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Late parade entries now being accepted

Late entries for the 12th annual *Herald* Community Christmas Parade are being accepted through Wednesday at the newspaper, 710 Scurry.

More than 50 entrants have signed up for the parade, scheduled for 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5.

Awards will be given to winners in each of four categories — lighted, commercial/manufacturing, church/school and civic.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.

TUESDAY

□ Beginning line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.

□ Big Spring Choir Boosters, 7 p.m., high school choir room.

WEDNESDAY

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

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

□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.

THURSDAY

□ Thanksgiving Dinner, noon until 3 p.m., Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St.

FRIDAY

□ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

□ Howard College Thanksgiving Classic Basketball Tournament, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, Jacksonville vs. New Mexico Junior College, 6 p.m. and Howard College vs. Murray (Okla.) State, 8 p.m.

□ Spring City Senior Center citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

□ Howard College Thanksgiving Classic Basketball Tournament, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, Murray (Okla.) State vs. New Mexico Junior College, 6 p.m. and Howard College vs. Jacksonville, 8 p.m.

□ Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

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Law enforcement targeting seat belt use on children this week

By T.E. JENKINS
Staff Writer

Law enforcement agencies all over the United States will take to the streets this holiday season with a slightly different focus, as the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) prepares to begin its second year of participation in Operation ABC Mobilization: America Buckles Up Children.

Beginning today and continuing through Sunday, the program will target the use of safety belts on children.

"Our officers will definitely be more alert to safety belt violations during this period," said DPS Sgt. Larry Meadors. "We have a no-tolerance policy on seat belt violations all year long, and we plan to follow our normal procedures during the holiday."

According to Meadors, all children under the age of four years are required to be restrained by either a safety belt or a child restraint safety device regardless of where they are in the vehicle.

"The current law requires that

a child under the age of 4 be restrained no matter where they are seated in the vehicle," said Meadors. "Children 2 years or under are required to be buckled into a child safety restraint device, or a car seat, no matter where they are seated. Between 2 years and 4 years, they are required to wear their seat belt, whether they are sitting in the front or back seat."

"We expect this operation to have a good impact this holiday season. Maybe if people know that not just the Highway Patrol is going to be looking for these

violations during this period, they will take the time to buckle up."

According to DPS figures, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death to children, with six out of 10 children who die in crashes unbuckled. In 1997 alone, more than 250 children died on Texas roadways, with nearly half totally unrestrained.

DPS observed the same ABC Mobilization on Memorial Day, 1998, and according to DPS Trooper John Barton, the success was well worth the hassle.

"Stepped up, high visibility enforcement of child passenger safety laws is a proven method to save lives," said Barton.

"Last Memorial Day, the mobilization got the nations attention when tens of thousands of officers hit the streets stopping drivers who failed to properly restrain children, and our success far surpassed anyone's highest hopes. Observational surveys conducted before and after the mobilization showed six million Americans buckled

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Anna Lozano, left, and Kinsey Rodriguez work on a craft project at Westside Community Center recently. The girls and the other kids at the United Way funded after-school program were making a Thanksgiving head dress.

Westside Center's clients benefit from United Way support received by agency

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the 10th in an 11-part series on member agencies of the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County. NEXT WEEK: Big Spring YMCA.

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Melinda Hernandez is sitting on the floor at Westside Community Center, playing a word game with a group of small boys.

"What sound does a W make?" she asks. There are excited answers from the wriggling, giggling boys. She asks them to name a word that starts with W and they shout their answers.

"I got it right!" one little boy shouts. Hernandez congratulates him and tries again for the others.

This is a typical afternoon at the center, where an after-school program serves about 20 local kids. They come to the center by bus, do their homework, eat a snack, make crafts and play games.

The agency, funded partly by United Way donations, serves mostly low-income or single-parent families. Hernandez, the program director, said applications are taken once a year, and enrollment is limited for the low-cost program.

"We can only serve so many kids because of the staff we have," she said. A part-time

teacher, 21-year veteran Aurora Puga, works with the kids, with assistance from a part-time van driver.

For children age 3-12, the program is limited to serving working parents or those attending school to get a job. Many of the kids come from non-traditional families, living with grandparents, aunts and uncles, or just one parent.

Some have faced the death of a parent, witnessed abuse, or coped with difficult situations at home. Hernandez said the center is an oasis for the little ones.

"There's learning that goes on here, and play," she said. "They have fun. But there's also a lot of support for them here. Some of them really need that support."

Recently a girl at the center confided that she was conceived when her mother was raped. She told Hernandez in front of several other kids.

"There was this silence," Hernandez recalled. "I wasn't sure what to say. What do you say? So I said, 'I'm sorry that happened to your mother. But I'm sure glad you are here.'"

When they arrive at the center, the kids run to Hernandez for hugs. She calls them all by name, and asks about their day in school. They tell her about their grades, problems they had and good things that happened.

JoAnna Lozano, 9, said the center is a good place to spend her time after school.

"We always have fun," she said.

Georgio Taylor, 8, agreed. "We get to do lots of things," he said. "We play with all sorts of toys. I like it."

Built in 1973, the center's building is showing its age with worn furniture and dark, paneled walls. It could use a facelift, but Hernandez said the money goes to the kids.

"That's what we're here for," she said.

Although Westside depends heavily on its roughly \$10,000 in United Way funds each year, it also gets help from several anonymous benefactors in the community.

"People in Big Spring don't know what a generous community this is," Hernandez said. "There's one person in particular, we couldn't operate without her help."

While some of that money must be spent on insurance and van upkeep, most of it goes towards snacks, construction paper, glue and crayons, games and toys.

Hernandez said the agency serves an important need.

"Without it, some of these kids would be at home alone," she said. "Some of them, I don't know where they'd be."

"They're really neat kids. I'm glad we can be here for them."



Melinda Hernandez, left, plays a word game with a group of boys at the Westside Community Center while teacher Aurora Puga looks on. The boys are, from left, Alphonso Hilario, Marcus Mendez, Frankie Vega and Joshua Basurto.

Wind farm

Project still on schedule according to developer

By T.E. JENKINS
Staff Writer

WIND FARM FACTS

- Generation size — 34 megawatts
- Number of wind turbines — 46
- Size of turbines — 42 are 180 feet tall and four are 280 feet tall
- Length of blades — On the smaller turbines, the three blades will be about 75 feet long. On the larger turbines, the blades will be about 110 feet long.
- Completion target date — April 1, 1999.

Project managers say the new Big Spring 34mw Windpower Project is still on schedule, with completion expected by April, 1999.

"Everything has moved just like clockwork," said York Research contract project manager Glen Thompson. "Problems and setbacks have been at an absolute minimum at this point in the project, and we are actually a bit ahead of schedule."

"We expect to be able to walk away from the site around the first of April. That's the finish date we originally planned on, and we are holding fast to it."

Thompson said there will be at least two wind-turbines operational for a Dec. 2 dedication of the site, although they won't be producing energy.

"We plan to have two of the turbines operational for the dedication in the sense they will be moving with the wind," said Thompson. "They won't actually begin feeding electricity to TU Electric's facilities until the entire job is finished."

"I've received word that the governor has been invited to the dedication, as well as several other area political figures. We haven't received confirmation on who is coming, but we expect it to be a good turnout. We're really looking forward to it."

Thompson said that once the 46 turbines are fully constructed and operational, they will be visible from Interstate 20.

"These things are a lot bigger than some people imagine. We are putting up 42 of the smaller turbines, which are 180 feet tall, with each of the three blades about 75 feet long. You probably won't be able to see those from the freeway, but the bigger ones will be hard to miss."

"We are putting up four of the larger turbines, which stand about 280 feet tall, and have blades 110 feet long. These huge towers are called Phase Three Turbines, and they stand just slightly taller than the Statue of Liberty."

Thompson, a native of Midland, said it's nice to be back in the Lone Star State to lend his hand to a project that will help better West Texas.

"It has been really nice being and working in Big Spring," said Thompson.

"Everyone involved in the project, from York Research Corporation, the company that is actually spearheading this project, to TU Electric have been really great to work with."

"There are still a few issues that could slow us down or delay the completion of the project, but we are optimistic and have every intentions of having this site operational by April."

Tallest turbines to dwarf Statue of Liberty sizewise

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Capturing the wind will soon be a reality as construction on the first group of 46 wind turbines is under way southeast of Big Spring.

When completed, the largest of the windmill-like structures will stand more than 250 feet tall — or taller than the Statue of Liberty.

"Pieces for the turbines are on-site and work has begun on the first section or so of towers," said Mike Hammock, Big Spring manager for TU Electric, which has contracted to purchase the electricity generated from the wind.

York Research Corporation owns and will operate the facility. The turbines were built by Danish manufacturer Vestas, which won the bid on the \$36 million project. According to Hammock, the order includes four of the world's largest serial-produced turbines, each having a

capacity of 1,650 kilowatts. The other 42 machines are 660 kilowatt each.

The towers are not all grouped together, but are located across 1,600 acres.

Some of the bases for the turbines are under construction now and over the next couple of weeks, the blades will be attached. The four large towers will be 280 feet tall, with blades more than 100 feet long. The smaller towers will be 180 feet, with blades around 75 feet long.

"This is our first venture into wind power," said TU Electric area manager Mike Hammock. "It falls in line with the concern of our customers about using renewable energy sources."

Harnessing energy from the wind and sun has always been limited because the cost has been too high.

"We'd all like to use renewable energy sources because we are all concerned about the environment. But in reality, the technology has not been cost effective. As technology keeps improving, the cost will probably go down," said Hammock.

