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Downtown Lions to host annual hamburger supper

Big Spring Downtown Lions Club will sponsor its annual hamburger supper from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday in the Big Spring High School cafeteria.

Cost is \$5 per person and carryout is available.

Howard County historic throws will be available for purchase at the supper, \$40 each.

Call 263-4295 for more information, or see any Downtown Lions member.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Quarterback Club, 7 p.m., Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

WEDNESDAY

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

□ Senior Circle Big Spring Mall Walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of movie theater box office.

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

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

□ Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International Big Spring Camp No. 4206, 7 a.m., Hermans.

□ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.

□ Big Spring Newcomer's Club meets 11:30 a.m. at Big Spring Country Club.

□ Christmas in April, noon, Lion's Club Den, 1607 E. Third.

□ Friends of the Library, noon, Howard County Library.

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ American Legion Auxiliary, 7 p.m.

□ Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

□ Big Spring Newcomers Club contact Pat Mireles for time and location, 267-8741.

FRIDAY

□ AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.

□ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

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CRMWD directors to consider adopting new water rates

By JOHN H. WALKER
Editor

Directors of the Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD) will consider adopting new water rates for member cities when they meet at 10:30 Wednesday morning.

CRMWD assistant general manager Chris Wingert said he expects the rates to remain relatively flat for Big Spring, Snyder and Odessa — the district's three member cities. "The rates are geared to the

ratio of water taken by each member city," he explained. "This past year, Odessa's intake increased while usage in Snyder and Big Spring dropped."

As a result, he said, Odessa's rates are expected to increase while there will be little change in the rates assessed Snyder and Big Spring.

Wingert said the rate setting process for member cities comes on the heels of last month's adoption of a budget of \$11,055,855 — which represents an increase of 1.6 percent over

the previous year.

"We simply set the rates to generate the revenue we need to operate," he explained.

In addition to the member cities, CRMWD supplies water to a number of contract communities in a West Texas area serving over 400,000 persons. The district also has a number of industrial customers that purchase water on a contract basis.

Other items on the agenda for Wednesday include a drought contingency and water conservation plan, which is a result of

Senate Bill 1, passed by the 75th Texas Legislature, and authorizing a groundwater availability study.

Wingert said the groundwater availability study positions the district to be at the forefront of conservation in the region.

Earlier this year, district officials began looking at other sources of water — as well as additional uses for the current water supply.

One ongoing concern, despite some slight relief this year, is the drought — now in its sixth year.

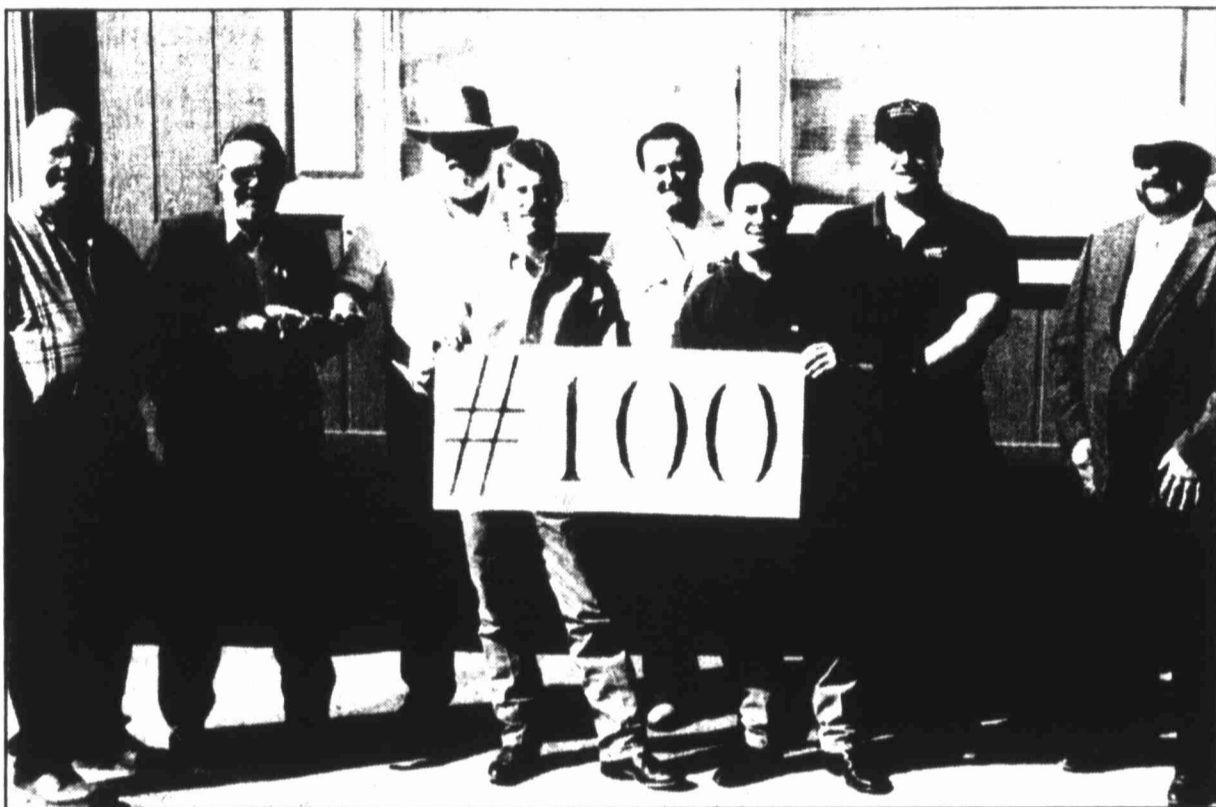
Of the municipalities receiving water from the district, Abilene is in the most serious shape, Wingert said. Abilene receives water from CRMWD through the West Central Texas Municipal Water District.

"They're in a drought situation," he said. "They have plenty of water in Hord's Creek Lake, but the problem they face is the limit on how much they can take."

"And there's no water in Fort Phantom (Lake)."

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Signal Homes closing its doors



Bud Ledingham (left), one of the owners of Signal Homes, is shown delivering the 100th home to come off the assembly line. Joining Ledingham at the time were (from left) Jim Hopper and Harlan Scott of Odessa's Frontier Mobile Homes, Roy Taylor, Greg Nichols and Ron Becker, of Beacon Homes, and Bill Bohannon and Mike Waddell. Signal employees were told earlier today the plant would close.

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

After laying off 30 employees one week ago, owners of Signal Homes announced to the remaining workforce this morning that the plant would be closing.

"Our plans are to run out the houses that we have in the line right now and close our doors," said Bud Ledingham, one of the owners of the plant. He said the closure could be complete by the end of next week.

"This industry is going through some bad times right now," Ledingham said last week. "In fact, four factories closed down in Texas in the past two weeks."

The manufacturer of manufactured housing, which opened in Big Spring in February 1997, had reduced its workforce to about 75 employees last week.

The announcement that

Signal would close drew immediate reaction from the community.

"I just heard about this a few minutes ago," said Virginia Belew, area manager of the Texas Workforce Commission. "We are in the process of talking about how we are going to handle it."

Belew said a team of Workforce Commission staff would probably be sent to Signal to meet with employees about their rights, benefits and options.

"This is really devastating," she said, adding that it is particularly difficult coming on the heels of the closing of Walls Industries and Hirschfeld Steel. "(Signal Homes) was a good employer. They helped our economy at a time when we really needed it."

Signal Homes came to Big Spring through the efforts of Moore Development of Big Spring after a contract was signed in January 1997.

At that time a \$750,000 loan was administered to the manufacturing company, with the promise of about 100 jobs for local residents within the first year.

The company also promised a \$1.5 million payroll the first year.

The second year there was a promise of 120 jobs and a \$2 million payroll, and 150 jobs and a \$2.5 million payroll were expected the third year, according to a Big Spring Herald story Feb. 23, 1997.

Belew said she hoped to help the employees make the transition to new jobs quickly.

"Employers need to call us if they have positions available," she said. "These are hardworking people. They kept their best employees on as long as they could."

But, she conceded, the plant closure will be difficult for all concerned.

"We don't need this right now."

State hospital

202 bed facility will now serve 21-county Panhandle region, officials announce

By JOHN H. WALKER
Editor

Officials of Big Spring State Hospital (BSSH) and the Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority (TPMHA) will formally announce today that the 202-bed Big Spring facility will now serve the 21-county Panhandle region.



SIMONS

The announcement was to be made at a 3:30 press conference in Amarillo.

With the addition, Big Spring State Hospital now serves a 78-county region including Amarillo, Lubbock, El Paso, Midland, Odessa, San Angelo and Abilene.

Authority for BSSH to serve the region was granted by the Texas Department of Mental Health/Mental Retardation — the regulating agency for the state mental health system — on Sept. 1. Prior to that, the

TPMHA utilized facilities at North Texas State Hospital in Wichita Falls.

All patients needing psychiatric inpatient care in the 21-county area served by the TPMHA will be transported to Big Spring State Hospital.

TPMHA annually serves more than 2,000 people with mental illness in a 26,000-square mile area with a population of 370,000 persons. The mental health authority operates seven outpatient clinics sites in the rural Panhandle and four in Amarillo.

"We've been extremely pleased with the smooth transition Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority has provided for our hospital," said Jok Simons, BSSH director for operations and marketing. "The staff does an excellent job, and we believe we are very fortunate to be given the opportunity to provide inpatient care to the people with mental illness in the Panhandle."

