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**State hospital therapy program sets open house**

The public is invited to an open house Thursday at the Big Spring State Hospital's new animal-assisted therapy building. The event begins at 12:45 p.m.

Cake and punch will be served and tours of the building will be provided. It houses programs that use animals to teach patients life skills, and was funded with help from the Volunteer Services Council and its fundraising projects.

For more information about the building or the open house, call the Community Relations Office at BSSH, 268-7535.

**WHAT'S UP...**

**TODAY**

□ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

**THURSDAY**

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

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

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library.

□ Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

**FRIDAY**

□ AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.

□ Third annual Big Spring High School choir pancake supper, 5-7:30 p.m. at the school cafeteria. Dinners consist of pancakes, bacon, sausage, butter, juice, milk and coffee, and adults are \$5 and children 12 and under are free.

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

**SATURDAY**

□ 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.

□ Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Members and guests welcome.

□ Big Spring Squares call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

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**Area quilters to show handiwork Thursday in downtown Stanton**

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

On Thursday, area quilters will show off their best handiwork on the streets of downtown Stanton.

It's the town's third annual quilt show, slated from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. featuring quilts new, old, antique and unique.

"Some are vintage, and some are the first the quilter has ever

made," said Kathryn Burch, Martin County Extension Agent. She said the event is aimed at "reviving the art of quilting" as well as encouraging business for Stanton's downtown area.

Quilters will come from Odessa, Midland, Big Spring and Stanton as well as other area towns. They range in age from 22 to senior citizens. Quilts will be hanging in the downtown store windows, and

quilters will also be demonstrating quilting during the event.

Featured quilter this year is Nell D. Smith of Odessa, a master quilter who has had her work hanging in the International Quilt Show in Houston, and placed third in the Dallas Quilt Celebration. She has also won awards in regional shows, and won a Blue ribbon at the State Fair of Texas.

Smith, who is also a needlework instructor, will do quilt

appraisals for old quilts at \$25 each. Burch said interested people might want to find out the age or value, or both, for a quilt.

"This could be something you would really want to have if you had a quilt that was special in the family," she said. Smith is one of two women in the Permian Basin certified to do the appraisals, which will include written documentation about the quilt.

Smith will be at the show

from 3-8 p.m.

The area's merchants will be open late for the event. Music will be played, and browsers can also play a game that gives them a chance in a prize drawing.

"We are very excited," said Burch. "This is going to be a neat day of shopping and quilts."

For more information, call the County Extension Office at 756-3316.

**Angel Trees go up around town**



Danelle Castillo, social services director, decorates the Salvation Army Senior Angel Tree at the Big Spring Herald today. Other Christmas trees bearing the names of needy children are placed in businesses throughout the community.

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

Salvation Army Angel Trees began decking the halls this week, as Christmas trees decorated with cards containing the names of more than 500 needy children were placed around town.

"We have as many angels now, at the beginning of the season, as we did at the end of the season last year," said Danelle Castillo, social services director for the Salvation Army.

Locations of the trees are Rip

Griffin's Gift Shop, Gale's Sweet Shoppe, Big Spring Mall, Walmart, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Cosden Credit Union and Al's Barbecue. A senior's angel tree has been placed at the Big Spring Herald.

"We have such a need this Christmas, and I still have at least 75 more children who have not been placed on a tree yet. We have a lot of new families, new clients this year, many whose parents worked at Walls Factory Outlet, and some from Signal Homes as well," Castillo said.

The Salvation Army Angel

Tree program works through the generosity of community members. Cards with the first name of a child, as well as their age, clothing and shoe size, and three gift wishes are placed on each tree.

A person, family or community organization may select an angel to adopt for Christmas. Gifts are purchased for that child and returned to the Salvation Army or to the location of that tree along with the name card, she said.

"We've had lots of requests for computers, which is fitting

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**United Way effort surpasses \$150,000 mark on way to \$225,000**

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

United Way of Big Spring and Howard County organizers say more than two-thirds of the \$225,000 goal for local non-profit organiza-



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tions has been reached, with three weeks still remaining in the campaign.

"We've just nudged past the 67 percent mark," said United Way executive director Carroll Jennings.

Thus far \$150,300 has been collected to benefit 11 agencies in Howard County. These are American Red Cross, Boys Club of Big Spring, Buffalo Trail Council Boy Scouts of America, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation

Center, Northside Community center, Rape Crisis/Victim Services, Salvation Army, Westside Community Center, West Texas Girl Scout Council and the YMCA.

"We are having an outstanding campaign, and we are planning our end of campaign event, which is going to be great," Jennings said.

Malone Hogan Covenant completed their campaign and

increased their combined contribution by 50 percent, he said.

And at the Federal Correctional Institute, Big Spring, if the goal of \$10,000 is met, someone may get a haircut, he said.

