

**THURSDAY**  
October 21, 1999

**WEATHER**

**Tonight:**



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**TONIGHT** 44°-46° **FRIDAY** 72°-77°

**VA providing flu shots now for veterans**

The West Texas Veterans Administration Health Care System began giving flu shots to eligible veterans today and will continue Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Veterans currently registered for healthcare through the system will be required to show their VA identification card to receive their shots. Veterans not currently enrolled in VA healthcare will be requested to present proof of eligibility for VA benefits (DD Form 214).

**WHAT'S UP...**

- TODAY**
- Rackley-Swords Chapter 379 Vitenam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Road.
  - American Legion Post 506, 7 p.m.
  - Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.
- FRIDAY**
- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Bring a lunch.
  - AMBUCS, noon.
  - Brandin' Iron Restaurant.
  - Coahoma Methodist Youth Group fish fry fundraiser, 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Coahoma Community Center.
  - Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.
- SATURDAY**
- Make A Difference Day, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth.
  - David Counts presentation ceremony, 11:30 a.m., Vietnam Memorial.
  - Hangar 25 Pig Ball, 6 p.m. start, Hangar 25.
  - Marcy Elementary Fall Festival, 6 to 8 p.m.
  - The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens are encouraged.
  - Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Members and guests welcome.
- MONDAY**
- Big Spring Evening

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**Drama instructor hopes to start tradition with 'A Christmas Carol'**

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**  
Features Editor

Howard College theater instructor Clay Grizzle hopes to start a holiday tradition with a community-wide stage production of "A Christmas Carol."



**GRIZZLE**

The play, which includes several dozen parts for adults and children, is

scheduled to be performed Dec. 2-3 in the Municipal Auditorium.

Auditions for kids will be Sunday at 2 p.m., while adults can try out Monday at 7 p.m., both in the Howard College Auditorium. Enter by the east double doors.

"It would be nice to have a whole lot of people come out for this," said Grizzle. "I thought we would give it a shot. This is a fun show that everybody knows and we should have a good time."

He needs at least six to eight

children, about ages 7 and up, along with 15 or more adults. Costumes will be borrowed from the Midland Community Theater, which has a full set specially designed for this show.

Those with speaking parts will be given dialect tapes, since Grizzle wants the characters to sound British. There will be some singing of Christmas carols, but it is not necessary to audition musically, he said.

"Auditions will be very informal," Grizzle said. "We will read from the script and just be

sure people feel comfortable on the stage."

Those who attend will get a rehearsal schedule, which should include Sunday afternoons and some weeknights. Children will only rehearse twice a week at first, Grizzle said.

But all players will need to attend rehearsals during the last week before opening night.

This particular production of "A Christmas Carol" opens with a character of Charles Dickens, reading from his novel. Then, as he reads, characters begin to

**AUDITIONS**

Howard College Auditorium  
Children: 2 p.m. Sunday  
Adults: 7 p.m. Monday

enter and the play takes over.

Besides actors, Grizzle said he will also need help behind the scenes.

Staging the play early in December should help it fit with the community's other

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**Hearts, wallets opened to help family in need**

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**  
Features Editor

From the bottom of their hearts, pocketbooks and checkbooks, citizens of Grady, Stanton, Big Spring and surrounding communities have come to the aid of a family in need.

The Montoya family of 13, whose mobile home burned to the ground Oct. 5, now has a bank account holding nearly \$9,000 toward buying a new home. The goal of several community organizers is to raise at least \$12,000.

"I've had \$3,870 come in right here," said Pat Taylor, secretary to the principal at Grady school, where nine of the 11 Montoya children attend. She has kept a coffee can on her desk marked "Montoyas," collecting pennies, dimes and hundreds of dollars in checks, since the fire.

"It has come in from teachers and kids, churches and groups at the school. Around here, word of mouth works," Taylor said.

In fact, word began to spread about the family's plight immediately. It was Taylor who had to call Mary, 18, and Cruz, 14, out of a class party and explain that while they were in school, their home and all their possessions had gone up in smoke.

"We didn't believe it. We were shocked," recalled Mary, the family's oldest child still in high school.

"Our thought was, 'What about Mom?'" added Elvira, 17. Their mother, Grace, was the only one home at the time of the fire. But she was out checking some of the family's farm animals and sustained no injuries. She had to flag down a cropduster to notify firefighters.

"She got out our box of important papers, but then she saw smoke everywhere," explained Mary. "By the time she got back to the barn, there were flames coming out of the windows."

The cause is believed to have been electrical, the girls said.

That night and several after it, the Red Cross paid for motel rooms for the family. But they hardly slept, the girls said.

"We had so much to do," Mary said.

Soon communities all over the area were in high gear. Bob Deavenport, former Martin County judge, found housing for the family in Stanton. He opened an account to collect donations at Bank United, and the money started pouring in.

Midland firefighters, Big Spring churchgoers and civic clubs in Stanton all added donations to the account.

"We've had so much help," he explained.



Grady School secretary Pat Taylor stands behind the Montoya children who attend school there. Back row left to right, are Elvira, Gracie, Javier and Mary; second row, Cruz and Anna; third row, Santos and Julie; and in front, Victoria. Taylor headed up a fundraising drive to help the family of 13 buy a new mobile home when theirs was destroyed by fire.

"A lot of it has just been anonymous — people just going to the bank and giving money. The help has been real widespread."

Sister Laureana, pastoral coordinator with St. Joseph Catholic Church in Stanton, sought support from the St. Vincent De Paul Society. She also got in

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**Rate hike**

**City will mull passing water bill increase to customers**

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**  
News Editor

Big Spring water customers may see their per-gallon rate increase by 4 cents per-thousand gallons

soon, assuming the city council approves a pass-through hike during its next meeting.

Colorado River Municipal Water District recently

decreased the monthly base rate to Big Spring by approximately \$10,000. However, the district increased its delivery charge and that increase may be passed on to customers.

"While they did decrease the monthly base rate they increased our delivery rate from 26.9 cents per thousand to 33.19 cents per thousand," said City Manager Gary Fuqua. "What that means is when you look at it from what we're actually purchased from them over a five-year average, you see that it increases our rate by an average of \$45,000 a year."

And it appears that city water users will have to foot the bill.

"What we are having to look at, of course — because this came after the budget process

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**Chamber approves new board members, executive committee**

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**  
News Editor

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce board on Wednesday approved a slate of executive committee members and five new board members and discussed the



**STEELE**

upcoming Port-to-Plains Summit.

Approved as new board members for 2000-2002 were Scott Edwards, H-E-B; Gay Herren, Gaze Crystal Kitchen; Roger Huff, First Church of the Nazarene; Debbie Sheppard, Dakota's Flowers; and Dr. E.W. Stokes.

Members of the executive committee for the coming year will be Jim Purcell, president; John Freeman, president elect; Chuck Williams, past president; Katie Grimes, first vice presi-

dent; and Mark Morgan, treasurer.

Others are John Weeks, vice president for Business Development; Richard Steel, vice president for Governmental Affairs; Terry McDaniel, vice president, Membership; Amber Rich, vice president, Public Affairs; Barbara Morrison, vice president, Tourism; and Lee George, chairman, Dora Roberts Community Center.

To help orientate the board, a retreat will be held Nov. 20 from

8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Dora Roberts Community Center.

"We look forward to all of the board members and executive board members to participate," said Purcell.

Steel invited board members to the Port-to-Plains Summit in Lubbock on Nov. 4-5. The conference, which is expected to be attended by a number of dignitaries, including U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, State Sen. Robert Duncan and representatives of state and federal highway programs, is to stress the

need for a Colorado to Mexico trade corridor. Lubbock officials have been the central push behind the project, though other member cities — including Big Spring — have long touted it.

"They are holding legislators' feet to the fire on this one and they appear to be very well organized," said Steel. "This is a chance for towns to let legislators know we care about what happens in West Texas and we

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**Ghouls Spook House opens Saturday to benefit Troop 25**

HERALD Staff Report

Coahoma promises to be a scary place the next couple of weekends as Boy Scout Troop 25 puts on its Ghouls Spook House again this year.

Beginning at 7 p.m. and running until all the spooks have gone home, the event will be Saturday and Oct. 29-30. Admission is \$3.

"We seem to get better every year. The feedback has been very positive," said Donna Mansfield, committee chairman for the event.

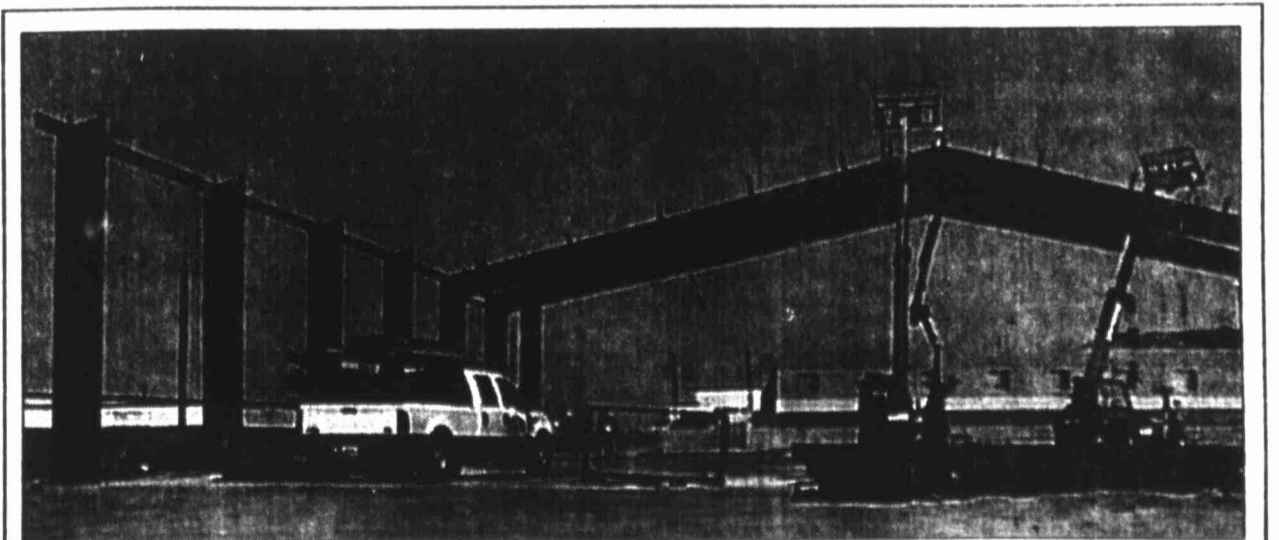
For Troop 25 parents and

boys, the spook house means a lot of work, but big rewards.

"The boys and parents of Troop 25 do all of the preparation," said Mansfield. "We work on it weekends for about a month and a half. Then about two weeks before we open, we work on it every night."

They've been busy constructing such scenes as "Visit the Tombs," "See Bob Fry," "Make it Out of the Swamp," "Walk the Cemetery," "Stay Out of the Alley," "Stroll Thru the Tube," "Plane Crash Experience,"

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Steel support columns were erected for the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf's \$900,000 multipurpose building by workers with Young's Building Systems. The new building, which will have a regulation size gymnasium and weight rooms, is expected to be completed in February or March.



Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — has the highest insured people in also has the high dren dropped fro coverage since 19 care advocacy Wednesday. From 1996 to Texas children — were dropped fr rolls, said a rep Families USA. Fa a Washington, D. profit organizati ports affordable long-term care Americans. The drop comes welfare reform in caused people to and lose health i

Vaccine

BALTIMORE Researchers say found a way to tric immune system in prostate cancer, leading cancer k men. Researchers in immune system in ing cancerous pro foreign invaders b engineering patier and injecting the the body. "This same con applied to breast other cancers," s Simons, who led th by researchers a Hopkins Oncolo "This is not a cure whole new door to to get to curing pr

Senate

WASHINGTON Senate is resuming al debate over leg would ban some la tions, opening th another presidenia Opponents have the legislation as tional and design GOP election pro year at the expense women whose live are in danger. "We all know ... third time the pr vet's this bill," s opponent, Sen. Ba D-Calif. "Why go th

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OBITUARIES

Eldon Mackey

Funeral service for Eldon L. Mackey, 51, Universal City, was Oct. 16, 1999, at First Baptist Church in Universal City. He died Wednesday, Oct. 13, 1999, in San Antonio. Mr. Mackey is survived by: his wife, Linn; sons, Steve Mackey of Arlington and Paul Mackey of Austin; father and stepmother Roy and Ann Mackey of Big Spring; two step-sisters, Reene Casey and La Nita Fielder of Big Spring; and one stepbrother, Ronnie Cox of Angleton. Arrangements were with Colonial Chapel Hill Funeral Home and Memorial Park in Universal City.

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and we are into a new fiscal year — is taking a pass-through to the customer. And that comes out to approximately 4 cents per thousand gallons," said Fuqua. That means residents' water bills will increase from \$1.95 to \$1.99 per thousand gallons. At least, that's what city officials will be recommending to the council when it convenes at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. "That will be the recommendation," said Fuqua. "It just comes at a bad time. Our budget is set." Earlier this month, CRMWD adjusted rates, decreasing Big Spring's fixed charges at \$98,515.50 a month, down from \$108,28.67 for fiscal year 1999.

CHAMBER

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want improved trade here." "In my opinion, this is one of the major things we can do for our future," said Williams. There is a registration fee of \$40 to attend the two-day summit. Upcoming events outlined by the board include: • Chamber membership drive from 12:30-2 p.m. on Oct. 28. • Tower of Terror haunted house at the Settles, from 6-10 p.m. Oct. 26, 28-39 and until midnight on Oct. 30. • A seminar, "Increasing Your Professional Effectiveness," by Liz Lowery from 7-9 p.m. Nov. 2 in the chamber board room. • Business Showcase, Nov. 11 from 4-8 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center. • Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet, Jan. 15, details to be announced.

FAMILY

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contact with someone who wanted to donate the family a small trailer — one that could possibly be added to a new, larger one, or just parked near it to increase their living space. But someone would need to travel to Austin within the next few days to pick it up. "I've got to move fast, within the next day or two," she said. "This is a good deed and this

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family could use it." Call her at 756-3743. Mary and Elvira said they have hardly believed the outpouring of support the family has received. "It's like, so many people care, I can't believe it," said Elvira. "We didn't realize it, for sure," Mary added. "I'd like to thank them." Deavenport said many people have answered the call for help, but none more than the folks around Grady. "That's a great community," he said.

HAUNTED

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"Maui Maze" and the "Grim Reaper." Ghoul's Spook House is for everyone. "It's geared for all ages, but if a child is scared to do things like that, then it's probably not for them," said Mansfield. "When we get real small children, we will tone things down for them." A concession stand is available at the spook house, offering items such as soft drinks, coffee and hot chocolate. Tickets to the event can also be purchased there. All of the funds raised go to Troop 25. "The proceeds are spent on equipment, advancements and camps for the boys," said Mansfield. "And this year, the boys have voted to donate part of the proceeds to a charity. They are still trying to determine which one." Scoutmaster for Troop 25 is Joe Mansfield. Rick Gamble is the chief carpenter for the group. Among the others who have made special contributions to the project are Jerry and Sonya Crawford, Chris and Rhonda Simpson, Lesa Gamble, Perry Hall and Marsha Day, said Mansfield. To get to the spookhouse from Big Spring, take the Coahoma exit off Interstate 20, go left under the overpass, down two blocks, turn right and go six blocks and look for the sign.

WHAT'S UP

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Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.  
**TUESDAY**  
□ Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.  
□ Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.  
□ 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.

