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Senior citizens invited to health fair at Canterbury

Senior citizens are invited to a senior health fair Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Canterbury, 1700 Lancaster. There will be many free screenings including cholesterol, diabetes, oxygen-pulse, vision and hearing.

American Legion 506 plans fish fry and barbecue

American Legion Post 506 is having a barbecue and fish fry Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. at 3203 W. Hwy. 80. The cost is \$6 per plate and carry out is available. For more information call 263-2084. The public is invited.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY
□ Rackley-Swords Chapter 379 Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Road.
□ American Legion Post 506, 7 p.m.
□ Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY
□ AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.
□ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

SATURDAY
□ All senior citizens in the community are invited to a senior health fair from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Canterbury, 1700 Lancaster.
□ Eagles Lodge pot luck supper, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.
□ Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Members and guests welcome.
□ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
□ The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens are encouraged.

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Martin County Fair to open Friday amid pageantry aplenty

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

STANTON — It's fair time in Martin County.

Pageants, catered meals, dances, an ice cream freeze-off and a pancake breakfast are just a few of the highlights planned for the Martin County Fair, which opens at 10 a.m. Friday and Saturday at the Martin County Community Center.

"It's just a real unique county show," said Lee Howard, Martin County extension agent. "We have a lot of fun."

Entries in the various shows — ag, textiles, art and the like — were due in by

7 p.m. today.

Some of the events on Friday include the Little Miss Martin County Pageant at 5:30 p.m. for girls age 4 to 8. There is also a Miss Martin County Pageant for junior and senior girls residing in the county.

At 6 p.m., the 4-H Ice Cream Freeze-Off and Auction is scheduled.

"It's the major money raising event for 4-H that we have," said Howard.

The ice cream is judged, and then auctioned off, with all of the funds going to 4-H.

A catered meal is planned for 7:30 p.m., followed by a dance.

Saturday's activities begin at 7 a.m. with an all-you-can-eat pancake break-

fast that continues until 9:30.

A steer show — open to area counties as well — begins at 8 a.m. Some 40 steers are expected for the show, said Howard.

That's followed at 10 a.m. with a series of Texas Junior Meat Goat Association-sanctioned goat shows and a sanctioned showmanship show.

"It's a really big deal," said Howard. "We'll have about 300 goats. We'll do one show, then turn around with a different judge and have another one. We'll have entries from East Texas and South Texas — a very diverse area."

A food show begins at 2 p.m. Saturday, followed by an auction at 4.

"The baked goods are judged and then

auctioned and the money raised puts on next year's fair," said Howard.

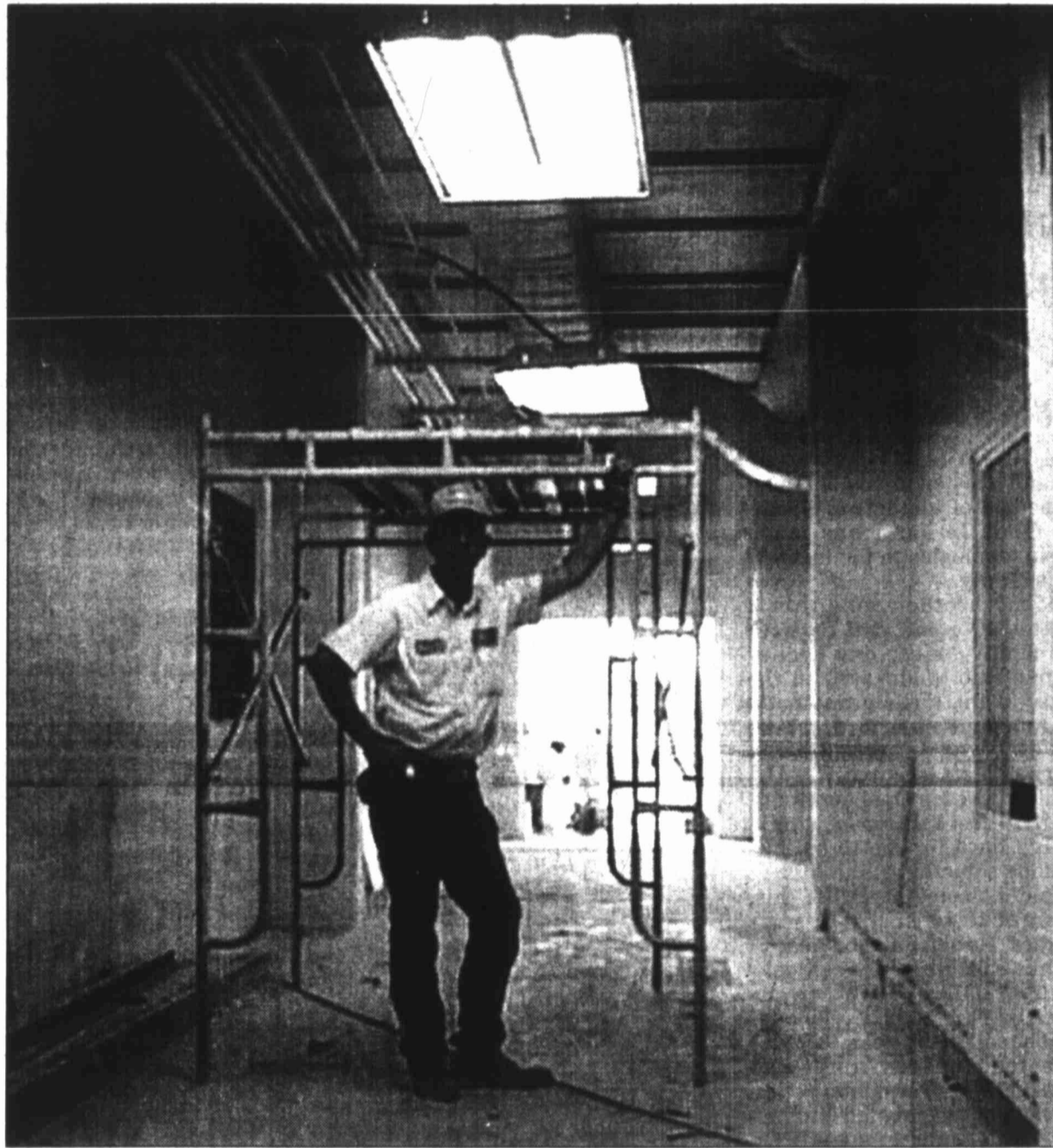
A catered meal at 6 p.m. and dance at 9 close out the fair Saturday night.

