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Tonight:



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General Election coverage outlined by KBST, Herald

Live election coverage of local and area races is planned on KBST radio beginning at 7 p.m. today. KBST general manager John Weeks said the station will stay with the coverage until all races are decided. On Wednesday, the Herald will have complete coverage of races in Howard, Glasscock and Martin counties as well as the 11th Court of Appeals, 70th Texas House race and 17th U.S. Congressional race.

Polling places:

The following is a list of Howard County polling places for today's General Election. Polls opened at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

A total of 3,394 persons cast early ballots in person through Friday's close of early voting, while 267 had been received by mail.

A total of 18,986 persons are registered to vote in Howard County.

Precincts 101, 112, 108, 109, 110, 111:
North Side Fire Station

Precincts 102, 107, 111:
Anderson Kindergarten Center

Precinct 103:
Wesley Yater Residence, North Service Road

Precinct 104:
Prairie View Baptist Church

Precinct 105:
Knott Fire Station

Precinct 203:
Goliad Middle School

Precincts 204, 202:
Washington Place School

Precinct 205:
Kentwood Older Activity Ctr.

Precinct 207:
Coahoma Community Ctr.

Precinct 208:
Forsan School

Precincts 302, 301, 306:
18th & Main Fire Station

Precincts 303, 305:
Wasson Road Fire Station

Precinct 304:
Elbow School

Precincts 402, 401, 410:
Big Spring HS Library

Precinct 403:
11th & Birdwell Fire Station

Precinct 404:
Jonesboro Rd. Fire Station

Precincts 405, 407:
Salem Baptist Church

Precinct 406:
Luther Baptist Church

Precinct 408:
Vincent Baptist Church

Precinct 409:
Sand Springs Lions Club

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Howard College trustees approve bids, television station request

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Howard College trustees on Monday agreed to buy a grounds tractor, a 15-passenger van and approved KWES-TV's request for an antenna to be placed on the top of the station building on campus. The van bid was awarded to Hillard Auto Park in Fort Worth, and several trustees expressed regret that a local dealership was not receiving the bid. "I have explained our hands

are tied and that your hands are tied. The competitive bid law restricts us," said Dennis Churchwell, director of purchasing for Howard College. The local bids were about \$700 more than the bid received from the Fort Worth dealership. "These dealers may sell 100 of these vans a year, which means they can offer a lower price than a dealer that only sells one or two," said trustee Harold Davis. Trustees also discussed possible difficulties with repair service from any area dealer,

should a vehicle purchased elsewhere require servicing. Churchwell said a documented test case outlining any prejudices in repair service would be needed before the competitive bid law could be negotiated. Hillard Auto Park received the bid of \$23,626 for the van. The bid for the grounds tractor, which will be used on the Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf campus, was awarded to Western Implement Co. for \$12,265. Three new companies were placed on the bid notification

sheet, as per their request. These are Quality Glass and Mirror, Long's Small Engine for grounds equipment, both of Big Spring, and repair and Western Industrial Supply of Lubbock for plumbing supplies. Howard College will receive an additional \$1,440 per month for the agreement with KWES-TV to place an antenna on top of their building. "We will use this to mow the lot, which is a large lot by the building. This will help us keep up the grounds and property," said Dr. Cheri Sparks, president

of the college. Sparks told trustees progress continues to be made as several entities in San Angelo, including Howard College, Angelo State University and the local workforce center, are working toward providing a technical center for the training in San Angelo. "We're all looking to find what's best for that community," she said. Three new employees were approved for hire. These are

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Howard County residents take time to vote

By T.E. JENKINS
Staff Writer

Howard County residents were at the polls today to decide who will be their representatives in county, state and federal office. Polls opened at 7 a.m. across the county and will remain open until 7 p.m. According to Helen Crandall, election judge at the 18th and Main Fire Station polling place, voting was steady in the morning. "It's been really steady this morning," said Crandall. "We are hoping that the current pace will continue."

Raford Dunagan, election judge at the Goliad Middle School poll, said although this morning's pace of voters was normal, the popularity of early voting has definitely shown on election day. "Voting has been pretty good," said Dunagan. "Of course, it's not as good as everyone would like it to be, but it is good to see as many people coming out as there have been."

"A lot more people are utilizing the early voting these days, so we are definitely seeing a decrease in the number of people coming to the polls on election day." Among the races on the ballot is United States Representative, District 17, where Republican Rudy Izzard is once again challenging incumbent Charlie Stenholm. Libertarian Gordon Mobley is also seeking the position.

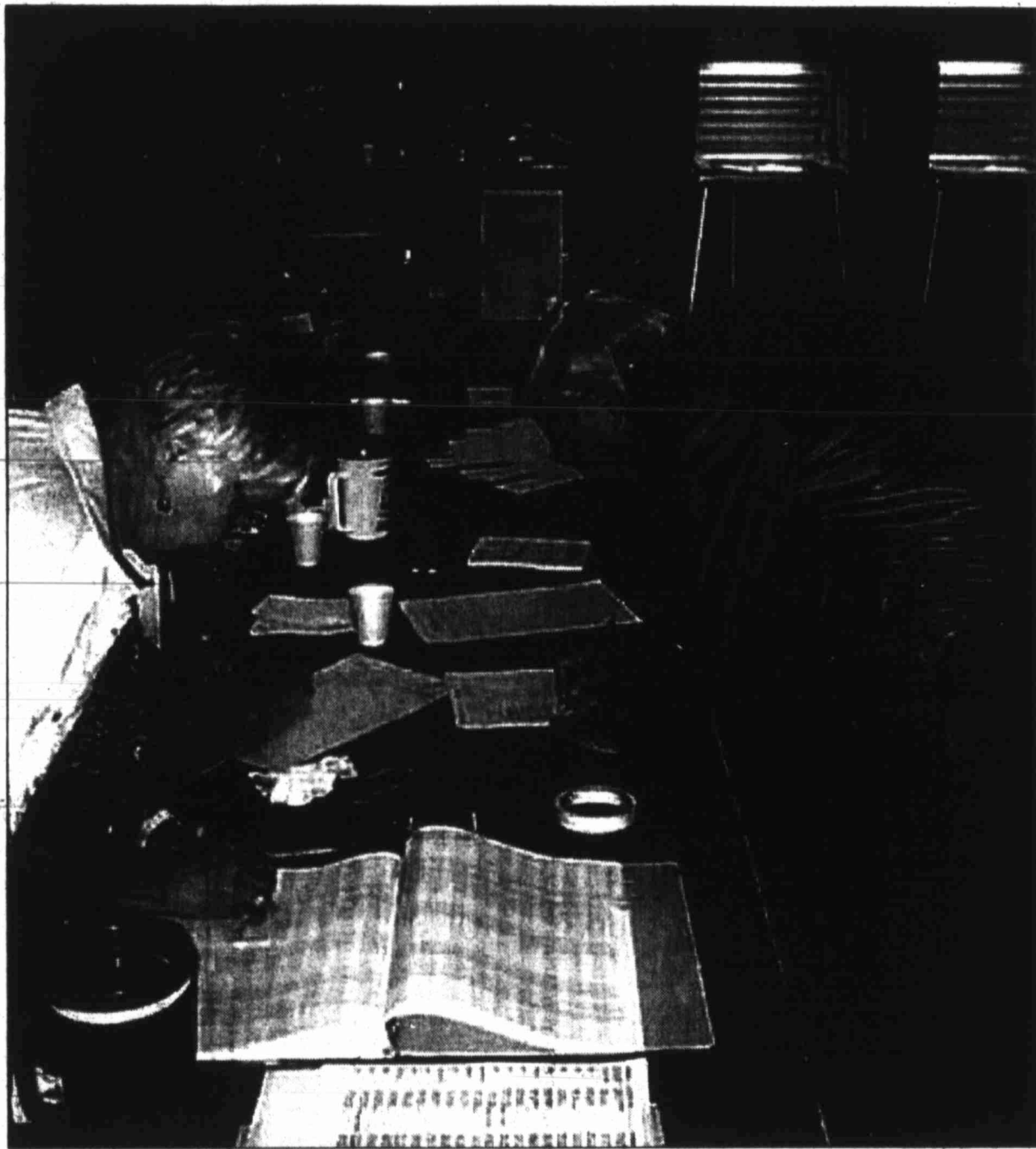
Local businessman and Republican nominee Scott McLaughlin is also making another run at incumbent State Rep. David Counts in a District 70 race. In the race for the office of governor of Texas, incumbent George W. Bush faces Democrat Garry Mauro, as well as Libertarian candidate Lester R. "Les" Turlington, Jr.

In Howard County race, county judge incumbent Ben Lockhart is being challenged by Democratic nominee A.N. Standard, former Howard County sheriff. The race for Howard County clerk pits Republican Brad Estill against Donna Wright,

Democratic nominee. The position of district clerk will go unopposed, with Democrat Glenda Brasel as the lone candidate.

The seat on the Howard County Commissioners Court Precinct 4, currently held by Sonny Choate, will be decided between Homer Lee Wilkerson, Republican, and Gary Simer. Incumbent Jerry Kilgore faces Democrat Roosevelt Shaw for the Precinct 2 seat.

Running unopposed are Democrats Bonnie Franklin for



August Graumann signs the voter registration list prior to casting his ballot at 7:20 this morning at the 18th and Main Fire Station. Persons may vote until 7 tonight.

county treasurer and Michael McBrayer for county surveyor. Both races for Justice of the Peace will go unopposed, with Republicans Marilyn Carson running for election in Precinct 1, Place 2, and Quail Dobbs on the ballot for Precinct 2. Following current Lieutenant Governor Bob Bullock's decision not to seek reelection, current Ag Commissioner Rick Perry, Republican, and State Comptroller John Sharp are competing for the position, along with Libertarian candi-

date Anthony Garcia. The race for Texas Attorney General pits John Cornyn (R) and Jim Mattox (D), along with Libertarian candidate Mike Angwin, to fill the position being vacated by Dan Morales, who has held the office since 1991. To fill Sharp's State Comptroller slot, Carole Keeton Rylander (R), Paul Hobby (D) and Libertarian candidate Alex Monchak are vying.

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Assault

Teacher injured while protecting student during confrontation

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

A teacher protecting his student from assault was kicked in the head Friday during an after-school confrontation at Runnels Junior High School.



FELTY

Craig Felty, choir teacher at the junior high school, received abrasions and bruises to the side of his jaw when he was kicked while protecting another student he was covering on the ground. "He was keeping him from getting hurt, and this other juvenile takes a cheap shot and kicks Felty. Mr. Felty was preventing one of our students from getting into the fight, which would have gotten the student into trouble," said Runnels principal Bill Tarleton.