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Christmas traditions, including the parade, Living Christmas Tree and drive-through nativity. "There is so much going on in this town at Christmas," Grizzle said. "I certainly don't want to interfere with those traditions. But who knows, maybe this could become a tradition, too."

GRAFFITI PROTEST REMOVED FROM JONBENET'S GRAVE

MARIETTA, Ga. (AP) — Graffiti protesting the lack of indictments in the slaying of JonBenet Ramsey was cleaned off the 6-year-old girl's grave on Wednesday. Someone had scrawled "No Justice in U.S.A." in red marker on the plain marble slab covering the grave at St. James Episcopal Church Cemetery, police Lt. Rick Townsend said. The vandalism was reported Monday, five days after a grand jury in Boulder, Colo., ended its 13-month investigation of the killing without indicting anyone. A panel appointed by Colorado Gov. Bill Owens is now considering whether a special prosecutor should be appointed. The child beauty queen was found dead in her family's Boulder home the day after Christmas in 1996. Her parents, John and Patsy Ramsey, buried JonBenet in Marietta, northwest of Atlanta, and have since moved to the Atlanta area. The couple has insisted they had nothing to do with their daughter's death, although Boulder police have said they remain under an "umbrella of suspicion." Townsend said police are investigating the vandalism at the grave, have no leads.

MARKETS

Dec. cotton 53.35 cents, up 23 points; Dec. crude 22.70, up 22

points; cash hogs steady at 34; cash steers steady at 71 even; Dec. lean hog futures 47.80, down 12 points; Dec. live cattle futures 68.72, down 22 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation. Other markets not available by presstime.

BRIEFS

**THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF Retired Persons** 55 Alive/Mature Driving course will be presented on two Saturdays, Oct. 23 and Oct. 30, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the former Immaculate Heart of Mary School science room, 1009 Hearn Street. These sessions have been scheduled for the convenience of working people. Anyone 50 years of age or older may attend. The cost is \$8 and you must attend both sessions. Upon completion of the course, each participant receives a certificate making him/her eligible for a 10 percent discount on auto insurance premiums.

Cab ride ends in arrest for kidnapping

DALLAS (AP) — A Houston cab driver says a misunderstanding over an unpaid fare landed him in jail in a Dallas suburb on a kidnapping charge. Alberto Gallegos, 23, said he was asked to drive a 14-year-old boy from Corpus Christi to his aunt's home in Plano. But 369 miles later, he had an unpaid bill for \$1,150 and a kidnapping charge. Gallegos said when he got to Plano around 2 a.m. Wednesday, the boy's aunt wouldn't tell him where to drop off the boy. "I was trying to drop the fare off and the lady, his aunt, wouldn't give me an address," said Gallegos, who posted a \$3,000 bond shortly after his arrest. "So I asked her to meet me at a gas station." Gallegos contended that the aunt, identified by Plano police as Cleopatra Bonilla, hedged when it came to paying. The woman offered Gallegos \$800, a figure she told police they had agreed upon up front. However, the driver denied such an arrangement, insisting on the amount tallied by his meter. Gallegos refused the lesser amount and drove away. "I said I would never set a fee up front because I go by my meter," he said. "I went to another phone at another gas station and called this other number I had for the kid's mother in New York. And she told me she would make up the difference."

But when the taxi van left with the boy in the back, Ms. Bonilla called police and said a vehicle had just driven off with her nephew. Police called Rich Cowan, owner of City Cab in Houston where Gallegos leases his vehicle. Officers told him one of his cabs had been involved in a kidnapping. "I'm confused about how this kidnapping charge works in here," Cowan said. "I mean, I was told the kid was sleeping. Was he being held against his will? If somebody is stealing from your store and you catch them and hold them, is that kidnapping too?" Plano police spokesman Carl Duke said that what made it a kidnapping is that the child wasn't allowed to exit the van. Gallegos was arrested at the same service station three hours later. He told police he was returning to accept the \$800 fare. "I saw the police cars there when I went back and wondered what was going on, then I figured it out," the cab driver said. "I wasn't trying to kidnap anybody."

**THE TEXAS TECH MOBILE** Mammography Clinic and the Howard Glasscock American Cancer Society will be giving free mammograms at the Make A Difference Day Health Fair Saturday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. These mammograms are available through appointments only. Applicants must meet certain criteria in order to qualify for the free tests. Appointments will be taken by Danelle Castillo, social services director for the Salvation Army. To schedule an appointment, call Castillo at 267-8239.

**THE YOUTH OF COLLEGE PARK** Church of God, 603 Tulane Ave., will be having a chicken fried steak dinner Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. There is free delivery. Please call 267-2312, 263-6914, or

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SUPPORT GROUPS

**THURSDAY**  
• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.  
• A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.  
• Alzheimer's support group, noon, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, third Thursday of the month. Call Janice Wagner at 263-1211.  
• Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-6523.  
• Alzheimer's Association Support Group, last Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m. Call 267-9459.  
• Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)  
• Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.  
**FRIDAY**  
• Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.  
• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.  
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SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents:  
• **THOMAS BONILLA**, 37, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation of sexual assault. (HCSSO)  
• **ARMANDO CRUZ**, 20, was arrested on a charge of simple assault. (DPS)  
• **IRMALINDA MORIN**, 26, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation of driving while license invalid and bondsman off bond of driving while intoxicated and driving while license suspended or invalid. (HCSSO)  
• **JOYE JAYNE CREEL**, 27, was arrested on a charge of theft more than \$50 and less than \$500. (BSPD)  
• **RUBEN ROJAS JR.**, 25, was arrested on a charge of bondsman off bond of evading arrest. (HCSSO)  
• **NOEL ORTEGA**, 22, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation of driving while intoxicated. (HCSSO)  
• **TONY ALAN PIKE**, 34, was arrested for a charge of driving while license invalid or suspended. (BSPD)  
• **FRANCISCO SALAZAR**, 52, was arrested on a charge of resisting arrest and evading arrest. (BSPD)  
• **PRISCILLA GARCIA**, 27, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana. (BSPD)  
• **RONALD WAYNE STINSON**, 19, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid or suspended. (BSPD)  
• **JASON MAURICE THREATS**, 21, was arrested on a charge of assault. (BSPD)  
• **BILLY DEWAYNE THREATS**, 28, was arrested on a charge of assault. (BSPD)

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. today:  
• **JASON DIAZ**, 19, was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief.  
• **CHARLES DEAX**, 23, was arrested on a charge of local warrants.  
• **ADAM JARAMILLO**, 32, was arrested on a charge of local warrants.  
• **JUVENILE PROBLEMS** were reported in the 1300 block of Harding, 2200 block of Drexel, 1500 block of Sycamore and 700 block of East 11th.  
• **DOMESTIC DISTUR-**

**RECORDS**  
Wednesday's high 71  
Wednesday's low 38  
Average high 76  
Average low 49  
Record high 91 in 1939  
Record low 31 in 1917  
Precip. Wednesday 0.00  
Month to date 0.32  
Month's normal 1.14  
Year to date 11.84  
Normal for the year 16.32  
Sunrise Friday 7:55 a.m.  
Sunset Friday 7:06 p.m.

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267-8593 (after 12 p.m.).

**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.

**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.

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• **JASON DIAZ**, 19, was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief.  
• **CHARLES DEAX**, 23, was arrested on a charge of local warrants.  
• **ADAM JARAMILLO**, 32, was arrested on a charge of local warrants.  
• **JUVENILE PROBLEMS** were reported in the 1300 block of Harding, 2200 block of Drexel, 1500 block of Sycamore and 700 block of East 11th.  
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## Texas ranks last in keeping children on Medicaid, group says

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas, which has the highest rate of uninsured people in the country, also has the highest rate of children dropped from Medicaid coverage since 1996, a health care advocacy group said Wednesday.

From 1996 to 1999, 193,400 Texas children — 14.2 percent — were dropped from Medicaid rolls, said a report issued by Families USA. Families USA is a Washington, D.C.-based non-profit organization that supports affordable health and long-term care for all Americans.

The drop comes in the wake of welfare reform in 1996 that has caused people to leave welfare and lose health insurance for

their children. It also comes after the 1997 federal Children's Health Insurance Program, which provides health insurance to children whose parents earn too much to qualify for Medicaid.

Texas had the highest decrease in children enrolled in Medicaid of the 12 states that have the most children without health care coverage. New York followed Texas with a 12.5 percent decrease. The states Texas was compared with were Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Mike Jones, a spokesman for the Texas Department of

Human Services, said the state has been making "aggressive effort" to try to keep children on Medicaid after their parents leave welfare. The department has updated its computer system and plans to mail notices to people leaving welfare telling them that their children may still be eligible for coverage.

"It is too early to see if those efforts are working," Jones said. The Texas Department of Human Services oversees welfare and Medicaid.

"There are other states that have managed to do a much better job of keeping kids enrolled," said Anne Dunkelberg, a senior policy analyst for Center for Public Policy Priorities, an Austin-

based policy research organization for low-income Texans.

"There is no reason why Texas should be dead last," Vice President Al Gore's presidential campaign blamed Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the frontrunner for the Republican presidential nomination.

"Today's report is further evidence that the governor's batting average, when comes to children, is Bush league — last in environment, last in children's health care coverage and near last in the quality of life for our kids," said Gore spokesman Chris Lehane.

Bush campaign spokesman Scott McClellan responded by saying the Texas Legislature passed a law that created the

Texas arm of the federal Children's Health Insurance Program, which is estimated to provide 423,000 children with health care coverage by 2002.

"I don't know what planet Al Gore has been on lately, but it is obviously a different one than the 69 percent of Texans who just last year overwhelmingly approved of Gov. Bush's record of improving our schools, strengthening families, expanding health care coverage for children, and making Texas a better place to live," McClellan said.

The bills did the following:

- Ordered the Health and Human Services Commission to tap into \$27 million in federal funds to help get more children

health care coverage. The fund pays the state \$9 dollars for every \$1 it spends. The commission must spend the money this year.

- Required the state's Department of Human Services to review the records of all children for Medicaid eligibility when their parents leave welfare and inform them about possible eligibility.
- Created the Texas Children's Health Insurance Program, or CHIP. The program, which begins next May, will provide low-cost health coverage for Texas families earning up to twice the poverty level. For a family of four, twice the federal poverty level is an annual income of about \$32,000.

## Vaccine tricks immune system into attacking cancer cells

BALTIMORE (AP) — Researchers say they have found a way to trick the human immune system into attacking prostate cancer, the second-leading cancer killer of U.S. men.

Researchers induced the immune system into recognizing cancerous prostate cells as foreign invaders by genetically engineering patients' own cells and injecting them back into the body.

"This same concept could be applied to breast cancer or other cancers," said Jonathan Simons, who led the study done by researchers at the Johns Hopkins Oncology Center. "This is not a cure, but this is a whole new door to walk through to get to curing prostate cancer

using the immune system." The study is reported in the October issue of Cancer Research.

While the approach has been tried before, the researchers said they were able for the first time to activate the body's entire immune system to fight prostate cancer.

"The immune system is like armed forces with different branches," Simons said Wednesday. "Some vaccines have activated the Army, for example, but not the Navy. In this case, all arms of the services were turned on."

Researchers used a gene, called GM-CSF, that activates the immune system, attached it to a common virus and implanted it inside cancerous cells of 11

prostate organs surgically removed from patients.

In eight cases, researchers were able to grow a culture of the modified, cancerous cells in the laboratory. The cells were then irradiated, which kept them alive but stopped them from multiplying.

After the vaccine was injected, the immune system of all eight patients produced antibodies that identified foreign invaders as well as immune cells that attack and kill infectious cells, Simons said.

The vaccine not only recognized the injected cells as foreign but apparently told the immune system to recognize cancerous prostate cells remaining in the body as foreign, said Dr. John Gutheil, clinical

research director at the Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center in San Diego.

"Our immune system doesn't see cancer as being that much different from our normal tissue, a situation we refer to as immune tolerance," he said. "What you're seeing here is people are trying to use GM-CSF to actually override this immune tolerance that we have for our own tissues."

Prostate cancer trails only lung cancer as the leading cause of cancer death among U.S. men.

"It's still too early to tell what impact this is going to have on the disease," said Dr. Charles Myers, director of the University of Virginia Cancer Center.

## Inmate's confession clears husband of wife's murder

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — For more than 27 years, authorities thought Gilbert Peppin shot his wife to death at home one summer night in 1972.

For just as long, Peppin maintained his innocence and even cooperated with investigators trying to nail down the killer.

Now authorities say a recent confession by the couple's former paper boy — already jailed for another death — is Peppin's long-awaited exoneration.

"It's been a long 27 years," Peppin said Wednesday after Ramsey County authorities announced the confession of Charles Lee LaTourelle. "There is no better thing I could find out at this time in my life."

LaTourelle, 44, confessed to the crime Oct. 10. He is already serving a prison sentence for the 1980 murder of Catharine John, a St. Cloud State University student. Ms. John was stabbed 21 times, raped and dumped into the Mississippi River.

Authorities say LaTourelle told them he killed Phyllis Peppin, then 16, on the night of 1972, after she tried to flee from her home after he broke in.

LaTourelle, then 17 and the

neighborhood paper boy, had come there with the intent of raping her, and says he was "obsessed" with her, according to a criminal complaint. He has been charged with second-degree murder.

Mr. Peppin had long maintained he found his wife's body on the floor after coming home late from work at his father's barbershop.

While investigators suspected Peppin, he was not charged. He cooperated with authorities, got married again and kept working as a barber. Police never considered LaTourelle committed the crime.

Peppin said he vaguely remembered LaTourelle, but only after being shown a photograph.

"I have no idea other than I probably paid him a few times for delivering the paper," he said.

Peppin's wife of 16 years, Adrienne, said Wednesday she had endured criticism from relatives fearful of her marrying a murder suspect. The couple have two children, ages 13 and 15.

"He's the best guy I ever met," she said of her husband. "Hopefully, he can live his life in peace, and Phyllis can rest in peace."

## Senate tries again to pass late-term abortion ban

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate is resuming an emotional debate over legislation that would ban some late-term abortions, opening the way for another presidential veto.

Opponents have condemned the legislation as unconstitutional and designed to boost GOP election prospects next year at the expense of pregnant women whose lives and health are in danger.

"We all know this is the third time the president will veto this bill," said its chief opponent, Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif. "Why go through this if

not for politics?"

The White House issued a statement Wednesday saying Santorum's bill "contains the same serious flaws" as the bills Clinton vetoed in 1996 and 1997 and that the president will veto this one as well.

Republicans said unborn children deserved another attack on a medical practice that brutalizes "the most vulnerable members of our society."

"This is about infanticide," the sponsor of the bill, Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., said from the Senate floor. "This is a baby who is all but born and then

prison term unless the procedure is "necessary to save the life of a mother whose life is endangered by a physical disorder, illness or injury." The mother could not be prosecuted under the measure.

The legislation provides for lawsuits against the physician by the father of the fetus and by the mother's parents, in certain circumstances.

Senior Senate Republican aides acknowledged that even if Santorum's bill passes, it would likely fall short of the two-thirds majority required to override Clinton's expected veto.

