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Sesquicentennial Cookbook recipes are due Friday

Friday is the deadline for submissions to the Sesquicentennial Cookbook being compiled for the 150th anniversary observance of Capt. Marcy's discovery of the historic spring. Persons wishing to submit recipes may do so by taking them by the Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry St. Those who submit recipes will receive a free copy of the cookbook. For more information, call the museum at 267-8255.

Immaculate Heart plans fall festival Friday, Saturday

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church will serve a turkey dinner with all the trimmings Friday as the opening event of their annual fall festival. The meal, prepared entirely by women of the church, serves from 5-8 p.m. at the church, 1009 Hearn. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children. Festival activities kick off at 6 p.m. with games, a giant garage sale and live music on the church parking lot. Festival goers can play games like the football throw, bean bag toss and dunking booth, and snack on food such as fajitas, gorditas and tamales. Everything starts up again Saturday evening, with an oriental dinner served from 5-8 p.m., booths and entertainment at 6 p.m. Saturday morning, the church will also open a giant garage sale from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information about the festival, call the church office at 267-4124.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY
 □ American Legion Auxiliary, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall.
 □ Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.
 □ Big Spring Newcomers Club contact Pat Mireles for time and location at 267-8741.

FRIDAY
 □ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Bring a lunch.
 □ AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.
 □ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

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Festivities planned as Harley-Davidson Shop celebrates 70th anniversary

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**
Features Editor

Saturday's 70th birthday celebration for the Harley-Davidson Shop promises to fill the west end of Big Spring with large, loud motorcycles.



It would be a fitting tribute for the shop, which has sold, repaired and outfitted the bikes

during its long local history. Big Spring Harley-Davidson, established in 1929, has the distinction of being the oldest dealership in Texas. Owner Howard Walker, son-in-law of original owner Cecil Thixton, said a history like theirs is rare. "This just doesn't happen very often," he said. Walker went to work at the shop in 1964, after a discharge from the service. A year later, he bought his first Harley. He and his wife, Marijo, took over ownership of the business in 1985. Today, they are making plans

to leave the shop to the care of their son. Walker, 60, said he plans to retire in four or five years, but keep a hand in working on Harleys. "I'd like to hang on to it somewhat," he said. "But I plan on doing some extensive fishing." With a giant birthday cake, all-you-can-eat feast and live bands, Saturday is planned as an all-day tribute to the shop's local legacy. It begins at noon, with a performance by band The New Company, followed at 4 p.m. by Saxet, and 7 p.m. by Oilpan Jack from Midland. During the day, one lucky person

will win a completely restored 1947 Harley-Davidson. As a highlight at 3 p.m., the Harley Owners Group will present the Big Spring Fire Department with a thermal imaging camera purchased with donations from the community. Barry Barnett of HOG said the group is pleased to celebrate the shop's birthday with the presentation, the culmination of eight months of fundraising. "Although HOG is presenting the camera," he said, "it is on behalf of everyone who donated to the project. There is no way we could have done this ourselves."

At 5 p.m., everyone who has paid a \$10 registration fee or entry fee of \$10 can take part in an all-you-can-eat feast. Party goers will have a choice of grub from Al's & Son Barbecue or Mel's Catch of the Day Fish Market. Walker said HOG members and patrons of the shop are expected to come from all over the area, and as far away as Denver, Colo. The community is also welcome to join in. "We want everybody to come out," he said. "It's just going to be a great time."

Comanche Trail Park to be abuzz this weekend

By **RICK McLAUGHLIN**
Staff Writer

Aircraft traffic in skies of Big Spring will be greatly increased Saturday and Sunday, but there is nothing going on at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. Instead, the water-based float planes will be launched from and land on Comanche Trail Park Lake. The 6th annual Don McKinney Float Fly, sponsored by the Big Spring Model Aircraft Association, will be landing and taking off with radio-controlled model aircraft at the lake Saturday and Sunday starting at 9 a.m., both days. Prizes will be awarded, including a model airplane, engine and radio. Food and drink will be available and AMA membership is required, according to contest director Steve Gay. The event is free and open to the public.



"We'd like to have the public come and watch," said Gay. The show can be very entertaining, he added. "Last year we had a guy with a delta wing aerobatic float plane, and he put on a real show." The annual event is named after one of its most active members, Don McKinney, who was the first to talk up



Charles Buzbee inspects his radio-controlled scale model of an AT-6 "Texan" trainer. The model has an eight-foot wing span. Buzbee has been with the Big Spring Model Aircraft Association longer than any other current member.

float planes in the local club and helped get all the official approvals for the event, said Gay. The club decided to name its annual event in his honor. McKinney has been with the club, which was founded in the

1950s, since about 1985. But McKinney's experience with small and large airplanes goes back long before that, said his friend and fellow club member, Charles Buzbee. Buzbee is the senior member, starting his

participation back in the 1950s. McKinney said he started flying models in the 1930s, but his hobby was interrupted by

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Pest management agent to serve Howard County

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
News Editor

Howard County producers will have the benefit of an integrated pest management (IPM) agent, now that details for funding of the position and program have been worked out. Russell Baker will serve a three-county area — Howard,



Martin and Midland. His salary and that of a secretary will be funded by the state, while the program itself will be funded partially by producers and partially by Moore Development For Big Spring, Inc.

28-year-old found guilty; given probated sentences

By **JOHN H. WALKER**
Editor

Twenty-eight-year-old Alfredo Edward Garza was given probation after a 118th District Court jury found him guilty on two counts of sexual assault of a child on Wednesday. The jury deliberated just over two hours, working through the lunch hour, before returning the guilty verdicts. They sentenced him to two years on one count and four years on the other, but recommended probation on both counts. District Judge Robert H. Moore III concurred, but instead placed Garza on 10 years probation on each count with the probation running concurrently. The former prison guard was convicted of having sexual relations with the babysitter — who was 14 and 15 at the time — of his and his now ex-wife's children. He had faced an aggravated

sexual assault of a child charge, which carried a sentence of up to 99 years, but that charge was reduced to assault of a child when it was determined through testimony that the victim was not under 14 when the first incident occurred. During the punishment phase, Garza's ex-wife took the stand to testify that other than for the two incidents with the babysitter, she would not have divorced her husband. Defense attorney Charles Myers also asked her if it was difficult to raise two children by herself and meet her financial obligations. She replied "yes." He also asked if she thought it would be better if her ex-husband received probation, where he could hold a job and pay child support. Again, she answered "yes." During the guilt/innocence phase of the trial, she had testified

expenses and the like. While the Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is focusing on elimination of the boll weevil, Baker's job will be to chart and help producers with all types of insects. "He'll be looking at all insects that are detrimental to any kind of crop grown in these three counties," said Brandon McGinty, Howard County assistant extension agent. "He will also be able to give counts on what kind of beneficial insects we have out there." "We're going to a survey program," said Lee Howard,

Martin County extension agent. Martin County and Midland County have shared a pest management agent for years. "In the past, we had an intensified scouting program where it cost producers so much per acre to be scouted. We were only serving a small group. Now, we are going to a county survey program where we will try to scout 60 to 80 fields across the three-county area. We will also do some crop monitoring. We can write our reports and newsletters and

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CVB

Former news anchor to head tourism effort

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
News Editor

Andi Andrews York, former Big Spring news anchor for KWES-TV, was hired Wednesday as the tourism director for the Convention and Visitors Bureau. She will start her new job on Sept. 15, filling a slot that was made vacant less than a month ago when Andrea Earle resigned. She was hired from a field of more than a dozen applicants and was one of five candidates interviewed for the position by the CVB personnel committee chaired by Wade Choate. "She was just an outstanding candidate," Choate said. "All five candidates were strong and any of the five would have been hired a year ago, but Andi just stood out from the field." The committee's recommendation to hire her was confirmed by both the chamber's executive committee and the CVB board on Wednesday. "I'm ready to go," she told board members Wednesday afternoon. "I'm excited about getting out there and working for Big Spring and getting involved in the community again."



"She left the television station for the birth of a daughter, now six months old. We have experienced some success in bringing people to the community and we feel Andi will take us to the next level on the ladder of success," said CVB Chairman John H. Walker. "Andi is well-known and well-respected in the community and has excellent communication skills. I think adding her to the staff at the chamber will

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Karen McIntyre, left, children's librarian of the Howard County Library, entertains Tiffany, Whitney, and Brittany Hodges Tuesday, the first day of Family Story Time, during which parents are invited to read to children, in addition to the efforts of the librarian. Family Story Time is every Tuesday at 4 p.m. and will run until Nov. 16, which is during National Children's Book Week.

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Danforth to head independent Waco probe as Reno urged to resign

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Republican Sen. John Danforth is launching an investigation into the FBI's 1993 Branch Davidian standoff amid more calls for the resignation of the attorney general who appointed him, Janet Reno.

Danforth spent most of the afternoon Wednesday at the Justice Department meeting with various officials, including Reno, about the scope of the investigation and how much authority he would have, according to government officials familiar with the discussions.

A senior Justice Department official said Reno would introduce Danforth today at her weekly news conference.

Reno's selection of Danforth came as the top Republican in the Senate said he now has doubts about who started the fire that ended the 51-day siege

6 years ago near Waco, Texas, and believes it is time for Reno to step down.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said Wednesday that new revelations that the government withheld evidence about its use of force in the April 19, 1993, assault add to a "pattern" of refusing to cooperate with congressional requests, such as repeated GOP requests that she seek an investigation of Democratic fundraising in the 1996 election.

"There are doubts because questions have been raised," Lott told reporters. "All of that leads me to conclude that the attorney general should resign."

Senate Majority Whip Don Nickles, R-Okla., also called for Reno to step down, his spokesman said.

At the same time, the attorney general received a strong

endorsement from Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota, who said Reno "deserves commendation rather than criticism," and that "under no circumstances" should she resign.

President Clinton has expressed continuing confidence in Reno, but has not done the same for FBI Director Louis Freeh.

Lott's comment added fuel to a GOP campaign against Reno since the belated revelation that the FBI fired two potentially incendiary devices near the Branch Davidian compound hours before fire swept through the wooden building and that the agency failed to produce, until last week, videotapes showing agents' raid on the compound.

More than 80 members died in the inferno, which the government maintains was ignited

by sect members, not federal agents.

Reno selected Danforth and he accepted the offer during several days of negotiations that focused on what authority Danforth would have and how wide the investigation would

be, according to government officials who spoke only on condition of anonymity.

Danforth left the Senate in 1995 and is respected by members of both parties for his stubborn independence and reputation for integrity.

McVeigh lawyer says revelations may have stopped bombing

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The attorney who defended Timothy McVeigh says he does not believe the Oklahoma City federal building would have been bombed had the entire truth about the Branch Davidian standoff near Waco, Texas, been told immediately.

Attorney Stephen Jones said he agrees with federal prosecutors that the fiery end to the Waco standoff prompted the bombing.