Felty also has a butterfly bandage across an inch and half cut on his head, where he glanced off a pickup while running to stop the fight, Tarleton said. The altercation began when about six to 10 unschooled youths began gathering across the street from Runnels just before school dismissed, Tarleton said. "We called the police at 3:10. We know they're busy, and when they did start trying to come over, school had been dismissed and they had trouble getting in because of the traffic. If they hadn't gotten there, we couldn't have gotten it stopped," Tarleton said.

Felty's assault was reported at 3:30 p.m. He said he will file charges with the police department against the juveniles

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Appeals court upholds conviction for driving while intoxicated

By T.E. JENKINS
Staff Writer

The Texas 11th Court of Appeals has upheld affirmation of the conviction and sentence of former Howard County resident Darrin Jay Crooks, who was convicted on third degree felony charges of driving while intoxicated (DWI) in the early part of 1997.

Crooks' attorney, Scott Ferguson, sought to convince the court that there were sever-

al questionable aspects of his client's trial, including an allegation of inadmissible evidence allowed into the record.

"The trial court committed a reversible error when he (District Judge Robert H. Moore, III) admitted copies of judgments revoking probation in each of the two DWI cases which formed the jurisdictional basis for this case," said Ferguson in his written presentation to the court. "In addition to those two DWI offenses, they

contained court findings of five other criminal offenses which were not admissible under any rule of evidence.

Ferguson also argued that comments made by Howard County District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson on the failure of Crooks to testify were unconstitutional.

"The numerous comments on the failure of the defendant to testify, made during the guilt-innocence phase of the trial," said Ferguson, "violates both

the state and federal constitutions, as well as article 38.08 of the Texas Penal Code, which, because of the high probability that they affected the jury, requires that the case be remanded for a new punishment hearing."

The appellate panel, which consisted of Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Dickenson, and Justice Wright, upheld the 118th District Court's sentence of 10 years, however, the maximum allowed by the law.

Crooks was arrested in Nov. 1995 on charges of felony DWI. His conviction in Feb. 1997 was his third for DWI.

The Court of Appeals also reviewed the second motion for extension of time to file a brief in the criminal conviction appeal of convicted serial rapist Ricky Dewayne Howell.

Howell was convicted in late February by the 118th District Court on charges of aggravated

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Philanthropist addresses community college conference crowd

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Marie Hall, local philanthropist, recently presented a speech to 75-100 Texas college presidents and trustees during a Texas Association of Community Colleges Foundation Conference in



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Austin. "She did a wonderful job and made Big Spring look great," said Dr. Cheri Sparks, president of Howard College, who, along with trustee Harold Davis, heard Hall's speech.

Davis and Sparks were attending the Texas Association of Community College Trustees and Administrators Conference, which was scheduled for the same time, said Jan Foresyth, director of institutional advancement for HC. TACCF has been in existence

for three years, and has 33 of 52 junior colleges in Texas as members, she said.

Due to state funding decreases, community colleges are forming foundation boards to find alternative means of financial support. TACCF is the state organization for those foundations, she said.

Foresyth was contacted and asked to secure a speaker for the philanthropist portion of the conference.

"I immediately thought of Marie Hall. Her topic was

Charitable Investor, A Donor's Prospective of Philanthropy, Stewardship and the Donor Institution Relationship," Foresyth said.

Hall's speech will be published in the Howard College newsletter, as well as the annual newsletter for the TACCF, of which Foresyth is the secretary. "Her audience was spellbound. It was obvious her speech was well prepared," Foresyth said.

Marie Hall was the first of three speakers at the conference. And by all reports, her

presentation was the best received.

Hall said her speech reflected her deepest feelings about the topic.

"I feel philanthropy is not just a monetary gift, it is a gift of time, energies and talents. They are all important. Philanthropy is an investment in people and the vision of a better tomorrow," Hall said.

"I happen to think Howard College is pretty great and I am complimented and deeply honored to have been asked."

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OBITUARIES

Jesse Duke

Jesse Duke, 74, Blackwell, died Sunday, Nov. 1, 1998, in Bronte following a long illness. Private memorial services will be held at a later date.

He was born on Feb. 3, 1924, in Livingston. He married Joy Windsor on May 24, 1983, in Tatum, N.M. He had lived in Blackwell for the last five years moving there from Hobbs, N.M. Mr. Duke was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in World War II in Europe. He received the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He retired in 1992 from Billy Walker Trucking Company in Hobbs after 35 years. He was a member of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include: his wife, Joy Duke of Blackwell; three daughters, Barbara Tankersley, Becky Baker, both of Blackwell, and Sue Windsor of Colorado City; three sons, Robert West of Blackwell, Ronny Windsor of Colorado City, and Charles Windsor of Houston; one sister, Bonnie Johnson of Hobbs, N.M.; one brother, J.W. Duke of Romero; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 8 to 10 tonight at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Ruth Childress

Service for Ruth Childress, 83, Sterling City, will be 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, 1998, at the Myers & Smith Chapel with Rev. David Burk, of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Childress died Monday, Nov. 2, in a San Angelo hospital.

She was born on Nov. 9, 1914, in Rusk County. She married J.E. Wooten on Dec. 24, 1933, in Clovis, N.M. He preceded her in death on Dec. 30, 1939. She then married Henry D. Childress on Sept. 9, 1941, in Kerrville. He preceded her in death on May 24, 1971, in Big Spring. She was a member of the Bible Baptist Church in Enid, Okla., where she had lived for 25 years. She worked for the state of Oklahoma from 1972 to 1984 when she retired.

Survivors include: three children, JoAnn Turner of Garden City, J.E. (Ervin) Wooten of Garden City, and Jerald Wooten of San Antonio; two step-sons, N.L. Childress of San Angelo, and O.D. Childress of Yuma, Ariz.; one sister; Anne Nutt of Enid, Okla.; one brother, Lester Sanders of Cold Springs; 11 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and one

great-great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to Sterling County Nursing Home; Box 46; Sterling City; 76951 or to a favorite charity.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Robert Spence

Service for Robert Spence, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He died Tuesday, Nov. 3, 1998, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a long illness.

M.Y. Butler

Service for M.Y. Butler, Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He died Monday, Nov. 2, 1998, in an Odessa hospital.

Henry Ortega

Service for Henry Ortega, 65, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He died Monday, Nov. 2, 1998, in a local hospital.

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today. The reason for the fight was an argument that happened during the weekend, away from school, Tarleton said.

A relative of one of the junior high students visited the campus, and the principal asked that person to pick up her relative, but she refused.

"I offered to discipline the student early, but she refused to pick the student up," he said.

Once the situation presented itself, about 75 junior high school students swarmed into the street, as did most of the junior high school's faculty, he said.

"I've got to educate my students not to do that," Tarleton said.

He saw no weapons and no one else was injured, he said. "This is sad, because it has been our best year. Last year we had to stay on our toes, but we've worked very hard. Parents are picking their students up in the afternoon, and we've not had an incident."

The teachers are doing a great job of protecting our students. These juveniles are not students at our school or at the high school, they are not attending school anywhere and they don't have anything to do," Tarleton said.

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sexual assault and burglary with intent to commit sexual assault.

Prior to the Howard County convictions, Howell received two life sentences for sexual assault convictions in Lubbock. Howell is appealing both sentences.

All four of his sentences were "stacked," meaning they will run consecutively and one has to be completed before the next begins.

Howell is still awaiting a decision from the Court of Appeals on the extension of time.

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Nancy Stout as director of workforce training for Howard College. John Parsons as a grant writer for the San Angelo campus and Brooke Everett as registrar at SWCID.

VOTE

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David Dewhurst (R) and Richard Raymond (D), along with Libertarian candidate J. Manuel "Monte" Montez, will race for the position of Land Commissioner, formerly held by Mauro.

In the race for Ag Commissioner, voters will cast their ballots between Susan Combs (R), L.P. (Pet) Patterson (D) and Libertarian Jimmy T. LaBaume.

For Railroad Commissioner Tony Garza (R) faces off with Joe B. Henderson (D), as well as Libertarian candidate Jim Spurlock.

Robert H. Moore III (R) will run unopposed for the position of District Judge of the 118th Judicial District.

Howard County residents showed up to cast their early ballots in a big way Friday afternoon, voting the best daily ballot count for this year's election, and topping figures from the 1994 early vote.

According to Howard County County Clerk Abigail Ray, 530 area residents showed up to cast their ballots on Friday, the last day for early voting in the election. The precincting election's early vote count to 3,394 ballots, an increase over the 1994 total of 2,900. In a comparison of the 1996 precincting election, early voting is shown as an increase of 28 percent, with 2,900 ballots cast in the previous election.

With the totals already looking promising, residents who didn't get the chance to vote early are encouraged to cast their ballot today.

SUPPORT GROUPS

TUESDAY

• Support for AIDS and Related Diseases, 8:30 p.m., second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South Public invited. Call 267-2622.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 8:00 p.m., 267-2622.

• Senior Citizens support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 267-2622.

• Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced the death of a child, 7:30 p.m., Tuesday in February, 1998, at the August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 203 West Marcy, Dallas, TX, southeast door. Call 267-2622.

• Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213, 3401 41st St., 268-5072.

• Most Loved One, an adult children support group, 3:10 p.m., 267-2622.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 6:15 p.m., noon on Tuesday and 8 p.m. on Wednesday and 8 p.m. on Thursday.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

BRIEFS

THE YMCA HAS SCHEDULED CPR and First Aid classes.

The CPR class will be Thursday, Nov. 5 and Wednesday, Nov. 18, from 6 to 10 p.m. Participants must be present at both classes to become certified.

The First Aid class will be Thursday, Nov. 19, from 6 to 10 p.m.

The CPR class includes adult, child and infant certification and costs \$25 to attend.

The First Aid class is intended for the child care provider and costs \$20 to attend.

Registration is limited and on a first come basis.

COAHOMA ELEMENTARY PTA IS having their fall festival Saturday, Nov. 7 from 5:30 to 10 p.m. It will be outside between the elementary school and junior high. For more information call Donna Mansfield at 394-4535 or 267-5701.

COAHOMA COMMUNITY ARTS AND Crafts Show and Sale will be Nov. 14, at the Coahoma Community Center.

To reserve a booth and/or for more information, call Judy West at 394-4305. If no answer, leave a message.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD, A program to help children age infant through teens, is asking your support to help kids in war-torn areas.

To help, get a shoebox and fill it with items appropriate for either an infant, child age 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14. These would include blankets, diapers, clothing, toys, caps, gloves, flashlight, school supplies, toothpaste, etc. In the top of the box, enclose a check or money order made payable to Samaritan's Purse for \$5 to cover overseas shipping charges.

Pick-up date for the boxes is Nov. 14 at Allan Johnson Furniture Company, 202 Scurry in Big Spring. For more information, contact Brenda Schwartz at (915) 397-2353.

UNDER THE BIG TOP, an old-fashioned carnival for the Hangar 25 project, will be get under way at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 14 at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. There will be a flight simulator, plane rides, kiddie rides, a junk car smash, dunking booth, food booths and much more. Proceeds will be used toward the acquisition of planes to be displayed in the Hangar 25 Air Museum.

