guest book, say my thank yous and hurry away.

I'm late, as always, overdue and expected in the cruel and real world.



Discovery set to lift off today on mission of science and sentiment

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — On a mission of science and sentiment, John Glenn was set to rocket back into space today as the world's oldest astronaut, returning with six crewmates to the high frontier he pioneered alone 36 years ago.

With the countdown charging ahead flawlessly, machines and people alike were poised for the scheduled 1 p.m. CST liftoff of space shuttle Discovery.

Launch workers began filling Discovery's huge external propellant tank at 6 a.m. It was expected to take about three hours to pump in more than 500,000 gallons of supercold liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen, chemicals that energize the shuttle's main rocket engines at

launch. President Clinton, many members of Congress and an estimated quarter-million people were expected to jam the Kennedy Space Center area for a fleeting glimpse of history roaring into space. Veteran observers said the launch frenzy rivaled that of missions to the moon and far exceeded most recent shuttle flights.

Glenn, at 77, will become the oldest space traveler. He was the first American in orbit in 1962, on the third U.S. manned mission, and returns to space on the nation's 123rd manned mission.

The astronauts were awakened today at 8:30 a.m. and quickly sat down to a tradition-

al pre-launch breakfast of steak and eggs. They were then to put on orange space suits, motor to the launch pad and climb aboard Discovery.

Even though he is a U.S. senator and an American space hero, Glenn returns to orbit as the lowest-ranking of Discovery's crew. His official title for the nine-day mission is Payload Specialist 2.

Other astronauts in the crew are Curtis L. Brown, the commander; Steven W. Lindsey, pilot; mission specialists Stephen K. Robinson, Scott E. Parazynski, and Pedro Duque, and Payload Specialist 1, Chiaki Mukai.

Glenn's return to space results from a combination of

political clout, persistence, good health and his heroic reputation. Glenn forcefully lobbied NASA for months to put him on a space shuttle crew.

He argued that he could play a unique role in scientific studies of aging. Glenn got his wish and will serve as a medical guinea pig in 10 experiments measuring the effects of weightlessness on the human body. Many of these changes are similar to those suffered by the elderly on Earth.

Doctors examining Glenn said he had the body, strength and stamina of a much younger man.

For NASA, flying a national icon brought both risks and rewards.

Famed test pilot says Glenn's return to space just a NASA publicity stunt

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — John Glenn's scheduled return to space is no more than a multi-million-dollar publicity stunt aimed at boosting interest in NASA, famed test pilot Chuck Yeager says.

Yeager told the San Antonio Express-News Wednesday in a telephone interview that the return to space is an effort to "rehabilitate" Glenn's image and reward the one-time Mercury hero for backing the agency and President Clinton.

The White House and NASA were quick with denials. Clinton had nothing to do with the decision to place fellow Democrat Glenn on the shuttle, White House spokesman Roger Salazar said.

"The NASA administrator (Daniel Goldin) makes the decisions about who flies space shuttle missions and for anyone to suggest otherwise, I think we have to take issue," Salazar said.

Glenn's presence "played a role" in the media surge, which could be a record, NASA spokesman John Ira Petty said.

But he defended the four-term senator, saying he would help shed light on such maladies of aging as disturbed sleep patterns.

Glenn's mission is "hype, and God only knows NASA needs it real bad," said Yeager, who broke the sound barrier 51 years ago. "It's a payoff to Glenn for his support of Clinton and also the NASA budget," said Yeager, a retired brigadier general who now lives in Northern California.

"And also, NASA needs the publicity, and they couldn't have picked a better guy to hype the space program," he said.

Connection found between earthquakes, volcanic eruptions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Historical records appear to confirm that large earthquakes can trigger volcanic eruptions, according to research published today in the journal Nature.

A study of records dating to the 1500s found a statistical link between the two, Alan Linde and I. Selwyn Sacks of the Carnegie Institution in Washington reported.

While the exact mechanism is not known, an earthquake may cause bubbles to rise from the bottom of reservoirs of molten rock known as magma chambers, increasing the pressure that leads to an eruption, Linde said.

"Seismic waves from earthquakes have the potential to increase the pressure in magma chambers even at large distances from large earthquakes," the researchers said. "For a volcano already close to the critical pressure state, this could result in a premature eruption."

While earthquakes alone cannot be used to predict eruptions, close monitoring of active volcanoes may be able to determine which volcanoes could be set off by a quake, Linde said.

Linde said he and Sacks reviewed 204 so-called great earthquakes — those with magnitudes of more than 8 — and found eight quakes appear to

have triggered eruptions. Some triggered more than one.

The researchers also compared earthquakes with magnitudes between 7.0 and 7.9 and found a total of nine eruptions in the two days following such earthquakes.

Eruptions were only considered if they occurred within 465 miles of great earthquakes and 125 miles from the 7.0-to-7.9 quakes.

By comparison, in the 1,000 days before and after all of the quakes studied, there were no more than four eruptions on days other than the days of the quakes.

"They show that a volcanic

eruption is about eight times as likely on a day of a big earthquake as compared to any other day, within 500 miles or so," said Bill Menke, a Columbia University professor who studies volcanoes. "Earthquakes are kind of the straw that broke the camel's back."

Menke said the new work provides a statistical basis for what many had already suspected and also supports one theory on the causes of eruptions.

"This work gives more credence to one of the theories that says pressure is slowing building up in the volcano and when it reaches some critical pressure, something breaks."

Small plane crashes on highway, killing van driver

ROSWELL, Ga. (AP) — Pam Beasley was driving in rush-hour traffic on a suburban Atlanta highway when she looked in a side mirror and saw the burning plane as it slid into the back of her Jeep Cherokee.

"I knew it was on fire, and big. I knew whatever it was, I wanted to get away from it," Ms. Beasley said.

The plane struck several vehicles Wednesday evening, killing

the driver of a van. Police said the man was burned beyond recognition. The pilot, Laurie Ewald, 40, was listed in satisfactory condition at a hospital with burns on her hands and arms.

The single-engine Piper Lance burst into flames as it skidded beneath an overpass along southbound lanes of Georgia 400.

Traffic was closed in both directions of the freeway, which

carries commuters between Atlanta and its northernmost suburbs.

Mary Hart said she was driving in front of the van and didn't notice anything until the plane hit because of the overpass.

"You wouldn't be able to see it or hear it," Ms. Hart said. "It could have been me if I had been five seconds later."

The pilot was flying from

Bessemer, Ala., to Gainesville, east of Roswell, said Preston Hicks of the National Transportation Safety Board. Hicks said the pilot told Atlanta air controllers that there was a loss of oil pressure and engine power.

Ms. Beasley said the flames from the van and plane soared above the overpass. "I didn't really get scared until I got out and saw all the fire," she said.

Specialized care reported to help injured brains heal

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — Survivors of traumatic brain injury have the best chance of resuming active lives if they receive specialized — though expensive — rehabilitation that can retrain their brains, said a government panel.

"The brain seems to have a remarkable capacity to heal if given the right opportunities," said Dr. Bruce Wexler of Yale University, describing sophisticated brain exercises that can help.

Up to 2 million Americans a year suffer traumatic brain injury — any injury to the brain resulting from such trauma as car crashes, falls, violence or sports accidents. It's the leading cause of disability in young Americans. Around 90,000 suffer severe brain damage that causes long-term debilitation, while others suffer milder injuries with more subtle symptoms such as a personality change or memory problems.

Better trauma care is getting more severely injured people

hospitalized in time to save them. But survival doesn't necessarily mean recovery, and doctors have long debated the best way to treat survivors.

The National Institutes of Health, at Congress' request, convened brain experts who spent a year studying that question. Wednesday, the panel concluded the best care is a comprehensive treatment program including cognitive, physical and social rehabilitation tailored to each patient, often lasting for many years.

In some rural areas, rehabilitation isn't even offered. Some insurance policies won't cover outpatient rehabilitation or long-term care.

"We can only state what is appropriate care and hope it gets funded," said the panel's chairman, Dr. Kristjan Ragnarsson of New York's Mount Sinai School of Medicine.

helps, and it may even hurt, said Dr. James Kelly of the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago.

Instead, once patients begin to emerge from a coma, they need special physical and mental stimulation during the time each day that they are fully aware. "You need a sophisticated team that knows when to

stimulate, and when to back off," Kelly said.

Physical, speech and occupational therapy help patients function on their own, but they also need specialized cognitive exercises, the panel said.

Computer programs that help patients track moving objects, for instance, can improve attention span.

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Microsoft attorneys turn tables on accusers in antitrust trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — Microsoft attorneys turned the tables on the company's accusers, alleging that America Online conspired with Netscape to drive the software supergiant out of business.

The government's central allegation against Microsoft in the antitrust trial is that the company illegally offered its chief rival, Netscape, a plan to divide the market for Internet software.

On Wednesday, Microsoft accused AOL of pitching the

same deal to Netscape just months later.

Microsoft attorney John Warden introduced various internal AOL documents in court, including one suggesting a deal had been "hammered out" between AOL president Steve Case and two Netscape executives.

The agreement called for a \$10 million licensing deal for Netscape's browser software, which lets people view the Internet. The deal also called for Netscape to stay out of the

online service business to avoid direct competition with AOL. Another e-mail suggested AOL would stop selling one of its business-level computer server products that threatened to compete with Netscape's products.

"We think the relationship needs to be strategic so that at the end of the deal, everyone is in agreement that we have eliminated a potential competitor and that the two companies have aligned themselves to create a vision to compete with

Microsoft," according to one document cited by Microsoft lawyers.

"Isn't that a market division proposal, Warden asked AOL senior vice president David Colburn in court, alluding to the document.

"What it seemed to me to be was a strategic partnership," replied Colburn. "They were going to do certain services, and we were going to do certain services if an agreement was reached."

In one of the most significant

business trials of the computer age, the government contends that Microsoft illegally wielded its monopoly power from its dominant Windows product to expand into new markets, such as for Internet software.

In his first day of cross-examination, Colburn spent most of his time explaining why AOL signed a 1996 browser distribution deal with Microsoft rather than Netscape.

Colburn dismissed claims that Microsoft had a technically better browser. Instead, he backed

up government assertions that Microsoft won the deal because of its influence as the maker of the hugely popular Windows operating system.

Under the deal, AOL agreed to distribute Microsoft's Internet browser in exchange for a promotional spot on the opening screen of all Windows-based computers.

"It was a close call on the technology, but what put it over the top was the distribution on the (Windows) desktop," Colburn said.

Consumer groups, MCI seeking assurances over AT&T, TCI merger

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer groups and MCI WorldCom want federal regulators to require AT&T and Telecommunications Inc. to take steps to protect competition as a condition of winning approval for their planned merger.

The Consumers Union, the Consumer Federation of America and MCI WorldCom were expected today to ask the Federal Communications Commission to ensure that Internet service providers and

other communications companies have nondiscriminatory access to TCI's high-speed cable TV lines into homes.

It's the FCC's first deadline for all parties to comment on the proposed \$48 billion merger, which is subject to approval by the FCC and the Justice Department.

The FCC is reviewing the merger to determine whether it serves the public interest, a broad standard that includes whether the merger would be

good for consumers and for competition.

AT&T and TCI have said it would be good on both counts, particularly for accelerating local phone competition.

If the merged company can prevent other companies from using TCI's high-speed lines to reach customers, competition for Internet and phone services could be cramped, the consumer groups and MCI WorldCom contend in their prepared filings to the commission.

AT&T and TCI executives have said they are open to providing other companies with access to the merged companies' high-speed lines, but they don't want to be forced to do so by the government.

MCI WorldCom also wants assurances that when the merged company provides local phone service over TCI's cable lines, it will abide by the same regulations as traditional phone companies.

The Consumers Union and the

Consumer Federation of America also want assurances that the merged company won't raise cable rates to finance its local phone business.

The consumer groups also want assurances that the merged company, which will have ownership stakes in many popular cable TV networks, will be subject to regulations that require cable companies to make programming available to competitors.

The consumer groups and

MCI WorldCom did say the merger holds the promise of cracking the Bell companies' monopoly over local phone service.

Still, now that they've had time to analyze the merger, the consumer groups, in their prepared filing to the commission, are taking a harder line on the merger's potential anti-competitive impact than they initially voiced when the deal was announced in the summer, said Gene Kimmelman.

Impeachment investigators mull immunity for witnesses

WASHINGTON (AP) — House investigators in the public domain outweighs the government's mandate to prosecute criminal conduct.

The House Judiciary Committee chief of staff, Thomas Mooney, last week told Democratic and White House lawyers in a private meeting that in preparing a witness list he also was considering whether immunity might be necessary in certain cases, according to three participants in the meeting.

Mooney's comments marked the first time Republican inves-

tigators have raised the immunity issue in the Clinton inquiry.

Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill., has not indicated whether he supports immunity for any witnesses or whether he believes such a move is necessary. Hyde has said he wants to wrap up the hearings with a recommendation to the full House by the end of the year, a schedule that would limit the number of witnesses who could testify.

No candidates for immunity have been discussed openly. But

some potential witnesses have circumstances that might raise the issue.

Linda Tripp, whose secret tape recordings of Monica Lewinsky prompted the Starr investigation, is being investigated on two fronts. Starr wants to know whether Mrs. Tripp copied or tampered with any of her tapes and lied about it under oath, while a Maryland prosecutor is investigating whether her secret recording violated state wiretapping laws. A congressional grant of immunity could affect both.

Asked about hiring investigators when FBI and IRS agents are available, Starr lawyer Jackie Bennett explained to a reporter with The New York Times: "It solves the problem, an insidious problem, of people being transferred to us for a temporary period and then moving back to their agency."

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Reports: Starr expenditures include luxury apartments

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kenneth Starr's \$40 million bill to taxpayers for his investigation of President Clinton reportedly includes a \$400-an-hour ethics consultant, private investigators and luxury apartments.

Documents obtained by House Democrats also found that Starr spent \$370 a month for a personal parking space and \$30,517 for a psychological analysis of evidence, the Los Angeles Times reported today.