Fair-goers are invited to see all the entries at no charge. They include antique purses and hats, a flower show and some of the more typical county fair shows — cotton and grain sorghum and garden crops.

Other entertainment is planned as well and food booths ensure there will be plenty of snacks, burgers and drinks available.

"Everyone is invited to come and see the exhibits and have a good time," said Howard.

First portion of Wilderness Camp housing project nears completion



Terry Jenkins, airport maintenance supervisor, conducts a tour of the refurbished Building 64, which is expected to be ready next week. The old Webb Air Force Base building will house food, laundry, canteen and day room facilities for Wilderness Camp inmates. A new dormitory facility for 150 inmates is under early construction adjacent to the existing structure and is expected to be completed in mid-September.

By RICK McLAUGHLIN
Staff Writer

Construction should be completed by the end of next week on the first leg of a new, \$200,000 home for the Wilderness Camp inmates in Building 64 at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, Assistant City Manager Emma Bogard said Wednesday.

The original building, shared with Avantech, will be ready next week, but the housing addition for the inmates is still set for completion in mid-September, said Bogard.

The new addition for inmates is a prefabricated steel building, which will be raised by inmate labor.

The addition of about 7,000 square feet, with the space in the original Webb Air Force Base office building, will give

the city about 18,000 square feet of floor space in the new facility.

Bogard noted that this will cost the city about \$200,000, compared to the \$1 million she said would be the replacement cost of a new building.

That's because most of the labor for the camp is being done by Wilderness Camp inmates, as well as city employees. The work done by inmates is overseen by the city, Bogard said.

The original building shared with Avantech will house offices, restrooms and support services, while the addition will house 150 prisoners. The former Air Force barracks building across the street, where prisoners have lived since the program began five years ago, will be used for guards for some time before its

eventual demolition, said Terry Jenkins, airport maintenance supervisor.

The 150-bed capacity is an increase of 50 over the current facility.

The city is under contract with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to provide housing for the inmates. In exchange, the inmates perform various labor around the community on such projects as the pavilion and restrooms at Kids Zone, the light display at the historic spring during the holidays, and construction of the Vietnam Memorial Gold Star Chapel.

Prisoners have been housed in the barracks, but more than a year ago, TDCJ officials told the city that they considered the barracks building to be

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150 years

Numerous community activities planned to 'Rediscover the Spring'

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

"Rediscover the Spring" is the theme for the Oct. 2-3 celebration of the 150th anniversary of Capt. Randolph B. Marcy's discovery of the Historic Spring.

Activities for the weekend will include a period style show on Saturday morning, the Big Spring Symphony's season opening performance on Saturday night and the official sesquicentennial observance on Sunday afternoon.

The style show and symphony performance will be in the Municipal Auditorium while the sesquicentennial observance will be at the spring.

"We're planning a number of activities on Sunday," explained sesquicentennial committee chairman Angie Way. "We want to encourage families to turn out in the park after church and spend an afternoon together as a community."

Plans call for a homemade ice cream contest and most authentic costume contest in addition to having a reenactment group portray Marcy's discovery of the spring.

In addition, a play — consisting on an informative introduction on the history of the spring as well as a melodrama — will be presented.

According to "Gettin' Started: Howard County's First 25 Years" by local historian Joe Pickle, "none can say who was the first being to come upon the big



WAY PICKLE

springs which later were to give the town its name ... What seems fairly clear is that Capt. Randolph B. Marcy was the first to chronicle definitely his visit to the spring on Oct. 3, 1849 as he sought to blaze a leg on a transcontinental trail."

One widely circulated theory is that Spanish explorer Cabeza de Vaca may have been the first white man to look upon the "big spring of the Colorado," as Marcy described it some 300 years after de Vaca visited the region.

But it was Marcy who first wrote about the spring.

"Leaving the Salt Lake this morning, our bearing was N. 71 E for eight miles, where we reached the border of the high plain. Here we could see the low bluffs in the direction we were marching, near which our guide informed us we could find a spring of water. Fourteen and a half miles of travel over a beautiful road brought us to the spring which we found flowing from a deep chasm in the lime-

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Cooling problems at BSHS now corrected, officials say

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Start-up problems with the air conditioning system at Big Spring High School have been corrected, and principal Kent Bowermon says classrooms are now cool and comfortable.

"In fact, it's so cold in my office it's hard to stay in here," he said.

Mechanical problems the first week of school, along with soaring outside temperatures, created some

problems for both students and teachers, he said.

Those problems have been corrected, he said.

"We had some problems with four valves the first week of school. There were four valves not operating correctly, and we did have several teachers who nearly had to go home sick from the heat," Bowermon said.

Another mechanical problem caused the theater arts room to be warm when one of the air conditioning units stopped working.

That unit also was repaired. "I received the report that it was working yesterday and

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BSISD receives two TIF grants totaling \$160,000

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

An award of grants totaling \$160,000 from the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (TIF) means all campuses in the Big Spring Independent School District will have Internet access, with a computer in every classroom.