MOTHER'S DAY OUT PROGRAM will be starting Monday, Nov. 2, at Baptist Temple. The program will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Mondays and the cost is \$8 per child.

If there is enough interest in this, there will be one on Wednesdays. Please call the church office at 267-8287 if you are interested.

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

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

THERE IS A FUND set up for P.E. (Ed) Moore of Sand Springs to help with medical bills due to injuries from a bull. This is also to help the family with motel expenses

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THE SAMARITAN COUNSELING CENTER announces its association with new play therapist Ellen Dunn-Sablan. Ms. Dunn-Sablan is the former clinical director for Harmony House in Odessa, and a Licensed Professional Counselor and Registered Play Therapist. She specializes in play therapy with children who deal with abuse issues, but also works with adults and families who face a range of challenging needs. Therapy sessions are available here in Big Spring at the First Presbyterian Church. Contact the Counseling Center at 1-800-329-4144 to set up an appointment.

SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

MARKETS

Dec. cotton 67.60 cents, down 36 points; Dec. crude 14.16, down 20 points; Cash hogs steady at \$1 lower at 20; cash steers steady at 64 cents even; Dec. lean hog futures 35.10, down 30 points; Dec. live cattle futures 64.25, up 7 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

- ANNETTE COKER, 46, was arrested for possession of marijuana over 4oz.
- MARY JEAN BERRY, 28, was arrested for driving while license invalid/suspended.
- JACKIE DOYLE RICHIE, JR., 35, was arrested for driving while intoxicated and issuance of a bad check.
- ROBERT V. BLACK, 33, was arrested for issuance of a bad check.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between noon Saturday and 8 a.m. Monday:

- JAMES WINN, 21, was arrested for public intoxication.
- ABELARDO OLIVAS, 23, was arrested for assault/family violence.
- FRANCISCO NIETO, 19, was arrested for assault.
- VINCENT MARTINEZ, 27, was arrested for local warrants.
- RAYMOND SHELBEUN, 54, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.
- RICHARD LOPEZ, 21, was arrested for public intoxication.
- SALLY GRANT, 31, was arrested for class C assault.
- DAVID YBARRA, 32, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.
- MARIA CERVANTES, 22, was arrested for public intoxication.
- JODY BENETT, 20, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 400 block of E. 24th. A VCR and a flight bag containing a pilot's head set, intercom and maps

was reported stolen, valued at \$390.

• DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 600 block of E. 12th.

• THEFT was reported in the 2300 block of Alabama. A lawn mower, valued at \$229, was reported stolen from the back yard.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 600 of I-20.

• SHOTS FIRED was reported in the 2100 block of Cecilia.

• VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER was reported in the 1100 block of Lamar.

• ASSAULT was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main and 10th and Rannels.

• THEFT was reported at the blocks of Fourth and Birdwell, 1100 N. Lamar, 2300 Wason, 3300 FM 700, 1800 Gregg, 1100 Mesa, 2500 Chanute and 600 Caylor.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 300 block of Gregg and 1700 block of Purdue.

• TWO RUNAWAY reports were made at 400 E. Fourth.

• CLASS A THEFT was reported at 400 E. Fourth.

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

- ROBERT JACKMAN, 35, was arrested on federal warrants.
- JAMES BERRY, 51, was arrested for public intoxication.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 700 block of E. 16th, and the 1300 block of Madison.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE in the 1600 block of Rannels.
- THEFT OF SERVICE in the 1000 block of N. Main.
- FAILURE TO IDENTIFY in the 1000 block of Birdwell.

FIRE/EMS

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

- MONDAY
- 8:08 a.m. - 2300 block Wason, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- 6:52 p.m. - 400 block Dallas, medical call, patient transported to the VA Medical Center.
- 7:49 p.m.

Six officers fired for botched drug raid shooting

HOUSTON (AP) — Six police officers committed dismissible offenses even before they stormed into Pedro Oregon's apartment on July 12, Police Chief Clarence Bradford says.

Moments later, the officers sealed their fate by firing 33 shots. Twelve found their mark, including nine to Oregon's back, during a botched drug raid that turned up no drugs.

Officers later said they began shooting because they thought Oregon, who had a gun, had fired at them. In truth, he never got off a shot: What the police heard was one officer shooting another in the bullet-proof vest.

"I have not seen, in my opinion, a case as egregious as this case," Bradford said Monday in announcing the officers' terminations. Compared to the roughly 50 police shootings during his two-year tenure, Bradford

labeled the Oregon case "super-egregious."

The officers violated department policy by using an informant whom they had just pulled over for public intoxication. The informant told them drugs were being sold at Oregon's apartment.

Though Bradford said the officers proceeded to raid the apartment even though they had no warrant. The six later told investigators they planned to seek consent for a search, but internal affairs determined the officers intended all along to burst in.

The fired officers are: Sgt. D.H. Strouse, 34, and officers D.R. Barrera, 28; P.A. Herrada, 28; D.R. Perkins, 30; L.E. Tillery, 30; and J.R. Willis, 28. Their attorney, Brian Benken, could not be reached for comment Monday night.

A federal investigation is ongoing, and Oregon family attorney Richard Mithoff said a civil lawsuit could be filed against the officers, the city and the department next week. But a grand jury last month declined to indict the six regarding the shooting.

The Harris County District Attorney's office has said it won't present the case to another grand jury.

"I have said, since the beginning, the grand jury's decision was just one step to be taken in this case," Mayor Lee P. Brown said. "The internal affairs investigation is yet another step and I support its findings."

Bradford fired the officers after an internal disciplinary committee and a civilian review panel both recommended the firings. The officers declined to meet with Bradford prior to his

decision Monday.

He said the officers were fired for lying, violating several department policies, the constitutional protection against unlawful searches and state official oppression laws.

"My heart goes out to the family. My plea to the family is to keep your faith," Bradford said when asked if he had anything to tell the Oregon family. "Most officers in Houston do a good job."

Richard Mithoff, an attorney for the victim's family, implied Oregon's shooting was part of a larger problem in the department.

"I think this is a very appropriate action, but does nothing to solve the problem, to re-examine the policies and procedures that allow this sort of thing to take place," Mithoff said.

Plane crash kills ten Americans, Guatemalan

BROKEN ARROW, Okla. (AP) — Dr. James Zirkle started a mission here 18 years ago with a vision to take the Gospel and medical aid to needy Guatemalans.

He died doing just that, Zirkle's nephew, Chuck Arrington, said Monday.

Zirkle, his son, James Jr., and his son-in-law Christopher Brian Hamberger, were among 11 people killed when an airplane operated by his Living Water Teaching Mission crashed Sunday in western Guatemala.

The C-47 cargo plane went down near the town of San Andreas Xecul, 60 miles west of Guatemala City, as it was pelted by rain from former Hurricane Mitch, by then a tropical depression. The bad weather and a lack of radar may have caused the crash, airport officials in Guatemala said.

Seven Americans injured in the crash were taken to a private hospital in Quetzaltenango. Their injuries were not serious, said Francis Canett Samayoa, a Guatemalan physician who was a member of the mission but not aboard the plane.

The plane and its passengers were on an aid mission to distribute medicines and provide medical care in the poverty-stricken northern province of Quiche. The plane was returning from Playa Grande, 80 miles north of Guatemala City.

Arrington said his uncle had long accepted that his work in the mountains of Guatemala was dangerous.

"It was part of the price paid to get the Gospel out," Arrington said from the home of Zirkle's brother in Broken Arrow.

Zirkle, 57, began his work in Central America nearly two decades ago when he graduated from Rhema Bible Training Center in Broken Arrow and took a trip to Guatemala. He opened his U.S. headquarters here in 1980 and started a 10-acre campus in Quetzaltenango, 70 miles west of Guatemala City.

"He had a passion. He wanted to help people. He was very driven in his compassion to help people," said Arrington, who once worked for the ministry.

The ministry combined medical treatment with evangelistic crusades.

Zirkle, in a 1984 interview with the Tulsa World, spoke of the difficulty of converting native peoples to Christianity in a country where at least 25 different languages are spoken.

He described a visit to one Guatemalan village in which medical personal treated 700 people.

They served people "who had never seen a doctor or nurse, who knew nothing of running water, commodes or any kind of sanitary facilities, who have no radios nor electricity," he said.

In 1994, the elder Zirkle moved the U.S. base of Living Water — "Agua Viva" in Spanish — to Caddo Mills, Texas.

Zirkle lived in Guatemala. His wife, Marion, and two adult daughters also were active in the mission work, Arrington said.

The plane struck a mountain while trying to land in dense cloud cover, said Arrington, whose family was notified Sunday by Guatemalan authorities. James Zirkle Jr. was a pilot on the aircraft.

Arrington did not know if the mission work was related to Hurricane Mitch.

New election unit to handle voter complaints

DALLAS (AP) — Voters who believe someone tried to intimidate them at the polls have a new outlet for their complaints.

A special unit of the U.S. Attorney's office is taking reports of civil rights violations from Texas voters. The effort is part of a nationwide program designed to protect voter rights and prosecute election crime.

"Fraud at the polling sites undermines our democratic system," said Paul Coggins, U.S.

Attorney for the Northern District of Texas. "We will promptly and aggressively prosecute violations of election law."

Intimidating or bribing voters, forging ballots, changing vote tallies or coercing votes of the poor, elderly or illiterate is illegal. The law also protects voters' rights to mark their ballots in private and to receive help from a person of their choice.

On the federal level, Attorney General Janet Reno issued a similar warning: "The Justice Department is committed to vigorously enforcing our nation's voting laws," she said. "And we will not tolerate harassment of minority voters."

The Justice Department was responding to Democratic charges that Republicans were trying to harass minority voters by videotaping voters at or near polling places, which is a viola-

tion of the Voting Rights Act.

The videotaping issue focused on a plan by the Republican Party in two North Carolina counties to tape voters in some heavily Democratic precincts to prevent people from voting more than once.

Voters can report possible voting violations by calling these numbers:

- Dallas (214) 659-8600
- Fort Worth (817) 252-5200
- Lubbock (806) 472-7351

Juror criticizes officials for prosecuting eight-liner operator

AUSTIN (AP) — The head of a jury that tossed out charges against the operator of an eight-liner gaming machine is blasting the case and state officials who brought it in the first place.

It took jurors just five minutes to acquit Al Fenter, owner of the Monte Carlo in Burnet County, of 32 misdemeanor charges that included possession of gambling devices and operating a place that promotes gambling.

Now jury foreman Ronelda Wendler is publicly criticizing state officials for prosecuting Fenter to begin with.

"They were trying to make a poster boy out of Mr. Fenter, and they didn't have a case," Ms. Wendler told the Austin American-Statesman on Monday. "I'm ashamed for the State of Texas doing this, and I've lived here all my life."