"If the wheels of justice worked and there been an inde-

pendent investigation and the responsibility assessed, there would have been no reason for an attack on the federal government in Oklahoma City," Jones told the Tulsa World for Thursday's editions.

Prosecutors alleged that McVeigh was angry about how the government handled its attempt to arrest David Koresh at the Branch Davidian compound in 1993. The 51-day standoff ended with the fiery deaths of Koresh and about 80 followers.

Danforth, 63, is an Episcopal priest with solid Republican credentials. He successfully shepherded the troubled nomination of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas through a tough confirmation process.

After previous denials, the FBI recently acknowledged that it had used pyrotechnic devices on the last day of the standoff.

"Oklahoma City was a retaliation for what happened at Waco and the over-up," Jones said Wednesday. "Much of what has come out in the last 10 days we knew in 1996 and 1997."

McVeigh was sentenced to die for his role in the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, which killed 168 people.

Nine-filled date of 9-9-99 sparks Y2K major dress rehearsal

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — It comes only once a century, and the day that lines up four "9s" arrived just in time to test whether the nation will have electricity when the millennium adds three "0s" to the calendar.

Utilities used the occasion for a nationwide drill, coordinated by the North American Electric Reliability Council, to test preparedness plans and backup systems for Jan. 1, 2000.

U.S. Energy Secretary Bill Richardson personally supervised a test of the computers controlling the national power grid as the clock struck midnight for Sept. 9, 1999, or "9-9-99" — an old computer com-

mand to end a program.

The tests were designed to simulate electric outages in different parts of the nation, test communications under those circumstances and determine how utilities and agencies would respond.

The results of this latest national Y2K readiness test of the power grid came up with another pair of "9s" — as in 99 percent ready for the millennium, Richardson said.

"But there's still that 1 percent," Richardson said from the Bonneville Power Administration, a federal agency that transmits power throughout the Northwest. "And that 1 percent covers a lot of consumers."

Richardson said he was concerned that eight major utilities and 16 smaller municipal utilities or power cooperatives were not fully Y2K ready. There are about 3,000 utilities in North America.

"They are close, but close is not good enough," Richardson said. "I won't rest until all consumers can be assured that utilities have adequately prepared for a smooth rollover."

The fear has been that any problems on Sept. 9 would be a precursor of the so-called Y2K or millennium bug — when computers could malfunction as they misread the year 2000 as 1900.

Early computer programmers

often used the numerical notation for Sept. 9, 1999, as the date representing infinity.

They were sure the databases or programs would be replaced long before today rolled around.

The island of Guam — on the other side of the international dateline — was the first American territory to deal with the potential Sept. 9 problem.

"It was a non-event for Guam," government spokeswoman Ginger Cruz said after officials triple-checked computer systems. "We can only hope that Y2K will be this uneventful."

If any problems did develop, plenty of computer experts were on hand in Pennsylvania. There

were 75 extra computer specialists and other staffers for PECO Energy Co., said spokesman Michael Wood.

"This was really the first live test of the first vulnerable date," Wood said today. "We believe this exercise reinforces our confidence — and hopefully it should increase the public's confidence — in electric and utility services come the new year."

The North Carolina Electric Membership Corp. released a statement shortly after midnight saying officials there were pleased with results of the test.

"This drill was one of the many efforts we are making to be ready for the Y2K event,"

said Chuck Terrill, chief executive officer of the NCEMC, which coordinated the state's 27 electric cooperatives.

In Atlanta, technicians at Georgia Power were having a slow morning, according to utility spokeswoman Carol Boatright. "We're simply monitoring everything, and everything is going well," she said.

Richardson said he has directed the Energy Department to conduct an additional 20 reviews of randomly selected electric utilities over the next two months.

"It is critically important that by October or November that we be 100 percent compliant," he said.

Boerne school bans book, citing graphic violence, sex

BOERNE (AP) — Boerne school officials have banned the use of an award-winning book from classes and removed it from the school library because they say it contains graphic violence, racial bigotry and honeymoon sex.

And a high school English teacher faces disciplinary action for what school administrators call "poor judgment" in assigning 80 seniors to read "Snow Falling on Cedars," a book about a Japanese-American man charged with murdering a fellow salmon fisherman on the Puget Sound after World War II.

Boerne High School Principal Sam Champion said Wednesday he was typing a letter of reprimand for English teacher Frances Riley, who had authorization to assign the seniors to read the book.

Ms. Riley says she still supports use of the novel by David Guterson, describing it as "a murder mystery, love story and history lesson all in one."

"The kids love it and were very disappointed that we stopped just when it was getting good," she said. "The main reason I chose it is I believe in utilizing current fiction to teach morals, values and issues."

Ms. Riley, who has taught English here since 1990, said the book is used in high school classrooms across the nation and was advertised in scholastic supply catalogues as

appropriate for grades 10 and up.

R.L. Bien, English department chairman at Boerne High School, said he approved the book without reading it and now deems it inappropriate.

Ms. Riley voluntarily quit using the book after some administrators objected to some passages last Friday.

"The one-page sex scene didn't fly," she said, adding that the racial slurs used by soldiers during the war sent some students into "tizzies."

The teacher said she will consult the American Federation of Teachers, her union, about a possible challenge to the reprimand.

Two parents and several students complained about the book, Champion said. It was named book of the year by the American Booksellers Association in 1995 and won the PEN/Faulkner Award. It was on the New York Times's best-seller list for more than a year and has sold more than 3 million copies.

Despite the awards and the book's popularity, Champion said he was not impressed.

"Parents entrust their kids to us, and we want to ensure it's a wholesome learning environment," Champion said.

School Superintendent John Kelly called parts of the book "highly offensive" and said he ordered it removed from the library and barred from classes.

NASA supporters protest cuts in House bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — NASA's congressional Democratic supporters on Wednesday protested a House spending bill that would slash nearly \$1 billion from the space agency's budget, saying the cuts are ill-advised, particularly in an era of plentiful budget surpluses.

"If we don't have the foresight to invest in our future and our dream at a time of unparalleled economic prosperity, then our myopia will haunt us for generations to come," Rep. Steny Hoyer, D-Md., said at a Capitol news conference that three Texas lawmakers and other NASA advocates attended.

The \$92 billion spending bill that funds NASA, veterans, housing and science programs would provide \$12.7 billion for the space agency in 2000, about \$1 billion below this year's budget. The House deliberated the

measure Wednesday, with a vote on final passage expected Thursday.

Marching through a series of amendments Wednesday evening, lawmakers on a 121-298 vote rejected Rep. Tim Roemer's annual campaign to kill the space station, which would account for \$2.4 billion of NASA's overall budget next year.

The Indiana Democrat, who has tried to terminate the space station since 1992, cited the cost overruns and pressures its price tag put on the rest of the federal budget.

One congressional estimate for building and maintaining the station over its lifetime is nearly \$100 billion.

But with space station contracts spread among many congressional districts, the program has broad support in Congress.

The House's proposed NASA cuts may prove temporary, GOP leaders suggest.

House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land, has expressed confidence that NASA's full funding will be restored when House and Senate negotiators meet to reconcile their differing spending priorities. The Senate has yet to write its VA-HUD bill. The White House is threatening a veto of the legislation if it remains in its current form, saying the cuts are too deep.

"I'll be there working, using all my resources to make sure that the space station and NASA funding is restored," the powerful GOP leader said in a recent interview.

Democrats took issue with DeLay's comments and GOP budget-writers' apparent willingness to restore the money later.

"If they don't intend to do it, then what is this about?" asked Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, saying Congress shouldn't threaten havoc in the lives of NASA's employees and programs.

Despite huge budget surpluses, Congress is navigating under tight budget caps set in 1997, when government's habit of deficit spending was in full vogue. Because of those caps, congressional appropriators are finding it a difficult balancing act to fund all programs.

"We're trying to juggle as much as we can to stay within the cap and take monies from one bill and put it into another," DeLay said.

Coming against the backdrop of Republicans' attempt to pass a \$792 billion tax cut over a decade makes the proposed reductions even more ludicrous, the Democrats charged.

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OUR VIEWS

Renewed sense of cooperation is positive sign

Years ago, pastors were often a powerful force for community action, social change and improvement. They influenced their congregations from the pulpit, spurring them to action or urging restraint in difficult situations.

In Big Spring, it appears those days may be returning with the revitalization of the Howard County Ministerial Fellowship.

The minister's organization has a long history, but participation in projects and attendance at meetings had waned over the last several years. The group's best known projects are probably the Bible Class at Big Spring High School, and Easter sunrise services.

But lately, the group has united around a plan to distribute videos about the life of Jesus Christ, and spoken out in the recent controversy about prayer before public school football games.

Roger Huff, president of the fellowship and pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, invites all local pastors and ministers to join the meetings, which are planned the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 a.m.

Fifteen to 20 pastors/ministers have been attending the meetings, from various denominations that include Baptist, Methodist, Nazarene, Lutheran and others. Despite differences in beliefs, the ministers have managed to agree to work together to make our community better.

The group plans an Oct. 4 Harvest Rally to thank God for the success of the Jesus Video Project and other faithful happenings in the community. That event begins at 7 p.m. in First United Methodist's sanctuary.

Then, on Dec. 31, the fellowship will sponsor Jesus Celebration 2000, a millennial celebration that will include activities for the whole family — children, adults and teenagers. Special music or guest speakers are possible, although plans are still forming.

This renewed sense of cooperation among ministers is like a breath of fresh air for Big Spring — and can only be a force to improve our quality of life.

OTHER VIEWS

We're all experts at raising other people's kids. We know just exactly what little so-and-so needs and just exactly what his parents are doing wrong.

When it comes to raising our own children, however, even the most devoted parents among us have to admit (if we're honest with ourselves) that we do many, many things wrong.

We also have to admit that even with the best of parental intentions and the best of parental efforts, children can end up on the destructive side of life.

We cannot guarantee happiness and success for our children. But there are things we can do to improve their chances.

Specifically, there are things fathers can do, as a survey by the National Center on Addiction and

Substance Abuse found.

At the top of the list: Work on having a decent relationship with your kids.

And it will be work. Despite our romantic visions of parenthood, raising kids involves conflict after conflict. Parents set limits, kids test them. That's the way it is. How parents and kids handle the conflicts is key to whether a family is healthy or unhealthy.

Fathers don't have to have a daily heart-to-heart with their kids. But they can talk to their kids. Ask them questions. Ask their opinion. Eat with them. Keep track of where they are and who they're with. In short, they can remember their kids need them.

THE CLARKSBURG (W.VA.) EXPONENT-TELEGRAM

The U.S. should not send troops to Colombia

There is a nasty bit of speculation going about that says the Clinton administration is contemplating military intervention in Colombia. How many disastrous policies can this lame-duck president adopt before we are blessed with the end of his term?