Starr spent more than \$729,000 on five private investigators

who were hired to supplement dozens of FBI agents assigned to the case, the newspaper said. The New York Times also detailed some of the payments to investigators.

Starr has spent more than four years investigating issues ranging from Whitewater to Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky.

On Sept. 9, he delivered to the House 36 boxes with two copies of his report and evidence.

Starr spokesman Charles G. Bakaly III defended the spend-

ing. "Each independent counsel must secure employees, office equipment and office space," he said. "We follow government procurement guidelines."

But Jim Jordan, a spokesman for the Democrats on the House Judiciary Committee, suggested that Starr overspent.

"At the very least, here's a story of a lack of accountability, of extravagance with taxpayer dollars and of arrogance on the part of Starr and his office," Jordan said.

SEC cracking down on Internet securities fraud

WASHINGTON (AP) — From the files of the Securities and Exchange Commission: an investor was convinced by an "expert" on the Internet to buy 45,000 shares of a little-known company. The stock went bust, and the investor lost his shirt.

The episode illustrates a growing problem of online investment fraud by financial advisers who portray themselves as neutral stock experts, but actually are paid to promote certain stocks. It is a cyberspace practice known as "tout-

ing. must be fully disclosed, including the nature and amount of payment.

In total, the allegedly fraudulent "touters" received more than \$6.2 million and nearly 2 million shares of stock and options, from companies in exchange for promoting them, the regulators said. In some cases, the promoters allegedly

sold their stock immediately after recommending it, a deceptive practice known as scalping.

Federal and state regulators say financial fraud using the Internet has been on the rise in recent years. In addition to deceptive stock touting, it can involve stock price manipulation, illegal pyramid schemes and insider trading.

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And with Phillips giving a full account, the monster rigged its fighting machine and brought up its heat ray. Soldiers burst into flames. The fires spread everywhere. Suddenly Phillips was cut off the air. Dead time heightened the effect.

More bulletins, Red Cross emergency workers dispatched to the scene. Bridges hopelessly clogged with frantic human

traffic: Automobiles were to use Route 7...

At last came the blunt announcement that defined the show. Everything else was window dressing to this bald lie. Ladies and gentlemen, as incredible as it may seem, both the observations of science and the evidence of our own eyes lead to the inescapable assumption that those strange beings who landed in the Jersey farmlands tonight are the vanguard of an invading army from the planet Mars.

Soon came Kenny Delmar, as a very official and gloomy "Secretary of the Interior." More news bulletins. Martian cylinders were falling all over the country, and in New York the enemy could be seen, rising high above the Palisades. Ray Collins, the last announcer, described the machines wading the Hudson, "like a

man wading through a brook."

The smoke crossed Fifth Avenue, came closer, and again there was a long and terrible silence. The last pathetic voice was that of a shortwave operator, breaking through from some outpost. 2SX2L, calling CQ, New York... isn't there anyone on the air?... isn't there anyone on the air?... isn't there anyone...?

At about this time, Davidson Taylor was called away from the studio. The telephone began ringing. When Taylor returned, Houseman recalled, his face was ashen.

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Colombian leader seeks U.S. help in boosting weak economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Having signed a landmark agreement with President Clinton to fight drug trafficking, Colombian President Andres Pastrana is seeking U.S. help in bolstering his country's weak economy.

Pastrana was meeting today with members of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, top officials at the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank and Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin.

At a news conference with

Clinton on Wednesday, Pastrana complained that when he took office less than three months ago, he inherited the largest deficit in the nation's history and an unusually high rate of unemployment.

Drug trafficking was the dominant issue for Clinton and Pastrana on Wednesday. Signaling a new era of cooperation, the two presidents signed an "Alliance Against Drugs" that commits them to take on all aspects of the narcotics issue.

The agreement brings together the government of the world's largest drug consuming country and that of the country that ranks first in the production and distribution of cocaine.

With Pastrana at his side on the White House South Lawn, Clinton also announced \$280 million in new assistance to Colombia, supplementing \$200 million approved last week by Congress.

The new money will be used for counterdrug activity as well as for development efforts in the

South American country. The combined program will make Colombia by far the largest U.S. aid recipient in the hemisphere.

For his part, Pastrana hailed a "new era in relations between Colombia and the United States." United, he added, "there is much that we can achieve."

At another point, he said, "I came here with the hope of forging an alliance with President Clinton and the United States, and I will leave having established a true friendship with

the president and I hope with his nation."

The two leaders agreed in a communique that "education, prevention, law enforcement, judicial action, extradition of narcotraffickers, aerial and other forms of eradication, alternative development and efforts to end armed conflict are all essential elements in the overall strategy to combat illegal drugs."

The fistful of agreements coupled with the warm expressions of friendship contrasted sharply

with the mood before Pastrana took office in August. At that time, Colombia was still being led by President Ernesto Samper, who was widely suspected of having links to narcotraffickers.

The Clinton administration showed its disdain for Samper by revoking his U.S. visa in 1996.

For much of Samper's four-year tenure, Colombia was under U.S. economic sanctions for not fully cooperating with American anti-drug efforts.

Woman, now 41, charged as juvenile with murder

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Susan Marie Watson was 14 years old when someone shot her sleeping mother to death. No one was ever charged.

Now, 27 years later, the mystery may be solved, though its answer creates an even knottier problem. Watson has confessed to killing her mother, but authorities don't know whether to try her as a teenager or an adult.

"The laws aren't written for this kind of case," said Robert Schwartz, director of the Juvenile Law Center in Philadelphia.

Watson, 41, of Schenectady, N.Y., admitted last week that she shot her mother, Maylon Johnson, because she didn't believe the girl's complaints

that family members were sexually abusing her, authorities said.

Police had reopened the case after Watson's younger brothers asked about the investigation.

For now, Watson is charged in juvenile court with the Oct. 3, 1971, killing in the family's Newark apartment.

At the time of the killing, Watson had told police she found her mother's body and saw a man leaving the scene, police Sgt. Derek Glenn said.

Watson, a keyboard operator and mother of three, was initially taken to the Essex County Juvenile Detention Center in Newark, where she was separated from younger inmates.

"She was treated as anyone else charged with a juvenile

(crime) at that time," said Michael O'Brien, acting division manager of Family Court in Newark.

A Family Court judge on Monday ordered her moved to an adult facility. But where she should be held is the least of the court's dilemmas.

Under law in effect in 1971, a juvenile charged with murder could not be tried as an adult if he or she was under 16 at the time of the crime.

Philip A. Ross, a lawyer who runs a juvenile justice clinic at Seton Hall University School of Law, said that means Watson would have to be tried as a juvenile. Today, a juvenile can be waived to adult court.

But Ross did not know how to resolve a possible sentence.

Under the 1971 law, a juvenile convicted of murder would be held in a juvenile detention center only until he or she turned 21.

"I can't say that I've ever seen a situation quite like that," Ross said. "I don't know how they're going to handle it."

Today, a juvenile could go to jail for up to 20 years.

Schwartz, of the Juvenile Law Center, wondered if any court even has jurisdiction. In most states, he said, juvenile courts no longer can prosecute anyone over the age of 18 or 21.

A defense attorney might argue that "there's nobody with the authority to try her. It's one of those slip-through-the-cracks kind of things."

Drug operation works off drivers making panic mistakes

BEAUMONT (AP) — You're driving down an interstate and see a sign that reads "DRUG CHECKPOINT AHEAD" or "DRUG DOG IN USE."

What do you do? If you've got drugs in the car or you have some other reason not to want to talk to law enforcement officials, perhaps you make a quick U-turn.

The next thing you see is the flashing lights of a patrol car in your rear view mirror.

There never was a drug checkpoint ahead on Interstate 10 just west of Beaumont on Wednesday, Jefferson County chief deputy Ron Hobbs said. But when motorists, nervous about the announcement, commit a traffic violation, such as an illegal U-turn, officers pull them over.

"Basically, we're just using the signs to see who panics trying to avoid the checkpoint," Hobbs said. "The key to this deal is they have to commit a traffic violation."

Many of the motorists who were stopped on Wednesday failed to signal when they were changing lanes, exiting the interstate or stopping on the shoulder of the highway.

Bell returns to show after strange sign-off

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Radio talk show host Art Bell has returned to the air, two weeks after he abruptly signed off citing a "threatening terrible event" involving his family.

"This is 'Coast to Coast' a.m., and I'm Art Bell, and I never thought I'd be saying that again," Bell said as he began his show Wednesday night.

Listeners hoping Bell would reveal what prompted him to quit didn't hear any more details other than a reference to the mysterious, on-air explanation he gave when he departed.

"There's probably more theories about why I did it than why or who shot Kennedy," he said.

Bell broadcasts from the small town of Pahrump, 60 miles west

of Las Vegas. He hosts the nation's most listened-to overnight show, featuring an audience of insomniacs who offer an earful on theories ranging from space aliens to conspiracies involving the FBI or CIA.

It reaches more than 400 stations nationwide and has 15 million listeners.

On Oct. 13, Bell gave a puzzling farewell to his listeners.

"I told you that there was an event, a threatening terrible event occurred to my family, which I could not tell you about. Because of that event, and a succession of other events, what you're listening to right now, is my final broadcast on the air," he said.

But last week in a statement to his listeners, Bell said he hoped the problem could be resolved and he could return to his show. On Friday, he announced he would return.

Bell, 51, thanked his listeners for sending letters, faxes and e-mails offering support. He said his show didn't lose one affiliate through his two-week break, and actually gained three stations.

"During this time my network stepped in and helped me and that's what has made possible my return tonight," he said. "It's not that what happened didn't happen. It's not that what happened still is not very serious and life-threatening because it is."

Controllers: Radar system malfunctioning

ELGIN, Ill. (AP) — Air traffic controllers say a new radar system has been malfunctioning, causing them to lose track of planes in the skies around O'Hare International Airport, one of the world's busiest.

The Federal Aviation Administration replaced an flight tracking system at its Terminal Approach Radar Control center in Elgin with a system that is slower and more error-prone, said Kurt Granger, president of the National Air Traffic Controllers Association at the Elgin facility.

The computer repeatedly has dropped critical flight informa-

tion, misidentified aircraft location and given false information, Granger said Wednesday.

"We are now operating with an unacceptable margin of safety for the airplanes we are responsible for," he said.

FAA spokesman Don Zochert said the new system is safe and that glitches are to be expected with the equipment installed eight weeks ago. He said the new software, the most up-to-date available, also is in use in Denver, Dallas and New York City.

Granger said a radar computer based in Tinley Park is being used to back up the new system

at Elgin. But he said Tinley Park is 20 miles away, leaving a 20-mile blind spot for air traffic controllers.

The Elgin facility handles planes in the air within a 40-mile radius of O'Hare.

Granger said there have been several incidents blamed on the radar systems, including one last Saturday where an aircraft had to take action to avoid a collision with another plane.

Zochert was unaware of any incident on Saturday, but said that two aircraft on approach to O'Hare on Friday were allowed to get too close due to a controller's error.

Agency will target employers of illegal workers

DENVER (AP) — The Immigration and Naturalization Service plans to devote more attention to employers of illegal workers than it has in the past, Commissioner Doris Meissner said Wednesday.

Speaking at an annual strategy conference, Ms. Meissner said the agency's new strategy also will include placing more agents in tourist and farming areas like Colorado, and the use of telephone wiretaps.

"The focus of our worksite enforcement needs increasingly to be directed at employers," Meissner said during a break at the conference of top INS officials.

"Work is the incentive that brings illegal immigrants into our country," Meissner said. Enforcement "can't just be done

at the border."

Targeting U.S. employers, who employ an estimated 5.5 million unauthorized workers, won't be easy. With the labor market tight, companies in many industries claim they cannot find enough workers.

Members of Congress who led a recent immigration crackdown that radically beefed up the INS budget and staffing — mostly for border patrol — are less enthusiastic about targeting business.

Congressional critics have denied the INS a key tool: an electronic verification system that would obligate employers to confirm whether workers they hire are legal.

Meanwhile, undocumented workers are spreading across the United States, growing at

the rate of 275,000 a year in spite of a massive border crackdown, according to INS statistics.

INS officials have tried before to target employers in the wake of the 1986 law that made knowingly hiring unauthorized workers illegal. The government hasn't been able to prove the "knowingly" part.

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Sex Education

When should it, begin and end?

QUESTION: You've indicated when sex education should begin. When should it end?

DR. DOBSON: You should plan to end your formal instructional program about the time your son or daughter enters puberty (the time of rapid sexual development in early adolescence). Puberty usually begins between 10 and 13 for girls and between 11 and 14 for boys. Once they enter this developmental period, they are typically embarrassed by discussions of sex with their parents. Adolescents usually resent adult intrusion during this time -- unless they raise the topic themselves. In other words, this is an area where teens should invite parents into their lives.

I think that we should respect their wishes. We are given 10 or 12 years to provide the proper understanding of human sexuality. After that foundation has been laid, we serve primarily as resources to whom our children can turn when the need exists. That is not to say parents should abdicate their responsibility to provide guidance about issues related to sexuality, dating, marriage, etc., as opportunities present themselves. Again, sensitivity to the feelings of the teen is paramount. If he or she wishes to talk, by all means, welcome the conversation. In other cases, parental guidance may be most effective if offered indirectly. Trusted youth workers at church or in a club program such as Campus Life or Young Life can often break the ice when parents can't.

I'd also suggest that you

arrange a subscription for your kids to magazines that provide solid advice -- from the perspective of a friend, rather than an authority figure. Examples include *Brio* (for girls ages 12 and up), and *Breakaway* (for boys ages 12 and up), both of which are available through Focus on the Family.

QUESTION: My boyfriend and I have been seeing each other for almost a year. Initially, he would freely show me a great deal of respect and affection. Lately, however, I'm seeing less and less of this attention. I don't want to be overly sensitive, but I don't want to be used as a doormat either. How can I know for sure what is the case?

