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Each day through the holiday season, the Herald will publish locations where you might help others less fortunate, including Salvation Army Angel Trees, Salvation Army Kettles.

If your organization has an established program to help others, and you would like to be included in this list, call Marsha Sturdivant at 263-7331, ext. 234.



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- Mel's Fried Fish
- Scenic Mountain Medical Center

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Salvation Army Kettles:

- Big Spring Post Office
- Wal-Mart
- Big Spring Mall

Other efforts:

- H-E-B Food Stores Ring In A Miracle to benefit the Salvation Army. Tell your cashier what you want to give and either \$1 and \$2 added to your grocery total.
- Canned food drives at all Howard County schools through Friday.
- TCA Cable of Big Spring will waive the cost installation for new customers who donate 10 cans of food for its food drive.
- Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 1009 Hearn, is collecting coats for state hospital patients for Christmas.

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Howard to welcome 8th graders for Next Generation Day

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Imagine inviting 650 14- to 15-year-old eighth graders to visit. That is the honor Howard College has Friday, as it presents its third annual Next Generation Day to all area eighth graders. The students will be attending sessions that deal with different careers. We hope to



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show them what it takes to become that special occupation," said Amy Burchett, dean of students at Howard College.

This is the first year all area eighth graders will attend the program on the same day. In the past, students from eight schools were brought to Howard College on two separate days, Burchett said.

"We haven't any classes at Howard College on Friday, so we are able to use the whole campus, and it leaves the employees free to help."

The youngsters will attend sessions highlighting five separate career fields during the morning portion of the day. Students will be divided into teams of

about 25 students each, with Rotary Club members and Howard College employees acting as team leaders.

The teams will move around the different departments on campus. Students will hear working professionals discuss their careers, as well as what type of education or training is needed, she said.

"These students are going into high school, and they will have to make choices in high school. Those choices will affect their readiness for college or career training," she said.

"We want to express to them that the choices they make now will effect their future, and if they want a successful future, they need to make smart choices," Burchett said.

Law enforcement, agriculture, computer technology, medical and industrial occupational fields will be the five careers highlighted for the students Friday.

"They will listen to experts in the field and learn the salary ranges, educational requirements and training needed. We are not necessarily pushing college, only smart choices," Burchett said.

Several local businesses will have representatives for the morning sessions, she said.

Following lunch provided by the col-

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It's beginning to feel like winter

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Wintry weather should strike West Texas today, as there is a 70 percent chance that two-to-three inches of snow will fall this afternoon and evening.

"That upper low system is still to the west of us, and there is moisture, and cold air to the west," said Ray Fagen, meteorologist with the National Weather Station in Midland.

"We've had rain this morning, and in some places sleet mixed with rain was reported. With the colder air we can expect snow beginning this afternoon and continuing through tonight," Fagen said.

At first, the snow is not expected to build up on the streets, because the ground is still warm. Today's high temperature is expected to remain above the freezing mark, at about 36-37 degrees, he said.

However, when the temperatures drop tonight into the lower to mid 20s, the snow may begin piling up, especially on grassy areas and lawns, he said.

"A lot of the snow will melt away, and we may have icy patches on the pavements Friday morning. We're not expecting to get any type of wide spread ice, but roads could be slippery in patches," Fagen said.

By Friday, temperatures are expected to reach 35 to 40 degrees, and by the weekend temperatures may reach into the 50s, he said.

This year has set more than one weather record, as Dec. 7, 1998 recorded this year's first freeze, beating the existing date by one day.

"We keep records back to 1930, and this is the second year in 68 years that we made it to December," Fagen said.

"In 66 years, the first freeze



Forsan students Kale, left, and Kristie VanNess huddle together against the cold drizzle while waiting for the school bus early this morning.

had been recorded in October or November," he said.

This year moved the latest date of first freeze from Dec. 6 1954 to Dec. 7, 1998, he said.

"This is a traumatic change from a week or two ago," Fagen said.

"The other thing is the wind. We can expect winds 15-20 miles per hour from the northeast, which will be kind of gusty," he said.

The drastic change in the

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Decision upheld

Judge backs CISD decision on punishment for student who brought gun to campus

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**
Features Editor

A judge on Wednesday backed the Coahoma school board in its decision to send a student to its alternative education program for bringing a handgun on campus.

U.S. District Judge Robert Moore, in a written decision, said he "had no choice under the law but to uphold the ruling of the CISD administration and trustees."

Mandy Hanslik, the daughter of Iva Jo and Sid Hanslik, was sent to the district's alternative education program for 20 days after the Nov. 19 incident. After seeing "drug dogs" patrolling the school parking lot, the 16-year-old junior reported to officials that there was a gun in her mother's car, which she had driven to school that day.

The Federal Gun-Free Zone Act spells out a rule commonly called the "zero tolerance policy," which states anyone bringing a firearm on school property will be expelled for a year. A superintendent can reduce the sentence to suspension to an alternative education program (AEP), which Coahoma Superintendent Michael Hartman did in this case.

Hanslik's family last week had won a temporary restraining

order allowing her back in regular classes, and her family's attorney said they are considering appealing to the 11th District Court of Appeals in Eastland.

Attorney Max Wright of Midland, who represented the family, said the case could possibly have wider impact that just at Coahoma Schools.

"We have an interest in seeing the law clarified," he said. Wright said it was clear to him from Moore's written opinion that the judge "was not pleased with having to rule that way."

The family has maintained Hanslik only remembered about the gun after seeing the dogs on the school parking lot. She then reported the situation immediately.

Moore's decision appears in part to agree with the family's statements, saying it is possible "having had an earlier awareness of the presence of the gun in the vehicle, she had forgotten the matter until her recollection and awareness was so suddenly stirred by the presence of the drug dogs."

Wright has said the fact that Hanslik did not "knowingly" bring the gun on campus means mandatory punishments do not apply in this case. But Moore's decision overall supports the administration, saying he is "without legal authority to overturn their action."

School officials said the ruling was in keeping with their

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Big Spring police say rise in sex-related crimes "unsettling"

By **T.E. JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Big Spring Police Department is investigating a pair of sex-related crimes reported earlier this week, and say this Christmas holiday season is taking a rather



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dark turn. "We expect to see more reports of burglary, theft, and suicide at this time of the year, but the recent rise in sexual assaults is unsettling," said BSPD Chief Lonnie Smith. "These aren't just random predators that are committing these crimes. The majority of all sex-related crimes are committed by someone known to the victim. It's usually perpetrated by a friend of the family, or a family member themselves."

Smith said his office received two complaints earlier this week from victims of sex-related crimes, and in both cases the suspect was known to the victim.

"We had a report filed concerning an aggravated sexual assault, as well as a case of indecency with a child," said Smith. "In the aggravated sexual assault case, the sexual contact occurred over nearly a three-year period, and was brought to our attention by the parents of the girl. The girl is 15

years old now, so she would have been about 12 years old when the assaults began."

Smith said the indecency report came from another 15-year-old girl. "According to her statement, the sexual contact between her and her assailant occurred over the last three months. She told a family member, who then brought the situation to us."

Smith said although the reports came on the same day, there is no relation.

"We really do hate to see such

things so close to the holidays," said Smith. "It's very concerning for everyone."

Smith said both cases are still under investigation, but he expects to present charges to District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson soon.

"When we are through with the investigation, and the DA has looked at all of the evidence, he will choose what route to take with the case," Smith said. "In the end, though, it is his decision how to handle the prosecution."

Big Spring trustees to discuss completion timetable for new junior high this evening

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

A completion date for the new junior high school will be the topic of a school board meeting tonight at 5:15 in the board room at the high school.

Trustees will meet with Big Spring Junior High School architect Tommie Huckabee and Monterey Construction owner Joe Brozo.

"We're expecting them to give us a time line for completion of the junior high school," said

Murray Murphy, assistant superintendent for the Big Spring Independent School District.

Larry McLellan, president of the school board of trustees, said he expects the presentation by both men to prepare the trustees for further decisions about moving students into the building.

"With the time line, I expect we'll probably get a late February completion date. I was there (Wednesday) and the classroom portions are there, but there is still a lot of work in the mall area and the gym area needs quite a bit of work," McLellan said.

Trustees may need to decide whether to rush the students from Runnels Junior High

School into the new school during spring break week in March, he said.

"I personally think we should finish everything before we move in, if that's feasible," McLellan said.

Trustee Larry Hollar agreed with McLellan.

"I don't see any way we could possibly look at moving everything in spring break week," Hollar said.

Hollar said one thing that will probably be discussed during tonight's presentation will be the eight-foot dirt wall located on the southwest side of the new building.

McLellan said he expects the architect to discuss making the

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Howard County Historical Commission chairperson Ozella Long, left, presented a copy of the "History of Howard County 1882-1982" to Martha Vierra for the county library in memory of one of the book's researchers, Helen Early, 1905-1998. Early was a member of the commission, as well as the Genealogy Society and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

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OBITUARIES

Lorene Wilson Webb

Graveside service for Lorene Wilson Webb, 84, Big Spring, will be 4:30 p.m. today at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with Milton Langston, minister at the Jal Church of Christ, officiating.

Gladys Davis

Service for Gladys Davis, 91, San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Dorothy Lockhart Smith

Graveside service for Dorothy Lockhart Smith, 70, Snyder, will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, 1998, in the Coahoma Cemetery with Rev. Miller Robinson officiating.

Memorials may be made to: Home Delivered Meals; 2603 Ave. M; Snyder; 79549; or the American Lung Association of Texas; P.O. Box 26460; Austin; 78755-0460.

Arrangements under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home, Snyder.

Floyd Curry

Service for Floyd Curry, 80, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Also, a food drive is under way. Call 267-4124 to donate.

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Norwest Bank has a Christmas tree decorated with ornaments that represent 26 Howard County children who are currently clients of the Children's Protective Services.

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will a sloping hill, covered with grass. "Putting in a concrete retaining wall will be expensive, about \$30,000 or more expense.

Other business scheduled for tonight's meeting include an executive session for personnel assignments, and a routine proposal to evaluate and register the Personalized Achievement Center.

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understanding of the law. "We just followed the law," said superintendent Michael Hartman. "We really don't have any choice."

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lege, the students will hear from 21-year-old entrepreneur Jason Dorsey. "He is a lecturer, author and motivator, who is exceptional and relates to these students because of his age," Burchett said.

Teaching success is one of the primary purposes of the day. Directing students to making choices in high school, as well as positive life styles choices, are also an important component of the event, she said.

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SUPPORT GROUPS

THURSDAY
Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.
A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.

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

FRIDAY
Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.
Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

BRIEFS

A BENEFIT DINNER AND dance is planned Saturday at La Vadera Club for Tim Salazar, who is battling cancer.

DONATIONS ARE BEING SOUGHT for the Nunez family of Big Spring, who recently had a fire at their home.

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF Health will be giving flu shots every Wednesday throughout the winter (October-February) to those 18 years or older. The cost is \$5 for those not on Medicaid. The hours will be from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Call 263-9775 for more information.

SUPPORT FOR GULF WAR veterans is available through Odessa Desert Shield, Desert Storm Association, Inc.

A FUND HAS BEEN set up to help pay funeral expenses for the family of Kenny Loy Court, who died Dec. 2.

BIRTHRIGHT IS NEEDING DONATIONS of layette items for newborns: sleepers, booties, disposable diapers, baby toiletries, large gift bags, flannel

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

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.

Increasing heat waves could be dangerous

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Summers have gotten not just hotter but stickier in the United States over the past few decades, and that trend could pose health problems for old people if it continues, government scientists say.

Past studies have noted an increase in average summertime temperature, but the new work also takes humidity into account. Humidity, which can make hot days more stressful on the body, was found to be rising several percent per decade.

The researchers tracked "apparent temperature," a measure of both heat and humidity. First, they came up with a definition of a hot and sticky day. They took 30 years of July and August data from 113 weather stations around the country, and for each station they calculated heat-and-humidity thresholds that had been reached only 15 percent of the time.

What's more, they found a 78 percent increase in how often nights were above the nighttime threshold. That was seen as particularly worrisome.

Ms. Gaffen and NOAA colleague Rebecca J. Ross reported the findings in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature.

Ms. Gaffen said the study was not aimed at discovering the cause of the trends, so she can't attribute the findings to global warming.