Colombia's problems are so complex they make the Balkans look simple. Worse, not a single one of those problems can be solved by shooting people and bombing them, which, of course, is what military forces do. If shooting people could solve the problems in Colombia, then Colombia would have become a heaven on earth long ago.

Moreover, Clinton seems to be unaware that his reckless budget cuts and even more reckless deployments have put

America's armed forces into a crisis. Retention rates are down, recruitment is down, equipment is wearing out, many units are undermanned, and morale is kerplunk. Major involvement in Colombia could be that "one step too far" that plunges the Army into a ravine.

Let's get a bit of racism out of the way at the outset. There is no reason to suppose American soldiers can do what Colombian soldiers can't. The main difference between the two is that ours are better paid and perhaps better trained. The Colombian soldiers are just as brave and just as tough as ours. Furthermore, they have the advantage of fighting on their home ground where they know the terrain, the language, the culture and the people intimately.

Plunging American military forces into Colombia would be repeating the initial mistakes made in Vietnam. Nothing would so arouse nationalist fervor and aid rebel groups in recruiting and motivating troops than an invasion by the Yankee "imperialists." Whatever faction we intended to help would actually be

harmful by making it appear to be a puppet of the United States.

Colombians have a historical reason to resent U.S. interference. We detached by subterfuge a large and valuable piece of its territory (the present-day Panama) just because they were trying to drive a hard bargain on a trans-isthmus canal. This U.S. action was in violation of a treaty in which the United States had pledged to protect Colombia's sovereignty over the Panama area. In other words, we broke our word and acted in a treacherous manner. Had Colombia retained control of that territory, its history would certainly have been different.

Thus, American forces would be thrown into a guerrilla war in extremely difficult terrain with land, people, climate and history all working against them. And make no mistake, Colombians know how to fight. A civil war that ended in 1902 cost 100,000 lives. Another than ended in the 1950s cost 300,000 lives. I don't know what the latest casualties are, but if that great military expert, Bill Clinton, thinks Colombia would be another casualty-free

TV war, he's mistaken.

The thing to do is let your representative and senators know now that you will not support sending American troops into Colombia. Let's nip this in the bud and save some lives. I don't know who's pushing this on Clinton, but whoever they are, they are even dumber than the ones who talked him into getting the United States permanently stuck to the Balkan tar pit.

We have no quarrel with the Colombian people in any of the factions. The best thing we could do for Colombia would be to stop being the major market for drugs. But other than dealing with our end of the drug problem, there is nothing we can do to help them resolve their internal conflicts. These are old conflicts aggravated by three steep mountain ranges which have always made internal travel and communication — hence, forming a national consensus — difficult. Furthermore, our history of intervention is that, in the long run, we make matters worse, not better.

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CHARLEY REESE



Next time, 'An Affair to Remember'

As Dennis churned off North Carolina's shore, I fretted with the proprietary interest I seem to hold for all beautiful places where I've spent a few good nights.

Ocracoke, N.C., was on my mind. So I chose "Message in a Bottle" from the wall at the video store, purely on the strength of its Outer Banks setting — and, of course, one name: Paul Newman.

Newman was in it all right, with his Ford pickup and Budweiser beer. Ah, the verities.

Now nobody loves a sad romance as much as I — and I definitely was in the mood — but this movie was too absurd to make me cry. And I cry at everything, at nothing. I cry at the sight of empty school buses in the late morning, and at little corner stores gone out of business. But this farce of a movie moved me not.

To begin with, Newman was not the romantic lead. He was the codger, which strains even his acting talents. He was good as Louisiana's Earl Long in "Blaze," but in that "old man"

role at least his consort was a stripper.

Kevin Costner played Newman's son, though Kevin — with his receding hairline and persistent, monosyllabic mumbling — looked and sounded much older than Paul. Costner was supposed to be the strong, silent type, but came across as Boo Radley in a boat.

Let's just say that in another couple of years, Costner could play Newman's father. The female lead, Robin Wright, skips right over Paul Newman in her search for Kevin Costner, which is a little like bypassing a gold mine to get to the sulphur.

Let me rewind a moment here. Robin is a newspaper researcher, an aide who does all the real work for a lazy city columnist. While on vacation, Robin finds a bottle on the beach with a letter inside. The note is written by a man to his dead wife, and says things no non-movie man would ever really say to a woman, dead or alive. Beautiful things, like "You are my compass, my true North . . . Oh, and, by the way, I finally fixed the screen door."

Robin hurries back to the newsroom with this remarkable letter, then acts surprised when the columnist writes about it. (Another absurd touch, letting a seasoned newspaper person be shocked that a columnist gets a column out of an actual letter in a bottle.)

Readers respond, even a couple who have found similar letters, presumably written by the

same mystery man. Robin narrows her determined search to a town on the Outer Banks and goes to find him.

There ensues a romance, naturally, most of which takes place on a wooden sailboat that Costner is busy restoring. This is where my suspension of disbelief becomes stretched till it pops.

They go out on this sailboat and nothing bad happens! There is plenty of wind, and the sails don't require constant trimming to get around the point. They don't run aground. The tiller doesn't come off in Costner's hand. The boom doesn't knock Robin off the boat. In other words, it is nothing like a real sailboat ride, and I've been on a few!

There is time to swap the stories of both lives, to kiss, to sleep on a perfectly dry deck. It's utter nonsense.

I won't tell you how it ends, but only because I can't remember. The absurdities pile up like cordwood, and eventually topple.

The movie might have redeemed itself at the very last, when, shall we say, Newman becomes available when Costner starts acting even dead and dumber than he has before.

Robin becomes a walking dumb-blonde joke when she refuses to see the treasure that's washed up out of this wreckage of a movie and landed at her feet.

Paul goes unknissed. A tragedy.



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Independence faults quality launch

BALTIMORE — Lockheed's \$1.5 billion launch of the Titan rocket failed to live up to the high expectations of the industry and the public. The failure to launch the rocket on schedule, and the resulting loss of \$100 million in revenue, has led to a re-evaluation of the company's quality control and cost-cutting measures.

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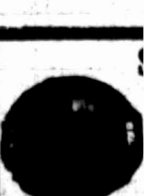
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Independent panel faults cost-cutting, quality control for launch failures

BALTIMORE (AP) — Four launch failures that cost Lockheed Martin billions of dollars were caused by cost-cutting, lack of quality control and the loss of experienced personnel, according to an independent review released Wednesday.

"We found too much emphasis on cost," said A. Thomas Young, a former Martin Marietta and NASA executive who co-chaired the review panel. "Mission success needs to be reestablished as the most important performance criteria for all employees."

More than \$2 billion in military and private satellites were either destroyed or placed in useless orbits during four launches by Lockheed rockets between August 1998 and this April. The failures were partly to blame for the Bethesda-based defense giant's second-quarter loss of \$41 million.

Staff cuts were one reason for the failures, according to the review. The company's Denver unit, which builds the Titan rockets used to launch satellites, and its Sunnyvale plant, have had large-scale cuts in staff over the past year.

The panel said Lockheed should improve training, mentoring and its implementation of the "better-faster-cheaper" mantra.

"Better, faster, cheaper" has been NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin's motto since he took the post in 1992 and began a cost-cutting program.

"It's not good enough to say those three words. If you're not careful, the one that's easy to concentrate on is cheaper," Young said.

The report comes on the heels of Lockheed's loss to rival Boeing of a \$4.5 billion government spy satellite contract. President Clinton has also ordered an investigation into recent launch failures by Lockheed, Boeing and the U.S. military.

Poll: Bush widens lead over Gore, many weary of Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP) — George W. Bush has a commanding lead over Al Gore in a new poll about the 2000 presidential race, aided in part by a public desire for a change in national leadership.

Bush, governor of Texas and front-runner for the Republican nomination, had the support of 56 percent and Gore, vice president and Democratic front-runner, had the backing of 37 percent, in an ABC News-Washington Post poll out Wednesday. Bush had a similar

lead in a matchup against the other Democrat in the race, former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley, who formally announced his candidacy Wednesday.

Gore has a better than two-to-one lead over Bradley among those who lean toward voting Democratic. But incumbency may be proving a burden for the vice president when competing with Bush, who has a four-to-one edge over his closest competitor, Elizabeth Dole.

More than half of all ques-

tioned in the poll, 53 percent, said they are tired of President Clinton. And almost that many, 48 percent, said Gore is too close to Clinton to provide the country a fresh start.

Both Bush and Gore were given credit for being honest and ethical by a majority, but Bush got far more credit for being a strong leader — 70 percent to 38 percent for Gore. And Bush was given credit by two-thirds of those polled for having the right kind of personality for the job, while half said that

about Gore.

Seven out of 10 said they felt Bush was an interesting candidate, while more than half said they found Gore boring. Seven out of 10 say they need to know more about Bush, however, while just over half said that about Gore.

The number of people who say the country needs to move in a new direction has grown to almost half.

Six months ago, more than half felt the country needed to keep moving in the same direc-

tion it has been moving under Clinton.

Gore's advisers say they don't believe fatigue with the Clinton administration will be a major factor.

But they have acknowledged that Gore's role as vice president may hinder public perception of him as a leader on his own.

The poll of 1,526 adults was taken Aug. 30-Sept. 2 and has an error margin of plus or minus 3 percentage points, larger for subgroups.



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Historic carrier on auction block

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — The USS Cabot lived up to its nickname, "The Iron Woman," by withstanding torpedo, battleship, submarine and Kamikaze attacks in World War II.

Now rusting in a boat slip in Brownsville, the USS Cabot will be auctioned by the U.S. Marshal's Service today to pay off the debt racked up by the once mighty ship.

The Education Council for Space Age Technology, or ECOSAT, has collected hundreds of thousands of dollars in donations and will be one of the eager bidders.

"She is the last of her kind," said Stephen O'Neal, chairman of the Miami-based nonprofit group. "She is the last of the light fast carriers."

The ship, named for explorer John Cabot, is the only survivor of nine small-but-fast light carriers used in World War II.

Presidents George Bush and Gerald Ford were among the veterans who served on the Cabot's sister ships, all of which have been either sunk or scrapped.

The USS Cabot Association, a group of veterans who served on the ship, asked its members and veterans of the sister ships to donate money to ECOSAT for bidding.

"When you get an obsolete ship, as far as your navy is concerned, you scrap it," said Bill Anderson, immediate past president of the Cabot Association and a pilot on the ship from October 1944 to May 1945. "We've done that with airplanes and ships to the point that we have very few historic ones (left)."

Famed war correspondent Ernie Pyle, who gave the Cabot its nickname, filed dispatches from the ship, which fought in every Pacific battle of 1944 and 1945. Its pilots shot down 252 planes and sank 49 vessels, including the battleship Yamato.

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Rewards of his job

New physical therapist views work of helping patients as giving back to the community

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Zach Williamson is concentrating on kicking a ball with his therapist Jason Sims.

Fourteen-year-old Zach probably doesn't realize how lucky he is. His father said it is something like a miracle that he is alive at all. A car accident Aug. 6 nearly took his life.