The project began earlier this year and while Vestas will fill

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OBITUARIES

Guyneth Evelyn "Muffet" Taylor Lankford

Service for Guyneth Evelyn "Muffet" Taylor Lankford, 77, Stanton, will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24, 1998, in the First Baptist Church of Stanton with Rev. David Harp officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery.

Mrs. Lankford died Sunday, Nov. 22, in Stanton after a brief illness.

She was born on Dec. 15, 1920, in Farmersville. She was raised in Roaring Springs and graduated from there in 1939. She received a degree in education from Texas Tech and taught in Roaring Springs, Levelland and Stanton. She retired from Stanton ISD in 1990 after 35 years of teaching.

Survivors include: her daughter, Margaret Jo Rane Lankford Coggin of Stanton; a son, Laman J. Lankford of San Antonio; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home, Stanton.

Jean S. "Mama Jean" Culpepper

Funeral service for Jean S. "Mama Jean" Culpepper will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 24, 1998, 2 p.m., at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with Rev. Eddie Tubbs, pastor of



CULPEPPER

First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

"Mama Jean" went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, Nov. 21, 1998, at her residence in Odessa. She was born Nobie Jean Swinney on March 3, 1907, in Arp.

Mrs. Culpepper was a long time resident of Big Spring and along with her husband, Jim T. Culpepper, raised two sons, one daughter, and one grandson and assisted in the raising of other grandchildren as well.

"Mama Jean" was a loving housewife, mother, grandmother and great friend to all who ever had the pleasure of knowing her. She was the kindest, most giving person to ever touch our lives. She was a devout Christian and long time member of the First Baptist Church in Big Spring.

God's Heaven truly has a new Angel, and for that we rejoice, although our lives are sadder and our homes emptier. No words can ever express how much "Mama Jean" will be missed.

She is now reunited in God's Arms with two sons, John D.

Culpepper and Carter Patillo, and one daughter, Billie Edmiston. She was also preceded in death by her husband Jim and one grandson, Mike Patillo.

She is survived by seven grandsons, Tommy, Tracey, and Kevin Patillo, Mack Edmiston and wife Terri, James Culpepper and wife Tracy, Mark Culpepper and wife Karen, and Paul Culpepper and wife Pam. She is also survived by two granddaughters, Shirley "Sam" Dowdall and husband Jim, and Elizabeth Attaway and husband Jeff and daughter-in-law Linda Culpepper. Also, numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Grandsons will serve as pallbearers. "Until we meet again, Mama Jean, we will forever love you and keep you in our hearts."

Your Loving Family. Family suggests memorials to one's favorite charity.

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

Paid obituary

R.C. "Bob" Thraikill

Service for R.C. "Bob" Thraikill, 80, Stanton, will be 2 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church of Stanton with Rev. David Harp and Rev. Mike Harris officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery.

Mr. Thraikill died Saturday, Nov. 21, 1998, in Midland.

He was born on July 5, 1918, in Saluda, S.C., and graduated from Courtney High School. He started farming in 1939 and retired in 1988. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Stanton and was a former member of the First Baptist Church of Lenora for 52 years. He served on the Martin County Water District Board of Directors. He married Helen Frances Large on March 20, 1943, in Stanton.

Survivors include: his wife, Helen Frances Thraikill of Stanton; two daughters, Frances Wynell Scott of Midland, and Patricia Ann High of Stanton; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home, Stanton.

J.B. Murphree

J.B. Murphree, 75, Big Spring, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 21, 1998, at the VA Medical Center following a long illness.

Memorial service will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, 1998, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Rev. Walter McCall, pastor of Midway Baptist Church, officiating.

He was the son of Caleb and Jewel Fezell Murphree. He was born on Nov. 3, 1923, in Mildford.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army in the Pacific Theater and was a paratrooper. He was self-employed.

He is survived by: one son, Jackie Murphree, Sr. and his wife Ruthie of Big Spring; three grandchildren, Jackie Murphree, Jr., Krista Kay Murphree and Dakota Mack Murphree; and Jackie's mother, Mattie Dudley of Big Spring; and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by six brothers, three sisters and his parents.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAY
•Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.

•TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

•Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•Encouragers Support Group (formerly Widow/Widower support group) first and third Mondays each month. First Monday meetings are at a local restaurant at 6 p.m. Third Monday meetings are at 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church Seventh and Runnels (enter through north door). We have various activities, such as guest speakers, play games, have covered dish supper, visit or go out to eat. For more information call 398-5522 or 399-4369. The Nov. 2 meeting will be a Santa Fe Sandwich Shop, Big Spring Mall, at 6 p.m. On the Nov. 16 meeting, bring a favorite Thanksgiving story.

•Alzheimer's support group, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 N. Lancaster, first Mondays of each month. Call Galynn Gamble at 263-1271. The topic for Nov. 2 will be on "Validation therapy, connecting with your loved one."

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

•Alzheimer's support group, 6:30 p.m., Marcy House, 2301 Wasson. Call 268-9041.

•Association of Retarded Citizens of Howard County meet 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month at 806 E. Third Street, the HARC bingo building. Call 264-0674 for more information.

•Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the last Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at 409 Runnels, Clyde Alsop Building, TXAMI meeting to follow. For more information call 263-0027 or 267-7220.

•The Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at 409 Runnels (formerly the TU building) For further information call Sondra at 267-7220.

BRIEFS

AN ALZHEIMER'S SCREENING AND information seminar is planned Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Big Spring Mall next to Beall's. Presenter will be Dr. Michael Downing. Statistics have shown that 10 percent of those over 65 and almost half of those over 85 have Alzheimer's. Anyone who wants more information is welcome to attend this free seminar and the screenings that follow. Call 1-800-682-1174 for more information.

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT of Health will be giving flu shots 8 a.m. to noon only on Wednesday.

CONGRESSMAN CHARLES W. STENHOLM has announced that the deadline for

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ing the order, crews have been busy constructing roads and putting up power lines on the tower sites. The first turbines will be started up sometime in December, Hammock said, though the completion date for the entire project is in March.

When fully on-line, the wind turbines will have a capacity of about 117 million kilowatt hours, enough to supply energy to some 7,300 homes. As projects go, that's less than one half of 1 percent of TU Electric's customers, but a start, said Hammock.

"We're excited about seeing this come about," he said. "It's only a small part of what we're doing, but we feel it is a very important part."

SEAT BELTS

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up as a result of law enforcement's efforts, translating into an estimated 670 lives saved.

"That is why, as people set out for their Thanksgiving holiday to visit family and friends, we'll be out on the streets sending a clear, but simple message: The law requires that all children must be properly buckled up at all times.

"If they're not, drivers will get a ticket. No exceptions. No excuses."

Scenic Mountain Medical Center
1601 W. 11th Place
263-1211

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

applications to the United States Service Academies is just one month away.

The deadline to apply to any service academy through Congressman Stenholm's office is Dec. 1. Interested individuals are encouraged to contact the Washington office as soon as possible.

Eligible applicants must be at least 17 but not past their 23rd birthday, and need to have graduated from high school by June 30, 1999. They must also be single with no dependents and be a legal resident of the 17th District.

Competitive applicants should be in the top 20 percent of their class, they need to have SAT scores above 550 Verbal and 600 Math or ACT scores of 26 English and 27 Math. Involvement in extra-curricular activities, including school and community organizations and sports as well as full or part-time employment, is also in the applicant's favor.

Applications who wish to serve as commissioned officers are strongly encouraged to contact Jayne Schoonmaker in Congressman Stenholm's Washington office at (202)225-8119; 1211 Longworth HOB; Washington, D.C.; 20515.

Nominees will be announced in late December.

THE AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S Association is having their annual arts and craft show Saturday, Nov. 7, and again on Dec. 5, in the Big Spring Mall.

The funds raised will go into a college fund for women. If you have questions, call P.J. Heckler at 267-8239.

THE EDUCATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SCHOLARSHIP Foundation is preparing to award \$250,000 in college scholarships.

Scholarship applications for high school and college students are available through Dec. 16, 1998 by writing 721 N. McKinley Road, P.O. Box 5012, Lake Forest, IL 60045-5012. Or fax a request to 847-259-3972.

High school with a B grade point average, and college students with a B plus average are eligible for the \$1,000 college scholarships.

THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE forest will be hosted by the Heritage Museum this year. Participants are invited to set up their entries Dec. 1-4.

Trees can be decorated along any holiday theme - creativity

is welcome. First prize for the best tree will be a tree of more than 40 Beanie Babies. Call Nancy at 267-8255 for details.

BIRTHRIGHT IS NEEDING DONATIONS of layette items for newborns: sleepers, booties, disposable diapers, baby toiletries, large gift bags, flannel fabric. Items may be delivered to Simpler Pleasures, 1305 Gregg, of Family Life Center (northeast door) of First Baptist Church, 8-12 a.m., 5-8 p.m., Mondays, Tuesday and Thursdays.

MARKETS

Dec. cotton 60.80 cents, down 145 points; Jan. crude 12.62, down 27 points; Cash hogs steady at 18 cents even; Dec. lean hog futures 28.27, down 165 points; Dec. live cattle futures 61.50, down 20 points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation. Other markets were unavailable by press time.

SHERIFF

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

•RICHARD GLENN THURMAN, 38, was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and assault/family violence.

POLICE

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

•RAFAEL GARCIA, 36, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

•DANID RENTERIA, 32, was arrested for driving while license invalid.

•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 900 block of N. Goliad, and the 2700 block of Larry.