DR. DOBSON: Give yourself a little test by answering these questions about the relationship. Are you making all the phone calls to the other person? Does he invariably tell you the truth? Have you been "stood up" without a reasonable excuse? Do you fear he is slipping away, and is that causing you to "grab and hold"? Are you tolerating insults that others would not accept? Does he show evidence of "cherishing" you and wanting to make you happy? Does he reveal your secrets to others and make comments about you in public that embarrass you? Is he phys-

ically abusive at times? Does he ever "reach" for you instead of your reaching for him? Do your friends ever say, "Why do you put up with the stuff he does?"

These are questions that only you can answer. But if you are honest with yourself, you will have no difficulty identifying disrespectful components to your relationship. If you come up with the wrong answers, the solution is not to beg him to do better; it is to pull back and see if he follows. If not, you're better off looking for someone else.

QUESTION: Does the feeling of entrapment in marriage only happen late in life, or does it sometimes occur earlier?

DR. DOBSON: Trapped reactions can occur among teenagers during courtship or any time within a marriage -- from the first day of the honeymoon to 50 years thereafter. They happen any time one partner devalues the worth of the other and feels stuck in the relationship. They form the cornerstone of midlife crises among men, and are typical of women who feel their husbands are wimpy and lacking in confidence. I believe the majority of divorces can be traced to the twin reactions of disrespect and marital claustrophobia.

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



DR. JAMES DOBSON

Dog becomes hero by getting elderly women help; tracks motorist down

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

Peanut isn't just an ordinary wire hair terrier. He's a hero.

Oct. 12, Columbus Day, Mattie Lane, Peanut's owner, was outside by her greenhouse when she lost her balance and fell.

"I couldn't get the tv working, so I went to my green house out back. That's when I lost my balance and fell," said Lane. Lane doesn't recollect much of the original accident, she said.

"I can't remember how I did it. I just stepped wrong or something and boom! I was on the ground," said Lane.

Her fall bruised her forehead and broke both of her legs. Lane's injuries prevented her from being able to seek help for herself.

"I managed to get myself in a position other than laying down," said Lane.

Her painful injuries meant that Lane could do little more than remain in a reclining position.

"That crazy little dog Peanut, named by my daughter, didn't know what was wrong with me when I didn't get up," Lane said.

"He started barking and barking and then did the most amaz-



Peanut, wire hair terrier, got help for Mattie Lane after her fall

ing thing. He ran out into the front yard," she added.

According to Lane, Peanut kept barking and making a fuss in the front yard, then would stop and run back to where she was lying.

"I guess he was checking on me. He kept licking my face and running back to the front. I too, would be hollering for help. Every time I yelled 'help!', Peanut would bark," Lane said.

She said he kept barking, but no one would stop and listen.

"They probably thought he was barking just to be barking," said Lane.

Peanut continued his vigil, attempting to alert someone to help. Lane said she did not know how much time passed as she lay in the back yard, her legs broken.

"It was a holiday, so everyone was gone. It seemed like a long time before anyone came to my rescue," she said.

Lane expressed relief when she realized someone had followed Peanut into her back yard.

"Finally, a man stopped and Peanut led him to me. He then called the ambulance," she said.

Lane also said Peanut loves everyone. And Peanut's actions the day he rescued Lane in the back yard still amaze his owner.

"I got Peanut from a lady in Midland about two years ago who raises wire terriers. He's the friendliest little thing, anyone could steal him," said Lane.

"It's hard to believe that a little bitty dog like Peanut could be so smart. It's scary."

"Out of all the dogs I've had, Peanut is the smartest one," she added.



Lane

EDUCATOR OF THE WEEK

Educator name: Deborah Foster
Position/school name: Special Education Teacher at Goljad

Years teaching or in education field: 14 years

Unique talents/methods you bring to the job: patience, understanding of my students and their difficulties.

Why I became a teacher/educator: When I was in college, I became a teacher because at the time, it just seemed like the thing to do. I had no burning desire to be a teacher. Now, however, I choose to stay in education because I want more than anything to help my students learn and grow up to be a productive part of our society.

Special hobbies, interests: piano and needlework

Family information: husband, Rick Foster - chaplain at the Big Spring State Hospital, daughter, Lisa Foster - sophomore at Hardin-Simmons University, and son, Jonathan Foster - sophomore at Coahoma High School.

Most gratifying experience with young people: watching my students learn, seeing them read things I know they couldn't when they first came in my room.

If I could change one thing about my job, it would be: to lessen the amount of paperwork required of us as teachers.

Educator of the week is a random drawing from those questionnaires already received.



Foster

Teachers take time off, get paid for doing nothing

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The 52-year-old English teacher is not a lottery winner. She's a beneficiary of an embattled Portland School Board policy that allows her to take a year off to rest and rejuvenate while still pulling down \$36,000, two-thirds of her salary.

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"Come and spend a few days in my classroom," she said. "It's a difficult job. It's becoming more dangerous."

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There have always been more openings than applicants, and the district must accept any teacher with 12 years' experience and a completed application form. There's no interview or essay.

Teachers have to wait another 12 years to take another such sabbatical.

Special education teacher Dar Krumbule doesn't begrudge teachers on R&R, even though he is shelling out nearly \$9,000

See **TEACHER**, Page 9A

READ ALL ABOUT IT

Vlasic to introduce 'world's largest pickle'

CHERRY HILL, N.J. (AP) — Vlastic Foods International plans to introduce a giant pickle that it claims is the world's largest: 10 times larger than an ordinary pickle.

The chip-shaped pickle measures 16 inches long and 3 inches in diameter and will cover an entire hamburger, guaranteeing a pickle piece in every bite, Vlastic said Monday.

The company spent the past four years developing the new pickle, "Hamburger Stackers." The pickle is made from specially cultivated cucumbers grown by the Cherry-Hill based food giant.

Vlastic spokesman Kevin Lowery said cucumbers used for the pickles were specially grown for size, taste and crispness. Cucumbers that size grown with traditional methods would have the texture of a watermelon and would not be ideal for making pickles, he said.

The pickle was secretly developed under the code name, "Project Frisbee." It was the brainchild of Frank Meczowski, who created Vlastic's "Sandwich Stackers," a broad flat pickle, in 1995.

Only 3 percent of the 35 billion sandwiches consumed at home each year have a pickle, Vlastic estimates. However, two-thirds of all pickles are consumed with a sandwich.

This time Vlastic is targeting hamburger consumers. The company estimates Americans

eat 3.5 billion hamburgers annually.

The product has a "peck of pickle profit potential," Lowery said. The company estimates it could generate at least \$20 million in sales annually.

Hamburger Stackers will sell for \$2.99 and will be available in two varieties: dill and bread and butter. The new pickles will hit retail shelves next week.

Use facts from the story to complete the following statements:

- Vlastic Foods International - a) created a giant pickle.
- recently moved to Cherry-Hill, N.J.
- is the world's largest company.
- Most of the sandwiches eaten at home each year - a) cost about \$2.99 to prepare.
- are made with hamburger meat.
- do not include a pickle.
- "Hamburger Stackers" are supposed to be - a) consumed (eaten) with chips.
- placed on top of hamburgers.
- kept in piles.
- The huge pickles - a) were invented in 1995.
- taste like watermelon.
- are made from cucumbers.
- Vlastic probably kept its new product a secret because the company - a) wanted to be the first to sell giant pickles.
- was afraid that no one would buy the food.

c) didn't want the crispy chips to be tossed around.

6. "Project Frisbee" - a) took four years to complete.

b) resulted in the loss of billions of dollars.

c) was carried out by very smart children.

7. One jar of the new creation probably contains -

a) both varieties (kinds) of the product.

b) many slices of over-sized pickles.

c) 10 whole cucumbers.

8. According to the story, each pickle slice -

a) measures 3 inches in diameter.

b) taste best when eaten in a single bite.

c) both a and b are correct.

9. Another company specialty, "Sandwich Stackers," - a) was invented by Frank Meczowski.

b) will be replaced by "Hamburger Stackers."

c) is made from a fat pickle.

10. Company spokesman Kevin Lowery believes that -

a) Vlastic needs to change the name of the food.

b) consumers usually eat pickles by the peck.

c) the new product will be a best seller.

SANDWICH CHEF:

Imagine that Vlastic held a sandwich-making contest. Enter the contest by inventing a crazy sandwich that would go well with a big pickle. Write a description of your concoction. See **READ**, Page 9A

FREE THINGS

Free copies of the study, "Building Family-School Partnerships: Views of Teachers and Students," are available by writing to: MetLife Survey of the American Teacher; P.O. Box 807; Madison Square Station; New York, N.Y.; 10159-0807 or by visiting the Web site at www.metlife.org.

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THE BIG SPRING POLICE Department will be giving away safe, drug free candy and other things on Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m. at 305 S. Johnson.

THE LAST WORD

It is only the ignorant who despise education.
Publilius Syrus

Husbands are like fires. They go out if unattended.
Zsa Zsa Gabor

It is far more impressive when others discover your good qualities without your help.

Miss Manners
(Judith Martin)

SUPER QUIZ

Provide the one missing word from the quotation or aphorism concerning elections

FRESHMAN LEVEL
1. "You know how it is in an election year. They pick a president and then for four years they _____ on him" (Adlai Stevenson).
Answer _____

2. For every X on a ballot there is a "_____".
Answer _____

3. "After the election's over I bear no malice or feel badly toward anyone because the fellow who lost feels badly enough without eating _____".
See QUIZ, Page 10A

READ

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Have you created a sandwich sensation?

Answer Key: 1)a 2)c 3)b 4)c 5)a 6)a 7)b 8)a 9)a 10)c

What's going on in school?
School News is due Tuesday noon for Thursday publication.

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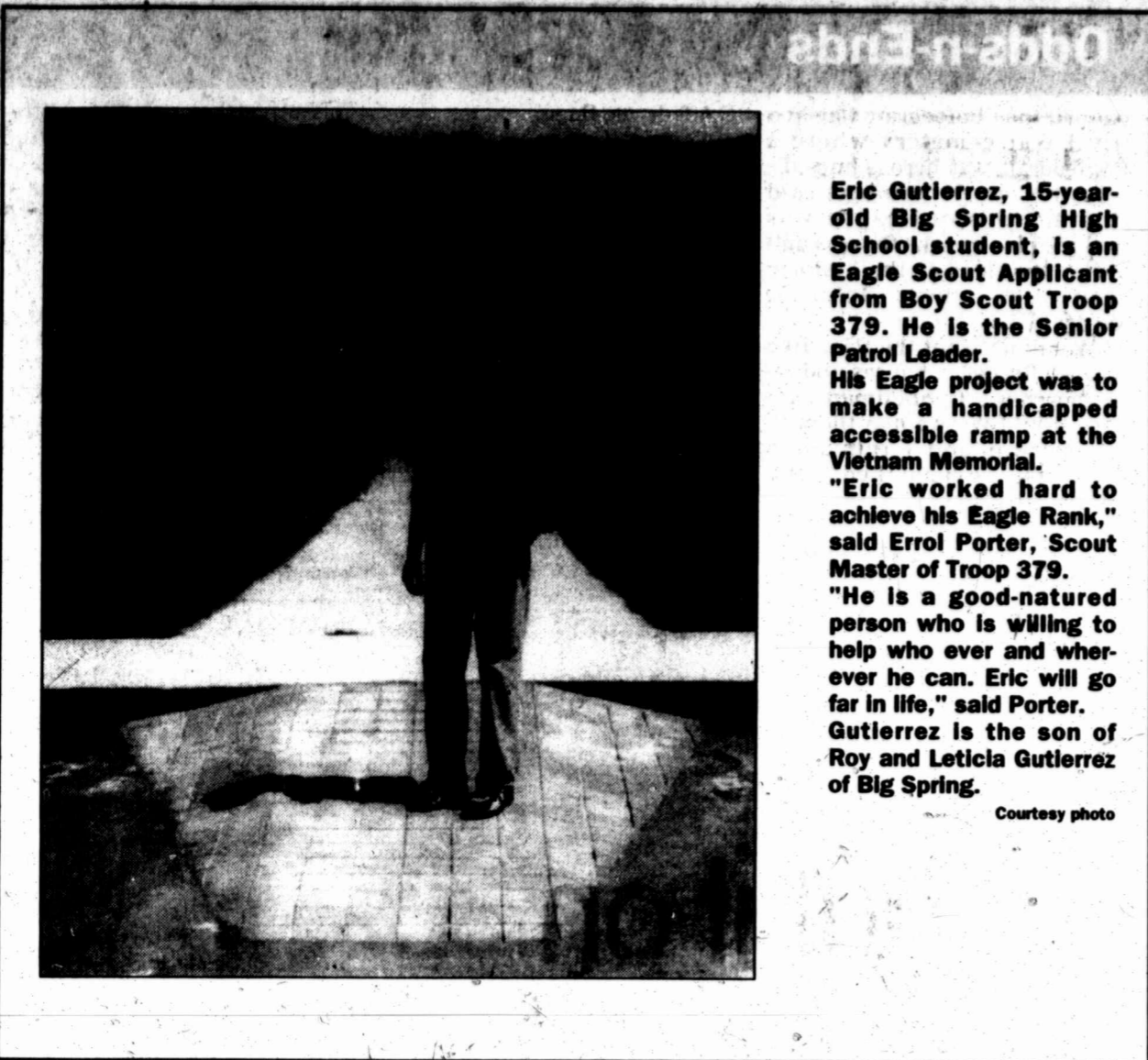
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oward a master's degree on a study sabbatical. He gets two-thirds of his salary but is reimbursed for only some of his education expenses.

"I think people who apply for R&R feel they really need to rest and relax with the thought they can go back to be better teachers for it," Krumbule said. Looking to cut costs, the school board is trying to wipe out all sabbaticals.

Richard Garrett, president of the teachers union, said sabbaticals give Portland schools an edge by keeping teachers' fresh. He said cutting out the paid leaves is an attempt to get public service on the cheap.

"In the long run," he said, "you get what you pay for."



Eric Gutierrez, 15-year-old Big Spring High School student, is an Eagle Scout Applicant from Boy Scout Troop 379. He is the Senior Patrol Leader. His Eagle project was to make a handicapped accessible ramp at the Vietnam Memorial. "Eric worked hard to achieve his Eagle Rank," said Errol Porter, Scout Master of Troop 379. "He is a good-natured person who is willing to help who ever and wherever he can. Eric will go far in life," said Porter. Gutierrez is the son of Roy and Leticia Gutierrez of Big Spring.