TEXAS LOTTERY PICK 3: 4,3,8 LOTTO: 4,5,9,27,31,50

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 53 Wednesday's low 30 Average high 57 Average low 30 Record high 79 in 1939 Record low 10 in 1917 Precip. Wednesday 0.01 Month to date 0.04 Month's normal 0.23 Year to date 12.68 Normal for the year 17.78

SHERIFF

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

Long Island Lolita' claims relationship with lawyer MINEOLA, N.Y. (AP) - Amy Fisher, serving a prison sentence for shooting Joey Buttafuoco's wife, is demanding a trial, saying she had a romantic relationship with her lawyer that clouded his judgment.

The attorney, Eric Naiburg, said Ms. Fisher is lying. "There's not one gram of truth" to her story, the 57-year-old lawyer said Wednesday. "It's the result of a fertile imagination."

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 1300 block of Lexington, the 1600 block of E. 5th, the 400 block of E. 4th, and the 2600 block of Dow.

THIEF in the 2400 block of Cindy, the 2500 block of Wasson, the 1100 block of Lamesa, and the 300 block of Owens.

CORRECTION

In Wednesday's police report it was related that the following people had been arrested Dec. 9, when in fact they were arrested Oct. 9.

MARKETS March cotton 62.40 cents, down 32 points; Jan. crude 10.80, down 36 points; Cash hogs steady at 16; cash steers steady at 60 cents even; Dec. lean hog futures 23.10, down 27 points; Dec. live cattle futures 59.97, up 10 points.



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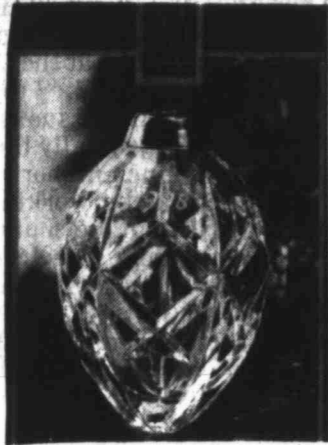
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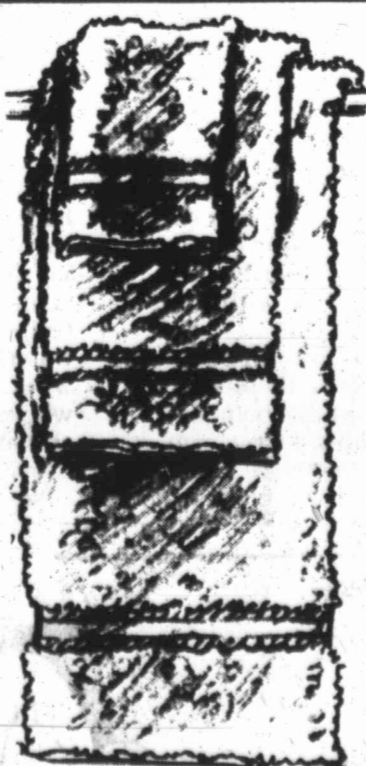
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OUR VIEWS

Tour of homes sure to bring oohs and ahhs

This Sunday, prepare to be impressed. As some of Big Spring's most beautiful homes go on display for the Symphony Guild Tour of Homes, expect to hear oohs and ahhs from your fellow visitors.

The tour, from 2-4 p.m., costs \$10 per person and benefits the Big Spring Symphony.

The beautifully decorated homes on the tour include the residences of Glen and Cassandra Fillingim, 5 Highland Heather; Katie Lara, 714 Craigmont; and two other homes, 610 Highland, and 701 Caprock.

Tickets are available in advance at Blum's, Big Spring Chamber of Commerce, Dunlaps, First Bank of West Texas, Dakota's Flowers, Johansen's Nursery and Royal Draperies. During the tour, tickets can be purchased at any of the four homes.

Symphony Guild members say the tour is great for inspiration, and not just for the holidays. It also promises some of Big Spring's most original interior design. Local business owners have also teamed up to help decorate the homes for the holidays with fresh flowers and plants.

Organizers have said the tour isn't for children, but it is for just about every other member of your family. There will be door prizes, including gifts from Estee Lauder, Merle Norman, Mary Kay and Royal Draperies.

The really hard work of tours is done by the homeowners themselves. They must work many hours preparing their houses for hundreds of people to visit, and they do it willingly.

So take a couple of hours Sunday and treat yourself to the tour. You're sure to be impressed.

OTHER VIEWS

Social Security will be a big topic of conversation the next few days, but talk is all it will be for now. The program is financially solid for the moment, but statistics show a crisis is 15 years ahead and disaster looms about 17 years after that.

A White House conference on Social Security kicked off with President Bill Clinton trying to get Republican and Democrat congressmen on the road to reform of the retirement program.

It is obvious something needs to be done to keep Social Security solvent past the next couple of decades. It is good that Congress and the president recognize that the time to reform a program is when things are running pretty well.

Raising taxes or cutting benefits — or some combination of both — seem to be the most obvious solutions to the program. None of us wants to see any of that happen because we all pay taxes and we all hope to retire one day.

Vague proposals about investing some Social Security benefits into the stock market may hold some promise. But who will hold that stock — the government or the person paying into the program? And what happens during an extended bear market?

So it is likely that at least for the next two years — and probably a lot longer — hot air is likely to be the only wind of change concerning Social Security. Real solutions are just too costly, in a political sense, to put on the table with much conviction. And, unfortunately, conviction is

something we see all too rarely in our government.

EXPONENT-TELEGRAM, CLARKSBURG, W.VA.

President Clinton deserves all the criticism he's been getting over lying about his affair with Monica Lewinsky. He has degraded the office of the presidency.

But Congress should refrain from impeaching Clinton. Such a decision would set a terrible precedent for the United States.

What Clinton did was not an abuse of power or a threat to the republic. His misdeeds don't rise to the constitutional impeachment standard of "high crimes and misdemeanors."

So far, the House Judiciary Committee's impeachment hearings have been marred by partisanship.

The committee's votes have consistently been along party lines. History shows the pitfalls of impeachment probes guided by partisanship.

During Watergate, both Democrats and Republicans seemed ready to impeach President Nixon, who resigned in the nick of time. Nixon clearly had abused his power many times.

The lack of agreement in Clinton's case indicates that impeachment is not the right course. In fact, it's a dangerous one, possibly igniting a partisan war for years to come.

Unless new evidence emerges, the better course would be to censure Clinton for his actions, which would forever stain his administration.

DEMING (N.M.) HEADLIGHT.

Meatpacking plants rely on immigrants

Abel Merino was working the night shift, cleaning blood and pig entrails off one of the many machines in Premium Standard Foods pork-processing plant in Milan, Mo., when his forearm was caught and crushed in a conveyor belt.

Merino, who was working alone, eventually pulled his arm free. A supervisor took him to the emergency room, where he was quickly examined and sent home to await surgery the next day.

Now, after eight months of wrangling with PSF, Merino has returned to his native Mexico, unable to pay to have the screws removed from the bones in his arm.

Merino's story, along with that of five other one-time PSF employees, is detailed in a complaint filed in federal district court by Texas Rural Legal Aid, Inc., a public-interest law group.

The 10-count complaint charges PSF with retaliation against injured workers, refusing to pay wages, overcharging for transportation and meals, and providing housing that was "squalid, overcrowded and vermin-infested."

PSF spokesman Charlie Arnot declined to discuss the specifics of the lawsuit, but described the company's safety record as "excellent," citing a 1997 top honor from the American Meat Institute for worker safety.

But Merino's experience is not unique. Giant meatpacking operations, supported by a powerful coalition of labor bro-



JACK ANDERSON JAN MOLLER

kers and government officials, have created a virtual pipeline to supply what has become the nation's most dangerous profession with silent, expendable workers.

Francisco Dominguez, the TRLA attorney that filed the complaint, said, "I think references to (Upton Sinclair's novel) 'The Jungle' are right on target. The only thing that has changed is that it used to be Polish and Lithuanian immigrants, and now it is Mexicans. I see people who have been tremendously hard workers their whole life, and they go to these meatpacking places and their spirits are broken."

Broken spirits are par for the course in the most dangerous profession in the United States. According to Bureau of Labor statistics, meatpacking has an injury or illness rate of 36.4 per 100 workers and the highest repeated-trauma-disorder rate of 1,257 per 10,000.

Meatpackers operate against a slim profit margin, between 1 and 3 percent, so large plants must slaughter vast quantities

of animals a day: One large pork-slaughtering plant in Tarheel, N.C., processes 24,000 hogs a day.

With an industry-wide annual turnover rate approaching 100 percent, meatpackers are forced to rely on a sophisticated immigrant recruitment network. In Texas alone, there are 133 companies registered to act as labor brokers for the meatpacking industry. One large company maintains an extensive recruiting network in Mexico and even runs television ads to solicit workers.

Texas officials are well aware of the broker's presence and activities. According to an internal Texas Workforce Commission memo obtained by our associate Ashley Baker, one broker has even been provided office space and telephone privileges in Mexico.

Many outside the industry have expressed concern that the meatpackers are staffing their plants with illegal immigrants. To limit that possibility, Immigration and Naturalization Service officials have developed a program that gives meatpackers access to government databases and requires them to check worker IDs.

Immigration officials are keeping a tight leash on the new program. Last week, the INS issued administrative subpoenas to a large number of Nebraska meatpackers, requesting copies of company employment rolls which they will comb for fishy documentation. The companies were not happy.

"As could be expected, the comments (we got back from the companies) were along the lines of, 'We potentially have a huge part of our workforce that could be illegal,'" said Gerard Heinauer, director of the Nebraska and Iowa district of the INS.

Though some packers were fined last year for immigration-related violations, not a single one was fined for "knowingly" hiring undocumented workers.

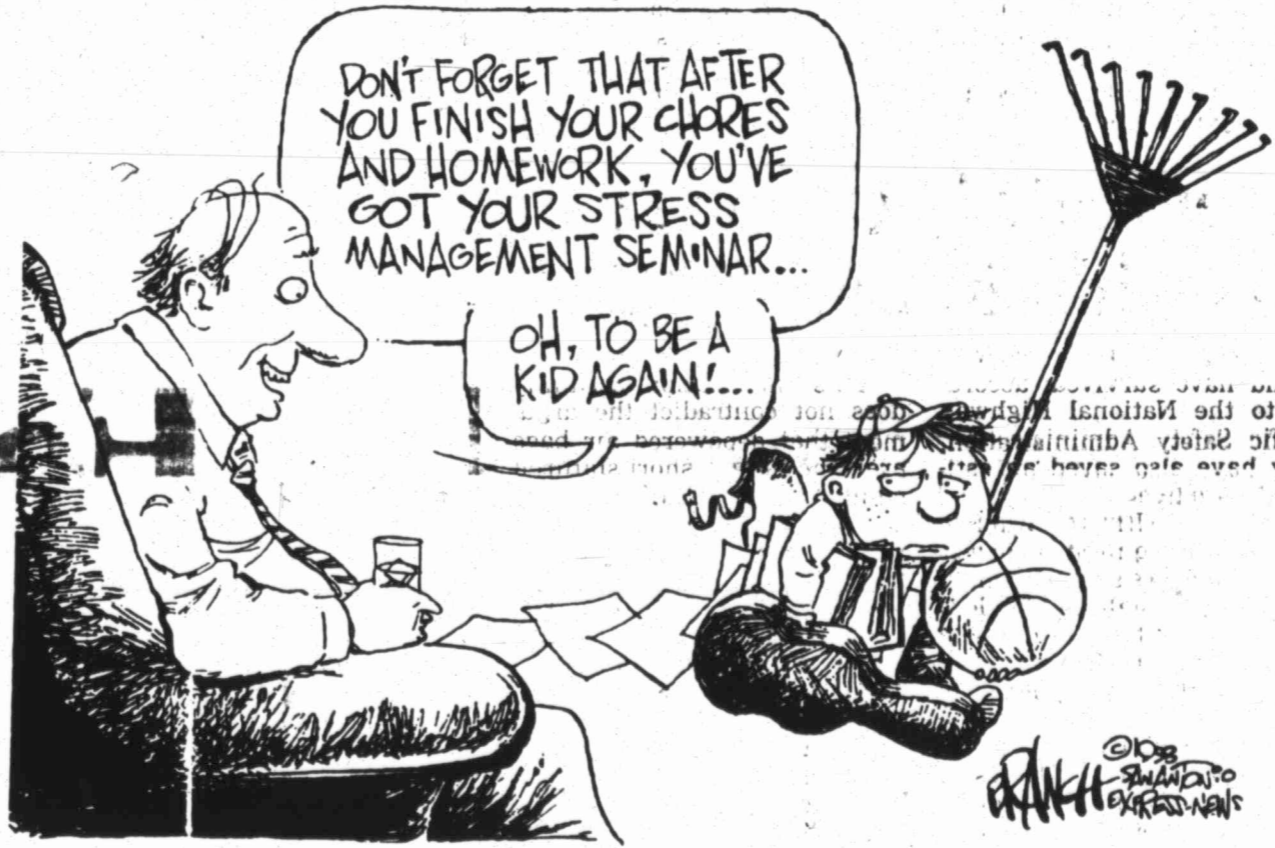
When illegal immigrants are arrested, they are taken home courtesy of you, the taxpayer. Last year the U.S. Marshals Service spent \$14.6 million, or an average of \$365 per person, feeding, lodging and transporting illegal immigrants.