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FEDERAL SOURCES	182,003
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>4,025,513</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
Instructional Services	2,467,145
Instructional Related Services	290,514
Student Services	587,986
Administrative Services	228,642
Plant Services	419,989
Ancillary Services	9,552
Intergovernmental Services	59,202
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>4,063,030</b>
Excess Expenditures Over Revenues	(37,517)
Other Resources	81,444
Other Uses	(81,444)
<b>TOTAL EXCESS REVENUES/OTHER RESOURCES</b>	<b>(37,517)</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	
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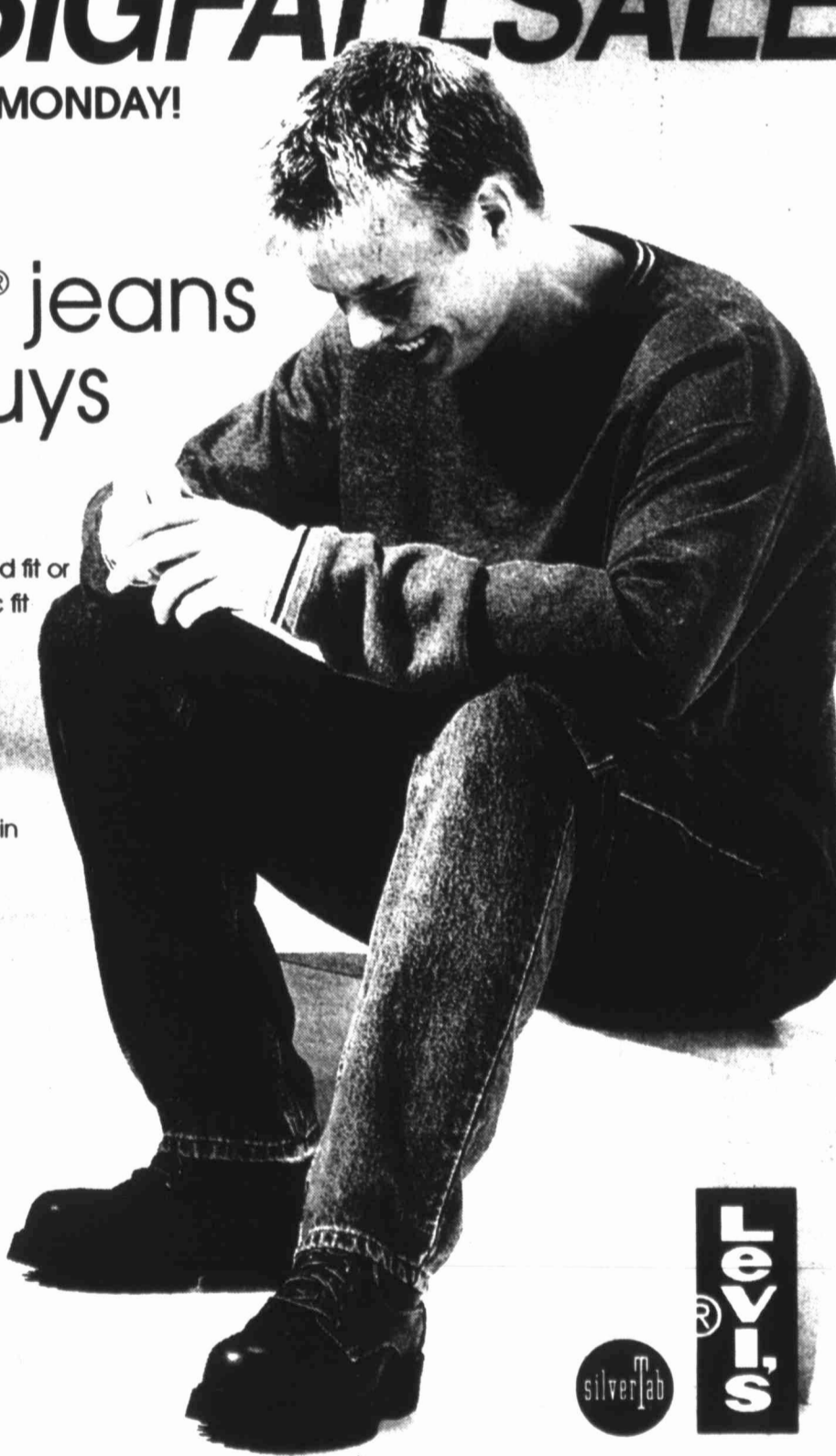
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## OUR VIEWS

### Make sure your charitable dollars stay in the county

It's hard to believe that it's been a year since the last time the Angel Trees went up and organizations such as the Big Spring Women's Club started gathering coats for distribution to those less fortunate members of our community.

This year, we'd like to offer a word of caution for you to consider when a holiday benefit donation is solicited — make certain the project for which you are being solicited is benefiting Big Spring and Howard County residents.

Over the years, the steady progression has been for folks to "invade" our community from Midland, Odessa, Abilene, San Angelo and Lubbock. In some cases, there have been people in here from the Metroplex.

The bottom line on those folks is that the overwhelming majority of them take your donation or contribution with them when they leave Big Spring.

And despite your best efforts to help someone locally, your donation may well be headed out of town. How does one protect themselves?

Ask for literature on the organization. Also, realize that only the Postal Workers and Boy Scouts go door-to-door to collect food that has been left out for them. We are unaware of any local group that goes door-to-door in their solicitations.

Ask for identification from the individual soliciting you.

Most organizations provide their employees and volunteers with ID cards to use in cases just like this. If they don't have an ID card from the organization or agency, ask to see their driver's license. An out-of-town or out-of-state driver's license most likely means your donation is headed out-of-town or out-of-state as quickly as possible.

There are a number of worthwhile causes within our community — and the Herald will again list them this year to help you. In the meantime, don't forget the Salvation Army's Angel Trees or Kettles, the coat drive of the Big Spring Women's Club, or other local agencies — such as Westside Community Center or Northside Community Center.

This holiday season, let's make certain we help those we intend to help ... ask questions ... be jingoistic and make certain "the buck stops here."

## YOUR VIEWS

### TO THE EDITOR:

This letter is not intended as a criticism of anyone, but is rather a plea for people to please stop and think before they say anything that might be hurtful to other people.

At Coahoma's football game against Post the other night, some people may have had a lapse in judgement. Our band had an important UIL contest the next day and left the game after halftime to get some much needed rest before their competition. Some of the fans saw this as a slight to our football team.

I realize that football is a big money maker and is therefore important to our school district and I wholeheartedly support our football team, as they have done an excellent job this year. However, I also feel that the band students are equally important. I feel that any endeavor our students join in is important, whether it be band, football, baseball, one-act play or whatever. These students need to be supported in their efforts.

Our band has been there to support the team and they were there for most of the night Friday night. I would like to know how many of these people that were upset by the band leaving had plans to be in Abilene to support our band. How many of these people were present to support our band when they advanced to

state competition a few years ago?

A few years ago our entire football team showed up in support of the band at contest. That showed a lot of class. I would like to see our people join in an effort to show some class and support our students no matter which extracurricular activity it might be.

I think we have some top notch people in Coahoma and I don't think anyone really meant to make our band students feel bad, they just weren't thinking. Let us all join in an effort to make our student all feel important. Let's get behind the students in Coahoma ISD.

**SHERYL SCHNEIDER**  
COAHOMA  
via e-mail

### TO THE EDITOR:

I had written you and H-E-B about not having enough handicapped spaces at their Big Spring store and had gotten nowhere with their San Antonio office.

I am happy, happy, happy and all the credit goes to Scott Edwards, manager of the Big Spring store. He has now added handicapped spots all along the front and they are located close to the pharmacy.

So, Big Spring folks, tell Scott how much we appreciate him. I have!

**PHYLLIS GRAUMANN**  
BIG SPRING

## Liberals have strange ideas to fix education

Well, you should never think you've heard all of the cockamamie ideas liberals can come up with to "fix" public education.

The latest one is a scheme to take the best teachers out of the best schools and put them into the worst schools. That way, according to the thinking of one liberal genius, the bad schools will improve, and the best schools will remain the best. OK, what's wrong with this notion?

First, it is predicated on the assumption that the worst schools are the worst because the teachers are bad teachers. Second, it assumes that good teachers can teach bad students to be good students. Third, it contradicts its own assumptions by assuming that removing the best teachers will

not affect the best schools. For heaven's sakes, the nation's teachers can't win for losing.

You know what's wrong with public education? Nothing. What's wrong is society. Let's face facts. We have a materialistic and morally depraved culture. We have a two-tier economy, with the poor getting poorer. Between poverty, ignorance and moral depravity, many children show up for their first day at school with scarred psyches, undeveloped intellects and often poorly nourished bodies.

And to make matters even worse, how the schools are allowed to cope with this flood of injured children is dictated by politicians and federal judges — theorists dictating this and that without an ounce of experiential knowledge of education. I'm surprised, frankly, that there are still people willing to try to teach children.

It's no accident that the worst schools are in the worst neighborhoods, and the best schools are in the best neighborhoods. Given that fact, one does not need a high IQ to infer that the problem is not the teachers but the students

and their families. Liberals, however, seem to expect teachers to not only teach but to undo all the social, emotional, psychological, intellectual and physical damage that has been done to the child for the five years before anybody in a school ever sees them. I've got news for you, Mr. Liberal. The medical literature is pretty clear that the most important years of a child's life, in terms of its future, are from birth to age 5.

In other words, you can only improve the schools by getting to the parents and children before the child ever reaches the kindergarten door. Only the parents can salvage the child. And if they damage the child, an overworked school teacher is not going to be able to salvage him, though heaven knows many good teachers break their hearts trying.

Nor is government the answer. There is no way the government can become the parent of all children. The real solution lies with churches, synagogues and mosques. They have a better chance of changing a parent than a social worker.

In the meantime, what government could do is crack

down on pornographers, pass Sunday closing laws so parents would have at least one day with their family, quit paying women to have illegitimate children and condition all public assistance on marriage and the presence of a father. It should also move quickly to remove children — permanently — who are abused from their homes.

And this sleazy, greedy commercial industry that corrupts children with sex and violence in movies and on television ought to be treated with the public contempt it so richly deserves.

Most of all, blame should be put where it belongs — squarely on the parents. There is no greater responsibility than being a parent, and it's time liberals quit making excuses for those who shirk their responsibility.

In the meantime, stop scapegoating teachers. It would serve the politicians right if all the teachers in the United States walked out and said: "We quit. Since you politicians and judges know so much about education, you do the teaching."

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**CHARLEY REESE**



## Real reason Judge White rejected

The Senate rejected along strict party lines the nomination of Judge Ronnie White to the U.S. District Court. The first African-American to sit on the Missouri Supreme Court, White seemed a shoo-in for confirmation when President Clinton first nominated him in June 1997.

What torpedoed White was not the color of his skin, as President Clinton suggested, but the 2000 Senate race in Missouri, where Republican Sen. John Ashcroft faces a stiff challenge from Democratic Gov. Mel Carnahan. Ashcroft hopes to make Carnahan's commutation of a death-row inmate's sentence, prompted by an appeal from the pope during his recent visit, the linchpin of a "soft-on-crime" campaign against Carnahan.

Where does White fit it? He is a convenient pawn. White opposed the death penalty in 18 of 59 cases before him. That was enough for Ashcroft to call White "pro-criminal" and a judge "with a tremendous bent toward criminal activity."

Rhetoric aside, let's look at the merits of the Republicans' criticism of White:

— Soft on the death penalty: White favored the ultimate sentence in 41 cases out of 59, which gives him a 71-percent pro-death-penalty average. In 10 of the 18 cases where he was on the opposing side, he was not a rogue opinion. He acted in the company of a unanimous Court. That leaves eight cases, a record well within the bounds of moderation.

— White lacked home-state support: Senate Judiciary Chairman Orrin Hatch accused President Clinton of a "fire-sale strategy" in proposing a nominee that Missouri's two senators opposed. Not true. Missouri senior Sen. Christopher "Kit" Bond, R, endorsed White a year ago as "a man of the highest integrity and honor." Then hours before the vote, Bond denounced the nomination. White's character and record had not changed. The new factor in the equation is the GOP's nervousness about losing seats in the Senate, with Ashcroft among the vulnerable incumbents.

— Local law enforcement groups opposed White: Under examination, this claim turns out to be a canard. Such groups rarely take a position on judicial nominees. The president of the Missouri Police Chiefs Association told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch that his organization had turned down

a request from Ashcroft to oppose White. Wolf said he had never thought of White as "pro-criminal," and added that "his voting record speaks for itself."

In the dying days of an administration, a Congress held by the opposite party typically stalls appointments. There are currently more than 60 federal judgeships vacant in the country, and 43 nominees waiting for their turn in the Senate. Seven of the 10 candidates held up the longest are women or minorities. A Mexican-American judge in Los Angeles, Richard Paez, nominated by Clinton for a seat on the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in early 1996, has still not gotten a vote in the Senate.

White's rejection, the first such floor vote in 12 years, provided an opening for Clinton to accuse the Republican Senate of treating minority and women judicial nominees "unequally." Ashcroft's spokesman called Clinton's "manipulation of race for political purposes 'low demagoguery.'"

When it comes to manipulation, there is plenty on both sides of this raw, partisan debate.

And it is far from over. But by refusing to grant Judge White a federal judgeship, the GOP may have simply hurt themselves by mobilizing minority voters in Missouri against Ashcroft.



**JACK ANDERSON**



## Treas

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# Treasury secretary says he's trying to keep legislation afloat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Striving to keep afloat major legislation reshaping the financial services industries, Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers engaged in day-long, intense negotiations with Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, as they tried to reach an accord on community lending rules for banks.



GRAMM

As the meeting broke up Wednesday evening, Summers told reporters, "There are significant unresolved issues." Gramm, chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, said, "We have a proposal on the table." He said Summers would have to confer with his colleagues "and look at the proposal and basically decide whether the answer is yes or no." Neither he nor Summers provided details of the proposal. The marathon closed-door talks at the Capitol between administration officials and Gramm and other key

Republican lawmakers have been going on through much of the week. Both sides support in principle the legislative package, which would lift Depression-era legal barriers and allow banks, brokerage firms and insurance companies to merge and sell each other's products. House and Senate negotiators have been in the final stages of drafting a measure. The Clinton administration, however, has threatened a presidential veto over provisions in the legislation it says would weaken the 1977 Community Reinvestment Act, which

requires banks to make loans in low-income and minority areas in which they operate. Gramm, who drafted the provisions, is a longtime critic of the 1977 law and has blocked efforts to extend its reach in the new legislation. President Clinton and his advisers appear to have been forced into a prickly dilemma by the community lending issue. If Clinton abandons his staunch support of the 1977 law, he risks provoking the ire of key Democratic constituencies such as blacks and civil rights activists like Jesse Jackson.

But if Clinton refuses to budge on the lending law, he could jeopardize the financial overhaul legislation. Some financial industry lobbyists have privately held out the retaliatory threat that, if that were to occur, Hillary Clinton might be deprived of potential campaign funds from Wall Street and the banking industry for her presumed Senate run in New York — home to both industries. The financial services industries have spent millions of dollars in recent years pushing for the overhaul legislation, insisting it would help consumers by providing one-stop financial

shopping and saving them money. Jackson underlined the high stakes involved in the issue at a news conference last Friday where he denounced the financial overhaul legislation as "a major step backwards" that would gut the community investment law. At the same time, consumer advocates and lawmakers pushing for stronger consumer privacy protections have criticized the financial overhaul legislation as inadequate in that area and put additional pressure on Clinton to veto the bill in its current form.