Kent Keith, Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority men-

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Arts and crafts festival slated at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum

HERALD Staff Report

It's not too early to be thinking about decorating for Thanksgiving or gift-giving for Christmas, and one place to find some unique items will be the 23rd annual Big Spring Arts



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and Crafts Festival this weekend.

Approximately 200 artists and crafters from throughout the Southwest will be featured during the two-day show at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. There is no admission fee.

Hours will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

"We have a lot of seasonal things, fall and Christmas. Yard

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Two held in county jail for aggravated robbery

RICK McLAUGHLIN
Staff Writer

An unemployed transient and an unemployed Snyder man were being held in Howard County Jail today, charged with the aggravated robbery early Saturday afternoon of the Texaco convenience store at Fourth and Gregg, according to Big Spring Police Department spokesman Sgt. Roger Sweatt.

Arrested were James W. White, 56, who was charged with aggravated robbery and attempted robbery from an earlier incident, and Michael W. Chason, 29, who was charged with aggravated robbery.

Bond was set by Judge Gary Tabor at \$50,000 on the aggravated robbery charge for each of the two suspects. White received an additional \$25,000 bond for the attempted robbery charge. White was also being held on \$500 bond on a Travis County warrant for theft by check and a \$200 bond for issuance of a bad check in Travis County.

Big Spring Police Department

was notified about 2:35 p.m. that a clerk at the store had been threatened by a male suspect who had demanded money, said Sweatt.

A description of the suspect and a vehicle were taken by police and the suspect vehicle was stopped three minutes later at 17th and Gregg, according to a police department release.

The suspects were taken into custody and transported to Big Spring City Jail, from which they were later transferred to the county jail.

White was described as an unemployed transient who was born in Dumas.

Chason was described as an unemployed resident of Snyder. Sweatt said the police department is continuing the investigating with other agencies to see if the two suspects may have been involved or connected with any other robberies in the area with similar methods of operation.

Sweatt said that one agency the department has contacted in Tom Green County has indicated

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Lupe Pattin of Faye's Flowers takes a break from working on mums for the Big Spring High School homecoming Friday. In addition to Faye's, employees at Dakota's, A Timeless Design and the HEB floral department have been busy during the homecoming season. Big Spring's game against Snyder on Friday wraps up the 1999 homecoming season in the Crossroads Area.

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OBITUARIES

Branden Guzman

Funeral service for Branden Guzman, 5, of Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. He died Monday, Oct. 11, 1999, in a Lubbock hospital.

Louise Spradling

Funeral service for Louise Spradling, 84, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. She died Tuesday, Oct. 12, 1999.

SUSPECTS

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ed that there is a possibility of a connection, but Sweatt said it was too early to make additional comment.

CRMWD

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Wingert said Abilene city officials are now considering their options, which include purchasing right-of-way and constructing a pipeline to take water from Lake O.H. Ivie.
"Even if they made that decision now, they're still looking at 18 to 24 months to buy the right-of-way and get going," Wingert said.
CRMWD was created by an act of the Texas Legislature and is in its 50th year of supplying water to West Texas.

SHOW

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art, decorative items," said Mel Prather, show organizer.
"There will be wreaths for the door, ornaments, lots of things, plus we'll have our usual items, of course."
Some of the artists new to the show will be featuring porcelain dolls, birdhouses, stuffed toys, boxes, beaded jewelry, wine stewards, wood signs and homemade jellies, according to Prather.
Others are metal sculptures, Santa Claus dolls, angels, clay pot figurines, handpainted placemat sets, baby rompers, T-shirts, teacher bags, Texas scarves and ceramics.
Wind chimes, cap racks, shelves, pottery, fireplace screens, matted prints, broomstick skirts, vests, plaques, spices, barnwood items, shadow boxes and peanut brittle are some other items to be featured.
Still others are clothing, furniture, wood baskets, scented oils, children's toys, wood carvings, lamps, candles, stained glass, window panels, clocks, belt buckles, Southwest ceramics, quilted items, games. The list goes on and on.
"It's always a good show," said Prather. "It's been here since 1977. It gives people a chance to see friends that they don't see often. We have a lot of visiting going on during the

show."
Concessions will be available both days of the show.
"There will be cheeseburgers, barbecue sandwiches, Indian bread, hot dogs, soft drinks, tea, just a lot of different things to eat and drink," said Prather. "Come on out and enjoy the show and have lunch."

BSSH

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tal health director, said, "I think the arrangement with Big Spring State Hospital will work out well. They provide a wide variety of services that will be beneficial to people in the Panhandle living with mental illness."
Big Spring State Hospital provides on-campus housing in the Marilyn Keaton Newsom Lodge for family members visiting patients at the facility. The lodge offers a den, dining and kitchen areas and bedrooms for a minimal fee or based on the family's ability to pay.
The announcement of the transfer of responsibility comes on the heels of the announcement that Big Spring State Hospital would be forced to lay off 19 persons because of a reduction of beds.
The hospital is Big Spring's largest employer, with 661 employees. The hospital treats people from 10 years of age and older.

REUNIONS
MORE THAN 150 MEMBERS of the Big Spring High School classes of 1943-46 are expected to attend this weekend's reunion. Former students are coming from Canada, California, New Mexico, Virginia, Kansas, Washington, Georgia and all over Texas.
Activities include riding in the parade Friday, with a Mexican dinner in the Howard College Cactus Room followed by a time for fellowship.
Saturday, the group will meet at 8:30 a.m. for coffee and pastries in the Cactus Room, followed by a tour of the town, including the Big Spring Junior High School and the Settles Building. A banquet at 7 p.m. will include a program "Down Memory Lane" and piano music of that era.

BRIEFS
IT'S TIME FOR THE Big Spring Women's Clubs annual cook drive. We will be collecting coats for needy children and adults through Nov. 30. Please bring your extra coats, hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, windbreakers and blankets to Harris Lumber and Hardware (1515 E. FM 700), the Howard County Courthouse (first floor) or Scenic Mountain Medical Center (1601 W. 11th Place).

THE COAHOMA METHODIST YOUTH Group will sponsor a fish fry fundraiser on Friday, Oct. 22, prior to the Coahoma vs. Stanton football game, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Coahoma Community Center. The cost is \$7.50/adults and \$5/children 10 and under. Tickets can be purchased at the Coahoma Methodist Church, First Bank of West Texas, First United Methodist church of Stanton and the First National Bank of Stanton.
THE MARCH OF DIMES will have its Big Spring WalkAmerica on Nov. 6, at Comanche Trail Park. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Call 570-7940 for more information.
BIG SPRING DOWNTOWN LIONS Club will sponsor its annual hamburger supper Friday, 5-7 p.m. in the Big Spring High School cafeteria. Cost is \$5 per person and carry-out is available.
Howard County historic throws will be available for purchase at the supper, \$40 each. Call 263-4295 for more information, or see any Downtown Lions member.
AMERICAN LEGION POST 506 will have a fish fry Saturday, noon to 3 p.m., 3203 W. Hwy 80. The cost is \$6 per plate and carry out is available. Call 263-2084 to order.

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263-2479

Galileo probe makes close flyby of Jupiter moon

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The aging and glitch-prone Galileo spacecraft successfully flew within 380 miles of Jupiter's moon Io, overcoming huge doses of radiation and a computer problem just hours before the approach.
The probe made the closest-ever flyby at 10:06 p.m. PDT Sunday, said project manager Jim Erickson of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena.
"We're thrilled that the spacecraft handled this flyby so well, particularly because it had to endure such a strong dose of radiation from Jupiter," he said Monday. "It appears everything went well."
As part of an extended mission, Galileo's instruments are studying the chemistry, heat distribution, gravity and magnetic properties of Io, Jupiter's innermost large moon and the only known active volcanic solar system object besides Earth.
"It gives us the opportunity to do comparisons between a non-Earth volcanic system and the Earth," Erickson said. "We learn something about both of them in the process."
Success was not guaranteed. Just 19 hours before the flyby, a memory error in a computer caused the spacecraft to enter a safe mode, and engineers worked up until two hours before the close approach to fix the problem.
Had attempts to recover failed, no science data or images would have been returned from the spacecraft 327 million miles from Earth, said Nagin Cox, deputy chief of the engineering flight team.
Cox was at home about 3 a.m. Sunday when she received the news of the error from JPL's flight control center. She quickly canceled plans to take part in her best friend's wedding and instead drove to JPL.
"The first thing that occurred to me is that we're in that window where we have a chance to recover if we start acting right away," she said. "We went through a period of a few hours where we were trying to get information on what had happened while we simultaneously put into motion the recovery plans."
Two hours after the problem cropped up, engineers determined that it stemmed from a memory error, likely the result of the spacecraft's long exposure to high levels of radiation near the giant gaseous planet.
Hours of programming paid off, and the spacecraft is believed to have captured about 75 percent of the images and science data from the flyby.
Galileo has sent mission engineers and controllers scrambling on several occasions since its 1989 launch, which itself was delayed for years by the 1986 Challenger disaster.
Scientists overcame the failure of the probe's main antenna to open properly and a malfunction of its tape recorder. Galileo still achieved 70 percent of its science goals during its \$1.5 billion primary mission.
The probe is scheduled to make an even closer approach of Io on Nov. 25, flying within 186 miles of the surface.
The spacecraft, which arrived at Jupiter in 1995, completed its primary mission in 1997 and will finish a \$30 million, two-year extended mission in January.