"We are really excited, and once we have these projects complete we will have caught up with our technology plan and have Internet access to every campus in the district,"

said Paula Cole, technology coordinator for BSISD.

Two \$80,000 grants have been received that will be used to bring computers to the students at Anderson Kindergarten Center, and to upgrade existing equipment in Big Spring High School.

Each classroom at the kindergarten center will have Internet access through cabling that is to be installed, as well as a computer system, which consists of a computer and a printer, she

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Ava Martin, left and Lindsay Hull, seniors at Big Spring High School, place invitations to the Fall Open House into envelopes as part of their duties as office workers.

HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

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Republicans, Democrats clash on tax cuts during August recess

WASHINGTON (AP) — Girding for a fall clash over the budget and tax cuts, Republicans and Democrats are spending the lazy days of August trying to sell voters on their view of how to use projected federal surpluses.

Fanning the flames of political rhetoric, anti-tax activists are showering voters with letters and lawmakers with petitions during the summer congressional recess.

House and Senate Republicans have scheduled more than 600 events nationwide to extol the \$792 billion, 10-year tax cut passed by Congress earlier this month. House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., was in the Seattle suburbs

Wednesday to tout the bill's gradual elimination of inheritance taxes.

The speaker, who plans appearances in seven states over the next 10 days, said he was "perplexed" by President Clinton's pledge to veto the bill and said the president "sees the surplus as a great opportunity to make government bigger."

"I think the president's judgment is impaired by his desire to expand the size and scope of government," Hastert said. "We see the surplus as the best opportunity to bring some fairness to the tax code."

Over a decade, the bill also would reduce all income tax rates by one percentage point, cut capital gains taxes, improve

retirement savings, ease the "marriage penalty" paid by many two-income couples, gradually eliminate the alternative minimum tax, provide new breaks for education and health care and benefit large and small businesses.

At many GOP events, people affiliated with tax opposition groups are making a show of support for the GOP bill. In Texas, for example, about 150 members of Citizens for a Sound Economy — including one dressed as the Grim Reaper for the inheritance tax — planned to attend a town hall meeting with House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas.

Liz Tobias, the group's tax and budget director, said

activists also are writing letters to newspaper editors and calling lawmakers "to deliver this clear message: Strike out new spending and deliver my tax cut."

Another major tax cut supporter, the National Federation of Independent Business, is urging its 600,000 members to call, write or e-mail the White House.

"We want to be sure the White House hears small business' voice on this critical issue," said Jack Faris, president of the business organization.

Republicans believe their public relations blitz, focusing on careful explanation of the huge bill's many specific provisions for individuals, will overcome

public indifference to tax cuts. That would put pressure on Clinton and Democrats to back a bigger cut than they currently favor.

"The idea is to try to make it meaningful for the average person," said Laura Cox, spokeswoman for Sen. Paul Coverdell, R-Ga., who helps shape the Senate GOP agenda.

"Sometimes, people's reaction is different when they've had the plan explained to them."

Democrats, meanwhile, have not mounted a coordinated anti-tax message for their members to use during the congressional break. So they are doing their own thing.

Some of the more conservative Democrats, such as Rep.

Allen Boyd of Florida, are holding town hall meetings to discuss their opposition. But many are stressing a positive agenda centered on Medicare drug benefits, Social Security and a patient's bill of rights. Others have written newspaper opinion articles explaining their votes against the GOP bill.

"The long-term health of the economy could be jeopardized by the enactment of such a massive tax cut," said Rep. William Coyne, D-Pa., writing in the Pittsburgh-Post-Gazette.

Many Democrats believe the tax bill's main purpose is to appeal to GOP constituencies such as Christian conservatives, business people and tax opponents.

Alcoa to buy Reynolds Metals for \$44 billion in stock

NEW YORK (AP) — Alcoa, the largest aluminum maker, won its hostile bid for Reynolds Metals Inc., reaching an agreement to acquire the company for \$4.4 billion in stock, the companies said today.

Alcoa beat out Chicago-based investment group Michigan Avenue Partners in the bidding for Richmond, Va.-based Reynolds, also an aluminum producer.

The Reynolds board on Sunday had rejected a bid from Alcoa, saying it was not good enough. Alcoa then began taking a \$4.2 billion all-cash bid to shareholders while pursuing the talks that led to the merger agreement.

Alain J. P. Belda, Alcoa president and chief executive officer, said the deal "will permit the greater efficiencies and cost reductions required by an environment that has seen the lowest prices in many years for our commodity products."

The aluminum industry has been consolidating following a devastating decade. The collapse of the Soviet Union, one of the biggest aluminum producers, caused Russian companies to flood the market with aluminum as they sought foreign currency, pushing prices down. The global financial crisis in Asia, Russia and Latin America also depressed the market.

Another potential suitor for

Reynolds was Alcan Aluminium Ltd. of Canada, the world's No. 2 aluminum producer. But Alcan did not enter the bidding because it is in the midst of a merger with two other aluminum companies, Aluisse-Lonza Holding (Algroup) of Switzerland and Pechiney S.A. of France.

Under the Alcoa-Reynolds merger agreement, Reynolds shareholders will receive 1.06 shares of Alcoa common stock for each share of Reynolds common stock. Based on the Wednesday closing price of Alcoa common stock, the equity value of the transaction is approximately \$4.4 billion.

"I am pleased that we were

able to achieve such a favorable result for our shareholders in such a short period of time," said Jeremiah J. Sheehan, chairman and chief executive officer of Reynolds.

The combined company will have about 120,000 employees and will operate in more than 300 locations in 36 countries.

The two companies have a combined revenue of about \$21 billion, rivaling the new combination of Alcan and the Swiss and French companies, which have combined revenue of \$21.6 billion.