## Panel says school system shouldn't abandon school constructed on toxic site

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An expert panel recommended Wednesday that the Los Angeles school system finish building a half-completed, \$200 million high school on a former oil field that releases dangerous gases. The independent commission set up just to decide what to do with the nation's costliest high school voted 4-3 to continue building the complex. The commission said it would attach conditions on dealing with the dangers of the site later. The commissioners who voted for completing the project said starting over at a new site — if one could be found — would cost far more, push back the opening of a new school many years and force thousands of students to be bused from the area to other campuses. The Board of Education had indicated it would follow the panel's advice. The scandal over the Belmont Learning Complex has already contributed to the downfall of the superintendent, who last week was stripped of day-to-day control in favor of a new chief executive. The 35-acre complex was designed to be a showpiece for the nation's second-largest school district. It was to have room for 5,000 students in a poor neighborhood near downtown and include stores, a police station and sports facilities for the community. Construction had to be dramatically scaled back this year after high levels of explosive methane gas and lesser amounts of hydrogen sulfide, a highly toxic gas, were detected. As early as 1989, a state Division of Oil and Gas official recommended against building on the 100-year-old oil field. But the plans moved ahead anyway, and the district now admits that it acted after conducting an inadequate environmental assessment. Before Wednesday's vote, 150 students marched from the

existing, overcrowded Belmont High campus to urge that the district complete the Belmont Learning Complex. "You ... invested so much money and time into this school, and all of a sudden it's not going to be built? I don't think that's right," said senior Brenda Balles, 17. "I don't think it's fair for our taxes to go into something and just be wasted." None of the seven commission members — experts on public health, law and science — disputed that the site was a bad choice. One member, David S. Beckman said the site poses a hazard under state and federal standards. "The initial purchase was a mistake," said another commission member, Ira H. Monosson. "It never should have been done." But he added: "This site is not as dangerous as some people have been trying to characterize. ... I believe that this can be controlled and made quite safe." The district has already spent \$144 million on Belmont. The commission concluded that finishing Belmont and adding technology to ease the gas problem would boost the cost to about \$249 million. During public commission hearings, experts indicated that the possibility of students dying from or being sickened by the gas was remote. Other experts were questioned about potential lawsuits from students and faculty members if the school is completed. Monosson said he was convinced that such cases would be found to be without merit. In September, investigators issued a scathing report that recommended that several school district officials be punished or fired. In addition to the project's environmental problems, the report criticized conflicts of interests between those who put together the construction deal and "rudderless" policies of the 697,000-student Los Angeles school district.

## Intensive, early education has long-lasting results, newly released study finds

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Poor infants and toddlers who get high-quality child care are more apt to graduate from high school, attend college and delay having children, according to a new study released today. Researchers believe their results are the first to definitively link high-quality child care, beginning as early as 6 weeks of age, with a better adult life. "We view these results as grounds for optimism that high-quality, early childhood education can be an important ingredient in supporting young families," said Craig Ramey, a psychology, pediatrics and neurobiology professor at the University of Alabama and director of the Abecedarian Project. "We're talking about changing the course of children's lives in the most fundamental way possible," said Frances Campbell, one of the investigators. The project — named after a word formed from the first letters of the alphabet and meaning novice or elementary — tracked 111 children from infancy through age 21, beginning in 1972. Research was conducted at

the University of Alabama at Birmingham and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The children were divided into two groups — 54 who had an array of childcare arrangements, and 57 who received high-quality child care at the Frank Porter Graham Child Development Center starting between 6 weeks and 4 months. Of the 111 original participants, 104 were evaluated last spring. Among the findings: — The high-quality day-care children had higher cognitive test scores than the control group from toddler years to age 21. — Their academic achievement in both reading and math was higher from the primary grades through young adulthood. — They completed more years of education and were more likely to attend a four-year college. — They were, on average, two years older (19 years) when their first child was born compared with those in the control group (17 years), though the youngest parents in both groups were comparable in age when the first child was born.

## FBI to circulate warning about millennium attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI wants state and local police to be on the lookout for possible attacks at the turn of the millennium by hate or apocalyptic groups or lone wolf members of them. The bureau intends to distribute a 40-page research report, entitled Project Megiddo, that analyzes "the potential for extremist criminal activity in the United States by individuals or domestic groups who attach special significance to the year 2000," according to a Federal Bureau of Investigation written statement Wednesday. "There are no specific threats, but we often alert law enforcement

agencies about impending dates with significance for potential terrorists," FBI spokesman Bill Carter said. For instance, the FBI annually reminds state and local law enforcement that April 19 is the anniversary of the 1995 bombing of an Oklahoma City federal building and the 1993 federal assault on the Branch Davidian sect outside Waco, Texas. The research report, named after an ancient battleground in Israel cited in the Bible's New Testament as the site of a millennial battle between forces of good and evil, examines ideologies "which advocate or call for violent action beginning in the

year 2000." "Such ideologies motivate violent white supremacists who seek to initiate a race war; apocalyptic cults which anticipate a violent Armageddon; radical elements of private citizen militias who fear that the United Nations will initiate an armed takeover of the United States and subsequently establish a One World Government, and other groups or individuals which promote violent millennial agendas," the FBI said. The report also outlines indicators of potential violence, possible preparations for violence and possible targets of millennial extremists.

"Our concern is with fringe, hate or apocalyptic groups or lone wolf members of them who may pose a threat," Carter said. "We're not focusing on militias." Since the Oklahoma City bombing, the FBI has asked its 56 field offices to meet militia groups in their regions periodically to foster communication and explain that the FBI is not targeting "the majority of militia members (who) engage in law abiding activities," the bureau statement said. Some militias "have taken positive steps toward ridding themselves of violent extremist elements," the FBI said.

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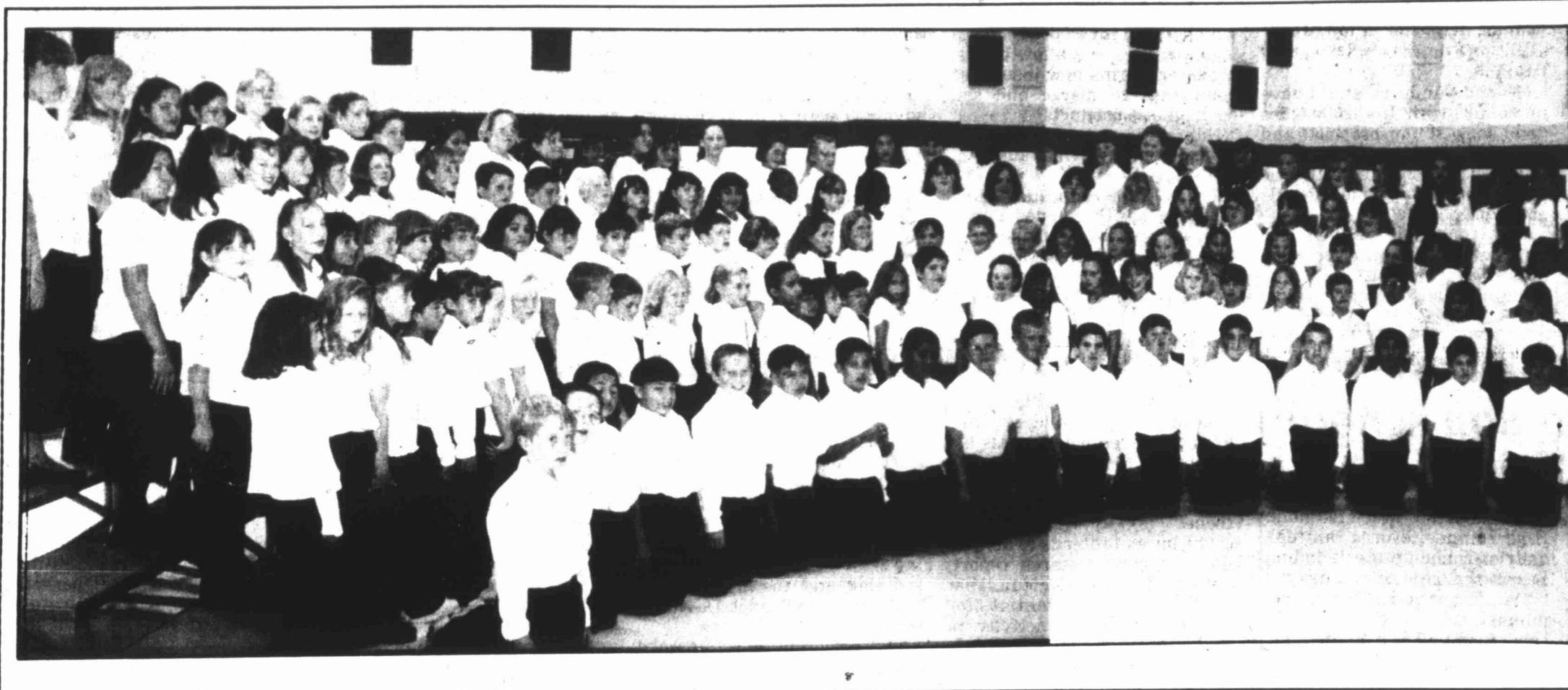
## QUICK TRIVIA

◆The birthstone for March is the aquamarine or bloodstone; its flower is the violet.

◆Domestic cats can purr while they are inhaling and exhaling. Wildcats purr only while exhaling.

Got an item?

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



These members of the Big Spring Elementary All-City Children's Choir will perform in Midland Saturday night during a concert presentation of "Nights in the Garden of Spain" and excerpts from the opera "Carmen." The show starts at 8 p.m. at Lee High School Auditorium, presented by Midland-Odessa Symphony and Choral and the Midland Opera Theater. For ticket information, call 563-0921.

Courtesy photo

## SCHOOL NEWS

Coahoma senior Bobbi Leigh Spiller was named to the Region II All-Region Choir, Saturday, Oct. 9 in Abilene. She placed sixth chair in the first soprano section.



SPILLER

Bobbi will advance to the Pre-Area audition on Nov. 19 and will sing in her fourth All-Region concert on Nov. 20 at Cooper High School in Abilene. Bobbi is the daughter of Jan Spiller of Coahoma.

Four Coahoma Jr. High School students were selected to sing in the Big Country Honor Choir at a recent audition in Abilene.

The choir is made up of 7th and 8th graders from Abilene



Back row, from left, Chelsea Griffith and Whitney Wells; front row, Anna Burgess and Tiffani Paige.

Coahoma students named to the choir were Anna Burgess and Tiffani Paige, Soprano I; Chelsea Griffin, Soprano II and Whitney Wells, alto.

The choir members will take part in a clinic and concert Friday at Pioneer Baptist Church in Abilene.

## Retrace their steps

In genealogy, always check out what others may have already researched

When looking for tracks of your ancestors, it is very important to check out what others have already researched. There is no way that just one person can do all of the research themselves, I know I've tried.

If it had not been for the many people that have helped me, or the thousands of pages of documentation I waded through, there is no way I could have acquired the vast database I have.

It is very important to find the counties they lived in first, then research every possible source in each county to reconstruct the family.

County histories are very helpful to researchers. I found my roots in the county histories of Fairfield County, S.C., Robertson County, Tenn., Chickasaw County, Miss., Johnson County, Texas and Leon County, Texas — to name just a few.

By adding all of the information from each county history, the picture comes clearer. These pieces of the puzzle when put together can lead you to

o t h e r sources. In many cases they have pictures of your ancestors that you can find nowhere else, or family records long since lost.

In one county history, I found that John T. Rawls served in the Seminole wars in Florida, with his brother Zachariah Rawls. This was from Fairfield County, S.C. Then I found this same John T. Rawls with another brother Luke Rawls, in Chickasaw

County, Miss. Both John T. Rawls and Luke Rawls died in Chickasaw County.

I found yet another brother Jesse Rawls Jr. in the history of Lafayette County, Miss. I then found this Jesse Rawls Jr.'s wife in the history of Johnson County, Texas.

Then I found the son of yet another brother, Thomas W. Rawls, in the history of Leon County, Texas, he being James Wade Rawls.

I have found references to even more family members in other counties as well. You may be surprised to find so much on your own family already in the county histories. It is really worth a look.

The father of all of the brothers listed above was Jesse Rawls Sr. His father was Luke Rawls Sr., who with his wife was listed in the history of Robertson County, Tenn.

My fifth great-grandfather, the Rev. Gabriel Rawls, who

was a brother to Luke Rawls Sr., was also listed in that book.

Another branch of my family is the Massey line. Members of this family have been listed in county histories all over the eastern part of the country as well as the south.

Family histories are often included in the county histories, but are a brief excerpt of a published history by the one that gave the information for the county history book.

Be sure to check out the counties next to the known places of residence.

Next week — interviewing the living relatives, tips and tricks.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Bobby Rawls writes a weekly column on genealogy for the Big Spring Herald. To contact him, call the life! desk at 263-7331, ext. 236 and leave a message, or e-mail to: jwalker@crcom.net with "life!" section" in the subject line.



BOBBY RAWLS

## A parent's first job is to civilize

**QUESTION:** You have been very critical of behavioral scientists and other writers who recommend a more permissive approach to child-rearing. Explain why this concerns you. Why is it ever wrong to be kind and merciful to a boy or girl?

**DR. DOBSON:** The issue is not one of kindness and mercy. It is one of loving authority and leadership at home, which is in the child's best interest. The majority of books and seminars on child-raising since 1950 have effectively stripped parents of the ability to deal with willful defiance when it occurs. First, they haven't admitted that such behavior happens, and second, they have given parents no tools with which to confront it. This bad advice has led to a type of paralysis in dealing with kids. In the absence of "permission" to step in and lead, parents were left with only their anger and frustration in response to defiant behavior.

Let me give an example from a parenting text titled "Your Child From Two to Five," published during the permissive

1950s. In it was a bit of characteristic advice from that era, paraphrased from the writings of a Dr. Luther Woodward, as follows:

"What do you do when your preschooler calls you a 'big stinker' or threatens to flush you down the toilet? Do you scold — punish — or sensibly take it in your stride?"

Woodward recommends a positive policy of understanding as the best and fastest way to help a child outgrow this verbal violence. When parents fully realize that all little tots feel angry and destructive at times, they are better able to minimize these outbursts.

"Once the preschooler gets rid of his hostility, the desire to destroy is gone and instinctive feelings of love and affection have a chance to sprout and

grow. Once the child is 6 or 7, parents can rightly let the child know that he is expected to be outgrowing sassing his parents."

Having recommended that passive approach, with which I disagree strongly, Dr. Woodward then told parents to brace themselves for unjust criticism. He wrote:

"But this policy (of letting children engage in defiance) takes a broad perspective and a lot of composure, especially when friends and relatives voice disapproval and warn that you are bringing up a brat."

In this case, your friends and relatives will be right: You will be bringing up a bratty kid — and maybe a house full of them! Dr. Woodward's recommendation encourages parents to stand passively through the formative years when respect for authority can so easily be taught. His philosophy is based on the simplistic notion that children will develop sweet and loving attitudes if adults will

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DR. JAMES DOBSON

## In aftermath of Columbine tragedy, lawsuits abound

**LITTLETON, Colo. (AP)** — The same intense emotions that brought people together in a sea of silver and blue to mourn Columbine High School's dead are now tearing them apart.

At least 18 lawsuits are in the works as a result of the April 20 bloodbath, with just about everyone a potential defendant — gun makers, the gunmen's parents, the school district and the sheriff's department.

Even the parents of one of the killers, Dylan Klebold, have filed a notice of intent to sue Sheriff John Stone. The Klebolds say Stone failed to inform them about the violent tendencies of the other gunman, Eric Harris.

Investigators were aware that Harris had made threats and maintained a hate-filled Web site, and the Klebolds claim they would have made sure their son stayed away from Harris if they had known

that. The Klebolds' lawyer, Gary Lozow, said Thomas and Susan Klebold want to protect themselves from lawsuits filed by victims and will not seek more money that what other people are seeking from them.