"When they meet that goal someone will get their head shaved, and we want a picture of that," Jennings said.

Routine contributions continue to come in, and Jennings was adding three more contri-

butions today.

"We are planning a fundraising event at the Stampede with Jody Nix, to cap the campaign. This will not be the end of campaign celebration, but instead a fundraiser," Jennings commented.

The goal set by United Way this year was about 1 percent above the amount raised in 1998.

The campaign will continue until Nov. 23, he said.

**Training done, assistant extension agent takes leave of Howard County**

By BILL McCLELLAN  
News Editor

It's good news for Brandon McGinty and tough for David Kight, but everyone knew this day was coming — when the trainee strikes out on his own.

McGinty, who has spent the past 26 months as assistant county extension agent for Howard County, is leaving to take over as extension agent at Silverton in Briscoe County.

"I've enjoyed very much being here and working with the people. They have shown me a lot of hospitality and kindness," McGinty said during a reception in his honor Tuesday

at the courthouse. "I hate to leave, but it doesn't mean I won't be back."

The Tarleton State University graduate grew up in Plains. He worked for himself for a while after getting out of college, then took the assistant's job under Kight in August of 1997. There will be some changes in making the move, but a lot of what he'll be doing is the same, he said.

"It's very similar in the aspect of what I'll do, with the exception that they have more grain and wheat crops and fewer acres. They have a lot more stocker cattle, more cow-calf operations up there, too," he said.

"It's a small community. They don't have a lot of numbers in 4-H but they have a good program that is well supported."

McGinty said he will try to increase the number of students involved in 4-H, work

with the county and city leaders in community development, and, of course, be in the heart of all agricultural-related industry.

For Kight, the move wasn't unexpected.

"It's not atypical at all. They train 18 to 24 months typically and then they can apply for various job openings," Kight said. "Brandon is a young man who I think will be very successful with his extension career. He is very people-oriented, very good at working with the public. He also had a good basic knowledge and understanding of the subject matter areas of ag, youth and community development."

Kight is one of 26 extension agent trainers out of 254 counties in the state. McGinty is the third person he has trained.

He said there are already sev-

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Brandon McGinty, left, visits with Jim Parcell during a reception Tuesday at the courthouse. McGinty is leaving Howard County to become the ag extension agent in Briscoe County.

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# Minimum wage boost threatened in House tax relief dispute

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sponsors of House measures to boost the minimum wage by \$1 an hour are running out of time to reach agreement on how quickly the increase would take effect and the scope of a companion tax relief package. Republican and Democratic sponsors of competing plans worked Tuesday to line up the necessary votes, but Majority Leader Dick Arney said the issue would not reach the House floor unless a GOP-tilted version with \$30 billion in tax relief over five years appeared likely to gain sufficient biparti-

san support. "We're not going to put it on the floor if we don't have the Democrats to pass it," said Arney, R-Texas. That measure, sponsored by Reps. Rick Lazio, R-N.Y., and Gary Condit, D-Calif., has not only drawn a veto threat from the Clinton administration over the tax package but is also viewed by many GOP moderates as weak because the minimum wage increase is phased in over three years. "I really feel we can do a lot better," said Rep. Jack Quinn, R-N.Y.

But Lazio and Condit both said Tuesday they were working to gain sufficient bipartisan support. "We're closing the gap," Lazio said. Long a hallmark of Democratic politics, increasing the current \$5.15-an-hour minimum wage has become a priority for Republicans in districts with large union constituencies, particularly in the Northeast. For that reason, House GOP leaders are willing to bring an increase to the floor, but they aren't actively supporting it. "It's something you have to look at, I think, almost on a

regional basis," Arney said. "It probably is, I think, a matter of some consequence in a lot of districts. It is not in my district." A revised GOP tax package released Tuesday includes a five-year reduction in the estate tax, an expansion of the low-income housing tax credit, expanded pensions and delayed taxation of federal farm production payments. It would also increase the business meal deduction from 50 percent to 60 percent and make self-employed insurance premiums fully deductible in 2001 instead of

2003. "This modest tax relief for those who create jobs will provide an effective antidote to the job-threatening potential of a government-imposed minimum wage increase," said House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas. Dropped from that version were the original proposal's credits for independent film production and intercity buses that need wheelchair lifts, as well as a repeal of a tax paid by retailers and wholesalers of alcoholic beverages. Some of those could be resurrected to

gain votes, however. Top Clinton administration officials said Monday they would recommend a veto of the bill because the tax relief would be paid for out of projected budget surpluses beginning in 2001 — money they say is needed to safeguard Social Security and Medicare. Democrats, meanwhile, are pushing for the \$1 increase over two years and a more modest, \$8 billion package of tax relief for small businesses that would be fully offset with several revenue-raisers, including closure of corporate tax loopholes.