Shares of Reynolds fell 25 cents to \$68.25 in trading on the New York Stock Exchange on Wednesday.

Contempt motion filed against Bush in Texas whistleblower lawsuit

AUSTIN (AP) — The former head of the Texas Funeral Service Commission has asked that Gov. George W. Bush be held in contempt of court for denying that he had talked with the head of a company while it was being investigated by the agency.

Bush acknowledged Wednesday that he had a brief conversation with Robert Waltrip, chairman of Service Corp. International, a Houston-based funeral home company.

But he said there was no discussion of the commission's probe.

"It's a 20-second conversation," said Bush, a GOP presidential hopeful. "That's hardly enough time to even say hello, much less sit down and have a substantive discussion."

Whether Bush spoke with Waltrip while his company's embalming practices were being investigated has become an issue because of a whistleblower lawsuit filed by Eliza May, the former head of the

commission.

Ms. May was fired in February, and she says she lost her job because of her agency's investigation of Waltrip's company, which has donated money to Bush. The governor is not a defendant, but she subpoenaed him to answer questions in the case.

Bush tried to have the subpoena dismissed. He filed an affidavit on July 20 stating: "I have had no conversations with SCI officials, agents or representatives concerning the investigation or any dispute arising from it."

Bush's spokeswoman, Linda Edwards, called Wednesday's contempt motion "nothing more than a publicity stunt." Bush called the case frivolous and said it was politically motivated.

Ms. May is a former treasurer of the state Democratic Party.

The Funeral Commission inquiry resulted in a recommended fine of \$445,000. SCI is fighting the fine and says the agency misinterpreted the state embalming law.

Ms. May's contempt motion accuses Bush of making "false, misleading and deceptive" statements in the affidavit.

More employers using transcripts for hires

WASHINGTON (AP) — Youngsters seeking work at more than 10,000 businesses, from McDonald's to IBM, are finding they cannot hide from a spotty academic career: Their high school records are being requested by companies worried that poor grades and lax attendance may suggest an employment risk.

Prospective employers hope they're sending a message to high school students and recent graduates that school performance and their commitment to learning matter — even in today's job market, where employers are crying for help.

"We let standards go down over the years; it's time to get them back to where they used to be," said John Wentling, the general manager of a McDonald's restaurant in Dover, Del.

Wentling is a participant in a campaign by the National Alliance of Businesses to

encourage employers to study high school records when hiring.

One applicant this summer did not get a job after Wentling's check of the school records showed the applicant missed 12 days of school and was late 37 times.

"In our profession, we have to schedule according to hourly needs," said Wentling, who has about 70 employees.

"We need to pick someone reliable, dependable and professional."

The two-year-old "Making Academics Count" campaign grew out of discussions among business and education groups; they both wanted to produce better students who can continue their education, and make themselves more attractive to potential employers.

The alliance, which started out with about 2,000 participants, reached its goal of 10,000 this month, the group said Wednesday.

High school transcripts vary by district, or even school, but most usually include students' grades, attendance history, course work and teacher evaluations. Transcripts always have helped students get into college but were used less often for jobs.

Sometimes parents and students can be reluctant to give permission for the records' release because they worry employers will use the information on gender, race, disability

and the like as an excuse to deny a job application.

However, business leaders facing shortages of skilled entry-level workers began to complain that students were graduating from high school without the skills — particularly in technology — necessary for today's workplace.

"There were days when I could get a manufacturing job with reading, writing and basic arithmetic," said Robin Willner, IBM's director of corporate social policy. "Those days are over."

International Business Machines Corp., based in Armonk, N.Y., asks for high school transcripts at all of the company's manufacturing facilities, which are in California, Minnesota, New York, North Carolina, Texas and Vermont.

About 30 percent of the company's 296,000 employees are in manufacturing and development.

Divided court keeps Starr investigation of Clintons alive

WASHINGTON (AP) — A divided federal court has given Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr authority to continue his investigation of President Clinton and his wife, Hillary, even as there were fresh indications Starr wants to quit before the job is done.

Citing Starr's "unusually productive" record of 24 indictments, 16 convictions and a presidential impeachment during his five-year probe, two Republican-appointed appeals court judges wrote Wednesday that they gave Starr the go-ahead to carry on after he said his work wasn't finished.

Starr has said his office was trying to wrap up its work and there has been speculation he might leave office before a final report was filed.

Starr said Wednesday his office was working with the Justice Department on "whether appropriate matters can be referred back to the department."

Justice Department officials have told Starr they probably would be unable to take over his unfinished investigation, a department official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Starr told U.S. Court of Appeals Judge David Sentelle, who presides over the three-judge panel, on Aug. 2 that he expected to leave the job before the end of the year.

ABC News quoted sources on its Web site Tuesday as saying

Starr had informed the judges he hoped to leave in the next several months and had submitted the resumes of three deputies as possible successors.

Starr said last week he hoped to wrap up the investigation and write a final report at the

"earliest practicable moment." Starr told reporters he expected the work to be completed before the general election in November 2000, when Mrs. Clinton likely will be the Democratic nominee for a U.S. Senate seat from New York.

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QUICK TRIVIA

◆It is easier to peel a hard boiled egg that is still warm. If you allow it to cool, the shell can stick to the egg.

◆The hottest temperature ever recorded in the U.S. was at Greenland Ranch, Calif., on July 10, 1913. It was 134 degrees F.

Got an Item?

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

Newlyweds enjoying retirement years 'just being together'

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

For Maurene and F.D. Rogers, love bloomed from a neighborly friendship. The two 83-year-olds are residents of Carriage Inn, with apartments next door to each other.

They were married July 29. Maurene, whose first husband died 26 years ago, moved into Carriage Inn when she began to have trouble with her legs, making it hard to get around on her own.