•THEFT in the 2000 block of Gregg, the corner of 3rd and Owens, the 2500 block of Wasson, the 400 block of E. 4th, the 1200 block of 11th Place, and the 400 block of Circle.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 1600 block of Harding, and at the corner of Pennsylvania and Westover.

•CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING in the 1100 block of N. Douglas.

•ASSAULT in the 1000 block of N. Main.

•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE in the 2800 block of Apache.

FIRE/EMS

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

FRIDAY
5:22 a.m. - 700 West I-20, trauma call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

10:45 a.m. - 2300 Wasson, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

11:32 a.m. - 7000 block Linderman Road, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

11:35 a.m. - 6700 block Midway, medical call, patient transported to the VA Medical Center.

6:50 p.m. - 3500 block W. 80, traffic accident, patient transported to SMMC.

9:01 p.m. - 1900 block Owens, trauma call, service refused.

10:21 p.m. - 1900 block Wasson, medical call, service refused.

11:27 p.m. - 900 block Goliad, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

SATURDAY
1:02 a.m. - SMMC, trauma call, patient transported to 900 block Goliad.

3 a.m. - 300 block NE 10th, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

6:36 a.m. - 1900 block Wasson, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

10:21 a.m. - 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

10:39 a.m. - SMMC, medical call, patient transported to 1200 block E. 17th.

12:13 p.m. - 400 block Lancaster, medical call, patient transported to the VA Medical Center.

1:10 p.m. - SMMC, medical call, patient transported to 3200 block Parkway.

1:41 p.m. - 500 block Dentley, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

4:54 p.m. - 1100 block N. Gregg, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

5:21 a.m. - 1000 block Douglas, automobile fire, extinguished.

SUNDAY
5:38 p.m. - 1700 block Lancaster, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

6:28 p.m. - 300 block Creighton, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

6:58 p.m. - 700 block Johnson, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

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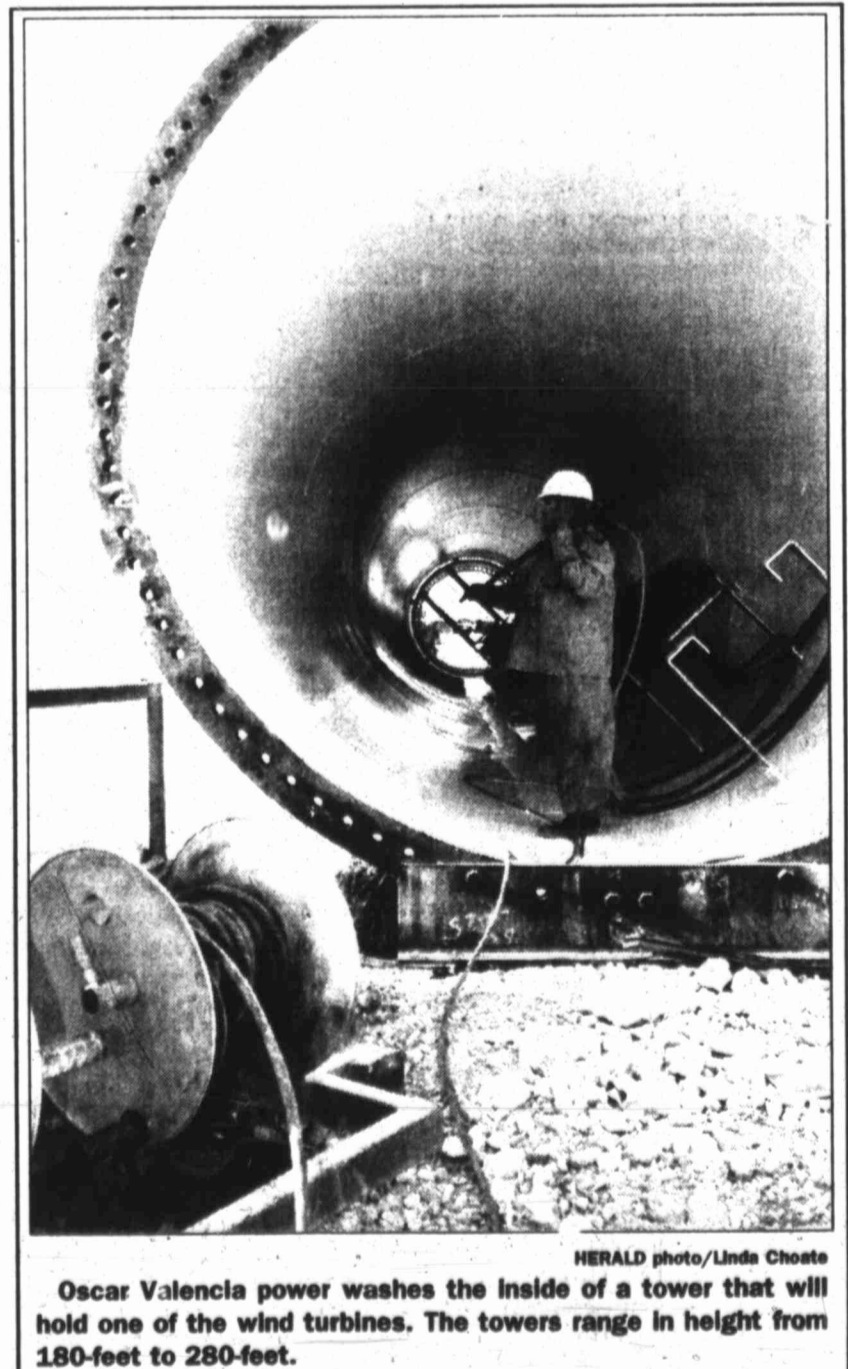
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24th & Johnson 267-8288
J.B. Murphree, 75, died Saturday. Memorial services will be 10:00 AM, Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331
Jean S. "Mama Jean" Culpepper, 91, died Saturday. Services will be 2:00 PM Tuesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Oscar Valencia power washes the inside of a tower that will hold one of the wind turbines. The towers range in height from 180-feet to 280-feet.

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Iraq unleashes new volley of criticism toward U.N. inspectors

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A U.N. envoy returned to Baghdad today as Iraq unleashed a new volley of criticism at the chief U.N. weapons inspector and his demand for more arms-related documents.

The papers sought by Richard Butler, chairman of the U.N. Special Commission, are spurring a new confrontation between the government of Saddam Hussein and UNSCOM, which is overseeing the destruction of Iraq's most dangerous weapons.

On Sunday, two leading Iraq officials derided Butler's request as a move to justify a U.S. military strike on Iraq, saying the government already had turned over all relevant documents.

U.N. envoy Prakash Shah came to Baghdad today from the Persian Gulf state of Bahrain. He refused to comment about the controversy, saying only that he expected to meet with Iraqi officials.

State-run Iraqi newspapers insisted today that Butler asked for more paperwork because he has a grudge against Iraq.

"Butler has personal motives to create a new crisis," the daily Al-Thawra newspaper of the ruling Baath Party said in a front-page editorial. "He has explained Iraq's decision to let the inspectors resume their activities... as a personal victory, which he believes will enable him to take revenge on Iraq."

Iraq had asked for Butler's dismissal from UNSCOM as one of its demands for allowing weapons inspectors to return to work. But it reversed its ban on the inspectors' work Nov. 14 when faced with airstrikes by U.S. and British forces in the Persian Gulf.

The arms inspectors returned last week and have been making daily visits to potential weapons sites with the cooperation of the Iraqi government.

The inspectors must certify that Iraq has eliminated its weapons of mass destruction before the U.N. Security Council will lift sanctions imposed after Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait. Iraq insists it has already gotten rid of all proscribed weaponry.

Butler's weekend demand for new documents again raises the possibility of American military strikes against Iraq because President Clinton has demanded full cooperation with the weapons inspectors.

A spokesman for the U.S. National Security Council referred to Iraq's refusal to hand over documents as an "insufficient" response but said no final conclusion had been made.

The spokesman, David Leavy, raised the prospect of an attack, saying, "If we conclude Iraq does not intend to live up to its commitments and UNSCOM can't do its job, we remain prepared" to carry out airstrikes

Clinton canceled last week. Leavy, who is traveling with Clinton, made his remarks from South Korea.

Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz said Sunday that Butler's demands were either intended to provoke an attack or to put off a promised Security Council review of Iraq's cooperation in arms destruction. The government hopes the review will lead to easing the sanctions.

Aziz said some of the documents requested no longer exist, and Foreign Minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf said Iraq already has given inspectors all relevant documents amounting to more than 2 million pages.

He said Butler was leading "a savage campaign... of disinformation" to make it seem as if Iraq was not cooperating.

Asked if he thought the dispute over documents could provoke more threats, al-Sahhaf said that U.N. reso-

lutions don't "say that if you do not hand over a document that three cruise missiles will hit your country. It will bear the responsibility for that."

"This is ridiculous," he said. "So whatever party is threatening that, he will bear the responsibility for that."

Iraqi officials have said they are prepared to let the inspectors see relevant portions of one requested document: a log of chemical weapons used during the 1980-1988 Iran-Iraq war. But they said some of the document concerned Iraq's national security and could not be shown to inspectors.

In London, Britain organized today's meeting of 16 Iraqi opposition groups, saying it is vital for Iraq to remain a united country if Saddam's reign ends.

"We have got to get across to people that Iraq could be different, that Saddam Hussein is not permanent, is not the only voice for Iraq," Foreign Office Minister Derek Fatchett said in a BBC radio interview.

Some fatal farm accidents in Nebraska thought to be suicides for insurance

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Some fatal farm accidents may be suicides in disguise as financially strapped farmers hope life insurance benefits will save their families' livelihood, agriculture officials and counselors say.