## After killing 7 co-workers, Xerox employee surrenders

HONOLULU (AP) — Hiro Uyesugi remembers his son losing his temper only once during 15 years at the Xerox Corp., when he kicked an elevator door a few years ago and had to undergo anger management counseling. Nothing in Byran Uyesugi's history hinted at the bloodshed that erupted at Xerox's offices on Tuesday, when police say he walked into a second-floor meeting room and shot seven co-workers to death. Uyesugi fled in a company van, but surrendered to police after a five-hour standoff. A search of his home found 11 handguns, five rifles and two shotguns owned by the former Roosevelt High School rifle team member. "I'm going to bring him another gun so he can shoot himself," an anguished Hiro Uyesugi snapped when questioned by reporters. The nation's latest episode of workplace violence was the worst tragedy in the company's

history and the worst mass murder in Hawaii's history. It was a stunning blow in a state with just 24 murders last year and an enduring reputation as America's paradise. "You would never think it would happen at your workplace. You hear it all around," said Andy De Leon, a Xerox employee. "But this is too close, way too close." Uyesugi, 40, was expected to be arraigned today. Because multiple deaths were involved, he will likely face a first-degree murder charge, punishable by a mandatory sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole. Hawaii has no death penalty. Uyesugi, who fixed copiers at Xerox, was clad in a green Hawaii print shirt when he entered the building shortly after 8 a.m. Uyesugi was on his way to a meeting when he shot two men, missed a third, and then shot five more. "We all heard this banging noise, like a hammer hitting on

a piece of metal," De Leon said. "We didn't think anything of it then. Then all of a sudden a boss called out and said, 'Follow us' and we started running out. 'Someone asked what happened and he said somebody got shot upstairs.'" Uyesugi left the building and waved goodbye to another co-worker before driving off. Five victims were slain in a conference room and two other bodies were found nearby. All had been shot with a 9 mm handgun at close range, authorities said. Police found 20 9 mm shell casings at the scene. The victims were identified as Melvin Lee, 58; Ron Kawamae, 54; Ron Kataoka, 50; Peter Mark, 46; Ford Kanehira, 41; John Sakamoto, 36; and Jason Balatico, 33. Uyesugi and the company van were spotted by a jogger at a nature park overlooking downtown. After hours of negotiations with authorities, he finally surrendered.

"Like all of us at Xerox, you undoubtedly have the question, 'Why? How could this have happened?'" Xerox Hawaii general manager Glenn Sexton said. "Perhaps we'll never know." Uyesugi lived on Easy Street with his father and brother, raising fish in back yard tanks and collecting guns. Neighbors described him as "a good boy" and "a real nice kid." He was convicted of drunken driving in 1985. He was named in a criminal property damage complaint in 1993 when he threatened a supervisor and damaged the elevator door, KITV-TV reported. Police would not comment on a motive. But Mayor Jeremy Harris said it appeared "as though it was a disgruntled employee who snapped." "It's a shock for all of us. We have such a safe community with almost no violent crime," Harris said. "To have someone snap like this and murder seven people is just absolutely appalling."

## DaimlerChrysler phasing out Plymouth cars, minivans

NEW YORK (AP) — The road is coming to an end for Plymouth cars and minivans. A DaimlerChrysler AG executive says the company is eliminating the Plymouth brand, and will phase-out the Breeze mid-size sedan, Neon small car, Voyager minivan and Prowler roadster starting in the second half of next year. The executive spoke Tuesday on condition of anonymity. As the Plymouth brand has aged, it has traded in a muscle-car mystique for the more staid, suburban image that comes with affordable cars and minivans. In 1973, when Richard Petty was winning stock car races in his light blue Road Runner, sales of Plymouth cars reached 750,000. Last year, sales were 307,000. "Everything points to the death of the Plymouth," said

Derek Humphrey, an analyst with J.D. Power & Associates. DaimlerChrysler spokeswoman Kathryn Blackwell said the company had no statement. The automaker has combined many of its dealerships to sell Chrysler and Dodge cars and trucks. The Plymouth brand was stopped last year in Canada, and the company recently stopped placing the Plymouth emblem on the Voyager minivan. "The company said it was to save money, but that's a lot of trouble to go through to save a few pennies," Humphrey said. The Breeze sedan and Prowler roadster were introduced three years ago in an attempt to boost sales. DaimlerChrysler increased spending on advertising and put sales kiosks in shopping malls to attract the 20- to 40-year-old crowd.