Harris and Klebold stormed their high school just after lunchtime, scattering gunfire and bombs. They killed 12 students and a teacher and wounded at least 23 others before committing suicide in the deadliest school shooting in U.S. history.

In the days after the massacre, Littleton came together, putting up silver-and-blue Columbine ribbons in windows and on fences and wearing lapel pins. They turned out for funeral services, organized campaigns to raise money, and made dinners and did other chores for victims' families.

Harriet Hall, the mental health worker in charge of providing counseling to the

Columbine victims, said she is not surprised how much the community has clashed since then.

"I'd be worried if there weren't disagreements. I think it is possible to have nobility, anger and grief at the same time, if you recognize your grief, but it is rare indeed," Ms. Hall said. "This is a natural response to what the community has been through."

The parents of Isaiah Shoels, the only black student killed in the massacre, are suing the Harris and the Klebolds, in addition to two men charged with helping the teens get the guns used in the attack. The lawsuit alleges the parents failed to take action when their sons stockpiled guns and bombs, and gave them "extraordinary privileges" despite their run-ins with the law.

They do agree with the Klebolds on one thing — they

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## Sisters with sc

LAWTON, Okla. — Sisters from Lawton may not be unusual, but having the same occupation is unusual. The sculptors — with one exception — who didn't begin until in their 40s.

While the sisters are Rankin, 54, of Lawton, Colo., and Andrea Rankin, 50, of Kingwood, Okla., sculpt, one specializes in children and the other in animals.

The sisters got their start in Lawton and both from Lawton High School.

Ms. Rankin is a sculptor of images. She casts her realistic sculptures in bronze.

Asked why she sculpted, Ms. Rankin said, "People sell well. People they think I do faces very well."

"A lot of sculptors children look like adults," she said. "I capture the happy faces. People be inhibited and self they grow older don't have that."

Another reason she likes to sculpt children is she adores them.

"I used to be a teacher," she said. "I loved mother and a grand and I really like children."

Ms. Rankin began about eight years ago enrolling in a few workshops.

"It's like it lit a fire," she said.

When she creates she works with based clay. After built, she makes using the lost wax process that was years ago.

Since beginning her sculpture, Ms. Rankin has acquired two private studios and two public studios.

One of her commissions is "Join the Parade," a band of six children marching on the town square in Cary, N.C.

She also has commissions in April and May. Her work has been in many juried art shows and can

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permit and encourage temper tantrums and hood. That outcome is improbable. Dr. Woodward's policy of understanding (which means "permissiveness") lead adolescent rebellion-willed children.

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also have filed notices to sue the sheriff's office.

Sam Riddle, a spokesman for the Shoels family, said Shoels caught hell when they filed suit, yet "now" families are following the law.

Colorado law requires who wants to sue a government agency to file notice of intent to sue within six months of the incident. In this

## FOOD NEWS

**DALLAS (AP)** — Although some like it hot, others who prefer milder salsa with their Mexican food can now choose a spiceless chile pepper.

The genetically enhanced Primavera pepper packs only one-tenth the heat of a regular jalapeno. So diners don't have to break into a sweat to enjoy Mexican food.

Developed by New Mexico State University's Chile Pepper Institute, the Primavera — named for the Spanish word for the year's mildest season — is the product of 10 years' research.

"To the locals, we've sold our soul to the devil," Paul Bosland, a geneticist and the Las Cruces, N.M., institute's director, told The Dallas Morning News. "But there really is a purpose behind what we're doing. There are a lot of closet chile heads who really do want the mild."

Researchers tried to make mild salsa without having to use tomato and regular peppers to dilute the jalapeno's heat.

"First, you cross a bell pepper to a jalapeno," said Bosland. "Then you get something that doesn't look anything like a jalapeno. Then you plant the offspring. Pretty soon, you get a thing that kind of looks like jalapenos and cross those."

Harvard University recently recognized the invention with an Ig Nobel award for research "which cannot or should not be reproduced."

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**YOUTH OF COLLEGE PARK** Church of God, 603 Tulane Ave., will be having a chicken fried steak dinner Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. There is free delivery. Please call 267-2312, 263-6914, or 267-8593 (after 12 p.m.).

**A FUND HAS BEEN** set up for the family of Branden Guzman, 5-year-old Big Spring resident who died of a viral infection in Lubbock Monday. The fund, at State National Bank, will go to help with funeral expenses and medical expenses. For more information, call Bertha Rodriguez, 264-0905.

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## Sisters mold out success with sculpting careers

LAWTON, Okla. (AP) — It may not be unusual that two sisters from Lawton might have the same occupation, but it is unusual that both are sculptors — with commissions — who didn't begin their craft until in their 40s.

While the sisters, Jane Rankin, 54, of Monument, Colo., and Andrea Wilkinson, 50, of Kingwood, Texas, both sculpt, one specializes in children and the other specializes in animals.

The sisters grew up in Lawton and both graduated from Lawton High School.

Ms. Rankin is the one who sculpts images of children. She casts her realistic figurative sculptures in bronze.

Asked why she sculpted children, Ms. Rankin said, "They sell well. People also tell me they think I do children's faces very well."

"A lot of sculpture makes children look like little adults," she said. "I like to capture the happiness in their faces. People become more inhibited and self absorbed as they grow older. Children don't have that."

Another reason Ms. Rankin likes to sculpt children is that she adores them.

"I used to be a school teacher," she said. "I'm also a mother and a grandmother, and I really like children."

Ms. Rankin began sculpting about eight years ago, after enrolling in a few sculpture workshops.

"It's like it lit a fire somehow," she said of the classes.

When she creates a piece, she works with petroleum-based clay. After the piece is built, she makes mold of it, using the lost wax process — a process that was used 2,000 years ago.

Since beginning the art of sculpture, Ms. Rankin has acquired two private commissions and two public commissions.

One of her commissions is "Join the Parade," a makeshift band of six children, which rests on the town hall lawn in Cary, N.C.

She also has created limited editions. She received her first commission in April 1997.

Her work has been included in many juried and invitational shows and can be found in

several galleries in the Southwest.

Among her commissions and collections are "The Reader," "Morris the Dragon" and "Little Scholar."

Ms. Wilkinson not only works in bronze, but cement and fired clay.

She said she is not surprised that she is involved in sculpture like her sister.

"We've participated in workshops together in Taos," N.M., she said.

However, unlike her sister, who has been involved in the art for eight years, Ms. Wilkinson has only been sculpting for three years.

She does not find it odd that she would turn to sculpting as an art, because she has drawn since childhood.

"I've always drawn, ever since I was a little kid," she said. "Later on, I painted and made dolls. I haven't painted lately, because I haven't had a lot of time. I do try to draw, though, because that goes with sculpture."

Ms. Wilkinson said she did not plan to become a sculptor.

"I don't know that I gave a lot of thought to it happening (sculpture), but there are a lot of animals out there, and people have their favorites," Ms. Wilkinson said. "It's nice when they think of you."

Ms. Wilkinson, who also has a degree in zoology, said she has always been interested in animals — that's why she sculpts them.

Besides sculpting, her interest in animals has led her to work as a volunteer at the Houston Zoological Gardens, where she is a docent.

In keeping with the sculpting of animals, she recently cast a grizzly bear for a couple in Houston.

"It was a gift from her to him for his office," she said.

Currently, Ms. Wilkinson, who also uses the lost-wax process, is working on a commission that involves casting two life-sized images of lion cubs wrestling with each other.

They will be displayed at the zoo, where she works.

The sisters' sculptures will be at the "Heart and Soul of the Great Plains" exhibit, set for Nov. 20 - Feb. 22 at the Museum of the Great Plains.

## Foods rich in vitamin E offer lung cancer protection

WASHINGTON (AP) — Smokers who eat a diet rich in vitamin E foods may lower their risk of lung cancer by about 20 percent, a new study says, but experts stress that the best health advice is still to quit smoking.

In a report published today in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, researchers say a study of more than 29,000 male smokers in Finland shows that those with high blood levels of a form of vitamin E reduced their risk of lung cancer by 19 percent to 23 percent.

The benefits were most dramatic, the study found, among men under age 60 and among light smokers who had been using cigarettes for less than 40 years. The reduction in lung cancer risk in these groups was from 40 percent to 50 percent.

But despite the encouraging finding, said Dr. Demetrius Albanes of the National Cancer Institute, the most beneficial health action smokers can take is still the same: Stop smoking.

"We have to emphasize that not only for lung cancer, but for oral cancer, pancreas cancer, kidney cancer and a bunch of other cancers, stopping smoking is crucial," said Albanes, the senior author of the study.

In the study, which lasted nearly eight years, researchers took periodic blood samples to measure the levels of alpha-tocopherol, the most active form of vitamin E in humans. The levels of alpha-tocopherol were then linked to health outcomes among the men in the study. There were 1,144 cases of lung cancer diagnosed in the group during the study.

The lung cancer rate reduced among men with the highest levels of alpha-tocopherol, said Albanes, and the cancer protection was most pronounced among men with the shortest history of smoking who also had high vitamin E levels.

Although the new study involved only smokers and lung cancer, earlier studies have shown that healthy levels of vitamin E give some protection against heart disease, stroke and some other types of cancer, such as prostate cancer.

Albanes said the proven benefits came only from a balanced diet that included food rich in vitamin E, he said. The researchers drew no conclusions about the effect of vitamin pills taken by some of the men in the study.

In effect, he said the proven benefits of vitamin E come from eating the right foods, not from popping vitamin pills.

"We need more studies to compare supplements with natural diet sources of vitamin E," he said, adding that there are still uncertainties about the comparative value of vitamin pills versus nutrients absorbed naturally from foods.

For instance, some studies have shown that beta carotene, an antioxidant found in foods such as carrots, can help prevent some forms of cancer. Yet, when beta carotene pills were given to the group of Finnish smokers, the rate of lung cancer actually increased by 16 percent.

Albanes said vitamin E-rich foods include soybean oil and other seed oils; nuts, particularly almonds, filberts, hazelnuts and walnuts, sunflower seeds and whole grains, including wheat germ.

## Encyclopedia Britannica posts all 32 volumes on Internet, free

CHICAGO (AP) — The Encyclopaedia Britannica, afraid of becoming just a dusty relic of the pre-computer age, is making its 32-volume set available for free on the Internet.

From a-ak (an ancient East Asian music) to Zywiec (a town in Poland), the Rolls Royce of encyclopedias was there in its entirety starting Tuesday at the company's retooled Web site, www.britannica.com.

The 231-year-old company dumped door-to-door sales three years ago and hopes now to make money selling advertising on its site. The move may have been inevitable in an era when students doing homework are more likely to get their information from a computer than from a book.

The privately held company won't reveal revenue figures, but sales of its print volumes — which cost \$1,250 a set and are now sold mostly to schools and other institutions — have seen a steep decline, admitted Don Yannias, chief executive of Britannica.com.

In an Internet-dominated market, "you have to be free

to be relevant," said Jorge Cauz, senior president of Britannica.com Inc., the new company that holds the Chicago encyclopedia publisher's digital properties.

Free encyclopedias are only part of the lure. The Web site also will offer current information from newspapers, news agencies and 70 magazines as well as e-mail, weather forecasts and financial market reports.

Analysts who follow Britannica say its belated but aggressive moves into the electronic world, including some significant success with CD-ROM sales over the past three years, just may work. "They're clearly not going to be able to recoup their revenues in the short term," said Aram Sinnreich of Jupiter Communications Inc. in New York. "But the move just might save them in the long run."

For generations, Britannica set the standard for encyclopedias. The leather-bound books were sold door-to-door, via direct mail, or at shopping mall kiosks.

At its peak in 1989, Britannica had estimated rev-

enue of \$650 million and a worldwide sales force of 7,500. But with direct sales abandoned, the staff shrank as low as 280 and is now about 400.

The company lost ground badly after it spurned Microsoft, which went on to team up with discount encyclopedia publisher Funk & Wagnalls to produce a colorful, multimedia encyclopedia on CD-ROM in 1993. Britannica's own CD-ROM version, released a year later, was low on graphics and did not fare as well.

Britannica became the first encyclopedia available on the Web in 1994, but there was an \$85-a-year subscription fee.

Since Swiss investor Jacob Safra bought Britannica in 1996, the company has been making a bigger push for the electronic market. The online subscription fees were dropped and CD-ROM sales began to account for the bulk of revenue.

"Before we were more backward-looking — looking back at historical events," Yannias said. "Now we can be right on the brink of current events, incorporating the news with the foundations of history."

## Mailing overseas for the holidays? Hurry!

WASHINGTON (AP) — Only five shopping days left before it's time to mail Christmas cards and parcels going by surface mail to Africa.

There's still plenty of time to prepare items to be sent air mail, but folks saving money by using surface mail need to get moving.

The Postal Service is recommending that surface mail items destined for Africa be mailed by next Monday — Oct. 25 — to be sure they arrive in time.

And the recommended deadline is only four days more, Oct. 29, for surface mail headed for the Middle East.

There are two shopping weeks left before it's time to mail Christmas cards and letters surface mail to Asia, Central and South America, Australia and New Zealand. That deadline is Nov. 5.

And the recommended deadline is Nov. 6 for

standard military mail headed for APO and FPO addresses with ZIP codes beginning with the numbers 090-098, 340 and 962-966.

Space available mail to those military ZIP codes should be sent by Nov. 27; parcel airtail mail by Dec. 3 and priority mail and first-class cards and letters by Dec. 10.

Some other recommended deadlines for overseas civilian Christmas mail:

- Nov. 12: Surface mail items for the Caribbean and Europe.
- Nov. 26: Surface mail to Canada and Mexico.
- Dec. 2: Air cards and letters and air parcel post to Africa and Central and South America.
- Dec. 9: Air cards and letters and air parcel post to Asia, Australia, New Zealand, the Caribbean, Europe and the Middle East.
- Dec. 13: Air cards and letters and air parcel post to Canada and Mexico.

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## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

NEW YORK (AP) — Ben Affleck is the movie star wiper most want to undress, according to an Internet poll.

The 27-year-old Affleck, who has won an Academy Award and was a one-time companion of actress Gwyneth Paltrow, squeaked past Paltrow's other former beau, Brad Pitt.

Jon Stewart was voted the talk-show host most wanted to be de-briefed.

More than 13,000 visitors responded to the poll conducted by Cosmopolitan magazine and Women.com Networks, Inc., according to the results posted Tuesday.

deadline expired this week.

Under Colorado law, the families cannot collect more than \$600,000 in a lawsuit against a government agency.

Several parents who filed notice said they are not motivated by money and will decide whether to pursue their lawsuits after the official investigation is complete. They said they want to know whether the massacre could have been prevented.

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2. Floats can not exceed 65 feet long, 8 feet wide or 14 feet high.

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4. Vehicles of a strictly commercial nature will not be permitted.