"I have received calls from people who are up against the wall financially and have explained in great detail how they are going to run themselves into a combine," said John Hansen, president of the Nebraska Farmers Union. "They have planned their own deaths and decided their families would be better off financially without them."

More farmers are considering killing themselves as they struggle to cope with low grain and livestock prices that make it difficult to continue farming, officials say. Many also are too proud to ask for help and often hide their problems from family and friends until it is too late, they say.

In South Dakota last year, at least six farmers committed suicide because of lost crops and other difficult conditions. Hansen said Friday he has heard of at least four possible farm suicides this year in Nebraska.

While farm-related suicides are difficult to track, officials said they closely will watch the number of farm fatalities listed as accidents.

"We are going to see more farm accidents that are not accidents," said Michelle Soll of Walthill, a farmer's wife who answers a Nebraska telephone hot line established during the 1980s farm crisis. "They are not going to be obvious suicides because then the life insurance is no good."

According to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's farm safety research center, 21 farm fatalities were reported through the end of October for 1998. There were 23 farm deaths last year and 20 in 1996. Some farmers also try to end

their lives in apparent car accidents, counselors said.

The number of telephone calls to the hot line that Mrs. Soll helps staff has more than doubled since July, including a sharp rise in callers talking of suicide.

The hot line, sponsored by Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska, has received four suicidal calls since August. It had received only two suicidal calls in the previous six years.

"Our call numbers shot up when people began to realize this summer that the farm prices were not going to come around," Mrs. Soll said.

Some of the callers are so upset they cannot speak or forget why they called in the first place, she said. A few can only weep.

"Some say 'I could make a lot more for my wife if she had my life insurance instead of me,'" Mrs. Soll said. "I have to keep reminding them that that is not for a long-term solution."

Counselors fear more farmers will contemplate suicide in the coming months as their farm loans are denied renewal because of the poor year.

"I think we're headed for real trouble," said Hansen, who farms near Newman Grove. "I don't think many people outside the farm community realize that."

Because of the poor farm economy, the Nebraska state government last summer established a hot line to counsel farmers suffering from depression and other forms of stress.

The best way to prevent farm suicides is to get the word out about counseling hot lines and places where farmers can go for help, officials said.

"I think the hot lines are critical," said Norma Hall, whose husband farms in Cass County, Neb. "It's important that farmers have a place they can go. It may not stop the suicides, but it may bring emotional relief to some or to their families."

Kevorkian euthanasia shown on CBS' '60 Minutes'

DETROIT (AP) — Thomas Youk's chin rests on his chest as the drug flows into his arm. Asked if he's awake, he doesn't respond.

Seconds later on the video of his death, Youk's head tilts back during two more injections, one of them meant to stop his heart. Then Jack Kevorkian, the man giving the shots, is heard saying that the 52-year-old patient with Lou Gehrig's disease is a "straight line."

Kevorkian, who has acknowledged helping about 120 people take their own lives, calls Youk's death his first euthanasia. He took the tape to "60 Minutes" to show to a national audience and to challenge prosecutors to settle the debate over assisted suicide.

"They must charge me," he said. "Because if they do not, that means they don't think it was a crime."

Oakland County Prosecutor David Gorycyca declined comment after Sunday night's broadcast, which some CBS affiliates declined to air. Hours earlier, he said he would not rush to charge the retired pathologist.

"I'm not going to make a decision based solely on what's aired on TV," Gorycyca said.

Investigators in Waterford Township, where Youk lived, hoped to discuss the case with Gorycyca today or Tuesday,

police Lt. John Dean said. He said he believed the broadcast showed probable cause that a crime was committed.

"He killed a human being. I won't use the term murder," Dean said in today's Detroit Free Press.

Kevorkian has acknowledged assisting suicides in which patients activated his devices to funnel lethal chemicals into their bodies. He has been acquitted of assisted suicide charges in three trials; a fourth ended in a mistrial.

He was convicted this month of misdemeanor charges for a scuffle with police at a hospital where he and an associate were dropping off a body.

Kevorkian said Youk died Sept. 17, less than three weeks after Michigan enacted a law making assisted suicide a felony punishable by up to five years in prison. He appeared defiant as he talked about prosecutors on "60 Minutes."

"Either they go or I go," Kevorkian said. "If I'm acquitted, they'll never convict me. If I'm convicted, I will starve to death in prison, so I will go."

"The issue's got to be raised to the level where it is finally decided."

Youk's family said he was having trouble breathing and swallowing and was choking on his saliva. His wife, Melody, said she was grateful Youk's

suffering could be ended.

"I don't consider it murder — I consider it humane," she said. "I consider it the way things should be."

His brother, Terry, said family members believed there were no other options: "If it weren't for Dr. Kevorkian, I don't know what we could have done."

On the videotape, Youk in unintelligible speech acknowledges Kevorkian's reading of a form consenting to have his life end by "direct injection." Kevorkian asked him if he wanted to postpone the injection, and Youk agreed to wait a week.

"But I got a call the next night from his brother saying, 'Tom wants it now,'" Kevorkian said. "I'm not going to make him wait a week."

First, a drug is injected into Youk's right arm to put him to sleep. Kevorkian said he then injected a muscle relaxant to stop Youk's breathing, and then a shot of potassium chloride to stop Youk's heart.

Kevorkian's face was not shown on the videotape, but he describes his actions. The injections take 83 seconds.

At least six CBS affiliates, all owned by Dallas-based A.H. Belo Corp., refused to air the segment. Affiliates in Houston; San Antonio; St. Louis; New Orleans; Tulsa, Okla.; and Spokane, Wash., broadcast local news during the story before

airing the remainder of "60 Minutes."

"The corporation has a policy of not showing the taking of a life or the moment of death of an individual in its news broadcasts," said Marty Haag, a Belo vice president. "And a subset of that is the nature of the tape made by Dr. Kevorkian was not suitable for the '60 Minutes' time period."

In a statement Sunday night, CBS News said the story went "to the core of an important national debate."

"CBS News believes this program performed a valuable public service," the statement said. "However, CBS News respects the right of local broadcasters to determine what is appropriate for their communities."

Kevorkian's legal adviser, David Gorosh, said the segment was meant to be thought-provoking and "not a crime but rather an act of mercy and compassion, and I really hope people will view it as such."

Faye Girsh, national director of the Hemlock Society, an organization devoted to right-to-die issues, responded with praise for Kevorkian and euthanasia.

"This is a practice that must be legalized and regulated," she said. "The vast majority of Americans want to know that there will be a gentle, peaceful, quick and certain way out if suffering from terminal afflictions becomes too great."

Report says U.S. losing clout as education leader

WASHINGTON (AP) — Among top industrialized countries, the United States is lagging behind in high school graduation rates.

In its annual look at education among 23 countries, the Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development reported today that more and more people are graduating from high school. But that is not the case in the United States.

"The indicators show that the U.S. has lost its supremacy as the premier educator," said Andreas Schleicher, principal administrator of the OECD. He said American graduation rates have lost stature "not because the United States is doing worse, but because there are so many countries who have become better."

In Canada, Mexico, Spain and the United States graduation rates remain below 75 percent, although second-chance opportunities in Canada and the United States do allow dropouts the opportunity to

complete upper secondary at older ages," the report said.

In Belgium, Finland, Japan, New Zealand, Norway and Poland, upper secondary graduation rates are above 93 percent.

High unemployment in some European countries may be driving people to seek higher education in order to find a job, Schleicher said. And in countries such as France obtaining a baccalaureate, the equivalent of an American high school diploma, ensures free enrollment in a university.

Among other findings in the report:

- The United States remains one of the highest spenders per student on education.
- The United States stacks up well in teacher pay, until the total spent on teachers' salaries is calculated as a percentage of overall wealth.
- The disparities between the highest and lowest performing students in the United States are relatively large, and they increase between the fourth and eighth grades.

White House is open to censure proposals

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House says it will respond this week to House Judiciary Committee questions about the Monica Lewinsky affair. Also, aides to President Clinton say they are open to proposals, short of impeachment, that would punish the president.

Incoming House Speaker Bob Livingston, R-La., reiterated his hope that the scandal, which polls indicated worked against Republicans in the Nov. 3 election, could be put to rest by the end of the year.

Without predicting the outcome, Livingston said that if the full House is required to vote on articles of impeachment, the issue could be disposed of quickly.

Because the issues have been on the table for the past year, debate could be limited to two or three hours, Livingston said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press." The House then could "vote on the issue up or down and be done with it."

"If we did not have the votes to sustain the charge, that would be it," he said.

Republican lawmakers have acknowledged that 15 to 20 from their own ranks would vote against impeachment if the Judiciary Committee sends the issue to the full House. That would be enough to defeat the measure if Democrats stand united against impeachment.

House approval of impeach-

ment would send the matter to the Senate. But it is thought there is almost no chance that chamber would come up with the two-thirds vote needed to remove Clinton from office.

"The impeachment process has failed. No one is really expecting that there will be a vote in favor," Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., a member of the Judiciary Committee, said on CNN's "Late Edition."

"Right now, with the political landscape, I would say no," Rep. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., another committee member, said on ABC's "This Week" when asked whether impeachment would ever reach the Senate.

White House special presidential counsel Greg Craig, appearing on NBC and CNN, said officials were ready to explore a middle ground of a resolution to censure Clinton for his affair with Ms. Lewinsky and his efforts to cover it up. The president "is open to any kind of reasonable and serious proposal that has some prospect of bringing this to a just and rapid conclusion," he said.