The former Coahoma football player and runner had a brain stem injury, broken collar bone, cracked pelvis and three skull fractures.

"He's three to six months ahead of schedule already," said Hank Williamson.

Sims, a physical therapist recently hired by Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, agrees with Williamson's assessment.

"He won't need much physical therapy," he said, adding that Zach will most likely recover to be an athlete again.

That's the part Sims, a native of Forsan, likes about his job.

"It's very rewarding to go home in the evening and know

you accomplished something," he said. And Sims has seen first hand the value of his field.

As a child, he suffered from a terrible speech impediment, making his words almost impossible to understand. Several years of therapy at DRRC took care of the problem, however, and he went on to enter public speaking competitions in high school.

"I wanted to give something back," Sims said, explaining why he didn't continue with his first career choice, accounting. "When I got offered a job here, I thought it was the perfect place to give back to the community that had given me so much."

The son of a nurse and teacher, Sims started his education at Howard College. There, in biology class, he

became fascinated by the workings of the human body. He then left for Texas Tech, where he eventually earned a master's degree in physical therapy.

He passed the state board exam earlier this summer, and has been helping Big Spring residents with their aching backs and knees, recovery from strokes and accidents, and wound care ever since.

He and his wife, Jenny, are living in Midland for now, while she attends school in Odessa. But they hope to eventually return to live in the Big Spring area.



SIMS

At right, Zach Williamson, 14, left, works on developing his hand-eye coordination by kicking a ball with his physical therapist, Jason Sims, at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.



Petitions may hold gold for genealogists

Today I will discuss petitions.

When politicians are elected to office, they are expected to do what their constituents elected them to do. In some circumstances, the electors will circulate petitions to either get them to do what they are supposed to do, or to get them put out of office.

In 1805, Governor Wilkenson of Missouri was being belittled and berated, and reports were being circulated across the United States. Many residents of Missouri were upset that their governor was being treated that way.

They then began circulating a petition and letter to show support for their governor. This is an extract from that letter, with the Rawls signatures.

REF: Listed in the Louisiana-Missouri territory papers — memorial to the President by the citizens of the territory 27 DEC 1805, understanding that reports unfavorable to governor Wilkenson have been diligently circulated throughout the United States, by which he is represented as unpopular and obnoxious to the people of the territory, we the undersigned, perfectly satisfied with the administration of our governor, and convinced that these reports, so unfounded and injurious to him and ourselves, have taken their origin in a few spirits, unfortunately in office in this territory, in this public manner, evince our confidence in the governor, our approbation of his conduct and of his general popularity.

(signed) Amos Rawls, Hardy Rawls, Hardy (X) Rawls, Floyd Rawls.....

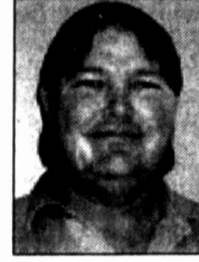
These papers help to establish where they were residing and their political affiliation as well as their willingness to defend the people they believe in. It also shows two men named Hardy Rawls, one that could write and one that could not, which helps to establish family relationships and help determine if they had resided somewhere else before then.

In this case Hardy Rawls (Sr.) had been with George Rodgers Clark in his campaigns, and his son Amos Rawls had not only been in the war of 1812, but along with his brothers Benjamin and Daniel Rawls had come to Texas with Stephen F. Austin as part of his "Old Three Hundred," with Amos Rawls being appointed as one of the first five Captains.

In Texas these brothers were again listed on petitions with many famous men of the revolution.

Since many of our ancestors went through South Carolina, my next column will cover the many great sources you can find which list thousands of people as early as the 1700s in South Carolina records. These sources will save you years of research and hundreds of dollars.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Bobby Rawls writes a weekly column on genealogy for the Big Spring Herald.



BOBBY RAWLS

Mystery meat no more: College dining halls go gourmet

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa (AP) — Grilled lamb chops and Yukon Gold potatoes. Candied pumpkins.

Roasted Roma tomatoes and haricots verts.

Dinner at a fancy restaurant? Nah, just lunch for a bunch of college students.

The luncheon menu at University of Hawaii Community Colleges underscores efforts of U.S. colleges and universities to make mealtime a special time on campus.

As millions of students prepare for the start of the fall term, college and university officials are fine-tuning breakfast, lunch and dinner menus like never before.

"The days of the so-called 'mystery meat' are long gone," says Margaret Empie, assistant director of residence and special services at the University of Northern Iowa.

This year, she says, the 5,000 students who signed up for meal plans will feast on fresh, not frozen, chicken. And a small army of bakers and cooks will arrive well before dawn every day to prepare soups, cookies and cakes, all from scratch.

UNI attended a "culinary enhancement workshop" in East Lansing, Mich.

It was one of four workshops offered by the National Association of College and University Food Services. The others were at Villanova, Yale and the University of California-Berkeley.

The goal of the workshops, which featured world-class chefs, was to provide tips and instructions in menu preparation, food presentation and culinary techniques.

"Of course, coming to college isn't just about eating. But gosh, it sure can be an upper or downer in your day," Empie says.

"If you had a bad day and you go through and the food doesn't look good and the people aren't nice, it can be kind of depressing."

If that's the case, then hungry students across the country should be positively uplifted.

Hawaii's Kapiolani Community College on the island of Oahu runs a cafe as well as two fine-dining rooms, where students in the Culinary Institute of the Pacific train.

In the on-campus Tamarind Banquet Room, a typical dinner looks like this: New England-style clam chowder, sashimi and sushi, wok-fried spicy salt-and-pepper tiger prawns and house salad with raspberry vinaigrette.

It may take some time to decide what to eat, however, since students are likely to be distracted by the view of the Pacific Ocean, Diamond Head and Kahala.

Of course, many colleges are offering food that not only tastes good but reminds students of home. In addition to theme nights and food courts, many schools offer so-called "comfort foods" popular in the region.

At Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pa., it's meat pies and pierogies, a Russian pastry stuffed with potatoes and cheese.

At Wartburg College in the northeast Iowa town of Waverly, the menu is packed with old-fashioned, stick-to-your-ribs fare: roast beef, meatloaf, fried chicken, baked ham and mashed potatoes.

Students at Texas Christian University see plenty of Tex-Mex specialties, including fajitas, chicken and beef enchiladas, King Ranch chicken casserole, tacos and wraps filled with grilled meat and refried beans.

"Food is part of the hospitality equation," according to Jack Donovan, president of ARAMARK Campus Services, one of the nation's largest contract management companies. "I think that food

is one of the ways that the college campus says to the community, the students and their parents that ... we care about you, or we don't."

Food service officials at St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y., embody that spirit, writing to parents, seeking favorite recipes for their sons and daughters.

About a dozen new dishes such as "Jane Smith's Mom's Chicken Casserole," appear each year on the dining hall menu.

At many schools, trained chefs prepare the food. Virginia Tech, for instance, employs seven chefs, including an executive pastry chef from Germany.

Even smaller schools are going all-out for their students' taste buds.

At Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, a private college of 1,700 students in Terre Haute, Ind., the catering chef is Patrick Kelley, who has served kings and queens as a chef for Caspar Weinberger when he was Defense secretary and for Colin Powell when he was chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. And, according to Dale Long, the school's associate director of communications, Kelley fed the Indianapolis Colts this summer.

Cable industry celebrates 40 years in classrooms

NEW YORK (AP) — As millions of children head back to school, so do more than 40 cable television networks.

This month marks the 10th year of the Cable in the Classroom program, which has quietly wired schools across the country for free or low-cost cable TV service and provided programming for teachers to supplement their curriculum.

More than 40 networks participate, most airing educationally oriented shows without commercials in pre-dawn hours for teachers to tape and use later. Networks, such as CNN, Discovery and The Weather Channel produce shows specifically for students.

The industry estimates it has spent \$1 billion on Cable in the Classroom.

"This is the best use of television," said Judith McHale, president of Discovery Communications, Inc. "It is an incredibly powerful medium. If used appropriately, it can really enhance a child's experience in the classroom."

The motives aren't entirely altruistic. If a network's programming piques a young consumer's interest, it might create a fan for life. Free hookups at schools seem a worthwhile investment.

Three-quarters of 800 teachers surveyed last year said they used videos or television programs with their classes, just under the 79 percent who include computers. Two-thirds said they were aware of the cable service, and most of those use it, according to the survey paid for by Cable in the Classroom.

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Parents should not allow manipulation

QUESTION: Are children really that calculating about their misbehavior? If so, I've not understood them at all.

DR. DOBSON: Some are, some aren't. We're talking here about the child who is driven to be his own boss -- to take orders from no one. That kid can be very deliberate about his purposes.

I had a friend when I was a child who best typified this calculating spirit. Earl was like a military general who had deciphered the enemy code, permitting him to outmaneuver his opponents at every turn. He seemed to know every move his parents were going to make.

I once spent the night with Earl, and after we were tucked into our own twin beds, he gave me an astounding description of his father's temper: "When my dad gets very angry, he uses some really bad words that will amaze you." He gave me three or four startling examples of things his dad would say.

I replied, "I don't believe it!" Mr. Walker was a very tall, reserved man who seemed to have it all together. I just couldn't conceive of his saying the words Earl had quoted.

"Want me to prove it to you?" said Earl mischievously. "All we have to do is keep on laughing and talking instead of going to sleep. My dad will come and tell us to be quiet over and over, and he'll get madder and madder every time he has to settle us down. Then you'll hear his cusswords. Just wait and see."

I was a bit dubious about this plan, but I did want to see the

dignified Mr. Walker at his profane best. So Earl and I kept his poor father running back and forth like a yo-yo for more than an hour. And as predicted, he became more intense and angrier each time he returned to our bedroom. I was getting very nervous and would have called off the project, but Earl had been through it all before. He kept telling me, "It won't be long now."

Finally, about midnight, it happened. Mr. Walker ran out of patience. He came thundering down the hall toward our room, shaking the entire house as his feet pounded the floor. He burst through the bedroom door and leaped on Earl's bed, flailing at the boy who was safely buried beneath three or four layers of blankets. Then from his lips came a stream of words that had seldom reached my tender ears. I was shocked, but Earl was delighted.

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DR. JAMES DOBSON

Slice of life!

SCHOOL NEWS



The 1999 Borden County cheerleaders are, left to right, Bekah Hensley, Crystal Dye, Krystle Lee, Laura Stamper, Kaci Poole, Holly Thomas and head cheerleader, Erica Sc...ooler.

FOR TV INFORMATION

The Big Spring High School class of 1964, which plans a reunion Oct. 15-17, has a website for information and exchanging of classmate addresses.

The URL for the class of 1964 homepage is: <http://homepages.msn.com/NonProfitBlvd/co64/>

E-mail addresses of alumni to: classof64@hotmail.com, or bshs.grads1964@n2texas.com.