Only a few days after she arrived, the widow was going to eat breakfast when she noticed that she had a new neighbor — F.D. Rogers. After his wife died, he had moved into a smaller apartment that happened to be next door to Maurene.

The two began seeing each other in the hallway, dining

area and common areas, and speaking occasionally. Months passed, and they began to get to know each other better.

"There's nobody in the world any better than he is," said Maurene of her new husband.

"That's the sweetest girl you've ever seen in your life," F.D. added, looking fondly at his new wife.

The couple said although they talk often, about a variety of subjects, they never speak rudely and have not had a single argument. As the months went by, they began to enjoy doing things together — eating at restaurants, and sitting in the common areas at Carriage Inn just talking.

It was during one of those times that F.D. "popped" the question. He admits it really did just sort of "pop" out.

"I was sitting there by myself and he came along," recalled

Maurene. "We would sit there together some. And this time he said, 'I'll tell you what I want to do. I think we should get married.'"

"I didn't know what to say."

But she said yes, and a minister friend was glad to do the honors. It was a small ceremony, and they celebrated with dinner at Carriage Inn.

F.D. and Maurene kept their adjoining apartments, so they could have two bathrooms. But they spend most of their time in hers, where they can sit together and talk — still one of their favorite ways to pass the time.

They talk about their children, grandchildren and anything else they may want to discuss.

"Just being here together," she said, "that's what we like."

And her husband adds, "We just love each other. That's it."



Maurene and F.D. Rogers were recently married. The two 83-year-olds are spending their retirement years at Carriage Inn.



At left, Chandra Mullins demonstrates self defense techniques with St. Mary's Episcopal School students Kathryn Krager and Holly Bancroft. Above, Mullins uses her mother, teacher Debbie Mullins, to demonstrate a move. Chandra Mullins recently returned from a national competition for Tae Kwon Do, where she won a third place trophy. The Angelo State University student is from Coahoma.

Men never have the right to force women

QUESTION: What do you think about "date rape" when a girl has given a guy the come-on? If she had flirted with him and gone with him to an apartment or to someplace she shouldn't be, doesn't he have the right to have sex with her?

DR. DOBSON: A guy NEVER has a right to force a woman to have sex with him under any circumstances. She should be able to say no at any point, and he must honor that denial.



DR. JAMES DOBSON

It is criminal that so many girls and women are raped today. Fully 60 percent of all females who lose their virginity before age 15 say that their first sexual experience was forced! That is a tragedy with far-reaching consequences. What concerns me is that society has taught young men that they have the right to force themselves on young women.

In a study conducted by the Rhode Island Rape Crisis Center, 1,700 students between the sixth and ninth grades were asked if a guy should have a right to force a woman to have sexual intercourse with him under certain circumstances.

Sixty-five percent of the boys and 47 percent of the girls said boys do have that right if they have dated a girl for six months or longer! And 51 percent of the boys said a guy has a right to force a girl to kiss him if he spent "a lot of money on her" — defined by 12-year-olds as \$10 to \$15.

No wonder women find themselves on the defensive so often today. Some men fully expect women to prostitute themselves if they've spent a few bucks on them. It is a dangerous notion.

QUESTION: If it is natural for a toddler to break all the rules, should he be disciplined for routine misbehavior?

DR. DOBSON: Everything depends on how misbehavior is defined. Toddlers get in trouble most frequently because of their natural desire to touch, bite, taste, smell and break

everything within their grasp. However, this "reaching out" behavior is a valuable means of learning and should not be inhibited.

I have seen parents slap and whack their 2-year-olds throughout the day for simply investigating their world. This squelching of normal curiosity is not fair to the youngster. It seems foolish to leave an expensive trinket where it will tempt him and then scold him for taking the bait. If little fat fingers insist on handling the china cups on the lower shelf, it is much wiser to distract him with something else than to discipline him for his persistence. Toddlers can't resist the offer of a new plaything. They are easy to interest in less fragile toys, and parents should keep a few alternatives available for use when needed.

When, then, should the toddler be subjected to mild discipline? When he openly defies his parents' very clear commands — if he runs the other way when called, purposely slams his milk glass on the floor, dashes in the street when being told to stop, screams and throws a tantrum at bedtime, or hits his friends. These behavior patterns should be discouraged.

Even in these situations, however, harsh punishment is unwarranted. It is never appropriate! A few minutes sitting on a chair will usually convey the same message as convincingly.

Without watering down anything I have written about discipline, it should also be understood that I am a firm believer in the judicious use of grace (and humor) in parent-child relationships. In a world in which children are often pushed to grow up too fast, their spirits can dry out like prunes beneath the constant gaze of critical eyes. It is refreshing to see parents temper their harshness with a measure of "unmerited favor." Likewise, there's nothing that buoys every member of a family quite like laughter and a light-hearted spirit.

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.

Tracing your family tree

For Native American lines, start with National Archives

I asked my distant cousin in California who has researched her Native American lines for help, and her answer was so good, I decided to use her entire letter. Here it is:

Bobby, here are some suggestions for starting points in researching Native Americans.

The first place to start is at NARA, The National Archives. They have a searchable database for the Final Dawes rolls and other Indian Dawes cases. The URL is: <http://www.hara.gov/Genealogy/>

Just follow the instructions on searching the NAIL archives. If you find your ancestor on the rolls, you can order the forms you need off NARA to get you ancestor's application and enrollment card from NARA for \$10.

It can take up to three months to receive your order from them, so be patient, and it is better to use your credit card so there are fewer delays in receiving the information. The application will tell you more than the enrollment card and it is better to get that if you can. You will learn which line the Indian blood came from and

the parents, grandparents and even, if you are lucky, the great-grandparents. The application also lists all siblings of the applicant, their date of birth and death if applicable. It lists place of birth/dates, spouse(s), and children. A plethora of information can be found in these records.