MARKETS
Dec. cotton 53.20 cents, down 29 points; Nov. crude 21.77, up 50 points; cash hogs steady at 34; cash steers \$1 higher at 69 even; Oct. lean hog futures 46.47, up 40 points; Oct. live cattle futures 70.65, up 10 points.
courtesy: Delta Corporation. Other markets were not available by presstime.

SHERIFF
The following information was transcribed from the Howard County Sheriff's Department arrest logs through 8 a.m. Tuesday.
•CYNTHIA LEE THOMAS, 20, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation/Theft over \$50 and under \$500. (HCSO)
•SHEKEITHA SHIWANE ROBINSON, 22, was arrested for possession of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance over one ounce and under four ounces. (DPS)
•VIRGINIA LYNN ROBINSON, 24, was arrested for possession of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance over one ounce and under four ounces. (DPS)
•MICKY JERMAIN TRAYLOR, 25, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance over one ounce and under four ounces. (DPS)
•RENE VALDEZ JR., 38, was arrested for contempt of a child support order. (HCSO)
•DONALD WES BRUTON, 28, was arrested for possession of marijuana. (DPS)
•CHAD BRITTON STRICKLAND, 32, was arrested for disorderly conduct. (HCSO)
•BEN JOSEPH GARZA, 19, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation/forgery of a financial instrument, MTRP/unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, failure to identify a fugitive from justice, and burglary of a habitation.
•MICHAEL WARREN CHASON, 28, was arrested for aggravated robbery. (BSPD)
•JAMES WESLEY WHITE, 56, was arrested for aggravated Robbery and attempted robbery. (BSPD)
•MICHAEL WAYNE SCOTT, 35, was arrested for

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•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.
•Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.
•Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.
•Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Sue Jones, 263-7361 ext. 7179 or 264-7518.
•"Most Excellent Way," an addiction support group, 3610 Dixon, call 264-9900.
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.

TEXAS LOTTERY
PICK 3: 5,4,8
CASH 5: 15,18,20,22,28
Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

POLICE
The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday.
•SHEKEITHA ROBINSON, 22, was arrested on a hold for DPS—controlled substance.
•VIRGINIA ROBINSON, 24, was arrested on a hold for DPS—controlled substance.
•INEZ PINA, 59, was arrested for public intoxication.
•TREBEL LEBERT, no age, was arrested for public intoxication.
•NORMA LOPEZ, 68, was arrested for public intoxication.
•SHOTS FIRED was reported in the 1700 block of Rannels.
•MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg.
•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported at 400 E. Fourth St.
•THEFT was reported in the 100 block of W. 19th, the 400 block of Johnson, and the 1500 block of Sycamore.
•CLASS C ASSAULT was reported in the 700 block of Sgt. Paredes.

RECORDS
Monday's high **
Monday's low **
Average high 79
Average low 54
Record high 95 in 1979
Record low 33 in 1977
Precip. Monday 0.00
Month to date 0.31
Month's normal 0.58
Year to date 11.83
Normal for the year 15.74
Sunrise Wednesday 7:48 a.m.
Sunset Wednesday 7:16 p.m.
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CORRECTION
The name of Jacob Nichols, sixth grader at Goliad Elementary School, was not included in the honor roll lists which appeared in last Thursday's Herald. Jacob is listed on the A honor roll.

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WACO (AP) University is acc... dealing with one or deaths a year. It's life, said President Sloan Jr.
But this year — halfway through the — the death toll climbed to seven.
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UVALDE (AP) — tors hoped to pa singer Johnny Ro liar, inviting his and neighbor to stand could prove a Rodriguez is accu ing Israel "Bosco" death.
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FORT WORTH (A year-old man has b suspicion of attemp after he allegedl grandson, who com the World War I renting him a "house."
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HOUSTON (AP) immigrants' residin may be deported drunken driving the 5th U.S. Circ Appeals has ruled.
The Immigra Naturalization Serv sify a string of "crime of violence ruled.
The judges order tation of Oscar Marroquin, a Mexi who has lived in States since 1984.
Camacho's lawy that DWI is not a lence because it involve a substan force.
But the judges in court focused on the financial costs of v ing accidents: mor deaths and abou

Father s

CHARLESTON, V The father of a ma participating in the of four teen-age gir yogurt shop says cooperated with p times in the past e
A Kanawha Co Court hearing is today on whether Springsteen Jr. returned to Austi face charges stemm girls' deaths.
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NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home
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Louise Spradling, 84, died Tuesday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
24th & Johnson. 267-8288
Elzan Schafer, 62, died Saturday. Graveside services were 10:30 AM. Today at Trinity Memorial Park.
Branden Guzman, 5, died Monday. Services are pending.

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Baylor dealing with heavy toll after four students killed

WACO (AP) — Baylor University is accustomed to dealing with one or two student deaths a year. It's just part of life, said President Robert B. Sloan Jr.

But this year — less than halfway through the first semester — the death toll has already climbed to seven.

Four from this Baptist school on the Brazos River died early Sunday when a pickup truck veered off the road and struck them. Erika Lanham, 18, of Fort Collins, Colo., Tricia Calp, 18, of

Houston, Emily Hollister, 18, of South Bend, Ind., and Dolan "Tripp" Walter Wostal III, 22, of Alvin, were walking toward a Texas A&M fraternity party when the truck hit them.

Texas A&M student Ted Brufan, 21, of San Angelo, an agricultural business student, and William Flores, 22, of San Marcos, a student at Southwest Texas State, also died in the truck accident.

Students had barely recovered from the loss of three Baylor upperclassmen who were killed

Aug. 19 in a car accident when they learned of this tragedy, said Sloan.

It's been more than half a century since Baylor has lost so many students so suddenly. In 1927, 10 members of the men's basketball team were killed when their bus was hit by a train in Round Rock as they were heading to a game against the University of Texas, officials said. The dead have come to be known as the Immortal 10.

"Since that time I don't believe we have lost so many

students in such a short period of time," said Sloan. "It's on everybody's mind today. It's such a sobering thing."

People on the campus of 13,000 remembered them Monday with prayers and white ribbons pinned to their shirts.

Several professors won't be taking attendance this week and have canceled quizzes or tests to allow students to recover from the loss, school officials said.

Residents of Russell Hall — where three of the victims lived

— created makeshift memorials outside their friend's dorm rooms, leaving notes, cards, flowers and other items with sentimental value.

Authorities said Brandon Michael Kallmeyer fell asleep around 12:30 a.m. Sunday and veered onto the shoulder of Farm Road 60 in College Station, striking the students who were walking on the shoulder toward a party at the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity house. Two others were injured.

There was no evidence of alco-

hol being involved and no charges were pending against Kallmeyer, 18, of Katy, police said.

Steve Moore, vice president of student life, said as of Monday afternoon, more than 150 students had sought counseling to talk about the tragedy, including some who were at the Tau Kappa Epsilon party when the accident happened.

Others were students who sat next to one of the victims in a class or lived in the same residence hall.

Prosecutors press on with murder case against Rodriguez

UVALDE (AP) — If prosecutors hoped to paint country singer Johnny Rodriguez as a liar, inviting his good friend and neighbor to the witness stand could prove a misstep.

Rodriguez is accused of shooting Israel "Bosco" Borrego to death.

Prosecutors allege Rodriguez fatally shot Borrego on Aug. 29, 1998, during a drinking binge. The singer's lawyers claim he mistook Borrego for a burglar.

Attempting to poke holes in Rodriguez's story, prosecutors called Carlos Tovar to testify. A neighbor of Rodriguez, Tovar called 911 after the shooting. He was originally charged in the killing, but authorities later lifted the accusation.

Tovar told the courtroom Rodriguez shot and killed a "burglar" after a night whiled away at a drinking party.

But Tovar added the dead man was an acquaintance of both men. Borrego showed up rowdy several times throughout the course of the party.

In a sometimes testy exchange with District Attorney Tony Hackebell, Tovar called Borrego "a pest and a loudmouth" who showed up three times uninvited the night of his death.

Rodriguez' lawyers contend Borrego stole \$40 from the singer's mother's home in Sabin, where Rodriguez was living. Borrego was shot at the home.

At the party, Borrego fell down drunk, broke an antique chair and got into a scuffle with the host, Tovar testified. He added that Borrego had a history of misbehaving while drunk.

"The man got out of hand," Tovar said. "He was told not to

return."

Under questioning by defense attorney Alan Brown, Tovar testified Rodriguez came and fetched him the morning of the shooting. Rodriguez said he had fired at a threatening intruder, Tovar said.

Tovar returned with Rodriguez to the singer's house across the street. Borrego was moaning on the floor, he said.

"Did Johnny think that Bosco was burglarizing his house?" Brown asked.

"Yes," Tovar replied.

Tovar also testified Borrego was suspected in a previous burglary at the Rodriguez house.

But Hackebell alleged Tovar and Rodriguez hatched a plan to label Borrego a burglar after the shooting occurred.

Hackebell: "You want to protect your friend Johnny, don't

you?"

Tovar: "...Yes, to be honest, I'd do anything."

Hackebell: "Would you lie for him?"

Tovar: "I'm not a liar. I wouldn't lie for my friend or nobody."

Asked why he didn't call the police about the previous burglary and what he should do about a criminal committing a crime, Tovar said: "I'd shoot the son of a bitch."

Rodriguez, 47, could face up to life in prison if convicted.