Both Craig and White House adviser Paul Begala stressed there are now no negotiations with Congress over censure, although Craig said he had "been taking the temperature of some individuals, finding out what their views are."

Begala, on CBS, said that on Tuesday, after Clinton returns from his trip to Asia, he will

review responses to 81 questions submitted by the Judiciary Committee about the Lewinsky affair. He said the responses will be sent to Congress during the week.

"We're going to file a timely and complete response. We intend to hit all the questions," Craig said.

The committee must study those answers as well as schedule hearings for additional witnesses before deciding when it will finally vote on referring articles of impeachment to the full House.

Livingston said that if there still is more evidence to be presented to the committee, there is "probably no hope that we can dispose of it this year."

Another committee member, Rep. Martin Meehan, D-Mass., urged Livingston to step in and help negotiate a censure resolution that will bring the issue to

a close. If not, he told ABC, "Republicans will have no one to blame but themselves if the president gets off without anything at all."

Craig said even House members who think Clinton committed impeachable offenses should consider the strong public opinion against removing the president from office. "Do you push the automatic impeachment button, or do you exercise some discretion and use your judgment as to what should be done?" he asked.

Livingston agreed that politics will be a part of decisions. "If it is shown that the president of the United States is guilty of perjury, we have a major problem," he said.

"What to do about it is a political problem and should be weighed again by each member when it is presented to him."

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OUR VIEWS

Operation ABC set for children's safety

Law enforcement officers across the nation are targeting the use of seatbelts for children this week as Operation ABC Mobilization: America Buckles Up Children unfolds.

While law enforcement personnel routinely keep an eye out for seat belt violations, Texas agencies, especially the Department of Public Safety, are going to be more alert to seat belt violations.

All children under the age of 4 are required to be restrained by either a safety belt or a child restraint safety device regardless of where they are seated in the vehicle.

According to DPS figures, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death to children, with six out of 10 children who die in crashes unbuckled. In 1997 alone, more than 250 children died on Texas roadways, with nearly half totally unrestrained.

Our children are our future. Buckle them in for safety's sake and, if you don't and get caught, remember... there's no exceptions and no excuses!

OTHER VIEWS

After all that grief, President Clinton's lawyers agreed to settle the once-dismissed Paula Jones sexual harassment suit for \$850,000. And why not? The apology demand that was long a sticking point was largely rendered moot by the Starr investigation, which shifted the balance of believability from the president to Jones.

The irony of all of this is that the Jones case is the direct cause of all the main allegations of impeachable offenses alleged against Clinton by Starr. Had there been no Jones case, there would have been no legal problem with what Monica Lewinsky might have said about what transpired between her and the president.

The further irony of it is that the Jones case was dismissed on the legal finding that there was no showing of sexual harassment even if Clinton did everything Jones alleged he did in that Little Rock hotel room.

But now Jones and several succeeding teams of lawyers finally have some money to divide, and the Starr report provided some vindication for Jones' allegations — or at the very least, painted a picture of the activities of the president that made the Jones story seem much more plausible. A trial would have been anticlimactic, since Clinton essentially has no reputation left to lose in matters sexual.

THE JOURNAL, Albuquerque, N.M.

Texas dentists who together are paid millions of tax dollars to treat poor children should expect and have no reason to fear public scrutiny. When dentists express resentment of such scrutiny, the state officials responsible for doling out those millions of tax dollars should respond with heightened suspicion.

Instead, state Medicaid officials reacted by firing a skillful investigator who was saving the taxpayers money and deterring needless pain visited on small children by unscrupulous dentists.

This is the second time in recent years that state officials have terminated an effective investigator after complaints from the dentists being investigated. Where in the name of reason is the state's concern for the public interest? Where is state government's compassion for the children suspected of being abused and others who may come to be abused?

THE CHRONICLE, Houston

Despite the advances made in fighting the ravages of AIDS, it is important to reiterate that getting the disease is, at best, a life sentence.

The amazing success of the "AIDS cocktail," a combination of three drugs that reduce the presence of the virus in the body, had led some researchers to hope that the effects of the drugs might be permanent. With that in mind, doctors launched two experimental attempts to cut down on the 15 to 20 pills a day that HIV-infected people must take to keep AIDS at bay.

Unfortunately, the results were disappointing. As the medication was reduced, the virus came raging back.

We marvel that scientists have been able to turn AIDS into a manageable disease for many. And it seems reasonable to hope that someday researchers will find a cure. Until then, however, caution should be the watchword. No one should engage in unsafe sexual practices with the notion that the AIDS cocktail is a cure rather than simply a temporary truce with this deadly disease.

THE HERALD, Rock Hill, S.C.

Character and destiny: Nixon and Clinton

By JEFFREY HART King Features Syndicate

The ancient Greeks formulated it famously: Character is destiny. But it is also one of the central themes of all narrative, and especially of tragedy.

Mere accident is not very interesting or significant in art. If Prince Hamlet, in the third act, had been killed by a brick falling off a roof, the play would not have been a tragedy and would have ended meaninglessly. In "Hamlet," the chaos at the end reflects the chaos in the prince's mind throughout the play.

Nor is mere victim status very interesting in narrative. The man who is simply tormented by circumstances and suffers passively has little meaning for us. Job suffers through no fault of his own, but he turns it into an argument with God, and although he loses the argument he achieves greatness.

The riveting subject of literature from its earliest beginnings has been the man of great abilities who, through some weakness connected with those abilities, is brought to a miserable end. In that tragic knot, as Aristotle said, we feel awe and pity.

Presidents Nixon and Clinton might not have risen to tragic stature, yet they are curiously alike, even related in some subterranean way: two of the most baffling men ever to hold the presidency. Their enormous flaws, not unrelated to their notable abilities, brought

Nixon to disaster and now, at the very least, have made a foul mess of Clinton's presidency.

When Gerald Ford was sworn in as president in 1974, almost everyone felt a sense of relief. Nixon had been just too complicated, too dark, too full of unpleasant surprises, too calculating. In the end, his illegal and often bizarre schemes were brought to light, and when they were it ruined him. After all that, good old Gerry Ford's normality looked like a form of genius.

Yet Nixon brought considerable gifts to his political career. He was intelligent and a tremendous worker.

He had been awarded a scholarship to Harvard but did not attend because his family could not afford the room and board. He, did, however, excel at Whittier College and then at Duke Law School.

Coming out of Duke, he reached for a position at one of the top New York law firms. Nothing doing. His excellent record at Duke did him no good with the big Wall Street (Ivy League) firms.

He served in the Navy during the war, then went into politics. There his campaigns were singular in their determination and ruthlessness.

Nixon apparently did not think he could win by ordinary campaigning. At least he did not want to risk that. His early campaigns focused on the issues, but he also slugged his opponents with demagogic charges of near-communism. In

retrospect, it's clear that Nixon would cheat rather than risk defeat.

Then there was Nixon's hideous narrow loss to John F. Kennedy in 1960. Hideous because Nixon, the cheater, was outcheated by the Kennedy campaign in Illinois and Texas; because Kennedy was handsome and Nixon the reverse; because Kennedy had style and Nixon did not; and because Kennedy had gone ... to Harvard!

In 1972, when Nixon would be the first president to carry 49 states, he began cheating again, bugging and plotting dirty tricks and break-ins.

Clinton also is a complex figure. If Nixon's early experience made him want to win by any means, fair or foul, Clinton's seems to have made him eager to make a fool of the world. His early circumstances were shabbier than Nixon's. He grew up in Hot Springs, Ark., a gambling and prostitution town, but proved a good student in grade school and high school, and made it into Georgetown University. He won a Rhodes scholarship and got a degree from Yale Law School.

During his Georgetown and Oxford years, he was a man of his moment, conning his way out of the draft and cheating on his Rhodes scholarship by doing next to no work.

Then Clinton moved on to politics in Arkansas, climbing the ladder to the governorship. In Little Rock we began to see the Clinton we now know all too well. He tried to be a liber-

al, reforming governor and when he was turned out of office, apologized for all that, ran again and won. He traveled with a fast crowd of deal makers and borderline crooks, and became notorious as a philanthropist, apparently on an epic scale. He seems to have become persuaded that he could get away with anything.

In his vision of invulnerability he certainly was encouraged by the fact that he was more intelligent than most of the sleazy characters he dealt with in Little Rock — as demonstrated by those who accompanied him from Little Rock to the White House.

The Jennifer Flowers scandal almost wrecked him in the midst of the 1992 primaries, but he lied his way out of that. Nevertheless, he continued to take risks in the White House. On the Whitewater scandal he depends upon the continued silence of Susan McDougal and Webster Hubbell.

He rented out the Lincoln bedroom and sold we do not quite know what to the Chinese in return for campaign cash.

He lied about his affairs with intern Monica Lewinsky for months, and sent his top people out to lie for him in public until he was cornered and, sort of, apologized.

He now has taken to lying even when he doesn't need to. He often confuses words with facts and deeds, and one senses that sometimes he actually believes the lies he is delivering.

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It's impossible to steal, much less kill off Scarlett O'Hara

Listen up, St. Martin's Press and Alexandra Ripley and Pat Conroy and other grave robbers out there. You can't really steal Scarlett, much less kill her off.

Word is Conroy, man of many moods and adjectives, is close to a deal with "Gone With the Wind" trustees and their publisher to write yet another sequel to the classic.



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During the course of negotiations, Conroy got all high and mighty and cried "Censorship!" when they wanted to tell him he couldn't kill off Scarlett O'Hara, though obviously he isn't too proud to use a character not his own in the first place.