Addresses can also be called in to Carl Reynolds, 263-7000, or Carol Becker, 267-9621.

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Strong, quirky women headed to movie screens this fall

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Susan Sarandon is a flaky mom on the road, while Jodie Foster gets to know the king.

Emily Watson pines in poverty, while Melanie Griffith goes loopy in the Deep South.

A suicidal Winona Ryder gets shipped to the asylum, while Angelina Jolie plays detective doppelganger for a paralyzed male cop.

The fall film season is at hand, and it promises an interesting crop of strong, eccentric female roles that range far beyond the Hollywood standard of women as "the girlfriend" or looking to land a man. But it's not necessarily a "to-die-for" season for women on screen.

Rather, it's a continuation of a gradual move toward more films that present women as real, full-blown people, as opposed to eye candy for male leads.

"Things have changed for the positive ... regarding women's roles," said Diane Keaton, who directs and co-stars with Meg Ryan, Walter Matthau and Lisa Kudrow in "Hanging Up."

"More women are out there in every aspect of filmmaking, and because of that there's more opportunities for female roles to be more complicated and more independently represented, meaning not attached to a male."

Others are more skeptical. Films featuring exceptional women's roles remain a much tougher pitch, said Audrey Wells, who wrote the female buddy movie "The Truth About Cats and Dogs," starring Janeane Garofalo

and Uma Thurman. Wells makes her directing debut this fall with "Guinevere," starring Sarah Polley as a young woman involved with an older man, played by Stephen Rea.

"I think it's definitely been proven that movies from a female perspective can be successful and ultimately very profitable," Wells said.

"It used to be if there were 10 pieces of the pie, men got all 10," Wells said. "Now, women get maybe two pieces of the pie, but they have to compete with each other over those two pieces. I think that pie allotment is a fixed thing."

The slate of roughly 150 films due out before year's end remains firmly dominated by male leads. And men star in most of the likely blockbuster candidates.

Among this season's higher-profile movies: Pierce Brosnan back as James Bond in "The World Is Not Enough"; Arnold Schwarzenegger battling Satan in "End of Days"; Tom Hanks and Tim Allen lending their voices again to "Toy Story 2"; Robin Williams as "Jakob the Liar," bringing cheer to a Jewish ghetto with faked reports of Allied advances against the Nazis; Kevin Costner returning to the ballpark in "For Love of the Game"; Brad Pitt and Edward Norton trading blows in "The Fight Club"; Jim Carrey in "Man on the Moon," the life story of the late, bizarre comic Andy Kaufman; and Johnny Depp as Ichabod Crane in "Sleepy Hollow."

But the major studio lineups promise

a number of captivating roles for women. Among them:

—"Girl, Interrupted," starring Ryder as a suicidal young woman sent to a mental institution.

—"The Bone Collector," with Jolie as the investigative eyes and ears for bedridden cop Denzel Washington.

—"Anna and the King," with Foster as the "King and I" governess hired by the ruler of Siam to teach his 58 children.

—"Crazy in Alabama," where Griffith escapes an abusive husband and flees the South for Hollywood in the 1960s.

—"Anywhere But Here," starring Sarandon as an over-the-top mother who moves to Beverly Hills intent on foisting her vision of a better life on her teenage daughter, played by Natalie Portman.

—"Angela's Ashes," the adaptation of Frank McCourt's Pulitzer Prize-winning memoir, starring Watson as the good-hearted but emotionally petrified mother of a brood of impoverished Irish children.

"She wasn't a particularly heroic person, but she had a very strong humanity," Watson said. "It's quite different from the other roles I've had where the women had fiery or very expressed emotions."

"I've been working in films for four years, and I've worked pretty nonstop playing these fantastically interesting female roles," Watson said. "Whether that's luck, I don't know. I feel incredibly lucky to be making films, period. I haven't quite gotten over that yet."

Sarandon is no stranger to such roles. In "Thelma and Louise," she was half of the female road buddy team that went on a violent spree. In "Bull Durham," she played a "woman who had sexual appetites and wasn't punished for them," she said.

"It's certainly healthy if there are more complicated, interesting and less-clichéd parts out there for women," Sarandon said.

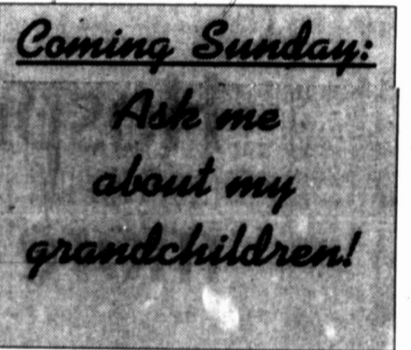
The noncliche category this fall includes Meryl Streep teaching violin to East Harlem youths in "Music of the Heart"; Milla Jovovich as Joan of Arc in director Luc Besson's "The Messenger"; Ashley Judd playing a woman wrongly imprisoned for her husband's murder in "Double Jeopardy"; Patricia Arquette in the supernatural thriller "Stigmata," about a hairdresser who manifests the wounds of Christ; Laura Dern as a woman who helps defend an uncle accused of attempted murder in "Daddy and Them"; Elisabeth Shue as a simple-minded waif who saves lobsters from restaurants in "Molly."

Anjelica Huston directs and stars in "Agnes Browne," the story of an Irish widow raising seven children; Claire Danes lends voice to the Japanese animated hit "Princess Mononoke," about a girl raised by a wolf god who fights human development in the forest; Kate Winslet appears in director Jane Campion's "Holy Smoke," playing a woman who turns the tables on cult deprogrammer Harvey Keitel.

Even while his father was whacking the covers with his hand and screaming his profanity, Earl shouted to me from beneath the blankets, "Did ya hear 'em? Huh? Didn't I tell ya? I told ya he would say it!" It's a wonder that Mr. Walker didn't kill his son that night!

I lay awake in the dark thinking about what had happened and made up my mind never to let a child manipulate me like that when I grew up. Don't you see how important disciplinary techniques are to a boy's or girl's respect for parents? When a 45-pound bundle of trouble can deliberately reduce his or her powerful mother or father to a trembling, snarling mass of frustrations, then something changes in their relationship. Something precious is lost. The child develops an attitude of contempt, which is certain to erupt during the stormy adolescent years to come. I sincerely wish every adult understood that simple characteristic of human nature.

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.



Study says ADHD overdiagnosed, treated in some children

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Doctors may be overdiagnosing some groups of children with attention deficit-hyperactivity disorder and overprescribing drugs to treat the condition, according to a new study published last week.

Researchers examined about 30,000 grade-school children in two districts in southeastern Virginia and found that pupils

took drugs for ADHD in school at two to three times the expected rate, according to the study in the American Journal of Public Health.

ADHD is characterized by impulsive behavior and difficulty in paying attention and keeping still. About 90 percent of patients take Ritalin, a mild central nervous system stimulant believed to calm hyperac-

tivity by helping the brain disregard distracting stimuli.

ADHD has been estimated to affect 3 percent to 5 percent of school-age children nationwide, with less than 3 percent actually receiving medication, said Gretchen LeFever, a pediatric psychologist and lead author of the study.

By comparison, her research found that 8 percent to 10 per-

cent of children in second through fifth grades routinely took ADHD medication in school during the 1995-96 school year.

"It's hard to believe this many children have the specific brain-related problem called ADHD," said Ms. LeFever, assistant professor of pediatrics and psychiatry at the Center for Pediatric Research.

The center is a joint program of Eastern Virginia Medical School and Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters.

Ms. LeFever said there probably are regions across the country with similar trends, indicating more research is needed.

"That's a very high rate of ADHD, by anyone's estimate," said psychologist Nadine M. Lambert.

CABLE

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Programming from PBS, Discovery, The Learning Channel and CNN was among the most widely sampled, the teachers said.

"C-SPAN has been popular among some of the teachers I've talked to," said Kathleen Lyons, a spokeswoman for the National Education Association in Washington. "Many are using the series on the American presidents. People like C-SPAN because they view it as unbiased."

The teachers union has worked with the cable industry to develop guidelines for appropriate programming and, in some cases, curriculum material to go with it.

"Television has been another arrow to put in a teacher's arsenal of teaching tools," Lyons said. "It's not something that should be overused, but it definitely has its place."

The programming specifically produced for students includes CNN's daily "Newsroom," which discusses current events, and the new "SportsFigures," an ESPN2 show in which athletes like Tiger Woods, Juwan Howard and Steve Young talk about the relationship of math and physics to sports.

Networks this month are showing some of their educational programming in prime time so parents can see what is being made available to schools. While occasionally some of what networks call educational seems a stretch — like VH1's rock star soap opera, "Behind the Music" — most of it is solid and informative.

So far, cable companies have wired an estimated 85,000 schools across the country for TV service, said Megan Hookey, managing director of Cable in the Classroom.

PUBLIC NOTICE
BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF
PROPOSED
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
Special Election
NOVEMBER 2, 1999

PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 44 - HJR 44 proposes a constitutional amendment that would ensure a clear succession in event of vacancies in the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor. Specifically, the amendment would provide that if after qualifying for the office, the Governor is temporarily unable to serve, the Lieutenant Governor shall act as Governor until the Governor is able to serve; but if the Governor is permanently unable to serve, the Lieutenant Governor shall become the Governor for the remainder of the unexpired term. The amendment would require a Lieutenant Governor who becomes Governor to forfeit the office of Lieutenant Governor. The amendment would also provide similar succession procedures when a vacancy occurs in the office of Governor before the newly elected Governor qualifies for office, and when the newly elected Governor is temporarily unable to take office. The amendment also would provide that if there is a temporary vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor, the President pro tempore of the Senate shall fill the position; but if there is a permanent vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor, the President pro tempore of the Senate shall serve as Lieutenant Governor only until such time as the whole senate can convene to elect one of its members to perform the duties of Lieutenant Governor. Finally, the amendment would provide that if the Lieutenant Governor, while temporarily exercising the powers of the Governor, becomes temporarily disabled or unable to serve, the President pro tempore of the senate shall exercise the powers and authority of the office of the Governor until such time as the Governor or Lieutenant Governor resumes those powers and duties.

PROPOSITION NO. 2 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 12 - SJR 12 proposes a constitutional amendment that would resolve conflicts between the Texas Constitution and federal law relating to the definition, rules, and procedures of reverse mortgages. The amendment would define "reverse mortgage" in part as an extension of credit made against the homestead of a person who is 62 years or older, or whose spouse is 62 years or older. It would expand the list of circumstances under which payment of principal and interest become due and the procedures involved in foreclosure, and would require certain advances to be made according to specific terms in loan documents, including advances by the lender, on behalf of the borrower for payments necessary to protect the lender's interest. Finally, the amendment would require the Texas Supreme Court to promulgate rules of civil procedure expediting court-ordered foreclosures of reverse mortgage liens.