Stephen Moore, an immigration analyst at the Cato Institute, said, "I think the exploitation issue is overblown. I think generally these workers have much higher wages and much better working conditions than the countries they come from. They are filling an important role in the U.S. economy. (But) we ought to try to find ways to allow these workers to come to the U.S. through some of the more traditional channels."

Others took a different view. "A country should do its own dirty work," said Dan Stein, executive director for the Federation for American Immigration Reform, a Washington anti-immigrant group. "We shouldn't rely on foreign labor. If we do it long enough, it will quit being dirty work. We should not ask others to do work we will not do ourselves."

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Japan does not need to apologize for the past

Japan recently apologized for its role in World War II for the third time. That's three times more often than I would apologize if I were a Japanese public official.

It's time to put a halt to this Orwellian apology racket — and that's just what it is, a racket. It's an attempt to lay a guilt trip on innocent people for the purpose, ultimately, of monetary gain.

Wars are instigated by governments. The government of Japan engaged in World War II is nonexistent. Ditto the German and Italian governments. Under no circumstances should the present generation, innocent of any role at all in that war, be saddled with guilt and taxed to pay blackmail to people trying to turn a profit

on a propagandized version of history written by the victors.

Did Japan's armies commit atrocities? Sure. So did we. So did the British. So did everyone, except perhaps the Italians, who seemed to have been the least enthusiastic about fighting a war. War itself is an atrocity, and there are no innocent governments.

As for penance, I would say that the enormous amount of death, devastation and suffering laid on both Germany and Japan more than evens the score. It's time to call it quits and get on with it.

The wartime propaganda called the "Rape of Nanking" is now all the rage with the guilt racket crowd. It's said that 100,000 Chinese were killed when Japan's army occupied the city. I would say it's a good bet that that's an exaggerated number simply because, logistically, it's hard to kill that many people with rifles and bayonets.

But even so, we killed 215,000 Japanese, virtually all civilians, when we firebombed Tokyo, causing a firestorm with hurricane force winds that raged for three days. And

we firebombed the whole country and finally destroyed two cities with nuclear weapons. Whatever the Imperial army did, the Japanese people more than paid for it.

As for China's latest demand for an apology, if I were Japanese, I'd tell the Chinese communist boss that perhaps he ought to apologize for the 60 million Chinese the communists murdered, not to mention several million Tibetans they have killed.

A defeated nation must guard its history like a treasure because the history written by the victors is always a continuation of wartime propaganda.

Japanese are entitled to the truth about their country, not the American or communist version of their history.

And some Japanese, I'm happy to see, are beginning to insist on it. They are naturally viewed with alarm by the Gault Gang. But the truth is that the China which Japan invaded was not a free nation but a weak, disintegrating country whose economy was dominated and exploited by British and American interests.

Japan in the 1930s was sur-

rounded by Western empires. The Philippines were an American colony. We killed thousands of Filipinos at the turn of the century whose only "crime" was that they wanted their country to be free. Our imperial government wanted it for a colony and a military base in order to dominate the trade with China.

The Dutch, the British, the Soviets and the French all had Asian empires created by force. The allies did not go to war against Japan in defense of freedom. They went to war in defense of empire and colonies. I don't think any fair-minded person can say that Japan's desire in the 1930s to create and lead an all-Asian empire was a wicked notion and that the European empires were OK.

In the war we loved and cheered our guys because they were our guys. And we cherish their memory for the same reason. The Japanese are entitled to do the same for their guys. I would say to the Japanese to do what we Southerners do: Tell anybody who tries to "dis" your ancestors to go to hell.



GOP committee members appear set to send resolution of impeachment

WASHINGTON (AP) — As President Clinton scrambles for Republican votes on the House floor, GOP members of the Judiciary Committee appear likely to send the House a resolution to impeach the president for "high crimes and misdemeanors."

Before a historic lame duck session of the House that is likely next week, the committee must consider four proposed articles of impeachment. The articles will be dissected and possibly revised before the panel votes later this week.

Today, investigators for both parties give the committee's 21 Republicans and 17 Democrats their conclusions based on reviews of the evidence.

Making use of the same grand

jury testimony, FBI interviews and depositions, Democratic investigator Abbe Lowell is expected to find no impeachable offenses, said Democratic officials.

His counterpart, Republican investigator David Schippers, is likely to conclude there was impeachable conduct, GOP officials said.

Both planned to make the first public showings of Clinton's videotaped deposition in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case. The committee went into closed session this morning to vote on authorizing public airing of the videotape.

Just days before the historic vote, the Judiciary Committee was as polarized as ever.

When White House counsel

Charles F.C. Ruff neared the end of his defense presentation Wednesday, the Republican committee staff made public the four proposed articles of impeachment that were crafted in advance.

Committee Republicans have left little doubt they would send at least one article to the full House.

If the House approved an article of impeachment it would be the first such act against a president since the Andrew Johnson case was sent to a Senate trial in 1868. Conviction requires a two-thirds vote of the Senate. Johnson was acquitted by a single vote.

White House aides say Clinton, searching for votes among 20-to-30 moderate

Republicans who apparently hold the balance in the full House, will do what he needs to do to save his presidency.

On the second day of a presidential defense before the Judiciary Committee, Ruff tried to win over GOP moderates who aren't on the panel.

Asked by Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., whether Clinton had lied, Ruff said, "Reasonable people ... could determine that he crossed over that line and that what for him was truthful but misleading or nonresponsive and misleading or evasive was, in fact, false."

"But in his mind — and that's the heart and soul of perjury — he thought and he believed that what he was doing was being evasive but truthful."

Course pondered disregards public opinion

WASHINGTON (AP) — The American people told pollsters for months they didn't think President Clinton should be impeached, and many of them punctuated the message by voting for Democratic congressional candidates in November.

But the House Judiciary Committee nevertheless pressed forward with hearings and is nearing a vote, setting the stage for a possible impeachment vote by the full House next week.

"It's kind of surreal," said Republican pollster Neil Newhouse. "I was out at the malls recently, and people are more concerned with what they're buying for Christmas presents. We have all this turmoil in Washington, but this wave has no ripples anywhere else."

Polls show about two-thirds of Americans say they don't want Clinton impeached, a number that has been fairly consistent for months. Almost six out of 10 say they don't approve of the way Republicans in Congress are handling the investigation.

And Democrats gained five seats in the House, the first time in 60 years the president's party has captured more seats in a midterm election. House Republicans had expected to increase their numbers — and their uproar at the election outcome prompted Speaker Newt Gingrich to resign.

Clinton voices support for Social Security stock market investment

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton is endorsing stock market investments as one way to help make up for cash shortfalls Social Security is expected to face in the future.

"The mechanism for doing that obviously remains a controversial issue, but I do believe there is growing consensus, which the president is part of, that we do need the type of investment options that would

bring higher returns to Social Security," said Gene Sperling, the president's top economic adviser.

Sperling said Clinton shared that view at a private meeting with lawmakers Wednesday. The president has called repeatedly for lawmakers to safeguard Social Security, but previously has not been specific about his preferences for bolstering the nation's retirement program.

Lawmakers left the closed-door meetings — held on the second day of a White House-organized conference on Social Security — saying they have new optimism they can reach a compromise next year.

"In some ways the respective parties to this possible agreement are not as far away as people might think that they are," said Rep. Mark Sanford, R-S.C. Social Security is now

financed by taxes deducted from workers' paychecks. Without changes, the program is expected to run short of cash by 2032, after more than 75 million baby boomers begin collecting benefits.

Clinton has not decided how Social Security stock market investments should be made — by individual Americans in private accounts or by the government investing their payroll tax

contributions in bulk, his advisers said.

That will remain one of the more contentious issues as lawmakers seek compromise.

"What he did say was he thought that as this discussion carried forward that policy makers like himself had to be very straightforward with the American people about what the risks are with seeking higher returns," Sperling said.

One advantage to making the investments in bulk would be less risk to individuals, but critics are wary of having the government own stock in private companies.

Sperling said in any case, additional steps likely will be needed to make up the cash shortage looming for Social Security, possibly including an infusion of money from government surpluses.

Kevoorkian confident of exoneration as he faces first trial on murder charges

WATERFORD, Mich. (AP) — Despite a videotaped death that prosecutors say is their best evidence yet against him, Jack Kevoorkian remains confident he will be exonerated in his first murder trial.

"This could never be a crime no matter what the words say on paper," Kevoorkian said Wednesday after being ordered to stand trial on charges of murder, assisted suicide and deliv-

ering a controlled substance. "Do you think I'm a criminal? If yes, you're happy. If no, what am I doing here?"

Kevoorkian said that what he did for Lou Gehrig's disease patient Thomas Youk was right even if it broke a law, and compared it to letting women vote and drinking during Prohibition.

Prosecutors said the videotape Kevoorkian made of Youk's

death — portions of which were aired last month on "60 Minutes" — was the cornerstone of the case.

The tape shows a figure — Kevoorkian's face is not shown — injecting Youk with a chemical that stops his heart.

"We've never had as compelling evidence as this," said Oakland County assistant prosecutor John Skrzynski. "It's a cut-and-dried case."

Prosecutors have been chasing Kevoorkian for years, but twice, murder charges against the retired pathologist have been thrown out. He was tried three times on charges of assisted suicide and was acquitted each time; a fourth ended in a mistrial.

Kevoorkian has admitted to some role in about 130 assisted suicides this decade.

Youk, 52, had suffered from

Lou Gehrig's disease for four years. He was confined to a wheelchair, fed through a tube in his stomach and had little movement left in his arms and hands.

District Judge Phyllis McMillen rejected defense arguments that Kevoorkian had just meant to ease Youk's suffering, and that death was just a side effect.

"The intent to kill was pre-

meditated and thought out beforehand," the judge said.

David Gorosh, Kevoorkian's legal adviser, also argued that murder and assisted suicide charges were mutually exclusive, and that the assisted suicide charge should be dismissed. Ms. McMillen rejected the argument.

Kevoorkian could be sentenced to life in prison if convicted of murder.

Study: Less forceful air bags appear to protect adults without killing them

WASHINGTON (AP) — Air bags designed to deploy less forcefully than older ones appear to be protecting adults without causing deaths or serious injuries to shorter women, a group vulnerable to the more powerful air bags, according to new government data.

Federal officials had feared that the new so-called depowered air bags might not be strong enough to protect men who fail to wear seat belts in high-speed crashes, but found that was not the case.

The officials have made public some information on 115 cases of crashes involving the redesigned air bags installed in most new autos over the last year. The cases give the first snapshot of how the less forceful air bags are performing in crashes.

Air bags have been blamed for the deaths of at least 121 people — mostly children and small-statured women — in lower-

speed accidents they otherwise should have survived, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. They have also saved an estimated 3,600 lives.

Last year, NHTSA officials eliminated a required crash test that automakers said prevented them from installing the less powerful air bags. Domestic automakers responded by quickly putting the new air bags in cars.

The depowered air bag cases so far seem to support domestic automakers' longtime argument that less forceful bags would virtually eliminate the deaths of short women from the devices in low-speed accidents they otherwise should have survived.

"This information certainly does not contradict the argument that depowered air bags are helping short-statured adults," said Adrian Lund, a senior researcher at the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

NHTSA officials acknowledged the less forceful bags appeared to be performing well but declined to elaborate on the data, stressing that investigations into other cases were still ongoing.

The new information showed 25 women 5 feet, 4 inches or shorter were involved in lower-speed accidents with the less forceful air bags.

Fire kills mom, two children while father rescues others

COWEN, W.Va. (AP) — A father rescued two of his kids from a fire but was unable to save his wife and his two other children.