It is important to know what tribe your ancestor might have come from. To find out, I would suggest a trip to USGenWeb (<http://www.usgenweb.com>). Visit the state page and then the county page and read the history of that area. This will tell you if Native Americans were in the area your ancestor was in and where they were removed to.

You can draw a migration path on an outline map of the U.S. to track their movement. It

is helpful to have all the dates and census information you can get to see how close your ancestor's migration matches that of the Indian removals.

The following page is a must read for those starting their search for their Native American ancestor. The following URL will give you the do's and don'ts of researching and where to go the find the answers...

"A Guide To Discovering Your Cherokee Ancestors" <http://www.public.usit.net/jerexcox/guide.html>

Cyndis List is a good clearing house for different links to all sorts of info. Read as you go to learn the history of the different tribes. It will add color to your family history and you will be able to better understand how your Ancestors lived, why they moved around and "who" they really were.

Cyndis List for Native American-<http://cyndislist.com/native.htm>

If your ancestor turns out not to be on any of the rolls chances are you could not gain enrollment now to any tribe and if they are not on the final

Dawes Roles you cannot get into the Cherokee tribe. But if all you are searching for is your heritage you may find that.

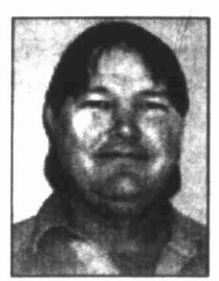
Don't forget to try alternate spellings of their names and to try to find brothers and sisters (under married names) too. Look at the whole family, not just your direct ancestry. The answer may lie in a different path.

I have the Final Dawes roles on CD and am willing to do limited lookups for people. I will search 2 names per E-mail, one E-mail per day per person and E-mail my findings back to the person.

My E-mail is: cydrawls@aol.com
Happy Hunting
Cyd Rawls

I thank Cyd for her input and hope you take advantage of her offer. In later columns I will add the sources for regular mail so those without computers or Internet access can search as well.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Bobby Rawls writes a weekly column on genealogy.



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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Leslie Nielsen's career blossomed with spoofs like "Naked Gun" and the upcoming "The Big Bang," a send-up of space movies.

Now he's dreaming of another target. "If anything is spoofable, it would be 'Titanic' because there must be very few people in the world who have not seen the film," he said in a recent interview.

"It would have been very ripe for it, but at the moment there's nothing cooking in that area," Nielsen added.

The 77-year-old actor's space spoof is due out next year.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Nashville Network is canceling some country music-oriented programming, including the talk-variety format that has been its prime-time flagship for 16 years.

Executives at the cable network on Monday confirmed reports that "Prime Time Country" with Gary Chapman would stop production in September.

Three entertainment magazine shows that focus on country singers are also being canceled: "Crook & Chase," "Crook & Chase Tonight" and "This Week in Country Music."

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

ALL SENIOR CITIZENS in the community are invited to a senior health fair Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Canterbury, 1700 Lancaster. There will be many free screenings including: cholesterol, diabetes, oxygen/pulse, vision, hearing and plenty of good health information.

THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 506 is having a barbecue and fish fry Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. at 3203 W. Hwy. 80. The cost is \$6 per plate and carry out is available. For more information call 263-2084. The public is invited.

THE LAST WORD

Good laws lead to the making of better ones; bad ones bring about worse.
Jean-Jacques Rousseau

Desire of knowledge, like the thirst of riches, increases ever with the acquisition of it.
Laurence Sterne

Truth is a torch that gleams through the fog without dispelling it.
Claude Adrien Helvetius

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HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, AUG. 20:

You are unusually attractive this year, drawing others to you. Use your natural gifts and skills to create what you want. Associates seem to change their minds on a whim, but you enjoy their unpredictability. You become more and more your own person this year. Your strength is like a magnet. If you are single, others clearly won't leave you alone! Popularity soars. Why not play the field a bit? You can afford to be selective. You have your own special charisma. If attached, your partner could be reactive but he finds you most irresistible. Romance intensifies this year. **SAGITTARIUS** can be most provocative.

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) *****Another pays a heartfelt compliment, perhaps not verbally but by a look or action. If single, a flirtation could lead to a lot more. Attend a meeting, but don't be surprised by a quirky turn of events. Be spontaneous. Know what you want. **Tonight:** Take off ASAP.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *****Build on established ground. Count on a special partnership. Seek financing or support for a domestic or real-estate investment. Working as a team pleases you enormously. Even someone you find unpredictable pitches in. **Tonight:** An old-fashioned date.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *****Express exactly what you feel - you could be pleasantly surprised by another's response. Your words convey the message you intend. A new item to help your daily life and communication works better than anticipated. Unexpected news comes your way. **Tonight:** Take off ASAP.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *****Finish work early, then take a stroll at lunchtime and buy yourself or another a gift. Good will naturally comes out of your actions. An associate surprises you. Use care in joint financial matters. **Tonight:** Run an errand or two, then join friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *****Dynamic energy surrounds you. Express and act upon your feelings. Unexpected decisions from an associate no longer throw you into a tizzy. You feel most centered. Investigate an opportunity. Worry less about constancy. **Tonight:** Whatever pleases you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *****Pressure to break past restrictions is intense. Be open to new information and methods; work is streamlined as a result. Follow your intuition with a loved one. You could fall