Department of Public Safety troopers raided Fenter's Granite Shoals business last March. They took 32 machines, more than \$30,000 in cash and gold coins valued at around \$60,000.

Eddie Shell, Fenter's attorney, said Monday he hopes the verdict sends a message that eight-liners are legal.

Testimony during the trial

showed the 55-year-old Fenter, a former DPS trooper, had received rulings that eight-liners were legal from the county attorney's office and other law enforcement officials before opening Monte Carlo.

Gov. George W. Bush has called for a crackdown against casino-style gambling and set up a task force to help resolve legal issues surrounding eight-liners.

Meanwhile, state and local officials have been confiscating machines and ticketing owners.

Attorney General Dan Morales has said laws allowing some forms of eight-liners are

unconstitutional. Morales also has said the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission is free to yank alcohol permits from businesses that have eight-liners.

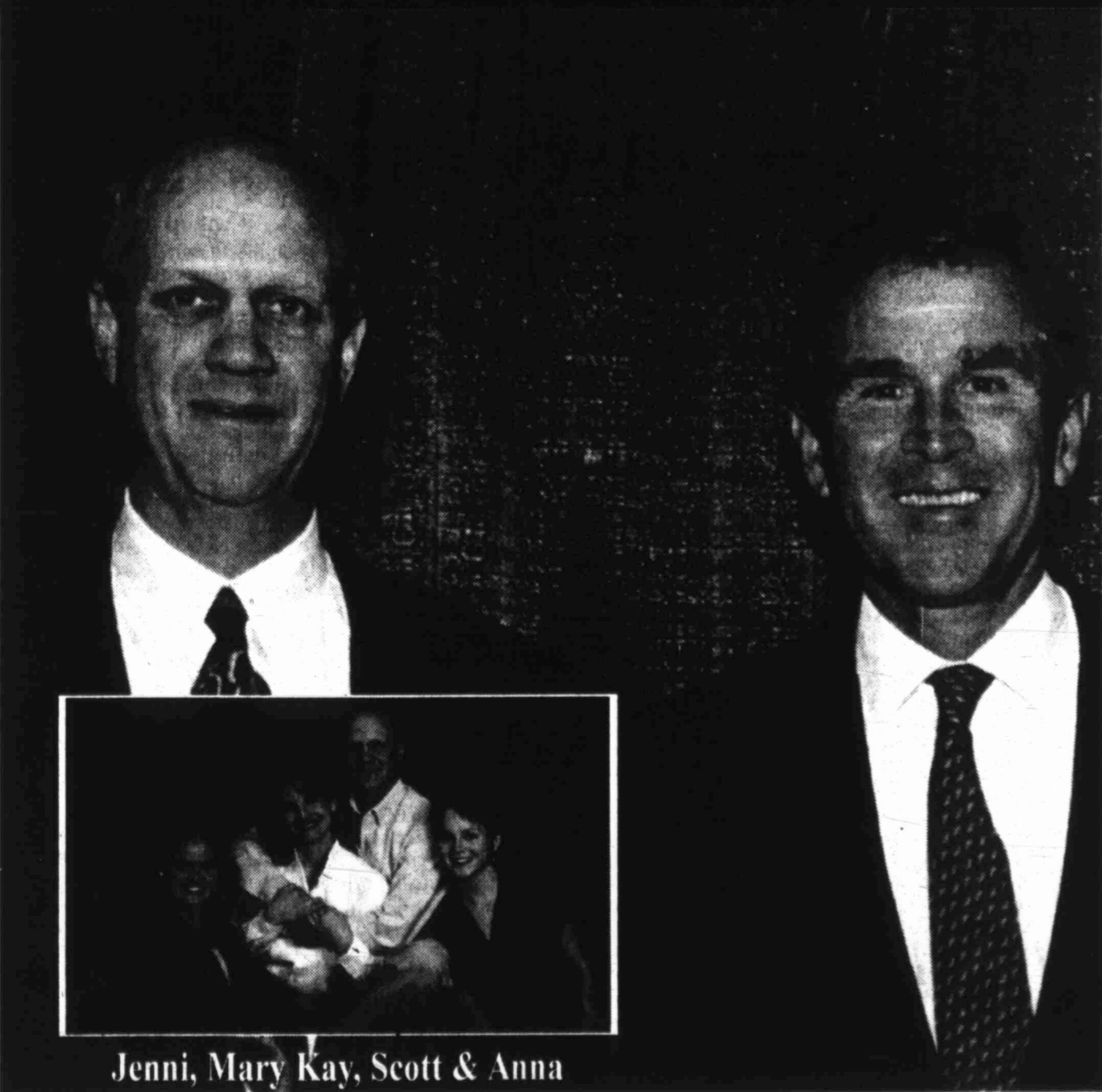
Owners and operators say the entertainment machines are legal under the state's "Fuzzy Animal" law, which allows games of chance that offer non-cash prizes worth no more than \$5.

May Department Stores to pay \$15 million

ST. LOUIS (AP) — May Department Stores Co. settled a lawsuit involving the improper collection of payments from bankrupt holders of the company's credit cards, agreeing to pay \$15 million to more than 30,000 consumers in 26 states, including Texas.

The class action lawsuit was filed in April 1997 in federal court in Massachusetts.

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OUR VIEWS

Community helps Settles projects move forward

Together, the community took another step forward with the Friends of the Settles and the Hotel Settles project last week through a pair of fund-raising activities.

First, K-Bob's Steakhouse, a relatively new member of the business community, signed on to the Friends of the Settles efforts by hosting an "all you care to eat" event last Thursday that raised more than \$3,250.

Second, the Friends held their first-ever haunted house and fall festival in an attempt to raise additional funds to help clean out the ground floor of the former hotel.

Together, the two projects reached more than 2,000 persons and raised approximately \$8,000 — more than enough to clean out asbestos-tainted rubble in the lobby.

The question of "what's next?" has been asked of the Friends group in regards to the project, which has already seen the money raised to replace all of the windows in the Settles building.

With that in mind, it seems as if the Friends group has the grit and determination to tackle just about any aspect of the building renovation that comes up.

In reality, they will tell you that the next major task is the repairing of a rather large hole in the roof of the building that was created when vandals made their way to the penthouse some years ago, worked a cornerstone loose and pushed it over the edge.

Now that the windows have been replaced, that hole is the source for most of the water that flows into the Settles when it rains and is a roadblock to any major progress being made on the inside of the building.

Since the Settles is a city-owned building, perhaps city fathers can find a way to provide funding for the roof repair — especially since the community, through Friends of the Settles — has already placed more than \$50,000 in the facility.

We have found over the years that the most successful communities are those where public citizen and city government join together to work toward a common goal.

With Friends of the Settles on the point ... with growing community support ... and with on-going city support such as already exhibited, the ultimate goal of bringing the first two floors of the Settles back to life can be a reality.

Just as with the windows ... together, we can make it happen.

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Both parties lower goals in today's election

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — In elections that will deliver two more years of divided government in Washington, the messages of the voters may be as mixed.

A congressional standoff tilted toward the Republicans would produce no mandate for them, no franchise for the Democrats, no clear instructions on what people want done about President Clinton's misconduct and impeachment accusations.

And debates, on Clinton and on federal programs, to be resumed where they adjourned.

Even in an improbable turn in which the Democrats overrode history and gained control of the House, the Senate is securely Republican. The House is almost as certain to remain in GOP control.

Clinton talked on election eve of gaining a Congress in which he could propel his programs — "if we had a little more balance ... if we had a few more Democrats." Big ifs, too big by most appraisals of the congressional outlook.

That outlook never was promising for Democrats in the off-year voting, in which the White House party has lost House seats every time but one since the Civil War. Their leaders once talked of reversing the

21-seat Republican majority as the campaign ended. Their more realistic aim was to cut losses — just as the Republicans tempered their forecasts of gains.

In the end, both parties were trying to lower expectations, the better to claim success, or at least a successful defense.

So, for example, Sen. Mitch McConnell, chairman of the Senate Republican campaign committee, said a five-seat gain to 60 GOP senators was beyond reach. While it was not beyond Republican hopes, they didn't want that to be set as their marker.

In midterm elections since World War II, the president's party has lost an average of 27 House seats. Republican campaigners talked of gaining half that number. House Speaker Newt Gingrich has said 10 to 40 — a safe margin of error — and then lowered it Monday to six to 30.

Actually, the averages are skewed this time, by the 52-seat Republican sweep four years ago, in the last midterm elections, eroded only by eight seats when Clinton won re-election in 1996.

Party gains and losses in the new Congress will be sifted for evidence on the mood of the voters about impeachment proceedings, due to begin later this month in the House Judiciary Committee, the last business of the old Congress.

While the impeachment investigation is set, by House vote, the duration and intensity of the process is sure to be marked by the elections. It was not a major issue nor, according to the pollsters, a significant motivator among voters, despite the late campaign Republican TV commercials on the scandal. Even so, the stronger the Republicans the greater the impetus for action against the president.

Far from that arena, the election of 36 governors carried a different set of signposts, with the strongest candidates in both parties tending toward the political center. Republicans already are strong in that lineup, with 32 governors now, and more likely after these elections. But Democrats could claim the greatest single prize in California, where Lt. Gov. Gray Davis was favored to take over.

Those state elections will affect national ones to come — the governors chosen now will have a hand, or a veto, in determining the shape of House districts after the 2000 census.

The redistricting coming in 2001 also puts a premium on control of state legislatures, another arena in which Republicans have steadily gained. There were 46 legislatures at stake, and in half of them, shifts of three seats or fewer could reverse party con-

control in one branch or the other.

Democrats control both branches in 20 states, Republicans in 19, with divided control in 10. One is nonpartisan. But the Republican numbers have increased markedly since 1990, when they dominated only six legislatures and Democrats had full control of 30.

There will be another round of legislative elections before redistricting, but the stronger party going into the 2000 balloting will have the advantage then.

Finally, these elections are the prelude to an open presidential contest in 2000, the first campaign since 1988 without an incumbent.

That will draw big fields in both parties. Vice President Al Gore has been the Democrats' chief national campaigner, with Clinton limiting his role to limited-access political events, 110 of them fund-raising affairs. That may help when Gore runs in 2000, since favors beget favors.

That is as obvious to his probable rivals, and to Republicans reading campaigns for the White House too, although the early favorite among them, Gov. George W. Bush, has been tending to his expected runaway re-election in Texas.

And urging the election of a Republican lieutenant governor.



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Recalling the Coast before tacky went corporate

The first time I saw the Mississippi Gulf Coast I was 16 and on my way to New Orleans from South Georgia with my Aunt Beulah Helen. Hurricane Camille had blown through a few months earlier, and we stopped the car alongside the highway next to the barren beach and looked at the rubble where a motel had been. Aunt Beulah shuddered. She hated any storm.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

A decade later I saw the Biloxi area again. It had rebuilt. The beach had plenty of commercial clutter again, but residents were still dividing life into the years before and after Camille. They spoke of Camille like a person, an impossible relative who had visited, torn the family asunder then marched off in a fit of temper and talcum.