Jeff Caudle suffered second- and third-degree burns over 40 percent of his body as he tried to rescue his family from the fire that destroyed their home early Wednesday.

Lynn Caudle, the mother, and children Jenea Marie, 10, and Geoffrey, 13, were killed. Jordan Caudle, 5, and Jyniffer, 8, were treated for minor burns.

"I've been a volunteer firefighter most of my life. It's a tough job. But I've never had anything hit that close to home. It makes me feel bad," next-door neighbor Jim Bragg said.

Bragg said when he saw flames and smoke pouring from the couple's home, he ran outside to help, only to find Jordan and Jennifer lying on the ground and their father desperately trying to save the rest of his family.

"It was like a firestorm. The flames were going about 30 feet towards the front of the house," Bragg said.

Authorities have not yet determined the cause of the blaze.

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Wacky fairy tales take the stage tonight in Christmas program

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Kids from College Heights Elementary School will present "A Storybook Christmas" tonight at 7 at the Municipal Auditorium.

All the kids from College Heights, that is.

The play, directed by music teacher Manette Gomez, will showcase the talents of the entire school. More than 300 students will share time on stage, while more than 20 have speaking parts.

The play is the story of Santa's elves who are making storybooks to give to children at Christmas. The writer says he is tired of the same old stories, and wants to change them.

Soon the tired elves fall asleep, and dream of the familiar stories with some new twists. Little Red Riding Hood, for example, includes the character of a vegetarian wolf. The Three Little Pigs are interior decorators.

"It's a lot of fun," said Gomez, who has been leading the children in practice since October. The characters have been getting together every day during music class, and after school



HERALD photo/Linda Choate
Elves Samantha Pattin, from left, Whitney Lewis (with clock), Veronica Andrade (front), Carmen Lewis and Julie Gilmore, practice for the College Heights Christmas play, "A Storybook Christmas."

some days. "It's hard work, but they are hard workers," she said. "They can do it if they want to, and in

this case, they want to. It's fun." There is no charge for tonight's play.

What to know in choosing safe toys

By DR. CHARLOTTE FOWLER
Guest Columnist

In recent years, publicity about hair-munching dolls and finger-crunching baby walkers has heightened awareness of the need for caution when buying children's toys. But, choosing a safe toy for your child, grandchild, niece or nephew can be difficult if you're not sure what to look for.

Each year, 2.6 billion toys and games are sold in the United States which result in over 150,000 emergency room visits and an estimated 15 million toy-related accidents overall.

Obviously, unsafe toys are not responsible for all of these accidents. It is a fact of life that children are accident-prone and a certain number of mishaps during play are to be expected. However, an estimated 20 children will lose their lives this year due to severe injuries caused by unsafe toys, a statistic that could likely be prevented if more people were educated about potentially hazardous toys.

When choosing a safe toy for a child, it is helpful to know the types of toys are most often associated with accidents. The leading causes of toy-related injuries and deaths are accidents associated with "riding" toys (like tricycles and wagons), projectile and flying toys (like dart guns and gliders), and small toys children choke on. Nearly 60 percent of these injuries are to the head area.

Now, I am not suggesting that we should outlaw bicycles or dart guns. But, I do believe that parents should take every precaution to assure the safest play environment possible. For example, no child (or adult, for that matter) should ever ride a bike without a helmet. And, I would suggest that some toys carry more potential for accidents than other do and should only be allowed with adult supervision, such as a dart gun.

Another helpful hint is to follow not only the recommended age labeling on toys, but your own sense of your child's maturity level and size. See TOYS, Page 7A

Discuss puberty before it hits teen

QUESTION: My 13-year-old son is at the full bloom of adolescence. I'm suspicious that he may be masturbating when he's alone, but I don't quite know how to approach him about it. Should I be concerned, and if so, what should I say to him?



DR. JAMES DOBSON

DR. DOBSON: I don't think you should invade that private world at all unless there are unique circumstances that lead you to do so. I offer that advice while acknowledging that masturbation is a highly controversial subject and parents differ widely in their perspectives on it. I will answer your question, but hope you understand that better men and women than I will differ radically and emotionally with what I will say.

First, let's consider masturbation from a medical perspective. We can say without fear of contradiction that there is no scientific evidence to indicate that this act is harmful to the body. Despite terrifying warnings given to young people historically, it does not cause blindness, weakness, mental retardation or any other physical problem. If it did, the entire male population and about half of females would be blind, weak, simple-minded and sick.

Between 95 percent to 98 percent of all boys engage in this practice -- and the rest have been known to lie. It is as close to universal behavior as is likely to occur. A lesser but still significant percentage of girls also engage in what was once called "self-gratification."

As for the emotional consequences of masturbation, only three circumstances should give us cause for concern. The first is when it is associated with oppressive guilt from which the individual can't escape. That guilt has the potential to do considerable psychological and spiritual damage. A boy may promise a thousand times with great sincerity never again to commit this despicable act. Then a week or two will pass, or perhaps several months. Eventually the hormonal pressures will accumulate until nearly every waking moment reverberates with sexual desire. Finally, in a moment (and I do mean "a moment") of weakness, it happens again. I am convinced that some teenagers have thrown over their faith because of their inability to please God at this point of masturbation.

The second circumstance in which masturbation might have harmful implications is when it becomes extremely obsessive. That is more likely to occur when it has been understood by the individual to be "forbidden fruit." I believe the best way to prevent that kind of obsessive response is for adults not to emphasize and condemn it.

Regardless of what you do, See DOBSON, Page 7A



HERALD photo/Linda Choate
Students from St. Mary's Episcopal School have spent time working at the Big Spring branch of the West Texas Food Bank lately. At left, teacher Cheri Lewis, with students Caille Partee, Emily Haynes and Haley Adams are hard at work sorting food at the bank.

Happy birthday, mouse!

FREMONT, Calif. (AP) — It's been hailed as the bridge between our physical world and the virtual life inside our computers, and criticized as a cause of very sore wrists. The inventor says it's just a nifty device.

The computer mouse turns 30 on Wednesday.

Although it didn't start showing up on desks until the mid-1980s, the mouse was first unveiled in public in 1968 at a computer conference as the best "pointing device" to help computer users interact with their machines. It beat out trackballs, light pens and small tablets.

The stubby, hockey puck-size block with a button impressed those at the conference. They liked the idea of a device outside a computer that moves things around inside the computer.

The inventor, Douglas Engelbart, says he can't remember who named it a mouse, but with its small, rodent-like shape and wire of a tail, it certainly seemed fitting.

The mouse didn't make it big until it was attached in 1984 to Apple Computer's Macintosh computers. From there it moved on to work with Microsoft's Windows and virtually all other computers.

At Logitech, the world's largest maker of the mouse, chief executive Guerrino De Luca is looking beyond pumping out 50 million of the devices a year. He's dreaming of a mouseless world.

Last year 90 million mice were produced, mostly in China and Mexico, and sold around the world.

They've spawned an allied industry: mouse pads, designed to make using a mouse smoother and more efficient.

Interactive TV: Are customers ready?

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Wink WebTV. They are companies whose names carry a suggestion of enticement, even entrapment.

But all they want to do, they say, is bring you and your television set closer. Make the two of you a little less remote by making your remote control — with the help of cutting-edge technology and cash — do more.

The key is interactivity, a television advance that has been touted for several years and which promoters claim is finally poised to begin mass distribution in 1999.

They're ready to make the leap, but are customers ready to jump with them? Yes, say those who have invested millions of dollars in turning TV sets into two-way communications centers that offer information, movies on demand and other services.

Maybe, maybe not, say oth-

ers. One optimist is Tom Oliver, chairman and chief executive officer of Interactive Channel, designed to allow access to pay-per-view programs, the Internet and even local tidbits including weather forecasts and real estate listings.

The company has deals with partners including Court TV to develop online content that complements TV programs by giving viewers the chance to watch a program and then seek out related information on the Net.

The city-specific content, dubbed LocalSource Television, will bow next year on cable systems in Rockford, Ill., and Columbus, Ohio.

Simplicity is what will make his service attractive to consumers, Oliver said.

It can come with a price tag: Interactive Channel was made available to 1,000 customers in See TV, Page 7A



HERALD photo/Gina Garza
A group of students, some of them in Santa hats, from two classes at Lakeview Headstart sang Christmas carols at Canterbury South Monday. Students from Ms. Marquez and Mrs. Flores' classes participated in bringing holiday cheer to the residents of the retirement center.

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EDUCATOR OF THE WEEK

Educator name: Judi Hammock
Position/school name: Special Ed. - Resource Math teacher at Goliad Middle School.
Years teaching or in education field: 3 years as elementary teaching assistant and clerk and 2 years teaching special ed.
Unique talents/methods you bring to the job: had experience working with children of all ages and backgrounds (preschool through 12th grade) in church and school teaching situations.
Why I became a teacher/educator: to be a positive role model and to encourage kids to want to learn.
Special hobbies, interests: sports, playing piano and reading.
Family information: married 16 years to husband Mike, two children - Chad (6th grade at Goliad) and Cory (5th grade at Kentwood).

People would be surprised if they knew I: am a scuba diver.
Most gratifying experience with young people: seeing them become excited about learning and to develop a sense of pride in themselves.
If I could change one thing about my job, it would be: to be able to spend more one-on-one time with each individual student.
Educator of the week is a random drawing from questionnaires received by the Herald. For information, call the life! desk at 263-7331, ext. 236.



THE LAST WORD

Not only England, but every Englishman is an island.
Novalls
The English instinctively admire any man who has no talent and is modest about it.
James Agate
Without class differences, England would cease to be the living theatre it is.
Anthony Burgess

DOBSON

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you will not stop the practice of masturbation in your teenagers. That is a certainty. You'll just drive it underground -- or under covers. Nothing works as a "cure." Cold showers, lots of exercise, many activities and awesome threats are ineffective. Attempting to suppress this act is one campaign that is destined to fail -- so why wage it?

The third situation around which we should be concerned is when the young person becomes addicted to pornographic material. The kind of obscenity available to teenagers today has the capacity to grab and hold a boy -- it's usually a boy -- for the rest of his life. Parents will want to intervene if there is evidence that their son or daughter is heading down that well-worn path.

A fourth concern about masturbation refers not to adolescents but to us as adults. This habit has the capacity to follow us into marriage and become a substitution for healthy sexual interaction between a husband and wife. The implications of that for a meaningful sex life are obvious.

So, what should parents say to their kids about this subject? My advice is to say nothing after puberty has occurred. You will only cause embarrassment and discomfort. For those who are younger, it would be wise to include the subject of masturbation in the "preparing for adolescence" conversation I have recommended on other occasions. Discuss the subject openly and confidently before it has become an issue in the child's personal experience.

Well, those are my views, for what they are worth. I know my recommendations will be inflammatory to some people. If you are one of them, please forgive me.

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

'A Bug's Life' remains at No. 1 while 'Psycho' remake falls in at No. 2

LOS ANGELES (AP) — With business down sharply for all movies after the busy Thanksgiving weekend, the scene-by-scene color remake of "Psycho" was second to "A Bug's Life" in North American theaters over the weekend. "A Bug's Life" collected \$17.2 million Friday through Sunday to bring its total to \$68.7 million after two weeks in wide release, Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. said Monday.

"Psycho" made its debut in second place with \$10 million, respectable business for a movie that cost \$25 million to produce. Three holdovers continued to attract business: "Enemy of the State" had \$9.7 million for third, "The Rugrats Movie" had \$7.6 million for fourth and "The Waterboy" had \$6.5 million for fifth.

However, "Meet Joe Black" and "Babe: Pig in the City," two big-budget films from beleaguered Universal Studios, floundered. "Joe Black" had \$2.4 million for sixth and "Pig in the City" had \$2.38 million for seventh.

The top 20 movies at North American theaters Friday through Sunday were:

1. "A Bug's Life," Disney, \$17.2 million, 2,701 locations, \$6,358 average, \$68.7 million, three weeks.
2. "Psycho," Universal, \$10 million, 2,477 locations, \$4,050 average, \$10 million, one week.
3. "Enemy of the State," Disney, \$9.7 million, 2,458 locations, \$3,934 average, \$62.9 million, three weeks.
4. "The Rugrats Movie," Paramount, \$7.6 million, 2,832 locations, \$2,695 average, \$67.5 million, three weeks.
5. "The Waterboy," Disney, \$6.5 million, 2,778 locations, \$2,344 average, \$130.8 million, five weeks.
6. "Meet Joe Black," Universal, \$2.4 million, 2,188 locations, \$1,105 average, \$39.2

million, four weeks.