"He wasn't a writer for hire, but rather a serious artist, and the killing of Scarlett, if that's

what he decided to do, was not only his right but would give him the challenge and luxury of writing what would very likely be the most memorable literary death scene since Anna Karenina threw herself under a train." The New York Times reported.

Not for hire? Ha. At first I was outraged and figured they should have buried Margaret Mitchell on a spit. Then I thought more about it.

I don't care how many seven-figure advances they pay Conroy to extrapolate from a dead woman's imagination. It won't work. Scarlett will remain right where Margaret Mitchell left her — resolving to get Rhett back, yearning for the balm of Tara. For any serious devotee, that woman is both immovable and immortal. She is frozen in that Rhettless purgatory for a damn good reason. Margaret Mitchell had a hard lesson in mind for us.

She also had an original plot for a timeless tragedy, which is not any easy thing to come by since Willie Shakespeare did his bit. But not even Shakespeare had tackled this

topic. "She had never understood either of the men she had loved and so she had lost them both. Now, she had a fumbling knowledge that, had she ever understood Ashley, she would never have loved him; had she ever understood Rhett, she would never have lost him."

The Civil War and Old South and all the other business in the 1,000-page tome is mere backdrop for the saddest conundrum of the human condition: not knowing what you really want until it's too late.

I never read the sequel, but I understand the first grave robber took Mitchell's heroine to Ireland in a search for her roots. Conroy, on the other hand, reportedly is going to try to write more of a companion novel called "The Rules of Pride: The Autobiography of Capt. Rhett Butler, CSA." He will be using the first person.

Pat Conroy is making himself Rhett for a season, and, in the self-indulgent process, changing what could be called the first feminist tract to a story told strictly from a man's point

of view.

Good luck. He may write a beautiful book, full of white dolphins and human emotion, but it'll never have any real relation with "Gone With the Wind." Scarlett will live as long as there are little girls with romantic notions, as long as there are green velvet curtains that would look good made into a dress. She will live as long as there are independent women who can't, or won't, depend on a man for everything, who forge ahead when the going gets tough.

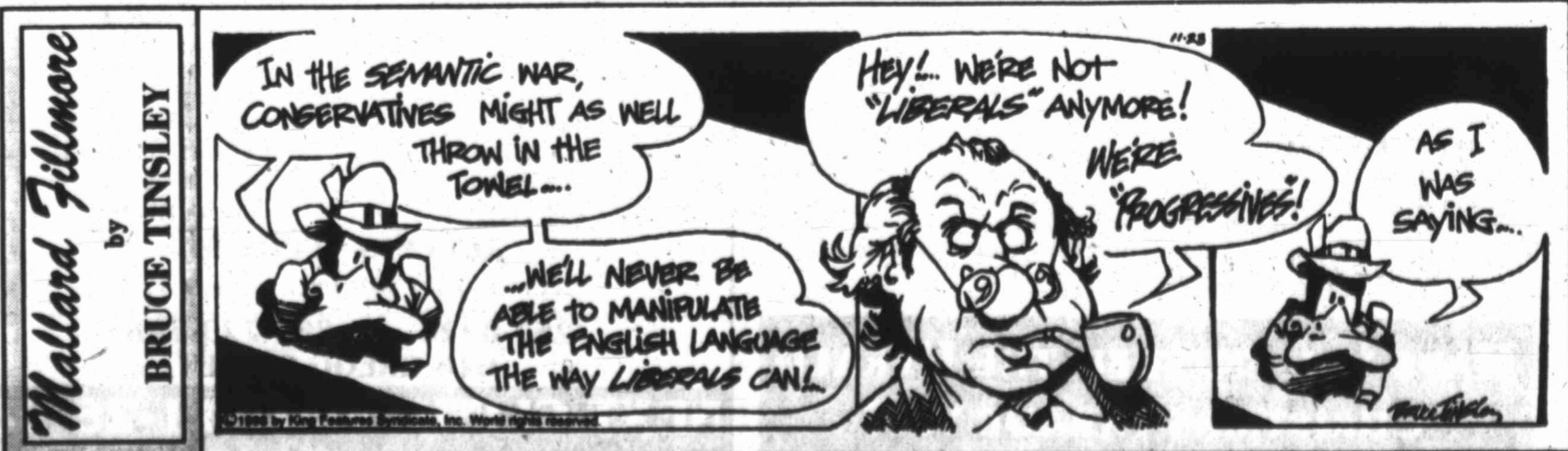
Scarlett can't die until she gets Rhett back, and she can't get Rhett back because the sole puppeteer in charge is dead and won't be penning any legitimate sequels.

Scarlett will stand there for eternity, pondering her mistakes, making the rest of us hesitate before throwing happiness away with both hands. She is a beautiful, timeless warning, a tragic reminder that sometimes true love is right under your nose.

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IN BRIEF

Hawks split two games at Odessa's Classic

Howard College's Hawks rebounded from Friday's 75-62 loss to Midland College's Chaparrals with an 80-65 romp over the host Wranglers in the final game of the Odessa College Classic Saturday.

The Hawks, who improved to 4-2 on the season, were paced by Greg Lewis' 27 points.

"We played awfully hard ... did a good job of keeping our composure," Hawks coach Tommy Collins said of the while game. "There was a conference level of intensity out there ... this is an important win for us."

In the Friday loss to Midland, Collins said he team was tight and had too many mental lapses that kept them from establishing a flow. As a result, Eric Shorts' 11 points led the Hawks offensively.

The Hawks will host this weekend's Howard College Thanksgiving Classic with games slated for 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday.

Softball umpires needed for high school schedule

Fastpitch umpires are currently needed to work softball games throughout West Texas, according to officials with the Permian Basin chapter of the Southwest Softball Umpires Association.

For more information, call Mack Gipson at 520-5961.

YMCA youth basketball program being revamped

Registration for YMCA youth basketball is currently under way with Program Director Cindy Kincaid saying those who took part in last year's program will see wholesale changes.

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.

YMCA swim team adding a beginners program

The Big Spring YMCA is currently adding beginning swimmers to its swim team.

Practice sessions will be from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

To participate, youngsters 6 years of age and older must be able to swim a length of the pool independently in both the crawl and backstroke.

Regular YMCA swim team practice sessions will still be scheduled from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

PLAYOFFS

FRIDAY: 7:30 p.m. — Stanton (11-1) vs. Albany (12-0), Mustang Bowl in Sweetwater.

SATURDAY: 3 p.m. — Borden County (11-1) vs. Groom (12-0) at Floydada.

ON THE AIR

TODAY: COLLEGE BASKETBALL 8 p.m. — Indiana vs. Kansas State at Maui, Hawaii, ESPN, Ch. 30. Utah vs. Arizona State at Maui, Hawaii, ESPN, Ch. 30.

FOOTBALL 7 p.m. — Miami Dolphins at New England Patriots, ABC, Ch. 2 and Ch. 8.

Steers finish fourth at Monahans meet, Lady Steers fifth

HERALD Staff Report

MONAHANS — Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers finished fourth and fifth in the team standings, respectively, at the Monahans Invitational swimming and diving meet Saturday.

The host Lobos won the boys' division of the meet with 392 points, while Carlsbad (N.M.) was second with 320 points. Pecos' Eagles were third with 251 points, while the Steers finished with 204. Fort Stockton was a distant fifth in the eight-team field with 114 points.

Pecos' Lady Eagles literally ran away from the field in the girls' division, piling up 401 points, while Carlsbad was second with 296. Monahans was third with 229 points while Pampa's Lady

Harvesters scored 150 points, edging the Lady Steers for fourth place by a single point.

Senior Slate Broyles provided Big Spring's only first-place finish of the meet when he posted a 2:01.05 clocking in the 200-yard freestyle, finishing just ahead of Carlsbad freshman Marcus Safar and Pecos' Matt Ivy.

Broyles would add a third-place finish in the 100 breaststroke and team with Marcus Fernandez, Billy Beckworth and Justin Williams to finish fourth in 200 medley relay and fifth in the 200 freestyle relay.

Beckworth added second-place finishes in the 200 individual medley and the 100 butterfly. Williams turned in a fourth-place clocking of 25.61 seconds in the 50

freestyle and was fourth in the 100 freestyle with a 56.54 time.

Fernandez finished ninth in the 200 freestyle and was 10th in the 100 breaststroke. Cody Clark added 10th-place points in the 100 butterfly.

Williams finished fifth in the 100 freestyle with a 56.54 clocking, rounding out the Steers' scoring.

Junior Melissa Sheedy paced the Lady Steers in scoring with a second-place finish in the 100 freestyle and a third in the 50 freestyle. She also teamed with Renee Flores, Tz Marsch and Heidi Robinson to finish third in the 400 freestyle relay and fifth in the 200 freestyle relay.

The foursome of Amanda Morris, Vanessa Yanez, Martina Delos Santos and Stacey Delos Santos added seventh-

place points in the 400 freestyle relay. Morris and the Delos Santos then joined Nadia Torres in finishing eighth in the 200 medley relay.

Marsch was third in the 100 backstroke and fifth in the 200 freestyle. Robinson was just behind in the 200 freestyle, finishing in seventh place and was eighth in the 100 freestyle.

Flores finished third in the 100 butterfly and was sixth in the 100 backstroke. Martina Delos Santos was ninth in the 100 backstroke and 10th in the 200 individual medley, while Torres finished eighth in both the 100 butterfly and 100 breaststroke.