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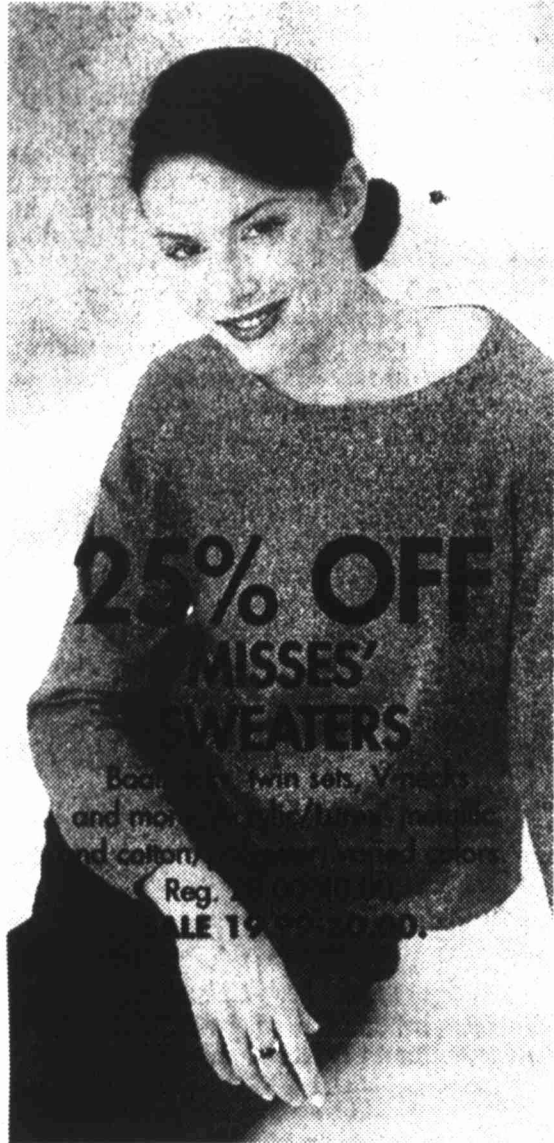
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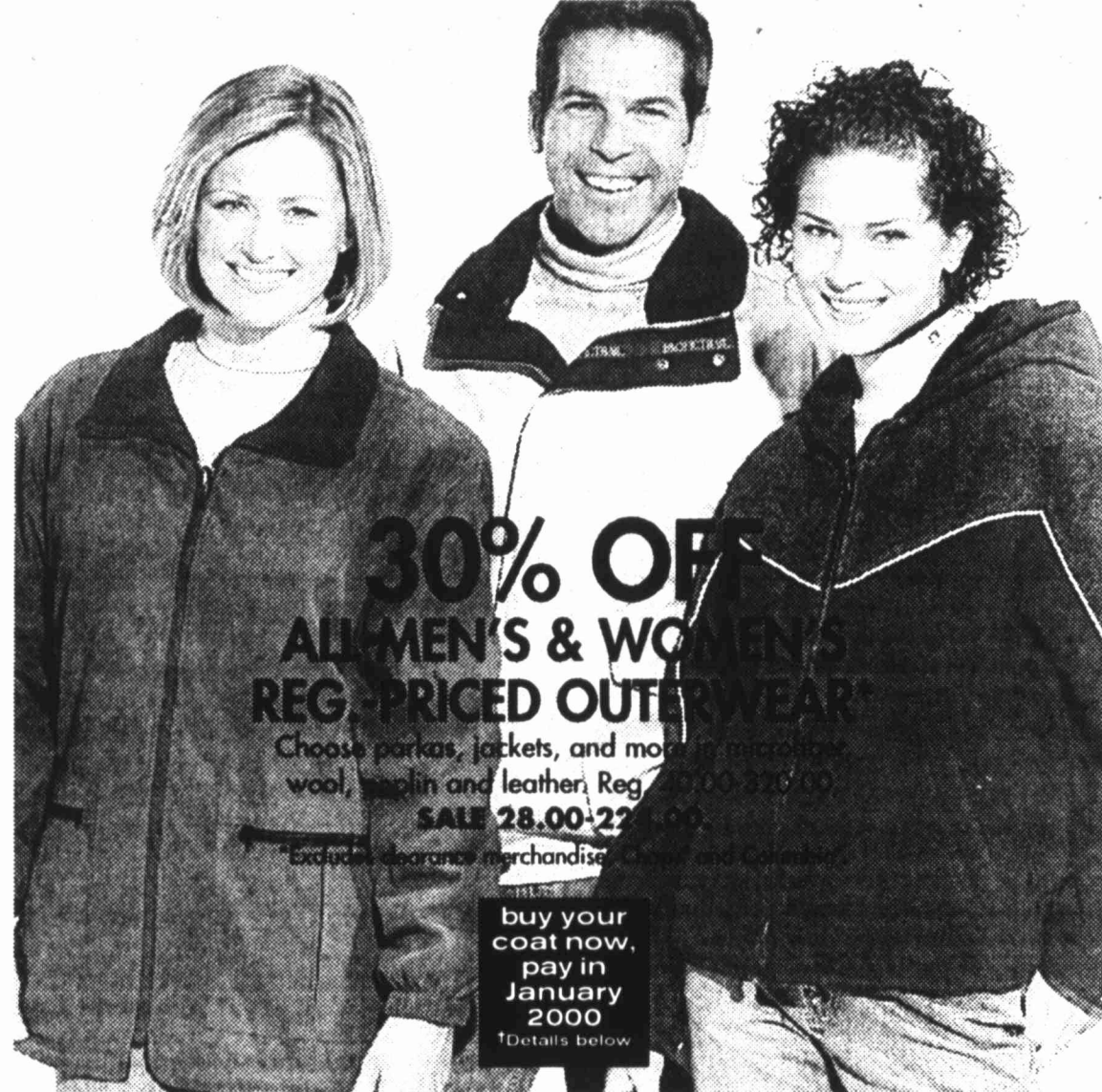


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**Lady Steers bo meet tonight a**  
The Big Spring Booster Club will meet tonight in the meeting room of the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center. For more information, contact Debbie Church, 7538.

**Special Olympi softball tourne**  
Special Olympics Howard County will host the Area Olympics Softball Tournament on Hogan Park in Middletown. The tournament will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday and will conclude with ceremonies. In addition to softball, tournament participants will compete in various individual skills contests.

**Ashlie Simmor nominees for a**  
Big Spring senior Ashlie Simmons, a member of the school's golf team, has been nominated for the 1999 Texas High School Heisman Award. Simmons and other nominees will be selected from a list of almost 12,000 nominees. In addition to her golf activities, Simmons has been active in her community service.

A panel of judges will select the 12 national winners for the Heisman Award. Simmons will be invited to participate in the Heisman Award ceremony at the Downtown Club in New York City. The winners, including one girl, will be named ESPN's live coverage of the College Football Memorial Trophy on Dec. 11.

**Tennis social at Figure 7 Te**  
A tennis social and informal match will be held at the professional Jimmie Heisterman Tennis Center. The event will be scheduled for 6 p.m. Sunday at the Figure 7 Tennis Center. Info on the event can be obtained from the Tennis Association. The start of men's play will be available. For more information, contact Elaine Delinger at 264-4444.

**Turkey shoot, scheduled for**  
A turkey shoot will be held at the Big Spring Western Sport Club. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the 9 1/2 mile Spring on Highway 17. Free chili and turkey will be served. Sand bags, spotlights and targets will be available. For more information, contact Elaine Delinger at 264-4444.

**Big Spring Co sets 80 & ov**  
An "80 and Over" tournament will be held at the Big Spring Club. The event will be held on Saturday. Fees will be \$10 plus cart rental with a shotgun. For more information, contact the pro shop at 264-4444.

**Howard Colle Meet the Tea**  
Howard College will host the "Meet the Teams" night on Tuesday, Oct. 26. The Hawks basketball team will be introduced by a 10-squad scrimmage. Refreshments and 1999-2000 team information will be available.

## ON THE

**Television NATIONAL FOOTB**  
7:15 p.m. — Kansas City Chiefs at Baltimore Ravens. ESPN, Ch. 30.



### IN BRIEF

#### Lady Steers boosters meet tonight at ATC

The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club will meet at 6 tonight in the meeting room at Big Spring High School's Athletic Training Center.

For more information, call Debbie Churchwell at 267-7538.

#### Special Olympics area softball tourney Saturday

Special Olympians from Howard County will take part in the Area 18 Special Olympics Softball Tournament on Saturday at Hogan Park in Midland.

The tournament begins at 9 a.m. Saturday with opening ceremonies.

In addition to co-ed and tee-ball tournament games, participants will compete in individual skills contests.

#### Ashlie Simmons among nominees for award

Big Spring High School senior Ashlie Simmons, a member of the Lady Steers golf team, has been named one of 10 West Texas athletes nominated for the 1999 Wendy's High School Heisman Award.

Simmons and the other West Texas nominees are among almost 12,000 nationwide that in addition to their sports activities, have maintained a B-plus grade point average and been actively involved in community service projects.

A panel of judges will select 12 national finalists in November. The finalists will be invited to participate in Heisman Weekend activities at the Downtown Athletic Club in New York City, Dec. 9-12.

The winners, one boy and one girl, will be honored during ESPN's live coverage of the College Heisman Memorial Trophy presentation on Dec. 11.

#### Tennis social scheduled at Figure 7 Tennis Center

A tennis social featuring informal matches arranged by professional Jim Blacketer has been scheduled for 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at the Figure 7 Tennis Center.

Info on the Crossroads Tennis Association and the start of men's doubles league play will be available.

For more information, call Blacketer at 264-6834.

#### Turkey shoot, sight-in day scheduled for Saturday

A turkey shoot and sight-in day has been scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Western Sportsman Club, located 9 1/2 miles west of Big Spring on Highway 176.

Free chili and soft drinks will be served.

Sand bags, spotting scopes and targets will be furnished.

For more information, call Elaine Delinger at 267-1816.

#### Big Spring Country Club sets 80 & over scramble

An "80 and Over" scramble tournament has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at the Big Spring Country Club.

Fees will be \$65 per player plus cart rental. Play begins with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. both days.

For more information, call the pro shop at 267-5354.

#### Howard College slates 'Meet the Teams' night

Howard College's athletic department will host a "Meet the Teams" night event at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26, at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The Hawks and Lady Hawks basketball teams and coaching staffs will be introduced, followed by a 10-minute intrasquad scrimmage.

Refreshments will be served and 1999-2000 team schedules will be available.

### ON THE AIR

**Television**  
**NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE**  
7:15 p.m. — Kansas City Chiefs at Baltimore Ravens, ESPN, Ch. 30.

## Braves, Yanks to decide baseball's best of '90s in Series

ATLANTA (AP) — No need to ask John Schuerholz. Just look at the ring the Atlanta Braves general manager is wearing and read what's engraved: "Team of the 90s."

The way he sees it, there's not a debate on baseball's team of the decade. To him, the Braves already own that title, even if the New York Yankees take home the next World Series trophy.

"To answer that question for the 1,442nd time, we don't need to do anything," Schuerholz said. "We've won more games than any team, we've won 100 games three years in a row, we've won eight straight division titles."

"If you choose any criteria except one narrow criteria — World Series championships — we lead it," he said.

To the Yankees, though, that's not such a narrow category.

"Aren't we the team of the century?" New York GM Brian Cashman said Wednesday. "World championships, that's the goal."

Fittingly, the clubs that had the majors' two worst records in 1990 get a final chance to make their cases starting with Game 1 Saturday night at Turner Field.

Orlando "El Duque" Hernandez, MVP of the AL Championship Series, probably will start for the Yankees. The Braves can pick from any of their Big Four of Tom Glavine, John Smoltz, Greg Maddux and Kevin Millwood.

For Atlanta, it's an opportunity to win that elusive second World Series title. The Braves beat Cleveland in 1995 — prompting them to put that boast on their rings — but have nothing else to show for eight straight trips to the NL

Championship Series.

For the Yankees, it's a chance to win their record 25th title and third in four years. That recent run began when they beat Atlanta in six games in 1996.

"We've got another shot at them," Atlanta third baseman Chipper Jones said.

The Braves earned their fifth trip to the World Series in the 1990s by beating the New York Mets 10-9 in 11 innings Tuesday night in Game 6 of the NLCS. The Yankees beat Boston in five games in the ALCS.

Atlanta took a day off Wednesday while New York's practice at Yankee Stadium was rained out. That gave extra time for the Yankees to talk about — or turn down — debate about the top team in the last 10 years.

"Players don't worry about it," catcher

Joe Girardi said. "There are a lot of different players on both teams."

True, a lot has changed for the Yankees since 1990; when they went 67-95 with a starting lineup that included Oscar Azocar, Steve Balboni and Bob Geren, plus a rotation that had Tim Learly, Chuck Cary and Andy Hawkins.

The Braves were even worse that season at 65-97. That was the year they traded Dale Murphy and could only hope that young Glavine and Smoltz would blossom.

Overall, Atlanta is a major league-best 925-629 in regular-season games during the decade and the Yankees are next at 851-702. Oh, their interleague record against each other? Appropriately, 5-5.

The Braves have won titles in the West

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## Consistency now key for Steers

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

As his Steers head into Friday night's showdown with Andrews' Mustangs, there's little doubt in Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler's mind what his team has to do.

Simply put, the Steers have to show some consistency — particularly early in the game.

It was a lack of consistency, Butler says, that more than anything else proved to be the Steers' downfall in last week's 21-19 loss to Snyder.

"We were inconsistent ... you just can't afford that in this district," Butler said of the loss that dropped the Steers out of the No. 10 spot in The Associated Press' schoolboy football poll and turned Friday's 7:30 kickoff at Mustang Stadium almost a must-win situation.

"More than anything, we've got to eliminate penalties," Butler added, noting that the Steers continually hurt themselves offensively with crucial infractions against Snyder. "Football is a game of rhythm ... penalties keep you from being able to get into a flow. When you run a play that gains six yards, but wipe that out with a five-yard penalty, you haven't lost five yards ... you've lost 11."

Andrews head coach Mike Leiby can commiserate with Butler since the Mustangs opened District 5-4A play with a 38-9 loss to Snyder.

As a result, a game that many had anticipated would determine the 5-4A championship will instead determine which team will be tied for second place in the district standings with the loser of Friday's Snyder-Sweetwater game.

And while a loss Friday won't leave Big Spring or Andrews out of contention for a playoff berth, the road to postseason play will become much more difficult.

"It's not a must-win game," Butler said in looking ahead to Friday's trip to Andrews. "But it is definitely one both of us want to win, because neither one of us wants to be in a situation where we have to win the rest of the way."

While Butler will admit that Snyder proved to be even better than he and his staff anticipated, there won't be any lack of respect for the Mustangs this week.

If Andrews lost any luster in its loss to Snyder, the defending 5-4A champion Mustangs removed the tarnish with a 44-0 thrashing of San Angelo Lake View last week.

"We seem to be catching everybody just as they're getting on a roll," Butler noted. "We really don't need that, because Andrews was awfully good to begin with."