7. "Babe: Pig in the City," Universal, \$2.38 million, 2,387 locations, \$995 average, \$11.4 million, two weeks.

8. "Elizabeth," Gramercy, \$2 million, 540 locations, \$3,619 average, \$9.8 million, five weeks.

9. "I Still Know What You Did Last Summer," Sony, \$1.73 million, 2,212 locations, \$783 average, \$36 million, four weeks.

10. "Home Fries," Warner Bros., \$1.7 million, 1,925 locations, \$896 average, \$7.8 million, two weeks.

11. "Very Bad Things," Polygram, \$1.5 million, 1,260 locations, \$1,205 average, \$7.1 million, two weeks.

12. "Ringmaster," Artisan, \$1.3 million, 1,320 locations, \$989 average, \$7 million, two weeks.

13. "The Siege," 20th Century Fox, \$1 million, 1,206 locations, \$860 average, \$37.8 million, five weeks.

14. "Life is Beautiful," Miramax, \$720,955, 134 locations, \$5,380 average, \$6.2 million, seven weeks.

15. "I'll Be Home for Christmas," Disney, \$680,009, 1,335 locations, \$509 average, \$10.3 million, four weeks.

16. "American History X," New Line, \$532,218, 470 locations, \$1,132 average, \$4.9 million, six weeks.

17. "Celebrity," Miramax, \$530,059, 468 locations, \$1,133 average, \$4.1 million, three weeks.

18. "Pleasantville," New Line, \$501,005, 831 locations, \$603 average, \$37.4 million, seven weeks.

19. "Everest," MacGillivray, \$445,380, 61 locations, \$7,301 average, \$53.5 million, 40 weeks.

20. "There's Something About Mary," 20th Century Fox, \$386,820, 584 locations, \$662 average, \$172.9 million, 21 weeks.

Children's author Carolivia Herron defends new book called 'Nappy Hair'

NEW YORK (AP) — A children's author stood her ground in the face of criticism that her book "Nappy Hair" reinforces negative stereotypes about blacks.

"I think it's perfect as I wrote it," Carolivia Herron, a black English professor, said Tuesday at a community forum in Brooklyn.

The book, about a young black girl with the "nappiest, fuzziest, the most screwed up, squeezed up, knotted up" hair, got good reviews.

But it has sparked controversy in Brooklyn, where residents of one school district threatened a white teacher who read it with her mostly black and Hispanic third-grade students.

The teacher, Ruth Sherman,

27, transferred this week to a school in Queens, saying she felt unsafe after residents hurled racial epithets and cursed her.

Ms. Herron, a professor at California State University, Chico, emphatically disagreed with her critics at the meeting.

"I was certainly not trying to be a political activist," she said. She said she hadn't realized the word "nappy" would spark such a reaction.

"I thought we'd gotten rid of this problem in the '60s," she said. "But I should have known better. You can't get rid of a 300-year-old problem in 10 years."

Ms. Herron told the 300 people gathered at the House of the Lord Church that some sections of the book were the result of

compromises between her and editors.

"If you don't compromise, you don't get published," she said.

Sarah Jones Johnson, of Roselle, N.J., disagreed.

"It's one thing to compromise with editors," she said. "It's another thing to compromise your people."

A woman who said her child was in Miss Sherman's Brooklyn class told the forum she failed to find a positive representation of blacks in the book. Ms. Herron responded: "We have to agree to disagree on that."

Ms. Herron has said there is nothing racist in the book, which she calls "a wonderful celebration of nappy African-American hair."

DisneyQuest theme park coming to Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Walt Disney Co. is planning a high-tech entertainment center in downtown Philadelphia, a few blocks from the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall.

DisneyQuest, scheduled to open in the summer of 2000, is intended to attract about a million visitors a year by recreating the Disney experience with virtual reality and computer animation, Disney officials said at news conference today.

Disney opened its first DisneyQuest in Orlando, Fla., last summer, and will debut a second entertainment center in Chicago next year. The company plans additional DisneyQuest centers in 20 to 30 domestic and international markets.

The Philadelphia DisneyQuest will be located within a few blocks of the city's convention center in addition to the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall. City officials initially asked Disney to consider Penn's Landing on the banks of the Delaware River, but company officials wanted to be closer to the city's historical attractions.

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TOYS

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These labels are a guidance system only; parents need to think beyond these labels to the individual characteristics of their own children.

For example, if you child is smaller than average for a three-year-old, toys recommended for a child his age may not necessarily be safe. If, while you might decide your child is not yet mature enough for a toy even though he is in the recommended age group, never assume that your child is so smart that he can handle a toy recommended for an older age group.

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Children under the age of three have a natural desire to put everything in their mouths. Parents should be careful to inspect all toys for small pieces on which a child might choke.

An easy guide to remember is that if the toy can fit inside a toilet paper roll, it is a potential choking hazard for a child under three.

Not only should parents follow these precautions when buying toys for their child, they should carefully inspect toys bought by others before allowing the child to play with them. Remember to set a good example for your child by always following safety precautions when playing with a toy yourself.

No matter how careful you are in selecting a toy for a child, there is always potential for accidents to occur. In the event your child does have an accident while playing, bring him or her to the nearest emergency room immediately for treatment.

Following these guidelines and using common sense about the toys your child receives as gifts can help assure a safe and happy holiday.

Fowler is an emergency room physician at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

TV

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Colorado Springs, Colo., to sample for \$6.95 a month.

For many interactive services, an access fee could be just the start of a sizable monthly tab as a viewer takes advantage of expanded show-buying choices, shopping and other costly diversions.

What "interactivity" actually means varies widely from company to company as do, undoubtedly, the chances for acceptance.

Consumers in test or limited markets already have firsthand experience with this new breed of television viewing.

Some services require a digital cable signal and set-top box, while others can be used with existing analog systems (all TV stations are required by the government to go digital before 2006). Some are intended to make the TV a rival to the personal computer modem; others

take a different approach.

Wink, for instance, allows viewers to summon additional sports statistics on ESPN, shop for compact discs on MTV or scan the headlines on CNN. More than a dozen networks have signed up to provide Wink-enabled programming. Advertisers have come aboard, too, including Levi's and AT&T.

A viewer can order samples, request information or otherwise boss the TV around by clicking the remote control on an "I" — for interactive — in the corner of the TV screen.

Wink does not, however, promise true Internet access.

Free to consumers, Wink is in 100,000 households in Tennessee, Florida and Missouri. The company expects to have more than 1 million subscribers in 1999, said Allan Thygesen, vice president.

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Holocaust survivors meet protector

NEW YORK (AP) — Julian Bilecki was a gangly teen-ager when he and his family helped hide 23 Jews in an underground bunker, saving them from Nazi death squads in war-torn Poland.

The Christians showed the desperate Jews where to hide, helped them move when they were almost detected and brought food regularly for years.

"In order not to leave traces in the snow, they would jump from tree to tree ... in order to come to us," said Sabina Grau Schnitzer, one of those saved. "They provided us with food and moral support, and come and visit us. It meant so much, it was like food for the soul."

More than a half-century later, a gray-haired Bilecki, now 70, was reunited with five of those Jewish survivors in a tearful reunion at Kennedy International Airport on Tuesday night.

"Julian walked in and he stopped and he was in shock," said Stanlee Stahl, executive director of the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous. "He couldn't believe that they were all there."

"Tears welled up into his eyes, and he looked around stunned. ... This is his first airplane ride, first time out of his country. He was overwhelmed," she said.

The foundation, which brought Bilecki to the United States, plans to give him an award next week.

A retired bus driver who grew up in an area of Poland that later became part of Ukraine, Bilecki arrived for a month-long visit with his son carrying just a gym bag.

Bilecki, who does not speak English and did not want the town where he now lives named, said he was amazed he and the survivors had lived long enough to see each other again.

"He said 'I remember you when you were young and didn't have gray hair,'" Ms. Stahl said. "'You have gray hair and so do I. Look where we are now, did we ever think we could be here?'"

The Bileckis hid Jews who escaped from the Podhajce ghetto, where nearly all the Jewish families from the town of Zawalow were killed by Nazis.

Mrs. Grau Schnitzer, then 9, left the ghetto with her parents to bury a wagon full of dead bodies and then escaped. Her father and uncle, who had known the Bileckis before the war, went to them for help.

"We knew that they were believers and we knew that they were good people," she recalled. The 23 Jews in the Bileckis' bunker went free when the Russian army arrived in 1944. Many survivors have sent food and clothing over the years to the Bileckis, who remained poor.

ODDS-N-ENDS

SEATTLE (AP) — Hey Santa, got a light?

When Mark Calvert isn't greeting shoppers at Liquidation World in his Santa suit, he's entertaining viewers of "Bong Hit Championship," a public-access show on which Calvert uses a stopwatch to time how long callers can inhale marijuana from a water pipe.

Viewer Susan Brown said she stumbled on Calvert's show last week and heard him cheer a 14-year-old caller as he inhaled.

Later, she was appalled to hear him refer to himself as "a bona fide Santa," and give the name and location of the store.

A Liquidation World spokesman said the store was unaware of Calvert's other line of work when he was hired last week.

"There was nothing on his application that indicated that there was anything like this going on," said manager Jerry Voeller. "We don't condone (illegal drug use), and if that's true, he definitely won't be employed here."

Calvert could not be reached for comment.

SCHENECTADY, N.Y. (AP) — Santa's zip code is unlisted, but children guessing that he resides somewhere within the "12345" region are getting heard.

Employees at a General Electric plant in Schenectady, which really has a 12345 zip code, have agreed to answer all the letters posted to St. Nick in their area.

"We take the letters and answer them during lunch breaks or when we have some time at home," said Linda Susi, chairwoman of the company's local -Elfun Community Services Committee.

"It's mostly for the thrill of letting the children know that Santa is really out there for them," she said.

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Flossie Ware's new husband is six years her junior. But when the newlyweds are both in their

80s, that difference doesn't count for much.

"I'd rob that cradle again anytime," Ms. Ware said Sunday when she married her 83-year-old beau, Max Jones.

The couple met at a nursing home, and getting down the aisle wasn't easy. Jones has polio and multiple sclerosis. Ms. Ware's vision is terrible and she has scoliosis.

Asked if he's had any other girlfriends at the nursing home, Jones said, "Not that I can remember."

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YMCA hoops deadline
for registration today

The early registration for the YMCA youth basketball program is today.

Those registering for the program Friday and later will be forced to pay a late fee.

Youngsters from kindergarten through the eighth grade are eligible to play.

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

Youth basketball league
beginning registration

The Big Spring Youth Basketball Association has scheduled registration beginning Saturday at the Big Spring Mall.

The league is open to boys and girls in the first through sixth grades. All games will be played on Saturdays at Runnels Junior High School.

Registration at the mall will be from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.

In addition, youngsters can register at Neal's Sporting Goods during business hours throughout the week.

A fee of \$20 is required for each participant in the league. The deadline for registering is Friday, Dec. 18.

For more information, call Charlie Hall at 263-0159, Duane Murphree at 394-4557 or Rick Watkins at 267-2358.

Tiffany Shaw leads
Greenwood to regional

Tiffany Shaw, a sophomore at Midland Greenwood and the granddaughter of Roosevelt and Patsy Shaw of Big Spring, won the District 4-3A cross-country meet's individual title with a 13:12 clocking.

Shaw's showing allowed the Lady Rangers to finish as the district's runner-up team. She went on to finish 15th at the Region 1, Class 3A meet in Lubbock, narrowly missing a chance to compete at the state meet.

Yearling hoopsters split
with Snyder's eighth

Runnels Junior High School's Yearlings managed to split a pair of games with Snyder's young Tigers on Monday.

The Yearlings' White team dropped a 39-26 decision despite Gary Austin's eight points and the four points each contributed by Chad Puga, Eric Hendricks and Russell Grant.

Runnels' Black team, however, took a 41-26 win. Clayton Weaver paced Big Spring's attack with 15 points, while Dustyn Beauchamp had nine, Andrew Viczaino had seven and Curtis Woodruff chipped in six more.

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.

Umpires will be calling high school softball games in Alpine, Andrews, Big Spring, Brady, Coahoma, Colorado City, Eldorado, Fort Stockton, Greenwood, Hermleigh, Kermit, Lamesa, Midland, Monahans, Odessa, Pecos, San Angelo, Snyder, Sonora and Wall.