## States experience varying degrees of poverty, Census Bureau report shows

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just 6.2 percent of New Hampshire's residents lived in poverty in 1996. Meanwhile, in Mississippi about one-fifth of the state's residents lived below the poverty line, the Census Bureau reports today. The state-by-state breakdown paints a bleak picture for some regions of the country, particularly the South, where poverty rates ran high in 1996. In contrast, the poverty rates of

Northeastern states were often in the single digits. Nationally, 13.7 percent of Americans — and 20.5 percent of children — lived in poverty in 1996, according to the report. The poverty threshold differs by household, depending mainly on the size of the family. In 1996, the poverty line for a family of four was \$16,036 a year. The Census Bureau released figures in September indicating that the number of people living

in poverty dropped by more than 1 million in 1998. But the report did not have details on the states. A range of factors contribute to widespread differences among states, including a state's income, percentage of minorities and social program spending, said Sheldon Danziger, social work and public policy professor at the University of Michigan. For example, Texas' high

immigration rates and large number of racial and ethnic minorities contribute to its below-average performance, Danziger said. About 18 percent of all Texans and 26 percent of the state's children live in poverty. "Texas has always been a state with a relatively restrictive set of social programs," Danziger said. "It's a state that has always had a good deal of inequality."

Greg Duncan, education and social policy professor at Northwestern University, says a key indicator is also education spending. "The levels of spending on services like schooling tend to be correlated pretty substantially with poverty rates," Duncan said. Iowa, for instance, has one of the highest education spending per pupil, he said. In 1996, 12.7 percent of Iowa's children lived

in poverty, the sixth lowest level in the country. The District of Columbia fared the worst, with 21.1 percent of all residents and 35.6 percent of children living in poverty. The district, however, is an urban area, comparable to other cities, not states. Child care advocates point to the figures to argue that government should spend more to help the poor, particularly families.

## Cost of medicine for elderly far outstrips inflation, group contends

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prices for the prescription drugs most often used by older Americans are skyrocketing far beyond inflation generally, says an advocacy group that wants Congress to add drug benefits to Medicare. In 1998, wholesale prices for 50 prescriptions commonly filled by the elderly rose 6.6 percent, more than four times the year's 1.6 percent overall inflation rate, said Families USA in a report being released today. Between January 1994 and January 1999, the report said, prices for the same prescriptions rose 25.2 percent, more than double the 12.8 percent overall inflation rate during that five-year period. "As these price increases occur, more and more seniors are being priced out of the prescriptions they need to maintain their health and their lives," said Families USA executive director Ron Pollack. The Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America said the Families USA study is skewed by a few unusual cases of big markups and that the industry generally reinvests 21 percent of its revenues in research to find new cures and treatments. Among prescriptions for which the study found prices rose the most from 1994 to 1999: —Lanoxin, 0.13 mg tablets used to treat heart failure, rose from \$39 to \$74, an 88 percent increase. —Imdur, 60 mg extended release tablets used to treat the chest pain angina, more than doubled in cost from \$237 to \$500. —Furosemide, 40 mg diuretic tablets used to treat high blood pressure, more than doubled in price from \$18 to \$38. Also according to the study, the cost of a year's supply of 20 mg tablets of Pepsid, used to combat ulcers, rose from \$524 in January 1994 to \$646 in October of 1999.

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## 'The doctor with the dog'

BSSH's Matthews says animals have much to offer patients in therapy programs

By VALERIE AVERY  
Big Spring State Hospital



Dr. Barbara Matthews and her dog, Honey.

Her greatest tool is not the knowledge she has gained through lectures or studying mountains of research about the inner workings of the human mind, but her border collie, Natalie, and a stray mixed-breed named Honey.

Patients may not know psychologist Dr. Barbara Matthews by name, but they recognize her as the doctor with the dog.

Trailing behind Matthews, or many times yearning ahead of a tight leash, Natalie, or Honey, who showed up on the expansive Big Spring State Hospital campus earlier this year, make Dr. Matthews the most popular person on campus. Rarely does anyone fail to stop, crouch on bended knee, and scratch one of the dogs behind their ears.

They always happily oblige. And this allows Matthews to use her strongest talent — friendly conversation. Perhaps, unlocking the voice of someone who has been fearful of strangers for years.

A dog's need to be caressed — conveyed through an unspoken language — has become Matthews' greatest resource in reaching people with mental illness, particularly adolescents.

**The public is invited to an open house for the new Animal Assisted Therapy building Thursday at 12:45 p.m. at the Big Spring State Hospital.**

herself up in (a patient's) lap. It broke the silence."

Angry boys' rough exteriors have softened when a dog is put in a group situation, studies indicate. Teenagers don't have to act cool around a dog, said Matthews, coordinator of the Animal Assisted Therapy program at the Big Spring State Hospital.

In animal-assisted therapy, animals are used to accompany traditional therapies. Its first documented use was in 1792 when patients were encouraged to care for animals at the York Retreat in York, England. Recent research shows that animal promote humor, laughter and play, and promote a sense of importance.

If teen-age boys trained dogs for the visually impaired it would give them a feeling of importance and solve many of their behavioral problems, Matthews said.

Making the animal the focus

of the conversation allows Matthews a chance to reach inside the patient and draw out their innermost thoughts and feelings. Until she is able to break through the exterior, she can't help reshape the patient's outlook on life.