Though his music career took a downturn by the 1990s, Rodriguez remains well known in his part of South Texas for his 1970s hits such as "Pass Me By (If You're Only Passing Through)" and "Ridin' My Thumb to Mexico" that soared into the Top 10 on the country charts.

Williams announces run for Railroad Commissioner

AUSTIN (AP) — Michael L. Williams, the first black person to sit on the three-member state Railroad Commission, said Monday he wants to be the first one elected to the panel.

Williams, a Republican, announced he will run for one of two open seats on the commission in 2000 and said his campaign will highlight the "variety and diversity" of Texas.

Williams, 45, was appointed by Gov. George W. Bush late last year to the panel that regulates the oil and gas industry. He replaced Carole Keeton Rylander who was elected state comptroller.

"Texas is a big ol' state with a lot of folks — folks that come in a lot of shapes and sizes," Williams said.

"We need to identify people of talent all across the racial and ethnic spectrum, and identify ways to get them engaged in Texas and involved in Texas," he said.

Before his appointment, Williams served as Juvenile Probation Commission chairman and State Republican Executive Committee general counsel.

He also was assistant secretary of education for civil rights under former President Bush and a special assistant to the attorney general in the Reagan administration.

Williams was "one of the brightest stars in President Bush's administration and also one of the brightest stars in Gov. Bush's administration," said former railroad commis-

sioner and U.S. Rep. Kent Hance.

"We know that the railroad commission is in good hands," Hance said.

Williams said he would work to eliminate the 4.6 percent severance tax levied on oil and gas production.

"One of the best ways to create economic opportunity and expand wealth is to ensure the government only takes what it needs (in taxes) from producers," Williams said.

"Sometimes one of the problems of government is that it strangles activity and that is the reason it is important for us to go back and look at our regulatory scheme," he said.

Williams touted changes the commission made during his current term, including relaxing well-testing rules to require producers to test every two years instead of annually, keeping incentives for companies to drill for natural gas and streamlining the agency to save producers \$7 million a year.

Williams said he would use computers to make the commission a paperless agency by 2003.

"When change on the outside of an industry is moving faster than change inside an industry, the end is near," Williams said.

Williams joins Railroad Commissioner Charles Matthews, also a Republican, on the ballot for the six-year term. Matthews, 60, was first elected to the commission in 1994.

Williams and Matthews are the only announced candidates for railroad commissioner.

103-year-old man arrested in shooting of grandson

FORT WORTH (AP) — A 103-year-old man has been jailed on suspicion of attempted murder after he allegedly shot his grandson, who complained that the World War I veteran was renting him a "rat-infested house."

Ben Collier shot Tyrone Collins, 45, early Sunday after the grandson confronted the

elderly man in his bedroom, authorities said. According to a police report, Collins was apparently upset about his living conditions and told his grandfather that he was going to turn him in to authorities for a running a "slum house."

One relative, who reported asking Collins to leave, said Collins replied, "He needs to go

live in that rat-infested house that he has me staying in."

Collier told police he'd had enough of his grandson's behavior, got a gun and fired at Collins three or four times, then stood over him and fired twice more before running out of bullets. He was attempting to reload when police arrived.

Collier was being held in lieu

of \$50,000 bail and is under medical watch because of his age, officials said. Collins was in serious condition at John Peter Smith Hospital on Monday with gunshot wounds to the chest, abdomen, waist and buttocks.

Collier was a private stationed in San Antonio with the 165th Depot Brigade during World War I.

Court allows deportation after three DWI convictions

HOUSTON (AP) — Legal immigrants residing in Texas may be deported after three drunken driving convictions, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service can classify a string of DWIs as a "crime of violence," the court ruled.

The judges ordered the deportation of Oscar Camacho Marroquin, a Mexican national who has lived in the United States since 1984.

Camacho's lawyers argued that DWI is not a crime of violence because it does not involve a substantial risk of force.

But the judges in the appeals court focused on the human and financial costs of drunken driving accidents: more than 25,000 deaths and about 1 million

injuries and more than \$5 billion in property damage.

"Drunk driving, by its nature, presents a serious risk of physical injury," the judges wrote in their decision.

The ruling could affect thousands of families in Texas, where state law upgrades three drunken driving convictions to felony DWI — thus invoking the INS' ability to deport because a "crime of violence" is an aggravated felony.

The INS has been criticized by immigration attorneys for using state laws — including DWI laws in Arizona and Texas — as deportation tools of a politically charged, anti-immigrant climate.

Houston immigration attorney Brian Bates said the new ruling sets the stage for the INS to further expand its definition of a crime of violence in Texas.

"There's no question that drunk driving is dangerous and people should be punished for it," Bates told the Houston Chronicle. "But it stretches the meaning of crime of violence to say that an unintentional crime is a violent crime."

He said the INS has already interpreted burglary of a vehicle, a nonexistent offense in many states, as meeting the crime of violence standard.

Immigrants do not understand the long-term ramifications of pleading guilty to drunken driving, Bates said. Many who bargained with the government in the 1980s and 1990s — before the definition was expanded — are now being deported and have no legal recourse, he said.

But federal Judges Emilio M. Garza, John M. Duhe Jr. and Rhessa H. Barksdale held that drunken driving meets the

three-pronged test necessary for a crime of violence: there is at least a one-year prison sentence, it is a felony and there is a substantial risk of use of force.

Father says suspect cooperated with police

CHARLESTON, W. Va. (AP) — The father of a man accused of participating in the 1991 murder of four teen-age girls at a Texas yogurt shop says his son has cooperated with police several times in the past eight years.

A Kanawha County Circuit Court hearing is scheduled today on whether Robert Burns Springsteen Jr. should be returned to Austin, Texas, to face charges stemming from the girls' deaths.

Charleston police arrested Springsteen, 24, last Wednesday after working with Austin police. Springsteen is being held in the South Central Regional Jail without bond.

In a letter to the Charleston Daily Mail published Monday, Robert Springsteen of Mesquite, Texas, wrote, "My son did not do this."

"My understanding of this goes beyond that of a father's concern for his son," the letter said.

The younger Springsteen, Michael James Scott, 25; Forrest Wellborn, 23; and Maurice Pierce, 24, are charged with shooting the four girls in the head on Dec. 6, 1991. Scott, Wellborn and Pierce were

arrested in Texas last week.

Police say Eliza Hope Thomas, 17; Amy Ayers, 13; Jennifer Harbison, 17; and Sarah Harbison, 15, Jennifer's sister were shot at an I Can't Believe It's Yogurt store in Austin, Texas. Thomas and Jennifer Harbison worked at the store. The store then was set on fire.

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OUR VIEWS

Samaritan Center, award winners to be applauded

On Thursday night, the Samaritan Counseling Center will honor the Plaia family and businesswoman Myra Robinson, all of Big Spring.

The center, which serves the Midland, Odessa and Big Spring communities, named the Plaia Family of the Year for Big Spring, honoring them as a healthy role model for church and community involvement. Robinson was chosen Ethics in Business Award winner for Big Spring, honored for her ethical practices in more than 25 years at the helm of Robinson Drilling.

The local residents, along with those honored from the other cities, will be guests at a banquet at Green Tree Country Club. Keynote speaker is author/minister Phillip Gulley who has written several books, including "Front Porch Tales" and "For Everything A Season."

The Plaia family, including father John, mother Charlotte and sons Justin and Joshua, arrived in Big Spring five years ago. Since then, they have capitalized on opportunities for service and family time, according to their nomination.

John works as east district superintendent for Colorado River Municipal Water District. Charlotte is a part-time aide at Head Start. Elder son Justin is 15, while Joshua is 12.

Myra Robinson received the ethics award for her leadership of family-owned company, Robinson Drilling, according to her nomination. G.R. "Bob" Robinson started the company 52 years ago. When he died in a 1972 automobile accident, Myra stepped in full time and kept the business going.

The October banquet is a major fundraiser for the center, which offers service to clients with fees based on a sliding scale. We urge you to honor these local residents, and the center, with your support of this annual event.

For ticket information, call (915) 563-4144.

OTHER VIEWS

The Texas Lottery is losing customers; that indicates that a lot of Texans are finally wising up. Sales of the twice-weekly lottery sales have been falling for years. But the sales drop was especially steep in early September, Texas Lottery Commission officials said, when sales fell by \$17.1 million, or 12.36 percent, from the same period in 1998.

But not only Texans are getting the message that the lottery is a state-sponsored scam; so are residents of other states. Lottery sales are falling across the nation as interest wanes. To revive interest, Texas Lottery officials want to increase the size of the prizes. To do that they want to increase the number of balls in the cage from 50 to 54, thus raising

the total prize money faster. They want to raise the average jackpot from \$4 million to \$15 million.

Not surprisingly, players are raising a howl. The commission, which is holding hearings around the state, has drawn opposition from thousands of players who object to making the odds longer. Those opposed are right: The odds of winning would go down. But we're talking about the odds of winning going from microscopic, 1 in 15.8 million, to infinitesimal, 1 in 25.8 million. As if it mattered.

As those who have opted out of the games have figured out, the Lottery is not about winning, it's about the state conning its own citizens.

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Bilingual education: Heads buried in sand

The federal government has spent billions of dollars over the last 30 years encouraging — in some cases, forcing — school districts to teach Hispanic children to read and write in Spanish before teaching them English.



LINDA CHAVEZ

Now, the government has decided to spend another \$45 million over the next five years to learn whether this system makes any sense. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) recently announced that it will launch the most ambitious government study ever into the questions of how non-English-speaking Hispanic children can best learn to read English. It's about time.