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

PLAYOFFS

FRIDAY:

7:30 p.m.

• Stanton (13-1) vs. Celina (12-2), Tarleton Memorial Stadium, Stephenville.

SATURDAY

3 p.m.

• Borden County (13-1) vs. Trinidad (14-0), in Glen Rose.

ON THE AIR

TODAY:

7 p.m.

• Presidents Cup, first round, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Deion's toe has him limping ... rest of Cowboys, too

IRVING (AP) — Deion Sanders has gone from "prime time" to "pine time." And now the Dallas Cowboys know what kind of a team they are without him — not very good.

Sanders has an injured left toe that has him limping instead of dancing in the end zone.

The Cowboys have lost consecutive games without his talents on defense, special teams and occasional guest appearances on offense. His teammates feed off his fire and big-play production.

"We miss a guy like Deion," quarterback Troy Aikman said. "We can't lose a player of his ability and say we are as good."

Dallas, the best team in a bad NFC East, are sitting pretty for the playoffs

with an 8-5 record. All the Cowboys need is a win at Kansas City on Sunday or an Arizona loss at Philadelphia to clinch their sixth division title in the last seven seasons.

However, Sunday's humiliating 22-3 loss to the New Orleans Saints has cast a pall over the team. The prospect of a December dash into the playoffs and then onto the Super Bowl is questionable after the Saints exposed the Cowboys as a struggling team.

Sanders could be the catalyst for a big bounce back. He was still wearing a heavy bandage on his left toe in the Dallas locker room on Wednesday and walking slowly.

However, coach Chan Gailey said, "Deion feels like he will be able to play."

If he does, Sanders puts these kind of defensive numbers into the lineup:

He has five interceptions, including one returned for a 71-yard yard touchdown, against the New York Giants.

He's the second-ranked NFL punt returner should he decide to play special teams. He has returned two punts for touchdowns.

On offense — and he probably wouldn't play offense because of missed practices — Sanders has caught seven passes for 100 yards.

"You can't lose a player of Deion's talent and not feel it on the field," Gailey said.

"Deion coming back would help get us going in a lot of areas," running back Emmitt Smith said. "He could get us

jump-started."

Minnesota scorched the Dallas secondary for four touchdown passes without Sanders in a 46-36 loss and New Orleans hit an 89-yarder for a score last week.

Rich Gannon of the Chiefs will be the quarterback Sunday, and he doesn't seem too concerned about Sanders coming back.

"He's a great athlete and has great instincts the way he breaks on the ball," Gannon said. "But we're going to run our offense and do what we do best. We're not going in one direction or the other because of Deion. We're just going to dial up our offense."

In the past, a quarterback dialing up Deion has called a wrong number.

Celina's talent impresses Cotton

Bobcats pit
bulk against
Bufs' ability
for big plays

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Sports Editor

It's not getting any easier.

As his Buffaloes head into their Class 2A, Division II semifinals date with Celina's Bobcats on Friday at Tarleton Memorial Stadium in Stephenville, Stanton head coach Mark Cotton keeps finding the road to a repeat state championship fraught with peril.

A week ago, Cotton was viewing videotape of Spearman's Lynx and opining they were the best football team he'd seen in two years.

Wednesday afternoon, the Bufs having survived Spearman's challenge 27-18 in the quarterfinals, Cotton was asked to compare Celina's team with the Lynx.

After several days of reading scouting reports and watching tapes of the Bobcats' games, Cotton is forced to make the unsettling assessment that Celina might be better.

"I'd have to say Celina is a more talented football team than Spearman," he explained prior to the Bufs' workout session. "Spearman had a bunch of hard-nosed, hard-working kids ... there's no question they were solid, but Celina has a lot of weapons."

The 12-2 Bobcats also have plenty of playoff experience, having reached the quarterfinals a year ago before suffering a loss to Italy, one they avenged last week in advancing to the semifinals.

Foremost among Cotton's concerns is the Bobcats' massive offensive front.

"They're absolutely huge," Cotton noted. "They average 6-foot-2 and 246 pounds on the offensive line, a big tight end that's just tremendous and an excellent tailback to run behind them."

Celina's offensive front includes 6-foot-6, 310 pound Derek Long; 5-foot-11, 225-pound Trent Vest; 6-foot, 220-pound Danny Stanphill; and 6-



Spearman running back Michael Lusby (45) finds Stanton Buffaloes defenders Austin Kelley (8), Jeremy Hull (5) and Jeremy Smith (56) impossible to elude during last week's Class 2A, Division II quarterfinals game. The Bufs took a 27-18 win and face an even more talented team in Celina's Bobcats in Friday's 7:30 p.m. semifinal at Tarleton Memorial Stadium in Stephenville.

foot-3, 240-pound Brandon Grumble.

That "tremendous" tight end is 6-foot-5, 230-pound Frank Maddox that Cotton says is not only a tremendous blocker, but is an excellent passing target with good hands and quickness.

And if tailback Allen Williams, a 6-foot, 160-pound senior, needs any additional blocking, the Bobcats can provide it with 6-foot-1, 200-pound fullback Jeremiah Ramey.

In addition, the Bobcats are mentored by East Texas small-school coaching legend G.A. Moore Jr., who turned Pilot Point into a Class 2A power during the 1970s and early '80s.

Moore's teams traditionally feature complex offenses that throw numerous formations at an opponent and defenses that crowd the line of scrimmage and dare the opposition to throw the football.

Cotton says that's exactly what he's seen in watching tapes of the Bobcats.

"They run a lot of things ... multiple formations — the Wishbone, the I-formation, the wing-T, some one-back ... just about anything you can imag-

ine," Cotton explained. "Defensively they put a lot of people up on the line of scrimmage and come from everywhere ... a lot like Spearman did. They want you to try and throw the football because they figure they're going to get to the quarterback before he can get rid of the ball."

That defensive approach worked pretty well for Spearman last week, limiting the Bufs to one of their smallest offensive outputs of the season.

But the Lynx found Stanton quarterback Kyle Herm and his offensive cohorts capable of enough big plays to chalk up a win and advance.

Herm passed for two touchdowns and returned a punt for another in igniting the Bufs' win last week, seemingly willing a Stanton win.

On the season, Herm has completed 94 of 151 passes for 1,603 yards and 23 touchdowns while giving up just four interceptions. He's carried the ball 95 times for 650 yards and 11 touchdowns, as well as returning six punts for touchdowns.

"Spearman had a great ball control offense and I think that

was their game plan," Cotton noted. "They ate up almost the entire first and third quarters with scoring drives that went more than 70 yards. I think that was probably their plan, to keep the ball out of our hands and I'm sure that's what Celina wants to do."

The Bufs, however, have proven to be a big play team that can strike at any moment.

"We're probably a little more of a big play offense this year than we were last year," Cotton noted. "That's important for us this week, too, because this one's probably going to come down to who makes the most mistakes and which one of us has the best special teams play."

"It's probably going to come down to who gets the breaks," he added. "You have to have some luck at this stage ... have to get a break or two."

"So far, I don't feel like we've really gotten any breaks ... we've had to earn everything we've gotten this year," Cotton concluded. "Of course, that's something we knew we were going to face when we won the championship last year. Everybody's shooting for us ... we're getting everybody's best."

Jays' GM
likes offer,
but whose?

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Roger Clemens chase will go into the weekend. Jose Canseco and Benito Santiago didn't wait that long to leave the Toronto Blue Jays.

Santiago agreed Wednesday to a \$2 million, one-year contract with the Chicago Cubs, while Canseco agreed to sign with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

While they were free agents, Toronto general manager Gord Ash kept up Clemens trade talks and said one team has made an acceptable offer — although the Blue Jays haven't accepted it.

By mentioning the offer, Ash increased pressure on other teams to raise their offers for the five-time Cy Young Award winner.

"I have an offer from a club that from a player point of view satisfies our needs," Ash said. "What I've suggested to that club is that they get guidance from Roger's representatives on how they should proceed from there."

It was believed that the offer didn't come from one of the top three contenders — the New York Yankees, Texas and Houston — and that Ash was dealing with a team he wasn't sure Clemens would accept.

"I guess what I'm directing that club to do is make sure they qualify," Ash said. "They had a lot of questions for me that I couldn't answer."

The most likely candidate to fit that description is Cleveland, although it's possible that it could be a National League team, possibly the New York Mets or maybe even Colorado or Atlanta.

"The calls today have been a little less frequent. I don't have a reason for that," Ash said. "I would say from the lack of conversation, this is going to drag into the weekend, for sure."

Ash said the team that made an acceptable proposal didn't contact him Wednesday. He talked to just two clubs.

One of those was Texas. Rangers general manager Doug Melvin, who traveled to Toronto and talked with Ash for 90 minutes on Tuesday, met with him again in the morning.

"I even paid for breakfast," Ash said.

Top-ranked UConn gets past UMass; Duke wins in romp

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Even though its high-speed offense was stuck in first gear, top-ranked Connecticut found a way to win.

Massachusetts forced the Huskies into a half-court game and held them 30 points under their average, but UConn still came away with a 59-54 road victory Wednesday night.

"The word terrific doesn't come to mind, but the word lousy doesn't either," UConn coach Jim Calhoun said of his team's performance.

UMass trailed by only three points following Ajmal Basit's dunk with 2:05 left, but a basket by Richard Hamilton and two foul shots by Khalid El-Amin with 36 seconds left kept Connecticut (7-0) on top.

Lari Ketner scored 15 points and Basit added 12 points and nine rebounds for UMass (1-4), which has lost four in a row since winning its opener over Niagara. It's the Minutemen's longest losing streak since 1990.

"If we can play this hard every night, we'll be in the (NCAA) tournament with UConn," said UMass guard Charlton Clarke. "We played with a lot of heart."

NCAA BASKETBALL

Don't let the 1-4 fool you. We proved we can play with anybody tonight."

Hamilton, a preseason All-American who came in averaging 20 points, was held to 11, and Connecticut was forced to play mostly half-court basketball. But the Huskies got a boost from reserve Albert Mouring, who led them with 13 points.

"I'm more impressed with our bench than our starters right now," Calhoun said. "Mouring made some big shots for us."

In other Top 25 games, it was No. 3 Duke 116, Florida 86; West Virginia 73, No. 13 Syracuse 59; Wisconsin 63, No. 16 Temple 56; No. 18 St. John's 73, No. 20 Pittsburgh 52; and No. 25 Utah 87, Weber State 74.

Duke 116, Florida 86

William Avery made a school-record eight 3-pointers as Duke routed previously unbeaten Florida.

The Blue Devils (8-1) scored 63 points in the first half and went on to match the

highest point total ever against Florida (5-1).

Avery, who finished with 26 points and nine assists, broke the Duke record of seven 3-pointers in a game set by Chris Collins in 1996 and tied by Trajan Langdon in 1997. The Blue Devils made a season-high 16 of 23 shots beyond the arc, including 8-for-10 by Avery.

West Virginia 73, Syracuse 59

Elton Scott scored 19 points and reserve Brooks Berry had eight of his career-high 16 points in a key second-half run as West Virginia won its Big East opener.

Syracuse (7-2) lost for the second time in five days.

West Virginia (4-3), which trailed 32-30 at halftime, used a zone defense early in the second half to hold the Orangemen scoreless for seven minutes.

Wisconsin 63, Temple 56

Wisconsin made 13 3-pointers to hand Temple its fourth straight loss.

The Owls (4-4) lost four in a row for the first time since the 1992-93 season and only the third time in the John Chaney era. The Owls lost five straight and fin-

ished 14-15 in 1982-83, Chaney's first season.

Sean Mason scored 14 points and Ty Calderwood had 13 points for the Badgers (8-1), who were 13-for-21 from long range.

St. John's 73, Pittsburgh 52

Bootsy Thornton scored a career-high 23 points, including 15 in a 21-6 run that helped St. John's beat Pittsburgh at Alumni Hall.

The Red Storm (7-2) won their fourth straight since losing consecutive games to Stanford and Purdue. Pittsburgh (7-3, 0-1) has lost three of its last four, with all the losses against ranked teams.

Ron Artest added 15 points on 7-of-11 shooting for St. John's, while Tyrone Grant had 10 points and 11 rebounds.

Utah 87, Weber St. 74

Andre Miller scored 19 points and became Utah's career leader in steals.

Miller had six points and an assist during a 15-4 run midway through the second half that blew open a close game. He got his 92nd career steal early in the second half to pass Josh Grant on Utah's list.