PROPOSITION NO. 3 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 62 - HJR 62 proposes a constitutional

amendment that would simplify and clarify the language of the Texas Constitution. The amendment would make no substantive changes, but would eliminate duplicative, expired, out-of-date, and ineffective terms.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to eliminate duplicative, executed, obsolete, archaic, and ineffective provisions of the Texas Constitution."

PROPOSITION NO. 4 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 4 - HJR 4 proposes a constitutional amendment that would broaden the definition of charitable organizations. The amendment would exempt from ad valorem taxation the property of any organization engaged primarily in public charitable functions, and it would allow such an organization to conduct additional activities to support its charitable functions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt property owned by institutions engaged primarily in public charitable functions from ad valorem taxation."

PROPOSITION NO. 5 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 26 - SJR 26 proposes an amendment that would remove the restriction prohibiting state employees who receive all or part of their compensation from the state from serving as members of a governing body of a school district, city, town, or other local governmental district unless the state employee receives no salary for such service. The amendment would allow state employees to receive compensation from the governing bodies of which they are members.

PROPOSITION NO. 6 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 22 - SJR 22 proposes a constitutional amendment that would increase the maximum size of an urban homestead, which is a homestead in a city, town, or village, from one acre to ten acres and require the urban homestead to be composed of either a single lot or several lots that are adjacent to one another. The amendment also would provide that the urban homestead must be used as a home or as both a home and place of business, whereas current law does not require that an urban homestead that is used as a place of business be used also as a home.

Current law further allows a person to secure a home equity loan on their homestead, provided that the loan does not overburden the homestead. That is, the principal amount of the home equity loan, when added to the total of the outstanding principal balances of all other indebtedness secured against the homestead, does not exceed 80 percent of the fair market value of the homestead on the date the extension of credit is made. The

proposed amendment would clarify current law by specifically allowing home equity loans on all or part of urban homesteads of up to ten acres and subject such loans to the same requirement that the refinanced or new loan not overburden the homestead.

PROPOSITION NO. 7 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 16 - HJR 16 proposes a constitutional amendment that would provide that if an employee is delinquent in paying court-ordered spousal maintenance, a portion of that employee's wages may be withheld to pay the spousal maintenance. Current law allows such withholding, or garnishment, only for payment of delinquent court-ordered child support.

PROPOSITION NO. 8 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 95 - HJR 95 proposes a constitutional amendment that would provide that the adjutant general, who is appointed by the Governor and who serves as the governing officer of the state military forces, serves as long as the Governor wishes the appointed person to serve in that capacity rather than serving a specific two-year term set by the legislature.

PROPOSITION NO. 9 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 10 - SJR 10 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the legislature to create a judicial compensation committee to make recommendations for salaries for the justices and judges of the Supreme Court, the Court of Criminal Appeals, the Courts of Appeals, and the District Courts. The amendment would mandate that the recommendations become law if neither the Senate nor the House of Representatives rejects them by majority vote.

PROPOSITION NO. 10 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 74 - HJR 74 proposes a constitutional amendment that would provide that the commissioner of health and human services, who is appointed by the Governor, serves as long as the Governor wishes the appointed person to serve in that capacity rather than serving a specific two-year term set by the legislature.

PROPOSITION NO. 11 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 69 - HJR 69 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize a county, city, town, or other political subdivision to

spend public funds or extend credit to purchase nonassessable property or casualty insurance from a mutual insurance company authorized to do business in Texas. Under current law, a political subdivision is generally prohibited from spending public funds or extending credit to become a stockholder in a corporation but is permitted to purchase nonassessable life, health or accident insurance policies from a mutual insurance company authorized to do business in Texas. This amendment would authorize a political subdivision to also obtain non-assessable property and casualty insurance from such a company.

PROPOSITION NO. 12 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 21 - SJR 21 proposes a constitutional amendment that would exempt from ad valorem taxation a leased motor vehicle that is not used by the lessee primarily to produce income. The amendment would provide that the legislature also may limit the ability of a political subdivision to subject such a vehicle to taxation.

PROPOSITION NO. 13 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 16 - SJR 16 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the legislature to allow the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue and sell general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$400 million in order to finance educational loans to students. The amendment also would authorize the Legislature to limit the amount of interest the bonds can bear and establish procedures for the investment of the bond proceeds. The proposed amendment would specify the method of repaying the bonds.

PROPOSITION NO. 14 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 29 - HJR 29 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the Legislature to require the board of regents of the state university and boards of trustees or managers of the educational, charitable, and penal institutions of the state, whose members serve six year terms, to be composed of an odd number of three or more board members (for example, 5, 7, or 9 members). The proposed amendment would allow approximately one-third of members of boards whose membership is not evenly divisible by three to be elected or appointed every two years. The amendment also would allow the Legislature to set the composition of constitutionally required boards, whose members serve for a term of six years, to a number divisible by three so that exactly one-third of the board members may be elected or appointed every two years.

PROPOSITION NO. 15 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 36 - HJR 36 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow spouses, by an agreement in writing, to convert all or part of their separate property into community property. Separate property is primarily the property owned or claimed by the spouse before marriage and the property acquired by the spouse during the marriage by gift or inheritance. Community property consists of the property, other than separate property, acquired by either spouse during marriage.

PROPOSITION NO. 16 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 71 - HJR 71 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow a county with a population of 50,000 or more, rather than 30,000 or more, to be divided into four to eight precincts of the peace and constable precincts. The amendment also would allow a county with a population between 18,000 and 50,000 to have two to eight precincts of the peace and constable precincts, rather than the current maximum of five precincts. Furthermore, the amendment would limit Randall County to not less than two and not more than six precincts. Finally, the amendment would set a minimum of four precincts for any county that as of November 2, 1999, is divided into four or more precincts.

PROPOSITION NO. 17 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 58 - HJR 58 proposes a constitutional amendment which would require the board of regents of the University of Texas System to manage investments of the permanent university fund (PUF) according to the standards of a prudent investor. Generally, earnings from the PUF are distributed to the available university fund (AUF) and then ultimately distributed to the public university systems of Texas. Under the amendment, the amount distributed to the AUF would consist of distributions, as determined by the University of Texas System board of regents, from the total return on all investment assets of the PUF, instead of consisting only of the dividends, interest, and other income of the PUF minus administrative expenses. The amendment also would provide guidelines for minimum and maximum amounts to be distributed to the AUF, and require that the board of regents manage distributions to the AUF in a manner that will provide the AUF with a stable and predictable stream of annual distributions and maintain the purchasing power of the PUF investments and annual distributions to the AUF.

PROPOSITION NO. 18 ON THE BALLOT

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide that certain counties shall be divided into a specific number of precincts."

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PROPOSITION NO. 21 ON THE BALLOT

Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitución que aparecerán en la boleta el 2 de noviembre de 1999. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llama al 1/800/252/8683 o por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, Tx 78711.

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MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

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Friday's Games
Seattle (P. Abbott 5-2) at Baltimore (Linton 1-2), 6:05 p.m.
Oakland (Hudson 9-1) at Tampa Bay (Alvarez 9-6), 6:05 p.m.

Today's Games
Detroit (Nidwowski 2-4) at Tampa Bay (Arroyo 4-10), 6:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Riley 0-0) at Minnesota (Ryan 0-2), 7:05 p.m.

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Houston (Reynolds 14-11) at Philadelphia (Byrd 14-8), 12:05 p.m.
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Friday's Games
DC United at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Kansas City at Colorado, 8 p.m.

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Arizona's Finley hits three homers in big 9-1 victory over Milwaukee

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Three pitchers, three homers: Nobody could keep Steve Finley in the ballpark. Finley became the first Arizona player to hit three homers in a game as the Diamondbacks routed the Brewers 9-1 Wednesday night in Milwaukee.

Finley hit a two-run homer in the sixth inning off Hideo Nomo, a three-run drive in the seventh off Mike Myers and a solo shot in the ninth off David Weathers. He has 29 homers this season.

"Tonight was the Finley show," Brewers manager Jim Lefebvre said. "Three different guys on three different pitches."

It was the third three-homer game of Finley's career and the 15th three-homer game in the majors this season, matching the record set in 1987 and tied in 1996.

"I'm not trying to hit the ball out of the ballpark," Finley said. "I'm just trying to get a good pitch and put a good swing on it, and they're going in the gaps and going out of the park. I'm not going to complain about that."

Finley's slugging helped Arizona increase its lead in the NL West to 7 1/2 games over San Francisco, which lost 7-5 to the New York Mets.

His six RBIs tied his career high and Arizona's team record. He has eight hits in his last four games — four homers, a triple and three doubles.

In other National League games, it was Colorado 5, Montreal 1; San Diego 7, Pittsburgh 4 in 10 innings; Cincinnati 6, Chicago 4; Florida 5, Los Angeles 4 in 13 innings; Houston 10, Philadelphia 2; and Atlanta 5, St. Louis 4.

In American League games, it was Texas 3, Cleveland 0; Oakland 4, Boston 2; Seattle 4, Toronto 3; New York 9, Kansas City 5; Baltimore 10, Minnesota 0; and Detroit 5, Tampa Bay 1.

Reds 6, Cubs 4
Greg Vaughn hit his fourth homer in two games as Cincinnati beat Chicago at Wrigley Field.

Vaughn, who hit three homers in the second game of a doubleheader Tuesday, had a two-run shot in the fifth off Andrew Lorraine (1-4). It was Vaughn's 35th homer of the season and Cincinnati's 22nd in six games.

Sammy Sosa was 1-for-4 with a single, leaving him with 58 homers with 23 games remaining. Cincinnati remained three games behind first-place Houston in the NL Central and

31/2 games back of New York in the wild-card race.

Astros 10, Phillies 2
Jeff Bagwell's 40th homer capped a nine-run sixth inning, Houston's biggest since 1995, as the Astros won their sixth straight.

Mike Hampton (19-3) won his 10th consecutive decision, tying teammate Jose Limá for the NL lead in wins. Hampton allowed five hits in seven shutout innings at Veterans Stadium.

Mets 7, Giants 5
Mike Piazza hit a three-run homer and Octavio Dotel (7-1) won his seventh consecutive decision, allowing one run and four hits in seven innings at Shea Stadium.

Armando Benitez got four outs for his 18th save as New York won for the 18th time in 27 games. The Mets remained 31/2 games behind first-place Atlanta in the NL East.

Braves 5, Cardinals 4
Mark McGwire was held to a harmless single on the anniversary of his record-breaking 62nd homer as Atlanta completed a three-game sweep.

Exactly one year after breaking Roger Maris' record, McGwire went 1-for-4, leaving him with 54 homers with 21 games left.

Kevin Millwood (16-7) allowed two runs and seven hits in six innings.

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COWBOYS

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its early '90s teams, an active defensive line rotation. Defensive coordinator Dave Campo has nine guys at his disposal, ensuring a fresh body on almost every play.

"People may look at the group and say, 'Who is this guy?'" Campo said. "But nobody knew about the 1992 unit either."