Betty McArdle, the NIH researcher who will coordinate the study, described the questions the research will try to answer in a recent Baltimore Sun article: "They come to kindergarten speaking Spanish. Now, they've got to learn English. Do we teach them to speak English first, before the majority of education is presented? Or do we teach them to

read Spanish while learning to speak English? In which sequence? Do the teachers have to be native speakers of Spanish? Does it make a difference?"

Good questions, but why has it taken three decades for researchers to decide to tackle these issues? NIH and several other research institutions already have major studies underway to understand how human beings acquire language.

These studies have already shown, for example, that babies learn to differentiate between the sounds found in their mother's language and other languages, tuning out the latter when they are only a few months old if the sounds are not reinforced by a caregiver. Research has also proven that there is an optimum time for human beings to acquire language, and that children who have no human contact during that period may never acquire human language, suggesting that the brain actually becomes "hard-wired" for language at some point.

Other studies indicate that children who learn a second language before the age of about 6 actually store the vocabulary and syntax for the language in the same part of the brain where their first language is stored, but older children and adults who learn additional languages later in life seem to use other parts of

their brain for this purpose.

This information has important implications for education policy, but to date, has been largely ignored by the education establishment because it might undercut the rationale for delaying teaching English to young Hispanic children who enter school speaking only Spanish. For years now, bilingual education advocates have argued that the only way Hispanic children can effectively learn English is to teach them first to read and write in their native language: Spanish. The theory — expounded in most bilingual education departments at colleges and universities throughout the country — is that students must achieve academic mastery of their first language before a second language is introduced.

No amount of empirical evidence to the contrary has dissuaded the bilingual education lobby to explore alternatives. Indeed, college bilingual education departments — which train the nation's language teachers — are notoriously loathe to debate their theories, as I have found time and again.

Just last week, I was invited to Michigan to talk about bilingual education at Saginaw Valley State University, but the head of the bilingual education department refused to allow a panel discussion on the topic to take place.

Not a single member of the faculty would agree to debate the issue, and instead, discouraged their students from attending my lecture.

This head-in-the-sand approach is typical of bilingual education advocates. The New York City Board of Education recently rejected a recommendation by the city's auditor that the board monitor students' progress more closely to determine whether they were actually learning English in bilingual programs. A study done a few years ago showed that Hispanic children in the city's bilingual programs were failing to learn English, while other students in English-as-a-second-language programs were succeeding.

The board's response was to bury the evidence by refusing to conduct studies that could compare one program with another.

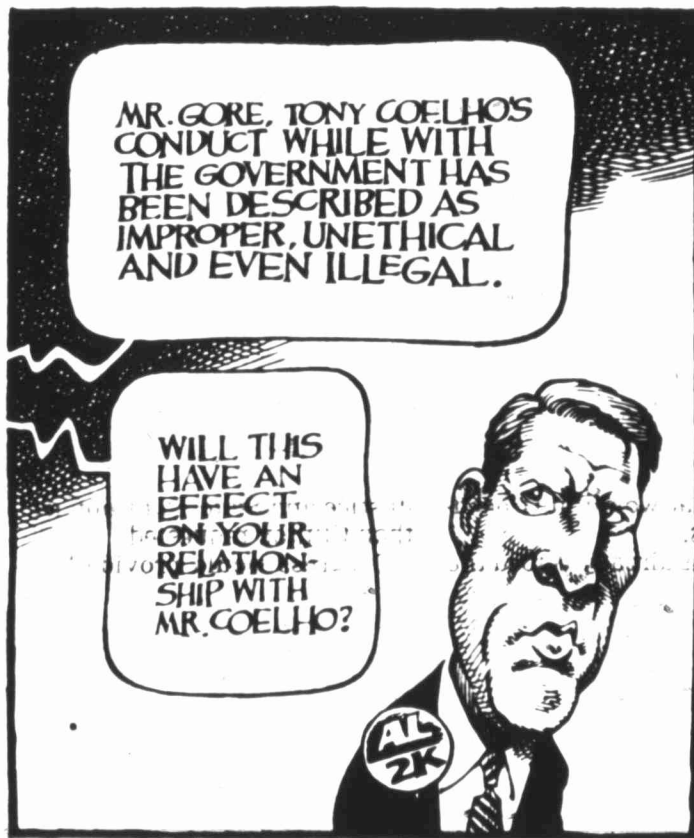
Meanwhile, voters may not await the outcome of the NIH's research. Californians already abolished that state's failed bilingual program through a statewide ballot referendum that won 61 percent of the vote in 1998.

And Arizona voters may have the chance to do the same if a proposed initiative gathers enough signatures to get on the ballot there next year.

Too bad the federal government didn't fund this research before it poured billions into bilingual education.

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Real help for North Carolina is headed overseas

Think this through: People who have lost everything in eastern North Carolina to the floods can get help from the U.S. government in the form of loans at interest.

I dare say many of those who lost their homes had not paid off their mortgages. The obligation to pay the mortgage remains even if the house that has been mortgaged is gone or rendered unlivable. So in essence, the federal assistance consists of an offer to most folks to make two mortgage payments instead of one.

Now contrast this with foreign aid. Israel will receive as a gift some \$3 billion. In addition, the Clinton administration has asked Congress to provide \$1.9 billion to pay for the withdrawal from the West Bank areas called for in the

Wye agreement. Some \$400 million of that will go to the Palestinians and \$300 million to Jordan.

I'm all for peace in the Middle East, but why should American taxpayers — including those devastated by the floods in North Carolina — pay for it? How can congressional officials tell their own people, "You can borrow," while telling foreign governments, "Here is a gift"?

This situation seems to me to be as clear evidence as anyone could want that most of the people in Washington have just lost contact with reality. They are so used to dealing with special-interests groups inside the Beltway that they no longer think clearly about what it is they are doing. They seem able to handle each topic in total isolation from every other topic.

It would be a good idea if Americans broke the spell by telling them that they should attend to America's needs first and foremost. It is, after all, pathetic to see the suffering of Americans in the Carolina flood areas while Washington blithely gives away their tax dollars to foreign governments.

There is nothing in the U.S. Constitution which could remotely be interpreted to authorize taxing Americans, and giving the money to foreigners. Foreign aid is a hang-over from the Marshall Plan to rebuild Europe after World War II. Like all government programs, it took on a life of its own so that here we are with no Cold War and no enemies really capable of attacking the United States, and Congress continues to hand out in the forms of grants and loans some \$12 billion a year to foreign governments.

That's nonsense. Look at your own tax bill. It must take all the taxes paid by thousands of Americans to fund this annual foreign aid appropriation, which most years gets virtually no debate in either the House or the Senate.

What's missing is a sense of priorities, a listing from the most necessary to the least necessary of all the claims on the available federal dollars. Bearing in mind that all expenditures should be of general benefit to all citizens, foreign aid should be at the bottom of the list.

Instead, each year it sails

through practically unnoticed, while Americans are short-changed. I'm sure many of the people who have lost homes, businesses and farms would appreciate a federal grant. And if you argue the government should not be in the business of giving away the taxpayers' money, then I'd say, "Fine. Stop giving it away to foreign governments." The North Carolina governor has asked for a grant of \$5.2 billion. Let's see if he gets it.

I doubt that most of the people offered federal loans are aware of the giveaways in the foreign aid appropriations. I'm sure if they were, they would be less than happy about the situation.

But nothing will change unless the American people demand that it change. Politicians vote for foreign giveaways because there are powerful lobbies which support them and because, by and large, the people back home pay no attention to the subject.

They should. People have power; they just don't often use it.

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Mallard Fillmore
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BRUCE TINSLEY

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Science

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Clinton

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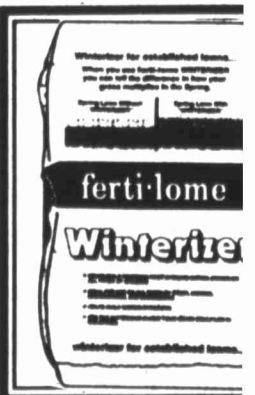
WASHINGTON (AP) — Disputes over helping U.S. allies ing oil and mining have prompted Clinton to threaten spending bills as budget fight nears battles.

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Science debate mostly a lesson in confusion, officials contend

WASHINGTON (AP) — Terry Mondy, who's taught high school science for 32 years in Wheeling, Ill., already knows the difficulty teachers will face if they are ever forced to balance evolution and creationism in their classrooms.

Mondy and teachers like him can easily find books on evolution, which describes how life on Earth developed from single-celled organisms over about 3.5 billion years.

But his students also ask questions about creationism — a biblical-based view that holds God created life on Earth in six days approximately 6,000 years ago.

He recalled one time when he took a book on creationism to a meeting in the teachers' lounge: "I just asked, 'Do you know about this?' and one teacher jumped up and grabbed the book and threw it against wall and started swearing.

"At that moment I realized it was a controversial issue."

No state can force a public school teacher to teach creationism, the Supreme Court ruled in 1997, citing separation of church and state. And evolution dominates in virtually all public middle school and high school science textbooks.

But the matter is far from settled.

Three states — Alabama, Kansas and Kentucky — give districts the option of offering in science classes creationism as an alternative or accompanying view to the evolution. Colorado recently dropped questions on evolution from a standardized test it gives students, but it did not tell school districts whether to teach creationism.

Such decisions could leave science teachers caught in the middle, particularly those in small districts where better-

organized creationism advocates may offer their own books and lesson plans.