SPORTS EXTRA

JUCO-MEN

Table listing top 20 teams in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I men's basketball poll.

NFL STANDINGS

American Conference NFL Standings table with columns for team, W, L, T, Pct., PF, PA.

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TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL American League BOSTON RED SOX—Agreed to terms with RHP Mark-Portugal on a one-year contract.

CHICAGO CUBS—Named Joe Housley East Coast scouting supervisor. Agreed to terms with C Benito Santiago on a one-year contract.

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PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

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Boxer Archie Moore dead at 84

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Durable in the ring, charismatic and somewhat mysterious outside it, Archie Moore left a remarkable legacy. Moore died Wednesday at age 84, remembered as much for being a great person as a great boxer.

like hell. "He fought everybody. He did a lot for boxing." The news stunned Canada's Yvon Durelle, who knocked down Moore four times in a famous 1958 fight at the Montreal Forum. "It's breaking me up," Durelle, his voice stammering, said. "He was a nice guy, a hell of a guy. Too bad, too bad. Land sakes alive I wish I could (go to his funeral)."

POWER POINTS FOOTBALL CONTEST WINNER WEEK NUMBER 14 David Oden Abilene ★ 129 Local High Score Mickie Harris Big Spring ★ 115 Points

He won the light-heavyweight title at age 39 and had a record 141 knockouts. He knocked down undefeated heavyweight Rocky Marciano before losing, and was nearly 50 and just months from retirement when he lost to Muhammad Ali.

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Moore was clearly one of a kind. "There wasn't anything about him that wasn't unusual or fun," longtime boxing publicist Bill Caplan said. "Everything was mysterious. He created his own mystique. He never needed a publicist to make himself colorful."

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Moore's 27-year career began well before World War II and lasted into the television age. "Archie, to me, was the forerunner of fighters who were appreciated outside the ring as well as in the ring," said Angelo Dundee, the longtime trainer who worked with many champions, including Ali.

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BIG SPRING Thursday, FISHING Here is the weekly... CENTRAL BROWNWOOD: Black bass are fished in 2 to 3... SOUTH AMISTAD: Water 29' low; Black ba... WEST ALAN HENRY: Black bass to 4 f... BRIDGEPORT: W... COLORADO CUT: degrees; 12' low; lake due to windy... FT. MOUNTAIN: degrees; 16' low; white spinnerbaits are fair on minnow in 12 feet of water. Hybrid striper... shad, Channel and... yellow catfish... HUBBARD CREEK: degrees; 4 low; B... L-Traps and Carol... fished in the mouth... of water. Crappie... and jigs fished in... water. White ba... Channel and blue c... livers and nightcra... fair on live perch... KEMP: Water mu... Black bass are fa... chautreuse crank... rigged worms fish... points. Crappie... bass are fair on liv... water. Channel a... on prepared baits f... in 5 to 7 feet of... slow... NOCONA: Water... foot low; Black ba... spinner and jerkba... water around the... coves. Crappie... fished in 5 to 10 f... blue catfish and... jigs fished in the... blue catfish are f... to 15 feet of water... OAK CREEK RES: degrees; 8' low; E... spinnerbaits, jigs... to 15 feet of water... on minnows and jig... of water. White ba... fished in 2 to 15 f... blue catfish and... chicken livers fish... Yellow catfish are... O.H. IVIE: Water... low; Black bass to... ner and crankbaits... to 5 feet of water... news and jigs fish... feet of water. Whit... very good on slabs... water. Channel and... good on prepared... water... POSSUM KING: degrees; 11.5' low... crankbaits, worms... feet of water. Crapp... fished in 10 to 20... are slow on small j... 10 to 20 feet of... slow on live shad f... water. Channel and... cut and prepared t... feet of water. Yellow... SPENCE: Water... Black bass to 9 poi... rigged worms fish... are slow on minnow... good on slabs, wor... in 2 to 18 feet of... pounds are very go... 12 to 16 feet of w... catfish are good... fished in 4 to 12 f... fish are slow... STAMFORD: Wat... 11' low; Black ba... baits and black/b... Crappie are fair o... blue catfish are go... prepared baits. Yell... perch... SWEETWATER: W... 6' low; Black ba... rigged purple lizz... Crappie are slow... Channel and blue... stinkbait. Yellow cat... TWIN BUTTES: Th... normal due to work... scheduled for com... One ramp on the... accessible... WHITE RIVER: Th... porarily suspended... the condition of th... down about 20 feet... is hazardous (very

FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Dec. 9. (Report also available on Web as www.tdfr.com.)

CENTRAL
BROWNWOOD: Water clear; 63 degrees; Black bass are good on white spinnerbaits fished in 2 to 10 feet of water (try a slow retrieve). Crappie are good on minnows fished at night under lights in 15 to 30 feet of water. Hybrid strippers are good on slabs and spoons fished in 24 to 30 feet of water in the evening under lights. Catfish are slow.

BUCHANAN: Water clear; 65 degrees; 7.5' low; Black bass to 5.3 pounds are good on topwaters, white Terminator spinnerbaits and Carolina-rigged chartreuse/pepper ring fries. Crappie are fair on minnows. Striped bass to 8.5 pounds are fair on live bait and yellow/white bucktail jigs. Channel and blue catfish are good on chicken livers. Yellow catfish to 18 pounds are fair on live perch.

PROCTOR: Water stained; 65 degrees; Black bass are good on spinnerbaits and chrome Rat-L-Traps fished around the bank and the stumps. Crappie are good on minnows and yellow tube jigs fished around the dam and the island in the middle of the lake in 10 to 25 feet of water. Hybrid strippers slow. Catfish are good on cut baits fished in the mouth of the river.

SOUTH
AMISTAD: Water fairly clear; 66 degrees; 29' low; Black bass are slow on topwaters, red shad and green Texas-rigged worms and jigs fished along the edges of the hydrilla. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished around the tree tops. White bass are good on slabs and jigs fished up the river. Striped bass to 38 pounds are good on live shad and white/chartreuse jigs fished up the river. Channel and blue catfish are good on prepared baits fished in 40 to 80 feet of water. Yellow catfish to 40 pounds are good on trotlines baited with live perch.

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water murky; 57 degrees; Black bass to 4 pounds are good on slabs jugged around the hardwoods in the major creeks in 18 to 22 feet of water. Spotted and smallmouth bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows fished in Big Grape Creek. Channel and blue catfish are slow.

ARROWHEAD: Water fairly clear; 68 degrees; 5' low; Black bass are fair on minnows and spinnerbaits. Crappie are good on minnows fished in 15 to 18 feet of water. White bass are very good on minnows fished at the south end of the lake by the bridge. Channel and blue catfish are good on cheesebait. Yellow catfish are fair on goldfish and large minnows fished by the dam in 25 to 30 feet of water.

BRIDGEPORT: Water clear; 61 degrees; 9 feet low; Black bass to 5 pounds are good on worms, spinnerbaits and topwaters fished in 1 to 5 feet of water. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. White bass and hybrid strippers are good on slabs and shad. Channel and blue catfish are good on shad and chicken livers fished in the shallows. Yellow catfish are fair on live perch.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water stained; 58 degrees; 4' low; Black bass are good on Rat-L-Traps and Carolina-rigged purple worms fished in the mouths of the creeks in 6 to 10 feet of water. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished in the creeks in 5 to 8 feet of water. White bass are good on small crankbaits. Hybrid strippers are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on chicken livers and nightcrawlers. Yellow catfish are fair on live perch.

KEMP: Water murky; 67 degrees; 8' low; Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits, chartreuse crankbaits and black Texas-rigged worms fished in the shallows off the points. Crappie are fair on minnows. Striped bass are fair on live shad fished in 25 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are fair on prepared baits fished off the rocky points in 5 to 7 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow.

NOCONA: Water stained; 62 degrees; 4' feet low; Black bass are good on topwaters, spinner and jerkbaits fished in 1 to 6 feet of water around the mouths of the creeks and coves. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows fished in 5 to 10 feet of water. White bass and hybrid strippers are good on slabs and jigs fished in the main lake. Channel and blue catfish are fair on stinkbait fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow.

OAK CREEK RESERVOIR: Water clear; 66 degrees; 8' low; Black bass are good on spinnerbaits, jigs and minnows fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. White bass are fair on minnows fished in 2 to 15 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and chicken livers fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow on live perch.

O.H. IVIE: Water clear; 62 degrees; 7.5' low; Black bass to 6 pounds are fair on spinner and crankbaits fished in the creeks in 3 to 5 feet of water. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished at night in 20 to 25 feet of water. White bass to 2 pounds are very good on slabs fished in 25 to 45 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are fair to good on prepared baits fished in 25 feet of water.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 62 degrees; 11.5' low; Black bass are slow on crankbaits, worms and jigs fished in 3 to 10 feet of water. Crappie are slow on minnows fished in 10 to 20 feet of water. White bass are slow on live shad fished in 10 to 30 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are slow on cut and prepared baits fished in 10 to 30 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow.

SPENCE: Water stained; 61 degrees; Black bass to 9 pounds are good on Texas-rigged worms fished off the bank. Crappie are slow on minnows. White bass are very good on slabs, worms and minnows fished in 2 to 18 feet of water. Striped bass to 22 pounds are very good on cut baits fished in 12 to 16 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are good on stinkbait and shrimp fished in 4 to 12 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow.

STAMFORD: Water murky; 67 degrees; 11' low; Black bass are slow on spinnerbaits and black/blue Rattle Power Jigs. Crappie are fair on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are good on nightcrawlers and prepared baits. Yellow catfish are fair on live perch.

SWEETWATER: Water clear; 60 degrees; 6' low; Black bass are good on Carolina-rigged purple lizards and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are slow to fair on minnows. Channel and blue catfish to are good on stinkbait. Yellow catfish are slow.

TWIN BUTTES: The lake level is at 12% of normal due to work on the dam. The work is scheduled for completion in April or May. One ramp on the lake is reportedly barely accessible.

WHITE RIVER: This report will be temporarily suspended pending some change in the condition of the lake. Water level is down about 20 feet and boating on the lake is hazardous (very little activity).

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By BETTY DEBNAM

How to Start a Business
A Mini Guide to Economics

Here are some words you should know.



The things we must have to survive, such as food, shelter and clothing, are called needs.



The extras that we might do without but are nice to have are called wants.

People who make things for us provide goods.



People who do things for us provide services.



A consumer is someone who uses goods and services.

A producer is someone who makes things or offers services.

Economics is the study of how goods and services are produced, sold, delivered and consumed.

For many businesses, the holiday season is the busiest time of year. To find out how you might go into business, let's pretend that you are the Mini Page master chef, Rookie Cookie, and you want to get into the candy business.

1. Learn about the business. Read about it. Work for someone who is already in it. Find out about the competition.

2. Study your consumers, or customers. Find out about the demand for the product. Find out why customers buy it and how much they will pay.

3. Set your goals and make your plans. To be successful, you must offer the right good or service:

- at the right price
- at the right time
- of the right quality
- in the right number
- in the right way.

4. Find out if you need licenses for your business. Find out what other laws you must obey.

5. Raise the capital, or money you'll need for supplies, employees' pay and other expenses. You might borrow from a bank or use your own money.

6. Find the right location. To many businesses, this is very important. To others, it is not.

7. Do your buying and start making your product.

8. Set up a way to keep the records so you can record your profits (the money you make after you pay all of your expenses) and losses.

9. Plan the advertising to promote your products.

10. If you are planning to hire employees, set up a training program.

11. Sell, sell, sell!

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 4. Stir in pecans. Mix well.
 5. Spread in a greased 8-by-8-inch baking pan.
 6. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 30 minutes. When cool, cut into bars. Makes about 16 bars.

TRY 'N FIND BUSINESS WORDS

Words that remind us of business are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: BUSINESS, ECONOMICS, WANTS, GOODS, WORK, SERVICES, CONSUMER, PRODUCER, MAKE, READ, PAY, COMPETITION, STUDY, PLANS, PRICE, LOAN, BUY.