I loved that coast. At least half the years I spent in Mississippi were taken up with passionate defenses, at newspaper parties and whatnot, of the state's much-maligned coastline. I was usually defending it to natives, who all went to Florida for vacations.

As an outsider, I figured I must see things they could not, and I rhapsodized for hours to anyone who would listen about the unheralded advantages of seaside villages with names like Ocean Springs, Bay St. Louis, Pass Christian.

Mississippi's coast had everything, except condos and crowds. The live oaks were as magnificent as California redwoods, only horizontally so. And walking the streets was like visiting a museum of architecture. The old houses — at least the ones spared by Camille — were miniature movie sets, bespeaking grace and grandeur and New Orleans money. It was little New Orleans — without crime and a parking problem.

And, if you just had to have white sand and wave action, you boarded the Ship Island

ferry and rode with dolphin escort. The barrier islands that protected the Mississippi Sound had that snowdome Florida look on their Gulf side.

Dozens of weekends while living in Jackson, I made the drive to Gulfport, hopped the ferry and spent the entire day on Ship Island. The only good reason to hop the boat back was the baby flounder at Fisherman's Wharf.

I even loved the grungy joints and tacky shell shops on Biloxi Beach. They mostly had the look of the 1950s, before tacky went corporate.

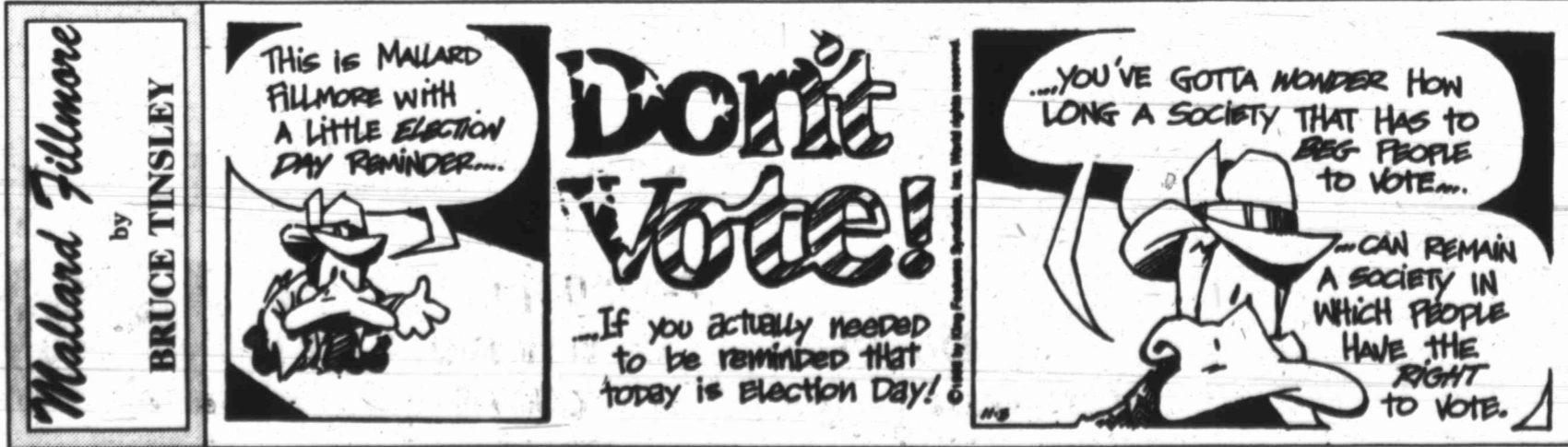
Another 10 years somehow went by. I saved my money and bought what I figured would someday be my retirement home. The house was in Pass Christian. It was blue and old and had heart pine floors that talked to you when you walked on them. There was a live oak with moss in the front yard, and a patterned tin roof that once held out Camille. The town had a tree board that ruled on whether you had a good enough reason to cut a tree, and don't even flash a pocketknife at an oak or mag-

nia. Then along came the casinos, and everything changed. Not drastically, at least not at first or in Pass Christian, but enough to shut me up. Full-time residents were delighted with the casino jobs and extra commerce, so I felt bad cursing the changes.

But I definitely thought I was through with my love affair. "My" coast had been taken over by busloads of city gamblers from New Orleans and Atlanta and flashy signboards the size of Connecticut. It was as easy to get Alaskan king crab at restaurants as it was the native delicacies. You could no longer show up without reservations and get a clean room at a mom-and-pop motel.

When I heard that Hurricane Georges had a bead on Biloxi, I almost panicked. Camille's nasty cousin was headed to town. I thought of those deep, shady lawns hung with hammocks and trees with Resurrection ferns. I thought of the old blue house.

And I felt a strong urge to grab a broom and go.



Cohen heading to Europe and Gulf to consult on Iraq crisis

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton sent Defense Secretary William Cohen to Europe and the Persian Gulf to consult with U.S. allies on responding to Iraq's latest defiance on U.N. arms inspections.

Administration officials were tightlipped on the specifics of Cohen's mission, except to say he departed Monday night. They would not say exactly what he would discuss or which countries he would visit.

The Gulf allies, including Saudi Arabia, have been reluctant to support U.S. military

action against Iraq. The Saudis recently have refused to sanction U.S. air strikes against Iraq from Saudi soil.

Cohen rushed back to Washington over the weekend, abruptly aborting a trip to Asia in order to attend national security meetings at the White House.

After spending an hour with Cohen, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and other national security officials Monday, Clinton said Iraq's announced decision to stop cooperating with U.N. arms

inspectors will backfire. He said "no options are off the table" for a possible response.

"Saddam Hussein's latest refusal to cooperate with the international weapons inspectors is completely unacceptable," Clinton said. "Once again, though, it will backfire. Far from dividing the international community and achieving concessions, his obstructionism was immediately and unambiguously condemned by the United Nations Security Council. It has only served to deepen the international com-

munity's resolve."

Clinton's remarks were meant to underline that American military strikes remain an option, although Pentagon officials said no movement of extra troops, ships or weapons was under way. In addition to about 110 U.S. Air Force aircraft stationed in the Gulf region, the U.S. Navy has 13 ships in the area, including a battle group led by the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower in the Arabian Sea.

Also, six Air Force B-52 bombers armed with air-

launched cruise missiles with 2,000-pound warheads are on station in England. They were sent from their base in Louisiana during U.S. preparations this fall for possible air strikes against Serb forces in the Yugoslav province of Kosovo.

"Until inspectors are back on the job, no options are off the table," Clinton said without elaborating. "For Iraq, the only path to lifting sanctions is through complete cooperation with the weapons inspectors — without restrictions, run-arounds or roadblocks."

At U.N. headquarters in New York on Monday, weapons inspection chief Richard Butler called Iraq's announcement Saturday that it was cutting off all dealings with U.N. inspectors the "worst confrontation" by Iraq with the United Nations since the end of the 1991 Gulf War in which Iraqi forces were expelled from Kuwait. Butler is head of the U.N. Special Commission in charge of verifying Iraq's compliance with U.N. resolutions requiring it to eliminate weapons of mass destruction and longer-range missiles.

Industry, TV makers agree on digital TV standards

WASHINGTON (AP) — Digital TV sets available in stores late next year should be able to receive cable programs aired in a format that offers viewers supersharp pictures and sound.

The cable industry and TV set makers announced Monday that they have agreed on technical standards that will let digital TV sets communicate with digital cable TV boxes and other consumer electronics equipment.

Digital TV sets now on the market can't receive cable TV

shows that would be aired in the razor-sharp digital format called high-definition television. But digital TV sets that go on sale next year will be available because of the agreement. The standard provides for a digital connection that allows the new TVs and cable boxes to communicate.

Roughly two-thirds of the nation's households get their TV via cable.

"This is a significant milestone for consumers," said National Cable Television Association President Decker

Anstrom. "This will help ensure that digital TV sets compatible with cable will be available in retail stores by November 1999."

Added Gary Shapiro, president of the Consumer Electronics Manufacturers Association, "I think the cable industry has an enormous incentive, as do we, to produce products which communicate well with each other, which are easy for consumers to use, which don't require a lot of setup and don't require a Ph.D. from MIT to work.

The digital connection also will let digital TV sets work with digital VCRs and other electronics equipment, Shapiro said.

The cable association and electronics manufacturers jointly announced the agreement Monday.

Federal Communications Commission Chairman Bill Kennard, who had urged the two industries to resolve the matter, also hailed the agreement as an "important milestone" for the transition to digital.

Anthrax hoax still traumatic for clinic victims

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Victims of an anthrax scare at abortion clinics in four states are taking little comfort in authorities pronouncing the whole event a hoax.

Tests found no evidence of anthrax or any other biological agent in letters mailed to eight clinics, the FBI announced Monday, the same day similar letters arrived at two more clinics. Also, a fake bomb was sent to one of the clinics that received a letter last week.

A Planned Parenthood clinic scheduled to reopen here today

offered counseling to workers who suffered through Friday's scare, and employees called patients to reassure them.

"They were put through a very traumatic experience and our main priority now is to make certain that each individual involved has the services and resources available to deal with what has happened," said Delbert Culp, president of Planned Parenthood of Central and Southern Indiana.

The letters were received Friday and Saturday at clinics in Indianapolis, New Albany

and Scottsburg, Ind.; Knoxville, Tenn.; Wichita, Kan.; and Louisville, Ky. Each 3-by-5-inch white envelope had a Cincinnati postmark.

The letters said: "You have just been exposed to anthrax."

An analysis of brown powder found in some of the letters found it was unlikely the letters contained anthrax, said FBI spokesman Bill Carter. Still, it is a crime to threaten to use a weapon of mass destruction.

The FBI said it had no suspects.

The Knoxville Center for

Reproductive Health, which was sent a letter threat on Friday, received a hoax bomb by mail on Monday. David Ries, the special agent in charge of the FBI's Knoxville office, said similar devices have been received in other cities, but didn't say where.

Another Knoxville clinic received a suspicious letter Monday. It bore a Cincinnati postmark and appeared identical to the envelopes containing the anthrax threats, but wasn't opened, the FBI said. It will be sent to Washington for tests.

Residents in Kansas and Oklahoma survey flood damage

AUGUSTA, Kan. (AP) — Perched on a bluff, Nikki Poyner stared at the neighborhood where her mother lived and just couldn't believe what she saw.

"You see stuff like this on TV all the time, but you can't imagine it will happen to your town," she said.

Hundreds of people in Augusta, a central Kansas town of 8,700 that was hit hard by weekend flooding, took to higher ground Monday to survey the devastation.

The floodwaters were receding, but still lapped at windows of houses in an upscale neigh-

borhood near Augusta Middle School. About 200 mobile homes west of town had at least 2 feet of water in them. And most restaurants, stores and downtown were swamped with murky, swirling water.