"It boils down to individual teachers, how intimidated do they feel, how much pressure do they feel from the principal or the local school board regardless of the decision made at the state board level," said Eric Wheaton, assistant to the director of the National Center for Science Education, a group in El Cerrito, Calif., that supports evolution's focus in science lessons.

"Science is the search for truth. I say we must consider this alternative," said Duane T. Gish, associate director and vice president of the Institute for Creation Research, a creationism organization based in El Cajon, Calif.

Ken Bingman, a 33-year veteran biology teacher in Kansas disagrees. "You can't teach the facts of

biology and avoid evolution," said Bingman, who considers it the cornerstone of his instruction at Shawnee Mission West High School in Shawnee Mission, Kan. "Evolution is introduced as one of the basic themes in biology."

The Kansas school board voted to omit from state science standards "macroevolution," the theory that species can evolve into other species and that some species, most notably apes and man, have common ancestors.

Also left out is the big-bang theory of the universe's origin.

The standards are merely a guide for local school boards, which decide what to teach. But critics fear that since the standards will be used to develop statewide tests for students, schools will emphasize whatever the standards do.

In the wake of controversy, the Kansas board plans to

reopen debate over the new science standards today.

Over the years, many states — like New Mexico last week — have decided against requiring classrooms to offer creationism or any other alternative theories of human origin.

Bingman's district has said it will not change its emphasis on evolution as prevailing scientific theory.

Earth sciences taught in middle school usually prepare students for understanding that a scientific theory such as evolution has to have a high degree of evidence to support it, Bingman said.

"I'm just kind of amazed that they would leave out such an important part of education," said Katie Griffin, a 17-year-old senior in Bingman's independent study class, says of evolution.

"A lot of smaller schools will decide to not teach evolution"

even though most college entrance exams such as the SAT have questions about evolution, said Petra Stankard, a junior in Bingman's Biology 2 honors class who wants to attend medical school.

"This can lead to more kids not being able to get into the schools they choose, because they haven't been taught evolution, how the Earth evolved," Petra said.

That argument has persuaded states such as Arizona — where college professors said high school graduates would be at a disadvantage if they didn't study evolution — not to let creationism share the stage.

"We could no sooner make a compromise there than presenting a choice between a flat Earth or a round Earth," said Steven Benen, spokesman for Americans United for Separation of Church and State, an education group.

Clinton sends letter requesting test ban vote delay

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senators are weighing whether to postpone a certain-to-fail vote on a global nuclear test ban treaty after President Clinton bowed to Republican demands and put his request for a delay in writing.

"I firmly believe the treaty is in the national interest," Clinton wrote to Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., and Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D. But he recognized he lacked the two-thirds vote needed for U.S. ratification. "Accordingly, I request that you postpone consideration of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty on the Senate floor."

Republicans called his letter Monday a first step toward possibly postponing the vote scheduled for today but sought further assurances the issue wouldn't come up again during this 106th Congress. Senate rejection the treaty

would be a humiliating defeat for Clinton, who was the first world leader to sign the 1996 pact.

"This should be an easy call," Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, the ranking Democrat on the Foreign Relations Committee, said in a statement. "The president has asked for a delay. Most Democrats and many Republicans support a delay. It's clearly in our national interest to put off this vote without any further wrangling."

By putting his request in writing, Clinton met one demand of his Republican opponents.

The letter was silent on their insistence that Clinton promise not to revive it during the 2000 election season, but White House officials rejected that request.

"Even though there are campaigns under way in the United States, we have to take into account the larger national

interest," said National Security Council spokesman David Leavy. "It would be irresponsible for the president to limit his tools in dealing with something as sensitive as nuclear testing."

Lott's spokesman, John Czwartacki, said the letter was "merely a first step," and noted that Lott, joined by Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., Foreign Relations Committee chairman, has asked for agreement that the treaty not come before the Senate again before 2001.

"Senator Lott will discuss this reversal by the White House with his fellow senators on Tuesday," Czwartacki said. "Now there must be agreement reached in the Senate that it not come up again."

Helms called Clinton's letter "a step in the right direction" but insufficient. "It must be made clear that this (treaty) is dead and that the next president will not be bound by its

terms," he said in a statement.

Sen. John Warner, R-Va., chairman of the Armed Services Committee, called the letter "a significant step forward" and was working with Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., to build support in both parties for postponing the vote until 2001.

A Warner aide said the two senators hoped to have a letter supporting the delay signed by a majority of senators from both parties on the desks of party leaders today.

The treaty would impose a blanket international ban on all nuclear test explosions. Supporters estimate they are 15 to 20 votes short of the two-thirds majority needed for Senate ratification.

The pact has been signed by 154 nations, including the United States, but ratified by only 51. It will not go into effect if the United States fails to ratify it.

President widens children's insurance outreach programs

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton is directing education and health officials to develop ways of enrolling uninsured children in federal health insurance for the poor through their schools.

Clinton, in a speech to the American Academy of Pediatrics today, was announcing a campaign to reach children eligible for Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program, or CHIP.

The program permits states to offer Medicaid or other insurance to children in low-income working families who are not poor enough to qualify for traditional Medicaid.

About half of the more than 10 million children who qualify for the programs are unenrolled, a White House statement said.

Some participating states, including Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, Florida, Illinois and New Jersey, already are using schools to enroll children in the programs.

More than 1,500 schools in 49 states that were asked in August to participate have said they would join the Insure Kids Now campaign, a program launched in February to sign up children for CHIP, the White House said.

This week, the secretaries of health and human services and education will send information to state agencies explaining how schools and state governments can use CHIP funds to pay for school outreach programs.

Clinton planned to sign an executive order instructing the

secretaries of health and human services, education and agriculture to report to him in six months on how to institutionalize the school outreach programs.

Other new recruiting measures include:

—Informing grandparents about their grandchildren's eligibility through annual Social Security cost-of-living-adjustment notices.

—Informing families who seek help filing their tax returns through the Voluntary Income Tax Assistance program.

—A \$9.5 million partnership between the Department of Health and Human Services and the David and Lucille Packard Foundation that will research outreach techniques for getting health care to poor children, with a focus on minority youngsters and those with special medical needs.

Fights over spending complicated by Social Security, history

WASHINGTON (AP) — Disputes over hiring teachers, helping U.S. allies and regulating oil and mining companies have prompted President Clinton to threaten to veto four spending bills as this year's budget fight nears its defining battles.

Yet recent history and political maneuvering over Social Security are combining to complicate the veto fights further.

Overall, Clinton and congressional Republicans are separated by about \$10 billion to \$20 billion — about the same magnitude as most end-of-session spending fights since the GOP took over Congress in 1995.

This year's tug-of-war, however, is complicated by the GOP's stated refusal to pay for extra spending from the Social Security surplus. For decades, both parties have used that as a till to find needed billions of dollars.

Having lost their coveted 10-year, \$792 billion tax cut to a Clinton veto and broken their pledge to heed two-year-old spending limits, GOP leaders have made shielding Social Security a badge of honor during the runup to next year's congressional elections. If that promise holds up — which many doubt — it is unclear

where the money needed for a bipartisan spending compromise would come from.

Compounding the problem is a sense among many nervous Republicans that Clinton bested them in the government shut-downs of 1995 and 1996 and the budget-balancing and spending deals of 1997 and 1998.

"Republicans have been through playing hardball and they got beat, and they've been through compromise and they got beat," said Dan Palazzolo, a University of Richmond political scientist. "There's a lot of ambiguity about what the proper step should be."

Eleven days into fiscal 2000, Clinton has signed just five of the 13 annual spending bills that pay for government operations. Three other fiscal 2000 measures — covering defense, veterans, housing, science, agriculture and environment — seem likely to be completed by Congress and signed soon.

That leaves five other bills.

To keep their price tags at levels Republicans want, GOP leaders are considering across-the-board cuts in all 13 bills ranging from \$3 billion to \$8 billion. Lacking support for other ideas, GOP leaders say such cuts are fair, but the administration calls the plan a meat-ax

approach that would hurt needed programs.

Clinton has already vetoed the bill covering the District of Columbia. GOP leaders say they will remove some items Clinton has objected to, covering city council members' salaries and fees paid to lawyers suing the schools.

But the bill still would prohibit the medical use of marijuana and needle distribution to drug addicts, and is likely to continue drawing administration objections.

Four other bills face veto threats:

—A \$300 billion-plus measure covering the departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education.

The Senate version is about the same size as Clinton's request, the House roughly \$5 billion smaller. Both would cut the \$1.4 billion Clinton wants to continue his seven-year drive to hire 100,000 extra elementary school teachers, and would give states more leeway in using the money.

Congress also would provide less than Clinton wants for after-school programs, adult literacy, preventive health and other programs.

—A \$35 billion bill for the departments of Commerce,

Justice and State, \$2 billion less than Clinton requested.

Congress would provide little of the \$1.3 billion Clinton sought to help communities hire tens of thousands of police officers. Instead, the bill would shift resources to school safety and other programs. Lawmakers also would provide less than Clinton wants for the FBI, civil rights enforcement, high technology assistance to companies and back dues owed to the United Nations.

—A \$14 billion measure for the Interior Department, \$1 billion less than Clinton proposed.

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Braves a bit mouthy as Mets come to town

ATLANTA (AP) — Brian Jordan had his chance. A free agent last offseason, he visited Shea Stadium, shook some hands and thought about signing with the New York Mets.