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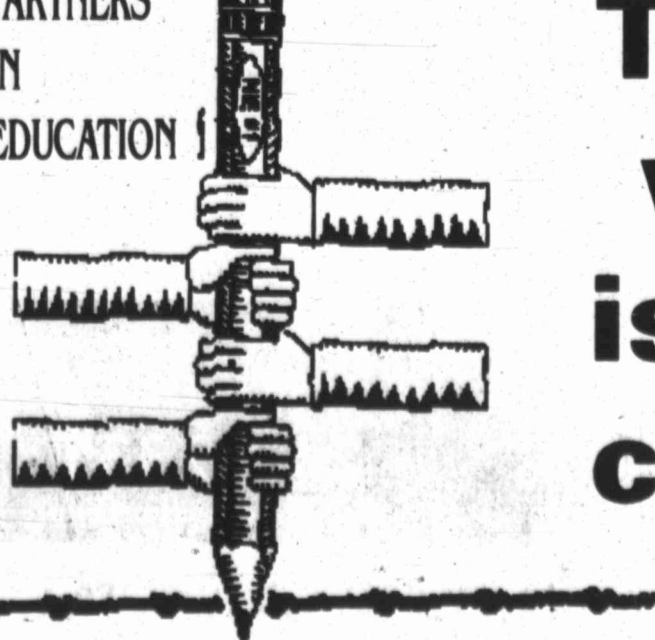
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(sent in by Brian Crenwidge)

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Joyce: Gorilla who?
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A bull is someone who believes the prices of stocks will go up. A "bull market" is good news for most investors.
- I LIKE TO INVEST IN BONDS.**
A bear is someone who believes the prices of stocks will go down.
- BAD NEWS! I FEEL VERY BEARISH ABOUT THE MARKET.**
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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MILES MOORE

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of MILES MOORE were issued on Cause No. 12,495 pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to JANE H. MOORE.

The residence of such JANE H. MOORE is Big Spring, Texas, the post office address is: 102 Colorado Road, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 1st day of December, 1998. JANE H. MOORE 2129 December 10, 1998

Anniversary remembrance gives comfort to widows

DEAR ABBY: The recent letter from "Concerned Sister in Law" moved me to write. She said her mother-in-law had died in 1989, but her sister-in-law still sends anniversary cards to her father. She asked if that was healthy and normal.

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, DEC. 11: Expect a dynamic year as you learn better communications. Others will be drawn by your high appeal. Your intuition leads you in the right direction; you'll often know who is going to call beforehand. You anticipate others' actions and feelings. You will indulge others through cards and small gifts. People respond favorably to your positive actions. If you are single, you'll enjoy your home life even more than usual. Romance appears on the horizon. Could this be the real thing? It is very possible. If attached, the two of you stoke the fire of your relationship. LIBRA comes through in a pinch.

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) You find clarity, though solutions don't necessarily easily appear. Others open up, allowing you to make headway. Options appear because of your ability to understand and empathize. Stay on top of work, despite the impending holiday. Tonight: Dine with a partner.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Pace yourself, and get as much done as you can. A loved one makes a confession. Attend to finances; balance your budget, even with the holidays approaching. Somehow, you spread yourself between various friends, meetings and happy moments. Tonight: Holiday cheer.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You deal well with chaos, especially if you see it as instrumental to clearing the air. You will resolve recent misunderstandings and move forward. A partner lets you know how much you light up his life. If single, someone special is near. Tonight: Join friends.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Anchor in, and be realistic. You are unsure of what to do with someone who's at a distance. Be spontaneous. Let someone have greater input into a work decision. Talks clear the air. Someone might have a crush on you. Let more creativity in your life. Tonight: Work on Santa stuff!***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You might have your hands full with all that goes on. An associate offers a plethora of opportunities; it might be difficult to choose. A co-worker chips in and makes that extra effort. Perhaps there is more going on with this association than you realize. Tonight: Out the door!***

VIROO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Clarity replaces confusion, but you still have a lot to sort through. A budding relationship piques your interest. Intuition is right on with money and gift buying. You don't need someone's advice.

Sort through invitations; prioritize your time. What is important to you? Tonight: Shop away.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Timing could make or break you. Use the afternoon to launch projects, especially emotional ones. You could be overwhelmed by all that you have to do. Don't spend time fretting, just start moving. Don't be a last-minute shopper. Tonight: Dote on a deserving family member.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Open doors, and allow more information in. Hunches could be right on. Concentrate on one item at a time. You easily could get overloaded and distracted. Communicate with openness and gentleness. You gain important insights. Tonight: Add mystery to your image.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Talking clears up a lot of work-related problems. You didn't understand, or someone didn't communicate well. Imagination leads you on an interesting hunt. Follow through on a gift idea. Unexpected opportunities pop up from out of the blue. Tonight: Make an extra effort at home.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Travel plans can be confirmed and solidified. Still, don't play into office gossip. Your awareness is high when dealing with others, you intuitively know what they want. Your softer side emerges. Show caring in a way that someone can hear. Tonight: Out and about until late.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Straighten out partnership issues. Financial news has you making progress. Don't resist an opportunity to make money. Discussions prove important. You find your feelings rather tender. You could exaggerate someone's reaction, however. Tonight: Catch a holiday concert.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Others have many requests, you wonder which to fulfill. Listen to someone's opinion, especially a boss's. You gain because you are willing to put yourself on the line. Recognize what you would like to change. Present your case. Tonight: Light the fires of romance.***

BORN TODAY

Actress Donna Mills (1913), actress Rita Moreno (1931), filmmaker Susan Seidelman (1952)

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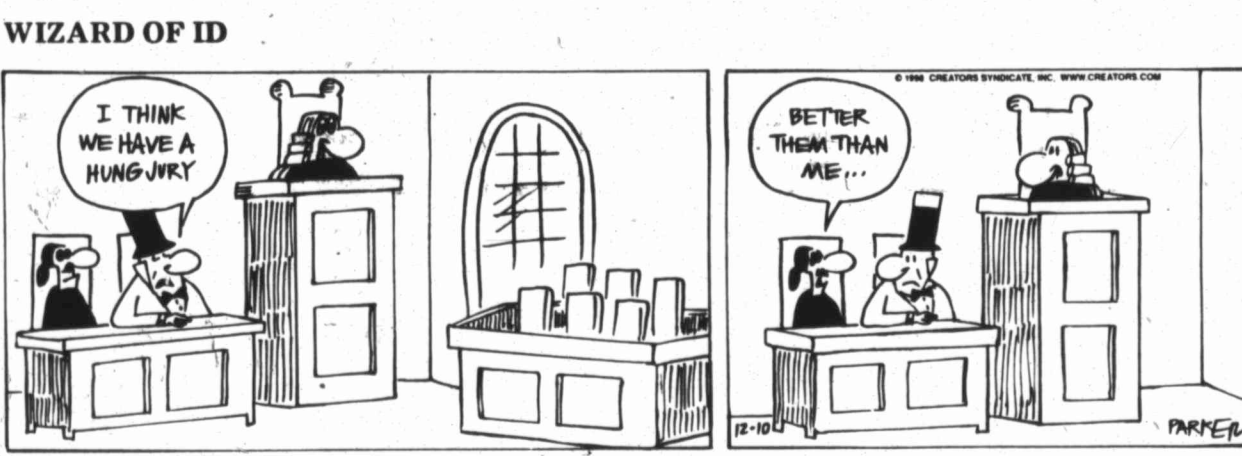
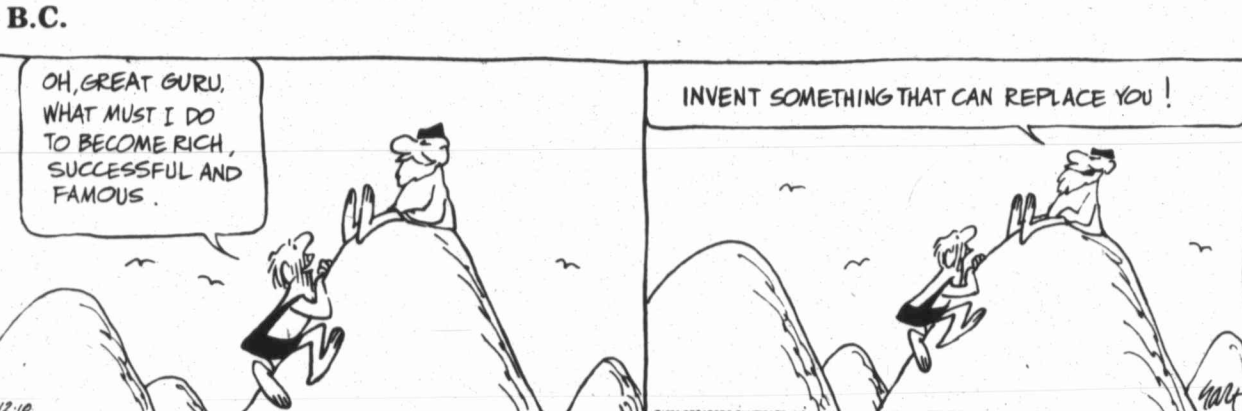
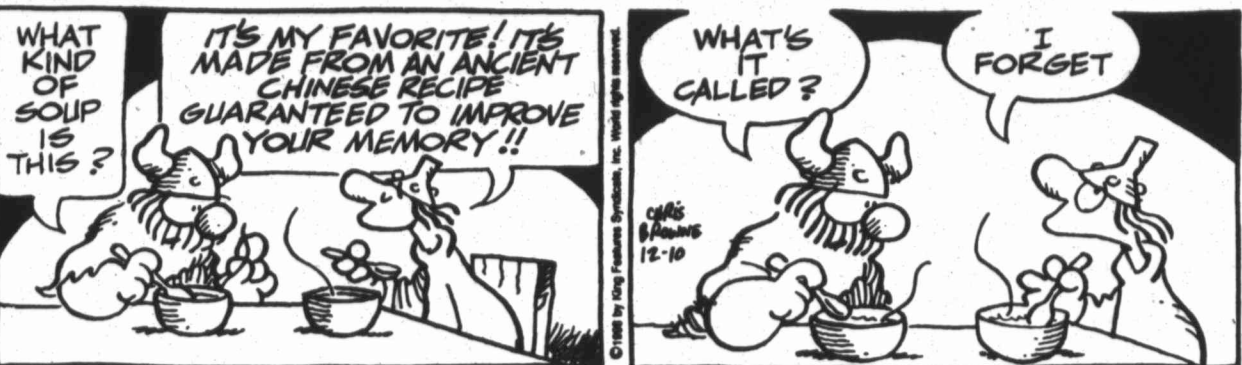
DEAR ABBY: I have a bone to pick with you. I am a widow living in the seniors building. One of the residents brought your column on sending anniversary cards to a surviving spouse to the community room.

THURSDAY

DEC. 10

Table with 33 columns representing different stations (KMID, KPEJ, KERA, etc.) and rows for various time slots (6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 12:30) listing program titles and genres.

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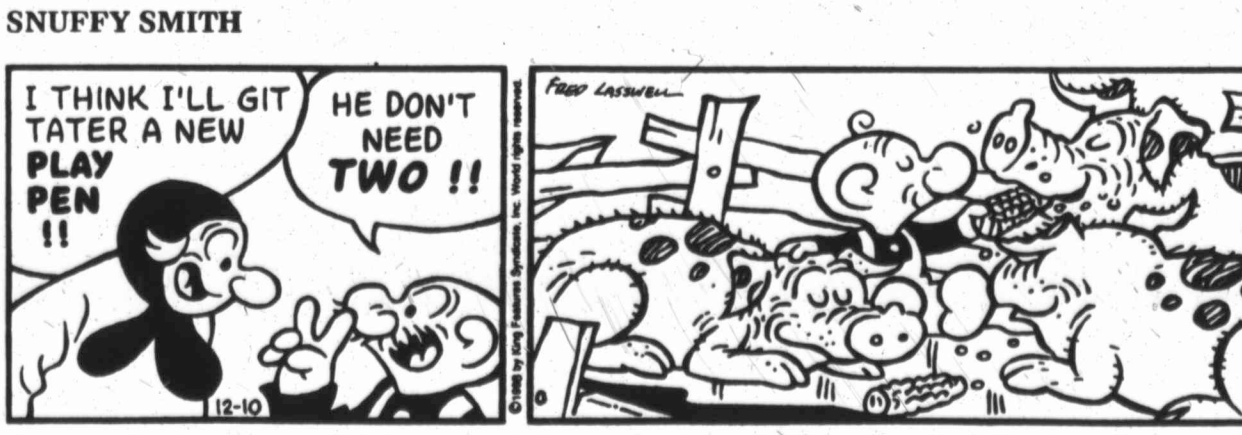


THIS DATE IN HISTORY: Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 10, 1948, the U.N. General Assembly adopted its Universal Declaration on Human Rights. On this date: In 1817, Mississippi was admitted as the 20th state.

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