"(Dogs) don't care if you have bad breath or you're an amputee," She said. "One time, Natalie just jumped into an amputee's lap. That was probably the first time that woman had held something. Natalie just gave her unconditional love. It was great."

When patients leave the 202-bed hospital, they may consider owning a pet, Matthews said. Keeping a pet may make people with mental illness more approachable in the community. Studies have shown that more than 50 percent of passerby walking their dogs are more approachable than those walking alone. The animal can work as a catalyst to begin a conversation with a person who may be painfully shy. It may make all the difference in a person becoming well and remaining out of the hospital.

In addition to Natalie and Honey, Matthews uses a hedgehog named Sonic; and a ferret, Slinky, in group therapy sessions. The animals are integrated into daily sessions with patients who attend the morning and afternoon group classes.

## Try a new thermometer to ensure food safety

Well, it's that time a year again — cooking season.

As we get ready for our first BIG holiday, Thanksgiving, many of us will be running out to the grocery store to buy all of the fixings.

To ensure food safety, I want to talk about using food thermometers, especially when cooking turkey.

One new type of thermometer will appeal to consumers who don't want to continually remove a dish from the oven to check the temperature with an instant-read thermometer. A thermistor-type thermometer probe is attached to a long metal cord that has a base unit with a digital screen on the other end. The probe is inserted into the food and the cord extends from the oven to the counter (or via magnet to the stove top or oven door).

You program the thermometer for the desired temperature. When the food reaches this setting, the thermometer beeps. You can monitor the internal temperature of the food you're cooking without having to open the oven door. You can also preset a target temperature using the alarm feature. The thermometer will beep loudly when that temperature has been reached.

Another type of thermometer is the thermometer-fork combination. Just insert the tines into the food and the indicator lights on the handle will tell you if it is rare, medium, well-done, etc., within 2 to 6 seconds. A thermocouple probe is embedded in one of the tines of the fork. This kind is particularly useful for grilling.

When checking more than one item or if checking several sites on a large cut of meat or poultry, dip the thermometer-fork into water until the thermometer probe cools enough for the light to turn off. Clean the probe, then check the next item.

There are four basic types of kitchen thermometers: liquid-filled, bimetallic-coil, thermistor and thermocouple.

The liquid-filled, also called spirit-filled or liquid in glass, liquid expands and rises to indicate the temperature on a scale.

Bimetallic-coil contains a coil in the probe, made of two different metals with different rates of expansion and bonded together, expands when heated.

The thermistor uses a resistor to measure temperature. The oven cord thermometer is a thermistor.

And finally, the thermocouple. These are the fastest reading thermometers. They are made up of two fine wires located in the tips of the probes. The thermometer-fork is a thermocouple.

Remember, always insert the thermometer into the thickest part of the meat or poultry. Source: USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline

Gina Garza writes a weekly column on family information and tips.



GINA GARZA

## ODDS-N-ENDS

**WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.** (AP) — An on-campus wedding between two teachers gave an entire school a lesson in love.

Jay-School Moylan and Lynn Stephy were married Wednesday at Gold Coast Community School as 450 students and a host of invited guests looked on.

School secretary Harriet Vogel, a notary public, performed the service on a cafeteria stage decorated by students with columns, a trellis and a white ribbon.

"We're calling it an assembly. We have assemblies all the time," Stephy said. "It's a human values assembly."

Moylan, a history teacher, and Stephy, who teaches English, became an item last year after she moved into the classroom next to his after transferring from another school. Gold Coast serves grades seven through 12.

"We had lunch in the cafeteria, and one thing led to another," said Moylan, 39. The bride didn't give her age.

Their students even ferried notes between the two. "We encouraged them," Ashley Stretcher said.

Former Gold Coast principal Patricia Mandigo said students "don't see enough of this." "When we talk about the school being a family," she said, "this is a family affair."

**ROANOKE, Va.** (AP) — A judge hearing a dispute over decorative beer signs left the bench for the bar to view the evidence for himself.

At issue on Wednesday before Roanoke Circuit Court Judge Robert Doherty was whether the signs and neon bar lights at the W.R. Brews sports bar violated state law. Virginia has a ban on neon and lighted beer ads.

Bar owner William Kopcial sued after the state Alcoholic Beverage Control Board ordered him to remove the decorations, which sent the issue Doherty.

The matter before him, Doherty adjourned court and

headed to W.R. Brews along with Assistant Attorney General Louis Matthews and Kopcial's attorney, Clifton Woodrum. The judge inspected the tavern's decorations, and asked questions of Kopcial. He said he'll rule in about a week.

**TRENTON, Ohio** (AP) — A music teacher who allowed her seventh-graders to sing a parody about a drunken Santa Claus going on a shooting rampage earned the ire of school officials.