Courtesy photo

Captivating Catrinas: Mexican folk art figures charming but not ghoulish

SAN ANTONIO(AP) — There's something about Catrina.

Maybe it's her impish smile. Perhaps the umbrella-sized hat adorned with feathers and vibrant flowers that she wears. Or could it be Catrina's slender figure and sexy pose as her hand rests on her hip?

At the same time, there is something off-putting about her maybe it's the fact that the lovely clothes cover a skeleton and the extravagant hat sits atop a skull. But in the folk art world, Catrina is a captivating ceramic figure from Mexico that has become a popular collectible the past several years, especially as Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) approaches Nov. 2.

Catrina, which can also be spelled with a "K," owes her existence to Mexican artist and caricaturist Jose Guadalupe Posada who poked fun at the upper class with his drawings in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Richard Lee, owner of San Angel Folk Art in the Blue Star Arts Complex, says Posada combined the idea of using calaveras (skulls) with satire to produce his famous drawing of "Calavera Catrina," a grinning,

woman's skull wearing a large hat with flowers and ostrich feathers.

"That's when it became this folkloric image," he says.

Artists later transferred the image into the hand-made ceramic pieces. Like snowflakes, no two Catrinas are alike.

Catrina is a Spanish term for an upper-class person (i.e., the rich elite). There are also Catrins, the male version of Catrinas, although they aren't as numerous.

Because the females outnumber the males, they're usually referred to as Catrinas.

What differentiates them from traditional calaveras are their elaborate and detailed clothing drawn from the fashions of the late 1800s and early 1900s.

"They have beautiful, flashy hats with long dresses. Some wear gloves," Lee says. "They have these expressions on the skeletons' faces which makes them so beautiful."

Some carry (with grace, of course) a cigarette between their index and middle fingers.

For the past decade, Lee has bought them from an artist who lives in Michoacan and makes them only once a year.

This year, Lee purchased 25 Catrinas, standing 2 feet tall. Only five remain.

Catrinas range in height from 1 to 2 feet and cost from \$100 to \$400 at San Angel.

The taller Catrinas appear more elegant because of their thin figures and elongated necks, arms and fingers, Lee says.

"He (the Michoacan artist) is the one that started the tradition of the elongated Catrinas," he says, adding that he sells them to collectors in New York and Kentucky. "The faces are more expressionistic. Other people see it and try to make them, but with this guy, it totally flows off his hands."

Margie Shackelford is one Catrina collector.

The San Antonian has been collecting folk art for two decades, but had not seen a Catrina until five years ago.

"They're just so interesting. It was a form of folk art I hadn't seen before," Shackelford says. "Each piece has its own characteristics. Some are seductive. Others are fun."

Lisa Ortiz, owner of Galeria Ortiz in Market Square, sells some of her Catrinas to collec-

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Letter to Editor, Abilene Reporter News 10/18/98

The Truth about Social Security

Glyn Hammons knows about Social Security. He used to run the Social Security office in Abilene.

Congressman Charlie Stenholm is fighting to protect your Social Security.

Bad information

While I was Social Security district manager in Abilene, it was my privilege to work closely with U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm on many issues. The relationship has continued, as I now do advisory work for the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare.

I have participated in Stenholm's town meetings, we have discussed individual cases in which he has had an interest, and I have observed his research into many different issues that affect the 17th District. Charlie has always been fair, honest, sincere and thorough in studying and making decisions on any issue that was before him.

My exposure to Rudy Izzard is more limited, but I did hear him speak on Social Security to a civic club recently. The information he gave was very misleading, and much of it was completely erroneous. With only a minimum of research, he would have realized he was presenting rumor and not fact on most of the Social Security issues.

Now Izzard is using inaccurate information in TV ads that accuse Stenholm of "raiding the Social Security trust funds." Nothing could be further from the truth! Stenholm has been dedicated to protecting the Social Security trust funds. This is why he has opposed a large tax reduction until the federal budget has a real surplus without including the Social Security's surplus to balance the budget.

We need Charlie Stenholm's honesty, ability and common sense as our voice in Washington.

GLYN HAMMONS
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◆The prison known as the Bastille, which figured so prominently in the French Revolution, was originally built as a home for the king.

◆The first adhesive postage stamps went on sale July 1, 1847.

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

Sex Education

When should it, begin and end?

QUESTION: You've indicated when sex education should begin. When should it end?

DR. DOBSON: You should plan to end your formal instructional program about the time your son or daughter enters puberty (the time of rapid sexual development in early adolescence). Puberty usually begins between 10 and 13 for girls and between 11 and 14 for boys. Once they enter this developmental period, they are typically embarrassed by discussions of sex with their parents. Adolescents usually resent adult intrusion during this time -- unless they raise the topic themselves. In other words, this is an area where teens should invite parents into their lives.

I think that we should respect their wishes. We are given 10 or 12 years to provide the proper understanding of human sexuality. After that foundation has been laid, we serve primarily as resources to whom our children can turn when the need exists. That is not to say parents should abdicate their responsibility to provide guidance about issues related to sexuality, dating, marriage, etc., as opportunities present themselves. Again, sensitivity to the feelings of the teen is paramount. If he or she wishes to talk, by all means, welcome the conversation. In other cases, parental guidance may be most effective if offered indirectly. Trusted youth workers at church or in a club program such as Campus Life or Young Life can often break the ice when parents can't.

I'd also suggest that you

arrange a subscription for your kids to magazines that provide solid advice -- from the perspective of a friend, rather than an authority figure. Examples include Brio (for girls ages 12 and up), and Breakaway (for boys ages 12 and up), both of which are available through Focus on the Family.

QUESTION: My boyfriend and I have been seeing each other for almost a year. Initially, he would freely show me a great deal of respect and affection. Lately, however, I'm seeing less and less of this attention. I don't want to be overly sensitive, but I don't want to be used as a doormat either. How can I know for sure what is the case?

DR. DOBSON: Give yourself a little test by answering these questions about the relationship. Are you making all the phone calls to the other person? Does he invariably tell you the truth? Have you been "stood up" without a reasonable excuse? Do you fear he is slipping away, and is that causing you to "grab and hold"? Are you tolerating insults that others would not accept? Does he show evidence of "cherishing" you and wanting to make you happy? Does he reveal your secrets to others and make comments about you in public that embarrass you? Is he phys-



DR. JAMES DOBSON

ically abusive at times? Does he ever "reach" for you instead of your reaching for him? Do your friends ever say, "Why do you put up with the stuff he does?"

These are questions that only you can answer. But if you are honest with yourself, you will have no difficulty identifying disrespectful components to your relationship. If you come up with the wrong answers, the solution is not to beg him to do better; it is to pull back and see if he follows. If not, you're better off looking for someone else.

QUESTION: Does the feeling of entrapment in marriage only happen late in life, or does it sometimes occur earlier?

DR. DOBSON: Trapped reactions can occur among teenagers during courtship or any time within a marriage -- from the first day of the honeymoon to 50 years thereafter. They happen any time one partner devalues the worth of the other and feels stuck in the relationship. They form the cornerstone of midlife crises among men, and are typical of women who feel their husbands are wimpy and lacking in confidence. I believe the majority of divorces can be traced to the twin reactions of disrespect and marital claustrophobia.

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

Dog becomes hero by getting elderly women help; tracks motorist down

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

Peanut isn't just an ordinary wire hair terrier. He's a hero.

Oct. 12, Columbus Day, Mattie Lane, Peanut's owner, was outside by her greenhouse when she lost her balance and fell.

"I couldn't get the tv working, so I went to my green house out back. That's when I lost my balance and fell," said Lane. Lane doesn't recollect much of the original accident, she said.

"I can't remember how I did it. I just stepped wrong or something and boom! I was on the ground," said Lane.

Her fall bruised her forehead and broke both of her legs. Lane's injuries prevented her from being able to seek help for herself.

"I managed to get myself in a position other than laying down," said Lane.

Her painful injuries meant that Lane could do little more than remain in a reclining position.

"That crazy little dog Peanut, named by my daughter, didn't know what was wrong with me when I didn't get up," Lane said.

"He started barking and barking and then did the most amaz-



HERALD/photo Linda Choate
Peanut, wire hair terrier, got help for Mattie Lane after her fall

ing thing. He ran out into the front yard," she added.

According to Lane, Peanut kept barking and making a fuss in the front yard, then would stop and run back to where she was lying.

"I guess he was checking on me. He kept licking my face and running back to the front. I too, would be hollering for help. Every time I yelled 'help!', Peanut would bark," Lane said.

She said he kept barking, but no one would stop and listen.

"They probably thought he was barking just to be barking," said Lane.

Peanut continued his vigil, attempting to alert someone to help. Lane said she did not know how much time passed as she lay in the back yard, her legs broken.

"It was a holiday, so everyone was gone. It seemed like a long time before anyone came to my rescue," she said.

Lane expressed relief when she realized someone had followed Peanut into her back yard.

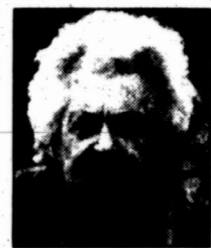
"Finally, a man stopped and Peanut led him to me. He then called the ambulance," she said.

Lane also said Peanut loves everyone. And Peanut's actions the day he rescued Lane in the back yard still amaze his owner.

"I got Peanut from a lady in Midland about two years ago who raises wire terriers. He's the friendliest little thing, anyone could steal him," said Lane.

"It's hard to believe that a little bitty dog like Peanut could be so smart. It's scary."

"Out of all the dogs I've had, Peanut is the smartest one," she added.



Lane

EDUCATOR OF THE WEEK

Educator name: Deborah Foster
Position/school name: Special Education Teacher at Goliad

Years teaching or in education field: 14 years

Unique talents/methods you bring to the job: patience, understanding of my students and their difficulties.

Why I became a teacher/educator: When I was in college, I became a teacher because at the time, it just seemed like the thing to do. I had no burning desire to be a teacher. Now, however, I choose to stay in education because I want more than anything to help my students learn and grow up to be a productive part of our society.

Special hobbies, interests: piano and needlework

Family information: husband, Rick Foster - chaplain at the Big Spring State Hospital, daughter, Lisa Foster - sophomore at Hardin-Simmons University, and son, Jonathan Foster - sophomore at Coahoma High School.

Most gratifying experience with young people: watching my students learn, seeing them read things I know they couldn't when they first came in my room.

If I could change one thing about my job, it would be: to lessen the amount of paperwork required of us as teachers.

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There have always been more openings than applicants, and the district must accept any teacher with 12 years' experience and a completed application form. There's no interview or essay.

Teachers have to wait another 12 years to take another such sabbatical.

Special education teacher Dar Krambule doesn't begrudge teachers on R&R, even though he is shelling out nearly \$9,000

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READ ALL ABOUT IT

Vlasic to introduce 'world's largest pickle'

CHERRY HILL, N.J. (AP) — Vlasic Foods International plans to introduce a giant pickle that it claims is the world's largest: 10 times larger than an ordinary pickle.

The chip-shaped pickle measures 16 inches long and 3 inches in diameter and will cover an entire hamburger, guaranteeing a pickle piece in every bite, Vlasic said Monday.

The company spent the past four years developing the new pickle, "Hamburger Stackers." The pickle is made from specially cultivated cucumbers grown by the Cherry-Hill based food giant.

Vlasic spokesman Kevin Lowery said cucumbers used for the pickles were specially grown for size, taste and crispness. Cucumbers that size grown with traditional methods would have the texture of a watermelon and would not be ideal for making pickles, he said.

The pickle was secretly developed under the code name, "Project Frisbee." It was the brainchild of Frank Meczkowski, who created Vlasic's "Sandwich Stackers," a broad flat pickle, in 1995.

Only 3 percent of the 35 billion sandwiches consumed at home each year have a pickle, Vlasic estimates. However, two-thirds of all pickles are consumed with a sandwich.

This time Vlasic is targeting hamburger consumers. The company estimates Americans

eat 3.5 billion hamburgers annually.

The product has a "peck of pickle profit potential," Lowery said. The company estimates it could generate at least \$20 million in sales annually.

Hamburger Stackers will sell for \$2.99 and will be available in two varieties: dill and bread and butter. The new pickles will hit retail shelves next week.

Use facts from the story to complete the following statements:

1. Vlasic Foods International -
a) created a giant pickle.
b) recently moved to Cherry Hill, N.J.
c) is the world's largest company.

2. Most of the sandwiches eaten at home each year -
a) cost about \$2.99 to prepare.
b) are made with hamburger meat.
c) do not include a pickle.

3. "Hamburger Stackers" are supposed to be -
a) consumed (eaten) with chips.
b) placed on top of hamburgers.
c) kept in piles.

4. The huge pickles -
a) were invented in 1995.
b) taste like watermelon.
c) are made from cucumbers.

5. Vlasic probably kept its new product a secret because the company -
a) wanted to be the first to sell giant pickles.
b) was afraid that no one would buy the food.

c) didn't want the crispy chips to be tossed around.

6. "Project Frisbee" -
a) took four years to complete.
b) resulted in the loss of billions of dollars.
c) was carried out by very smart children.

7. One jar of the new creation probably contains -
a) both varieties (kinds) of the product.
b) many slices of over-sized pickles.
c) 10 whole cucumbers.

8. According to the story, each pickle slice -
a) measures 3 inches in diameter.
b) taste best when eaten in a single bite.
c) both a and b are correct.

9. Another company specialty, "Sandwich Stackers," -
a) was invented by Frank Meczkowski.
b) will be replaced by "Hamburger Stackers."
c) is made from a fat pickle.

10. Company spokesman Kevin Lowery believes that -
a) Vlasic needs to change the name of the food.
b) consumers usually eat pickles by the peck.
c) the new product will be a best seller.