Morris added a fourth in the 200 individual medley and was sixth in the 500 freestyle. Yanez was ninth in the 500



Midland Lee head coach Elise Kail kneels in front of her bench during the Lady Rebels' first game of the Howard College Pizza Invitational last week. The Big Spring native says she's exactly where she wants to be and has her team playing the way she wants it to play.

Elise Kail's return home almost what she wanted

By JOHN A. MOSELEY Sports Editor

Now in her ninth year at the helm of Midland Lee's Lady Rebels basketball program, Big Spring native Elise Kail says she's right where she wants to be and so is her team.

Even after the Lady Rebels' heart-breaking 68-65 loss to crosstown rival Midland High's Lady Dawgs in the semifinals of Howard College's Pizza Invitational, Kail is decidedly upbeat about both her job and what she expects her team to accomplish this season.

"I've always said that I love being at Lee ... it's a great job," Kail explained. "In fact, I'd always told Ron Taylor that I wanted to know when he was leaving Big Spring because it was the only place in the world I'd be interested in leaving here for."

By the Taylor did leave Big Spring, taking the head girls' basketball job at Post following last season, Kail had her program right where she wanted it and had no intention of leaving.

"Last year was a tough year for us," Kail said, recalling a campaign that had held great promise before injuries decimated the team. "We went into the Christmas holidays in first place ... then lost our two leading scorers to injuries. When that happened, we went from first to last in a hurry."

Even the non-district game Kail most looked forward to didn't turn out the way she would have liked.

"I was really looking forward to coming over here and playing against Big Spring last year ... I've always loved playing in Steer Gym, both as a player and a coach," she explained. "But I wound up not being able to be here because I was having a baby."

It wasn't that Kail wasn't pleased to have had the new arrival, it's just that she'd have liked the timing to be a little different.

That frustrating District 4-5A campaign from 1997-98 hasn't been forgotten. Instead, it's been a motivator for the Lady Rebels.

"We've been playing well so far," she added, noting the Lady Rebels opened the season with a 41-point win over San Angelo Lake View.

In fact, the Lady Rebs' only loss to date was the Friday evening thriller with Midland High.

"We've got all 12 of our players back from last year and every one of them has had a year to grow up," Kail added. "One of the hardest things a girls' coach has to do is get his players to simply get along with one another."

"Last year this bunch of kids didn't get along very well, but this year we're having fun."

Kail, a 1982 Big Spring High School graduate, played volleyball and basketball for the Lady Steers before going on to play for Angelo State's Rambelles.

"Volleyball was probably my best sport when I was in high school," she admitted, "but basketball has always been my first love."

In recalling her high school career, Kail recalled the Lady Steers never got a chance to play at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum in the early 1980s.

"We would have loved it ... these kids do," she explained. "It's a shame you can't pack these seats for this tournament. If you filled this place up it would really be rocking because the sound ... everything bounces right back at you."

"I would have liked to have seen Stanton, Forsan and Coahoma ... some of the smaller schools from this area here," Kail added. "I think you'd have had more fan interest. It might not be like when we play Midland High and pack the Chap Center, but there's plenty of excitement."

The Lady Rebs' loss to Midland High, while disappointing at the time, has already been taken in stride.

"We're going to wind up playing them four times this year ... that was just the first one," Kail said. "We open their Christmas tournament against them this year and then we still have the two district games to play. Those are the two we're aiming at ... everything else is just getting ready."

Cowboys overcome numerous injuries to defeat Seahawks

IRVING (AP) — Injuries be damned, bring on the Minnesota Vikings.

The Dallas Cowboys figure the Vikings on Thursday will be a proper examination of just how far they've come under new coach Chan Gailey.

"It's a big game because they are a great team," said wide receiver Michael Irvin.

"Minnesota is a big challenge for us," said safety Darren Woodson.

Dallas rolled to its fourth consecutive victory, most since the Super Bowl season of 1995, by defeating Seattle 30-22 on Sunday behind Troy Aikman's two touchdown passes and a touchdown run from former Seahawk Chris Warren.

"This was a big win for us and now we get Minnesota and a real challenge to gauge ourselves and see where we are at," Aikman said. "I think we are starting to be considered one of the elite teams in the NFL, which is where this organization deserves to be."

Minnesota has a 10-1 record, best in the NFC.

The Cowboys (8-3) may have to play the Vikings without some of their best players.

Cornerback Deion Sanders had to leave the Seattle game when his sprained left toe acted up again. Wide receiver Ernie Mills was hospitalized with a stomach contusion, Warren strained his right groin, center Mike Kiselak hurt his hand, guard Nate Newton sprained a leg, Emmitt Smith sprained an ankle, and guard Everett McIver may be lost for the year with a knee injury.

Smith said the Cowboys are winning because of their depth.

"I think back to how good we were five or six years ago and we had that depth," Smith said. "I think we have that depth again. Because we are 8-3 doesn't mean we are an elite team yet. We still have a way to go."

Gailey added "a big part of the game were the guys coming in and playing. They played well for us."

Aikman hit 28 of 42 passes for 296 yards. It was his season high in all categories.

"Aikman is playing as good as any quarterback in the NFL right now," said Seattle coach Dennis Erickson. "And the Cowboys offense is the best we've seen all year."

Aikman's 18-yard touchdown pass to Billy Davis and Warren's 1-yard run in the fourth quarter were too much for the Seahawks to overcome, although Warren Moon threw his second touchdown pass, a 5-yarder to James McKnight.

Warren keeps keepsake ball from TD burst

IRVING (AP) — The football Chris Warren carried into the end zone against his old team may soon be displayed prominently and proudly in his home — or it could wind up being thrown around by his three kids.

Either way, Warren will remember the touchdown as his way of showing certain members of the Seattle Seahawks organization that there are still plenty of yards and points left in his 30-year-old legs.

Warren's 1-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter of Dallas' 30-22 victory Sunday was the highlight of a game in which he produced 169 yards via rushing, receiving and returning kicks.

"Now that I can sit back and look at it," he said, "it feels good."

Warren joined the Seahawks as a fourth-round pick in 1990 and by his third season was the featured back. He became the leading rusher in franchise history last season, only to be released in the offseason.

Warren actually asked for his walking papers when Seattle made it obvious he was no longer in the team's plans. He ended up a Cowboy because he thought the team had a chance to be a contender and because his former position coach with the Seahawks, Clarence Shelmon, had just taken a similar job in Dallas.

"The Dallas defense surprised me," Moon said. "They had a good pass rush."

"We're in trouble with our season. I never imagined we would be 5-6 with the personnel we have."

Warren, Seattle's career leading rusher, ran seven times for 52 yards on a 61-yard play drive and scored to give Dallas a 30-14 lead with 7:04 to go. Warren was let go by the Seahawks (5-6) so they could sign Ricky Watters.

Warren rushed 11 times for 65 yards and Watters had 16 carries for 66 yards.

Warren was happy. "I'd be lying if I said it didn't matter," Warren said. "I wanted to show them I can still play. I may never get to play against them again so that may have been my last chance to score a touchdown against them."

NFC playoff picture remarkably clear following Sunday's games

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The NFC playoff picture is remarkably clear with five weeks to go.

Barring an unexpected collapse by a division leader or playoff perennial Green Bay and San Francisco, or an unexpected five-game winning streak by a have-not team, the first-round pairings are virtually set.

Minnesota was a 28-14 winner in its showdown with Green Bay, and Dallas beat Seattle 30-22 Sunday. The Vikings and Cowboys essentially have three-game leads in their divisions, and the Packers and 49ers seem to be sure bets to at least win wild cards.

The NFC race that's most up in the air is the West, where San Francisco (8-3) is

just one game behind Atlanta (9-2), and Falcons quarterback Chris Chandler was hurt again in their 20-13 victory over Chicago on Sunday.

But Chandler believes he'll be ready for Cincinnati next week, and the Falcons have a favorable schedule in their race with the 49ers, who defeated New Orleans 31-20 Sunday night.

"It's certainly not a season-threatening or career-threatening injury," team doctor Andrew Bishop said of Chandler's right knee and ankle sprain.

But the ugly-looking injury with 6 minutes left was enough to strike fear into the rest of the Falcons, who saw Chandler wipe out a 10-point deficit with two touchdown passes against the Bears.

"We don't need those demons back in this locker room," receiver Terance

Mathis said. "We don't need those demons back in this organization. We've got to keep Chris healthy."

Another wide-open NFC race is the one for the last wild card spot behind Green Bay and either Atlanta or San Francisco. Arizona, a 45-42 winner over Washington, has the inside track for its first playoff berth since 1982.

Elsewhere, it was Detroit 28, Tampa Bay 25; Buffalo 34, Indianapolis 11; Pittsburgh 30, Jacksonville 15; New York Giants 20, Philadelphia 0; the New York Jets 24, Tennessee 3; Carolina 24, St. Louis 20; Baltimore 20, Cincinnati 13; Denver 40, Oakland 14; and San Diego 38, Kansas City 37.

In the AFC, the only sure thing appears to be Denver, which kept alive its hopes for an unbeaten season with its

defeat of the Raiders.

The Broncos are the 10th team in NFL history to go 11-0 and are aiming to match the 1972 Miami Dolphins as the only teams to go undefeated wire-to-wire.

Pittsburgh (7-4) moved within a game of Jacksonville with its showdown AFC Central victory over the Jaguars, and there would be a three-way tie for first in the AFC East if New England beats Miami tonight at Foxboro, Mass.

Vikings 28, Packers 14

Randy Moss had 153 yards receiving, including a 49-yard TD pass from Randall Cunningham, who matched Brett Favre's two scoring throws.