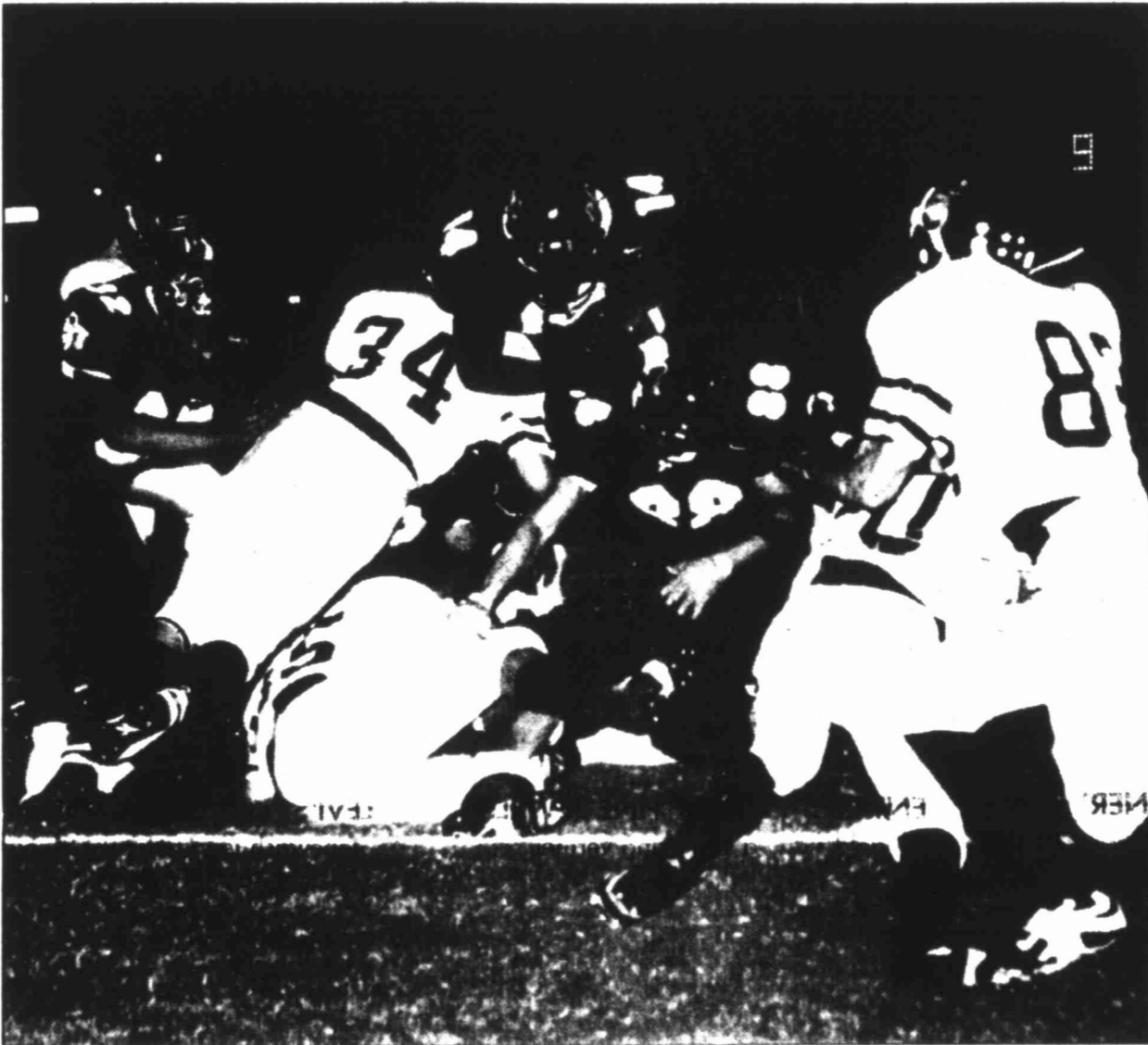
## La Marque-Texas City showdown steps into spotlight

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The annual grudge match between La Marque and Texas City is as big as ever this year, as the two perennial Class 4A powerhouses are ranked No. 2 and No. 3 in the Associated Press high school football poll heading into this week's showdown.

Both teams are undefeated entering Friday's game at La Marque, and the outcome likely will decide the coveted District 23-4A championship again.

No surprise there! Other 4A games include No. 1 Stephenville at Joshua, No. 1 Antonio Sam Houston at No. 4 Schertz Clemens and Mesquite Potet at No. 5 Dallas Highland



Big Spring tailback Colby Ford (14) bulls up the middle for one of his three touchdowns during last week's 21-19 loss to Snyder. Ford, who has rushed for 1,050 yards this season and is second in the race for the District 5-4A rushing lead, will be showcased against Andrews' league-leading Jeremy Woods Friday night when the Steers take on the Mustangs in Andrews.

HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler

Wood, a 6-1, 230-pound senior, regained the 5-4A rushing lead last week with a spectacular 167-yard showing against Lake View, giving him 1,076 yards on the season. Ford, a 6-foot, 200-pound junior, is right behind with 1,050 yards to his credit this season following his 138 yards and three touchdowns in the loss to Snyder.

"They're running out of both the I formation and the

Shishbone," Butler noted, stressing that the departure of Shaud Williams, 1998's Class 4A player of the year, to Texas Tech hasn't made the Mustangs much different. "We're going to see lots of sweeps, counters, traps, screens and reverses ... just like you always do when you play Andrews."

"They don't have Shaud anymore, but when Woods gets on a roll, he's extremely good, and he's on a roll right now," Butler added.

"As a matter of fact, they lost a lot of good seniors last year," he added, "but they always

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Atlanta travels to Queen City and No. 3 Newton plays at Buna.

In 2A, No. 1 Omaha Paul Hewitt visits Cooper, No. 2 Mart plays at Valley Mills and No. 3 Celina hosts Aubrey.

In 1A, No. 1 Wheeler plays at Gruver, No. 2 Detroit hosts Ladonia Fannindel and No. 3 Dawson plays at home against Frost.

In 3A, No. 1 Sealy plays at home against Sweeney, No. 2

## Cowboys' Harper says he's not fond of Turner or Redskins

IRVING (AP) — For a guy who's been out of the NFL for two years, was unemployed two weeks ago and is getting to play only as a last resort, Dallas Cowboys receiver Alvin Harper sure has a lot to say.

What Harper thinks suddenly became of interest because of a series of injuries that have taken him from the sofa of his Fort Washington, Md., home to spot duty Sunday against Washington.

Harper used his newfound status Wednesday to say the Redskins mistreated him and to take a swipe at receivers in general, saying he decided to come back because he thinks he's better than many of them.

His sharpest words were aimed at Redskins coach Norv Turner, who signed Harper as a free agent in 1997, three years after the pair were on two

Super Bowl champions together in Dallas.

The reunion soured quickly. Harper caught only two passes in 12 games.

"Norv knows he didn't do me right," Harper said. "He didn't give me a chance. He should've at least played me. They lied to me. They were liars."

"The first day of camp, they told me, 'No one is the starter. You and Leslie Shepherd will both get equal playing time and then we will go from there.' I never got equal anything."

Asked what he thought of Harper's comments, Turner said: "Nothing, nothing. Sometimes it works out, sometimes it doesn't."

Harper's lack of playing time is somewhat justified by the fact he hasn't played a down since Washington released him Dec. 1, 1997.

Harper has spent most of his free time playing golf, but he's still kept an eye on football. Lately, he's been thoroughly unimpressed.

"I was looking at the players around the league who played my position and thought there's some ugly material out there," he said.

Despite being about 15 pounds overweight, Harper called Dallas three weeks ago and requested a tryout. He showed enough that the Cowboys said they'd think about him if they ever had an opening.

A few days later, Michael Irvin was injured and Harper was signed for a prorated share of the veteran minimum, \$400,000. Still, he was a long shot to ever play.

Then rookie Wane McGarity dislocated his shoulder Monday night against the

New York Giants. So, on Wednesday, Harper received a crash course in a Dallas playbook that's vastly different from the one he had here from 1991-94.

"The stuff they want me to learn for this game is no problem. I learned that already this morning," he said. "The whole offense, give me another week or so. I already have 90 percent of it down."

During his first stint as a Cowboy, Harper was the deep threat who either kept secondaries from focusing on Irvin or burned them for doing so.

He led the NFL by averaging 24.9 yards per catch in 1994, then had a playoff-record 94-yarder. He's best remembered for celebrating touchdowns by dunking the ball over the goalpost.

But all Dallas wants from Harper now is an outside receiver in four-receiver sets, something Irvin used to do.

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AP TOP 25

Table with 2 columns: Rank, Team. Lists top 25 college football teams.

SCHOOLBOY POLL

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NFL STANDINGS

Table with 4 columns: Conference, Team, W, L, T, Pct., PF, PA. Shows NFL standings.

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WORLD SERIES (Best-of-7)

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ALL-AROUND COWBOY

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NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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ATLANTA VS. CHICAGO AT AMES, IOWA

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WEDNESDAY'S GAME

Table with 2 columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct., PF, PA. Shows Wednesday's game results.

FRIDAY'S GAME

Table with 2 columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct., PF, PA. Shows Friday's game results.

THURSDAY'S GAME

Table with 2 columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct., PF, PA. Shows Thursday's game results.

Rockies make Bell new manager

DENVER (AP) — Despite a career winning percentage of .399 as a manager, Buddy Bell was the No. 1 choice of Colorado Rockies general manager Dan O'Dowd from Day One.

On Wednesday, the Rockies made it official, introducing Bell as the third manager in the team's seven-year history, succeeding Jim Leyland, who retired after the regular season.

Under orders from the commissioner's office to consider minority candidates, the Rockies had discussions with four minorities — Arizona coach Carlos Tosca, Cincinnati coach Ken Griffey, Florida minor league manager Lynn Jones and New York Yankees coach Willie Randolph.

Rose scheduled to be on field during Game 2 of World Series

LIFETIME BAN (AP) — Pete Rose, lifetime ban and all, is scheduled to be on the field Sunday before Game 2 of the World Series as part of baseball's All-Century team.

Fans voted for the century's top 25 players, including nine outfielders, and Rose was consistently ninth in the voting, which ran from July 13-Sept. 19.

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig decided in August that Rose could participate in the All-Century team if he was elected. Rose, however, was not invited to a luncheon before the All-Star game as

honored the living members among the 100 on the ballot. Rose, then manager of the Cincinnati Reds, agreed on Aug. 23, 1989, to a lifetime ban from baseball following an investigation into his gambling, a deal announced the following day by commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti.

Baseball's career hits leader applied for reinstatement in September 1997. While Selig hasn't formally ruled on the application, he's made clear numerous times that he has no intention of lifting the ban.

The All-Century team, which includes five people overlooked by fans and added by a special panel, will be announced Saturday and honored the following day.

STEERS

Continued from page 1B seem to find good people to fill the spots where kids have graduated.

SERIES

Continued from page 1B and East in the 1990s and became the first NL franchise to reach five World Series since the Dodgers in the '50s.

STEERS

Continued from page 1B "It's basically going to be just like it was last week," Butler explained.

SERIES

Continued from page 1B "I hope we win another World Series," Schuerholz said. "At least it would put an end to that question."

STEERS

Continued from page 1B need for the Steers to regain the attitude they possessed prior to last week's loss.

SERIES

Continued from page 1B "That's why it's so important that we be more consistent," he added.

MLS PLAYOFFS

Table with 2 columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct., PF, PA. Shows MLS playoff results.

SEMIFINALS (Best-of-3)

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WESTERN CONFERENCE

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FLORIDA PANTHERS

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PHILADELPHIA FLYERS

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ST. LOUIS RAMS

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TORONTO BLUE JAYS

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NHL

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WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

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THURSDAY'S GAMES

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FRIDAY'S GAMES

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TODAY'S GAMES

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FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Oct. 20. (Report also available on Web as www.tdfshing.com.)

**CENTRAL**  
**BROWNWOOD:** Water clear; 68 degrees; Black bass are fair to good on topwaters and spinnerbaits fished late. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished at night under lights around the docks. Hybrid strippers are good on topwaters. Catfish are slow.

**BUCHANAN:** Water clear; 78 degrees; 1006.0'; Black bass are fair on Spangler's shad worms, white Terminator spinnerbaits and watermelon/chartreuse Top-Dog lizards fished around stumps and laydowns from the islands down to Beaver Creek. Crappie are fair on minnows fished over brush piles in 14 to 20 feet. White bass are slow on Horizon Perch Minnows and chrome/blue 1/8oz. Spin Traps worked vertically through schools. Striped bass are slow drifting live bait and trolling bucktail jigs. Channel and blue catfish are fair on cutbait and minnow. Yellow catfish are slow on trotlines with live bait.

**PROCTOR:** Water clear; 72-76 degrees; Black bass are good on spinnerbaits and black 7" worms fished around the dam. Crappie are fair to good on minnows fished around the dam and under the bridge. Hybrid strippers are fair on live shad and chrome Super Spots fished around the dam. Catfish are good on cut baits and live perch fished in the river around the drop-offs.

**SOUTH**  
**AMISTAD:** Water clear; 76-78 degrees; 36' low; Black bass are good on spinnerbaits, buzzbaits and Pop R's fished early. Crappie are slow on minnows fished in the Devil's River. White bass are slow to fair on topwaters and Little George's fished by the dam. Channel and blue catfish are good on cheesebait fished in 35 to 45 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow.

**WEST**  
**ALAN HENRY:** Water clear; 71 degrees; Black bass are fair on silver/black topwaters fished early and late and on blue/silver crankbaits fished during the heat of the day. Alabama Spotted bass are fair on crankbaits fished on long faces near the dam. No reports of small mouth bass. Crappie are fair on minnows fished from the crapple dock and on brushy flats near creek channels. Channel and blue catfish are fair on minnows, perch, shrimp and stink bait fished in 20 to 25 feet. White bass are slow to fair on topwaters and jigs. Yellow catfish are good on perch and large minnows.

**ARROWHEAD:** Water clear; 78 degrees; 9' low; Black bass are good on spinnerbaits and crankbaits fished near the Heritage Bridge. Crappie are good on small minnows fished in 10 to 14 feet near the docks and docks in the state park. White bass are fair on minnows and jigs. Channel and blue catfish are good on night-crawlers. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with gold fish on the south end of the lake. Caution advised on all boat ramps except in the state park.

**BRADY:** Water slightly stained; 75 degrees; 14' low; Black bass are fair on plastic worms and crankbaits fished in 5 to 8 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; 72 degrees; 13.5' low; Black bass are poor on minnows and spinnerbaits. White bass are poor. Channel catfish are good on shrimp. Red fish are poor on shrimp and jigs.

**FT. PHANTOM HILL:** Water stained; 72 degrees; 16' low; Black bass are good on spinnerbaits and minnows fished in 4 to 5 feet. Crappie are good on small minnows and white jigs fished in 8 to 9 feet near the dam. White bass are poor on minnows and jigs. Hybrid strippers are good on perch, goldfish and shad fished in 5 to 7 feet. Blue catfish are good on shad, perch, goldfish and carp fished in 3 to 4 feet. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with carp and goldfish fished in 3 to 5 feet.

**HUBBARD CREEK:** Water slightly stained on the upper end and clear on the lower end; 73 degrees; 7.5' low; Black bass are good on topwaters fished around duck weed. Crappie are good on small minnows and jigs fished in 7 to 8 feet around brush piles. White bass are good on small spinners. No reports on hybrid strippers. No reports on channel catfish. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live bait.

**KEMP:** Water slightly stained; 71 degrees; 9.5' low; Black bass are poor fished in 2 to 10 feet. Sand bass are fair on minnows and jigs. Crappie are poor on minnows fished in 4 to 5 feet. Striped bass are poor on jigs and sassy shad fished in 30 to 32 feet. Blue and channel catfish to 12 pounds are good trotlines baited with goldfish. No reports on yellow catfish.

**NASWORTHY:** Water stained; 71 degrees; Black bass to 12.7 (new lake record) are good on red brushhogs, white and chartreuse spinnerbaits and buzzbaits fished in the gator weed and around docks. No reports on crappie. White bass are good on small chrome and blue Rat-L-Traps fished on Atkins point. Redfish are poor on red crankbaits. Hybrid strippers are poor on shad. Channel and blue catfish are fair on cut bait. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with goldfish, shad and perch.

**NOCONA:** Water stained; 75 degrees; 6' low; Black bass are fair on chartreuse crank baits and top waters fished around docks and brush piles. Crappie are good on minnows fished in 10 to 15 feet. White bass and hybrid strippers are good on shad and chartreuse jigs fished in 15 to 20 feet. Channel and blue catfish are good on shad and nightcrawlers fished in 18 to 20 feet. Yellow catfish are slow.