SANDWICH CHEF: Imagine that Vlasic held a sandwich-making contest. Enter the contest by inventing a crazy sandwich that would go well with a big pickle. Write a description of your concoction. See READ, Page 9A

FREE THINGS

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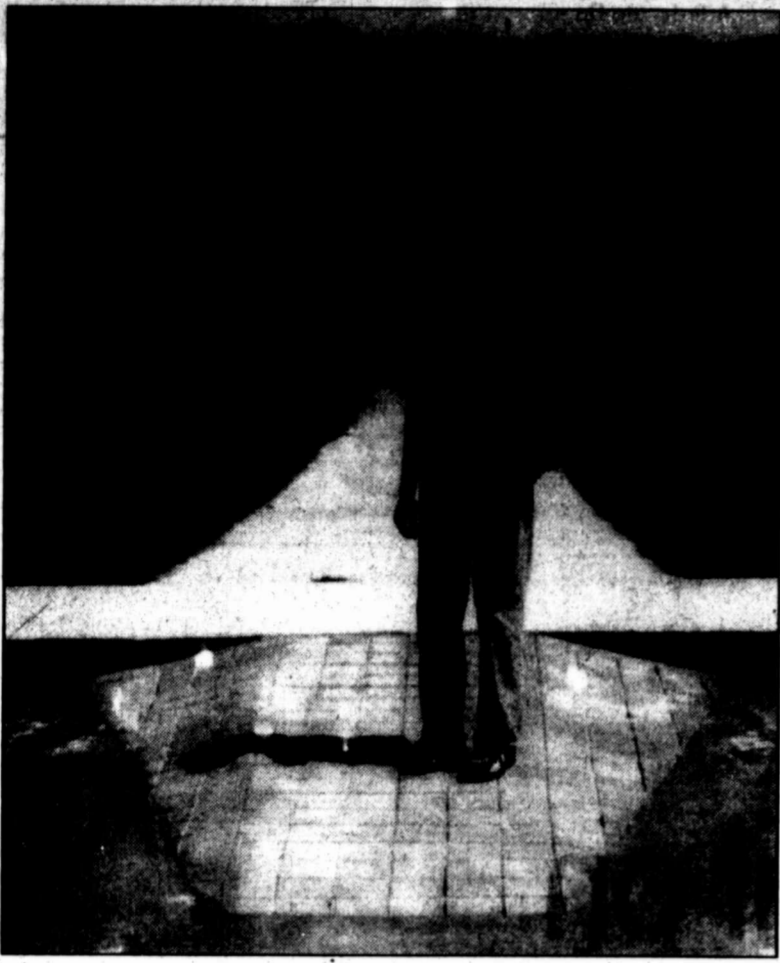
THE BIG SPRING POLICE Department will be giving away safe, drug free candy and other things on Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m. at 305 S. Johnson.

THE LAST WORD

It is only the ignorant who despise education.
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Husbands are like fires. They go out if unattended.
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Eric Gutierrez, 15-year-old Big Spring High School student, is an Eagle Scout Applicant from Boy Scout Troop 379. He is the Senior Patrol Leader. His Eagle project was to make a handicapped accessible ramp at the Vietnam Memorial. "Eric worked hard to achieve his Eagle Rank," said Errol Porter, Scout Master of Troop 379. "He is a good-natured person who is willing to help who ever and wherever he can. Eric will go far in life," said Porter. Gutierrez is the son of Roy and Leticia Gutierrez of Big Spring.

Courtesy photo

Captivating Catrinas: Mexican folk art figures charming but not ghoulish

SAN ANTONIO(AP) — There's something about Catrina.

Maybe it's her impish smile. Perhaps the umbrella-sized hat adorned with feathers and vibrant flowers that she wears. Or could it be Catrina's slender figure and sexy pose as her hand rests on her hip?

At the same time, there is something off-putting about her maybe it's the fact that the lovely clothes cover a skeleton and the extravagant hat sits atop a skull. But in the folk art world, Catrina is a captivating ceramic figure from Mexico that has become a popular collectible the past several years, especially as Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) approaches Nov. 2.

Catrina, which can also be spelled with a "K," owes her existence to Mexican artist and caricaturist Jose Guadalupe Posada who poked fun at the upper class with his drawings in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Richard Lee, owner of San Angel Folk Art in the Blue Star Arts Complex, says Posada combined the idea of using calaveras (skulls) with satire to produce his famous drawing of "Calavera Catrina," a grinning,

woman's skull wearing a large hat with flowers and ostrich feathers.

"That's when it became this folkloric image," he says.

Artists later transferred the image into the hand-made ceramic pieces. Like snowflakes, no two Catrinas are alike.

Catrina is a Spanish term for an upper-class person (i.e., the rich elite). There are also Catrins, the male version of Catrinas, although they aren't as numerous.

Because the females outnumber the males, they're usually referred to as Catrinas.

What differentiates them from traditional calaveras are their elaborate and detailed clothing drawn from the fashions of the late 1800s and early 1900s.

"They have beautiful, flashy hats with long dresses. Some wear gloves," Lee says. "They have these expressions on the skeletons' faces which makes them so beautiful."

Some carry (with grace, of course) a cigarette between their index and middle fingers.

For the past decade, Lee has bought them from an artist who lives in Michoacan and makes them only once a year.

This year, Lee purchased 25 Catrinas, standing 2 feet tall. Only five remain.

Catrinas range in height from 1 to 2 feet and cost from \$100 to \$400 at San Angel.

The taller Catrinas appear more elegant because of their thin figures and elongated necks, arms and fingers, Lee says.

"He (the Michoacan artist) is the one that started the tradition of the elongated Catrinas," he says, adding that he sells them to collectors in New York and Kentucky. "The faces are more expressionistic. Other people see it and try to make them, but with this guy, it totally flows off his hands."

Margie Shackelford is one Catrina collector.

The San Antonian has been collecting folk art for two decades, but had not seen a Catrina until five years ago.

"They're just so interesting. It was a form of folk art I hadn't seen before," Shackelford says. "Each piece has its own characteristics. Some are seductive. Others are fun."

Lisa Ortiz, owner of Galeria Ortiz in Market Square, sells some of her Catrinas to collec-

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TEACHER

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oward a master's degree on a study sabbatical. He gets two-thirds of his salary but is reimbursed for only some of his education expenses.

"I think people who apply for R&R feel they really need to rest and relax with the thought they can go back to be better teachers for it," Krambule said. Looking to cut costs, the school board is trying to wipe out all sabbaticals.

Richard Garrett, president of the teachers union, said sabbaticals give Portland schools an edge by keeping teachers fresh. He said cutting out the paid leaves is an attempt to get public service on the cheap.

"In the long run," he said, "you get what you pay for."

READ

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Have you created a sandwich sensation?

Answer Key: 1)a 2)c 3)b 4)c 5)a 6)a 7)b 8)a 9)a 10)c

What's going on in school?
School News is due Tuesday noon for Thursday publication.

SUPER QUIZ

Provide the one missing word from the quotation or aphorism concerning elections

FRESHMAN LEVEL
1. "You know how it is in an election year. They pick a president and then for four years they --- qn him" (Adlai Stevenson).
Answer _____

2. For every X on a ballot there is a "-----".
Answer _____

3. "After the election's over I bear no malice or feel badly toward anyone because the fellow who lost feels badly enough without eating -----".
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Letter to Editor, Abilene Reporter News 10/18/98

The Truth about Social Security

Glyn Hammons knows about Social Security. He used to run the Social Security office in Abilene.

Congressman Charlie Stenholm is fighting to protect your Social Security.

Paid for by the Stenholm for Congress Committee

Bad information

While I was Social Security district manager in Abilene, it was my privilege to work closely with U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm on many issues. The relationship has continued, as I now do advisory work for the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare.

I have participated in Stenholm's town meetings, we have discussed individual cases in which he has had an interest, and I have observed his research into many different issues that affect the 17th District. Charlie has always been fair, honest, sincere and thorough in studying and making decisions on any issue that was before him.

My exposure to Rudy Izard is more limited, but I did hear him speak on Social Security to a civic club recently. The information he gave was very misleading, and much of it was completely erroneous. With only a minimum of research, he would have realized he was presenting rumor and not fact on most of the Social Security issues.

Now Izard is using inaccurate information in TV ads that accuse Stenholm of "raiding the Social Security trust funds." Nothing could be further from the truth! Stenholm has been dedicated to protecting the Social Security trust funds. This is why he has opposed a large tax reduction until the federal budget has a real surplus without including Social Security's surplus to balance the budget.

We need Charlie Stenholm's honesty, ability and common sense as our voice in Washington.
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QUIZ

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GRADUATE LEVEL
4. "Ballots are the rightful and peaceful successors of —" (Abraham Lincoln).
Answer

5. "Public confidence in the electoral process is the foundation of public confidence in —" (Lyndon B. Johnson).
Answer

6. "Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to — except the American people themselves" (F.D. Roosevelt).
Answer

PH.D. LEVEL
7. "Even voting for the right is doing — for it" (Henry David Thoreau).
Answer

8. "When annual elections end, there — begins" (John Adams).
Answer

9. "Elections are the way we find — people."
Answer

ANSWERS:
1. Pick. 2. Why. 3. Crow. 4. Bullets. 5. Government. 6. Vote. 7. Nothing. 8. Slavery. 9. Chosen.

SCORING:
18 points -- congratulations, doctor; 15 to 17 points -- honors graduate; 10 to 14 points -- you're plenty smart, but no grind; 4 to 9 points -- you really should hit the books harder; 1 point to 3 points -- enroll in remedial courses immediately!; 0 points -- who read the questions to you?

ART

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and Houston. "They buy them as sculptures and keep them out all year-round," she says. Ortiz has imported the pieces from Mexico for more than a decade. The Catrinas at her gallery range from 10 inches tall to more than 2 feet. Prices start at \$75 and increase with their stature. Galeria Ortiz has a five-member mariachi set that sells for \$600.

"They all have their own personalities," Ortiz says. "Some you can just feel them dancing. And with the mariachis, you can feel them playing." Galeria Ortiz also has Catrinas representing Frida Kahlo, complete with a monkey sitting on her shoulder. "The more detailed, the more fragile and expensive," Ortiz says.

She says most of the Catrinas don early 1900s fashion styles although some figures wear traditional Mexican clothing. Unlike other folk art painted in bright colors, the Catrinas are painted in more subdued hues such as avocado green, colonial blue, antique white and mustard yellow.

"That's part of their charm," Lee says. "It fits in people's houses because it goes with their decor."

The Michoacan artist adds a bit of attitude with his Catrinas. Some strike seductive poses. Others have a leg peaking out from the ground-length dresses.

"It's like they're on a date or coming from the opera house," Lee says. "People are so amazed when they see them."

In contrast to their towering size, Catrinas are very delicate, because they're not fired at high temperatures.

Because of the frailty of the ceramic figures, most of the Catrinas' heads are removable and held in place with a wire. For each Catrina successfully made, two break, Ortiz says.

Lee says the Michoacan artist fires his Catrinas, made from red clay found in a nearby river, in a makeshift kiln. A two-foot hole is dug in the ground and is surrounded by two feet of bricks. A corrugated tin is used as a cover and wood is placed in a connecting hole and set afire.

Most of the large ceramic figures are women, and Ortiz says the men and women aren't necessarily made as couples (except for the bride-groom set), although they do sell in pairs.

Take time out for yourself
Read!

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (AP) — A box of donuts proved to be more than a police officer's snack. It turned into a clue that may have helped authorities solve a string of burglaries. When burglars broke into a service station early Monday, they moved a box of Krispy Kreme donuts that had been delivered to the doorstep. That tipped deputies that the burglary happened after the donut man made his rounds, said sheriff's Sgt. David Randall.

The delivery man, found an hour later on his route, remembering seeing three men in a black truck parked along the road when he dropped the donuts at around 1 a.m. Three hours later, an alarm went off at Island Gold Works and a deputy spotted the truck. Three men were arrested. They are also suspected in other area burglaries.

WARRENTON, Va. (AP) — Town officials have accidentally

banned the Confederate flag at a Civil War cemetery where a Confederate war hero is buried. Town Council members said this month's ordinance was intended to bar fake flowers and patio-type flags at the historic graveyard, where John S. Mosby lies.

"We didn't want the flags like you see flying on houses and on the porches," Councilman Sam Tarr said. "We wanted them to be American and Virginia and we just overlooked the

Confederate flag." Angela Denson, executive director of the Warrenton Chamber of Commerce, learned of the problem when she received an e-mail from a California man who said he was sorry to hear the town had banned the Confederate flag.

Tarr said the ordinance will be fixed at the council's Nov. 10 meeting.

Mosby, who died in 1916, was a cavalry colonel whose raids on Union bases and camps were so

effective that parts of northern Virginia became known as "Mosby's Confederacy."

Bob Brown, a member of the Sons of the Confederate Veterans, said any attempt to ban the flag is an affront to American history.

"I am proud of the contribution my ancestors made to America," Brown said. "We Southerners deserve the right to honor our ancestors just like everyone else, and we insist on it."



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IN BRIEF

Howard slates basketball 'Meet the Teams' night

Howard College has scheduled its "Meet the Teams" night for men's and women's basketball for 7 p.m. Tuesday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Members of the Hawks and Lady Hawks squads, as well as coaches will be introduced prior to 10-minute intra-squad scrimmages.

Following the scrimmage sessions, fans will be invited down to the coliseum's floor for refreshments and fellowship.

The college's softball, baseball and rodeo teams will have their own events in the spring.

Coahoma Band Boosters schedule tailgate party

The Coahoma High School Band Boosters Club will sponsor a tailgate party Friday prior to the Bulldogs' game with Tahoka at Bulldog Stadium.

Tickets will be \$5 per person for the meal. Door prizes will be given away.

For more information, call Virginia Belew at 263-7531.

Coahoma boosters slate meeting for Tuesday

The Coahoma Athletic Booster Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Coahoma Elementary School cafeteria.

A business meeting will precede taped highlights from Friday night's game and commentary from Bulldogs coaches.

The public is invited to attend.

Runnels squads split twinbill with Andrews

Runnels Junior High School's Yearlings split a pair of games with Andrews' young Mustangs, the Black squad winning in a 24-22 thriller, while the White team suffered a 36-18 loss.