Instead, the big-hitting outfielder joined the Atlanta Braves and spent the season helping them beat up the Mets. And he's not shy about admitting a dislike for them, too.

"I mean, I could say so," Jordan said after Monday's workout at Turner Field.

"It's just that New York City thing," he said. "Whenever you go there, the fans try to rattle you and get all over you. Eventually, you say, 'I can't stand New York.'"

He was not alone going into Game 1 of the NL championship series tonight against New York. Greg Maddux was to pitch for Atlanta against Masato Yoshii, and Mets slugger Mike Piazza was expected to return to the lineup.

"We beat them nine out of 12. I don't know how Bobby Valentine can say a word," reliever John Rocker said. "Just as we have respect for them, Bobby Valentine doesn't have much respect for us."

How about it, skip? Braves manager Bobby Cox has a kind word for everybody — surely he would have something nice to say about his Mets counterpart.

"I really don't know Bobby Valentine that well," Cox said. Asked about such remarks, Valentine rubbed his forehead and bit his lip.

"Animosity?" he said. "Our guys are loving, caring, good fellows who go about their business."

Enough said? "You either come to play baseball or you come to talk," Cox said. "You better come to play baseball."

Clearly, though, the edgy Mets and the usually businesslike Braves are acting a bit snippy. Even New York general manager Steve Phillips seemed a bit peeved after the Mets began their workout two hours early Monday night after being notified by the Braves that thunderstorms were coming. That storm never arrived.

But at least there was this encouraging sign: Piazza seemed confident he will be able to start.

The All-Star catcher missed the last two games of the first-round victory over Arizona because of a swollen left thumb. He looked good in batting practice Monday.

"I don't want to say definitely," Piazza said. "But I'm feeling close to 90 percent."

The Mets, however, will be minus third-base coach Cookie Rojas. He was suspended for five games by NL president Len Coleman on Monday for showing umpire Charlie Williams

Special Olympians take home medals from bowling event

HERALD Staff Report

Gold medals were awarded to 11 Special Olympians during the Area 18 Special Olympics Bowling Tournament at the Big Spring Bowl-A-Rama on Oct. 2.

The 11 first-place winners were Teresa Gutierrez, Loretta Mireles, Melissa Perry, Aireba Taylor, Tommy Lasiter, Marty Thurston, D'lene Wylie, Robin Redman, Bobby Dancer, Raphael Aguirre and Fred Earhart.

Silver medals were presented to Charlise Lopez, Jaceson Welch, Melinda Brantley, Lettie Anguiano and Stacy Wells.

Bronze medalists were Cynthia Valasquez, Aurlio Cortez, Pat LaNeave, Carrie Parker, Sandy Mach, Cody Porter, Stephen Lawson, Monroe Faubion and Felix Anguiano.

Fourth-place finishers included Jo Chapman, Hal Porter, Red Holguin and Ricky Winn; while fifth-place ribbons were presented to Josh Hughes, Choyia Baker, Jennifer Hernandez, Terri Vasquez, Rita Rea, Steh Kirn and Robert Edwards.

Charles Wallace and Charles Thomas shared sixth place, while Steven Mills was seventh and Wayne Criger finished eighth.

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LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES (Best-of-7)	World Series (Best-of-7)
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<p>Wednesday, Oct. 13 Boston at New York, 7:15 p.m.</p> <p>Thursday, Oct. 14 Boston at New York, 7:15 p.m.</p> <p>Saturday, Oct. 16 New York at Boston, 3:19 p.m.</p> <p>Sunday, Oct. 17 New York at Boston, 6:50 p.m.</p> <p>Monday, Oct. 18 New York at Boston, 7:15 p.m., if necessary</p> <p>Tuesday, Oct. 19 Boston at New York, 3:19 p.m. or 7:15 p.m., if necessary</p> <p>Wednesday, Oct. 20 Boston at New York, 7:15 p.m., if necessary</p> <p>Thursday, Oct. 21 Boston at New York, 7:15 p.m., if necessary</p>	<p>Atlanta (Glavine 14-11) at New York (Leter 13-12), 7:12 p.m.</p> <p>Saturday, Oct. 16 Atlanta (Smoltz 11-8) at New York (Reed 11-5), 6:42 p.m.</p> <p>Sunday, Oct. 17 Atlanta at New York, 3:09 p.m., if necessary</p> <p>Tuesday, Oct. 19 New York at Atlanta, 7:12 p.m., if necessary</p> <p>Wednesday, Oct. 20 New York at Atlanta, 7:12 p.m., if necessary</p>

during Saturday's clinching win over the Diamondbacks.

Former Braves catcher Bruce Benedict, currently the Mets' bench coach, will take over at third. He might be the only person in a New York uniform getting a nice reception.

"I think everybody is trying to build up this thing between the Mets and Braves," he said. Rojas declined comment on his penalty until meeting with

Coleman, which was likely to occur today.

"Some people think all he does is coach third base," Valentine said. "He does a lot more. He will be missed dearly."

Maddux will be followed by Kevin Millwood, Tom Glavine and John Smoltz in the best-of-7 series. After Yoshii, Kenny Rogers, Al Leiter and Rick Reed will pitch for the Mets.

Yoshii was 0-2 in three starts against Atlanta this year. He smiled when asked about bitter feelings between the teams.

"I don't dislike them or anything," he said through an interpreter. "We just have to beat them."

Maddux was a bit surprised to see the Mets in October, considering they were two games out of the wild-card spot with only three left in the regular season.

Rocker was more complimentary — sort of. He praised the Mets' hitting, pitching and fielding, then added, "I'm really shocked to see how they had to squeak into the playoffs."

Valentine was aware of that assessment. "I never heard them say anything other than we under-achieved," he smirked.

Piazza laughed off the supposed hostilities. "It's funny how the trash talking gets magnified," he said. One edge the Mets appeared certain to enjoy is crowd support.

As of late Monday, the Braves had 6,500 tickets left for Game 1 and nearly 10,000 remaining for Game 2 at Turner Field. Mets fans will take many of them.

Strange to be named captain of 2001 U.S. Ryder Cup team?

HOUSTON (AP) — Curtis Strange, who has won 17 PGA Tour events in a 23-year career, will be named captain of the 2001 Ryder Cup team, according to a published report.

The Houston Chronicle quoted several sources today as saying Strange has agreed to be captain of the Ryder Cup team when it challenges the Europeans at the Belfry Golf Club in Sutton Coldfield, England.

Strange will face an uphill battle in leading the Americans into what will be a hazardous road trip on European soil, the sources said.

But one notable PGA Tour player, speaking on the condition of anonymity, applauded the choice of Strange.

"What a great contrast this is going to be in the U.S. captain," said the player. "Ben (Crenshaw) was so reverent and led with a quiet passion. Curtis is going to be more like a football coach leading his team out of the tunnel onto the field."

"He's going to create a great atmosphere for the American players, especially because they'll be playing in really hostile territory."

"Curtis is absolutely pumped about it," he said. "And the players will have a different sort of respect for him once they see those fiery eyes."

Officials at the PGA of America, which selects the U.S. Ryder Cup captain, are expected to formally announce Strange's appointment soon.

No PGA representatives could be reached for comment Monday, the Houston newspaper reported. Traditionally, they announce their captain for the next Ryder Cup in the first month or two after one is played.

Several executive in the golf world told the newspaper that Strange is the only name on the PGA's list.

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult ARIES (March 21-April 19) Buy doughnuts on the way to work. Co-workers need the sugar lift and the caring! Good will helps others operate at their peak performance. Make calls; reach out for others. Touch base with someone who always presents a new point of view. Tonight: Plans change one more time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Others appreciate your efforts, as good will marks your relationships. You feel uncomfortable with suggestions from a partner. Could it be the way he presents his ideas? Revise your thinking. Be more open to the concepts behind the words. Tonight: Take time with a loved one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Popularity might make it a bit difficult to get anything done this morning. When you put your foot down, another could act confused or have hurt feelings. Is there a way you could be more diplomatic? Ponder news from a distance. Tonight: Where the gang is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Distraction marks your morning. The question is whether to give in to it or not. Indulge more in another's convivial mood. You charge through work in the afternoon and discover a better way of reorganizing. Schedule an important appointment. Tonight: Take a walk to ease stress. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your love of life domi-

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others clearly respond to that "joie de vivre." A smile is international - everyone responds. Let laughter also become a bigger part of your office environment. A child or love interest could be threatened by your gregarious ways. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Getting into work today might take some talent. Consider taking a personal day to clear up some extra errands and make headway on a project. A family member reverses his stand. Start planning a change around the house, one which could even involve creating a home office. Tonight: Get some exercise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Discussions are animated. You might be expressing yourself a lot more than you realize! Clamming up won't help, because your face reveals the whole story. How you view a child clearly isn't based in reality. Take another look, for his sake. Tonight: Visit and let the kid in you out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You revise your ideas about spending and what you feel is appropriate. You might finally decide to take the plunge and purchase something you've wanted for quite some time. The indulgence adds to your life, even though it might also rip a hole in your wallet. Check out an investment carefully. Tonight: Budget your time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) A professional review or the issue of your long-term performance comes up; an authority figure is pleased. Ask for more of what you want in the workplace, but be aware that there could be similar demands in return. You are elated about news. However, you might not have every detail just yet. Tonight: Celebrate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Play a low-key role. Explore travel options. Make calls; gather information; get ready to take a holiday or vacation. Consider a class or seminar that could open your mind to a new perspective. Use special care with money dealings. Tonight: Take a night off. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Though you might be clear in your own mind, some-

how others are hazy about a communicative. Today's scenario involves friends, a long-term goal and an unexpected change. Take a hard look at what you think you want. You might surprise yourself! Tonight: Follow an inspiration!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You have your share of admirers; however, that won't help you at all when it comes to getting along with the boss. Look at your job differently, and you might find that what wasn't palatable before now is. You gain emotionally from insights. Open your mind, and you'll like what you see. Tonight: Look your best for a must-show.