When Gailey was hired last year, his primary task was to put some spunk into an offense that had become boring and ineffective. Strangely, his complicated schemes worked best at the start of the season.

Injuries in November to tight end David LaFleur and reliable receiver Ernie Mills were partly to blame, but not enough to explain a drop from 27 points per game over the first 12 to 14 per game over the last four, then just seven in the playoff loss.

Adding Ismail is a great start. His speed will keep defenses from double-covering Michael Irvin and should help open more running room for Smith, the NFL's active career rushing leader.

The passing and running games will be helped by the return of Stepnoski, who was part of the first two Super Bowl champions of the Jones era.

points with deep, hard groundstrokes and pushed Davenport to the brink of defeat. "I should have been on my way to Manhattan and started packing to go home tomorrow morning," Davenport said. "I'm just lucky to be here.

Sometimes it just turns the tournament around. You play even better after that." Krajciek broke Goran Ivanisevic's record of 46 aces, also set in a losing effort, against Magnus Norman.

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FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Sept. 8. (Report also available on Web as www.txparks.com.)

CENTRAL
BROWNWOOD: Water clear; 88 degrees; Black bass fair to good on topwaters, fished early and Carolina-rigs fished during the day in 6 to 15 feet of water. Crappie are fair on minnows fished at night under lights. White bass are fair to good on spoons, minnows and Rat-L-Traps. Catfish are fair on worms and stinkbait fished off the bottom.

BUCHANAN: Water clear; 88 degrees; 11' low; Black bass are slow to fair on 1/4oz. white Terminator buzzbaits, 1/8oz. chrome/blue Rat-L-Traps and watermelon/red flake Top-Dog lizards fished very early from the mid-lake to the islands. Crappie are fair on minnows fished at night under lights. White bass are slow on 1/8oz. Spin Traps, Horizon Perch Minnows and small shad-type crankbaits fished along the bluffs. Striped bass are slow drifting live perch and shad or trolling bucktail jigs in 30 feet over trees near the dam. Channel and blue catfish are good on stinkbait, worms and minnows. Yellow catfish to 17.5 pounds are fair on trotlines set live bait.

SOUTH
AMISTAD: Water fairly clear; 87 degrees; 36.5' low; Black bass are good on topwaters fished early and spinnerbaits, watermelon seed or pumpkinseed Carolina-rigs worms fished around the hydrilla. Crappie and white bass are fair on minnows and slabs fished at night. Striped bass are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish to 25 pounds are slow to fair on droplines baited with goldfish.

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water slightly stained; 83 degrees; Black bass are fair on live salamanders fished in 20 to 30 feet. No reports of Alabama Spotted bass, small mouth bass, or crappie. Channel and blue catfish are good on minnows and shrimp fished in 20 to 25 feet. Yellow catfish are fair on perch and large minnows.

ARROWHEAD: Water clear; 85 degrees; 6' low; Black bass are good on chartreuse buzz baits fished near the Henrietta Bridge. Crappie are good on small minnows fished in 12 to 15 feet around the docks. White bass are good on minnows and white jigs fished near the Henrietta Bridge. Channel and blue catfish are good on cheese bait and chicken livers fished in 18 to 20 feet. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with perch in 15 to 20 feet on the south end of the lake.

BRADY: Water slightly stained; 84 degrees; 14' low; Black bass are fair on plastic worms and crankbaits fished in 5 to 10 feet. Crappie are poor on minnows fished in brush in 6 to 10 feet. White bass are good on crankbaits fished in 2 to 4 feet. Blue and channel catfish are fair on stink bait fished in 4 to 10 feet. No reports on yellow catfish.

COLORADO CITY: Water slightly stained; 87 degrees; 12' low; Black bass are poor. White bass are poor. Catfish are good on chicken livers and shrimp.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 81 degrees; 15' low; Black bass are good on spinnerbaits and minnows fished in 5 to 7 feet. Crappie are good on small minnows fished in 5 to 10 feet on the west side of the lake. Sand bass are poor on small minnows fished shallow. Hybrid strippers are good on buss baits and shad fished in 5 to 7 feet. Blue catfish are good on carp and perch fished in 5 to 8 feet. Yellow catfish are good on carp and perch fished in 5 to 7 feet.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water clear; 88 degrees; 6.75' low; Black bass are good on worms fished in 4 to 8 feet around grass beds and rocks. Crappie are fair on small minnows and jigs fished in 8 to 15 feet. White bass are fair on small spinners. No crabs fished on hybrid strippers. Channel catfish are fair on dip bait, nightcrawlers, perch and shad fished in 15 to 20 feet near bathhouses. No reports of blue or yellow catfish.

KEMP: Water slightly stained; 81 degrees; 1.5' low; Black bass are poor fished in 2 to 5 feet. Sand bass are poor on minnows. Crappie are poor on minnows fished in 4 to 5 feet. Striped bass are fair on jigs and sassy shad fished in 30 to 32 feet. Blue and channel catfish are fair on perch and cut bait. No reports on yellow catfish.

NASWORTHY: Water stained; 88 degrees; Black bass are fair on red crankbaits and zipper worms fished in the gator weed and around docks. Crappie are poor in minnows and small crankbaits fished at night under lights. White bass are poor on small crankbaits and jigs fished under lights at night. No reports on redfish. Hybrid strippers are fair on shad patterns. No crabs fished under lights at night. Channel and blue catfish are fair on cut bait. Yellow catfish are poor on trotlines baited with goldfish, shad and perch.

NOCONA: Water stained; 87 degrees; 3' low; No fishing report available.

OAK CREEK: Water clear; 86 degrees; 11.5' low; Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits, crankbaits, top waters and minnows fished in 10 to 19 feet. White bass are good on minnows and jigs fished in 4 to 18 feet at night. Crappie are poor on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 15 feet. Blue and channel catfish are fair on stink bait, minnows, shrimp and liver fished in 4 to 10 feet. Yellow catfish are fair on shad, gold fish, minnows, perch and cut bait fished in 6 to 12 feet.

OH. IVE: Water clear; 91 degrees; 8.5' low; Black bass are fair to good on top waters fished in 3 to 8 feet around grass beds on Carolina-rigs in 25 to 30 feet. Crappie are poor at night fished under lights along river channels in 35. White bass are good at night under lights on the main lake near the dam. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live bait in 30 to 40 feet next to river channels.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 85 degrees; 4' low; Black bass are poor on flukes and spoons early and on ring worms fished in 5 to 20 feet later in the day. White bass are poor on minnows fished in 10 to 20 feet and on small top waters fished early with schooling strippers. Striped bass are poor on live shad fished in 30 to 40 feet. Crappie are poor on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 20 feet. Blue catfish to 20 pounds are poor on cut shad and perch fished in 20 to 40 feet. Yellow catfish are poor on perch fished in 20 to 30 feet.

SPENCE: Water slightly stained; 85 degrees; Black bass are poor on plastic baits fished near structure. White bass are excellent on small crankbaits and top waters fished near shallow sand bars in the main lake. No reports on crappie. Striped bass are good on cut bait, live shad and top waters fished in 10 to 15 feet. Channel and blue catfish are good on shrimp and nightcrawlers fished near the bank. No reports on yellow catfish.

STAMFORD: Water clear; 85 degrees; 12' low; Black bass are good on crankbaits and plastics fished deep. No report on crappie. White bass are good on jigs and roadrunners fished in the boils near the power plant with schooling action. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with perch. Channel catfish are good on trotlines and rod and reels baited with shad. Blue catfish are good to excellent on trotlines baited with shad in 4 to 6 feet.

SWEETWATER: Water slightly stained; 86 degrees; 14' low; Black bass are poor on red shad worms fished in 8 to 10 feet. No report on crappie or white bass. Blue and channel catfish are excellent on shrimp and minnows fished in 5 to 8 feet. No reports of yellow catfish.

TWIN BUTTES: Water stained; 88 degrees; 35' low; Black bass are poor on crankbaits fished along the dam. White bass are poor on minnows and very small crankbaits with some schooling action. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished along channels in brush. Channel, blue and yellow catfish are fair on cut shad and worms.

WHITE RIVER: Water clear; 85 degrees; Black bass are poor on spinnerbaits and minnows fished shallow. Crappie are poor to fair on small minnows fished early and late. White bass are fair on minnows. No reports on walleye. Channel catfish are good on shrimp and nightcrawlers fished in the mouths on the rivers and creeks. No reports on blue or yellow catfish.

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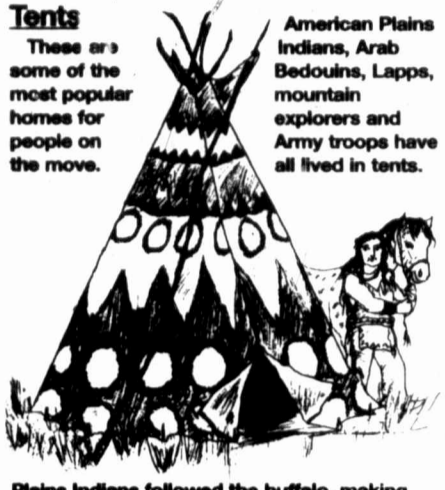
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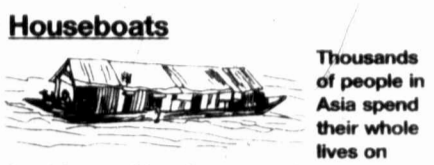
Shelter Through the Ages There's No Place Like Home



What is your home made of? Throughout history, people have been smart about inventing shelters that enable them to live in every part of the world.



Plains Indians followed the buffalo, making their teepees out of the skins. The Indians called the teepee "good mother" because it protected its people.



Thousands of people in Asia spend their whole lives on houseboats. Many houses, and even stores, travel together on the water, forming floating villages.



In the United States, Canada and Europe, many people live in a type of trailer while they explore the country. These mobile homes are equipped with kitchens, bathrooms and beds.

How people make their homes depends on many things, including:

- climate
- what building materials are available
- their lifestyle
- if they need protection from enemies.

Homes that move

Thousands of years ago, people had to keep moving from place to place, tracking animals for food. Sometimes they found shelter in caves during the cold months. They also learned to make homes that were easy to put up, take down and carry.

Here are some examples of mobile homes from yesterday and today.

Yurts



These portable huts keep people cozy in the cold Asian north. Yurts are made of wooden mats hooked onto wooden frames that fold up for easy carrying. The ground is usually frozen too hard to pound in tent poles, so the frame must stand on its own.



Bedouins herd their goats, camels and sheep across the Arabian desert in search of water and food. Cloth made from wool and goat fur is attached to tent poles.

Igloos



The Inuits in the Arctic build igloos, houses made of blocks of snow. Often, they put in windows made out of ice. It takes a lot of skill to build an igloo. Igloos are temporary homes the Inuit build when hunting seals. They have permanent homes as well.