The Yearlings stopped a two-point conversion attempt in the final minutes to preserve the win in the Black game, improving their record to 4-2 on the season. The White team dropped to 4-3 with its loss.

Howard College slates mini-basketball camp

Howard College's Hawks and Lady Hawks will conduct a mini-basketball camp from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

All proceeds from the camp will benefit the local Special Olympics program.

The camp is open to boys and girls in kindergarten through the sixth grade. The fee will be \$10 per youngster.

Participants should bring tennis shoes and a basketball if they have one.

Alamo Bowl reaches deal with Big 12 Conference

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Alamo Bowl has reached a new four-year agreement with the Big 12 Conference that could provide the game with the conference's third bowl team.

The Alamo Bowl has matched the fourth selections from the Big Ten and Big 12 conferences the past three years.

Now the game will have either the third or fourth team from the Big 12, depending on whether the Big 12 third selection or the Western Athletic Conference champion goes to the Holiday Bowl.

If the WAC champion is ranked higher than the Big 12's third team, it would go to the Holiday Bowl and the Big 12 team would play in San Antonio.

The Alamo Bowl, sponsored by Builders Square, is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 29.

ON THE AIR

TODAY: COLLEGE FOOTBALL

7 p.m. — San Diego State at Brigham Young University, ESPN, Ch. 30.

7 p.m. — Stephen F. Austin at Southwest Texas State, FXS, Ch. 29.

Steers, Chiefs both hanging on to hopes of making playoffs

By JOHN A. MOSELEY Sports Editor

Very few high school football teams with 2-6 records this week can consider themselves in the hunt for a playoff berth, but Big Spring's Steers are one of them.

"I know it sounds strange to a lot of people, but we're still right there in the hunt," Steers coach Dwight Butler said as he prepared his team for Friday's 7:30 p.m. visit by San Angelo Lake View's Chiefs.

"It's certainly not going to be easy ... we've got to beat Lake View here this week and then knock off Sweetwater ... but if we win these last two games, we'll lock up a playoff spot," Butler added. "That's two pretty good

teams, but they're not going to be as tough as Andrews was last week."

The Steers are coming off a 42-14 loss to No. 3-ranked Andrews, but Butler says he was pleased with what he saw in his team's play against a bigger, more experienced and more talented Mustangs squad.

"I think we probably played our best football of the season against Andrews," Butler said. "It's hard for some people to see that, because Shaud Williams is such a great running back that he makes you look bad."

"Our kids were doing everything we had them coached to do," he added. "The problem is, of course, that Shaud's not a normal person. We're where we're supposed to be and when we're supposed to be there, but he's already gone. And if you try to over adjust to stop him, he just changes directions on you or they run somebody else in the spot where you were supposed to be."

That will not be the case Friday when the Chiefs arrive at Memorial Stadium.

Lake View has a good football team, Butler says, but they are mortal.

"Don't get me wrong, they (Chiefs) has a really good defense," the Steers boss explained. "They gave up 42 points to Andrews just like we did (in a 42-0 loss), but half of them were points scored by Andrews' defense."

"In fact, they're a lot like Andrews on defense ... have great athletic ability at virtually every position," Butler added. "And they have great athletes on offense, too."

While the Chiefs have shown an interest in establishing their running game more this season than in recent years, Butler says the Steers will still have to be concerned with Lake View's ability to throw the football.

"They're always going to have a good passing game," he acknowledged. "They've got four receivers that run

extremely well and catch the ball and we haven't played particularly good pass defense this season ... that's our biggest worry."

"And with Alonzo Robinson back there at quarterback, they have more weapons than most people on passing plays," Butler continued. "He gave us fits last year. What makes him so dangerous is that he's not only an accurate passer, but he runs so well with the ball when his receivers are covered."

Another factor making the Chiefs even more dangerous is the fact that they're still in the playoff hunt with the Steers. Lake View comes into the game with a 4-4 record overall and a 1-2 mark in District 5-4A play.

"They (Chiefs) have been kind of up and down this year," Butler noted. "They played Brownwood to within one point and should have beaten Sweetwater. If they're playing that well Friday, we're certainly going to have our work cut out



BUTLER



HERALD photo/Linda Choate

Big Spring senior Slate Broyles powers his way through a butterfly stroke workout in preparation for his entry in the 200 individual medley during this weekend's Big Spring Invitational swimming and diving meet at the YMCA pool. Broyles is among the favorites in the 200 IM and the 100-yard backstroke.

BSHS swim team to host invitational this weekend

By JOHN A. MOSELEY Sports Editor

While it's not impossible that Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers swimming teams could walk away from this weekend's Big Spring Invitational swimming and diving meet with team championships, they are not favorites to do so.

Instead, Abilene High's Lady Eagles figure to be the favorite in the girls' division, while Pecos' Eagles are the boys' favorite in a field that will include competitors from 13 schools.

"Judging from the best times coming into the meet, Abilene's girls and Pecos' boys look like the teams to beat, but you never know who's going to swim the best when a meet starts," explained Big Spring Coach Harlan Smith whose teams are short on both personnel and overall experience.

"We're still going to be competitive and if every kid we've got comes out and has a great race ... if things fall just right ... we could win it all, but that's not likely," Smith added.

"Right now, we don't have the maturity to go with the talent we have," he explained. "Once we start getting that maturity and the confidence that comes with it, we'll start having better times and be a more dominant factor."

The 12 schools sending teams to Big Spring for this week's competition with the Steers and Lady Steers include Abilene High, Abilene Cooper, Abilene Wylie, Odessa High, Odessa Permian, Monahans, El Paso Jefferson, El Paso Austin, Pecos, Andrews, Fort Stockton and Seminole.

Going into Friday's 6 p.m. start of the 1-meter diving competition, however, one of the Steers' top performers will not be taking part.

Brent Sisson, who would normally be among the boys' diving favorites, has been sidelined with a shoulder injury. In addition, he will be unavailable to swim on the Steers' relay teams when swimming events begin at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Big Spring YMCA pool.

Sisson's inability to perform makes it even more unlikely the Steers will successfully defend the championship they took a year ago at their own meet.

The Steers squad consisted of just eight swimmers at the start of workouts and one of those is currently academically ineligible. And with Sisson out of service, Big Spring's boys will put just six swimmers in the pool.

Leading that Steers contingent will be senior Slate Broyles, who enters the meet as the favorite in the 200-yard individual medley, his best of 2:13.85 being more than 14 seconds better than the 2:28.17 best owned by Abilene High's Zane Marcell.

However, Broyles is expected to face a serious challenge in the 100-yard backstroke where his 58.15 clocking is second best to Pecos' Kevin Bates, who has already posted a 57.05 in that event.

Billy Beckworth, another Steers senior, heads into the meet as the favorite in the 100-yard breaststroke, his best time to date being a 1:08.25 clocking. Pecos' Greg Holland and Monahans' Chris Cain figure to push him, however. Holland's best this season is a 1:08.59, while Cain has a 1:09.00 clocking to his credit.

Justin Williams is the only other Steers swimmer with the best time to date in any event, his 2:04.18 leaving him the favorite in the 200-yard freestyle. But Holland has a 2:04.50 to his credit and is expected to push the Big Spring senior.

While none of the Lady Steers enter the meet with the top time in any event, but junior Melissa Sheedy's 1:09.39 trails only Abilene's Adrian Dynetset in the 100-yard butterfly.

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SMITH

Moose thriving in Dallas scheme following surgery

IRVING (AP) — Emmitt Smith cut suddenly, and full-back Daryl Johnston delivered a heads-up block to pancake a linebacker.

In the past, Johnston might have tried to live up to his nickname "The Moose" and ram the defender with his helmet.

No more. Not since neck surgery after six weeks of the 1997 season to repair a bulging disc that threatened to end the former Syracuse star's career. He had played 149 consecutive games as Smith's personal bodyguard.

Johnston had to fight off rumors his career was over and pleas from his mother, Ann, to find another line of work.

"Things have gone well," said Johnston. "My neck has been feeling great and I've taken some hits. My confidence gets better every week. It's not something I worry much about any more."

The new Dallas Cowboys offense under coach Chan Gailey has also helped Johnston, who doesn't have to use his head as a battering ram as much as he has in the past.

"It's more of a reading offense," Johnston said. "Emmitt cuts off the blocks the offensive line and I make, instead of just hitting a certain hole."

Of course, Johnston can't prepare for every hit out on the field.

He caught a pass in the Denver game and was thrown out of bounds. It was the perfect road test for his neck.

"I came down right on my head and I decided that if nothing happened there I was going to be all right the rest of the season," Johnston said. "It was the hardest hit I've had all year."

Johnston said it's tough not being part of the team during the regular season while injured.

"Everybody is competing and contributing and you're on the sidelines," he said. "It's no fun. That's why this year has been so much fun."

Gailey said Johnston, who has earned three Super Bowl rings as the Cowboys' primary run blocker, has been having an outstanding season.

"He's doing everything without missing a beat," Gailey said. "We were a little concerned in summer camp, but we quickly forgot about worrying about him."

With Johnston back, Smith

Monday night fumble still haunts Eagles

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia Eagles may never forget the kick that wasn't.

It was a hot, hyped-up Monday night in Dallas last September, and the Eagles drove to the Cowboys 5 with four seconds to play trailing by a point. All Chris Boniol had to do was chip in an easy 22-yard field goal as time expired and the Eagles would pull off an upset that could change the course of their season.

What happened next still haunts holder Tom Hutton, who dropped the snap and was tackled by Deion Sanders as he tried to run into the end zone. Dallas won 21-20. The Eagles are 6-14-1 since then.

"It's something you guys have to ask, and I'm not afraid to talk about it," Hutton said Wednesday. "I watched the film, and it seemed like there was a chance I could have thrown it. But when you're in the game, there's so little time ..."

The Eagles (1-6) have had plenty of time to think about it. Watching Monday Night

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was fourth in the NFC rushing with 607 yards after seven games, an average 4.3 yards per rush.

"Daryl is a great blocker," said Smith. "We've been playing together a long time and he knows my moves."

Johnston and Smith should be teaming for years to come since Johnston signed a long-term contract before the 1997 season that will carry him until the year 2001.

"So far things have gone well," Johnston said. "We're giving Emmitt more lanes to run in than he has had in several years. And I'm feeling the best I've felt in two years. I've taken some big collisions and I'm still going good. It's better than I could have expected."

There's been only one down note. Johnston has carried the ball 7 times for only 17 yards. His 2.4 average means he needs a Johnston blocking for him when he carries the ball.

Book claims 21 percent of NFL players committed serious crimes

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jeff Benedict, co-author of a new book that claims 21 percent of NFL players have committed serious crimes, thinks the league is much too casual about the problem.

"There are stop-gap measures the league can take," said Benedict, who has written "Pros and Cons: The criminals who play in the NFL."

"One, don't allow players with a pattern of arrests to be draft eligible. Two, get a policy with teeth in it to get them out of the league, the same way they do with steroids and gambling."

Using public access records to examine

the nearly 1,600 players on NFL rosters in 1996-97, Benedict and co-author Don Yaeger did extensive research on a sample of 509 players whose backgrounds they were able to check. Of that group, 109, or 21 percent, had criminal histories with 264 arrests for everything from homicide (2) to domestic violence (45).

Doug Allen, assistant executive director of the NFL Players Association, called the research shoddy and designed to reach a predetermined conclusion.

"It's absolute nonsense to say one in five NFL players is a criminal," he said. "They've lumped together DUI and disorderly conduct charges that were dismissed with murder charges."

"They should take notice of the fact

that we have the most comprehensive anti-violence, anti-gun policy in sports. We're doing everything an employer and union can do to be responsible. This is not a book that has discussed it fairly."

Benedict defended the research and its conclusions.

"We sampled over 30 percent," he said. "If we had access to the records of the others, we're confident it would be higher."

"We didn't look at juvenile records, which is the most active crime age. If anything, we were conservative here."

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello called the book an unfair attempt to stereotype and stigmatize athletes, noting that Benedict earlier authored a similar book on

crimes committed by athletes against women.

"There are approximately 2,500 players going through our league each year, and fortunately the overwhelming majority are good citizens, in part because we have taken a very aggressive approach to addressing issues of life skills and off-field conduct," he said.

Benedict said the league's anti-violence, anti-gun policy was meaningless.

"They can't point to a single case of a player kicked out of the league for a violent crime," the writer said. "Those policies aren't worth the paper they're printed on until you use them."

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FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Oct. 28. Reports also available on Web as www.tfpfishing.com.

CENTRAL BROWNWOOD: Water clear; 79 degrees; Black bass to 5 pounds are fair to good on topwaters and spinnerbaits fished late (use a fast a furious action). Crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished at night and lights around the docks. Hybrid strippers are good on topwaters. Catfish are slow.

BUCHANAN: Water clear; 79 degrees; 5.5' low; Black bass to 4.8 pounds are fair on choppers, buzzbaits, Terminator spinnerbaits and Top-Dog lizards. Crappie are slow on minnows fished at night. White bass are fair on topwaters fished early (some schooling occurring). Striped bass to 6 pounds are fair trolling 10z bucket jigs in 20 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish to 8 pounds are fair on chicken livers. Yellow catfish to 12 pounds are slow on live perch and cut shad.

PROCTOR: Water clear; 79 degrees; Black bass are good on spinnerbaits and black 7" worms fished around the dam (use a slow retrieve). Crappie are fair to good on minnows fished around the dam and under the bridge. Hybrid strippers are good on live shad and chrome Super Spots fished around the dam. Catfish are good on cut baits and live perch fished in the river around the drop offs.

SOUTH AMSTAD: Water fairly clear; 82 degrees; 40.5' low; Black bass to 10.2 pounds are good on spinnerbaits, buzzbaits and Pop R's fished early. Crappie are slow on minnows fished in Devil's River. White bass are fair on topwaters and Little Georges fished by the dam. Striped bass are fair on pencil poppers and Red Fins fished near the dam. Channel and blue catfish are good on chesapeake fished in 35 to 45 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow.