DEAR ABBY: I'm having a big problem with my mother, who still feels she can control my life. She is mad at her siblings, and now only one remains because her brother just died. If I choose to stay in contact with her last surviving sibling, Mother has told me she will feel betrayed and will no longer speak to me or her grandchild. My husband and I are very family-oriented. We feel that our daughter should know all her relatives.

Mother never told her siblings why she is angry with them, but I know. I'm not sure her reason is valid - especially since she told me that she found out while she was in a hypnotic trance. I think that as a 40-year-old adult, I should be able to make my own decisions regarding who I see. I know I'll be getting a call from her soon whereupon she'll ask if I have been in contact with her family. I want to say "yes," as I am not comfortable with lying.

My mother has been under psychiatric care since 1993. I don't feel I am betraying her; I just want all my family in my circle. Abby, can you help? Please answer soon in the paper. -- BIG PROBLEM IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR BIG PROBLEM: The next time your mother asks if you have talked to her sibling, tell her that if she chooses to isolate herself from the rest of the family, you think it is ill-advised, but you won't try to make her change her mind. However, that is not the way you wish to live your life, nor is it the way you want to raise your daughter. Then let the chips fall where they may. Your mother is trying to manipulate you by using threats, and she should not be allowed to get away with it. The poor woman sounds emotionally disturbed, and I'm pleased that she's under the care of a psychiatrist.

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Daughter resists involvement in her mother's family feud

DEAR ABBY: Your readers have been wonderful in years past to rescue dogs from animal shelters during October, National Adopt-a-Dog Month, and we at North Shore Animal League would like to encourage them once again to visit their shelters and take home one or more of the thousands of homeless dogs and puppies. These animals have years of unconditional love to give to kind and caring animal lovers.

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Thank you, Abby, for your compassion and love of animals. -- MARGE STEIN, NORTH SHORE ANIMAL LEAGUE DEAR MARGE: Thank you for the timely reminder. For individuals and families interested in acquiring some canine companionship, I can't think of a more opportune time than National Adopt-a-Dog Month. Arf! DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 37 years. My wife likes to go out every day, seven days a week. I like to go out two to three days a week, and would to compromise and try the "middle" - about four times a week. My wife is very energetic and will not meet me in the middle. What do you recommend? -- BOB IN PLANTSVILLE, CONN. DEAR BOB: How about this for a compromise: Tell your wife that she's welcome to go out by herself or with friends a few days a week, and that you will join her for the other three or four days. That way, she gets seven days out and you get three or four. DEAR ABBY: Get a load of this pre-wedding announcement. It was delivered via my mailbox at work. I thought I had seen it all, but this takes the cake. With a former coworker like this, I'm happy I didn't win their lottery. If you print this, please delete all names and addresses. I still work with friends of this couple. --HAPPY TO LOSE THE LOTTERY DEAR HAPPY: Your enclosure is a first, and I must admit I have never seen anything quite like it. Read on: "Dear Friends of 'Elmer' and 'Gladys': Our wedding will be a small but poignant affair held at a log home in the woods in beautiful southern Wisconsin. Due to the physical nature of the wedding area, there will not be enough space for all the friends and relatives we would dearly love to invite. "After pondering a number of alternatives, we decided that a lottery would be the most equitable manner of dealing with the space/disappointment problem. We have, indeed, already held this lottery with your name included, but alas, it is our sad duty to inform you that your name does not appear on the winners list. Nevertheless, our good wishes go out to you, and when our gift from you arrives at the address below, we will thank you in absentia. "With regrets and respect, ELMER SMITH AND GLADYS JONES" READERS: Care to comment? ©1999 UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



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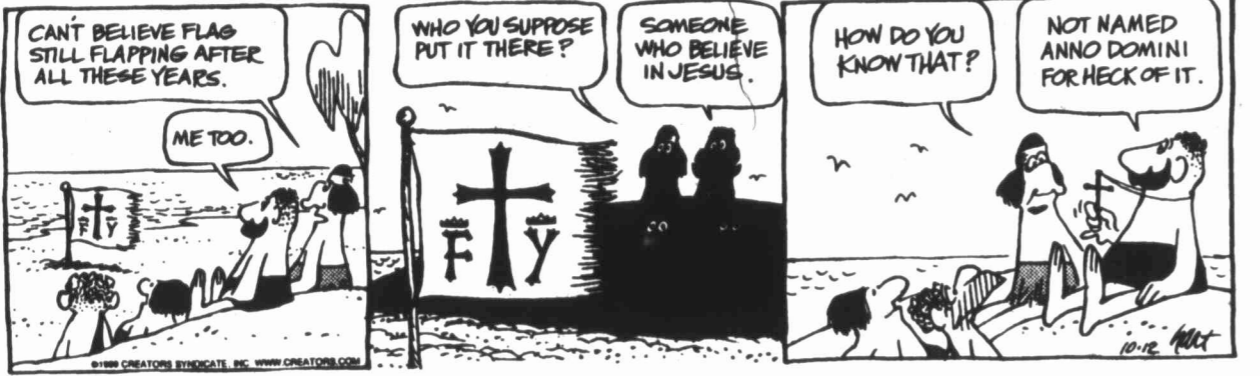
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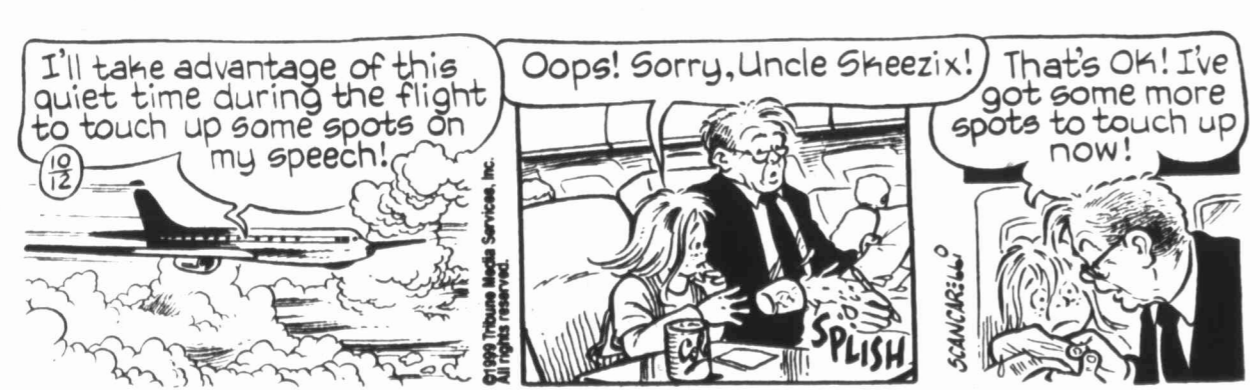
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Tuesday, Oct. 12, the 285th day of 1999. There are 80 days left in the year.

THE Daily Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

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died in Lexington, Va., at age 63.

In 1933, bank robber John Dillinger escaped fled a jail in Allen County, Ohio, with the help of his gang, who killed the sheriff.

In 1942, during World War II, President Roosevelt delivered one of his so-called "fireside chats" in which he recommended drafting 18- and 19-year-old men.

In 1942, Attorney General Francis Biddle announced that Italian nationals in the United States would no longer be considered enemy aliens.

In 1960, Soviet premier Nikita Khrushchev disrupted a U.N. General Assembly session by pounding his desk with a shoe during a dispute.

In 1964, the Soviet Union launched a Voskhod space capsule with a three-man crew; it was the first mission with more than one crew member.

In 1968, the Summer Games of the 19th Olympiad officially opened in Mexico City.

In 1973, President Nixon nominated House minority leader Gerald R. Ford of Michigan to succeed Spiro T. Agnew as vice president.

In 1997, singer John Denver was killed in the crash of a light aircraft in Monterey Bay, Calif.; he was 53.

Ten years ago: The House approved a statutory federal ban on desecration of the American flag. (The Senate defeated the measure a week later.)

Five years ago: Panama granted political asylum to ousted Haitian military leader Raoul Cedras. The Magellan space probe ended its four-year mapping mission of Venus, plunging into the planet's atmosphere.

One year ago: Matthew Shepard, a gay student at the University of Wyoming, died five days after he was beaten and lashed to a fence; two men were charged with his murder. (Russell Henderson later pleaded guilty to murder and kidnapping; a second suspect, Aaron McKinney, has yet to stand trial.) Three Americans won the Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine for blood vessel research.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Antonia Rey is 72. Blues singer Nappy Brown is 70. Comedian-activist Dick Gregory is 67. Former Sen. Jake Garn, R-Utah, is 67. Opera singer Luciano Pavarotti is 64. Singer Sam Moore (formerly of Sam and Dave) is 64. Sportscaster Tony Kubek is 64. TV reporter Chris Wallace is 52. Michigan Gov. John Engler is 51. Actress-singer Susan Anton is 49. Rhythm-and-blues singer Claude McKnight (Take 6) is 37.

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