The flooding, caused by 8 inches of rain in some areas, forced hundreds of people from their homes and caused millions of dollars in damage in southern Kansas and northern Oklahoma, where one person died.

Computer consultant Jay Hall got a chance to look at the damage to his mobile home after rain forced the Whitewater

River over a levee and turned Augusta's streets into waterways.

Using a boat, Hall arrived at his flooded mobile home and found his computer equipment survived unscathed. But the trailer — which he had finally paid for — was ruined, as was much of everything else he owned.

Hall said a lot of neighbors will be crying on each other's shoulders when they can finally get into their homes in a day or two.

"A lot of us didn't know each other until now," said Hall, who is mulling over a job over in

Denver. "Considering we lost everything, it makes it really easy to relocate."

Nearly 400 families stayed in shelters for a second night Monday. City officials said it may take up to three more days before most residents can get back into their homes to begin cleaning up.

"It has been stressful and there is a lot more to come," said City Manager Bill Keefer. "When the reality check hits, people are going to realize they have lost just about everything and will be pretty upset."

The flooding forced the Augusta Daily Gazette to pub-

lish a joint Monday edition with its sister paper, The El Dorado Times. The newspaper cleared out many of its computers and sandbagged office entrances Sunday night.

Editor Michael McDermott said the Gazette set up its computers at the local Methodist church and probably will operate there until midweek.

In Oklahoma, at least 175 people were evacuated from the town of Blackwell after flooding. The high waters claimed the life of 19-year-old Katrina Turner.

FDA approves genetic drug for rheumatoid arthritis

WASHINGTON (AP) — People crippled by rheumatoid arthritis just won new hope: a genetically engineered drug that works differently than other arthritis medicines and helps some of the hardest-to-treat patients.

The Food and Drug Administration approved Immunex Corp.'s Enbrel on Monday. For some patients, it "can significantly reduce pain and swollen joints that have restricted their normal daily activities for years," said FDA Acting Commissioner Michael Friedman.

Enbrel is a "major advance,"

said Dr. Michael Weinblatt of Harvard University, who helped test the drug. "This is the first in a group of genetically cloned materials that have a targeted mechanism of action," attacking rheumatoid arthritis in a way no other medicine ever has.

Enbrel does not cure rheumatoid arthritis; patients who stopped taking it saw their disease immediately rebound.

But in a study of 234 patients with advanced disease, 59 percent who took Enbrel for six months improved significantly, compared with 11 percent who received dummy injections.

More dramatically, about 40 percent of Enbrel patients saw their disease symptoms cut in half.

Adding Enbrel to standard treatment, the drug methotrexate, worked better, helping 71 percent of patients who took both drugs, compared with just 27 percent who took methotrexate alone.

It appears to cause far fewer serious side effects than other arthritis treatments, which among other things can cause diarrhea and liver toxicity. In contrast, Enbrel's main problem: 37 percent of patients had an injection site reaction such

as itching.

Six years of rheumatoid arthritis had left Beckie Wilson of Dallas unable to dress without help, in too much pain to play with her two young children, even with problems brushing her teeth. She joined a study of Enbrel two years ago, and within a month noticed less-swollen joints.

Now "I am normal," said Wilson, who today exercises regularly and has stopped taking most arthritis painkillers. "Yesterday I was riding bikes in the park with my daughter. It's been a definite change in my life."

Gates defends Apple deal in videotaped testimony

WASHINGTON (AP) — Microsoft Corp. CEO Bill Gates was the reluctant tour guide for a trip through his company's history as government prosecutors pressed their case that Microsoft applied illegal muscle to crush competitors.

The boyish-looking Gates appeared only on video screens in the federal courtroom where the landmark antitrust case against his giant software company entered its third week Monday.

His sworn testimony, taken last summer, was marked by long pauses and testy answers. Often, he rocked back and forth in his chair before answering questions, sometimes replying with just one or two words.

Often, he told Justice Department lawyers he couldn't remember the e-mail and other documents they showed him. The government attorneys, in turn, accused him of not answering their questions directly.

Although Gates won't appear in person, government attorneys hope portions of his 20-hour taped deposition will help show that Microsoft planned and carried out a variety of allegedly anti-competitive maneuvers.

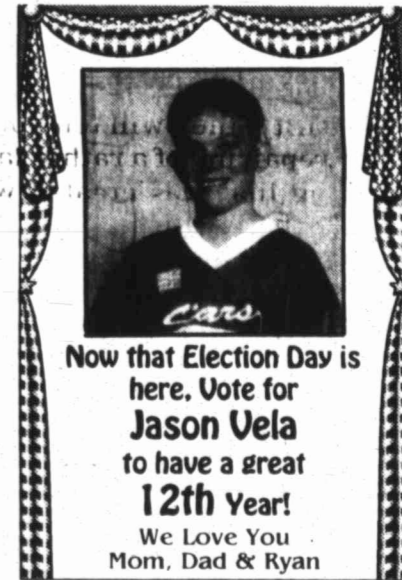
"The issue in this case is what did Microsoft do and what was Microsoft's intent," the government's lead attorney, David Boies, said outside the courtroom Monday. "What the CEO says is obviously relevant."

Microsoft, however, accuses the government of scapegoating Gates and using his testimony to sensationalize the trial. The company says its actions — while aggressive — never strayed over the line into the types of practices forbidden under antitrust laws.

The case is built largely on

internal company documents gathered by the government. In the deposition, Boies showed to Gates some Microsoft executives' electronic mail musings and summaries of informal conversations, and asked Gates to explain them.

In particular, the government focused on the role Gates played in securing a surprise August 1997 alliance with archrival Apple Computer.



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CHARLOTTE — Less than three weeks after Kerry Collins was picked up by the Carolina Saints, a driver's arrest has his more changes. Upon learning of the arrest early Monday in Charlotte, they planned a to determine if the... "The next... obviously to... physician to m... tion," general... Kuharich said... Coach Mike... isn't ready to... player who w... waivers Oct. 1... play a down fo... "I don't thi... kid." Ditka... maybe he's los... have to say t... certainly doe... what's best fo... what's best fo... Collins also... plinary action... A conviction... driving while... represent a v... league's subst... cy and leave h... fine of up to \$... "Obviously... take. I don't t... question abou... told WBTV ab... board a flight... Orleans. "It w... on my part... "Whatever... going to have... That's the fa... law."

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IN BRIEF

Howard holds basketball 'Meet the Teams' tonight

Howard College has scheduled its "Meet the Teams" night for men's and women's basketball for 7 tonight 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 scrimmages 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.

YMCA youth basketball program being revamped

Registration for YMCA youth basketball is now under way. The program is being expanded to include seventh- and eighth-grade girls and boys. Youngsters whose families are not YMCA members will have to purchase basic program memberships for \$15 to participate, but Kincaid said the program will continue to scholarship children from low income families. The YMCA has also scheduled a basketball camp for boys and girls on the first three Saturdays in December. Beginning in 1999 the YMCA will be offering a year-round youth sports program including basketball, soccer, t-ball and softball and roller hockey. For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

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.

Goliad, Runnels fare well in games against Snyder

Goliad Middle School's Mavericks and Runnels Junior High School's Yearlings took three of four games played with Snyder Junior High football teams last week. In seventh-grade action, Goliad's "Black" squad took a 40-0 win, while the "White" team dropped an 8-0 decision. The Mavericks "Black" jumped on top early when Mike Ornelas returned an interception 64 yards for a touchdown. He capped the romp with a 56 touchdown run in the third quarter, as well as kicking two extra-point kicks and catching a two-point conversion pass. Running back Tyree Williams also had a big game, scoring on touchdown runs of 12, 22 and 25 yards. The other Mavericks touchdown came when Wesley Smith hit Josh Pedigo with a 28-yard pass. Both Goliad teams will close their season Thursday, playing host to Sweetwater at Memorial Stadium. Kickoffs are set for 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. In eighth-grade games, Runnels swept Snyder, the Black team taking a 22-0 shutout victory, while the Gold team mounted a powerful running attack in the second half to post a come-from-behind win. The "Black" Yearlings are now 5-2 on the season, while the "Gold" team is 5-3 on the year. Both teams close out their season Thursday at Sweetwater.

ON THE AIR

TODAY: HOCKEY
7 p.m. — New York Rangers at New Jersey Devils, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Cowboys post first ever shutout of Philadelphia, 34-0

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — With a few graceful plays, the Dallas Cowboys looked as dominant as ever. Now they need to work on the rest. Troy Aikman to Michael Irvin was back with a 10-yard TD pass. Emmitt Smith did a little pirouette and cut back into the end zone, as only a precious few who've worn shoulder pads can. Prime Time was Prime Time. What else would Deion Sanders be? The Cowboys took a step toward reasserting themselves as an NFC power Monday night, routing the hapless Eagles 34-0. While it's hard to tell if the "Boys from Dallas are all the way back, Aikman appears to be. And that's a pretty good start. "The only person I'm more comfort-

able with is my wife, and she doesn't throw the ball," said Irvin, who scored his first touchdown of the season to get the blowout rolling. In his first start since missing five games with a broken collarbone, Aikman was 14-for-26 for 171 yards and two touchdowns. He shook off a crushing hit by Hollis Thomas on the first play of the game and let everyone know that the Cowboys (5-3) are a different team when he's healthy. "It was good to be back," said Aikman, injured in the second game of the season against Denver. "It was tough to watch the last couple of weeks from the sideline. I was trying to be smart and didn't want to take any unnecessary hits." Smith ran for 101 yards and a touch-

down, cutting back and fooling the entire Philadelphia defense on a 15-yard TD run that was vintage Emmitt. "They overplayed it," Smith said. "They just shot too much to one side and I bounced back to the opening." And Sanders had a 69-yard punt return for a touchdown, the fifth of his career, and second this season — both under the lights on Monday night. In those two games against the New York Giants and Eagles, they won by a combined score of 65-7. "I think I was born on Monday night," said Sanders, who returned a punt and an interception for TDs in the game against the Giants on Sept. 21. "I'll have to ask my mother about that." For the Eagles, this Monday Night

Massacre was even worse than they had feared. They are 1-7 for the first time since 1975, with no end in sight for their terrible season. "We were inept in just about every phase of the game," Eagles coach Ray Rhodes said. "It was very embarrassing." Dallas has a one-game lead over Arizona in the weak NFC East and rebounded from a 13-12 loss at Chicago two weeks ago. They are 4-0 against division opponents, with games the next two weeks against New York and Arizona. They still have problems, committing 10 penalties for 130 yards as the teams combined for 740 yards in penalties in a

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HERALD photo/Jim Fierro

Big Spring defenders Joe Owens (15), Jason Choate (12) and Carlos Viera (42) swarm San Angelo Lake View tailback Rashad Chance following a good gain during the Steers 28-24 victory last week. While Lake View found success through the air, Big Spring defenders effectively shut down the Chiefs' ground game for most of the night. The Steers travel to Sweetwater for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff Friday with a chance to earn a spot in the Class 4A playoffs.