WEST ALAN HENRY: Water murky; 82 degrees; 4' low; Black bass are fair on soft goods and jigs fished around brush in the creeks. Some fish are moving out of the creeks to the main lake and are biting slow-rolled spinnerbaits in 18 to 22 feet of water. Crappie are slow on minnows. Smallmouth bass to 3.75 pounds are fair. Channel and blue catfish are slow to fair on prepared baits and live perch. White bass are occasional. Exercise caution at the boat ramp.

ARROWHEAD: Water clear; 80 degrees; 5' low; Black bass to 5 pounds are good on white spinnerbaits and purple worms fished in 10 to 12 feet of water. Crappie are good on minnows fished early over brush piles and by the docks. Yellow catfish are good on minnows fished around the Henrietta Bridge in 4 to 6 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are good on nightcrawlers. Yellow catfish to 30 pounds are good on trotlines baited with goldfish.

BRIDGEPORT: Water clear; 77 degrees; 8.5 feet low; Black bass to 4.5 pounds are good on worms, spinnerbaits and topwaters fished in 2 to 5 feet of water. Crappie are fair on minnows fished in 10 to 15 feet of water. White bass and hybrid strippers are good on topwaters and slabs with surface activity early and late. Smallmouth bass are good on topwaters and crankbaits. Channel and blue catfish are fair on shrimp and cutbaits. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live perch. There is a weekly tournament every Thursday at 6pm.

COLORADO CITY: Water fairly clear; 82 degrees; 12' low; Black bass are good on floating worms fished over rocks. Crappie are fair on jigs fished near structure. White bass are fair on jigs fished near structure. White bass are fair on jigs fished near structure. White bass are fair on jigs fished near structure.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water murky; 78 degrees; 15' low; Black bass to 6 pounds are fair on minnows. Crappie are fair on minnows fished over baited holes. White bass are slow. Hybrid strippers are fair on shad fished close to dam. Channel and blue catfish are fair on minnows fished near structure. White bass are fair on jigs fished near structure. White bass are fair on jigs fished near structure.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water fairly clear; 71 degrees; Black bass to 7.5 pounds are good on buzzbaits fished early. Crappie are slow. White bass are good on slabs and spoons fished in the north end of the lake in 20 feet of water. Hybrid strippers are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish to 35 pounds are slow.

KEMP: Water murky; 88 degrees; 8' low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on minnows and nightcrawlers. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live goldfish. Few people are accessing the lake due to high winds. Moonshine entrance is the last boat ramp open.

NOCONA: Water clear; 77 degrees; 3.5 feet low; Black bass to 10 pounds are good on topwaters, spinnerbaits and jerk baits fished in 2 to 6 feet of water. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows fished in 10 to 15 feet of water. White bass and hybrid strippers are good on slabs and medium running crankbaits with some surface activity. Channel and blue catfish are good on prepared baits and ghost minnows fished in 8 to 12 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow.

OAK CREEK RESERVOIR: Water clear; 74 degrees; 7' low; Black bass to 11.68 pounds are good spinnerbaits, plastic worms and minnows fished in 4 to 10 feet of water. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs fished in 10 to 15 feet of water. White bass to 14' are slow on jigs and minnows fished in 10 to 15 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish to 12 pounds are fair on stinkbait, goldfish and minnows fished in 4 to 12 feet of water. Yellow catfish to 11 pounds are slow on live goldfish.

O.H. IVIE: Water fairly clear; 68 degrees; 6.5' low; Black bass are good on topwaters fished early over brush piles. Crappie are slow on minnows fished by the Concho Bridge in 10 to 15 feet of water. White bass are good on minnows and slabs fished at night under lights in 20 to 25 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 71 degrees; 11' low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. White bass are slow on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. Striped bass are fair on live shad fished in 8 to 32 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are fair on cut baits fished in 10 to 30 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow.

SPENCE: Water clear; 72 degrees; Black bass to 8 pounds are good on plastic worms fished in 10 to 12 feet of water. Crappie are slow. White bass are very good on minnows and worms fished over brush piles. Striped bass to 7 pounds are very good on cut baits and bass minnows fished in 8 to 30 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are fair on shrimp and cut baits fished in 10 to 16 feet of water. Yellow catfish to 18 pounds are good on live perch.

STAMFORD: Water murky; 75 d. sea; 10.25 low; Black bass to 5 pounds are fair on crankbaits fished around the power plant. Crappie are slow on minnows fished over baited holes. White bass are fair on minnows and slabs fished around the power station. Channel and blue catfish to 25 pounds are good on shad. Yellow catfish to 48 pounds are good on trotlines baited with goldfish and live perch.

SWEETWATER: Water murky; 80 degrees; 6' low; Black bass to 8.3 pounds are good on Carolina-rigged pumpkinseed lizards fished in 1 to 4 feet of water. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair to good on shrimp fished by the dam in 10 to 30 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow.

TWIN BUTTES: Black bass to 5 pounds are fair on topwaters fished early and late. Crappie are slow. White bass are fair. Channel and blue catfish are good on chicken livers fished off the bottom. Yellow catfish are fair to good on live goldfish and perch fished off the bottom. The lake level is at 10% of normal due to work on the dam. The work is scheduled for completion in April or May. One ramp on the lake is reported barely accessible.

WHITE RIVER: Water clear; 68 degrees; 20' low; Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits fished off the rocks around the dam in 2 to 10 feet of water. Crappie are good on small minnows fished around tree stumps by the dam in 8 to 12 feet of water. White bass are slow. Striped bass are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on shrimp fished in the channel in 12 to 15 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow.

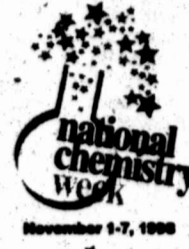
Especially for kids and their families

The Mini Page

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By BETTY DEBNAM

What Chemistry Is All About Working With the Elements



The Mini Page celebrates National Chemistry Week, Nov. 1-7, with a story about the elements.

Organizing the elements
A Russian scientist named Dmitri (duh-MEE-tree) Mendeleev (men-del-LAY-uv) was a college professor and scientist. His interest in cards and chemistry helped him come up with a brilliant idea that is still used by chemists today.

He wrote the symbols for the elements on cards and spread them all out on a table. He found that he could group them together in a pattern based on how each one behaved when compared with each other. He made a chart that we call the "periodic table." Today, no chemist would be without one.

Elements are the simplest forms of anything, or the basic stuff on Earth. A chemist is a person who works with elements and studies how they react with each other.

Chemical symbols
Chemists use symbols to stand for the elements.

- They often use the first letter as the symbol. O is the symbol for oxygen.
- When two elements begin with the same letter, a second letter is added. Ne is the symbol for neon.
- Some of the symbols are based on old words that we do not use today. Au is the symbol for gold. Ag is the symbol for silver.

How chemists use the table
By using the periodic table, chemists keep records and write simple recipes, or formulas, to tell:

- if one substance will react with another.
- how much of a substance to mix to get another substance.
- what will happen when they do mix and react.

The periodic table

IF THERE WERE A RECIPE FOR THE EARTH, THE ELEMENTS WOULD BE THE INGREDIENTS!

1	H	2	He																																
3	Li	4	Be	5	B	6	C	7	N	8	O	9	F	10	Ne																				
11	Na	12	Mg	13	Al	14	Si	15	P	16	S	17	Cl	18	Ar																				
19	K	20	Ca	21	Sc	22	Ti	23	V	24	Cr	25	Mn	26	Fe	27	Co	28	Ni	29	Cu	30	Zn	31	Ga	32	Ge	33	As	34	Se	35	Br	36	Kr
37	Rb	38	Sr	39	Y	40	Zr	41	Nb	42	Mo	43	Tc	44	Ru	45	Rh	46	Pd	47	Ag	48	Cd	49	In	50	Sn	51	Sb	52	Te	53	I	54	Xe
55	Cs	56	Ba	57	La	72	Hf	73	Ta	74	W	75	Re	76	Os	77	Ir	78	Pt	79	Au	80	Hg	81	Tl	82	Pb	83	Bi	84	Po	85	At	86	Rn
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Most of the elements in the periodic table are metals. The bold line divides the metals from the non-metals. When the Russian scientist made this discovery, he knew about only 63 elements.

Since that time, scientists have discovered new elements. Today there are 112. All of the elements in the up-and-down rows are alike in some ways.

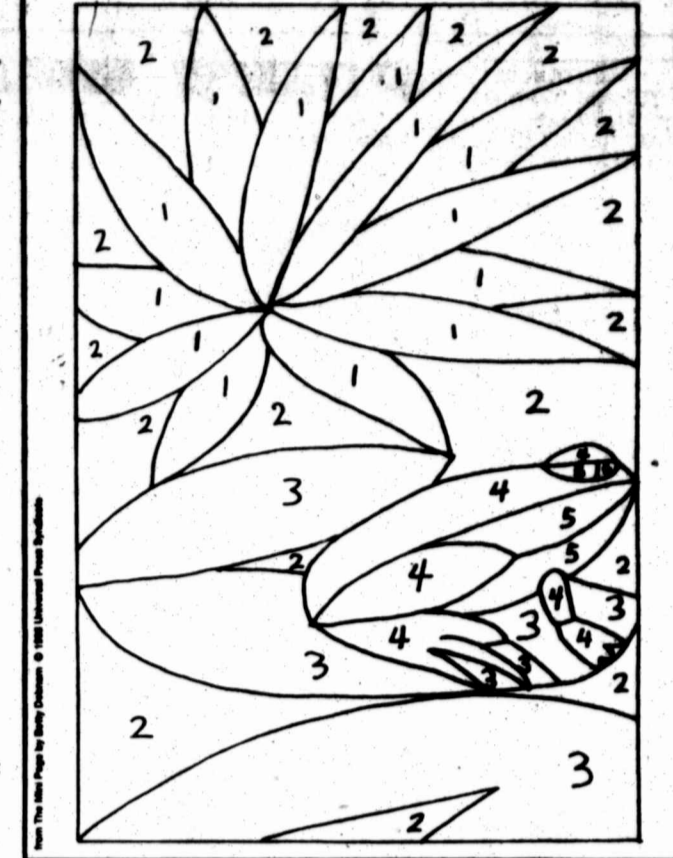
The numbers at the top are called atomic numbers. The letters are symbols for the elements.

Here are some everyday things and some of the elements from which they are made. Can you find them on the periodic table?

- Table salt: sodium: Na, chlorine: Cl
- Glass: silicon: Si, oxygen: O
- Matches: sulfur: S
- Fluoride toothpaste: fluorine: F
- Pencil points: carbon: C
- Water: oxygen: O, hydrogen: H

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Color by number:
1=red 2=blue 3=dark green
4=light green 5=yellow 6=black



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WHAT DOES A COMPUTER DO WHEN IT'S HUNGRY?
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Q: What sea animal can be adjusted to play music?
A: A tune-fish!

Q: What lies at the bottom of the sea and shakes?
A: A nervous wreck!
(all jokes sent in by Addie Leigh Simmons)

Rookie Cookie's Recipe

Cha-Cha Chili

You'll need:

- 1 pound ground beef, cooked
- 1 29-ounce can tomato sauce
- 1 cup water
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 cup rice, uncooked
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1/4 cup onion, chopped

What to do:

1. Combine all ingredients in a large, microwave-safe bowl. Mix well.
2. Microwave on HIGH 15 minutes or until rice is done. Stir every 5 minutes.

Serves 6.

TRY 'N FIND CHEMISTRY

Words that remind you of chemistry are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: SUBSTANCE, SILVER, GOLD, OXYGEN, SCIENTIST, ELEMENT, PERIODIC, TABLE, COLOR, IRON, CARBON, SULFUR, NEON, SODIUM, RUST.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and Alpha Mouse are mixing up colors. See if you can find:

- ruler
- ladder
- number 7
- safety pin
- football
- arrow
- word MINI
- fish
- bell
- question mark
- number 8
- letter A

The elements and you

You are quite a mixture of elements. Your body is a wonderful chemical plant made up of elements.

For example: Your hair and fingernails are made up of:

- carbon
- hydrogen
- oxygen
- nitrogen
- sulfur

Your skin is made up of:

- carbon
- hydrogen
- oxygen
- phosphorus

Chemistry and color

The color of elements

One way to tell an element is by its color. Color helps chemists tell one element from another.

- Iron (Fe) is gray.
- Chlorine (Cl) is yellow-green.
- Some forms of carbon (C) are black.
- Sulfur (S) is yellow.

Elements that glow

Signs glow in different colors because they contain different elements in gas form. When electricity passes through neon gas, it glows bright red. Mercury lamps glow blue-purple. Sodium lamps give off a yellow light.

Look around you and find things that are turning color!

A colorful experiment

Below is a colorful experiment for you to try. You will need an adult partner to help you with this experiment. Before you begin, read the manufacturer's instructions and precautions on the package of food coloring.

Materials you'll need:

- coffee filters
- food coloring (red, blue, green and yellow)
- cotton swabs
- pencil
- tape
- small plastic cup (3 ounces)
- clear plastic cup (8 ounces)
- scissors

1. Cut a strip from a coffee filter that is about 10 centimeters (cm) long and about 2 cm wide.
2. Place one drop of two different food colors together in a small cup so that they mix. Even though the colors are mixed, a little chemistry can make them come apart again.
3. Use your cotton swab to soak up the food color from the cup. Touch your coffee filter strip with the cotton swab and make a dot of color about 2 cm from the bottom of the strip.
4. Place a little water in the bottom of your clear plastic cup. Wrap the top of the strip around a pencil and tape it down as shown. Place the pencil on the cup, but be sure that only the very bottom of the paper strip touches the water.
5. Watch the color dot as the water moves up the strip. What do you notice? How many colors do you see? If you see more than two colors, what do you think could cause that?
6. If you mix three or four colors, do you think you could see them all as they moved up the strip? Try it and see!
7. Rinse the contents of the cups down the drain and throw the cups into the trash. Wash your hands when you are finished.

National Chemistry Week is sponsored by the American Chemical Society. Look through your newspaper and cut out several photos. Make a list of what you think the items in the photos might be made of. Next week The Mini Page celebrates Geography Awareness Week.