**OAK CREEK:** Water clear; 71 degrees; 14' low; Black bass are excellent on spinnerbaits, top waters and minnows fished in 10 feet. White bass are poor on minnows and jigs fished in 2 to 12 feet. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished in 4 to 14 feet. Blue and channel catfish are fair on stink bait, cut bait, gold fish and perch fished in 5 to 10 feet. Yellow catfish are good on perch, goldfish, liver and cut bait fished in 5 to 10 feet.

**OH. IVE:** Water clear; 71 degrees; 13' low; Black bass are fair on Rat-L-Traps and crankbaits fished on grassy flats and points (few being caught on top waters). Crappie are fair on minnows fished in the hydrilla in 5 to 15 feet. White bass are fair to good on minnows and slabs at night under lights fished along river channels. Catfish are fair on worms and stink bait fished in 15 feet.

**POSSUM KINGDOM:** Water stained; 72 degrees; 7.25' low; Black bass are good on flukes and Pop R's early and on Power worms fished in 5 to 10 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 fair on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 20 feet. Blue catfish are good on cut shad fished in 10 to 30 feet. Yellow catfish are poor on perch fished in 20 to 30 feet.

**SPENCE:** Water slightly stained; 69 degrees; Black bass are good on buzzbaits and Rat-L-Traps fished on flats near structure. White bass are good on small crankbaits and minnows fished on sand bars. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished near rock bluffs. Striped bass to 21 pounds are good on cut shad fished in 20 to 22 feet. Channel and blue catfish to 54.7 pounds (new lake record) are good on minnow fished on sand bars on the north end of the lake. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with minnows.

**STAMFORD:** Water slightly stained; 73 degrees; 12' low; Black bass are good on minnows fished shallow. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fishing the shoreline near structure in 4 to 8 feet. White bass are good on top waters and minnows fished in the evening. Yellow catfish to 21 pounds are fair on trotlines baited with perch, shad and coy. Channel catfish are good on punch bait and cheese bait fished in 5 to 6 feet. Blue catfish are good on jugsines baited with minnows and on red and reels using punch bait fished in 5 to 6 feet.

**SWEETWATER:** Water slightly stained; 70 degrees; 9' low; Black bass to 10.03 pounds are good on worms and spinnerbaits fished in 5 to 8 feet. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished in shallow water. White bass fair on minnows and Little George's (fish are schooling). Blue and channel catfish are excellent on shrimp and minnows fished in 5 to 6 feet. No reports of yellow catfish.

**TWIN BUTTES:** Water stained; 71 degrees; 35 feet low; Black bass are fair on large worms and jigs pitched in cover up Middle Concho and Spring Creek. White bass are good on minnows and spinners 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:** No report available.



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By BETTY DEBNAM

A Clothes Yarn

From Fiber to Cloth

Spinning fiber into yarn

Did you ever wonder how your clothes are made? Clothes are made of fibers bound together.

Fibers are threadlike strands of a substance. Before they can be made into cloth, fibers must go through several steps where they are cleaned and straightened.

Spinning is the final step. It turns the fibers into yarn by twisting and pulling at the same time.

Twisting holds the fibers together. Untwist a piece of yarn and see how easily it pulls apart. Yarns can be made as thin as a hair or as thick as rope.

The first forms of yarn were probably made when people braided animal fur or twisted plant fibers together.

For thousands of years, people spun fiber in the same way, using a spinning wheel. Because people had to make all their own cloth, spinning was very important.

Sociable spinning

For hundreds of years, spinning was one of the few tasks where women could sit down and relax a little while working. Often neighboring women brought their spinning wheels with them on visits to their neighbors. They could sit and talk together during the long hours it took to spin the yarn.

Yarn to fabric

Most fabric is made by knitting or weaving. In knitting, a person or a machine loops the yarn together to make fabric.

One long string of yarn can make a very long piece of fabric.

In weaving, a machine called a loom interlaces two pieces of yarn.

Weaving wonderful cloth

The very first weaving, which is still practiced in parts of South America and Asia, was probably "back-strap weaving."

The weaver, usually a woman, ties one end of the yarn to a strap on her back. She ties the other end to a post or tree.

Holding another length of yarn in her hands, she interlaces this yarn in and out of the long strands between her and the tree.

These pieces of cloth are not very wide, but they can be long. The pieces are sewn together to make a wider piece.

In the African country of Ghana, men weave in a way much like this. Their bright colored fabric is called "kente" cloth.



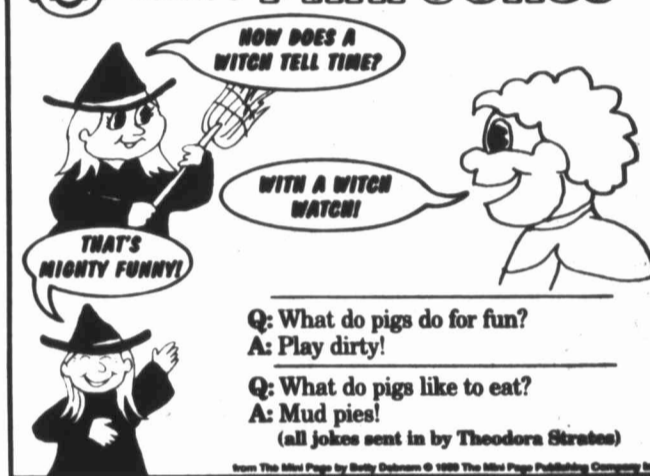
This chief (center) in Ghana was photographed about 30 years ago wearing kente cloth. In Ghana today, kente is still worn, but only for special occasions.

Puzzle-le-do

These famous stories all have to do with cloth, clothing, or things for making cloth. Can you name each story?



MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes



Q: What do pigs do for fun?  
A: Play dirty!

Q: What do pigs like to eat?  
A: Mud pies!

(all jokes sent in by Theodora Strubes)

**Rookie Cookie's Recipe**  
**Beef and Biscuits Casserole**

You'll need:

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 6 tablespoons low-fat sour cream
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 (8-ounce) can biscuits

What to do:

- Combine ground beef, onion and 3 tablespoons sour cream in a casserole. Mix well.
- Bake in a preheated 450-degree oven for 10 minutes. Drain well.
- Combine soup and remaining sour cream in a medium bowl. Mix well.
- Pour soup mixture over beef. Mix well.
- Place biscuits evenly on top.
- Lower heat to 350 degrees. Bake 20 minutes or until biscuits are browned. Serves 6.

**MAKING CLOTH** TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of making cloth are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: TEXTILES, SPIN, WEAVE, FIBER, YARN, TWIST, KNIT, STRING, LOOM, LACES, SEW, BRIGHT, KENTE, CLOTH, DYES, NATURAL, BOLD, PURPLE, RED, LABOR.

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**Mini Spy ...**

Mini Spy and Rookie Cookie are unraveling silk cocoons to make silk. See if you can find:

- dragon
- word MINI
- ladder
- dolphin
- frog
- bell
- bug
- man in the moon
- sailboat
- lips
- sock
- number 3

**Fibers Today**

**Dyeing and printing**  
The colors you are wearing might have been put in the fabric in several different ways. Yarn can be dyed and used to weave or knit a pattern. Fabric can also be dyed a solid color after it is woven or knitted. Colorful designs can also be printed on fabrics after they have been woven or knitted. Looms and knitting machines can be programmed to make different patterns in the fabric.

**Making dyes**  
Synthetic dyes made from chemicals weren't invented until the 1900s. Before that all dyes were made from natural material such as: berries • flowers • bark • roots • beetles • shellfish • minerals. One of the most important dyeing ingredients was human urine. Big chamber pots would be put around villages to collect it. The urine causes the color to go deep into the fiber so the fabric stays permanently colored. After the urine-treated cloth was dyed, it was washed, beaten, rinsed, and laid out in the grass to dry under the sun. The finished cloth was clean and safe to wear. One of the most sought-after colors was gold, because only the rich could afford the real thing. Bright yellow dyes to make fibers look like gold were made from crocuses. One of the rarest colors was purple. Because it took a lot of work to produce the color, which could only be made from one type of shellfish, purple was often worn by royalty.

**Industrial Revolution**  
New inventions in the textile industry sparked the Industrial Revolution. For thousands of years, most cloth was made in people's homes or small shops. In the 1700s, everything changed very quickly. New inventions such as steam-powered machines made it cheaper and faster to produce goods in factories. Several inventions in the textile industry made it possible to make cloth much faster by machines than had ever been done by hand. Women, and even children, started spending most of their day away from home working in factories. Today textiles can be made so strong they are used for many things besides clothes, including: lightweight bicycles, bulletproof vests, artificial arteries, and army tanks. The Mini Page thanks R. Alan Donaldson, professor of Textiles and Apparel, Technology and Management at North Carolina State University, for help with this issue. Look through your newspaper for pictures of people. Pretend you are dyeing their clothes, and color them. Next week The Mini Page is about Vikings in North America.

Children as young as 5 worked in factories. Sometimes children were chained to the machines. This little girl was working in a cotton mill.

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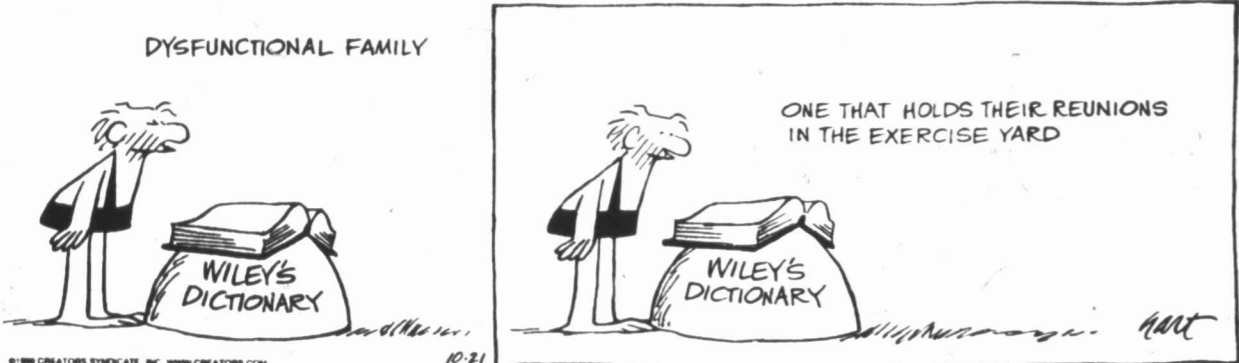
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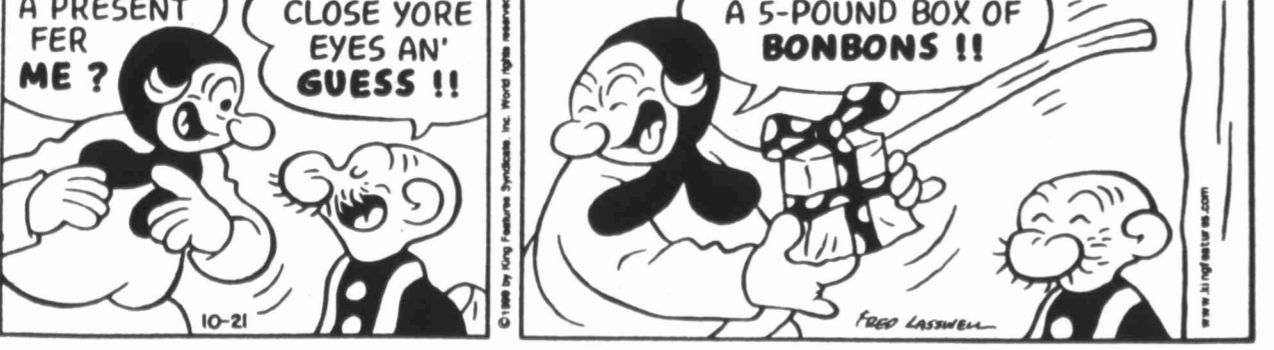
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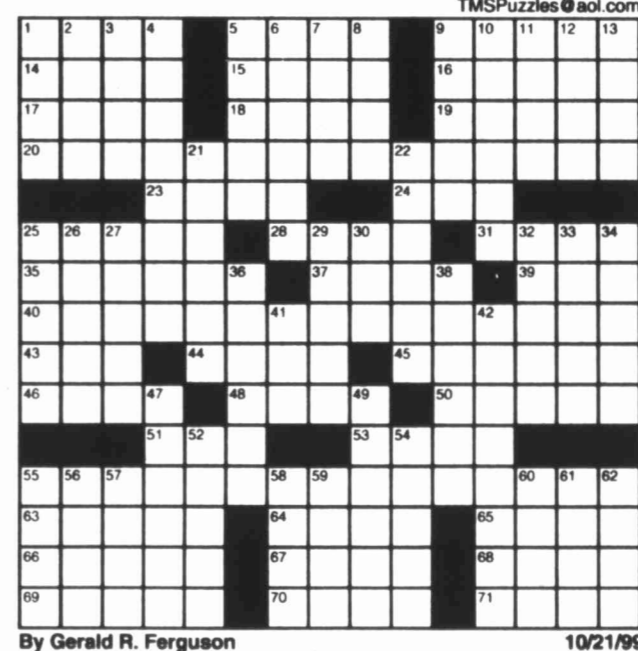
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Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 21, 1879, Thomas Edison invented a workable electric light at his laboratory in Menlo Park, N.J. On this date: In 1797, the U.S. Navy frigate Constitution, also known as Old Ironsides, was launched in Boston's harbor.

1805, a British fleet commanded by Admiral Horatio Nelson defeated a French-Spanish fleet in the Battle of Trafalgar; Nelson, however, was killed. In 1917, members of the First Division of the U.S. Army training in Luneville, France, became the first Americans to see action on the front lines of World War I.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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1944, during World War II, U.S. troops captured the German city of Aachen. In 1945, women in France were allowed to vote for the first time. In 1959, the Guggenheim Museum in New York opened to the public. In 1960, Democrat John F. Kennedy and Republican Richard M. Nixon clashed in their fourth and final presidential debate. In 1966, more than 140 people, mostly children, were killed when a coal waste landslide engulfed a school and several houses in South Wales. In 1967, tens of thousands of Vietnam War protesters marched in Washington, D.C. In 1971, President Nixon nominated Lewis F. Powell and William H. Rehnquist to the U.S. Supreme Court. Ten years ago: Rescue workers in Oakland, Calif., pulled longshoreman Buck Helm alive from the wreckage of the Nimitz Freeway, part of which had collapsed during the Oct. 17 earthquake. (Helm died less than a month later.) Five years ago: United States and North Korea signed an agreement requiring the communist nation to halt its nuclear program and agree to inspections. Thirty-two people were killed when a section of bridge collapsed in Seoul, South Korea. One year ago: President Clinton signed a \$520 billion spending package that was shipped to him just before the 105th Congress recessed. A radical environmental group, the Earth Liberation Front, claimed responsibility for fires that caused \$12 million in damage at the nation's busiest ski resort in Vail, Colo. Dr. Jane Henney was confirmed as FDA commissioner. Today's Birthdays: Baseball Hall of Famer Whitey Ford is 71. Rock singer Manfred Mann is 59. Musician Steve Cropper (Booker T. & the MG's) is 58. Singer Elvin Bishop is 57. Actor Everett McGill is 54. Musician Lee Loughnane (Chicago) is 53. Former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is 50. Musician Charlyotte Caffey (The Go-Go's) is 46. Actress-author Carrie Fisher is 43.