madly in love with someone you meet today. Still, proceed with caution! **Tonight:** Home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *****You finally connect with another. Know what you want and what works for you. Make calls and reach out for others. Know what your expectations are. A friendship deepens if you are ready. Children may be willful. **Tonight:** Catch up on a friend's news.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *****Indulgence marks your work and life in general. You could easily go overboard to impress another. What seems like a great buy now might become an albatross later. Check it out carefully. Declare greater independence and freedom on the homefront. **Tonight:** Your treat!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *****Go for what you want. Don't do anything halfway. Others are quirky and capricious. Make plans. A trip in the near future could provide a lot of pleasure. Someone quite exotic strolls into your life. **Tonight:** Take off for the weekend as soon as you can.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *****Others seek you, but you respond to one individual in particular. Money and love could merge. Deal with partnership matters. Talks bring smiles all around. Be careful about how much you are willing to invest. **Tonight:** Take some time off.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *****Pursue goals, though you might need to jump a hurdle or two to get there. Clear your desk and finish chores. You have a renewed sense of accomplishment as you tidy up. You might not have plans for the weekend, but trust your spontaneity. **Tonight:** Fun, no matter what.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *****Magic happens when you least expect it. Allow others to express their ideas. Listen to a boss. You're a candidate for a promotion or pay raise. Willingly incorporate new ideas and methods. Ultimately, you are getting more freedom. **Tonight:** Make weekend plans.

BORN TODAY
Actress Joan Allen (1956), news anchor Connie Chung (1946), boxing promoter Don King (1931)

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Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at <http://www.cool-page.com/bigar>.

Cola-crazed collectors gather for trade convention, memorabilia swap

GRAPEVINE (AP) — Growing up in Central Florida, Jack Pegues was entranced by all forms of Coca-Cola advertising, from bottle displays in stores to fancy clocks in coffee shops.

He remembers riding in his parents' car as a child and staring up at billboards hawking the soft drink invented in the Southeast in 1886. "The bright colors and the images, they were just so amazing to me," said Pegues, 58, who now lives in Duncanville. "I tend to think I was hooked then."

Pegues, a retired military officer, collects and trades Coca-Cola memorabilia. He was among nearly 2,000 people roaming the halls of a North Texas hotel Thursday for the 25th annual convention of The Coca-Cola Collectors Club.

The group is a nonprofit organization with local chapters all over the nation whose

sole purpose is the advancement of Coca-Cola collectors. Independent from the Atlanta-based cola maker, the club's only connection is an annual agreement signed with the company that allows it to use the brand name and logo in membership material.

"It's really a unique situation and we're very lucky to have this agreement," said club president Dick McChesney, of Minneapolis. The group was called the Cola Clan until 1985.

McChesney was among the club volunteers helping organize a conference room filled with antique Coke signs, fans, clocks, life-sized cardboard cutouts and stuffed animals.

Most of the items were red and white — the company's primary colors since the beginning — and the most expensive goods were older, harder-to-find items like trays and wood advertising signs.

Pegues was all smiles as he

used a furniture dolly to wheel in an old Coke machine, the kind that still takes nickels and dispenses glass-bottled sodas.

The machine still works, and Pegues brought the shiny red cola dispenser to the convention for an all-day auction Friday.

He expected the bidding to start around \$500 and go much higher.

Subin Lee, 49, came all the way from Thailand to auction off a pair of antique Coca-Cola yo-yos with the company logo printed in Thai. He also had a metal sign, an old glass bottle full of Coke and an antique kite with the company logo on it.

"I collect many things — stamps, coins — but this is my favorite," said Lee, who runs a Coke memorabilia shop in a downtown Bangkok high-rise shopping mall.

At the collectors club swap

meet, which usually happens sometime during the annual conventions, hundreds of items go on display. It's there that the true meaning behind Coke hoopla is evident — what McChesney calls "the nostalgia factor."

"With 300 tables of memorabilia spread out, there's always something that touches somebody," he said.

The idea of collecting through a club continues to grow.

At the World of Coca-Cola museum in downtown Atlanta, for example, a one-day collectors convention last year drew more than 3,500 people to ogle new and old Coke paraphernalia.

"The audience for this area of memorabilia is so wide," said the museum's Alexi Butler. "Young or old, Coca-Cola has somehow played a role in their life."

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SPORTS EXTRA

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL American League CLEVELAND INDIANS—Picked LHP Mark Langston on the 15-day disabled list. ... NATIONAL LEAGUE CHICAGO CUBS—Signed 1B Mark Grace to a one-year contract extension. ... FOOTBALL NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE ATLANTA BRUINS—Waived WR Ronnie Anderson. ... HOCKEY NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE ATLANTA THRASHERS—Agreed to terms with F Kelly Buchberger on a three-year contract.

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

Table with columns for League, Team, W, L, Pct., GB. Includes American League East Division, National League East Division, and various other leagues.

NFL LEADERS

Table with columns for Player, Team, Stat. Includes QBs, RBs, WRs, and other positions.

CLOSER TO HOME

Big Spring girls help team to 33rd-place in tourney

Christina Gwyn and Whitney Hufford helped the Abilene Blue Sox to a 3-2 record and 33rd-place finish in a field of 90 teams at the 14-Under ASA National Tournament in Garland.

After opening with a 1-0 win over the Garland Vision and suffering an 8-0 loss to the California Cruisers, the Blue Sox took a 9-1 win over the Texas Rage...

The Blue Sox followed with an 8-3 win over the Nebraska Renegades. Gwyn went 4-for-4 in that game...

Gwyn pitched 92/3 innings for the Blue Sox during the tournament, allowing just 12 hits and three runs...

Beach volleyball tourney scheduled for Sept. 18

A beach volleyball tournament sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Sports Committee

has been scheduled for Sept. 18 at Comanche Trail Park.

Entry fees for the event are \$40 per team. Each team must have at least six players.

Three sand courts will be set up just west of the Dora Roberts Community Center for the tournament.

For more information, call Javier Becerra at 664-9874 or 267-4560.