The Edgewood Middle School teacher, who was not identified by school officials, had invited her students to bring in recordings of their favorite songs as a way to encourage shy pupils to sing in class.

One student brought "The Night Santa Went Crazy" by satirist "Weird Al" Yankovic.

"So they had been singing that on Friday afternoons just to loosen up a little bit," assistant superintendent Tom York said Thursday. "We didn't know it was being done."

## Diabetes is a killer that can be controlled

Learning about diabetes is important because the disease can cause serious complications such as heart disease, kidney failure, amputations and blindness.

About 16 million Americans have the disease but only about half know it. Diabetes is the sixth leading cause of death in Texas.

During the last 35 years, the incidence has tripled. Several factors are thought to be responsible for this increase — more obesity, more middle aged and older people and more people in groups that have a genetic predisposition to the disease.

Understanding diabetes is important to learning how the body works. When people eat food, some is broken down in glucose.

The glucose is carried by blood to the body cells. The hormone insulin, produced by the pancreas, must escort the glucose into the cell. Without adequate insulin, glucose builds up in the blood, producing high "blood sugar." excess glucose overflows into the urine and passes unused from the body.

About 5 percent of diabetics have type I diabetes. Some other terms for this type of diabetes are "juvenile and insulin dependent diabetes mellitus (IDDM)."

With this type of diabetes the body produces antibodies that

attack the pancreas cells that produce insulin. As a result, in a year or less the pancreas stops producing insulin. Why these antibodies attack the pancreas is unclear, some suspect a virus, in many cases no family history is present. With type I diabetes, most are diagnosed before the age of 30. Because their bodies produce little or no insulin, they must take insulin injections several times daily based on their glucose readings.

Approximately 95 percent of diabetics have type II diabetes. This type is also referred to as "adult or late onset" or non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus (NIDDM). Most people are 40 years old or older when first diagnosed. Eighty to 90 percent of the people with this type of diabetes are obese. This type of diabetes tends to run in families.

With type II diabetes, the pancreas either does not produce enough insulin or body cells become resistant to insulin.

Symptoms develop slowly over a period of years and are easy to ignore. Some early signs include: fatigue, frequent urination, unusual thirst and hunger, weight loss despite eating more.

To find out if you have diabetes you should see a doctor or health care professional for a blood glucose test. The most accurate measure of blood glucose will occur if it is measured early in the morning before anything is eaten.

— from "Health Education Rural Outreach Health Hints" newsletter  
Dana Tarter is the Howard County Extension Agent — Family and Consumer Science.



DANA TARTER

## Raw sprouts full of nutrition, bacteria

**WASHINGTON** (AP) — Crunchy raw sprouts are full of nutrition — but too often, they also carry dangerous bacteria that can cause food poisoning. To make sprouts safe to eat again, the government is ordering farmers to use new growing methods.

The Food and Drug Administration warned Americans last summer not to eat alfalfa, clover and other types of sprouts after confirming that at least 1,300 illnesses in recent years were caused by bacteria-laden sprouts. Other research, however, estimates that many more people — up to

20,000 — may have been sickened.

Even healthy people can become ill from sprouts tainted with salmonella or E. coli. But high-risk people — such as children, the elderly and people with weakened immune systems because of cancer, AIDS or other conditions — could contract life-threatening infections.

FDA senior science adviser Bob Buchanan reiterated the consumer warning Monday but said the government will re-examine its advice in a few months to see if the new growing standards, issued Monday,

have made sprouts safer.

"We are not recommending the consumption of raw sprouts" yet, Buchanan said. But if the safety standards are followed, "this will greatly decrease any kind of risk associated with the product."

Growers are not doing anything wrong, Buchanan stressed. Most outbreaks in sprouts have been traced to seeds laden with bacteria that flourish and multiply under the growing conditions necessary for sprouts. (When the same seeds are used for regular crops grown in the hot sun, the germs die off.)

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### COOKING NEWS

Got a great Thanksgiving recipe? Share it with others in a special Big Spring Herald feature coming Nov. 17. We will publish your old favorites such as pumpkin pie, casseroles, turkey stuffing, and the unusual dishes that have become your family's favorites.

Send your recipe to: life! section, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring; e-mail to [jwalker@rcm.net](mailto:jwalker@rcm.net); or fax to 264-7205.

We need your recipe(s) by Nov. 10 to include them. Don't forget to include tips you may have discovered when making this favorite dish over the years. If you have a funny story that goes along with one of the recipes, include that, too.

If you have a great recipe, don't keep it to yourself... share something that could become a family favorite for others as well!

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**BSSH CHAIR PANCAKE SUPPER** is Friday from 5-7:30 p.m. at the high school cafeteria. Dinners consist of pancakes, bacon, sausage, butter, juice, milk and coffee. Adults are \$5 and children 12 and under are free.

**AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION** will have its annual Arts and Crafts sales at Big Spring Mall Nov. 6 and Dec. 11, and booths are available for vendors.

Booths are available at \$35 for one weekend and \$50 for both weekends. Proceeds fund the ABWA scholarship program, but any profit the vendor makes is theirs to keep.

For more information or to secure a booth call Albert at 263-4253.

### THE LAST WORD

Everyone is a millionaire where promises are concerned.  
Ovid

Everywhere, we learn only from those we love.  
Goethe

A man must have a certain amount of intelligent ignorance to get anywhere.  
Charles F. Kettering

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SPORTS EXTRA

AP TOP 25

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

NFL STANDINGS

Table with 4 columns: Conference, Team, W, L, T, Pct., FF, PA. Shows NFL standings for American and National conferences.

SCHOOLBOY POLL

Table with 2 columns: Team, Record. Lists high school football teams and their records.

LOCAL BOWLING

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. Lists local bowling results for various leagues.

MLS PLAYOFFS

Table with 2 columns: Team, Record. Shows MLS playoff results.

RODEO LEADERS

Table with 2 columns: Name, Score. Lists rodeo event winners and their scores.

TRANSACTIONS

Text listing various sports transactions, including player signings and trades.

HONOR ROLL

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downs in Flatonia's 39-27 victory over Louise.
-Tyler Sorensen had 32 carries for 254 yards and a touchdown for Lake Highlands against Plano.
-Kelshal Rivas ran 23 times for 242 yards and five touchdowns as Weslaco beat Brownsville Pace 48-20.
-B.J. Simmons had 29 carries for 241 yards and four touchdowns for Valley Mills.
-Dathan Wright ran 22 times for 233 yards and two touchdowns as Gorman beat Rising star 42-15.
-Jason Love had 37 carries for 233 yards and three touchdowns in Mansfield's 42-41 victory over Arlington Martin.
-Courtland Hubbard ran 17 times for 231 yards and four touchdowns for Dallas Wilson against Carrollton Smith.
-Tracey Whitaker ran 33 times for 223 yards and a touchdown for Richardson Berkner against Richardson.
-Bo Brown had 12 carries for 216 yards and a touchdown in Abilene Wylie's 36-7 victory over Ballinger.
-Jim Evans rushed 16 times for 215 yards and five touchdowns for Carrollton American Heritage against Balch Springs Christian.
-Kevin Brown ran 22 times for 213 yards and three touchdowns for Kaufman against Palestine.
-Marcus Jalamo rushed for

195 yards and two touchdowns for Quannah against Clarendon.
-Derrick Watson rushed for 186 yards and five touchdowns in Wichita Falls Notre Dame's 57-56 loss to Fort Worth Southwest Christian.
-B.J. Head had 28 carries for 184 yards and two touchdowns for Waco Midway.
-Alvin McGilvery ran 19 times for 184 yards and two touchdowns for Hubbard.
-B.J. Warren had 26 carries for 180 yards in Aledo's 17-0 victory over Kennedale.
-Aaron French ran 11 times for 178 yards and two touchdowns as Hemphill beat East Chambers 54-14.
-Leon Maxie had 15 carries for 171 yards and five touchdowns in Hemphill's 54-14 victory over East Chambers.
-Jose Tello rushed 26 times for 160 yards and four touchdowns in Laredo United South's 55-20 victory over Zapata.
-Cedrick Carr ran 19 times for 156 yards and three touchdowns for Mexia.
-Jeff Bergeron had 11 carries for 153 yards as Port Neches-Groves beat Vidor 34-14.
THROUGH THE AIR
-Kendal Briles completed 18 of 29 passes for 269 yards and four touchdowns with no interceptions as Stephenville beat Burleson 49-0.
-Michael Schoepf completed 16 of 23 passes for 253 yards and four touchdowns for Salado against Florence.
-Edward Vallier passed for

231 yards and two touchdowns of 80 yards each as Beaumont Central beat Humble Kingwood 27-20.
-Mario Kinsey completed 17 of 27 passes for 237 yards and three touchdowns.
-Jason Hooks had 10 catches for 160 yards and three touchdowns for Waco La Vega.
-Octavio Cantu caught 14 passes for 186 yards and a touchdown in Roma's 41-12 loss to Mercedes.
DEFENSE
-Randy Washington had 10 tackles and three interceptions as Newton beat Kountze 51-12.
-Steven Ard had 19 tackles, returned an interception for a touchdown and recovered two fumbles for Fort Worth Western Hills against Fort Worth Jarvis.
-Ed Conley had 22 tackles and an interception for Richardson against Richardson Berkner.
-DeJuan Davis had 12 tackles, intercepted one pass, caused two fumbles and blocked a punt for Italy against Venus.
-Nick Davis had 11 tackles (five for a loss), four sacks and caused two fumbles in Hemphill's 54-14 victory over East Chambers.
-Brandon Baird had 13 tackles and the game-clinching interception as Graham beat Childress 12-7.
-Caleb Seal had 16 tackles in Childress' 12-7 loss to Graham.
-Shawn Lang had 17 tackles in Port Neches-Groves' 34-14 victory over Vidor.