Sosa leads voting for All-Star team

The ASSOCIATED PRESS
On the 1998 Associated Press Major League All-Star Team, Sammy Sosa was beaten by no one, not even Mark McGwire. The Chicago Cubs outfielder received 187 votes in totals released Monday, five more than his St. Louis rival, who led at first base. McGwire, who set a record with 70 homers — four more than Sosa — had the most dominating win in the nationwide voting by sports writers and broadcasters. His closest competitor at first was Boston's Mo Vaughn, who got six votes. Atlanta's Andres Galarraga was third, getting the only two other votes. In the outfield, Sosa finished 25 ahead of Seattle's Ken Griffey Jr. Juan Gonzalez of the Texas Rangers got the third spot with

78, more than double the total of San Diego's Greg Vaughn, fourth with 35. Only one player from the World Series champion New York Yankees made the team. David Wells, who pitched a perfect game against Minnesota in May and went 18-4 with a 3.49 ERA, led left-handed starters with 92 votes, 27 ahead of Atlanta's Tom Glavine, who finished second. Houston's Craig Biggio dominated at second base, beating Baltimore's Roberto Alomar 147-12. Seattle's Alex Rodriguez was an easy winner at shortstop, beating Boston's Nomar Garciaparra 102-55. Derek Jeter of the Yankees was third with 17, one ahead of Cleveland's Omar Vizquel. Atlanta's Chipper Jones won at third base in the closest con-

test among position players. Jones had 81 points, with Colorado's Vinny Castilla second at 57. Edgar Martinez of the Mariners won the closest race, finishing with 60 votes at designated hitter, 15 more than Toronto's Jose Canseco. Ivan Rodriguez of the Rangers easily won at catcher with 139 votes. Mike Piazza of the New York Mets was second with 31. Toronto's Roger Clemens was the top right-handed starter with 122 votes after going 20-6 with a 2.65 ERA and 271 strikeouts. San Diego's Kevin Brown was second with 42 votes, followed by Atlanta's Greg Maddux with 10. San Diego's Trevor Hoffman, who had a major league-leading 53 saves, was the top reliever with 169 votes. Boston's Tom Gordon was second with 12.

Wayland Baptist to celebrate 50 years of record-breaking women's basketball

PLAINVIEW (AP) — Long before the Women's National Basketball Association and the American Basketball League, the women's basketball program at Wayland Baptist College was winning at a dizzying pace. With an all-time record of 1,270-306, the Flying Queens have won more games than any women's collegiate team in history and at a faster pace than men's basketball powerhouses like Kentucky and UCLA. Their record is unmatched by any school in any sport: 1,200 wins in 49 years, 131 consecu-

tive wins, 10 national championships, 193 All-Americans and 59 representatives on American national teams competing internationally. The university will celebrate those successes and the program's 50th anniversary during ceremonies on Friday and Saturday. University officials believe the celebration will mark the first 50-year anniversary of its kind and they're expecting a large reunion. "Many former Pioneers and Flying Queens' coaches and others associated with Wayland

have contacted us during the past few weeks and I will be surprised if we do not have great attendance," Wayland athletic director Greg Feris said. Feris said the school's other teams use the Pioneer mascot, but the women's basketball program is named for two local sponsors that rescued it from disbandment in 1948: Hutcherson's Flying Service and Harvest Queen Mill. The celebration will feature a season-opening doubleheader featuring Wayland's men's and women's teams, which compete in the NAIA.

Kansas State switches roles with Nebraska in leading Big 12

The ASSOCIATED PRESS
The Big 12 must be trapped in a strange parallel universe where U.S. presidents practice fidelity and Jerry Springer is a humble role model. How else to explain why longtime loser Kansas State reigns and perennial power Nebraska resides in third place? Fourth-ranked Kansas State (8-0, 5-0 Big 12 North) has made monumental strides under head coach Bill Snyder this decade, but it has been 35 years since the Wildcats last held a two-game advantage over Nebraska (7-2, 3-2). "As all coaches say, nothing surprises

you in the game of football," Snyder said Monday. "Anybody can get anybody at any given time, but certainly you never really expect Nebraska to be on the losing side of the score." The unexpected has happened twice this season, leaving Nebraska little chance of catching Kansas State, which had losing seasons in 19 of 20 years from 1971-90. The Wildcats, whose last league title came in the days of the Big Six in 1934, have lost 29 straight to Nebraska and still can advance to the Big 12 conference championship game even if the streak hits 30 on Nov. 14. They have Texas A&M, Texas, injuries

and Nebraska's inexperience to thank. The Cornhuskers lost starting quarterback Bobby Newcombe to a torn knee-ligament two weeks ago and subsequently were upset by No. 20 Texas. Nebraska used two quarterbacks, Matt Christy and Eric Crouch, against the Longhorns. "Regardless of which team you talk about, whether it's the teams rated right at the very top or the ones rated close to the top in the country, if you asked them to play with three quarterbacks throughout their season, they might not be sitting quite where they're sitting right now," Nebraska coach Frank Solich said. "I look at 7-2 as being not where

Nebraska has necessarily been over the last three or four years, but Nebraska's been in this situation before. A lot of teams would enjoy a 7-2 record at this point. Our kids have accomplished a great deal, and I don't want to diminish that." With Nebraska having lost two conference games for the first time since 1990, Kansas State has assumed the role of Big 12 bully, thrashing opponents by an average of 43.7 points per game. "I think they're as good as anybody in the country," Colorado Rick Neuheisel said. "I've seen (No. 2) UCLA. I've seen (No. 1) Ohio State. Kansas State can play right with those guys."

Katy back atop 5A; Stanton still No. 6 going into finale

From staff and wire reports

Stanton's Buffaloes, who romped to a 49-7 win over Post's Antelopes in a rematch of last year's Class 2A regional semifinal playoff, remain at the No. 6 spot in The Associated Press high school football poll's Class 2A rankings. The Buffs retained the one first-place vote they picked up in the previous week's poll, but there were no changes atop the Class 2A ranks. Katy, which lost the No. 1 spot in Class 5A when it appeared four wins would have to be forfeited, returned to the top following victories off and on the field.

SCHOOLBOY POLL

This week's Associated Press high school football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses. Total points are based on 10 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 10th-place vote. Voting is by a panel of 20 sports writers and broadcasters.

Rank	Team	Points
Record		
Class 5A		
1.	Katy (10)	8-1
2.	Converse Judson (10)	9-0
3.	Killeen Ellison	8-1
4.	Arlington Lamar	8-1
5.	Plano East	8-1
6.	Eules Trinity	9-0
7.	The Woodlands	9-0
8.	Midland Lee	8-1
9.	Aldine Eisenhower	7-2
10.	Tyler Lee	8-1

Rank	Team	Points
Class 4A		
1.	Lamarque (18)	9-0
2.	Waco Omega Star (11)	9-0
3.	Angels (1)	9-0
4.	CC Calallen	8-1
5.	Ennis	9-0
6.	Brownwood	8-1
7.	Schertz Clemens	9-0
8.	Stephenville	8-1
9.	Hays Consolidated	9-0
10.	Dayton	9-0

Rank	Team	Points
Class 2A		
1.	Mart (16)	9-0
2.	Winters (1)	9-0
3.	Pilot Point (1)	8-0
4.	Speelman	9-0
5.	Iraan	9-0
6.	Stanton (1)	8-1
7.	Alto (1)	8-1
8.	Italy	8-1
9.	Holiday	7-1
10.	Brookshire Royal	7-1

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NBA owners, union agree on one thing: They're not anywhere close

NEW YORK (AP) — To all those people who think an NBA lockout settlement is near, the league and the union bring you the following message: You're wrong.

"The story started floating Friday, and all of the sudden word is out that a deal is imminent. I thought it would be prudent on our part to respond," union director Billy Hunter said Monday. "We don't want people to have that misperception."

Let anyone think that the perennially pessimistic Hunter is alone in his opinion, consider the following from NBA deputy commissioner Russ Granik:

"We agree with Mr. Hunter that we are not close."

Welcome to what was supposed to be opening night of the 1998-99 season.

Instead of Shaquille O'Neal dunking,

Allen Iverson running around like a blur and maybe even Michael Jordan donning his red No. 23 jersey, arenas will be as dark as the prevailing mood.

"My gut tells me that in January we could be playing. I would anticipate the season would start around the first part of January," Hunter said Monday after representatives of the owners and players met for about 2 hours at a Manhattan law office to negotiate secondary issues aside from the main economic operating system.

No more talks are scheduled until Wednesday, and Hunter said the sides have retreated from an earlier plan to have full negotiating teams present.

"It has been reported that there's strong possibility an agreement can be reached this week," Hunter said. "I don't know where that information came from, but I can indicate that I

don't see any possibility at all of reaching an agreement this week, and I can't say how soon it will be. I want to get that message out there."

If Hunter's gut feeling is correct and the lockout lasts at least another month, it will cost the players about \$400 million in lost salaries.

Owners, too, are losing money, and Hunter expects pressure to come from the television networks, sponsors and some of the small-market owners to cut their losses and get a deal done before it's too late to have a viable regular season.

Commissioner David Stern and Granik have indicated that anything less than a 50-game season was unacceptable. The first month of the season has already been canceled, leaving each team with about 68 games.

"In January, it becomes much more

urgent. We're either going to play, or something extreme is going to happen one way or another," Hunter said. "I'm sure some players are hurting, but pain, pressure and anxiety is on the other side, too. At the boiling point, when people realize basketball is going to take a hit, then rationality will set in and we'll have a deal."

Last week, both sides agreed on a loose framework for a new labor pact that included a number of years under a "luxury tax" and an equal number of years under an "escrow tax" — if the luxury tax failed to curtail the percentage of basketball-related income devoted to player salaries.

The biggest sticking point is what the percentage should be after the system has been in place for a few years. The players are asking for 60 percent of revenues; the owners are offering 50.

But Hunter said the sides discovered Monday they were fundamentally at odds over how the framework would work.

"We obviously think we're much further apart than we were a week ago on economic issues," Hunter said. "My optimism last Tuesday was over the fact that we were meeting, and I felt the owners and the league were somewhat anxious. But for whatever reason, they've become a little more entrenched and we may have taken a step back today."

"Nothing has changed from last week," Granik said. "The union agreed that the NBA had the right to reopen the (old) contract if player compensation reached 52 percent. The percentage we paid last year soared to 57 percent, and the players' best offer so far is that they be paid 60 percent."

Collins faces DWI charges, more changes

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Less than three weeks after Kerry Collins was waived by the Carolina Panthers and picked up by the New Orleans Saints, a drunken-driving arrest has him headed for more changes.

Upon learning of Collins' arrest early Monday morning in Charlotte, the Saints said they planned a medical review to determine if he has a drinking problem.