Rookie Cookie's Recipe

Hot Diggety Dog Pizza

You'll need:

- 2 English muffins, split in half
- 1/2 cup pizza sauce
- 2 hot dogs, cut into small pieces
- 1/2 cup mozzarella cheese, shredded

What to do:

1. Place English muffin halves on a cookie sheet.
2. Spread equal amounts of pizza sauce evenly on each half.
3. Place hot dog pieces evenly on top.
4. Sprinkle cheese evenly on top.
5. Bake in a preheated 375-degree oven for 15 minutes. Serves 4.

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SHELTER

Words that remind us of shelter are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: SHELTER, LIFE, SAFE, CLIMATE, BUILD, DESERT, AGRICULTURE, ANIMALS, COLD, YURT, TENT, WOOD, TEEPEE, MOUNTAINS, SNOW, SOD, MUD, ADOBE, FUR.

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Mini Spy and Gus are living in a log cabin, as people did in pioneer days. See if you can find:

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Building Materials

Dirt

All over the world people have found clever ways to use dirt. It's easy to build with and it's cheap and available. Even if there are no trees or stones, there is always dirt.

Dirt is a good insulator. It keeps the inside of a house cool in hot weather and warm in cold weather.

Adobe

Adobe is made with a stiff clay mixture formed into bricks. Rain can wash it away, so it needs constant attention. In Mexico and the southwestern United States, adobe houses are often painted with white lime to protect them from the rain.

Sod

Sod is dirt with plant roots still in it. American pioneers built with chunks of earth. At times they even built into a hillside, turning the hill into one of the walls. When it rained, water and mud dripped into the house. Flowers and grass grew out of the walls and roofs.

Bricks

Bricks were made with clay and put into molds. They were heated in kilns, or very hot ovens, to make them hard. Today bricks are machine-made.

Grasses and trees

People have used many plants for building materials: reeds, grasses, coconut fibers, wood, bark, palm leaves and trees.

The bamboo and GRASSES

that make up this South African-style house let air enter to cool it. In some places cow dung is used to hold together mud to make walls and floors.

The Powhatan Indians laid bark shingles or reed mats over wooden frames. Air and light came through the door and smokehole at the top.

For hundreds of years people in Norway, Denmark and Sweden made log cabins. Immigrants from that area taught American pioneers how to build them.

In some places, houses made with wooden boards must be painted every few years to keep the wood from rotting.

Materials for the city

As cities grew, people used up or destroyed nearby building materials to make more homes. They had to bring in materials from other places.

As more people crowded into cities, they ran out of room to build outward, so they built up. Ancient Romans built shelters as high as seven stories. When these tall buildings were made with wood, they often caught fire. The Romans used two strong fireproof materials, bricks and concrete.

Cement

is a powder made by grinding up stones and firing the mixture to high temperatures. It makes a very hard material. The Romans used a natural cement found on the slopes of a volcano.

Concrete is made by mixing cement, water, sand and gravel. Some ancient Roman buildings are still in good shape today.

Steel gives needed strength to today's tall buildings. New materials such as plastic are used in new and exciting ways.

Before the mid-1800s it was too expensive to manufacture much steel. Until 1852, when the elevator was invented, few buildings were higher than seven stories. Lower costs and elevators made building the first steel-frame skyscraper possible in 1884.

Tomorrow's workforce is in today's classrooms.

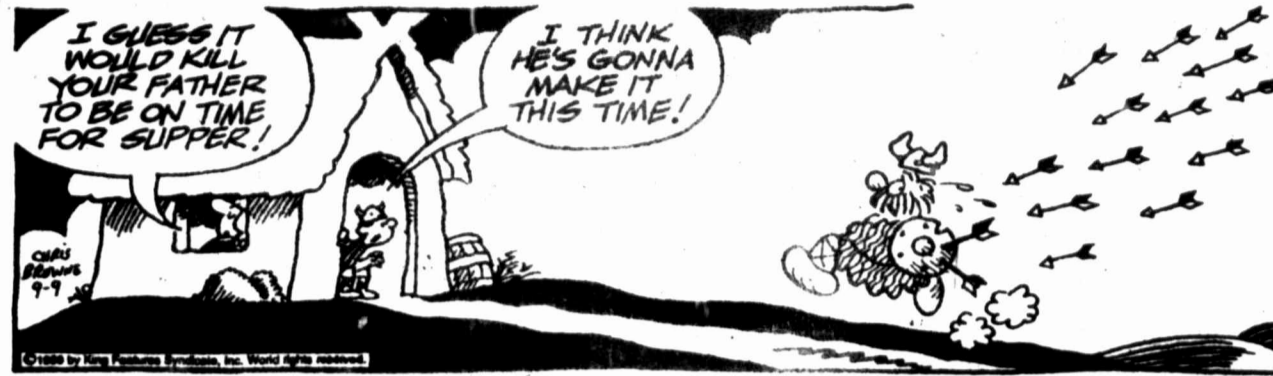
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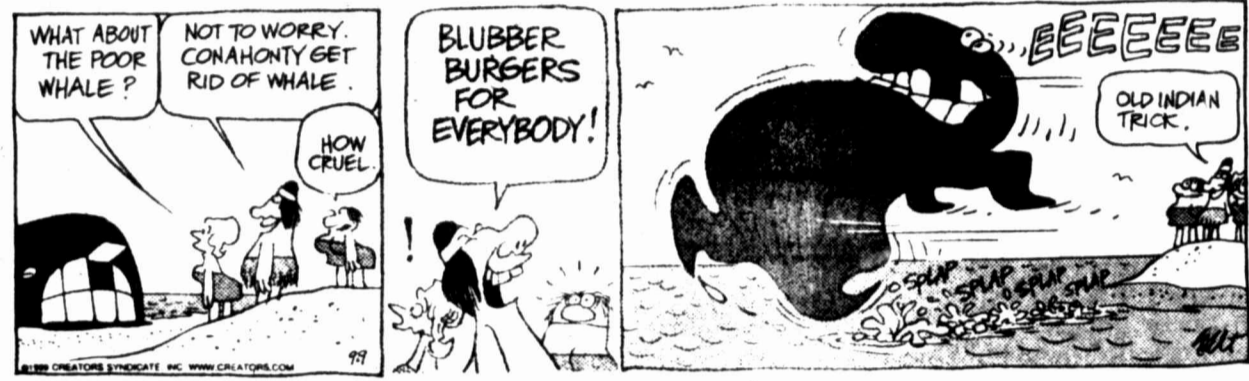
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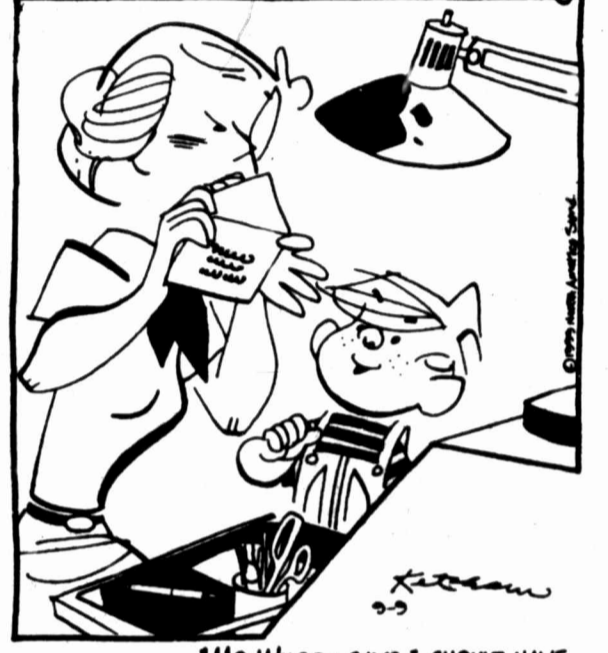
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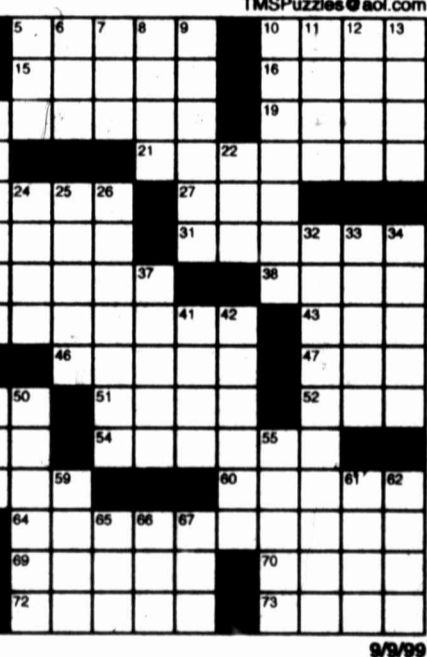
The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Thursday, Sept. 9, the 252nd day of 1999. There are

113 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Sept. 9, 1776, the Second Continental Congress made the term "United States" official, replacing "United Colonies." On this date: In 1850, California became the

31st state of the union. In 1919, most of Boston's 1,500-member police force went on strike. In 1926, the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) was created by the Radio Corporation of America. In 1943, Allied forces landed at Salerno and Taranto during World War II. In 1948, the People's Democratic Republic of Korea (North Korea) was created. In 1956, Elvis Presley made the first of three appearances on "The Ed Sullivan Show." In 1957, President Eisenhower signed the first civil rights bill to pass Congress since Reconstruction. In 1971, prisoners seized control of the maximum-security Attica Correctional Facility near Buffalo, N.Y., beginning a siege that would kill 43 people. In 1976, Communist Chinese leader Mao Tse-tung died in Beijing at age 82. In 1993, PLO leaders and Israel agreed to formal recognition, clearing the way for a peace accord.

THE Daily Crossword

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Ten years ago: West German Steffi Graf won the women's tennis title at the U.S. Open in New York, defeating second-ranked Martina Navratilova. Five years ago: The United States agreed to accept at least 20,000 Cuban immigrants a year in return for Cuba's promise to halt the flight of refugees. Prosecutors in Los Angeles said they would not seek the death penalty for O.J. Simpson. The space shuttle Discovery blasted off on an 11-day mission. Today's Birthdays: Actress Jane Greer is 75. Actor Cliff Robertson is 74. Jazz musician Elvin Jones is 72. Actress Sylvia Miles is 67. Rhythm-and-blues singer Luther Simmons (The Main Ingredient) is 57. Singer Inez Foxx is 57. Singer Dee Dee Sharp is 54. Singer-musician Billy Preston is 53. Rock singer-musician Doug Ingle (Iron Butterfly) is 53. Country singer Freddy Weller is 52. Football commentator Joe Theismann is 50. Actor-comedian Michael Keaton is 48. Actor Tom Wopat is 48. Actress Angela Cartwright is 47. Musician-producer Dave Stewart (Eurythmics) is 47. Actor Hugh Grant is 39. Actor Adam Sandler is 33. Actor David Bennett is 33.