YMCA swim team begins practice for fall season

The Big Spring YMCA swim team has begun practices for its fall season.

Team membership is open to anyone between the ages of 6 and 14 who can swim one length of the pool.

Practices are held from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the YMCA.

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

YMCA begins registering for inline hockey program

The Big Spring Family YMCA will begin registration for its fall inline hockey program Monday.

Boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 17 are eligible to play. No tryouts will be conducted...

Fees for the program are set at \$15 for full YMCA members,

\$25 for for program members and \$32 for non-members.

A seven-game schedule will begin the week of Sept. 13. Games and practices will be played at Marcy Elementary School.

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

County roping scheduled for Sept. 2 at Rodeo Bowl

A "county roping" for Howard County residents has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

Books open for the event at 5 p.m. and close at 6:30 p.m. Fees are \$40 for four head, and participants may enter as many as five times.

For more information, call Steve Fryar at 398-5513 or Diane Hofacket at 267-8041.

Big Spring Steer tickets now on sale to public

Season tickets to Big Spring Steers 1999 football games are now on sale to the general public at the BSISD Business Office.

The four-game ticket packages are priced at \$16, and will be available until Friday, Sept. 3.

Tickets will be sold from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. The office will be closed from noon until 1 p.m.

RANGERS

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Mark McLemore hit a drive into the gap in right-center, but Manny Ramirez made a running, backhanded catch and doubled Goodwin off first base to end the inning.

Texas, which has 17 homers in its last five games, scratched out a first-inning run when McLemore singled, went to third on a one-out single by Greer and scored on a ground-out by Gonzalez.

Cleveland tied it in the sixth. Vizquel got a bunt single, stole second and scored on Ramirez's one-out single.

RANGERS

Ramirez went to third on David Justice's single, but Burkett struck out Jim Thome and Richie Sexson to end the rally.

Nagy said he had experienced flu-like symptoms all week and might have gotten a bit weak in the seventh.

"I thought Charlie pitched very well, but we just didn't generate anything off Burkett," Indians manager Mike Hargrove said.

Cleveland put left-hander Mark Langston on the 15-

day disabled list with a pulled left quadriceps, optioned lefty Tom Martin to Triple-A Buffalo and brought up right-hander Jason Rakers and lefty Chris Haney from Buffalo.

Nagy's fourth strikeout of the game gave him 1,105 in his Indians career, passing Gary Bell for sixth place on the team's career list.

Palmeiro is 4-for-10 with three homers and eight RBIs in the series. Cleveland's Dwight Gooden will begin a rehab assignment at Double-A Akron tonight.

The right-hander, out with a strained shoulder since Aug. 3, will be on a pitch count of 60.

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THURSDAY

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TV schedule grid with columns for station (KIMD, KPEJ, KERA, etc.) and time slots (6:30, 7:30, etc.) listing various programs like News, Sports, and Entertainment.

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Thursday, Aug. 19, the 231st day of 1999. There are 134 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 19, 1848, the New York Herald reported the discovery of gold in California. On this date: In 1812, the USS Constitution defeated the British frigate Guerriere east of Nova Scotia during the War of 1812.

In 1934, a plebiscite in Germany approved the vesting of sole executive power in Adolf Hitler. In 1929, the comedy program "Amos and Andy," starring Freeman Gosden and Charles Correll, made its network radio debut on NBC. In 1942, about 6,000 Canadian and British soldiers launched a disastrous raid against the Germans at Dieppe, France, suffering about 50 percent casualties. In 1955, severe flooding in the Northeast claimed some 200 lives. In 1960, a tribunal in Moscow convicted American U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers of espionage. In 1974, U.S. Ambassador Rodger P. Davies was shot and killed at the American embassy in Nicosia, Cyprus, during a protest by Greek Cypriots. In 1976, President Ford won the Republican presidential nomination at the party's convention in Kansas City. In 1977, comedian Groucho Marx died in Los Angeles at age 86. In 1980, 301 people aboard a Saudi Arabian L-1011 died as the jetliner made a fiery emergency landing at the Riyadh airport. Ten years ago: Polish President Wojciech Jaruzelski formally nominated Tadeusz Mazowiecki to become Poland's first non-Communist prime minister in four decades. Five years ago: President Clinton abruptly halted the nation's three-decade open-door policy for Cuban refugees. One year ago: President Clinton spent a quiet 52nd birthday with his family on Martha's Vineyard as controversy continued to swirl over his admissions to a grand jury concerning his relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

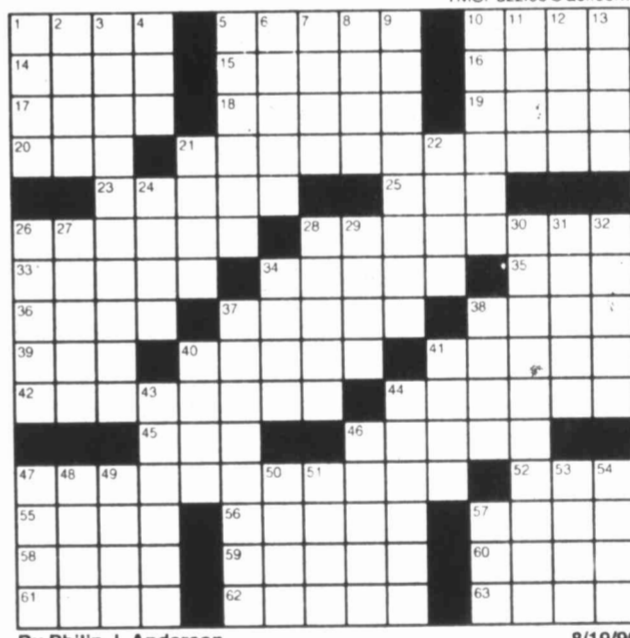
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