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carefully to what others share;
you develop even better ideas
as a team. Money matters
remain volatile at times, and
you might need an overhaul in
this area. However, you will be
inclined to take unusual risks.
If you are single, romance
intensifies. Someone quite spe-
cial enters your life, if they
aren't knocking at your door
yet! If attached, good feelings,
your unusual magnetism and
allure heat up the love tempera-
ture. PISCES adores you.
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),
Take a back seat. Listen to
and work with new informa-
tion that tosses your plans.
Your ability to mobilize your
intuition to make solid deci-
sions comes through. A partner
relies on your advice. Making
money together comes easily
now. Tonight: Get a good
night's sleep.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Demons appear out
of nowhere, especially when the
issue is your money and spend-
ing. Put your hand up and say
stop. Being clear about what
you want makes you a sure-fire
winner. Don't settle. You find
others agree with you. Make
time for visiting in the p.m.
Tonight: Your night to
howl.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Assume responsibilities, stay
on top of your work. Others
want information and will
exert enough pressure to get
you to talk. Be smart. Focus on
work, being nurturing and
remaining true to yourself.
Handle key details around your

day-to-day life. Tonight: Have
fun doing errands.
CANCER (June 21-July 23)
Reach out for others, make
calls. Plans could become excit-
ing if you let a loved one have
more say. Allow ingenuity and
the unexpected to play a role in
your plans. Going out for
Halloween decor and treats at
lunch might give the office a
pick-up. Tonight: Fun, fun,
fun!
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Listen carefully to a partner.
They give you active feedback.
You could be jolted by another's
stand. Feelings are strong and
you could be hurt. Focus
on work and gathering the
backing you need. Being gener-
ous of spirit pays off personally
as well. Tonight: A date on the
town.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Let others clear the air and
express their feelings. Pressure
on the home front might be a
bit heavy. Lighten up and turn
a professional matter around.
Make calls, reach out for others.
People clearly respond to
your inquiries. Tonight: A ten-
der thought could develop into
more.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Pace yourself, remain level in
face of pressure from others.
Calls are intense and hectic.
Communications run amok.
Make that extra effort to clear
out a problem. Pace yourself;
work late if necessary. A loved
one needs your time. Tonight:
Don't forget treats for your
favorite goblins!
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Allow creativity to come out.
Another clearly cares about
you and wants more contact.
The romantic beat intensifies.
Financial matters test your cre-
ative genius. You have fun
coming up with solutions.
Allow your more amorous side
to emerge. Tonight: Be naughty
and nice.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21)
You might balk at plans and
want to pull back some.
Building stronger foundations
is imperative to your security.
Check out another's story
before mixing it. Intuition
serves you. Express your con-
cern. Another cannot help but
respond. Tonight: Mosey on
home.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.
19)
Listen carefully to a friend.
They have great ideas and are
ready to bat them around with
you. For whatever reason, you
might want to shut down or
pull away. Don't stay in touch
with others, keeping communi-
cations open. Tonight: Where
your friends party.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Listen carefully to feedback
from a friend, even if you think
they are full of it! Take respon-
sibility, and lead another in a
different direction. A boss
acknowledges you for a job well
done. You have reason to cele-
brate. Make a must-show.
Tonight: At a party with co-

workers.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Your mood is contagious as
you greet a fun weekend. The
boss might be disturbed by
your jovial mood. Right now,
you don't care. Accept an invita-
tion that takes you to visit
new people or go to a different
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woman some awkward moments

DEAR ABBY: I am a 42-year-
old lesbian. I consider myself a
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tries her best to follow the
Golden Rule. I have an out-
going personality, and have
no trouble making friends
and keeping them. However,
it seems as though each
time a female friend finds
out I'm gay, she expects
me to come on to her.

Abby, all I ever wanted was a friend with
whom I didn't have to be on
guard - a person who would
accept me as a true friend. Just
because I'm gay doesn't mean
all my friendships have to be
sexual. I can enjoy having fun,
a good conversation, sharing a
movie or shopping with some-
one who's straight.

I am happily in love with my
soul mate of a year and a half,
and she has encountered the
same thing. Am I doing some-
thing wrong that friends view
me this way? How can I change
my personality to maintain
friendships without my kind-
ness being mistaken for any-
thing more? -- "D" IN ST.
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DEAR "D": I see no reason
for you to change your person-
ality. There is a common mis-
conception in the straight
world that because people are
gay, they must be attracted to
ALL people of the same gender.
Of course, that's no more true
than the idea that all straight
people are necessarily attracted
to every person of the opposite
sex.

When it happens again, keep
your sense of humor and show
the friend this column.

DEAR ABBY: I don't know
what to do about my father. He
has recently reunited with his
second wife, "Florence," after a
three-year separation. During
their separation, he would tele-
phone me several times a day
and visit our home several
times a week. He always com-
plained about Florence and the
things she did to him when
they were together. I am the
only one of his six children in
whom he confided.

Abby, now that Dad and
Florence are back together, he
expects me to forget everything
he told me about her and pre-
tend that nothing unpleasant
ever happened. He wants us to
have a close relationship with
her, and he is angry that I
don't call or visit them in their
home. I have explained that I
don't call them because I don't
want to speak with his wife.

Abby, I was honest with my
dad from the start, but he lied
to me for months. He had been
seeing Florence for quite some
time before they moved back in
together.

At the last family get-together,
Dad was nice to everyone
except my husband and me. He
was downright rude to us, and
I'm at the point where I don't
even want to see him again. My
husband feels the same way.
Must I force myself to have a
relationship with my dad just
because he's my father? --
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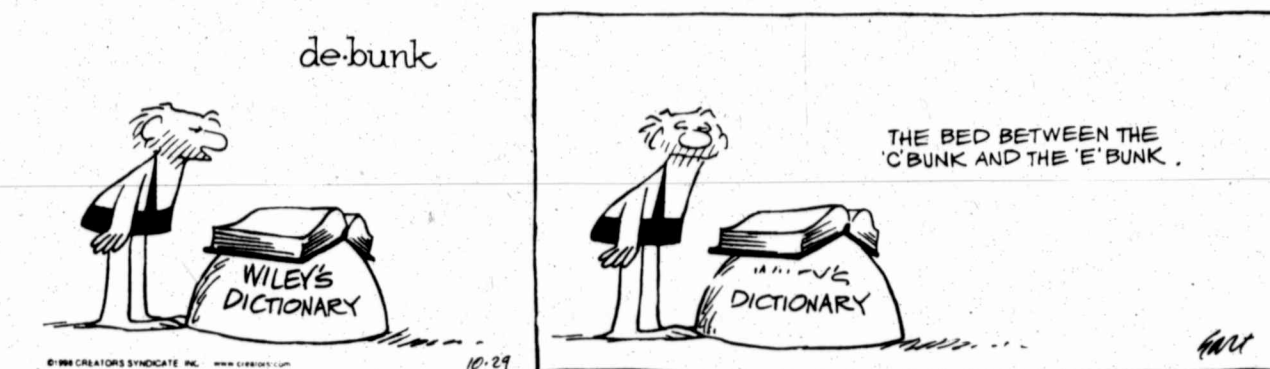
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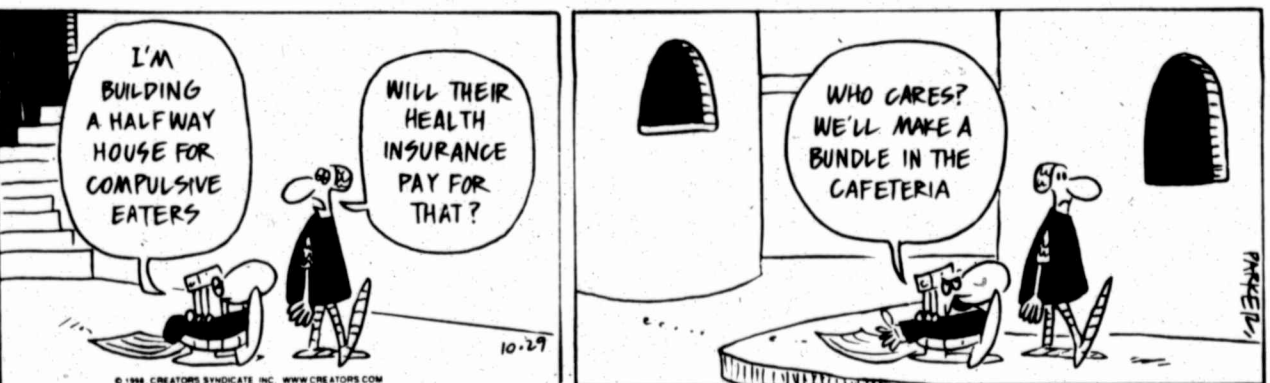
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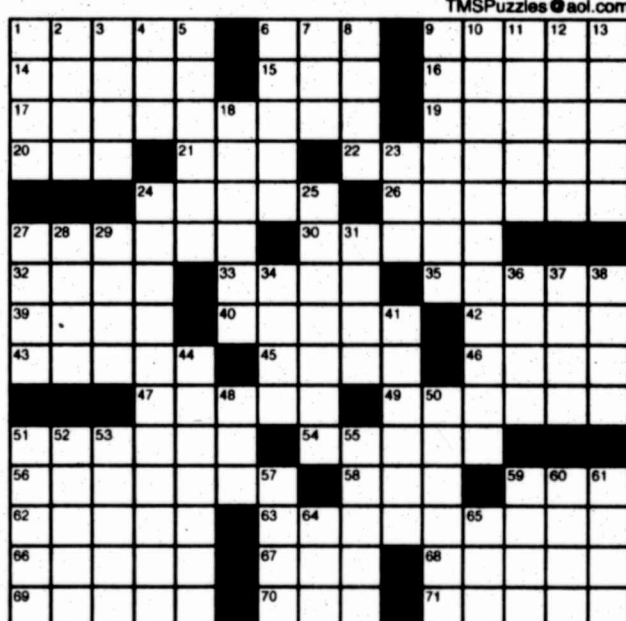
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1 d'art
6 Outer edge
9 Bob Hope film, "Call Me..."
14 1959 Wimbledon winner
15 Opp. of WSW
16 Target sighter
17 Child
19 Exemplar of slowness
20 Studio apt.
21 Witch
22 Ninepins' pin
24 New Orleans player
26 Granitelike rock
27 Parades pompously
30 Burning coal
32 Attention-getting sound
33 "Born Free" lioness
35 Russian rulers
39 Sports group
40 Same again
42 Stumble
43 Called off
45 Signify
46 Verdi opera
47 Pass on (to)
49 Of a lower temperature
51 Black Sea port
54 Panic
56 Escaping horses
58 Actor Wallace
59 Period of note
62 Guaranteed to get
63 Expulsion from Eden
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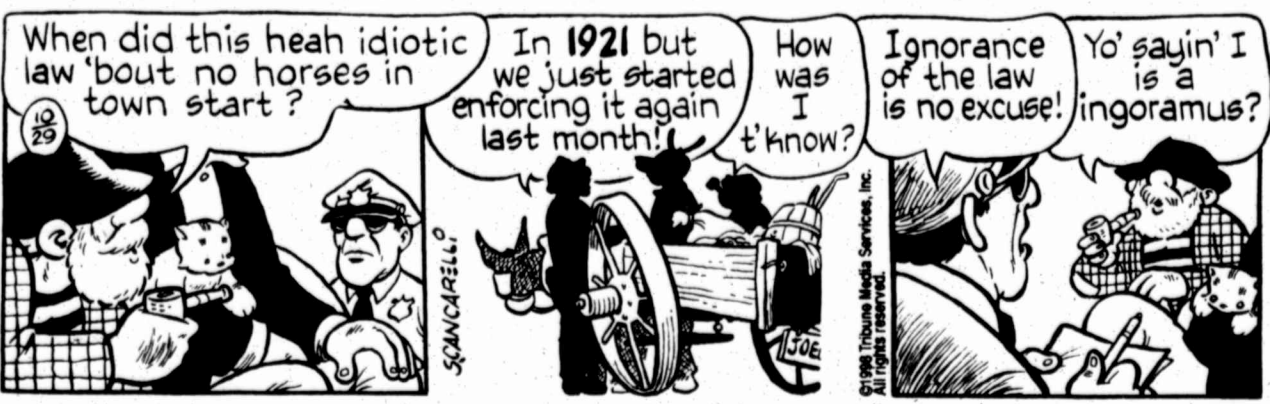


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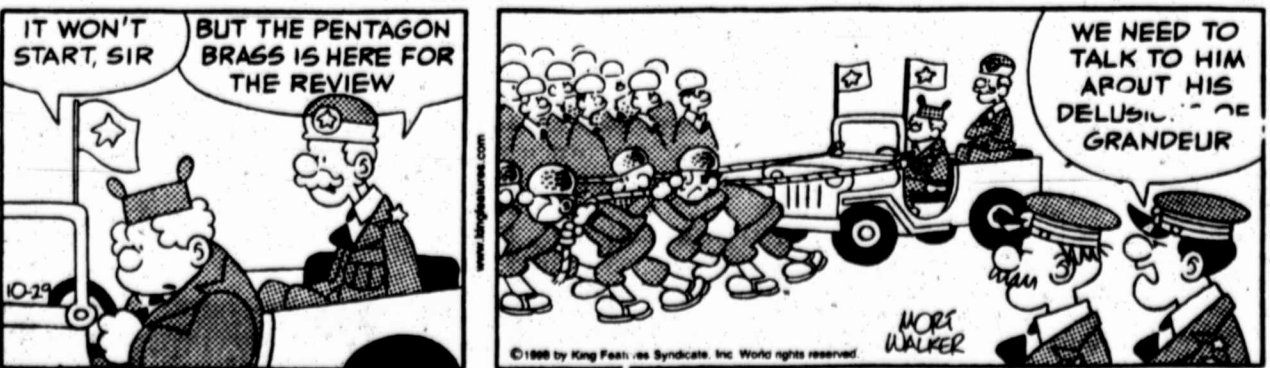
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