The Vikings (10-1) clinched a playoff berth when the 49ers beat the Saints on Sunday night.

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relationships. Your social skills
peak; others are clearly drawn
to you. Often, you will have
premonitions; follow those feel-
ings. They frequently will be
accurate. If you are single, love
dances into your life in 1999.
This relationship proves to be
special. You could meet this
person through your work. If
attached, the two of you enjoy
yourselves together even more
than before. There easily could
be a new addition of some kind
to your household. AQUARIUS
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)
Though you were focused yes-
terday, today your concentra-
tion is directed even more on
whatever interests you. Your
views are changing, especially
when good news arrives. You
find a friend inspirational.
Follow his lead. Tonight:
Generosity of spirit means a lot
to a friend.****
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Take pleasure in organizing
and leading others. You offer a
unique perspective. An associ-
ate provides feedback, though
you could be a little uncomfort-
able with it. Understand that
he means well. A boss does
something unexpected one
more time. Tonight: Go with
whim.****
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Reach out for others, and lis-
ten to diverse views. Follow a
new path, and break patterns.
Trust your judgment. You don't
always have the right answer,
but you know where to find it.
Others meet you halfway. Don't
rub someone's nose in his
change of heart. Tonight: A
movie.****
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
One-to-one relating is key to
making headway with others.
Caring remains high. Others
demonstrate a keen knowledge
of what might work. Be unusu-
al; success comes from untried
paths. An associate points you
in the right direction; go for it.
Tonight: Let someone dote on
you.****
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Others are active. Follow
through on new ideas and sug-
gestions. You only need to be
responsive. Someone lets you
know how he feels; you might
be surprised by the caring tone.
Use your creativity and ingenu-
ity to come up with answers.
Don't take a back seat. Tonight:
Add more luster.****
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Let your work ethic emerge
with a family matter and on
the job. Your efficiency makes
a difference at home.

REORGANIZE, and make sure
your house is energy-efficient.
Question what you want from
work. Evaluate the quality of
your life. Tonight: If you must,
bring work home.****
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Romance makes your heart
tingle and lights up your life.
Help someone express what is
on his mind by having an open,
caring attitude. Your feelings
might surprise you; they are
stronger than you think. Put in
words what is in your imagina-
tion. Tonight: Naughty but
nice.****
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Unexpected developments are
likely on the home front.
Remain more sure of yourself
when dealing with finances.
Express what you want, and
start planning to make that a
reality. You don't always have
to settle. Buy a thoughtful card
for a loved one. Tonight: Head
on home.****
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.
21)**
Initiate a chat. Someone doesn't
need to say everything; you
are quite receptive to his feel-
ings and thoughts. Don't kid
yourself about your appeal.
Clearly, others are drawn to
you. Let spontaneity become a
greater part of your life; be
flexible. Tonight: Find the
fun.****
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.
19)**
Carefully think through a
decision; it could be costly! You
have good intentions, wanting
to demonstrate your feelings in
a way someone can appreciate.
Be more imaginative; let crea-
tivity flow. What appeals to
you might not to someone else.
Tonight: Holiday shopping.****
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You wake up footloose and
fancy-free. Don't forget, there is
still work to do! Others appre-
ciate your light energy around
them. Be willing to brainstorm.
Attend a key meeting, network
and convince others to go along
with your way of thinking.
Tonight: With friends!****
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Review decisions, perhaps
with a cynical eye. A co-worker
is impressed by your willing-
ness to break old thinking pat-
terns and open up. A sudden
insight stuns you. Have a quiet
discussion. Be sure you can
trust this person. Tonight: Do
something just for yourself!****

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and no one to turn to. A year
ago, my world fell apart.
I live in a small town and my
dad is a policeman.
Last year, a
19-year-old
girl came to
work in his
department
and started
riding with
him in his
patrol car.
Everyone
started talk-
ing about
how Dad was
having an
affair with
this teen-age girl who's just a
few years older than me. After
a few months, my dad moved
out and started living with her.
Mom wouldn't talk about it,
and my grandparents were very
upset. A few months later, he
and my mom were divorced.
Mom began dating a guy a lot
older than her. Neither of them
seems to notice me anymore.
I'm so confused.
I had no one to talk to, and I
started seeing a guy who's 18.
He understands how upset I
am, but now people are telling
me that he's just using me. I
feel guilty about my relation-
ship with him. I have terrible
nightmares and can't keep from
crying during the day. Why did
my parents suddenly quit
believing in everything they
have taught me all my life? I
have always been a good stu-
dent, but this is affecting my

MONDAY

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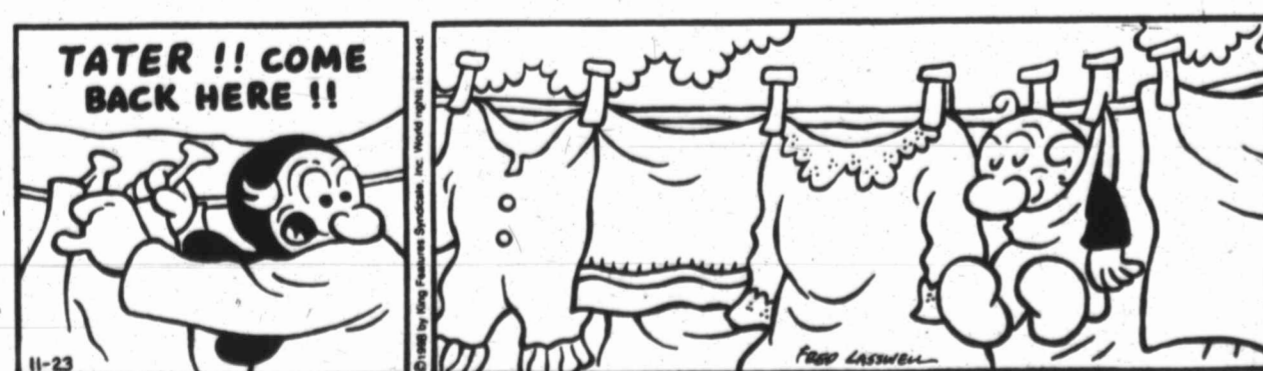
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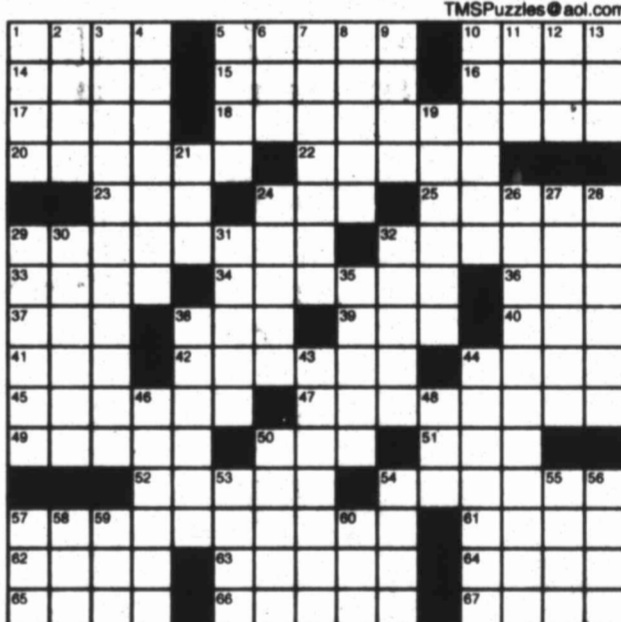
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Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 23, 1889, the first jukebox made its debut in San Francisco, at the Palais Royale Saloon. The contraption consisted of an Edison tinfoil phonograph with four listening tubes and a coin slot for each tube.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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On this date: In 1765, Frederick County, Md., repudiated the British Stamp Act. In 1804, the 14th president of the United States, Franklin Pierce, was born in Hillsboro, N.H. In 1903, singer Enrico Caruso made his American debut at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York, appearing in "Rigoletto." In 1936, Life, the magazine created by Henry R. Luce, was first published. In 1943, during World War II, U.S. forces seized control of Tarawa and Makin atolls from the Japanese. In 1945, most U.S. wartime rationing of foods, including meat and butter, ended. In 1959, the musical "Fiorello!," with music by Jerry Bock and lyrics by Sheldon Harnick, opened on Broadway. In 1971, the People's Republic of China was seated in the U.N. Security Council. In 1980, about 4,800 people were killed by a series of earthquakes that devastated southern Italy. In 1985, retired CIA analyst Larry Wu-tai Chin was arrested and accused of spying for China. He committed suicide a year after his conviction. In 1996, a hijacked Ethiopian Airlines Boeing 767 crashed into the waves off Comoros Islands, killing 125 of the 175 people on board. Ten years ago: President-elect Bush announced his choice of Brent Scowcroft to be his national security adviser. President Reagan announced he was pocket-vetoing a bill designed to further restrict lobbying by former federal employees, saying it was "excessive and discriminatory." Five years ago: President Clinton signed legislation lifting remaining U.S. sanctions against South Africa, and announced an initiative to spur investment in South Africa's black private sector. One year ago: Iowa septuplet mom Bobbi McCaughey left the hospital and returned home while her seven babies stayed behind in intensive care. Artillery shells fired by Lebanese guerrillas accidentally struck a village near the Israeli border, killing eight Lebanese. Today's Birthdays: Actor Michael Gough ("Batman" movies) is 81. Broadway composer Jerry Bock is 70. Former Labor Secretary William E. Brock is 68. Singer Betty Everett is 59. Actor Franco Nero is 57. Actress Susan Anspach is 53.