"The next step would be obviously to get our team physician to make an evaluation," general manager Bill Kuharich said.

Coach Mike Ditka said he isn't ready to give up on a player who was claimed off waivers Oct. 14 and has yet to play a down for New Orleans.

"I don't think he's a bad kid," Ditka said. "I think maybe he's lost right now. I'll have to say that because he certainly doesn't understand what's best for his career or what's best for the Saints."

Collins also could face disciplinary action from the NFL. A conviction on a charge of driving while impaired would represent a violation of the league's substance abuse policy and leave him subject to a fine of up to \$20,000.

"Obviously I made a mistake. I don't think there's any question about that," Collins told WBTV as he prepared to board a flight Monday to New Orleans. "It was bad judgment on my part."

"Whatever happens, I'm going to have to live with it. That's the facts. I broke the law."

A police report said Collins was stopped after the car he was driving was observed crossing the center line on a downtown Charlotte street about 12:50 a.m.

An affidavit filed by the arresting officer described what he found when Collins got out of the car: "very strong odor of alcohol, red and glassy eyes, slurred speech, unsteady on his feet."

Collins, 25, refused to take a breath test. In accordance with North Carolina law, he automatically loses his driver's license for 12 months. He posted a \$1,000 bond, was given a Nov. 12 court date and released from the Mecklenburg County Jail about 4 a.m.

"I guess it wasn't very good judgment," Ditka said. "It's always bad judgement when you drive drunk, because you not only endanger yourself but others."

The arrest was the latest in a list of problems in the pro career of Collins, the Panthers' first-ever draft choice in 1995 with the hopes that he would become the franchise's cornerstone.

Collins was an early success story, leading the 1996 Panthers to the NFC championship game. He also played in the Pro Bowl after that season, a rarity for a second-year quarterback.

But he led the NFL in interceptions in 1997 and was struggling again this season.

COWBOYS

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wretched, flag-filled game. But on the whole, it was a good sign for the folks from Valley Ranch.

"I would be disappointed if we weren't thinking about the playoffs right now," Cowboys coach Chan Gailey said. "I'm not trying to be cocky. If we don't think about what we're doing and postseason position, we

would be wrong."

With the 38-0 loss to Seattle in the home opener, the Eagles became the first NFL team to lose two home shutouts by more than 30 points in the same season. It was the first time they've been shut out twice in a season since 1957, and the first time it's happened twice at home since 1942.

In the 38 years and 78 games

these teams have played, it was the Cowboys' first shutout against Philadelphia.

The 34-point debacle was Philadelphia's worst prime-time defeat since a 42-3 loss to the Rams on Nov. 3, 1975. That was the infamous "Dog Bone Game" in which fans passed large bones around Veterans Stadium to signify that the Eagles were playing like dogs.

"You could sit here and wallow in self pity," said Eagles running back Charlie Garner, whose fumble on the Eagles 9 late in the first quarter led to Irvin's 10-yard TD reception. "That's what we're going to try to prevent here."

Eagles quarterback Rodney Peete was knocked out with a deep cut on his finger, and former starter Bobby Hoying was

blitzed and brutalized into a horrible 13-for-39, 124-yard performance with two interceptions. The ugly loss left the sell-out crowd at Veterans Stadium in a foul mood even by Philly standards.

"We can't throw in the towel,"

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ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

Co-ed rooms on the road are nixed by businessman's wife

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change jobs if this is the way this company runs its business trips. Please give me your opinion. -- UPSET IN EUGENE, ORE. DEAR UPSET: It was inappropriate for your husband's company to have booked him in a room with a woman, regardless of either's marital status. Your husband took proper action by moving to another hotel, and the company should reimburse him for his expenses.

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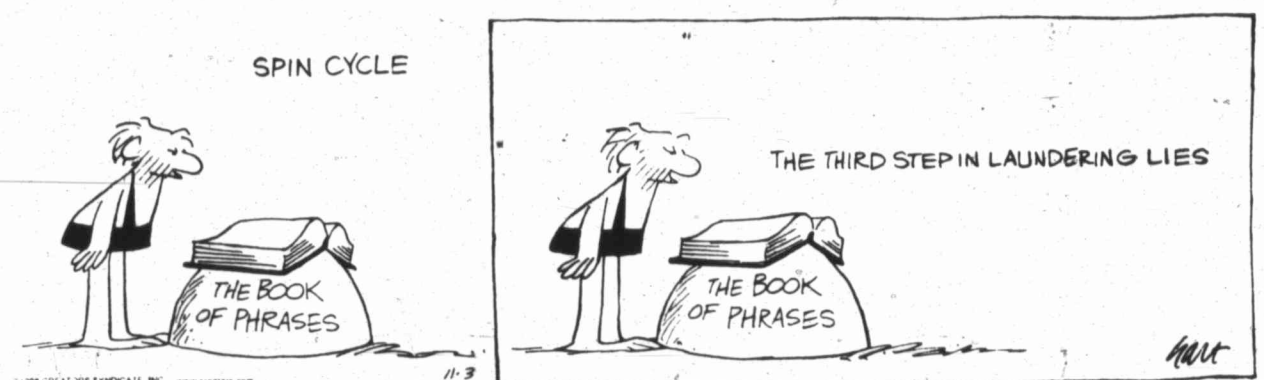
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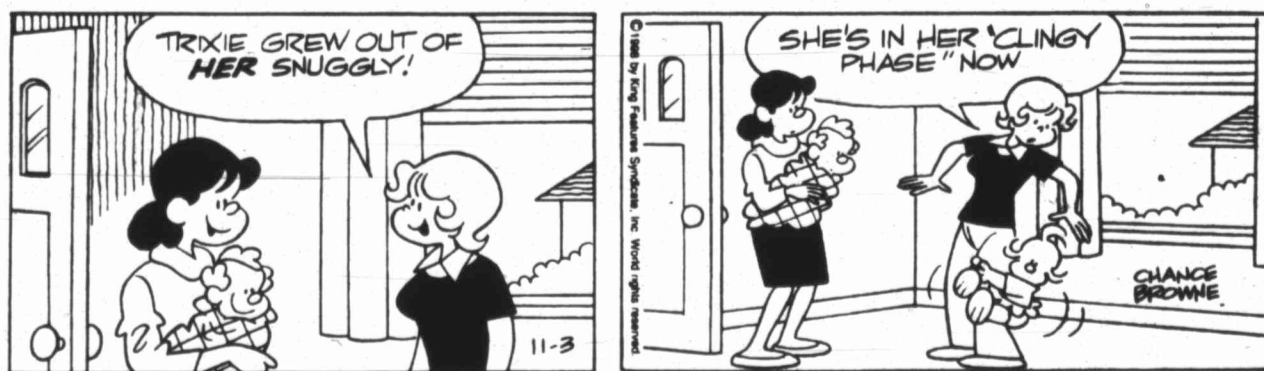
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 3, the 307th day of 1998. There are 58 days left in the year. This is

Election Day. Today's Highlight in History: On November 3, 1900, the first automobile show in the United States opened at New York's Madison Square Garden under the auspices of the Automobile Club of America.

On this date: In 1868, Republican Ulysses S. Grant won the presidential election over Democrat Horatio Seymour.

In 1896, Republican William McKinley defeated Democrat William Jennings Bryan for the presidency.

In 1903, Panama proclaimed its independence from Colombia.

In 1908, Republican William Howard Taft was elected president, outpolling William Jennings Bryan.

In 1936, President Roosevelt won a landslide election victory over Republican challenger Alfred M. "Alf" Landon.

In 1964, President Johnson soundly defeated Republican challenger Barry Goldwater to win a White House term in his own right.

In 1970, Salvador Allende was inaugurated as president of Chile.

In 1979, five radicals were killed when gunfire erupted during an anti-Ku Klux Klan demonstration in Greensboro, N.C., after a caravan of Klansmen and Nazis had driven into the area.

In 1992, Bill Clinton was elected to be the 42nd president of the United States, defeating President Bush.

In 1992, Illinois Democrat Carol Moseley-Braun became the first black woman ever elected to the U.S. Senate.

Ten years ago: Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, whose Likud bloc won a narrow victory in parliamentary elections, began meeting with representatives of religious and rightist parties, seeking support for a coalition government.

Five years ago: President Clinton joined his wife, Hillary, in attacking the health insurance industry. The lobby, accused by the first lady of lying, unveiled a new TV ad repeating there must be a "better way" than the Clinton health care reform plan.

One year ago: The Supreme Court let stand California's groundbreaking Proposition 209, which banned race and gender preference in hiring and school admissions. Chinese President Jiang Zemin left the United States after an eight-day visit. Opening statements were presented in the Oklahoma City bombing trial of Terry Nichols.

Today's Birthdays: Baseball Hall-of-Famer Bob Feller is 80. Actor Charles Bronson is 77. Actress Lois Smith is 68. Actress Monica Vitti is 67. Former Massachusetts Gov. Michael S. Dukakis is 65. Actor-dancer Ken Berry is 65. Movie composer John Barry is 65. Actor Shadze Stevens is 62. Singer Lulu is 50. Television critic Tom Shales is 50.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include: 1. Meat paste, 5. Bark employee, 10. Base-Normandie town, 14. Hoirn oak, 15. See eye to eye, 16. If not, 17. Reds (3), 20. Baltimore ballplayer, 21. Fawns over, 22. Throw of the dice, 24. Confidence game, 25. Buttocks, 28. Continental abbr., 30. Wistful, 34. Cereal grain, 35. Academy Award, 37. Muslim faith, 38. Whites (3), 41. Large antelope with twisted horns, 42. Become permanent, 43. Dyeing vessel, 44. Negligent, 46. As written, 47. Roll-call response, 48. Mineo and Maglie, 50. Westernmost Aleutian island, 52. Theater work, 56. Champaign-IL, 60. Blues (3), 62. Tanga, 63. US Open winner Els, 64. Arm bone, 65. Theater award, 66. Stair segments, 67. Sugar source, 5. Like uninterrupted fences, 6. Vocalized grunt, 7. Region, 8. Enjoys a mystery?, 9. Take away, 10. Josiah Wedgwood, e.g., 11. Oodles, 12. Being: Lat., 13. Scottish loch, 18. 'Turn to Stone' grp., 19. Shril trumpet, 23. 'Star Wars' director, 25. Not inebriated, 26. Country singer Steve, 27. Mr. T's outfit, 29. Death rattles, 31. Great Lake, 32. Crimean resident, 33. Chew the scenery, 35. It's likely, 36. Anatomical networks, 52. As far as, 53. Granite block, 39. Licorice liqueur, 54. Mata, 40. Visualizes, 55. Missing, 45. Slugs' secretions, 57. Fit, 47. To-do, 58. Zero, 49. Derisive noise, 59. Art School subj., 51. Cycle starter?, 61. Little bite

Monday's Puzzle Solved grid showing the completed crossword puzzle with words filled in.

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