ROUNDUP

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five steals as the Hornets beat revamped Orlando.
The Magic, who unloaded Penny Hardaway, Nick Anderson and Horace Grant in the offseason, struggled with their new lineup under first-year coach Doc Rivers.
Knicks 92, Cavaliers 84
Larry Johnson had 24 points, his highest scoring game in two seasons, and cemented a late 14-0 run with one of his three 3-pointers to lead New York over Cleveland at Madison Square Garden.
Allan Houston added 18 points

career high with 20, including 6-for-6 on 3-pointers, as Boston won at Toronto.
Pierce also had eight rebounds and five assists for the Celtics, who were 10-of-13 from long range. Antoine Walker scored 22 points for Boston, while Doug Christie led the Raptors with 20 points.
Mavericks 108, Warriors 96
Michael Finley, ignoring pain in his right heel to play in his 29th straight game, scored 26 points as Dallas won at home.
Cedric Ceballos, playing his first game since breaking both wrists early last season, had three points and three rebounds for the Mavericks.
Pacers 119, Nets 112
Reggie Miller scored 13 of his 27 points in the fourth quarter, and visiting Indiana survived a 39-point performance by New Jersey's Stephon Marbury.
Miller's flailing arm broke the nose of Nets center Jamie Feick in the final minute of the game. Miller was called for a technical foul on the play.
Celtics 103, Raptors 90
Dwight Howard scored 30 points and Walter McCarty tied a

DEAR ABBY
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BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
HOUSTON ROCKETS-Waded F Don MacLean and G Matt Maloney. Placed F Matt Bullard on the injured list.
MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES-Released C Trevor Winter. Placed F Andrae Patterson, F Lou Roe and C Darryl Schayes on the injured list.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS-Signed G Evan Flegal. Waded CB Keith Thibodeaux.
DENVER BRONCOS-Placed DE Alfred Williams on injured reserve. Signed LB Steve Russ. Released TE Justin Swift from the practice squad. Signed DT Vikram Maumua to the practice squad.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS-Placed LB Eric Terry.
MIAMI DOLPHINS-Placed G Mike Brock on injured reserve. Signed T Mike

BULL RIDING

1. Gregory Potter, Weatherford, Texas, \$85,801. 2. Vince Stanton, Weatherford, Texas, \$75,197. 3. Tony Mendes, Jensen, Utah, \$63,441. 4. Roy Doyal, Pampa, Texas, \$63,354. 5. Robert Bowers, Brooks, Alberta, \$63,172. 6. Myron Duarte, Auburn, Wash., \$59,614. 7. Justin Daugherty, Mineral Wells, Texas, \$58,716. 8. Jason McClary, Colorado, \$58,018. 9. Mike Moore, Wellington, Colo., \$57,962. 10. Scott Breeding, Edgar, Mont., \$57,661. 11. Corey Navarre, Weatherford, Okla., \$57,085. 12. Mike White, Lake Charles, La., \$56,751. 13. Cody Hancock, Taylor, Ariz., \$54,656. 14. Cody Custer, Wickenburg, Ariz., \$54,547. 15. Robb Water Valley, Alberta, \$53,778. 16. Josh O'Byrne, Animas, N.M., \$53,549. 17. Felipe Anagnos, Torrey, N.M., \$52,520. 18. Haggis, Prineville, Ore., \$48,211. 19. Rocky McDonald, Separ, N.M., \$47,612. 20. Shane Drury, Weatherford, Okla., \$45,000. 21. Murray, Stephenville, Texas, \$31,649.
CALF ROPING
1. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, \$122,822. 2. Brian Burk, Durant, Okla., \$120,542. 3. Cody Oni, Orchard, Texas, \$101,116. 4. Jerome Schneberger, Ponca City, Okla., \$74,334. 5. Ricky Hyde, Conway, Ark., \$71,366. 6. Ty Hays, Weatherford, Okla., \$70,994. 7. Stran Smith, Teaco, Miss., \$69,527. 8. Justin Maas, Giddings, Texas, \$68,787. 9. Herbert Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., \$67,544. 10. Brent Lewis, Pinnon, N.M., \$65,129. 11. Clay Crenshaw, Eagle Lake, Texas, \$64,138. 12. Tony Reina, Brazoria, Texas, \$62,016. 13. Jim Bob Mayes, Elgin, Texas, \$59,269. 14. Jeff Conroy, Long Creek, Ore., \$58,855. 15. Jeff Chapman, Athens, Texas, \$57,542. 16. Roy Cooper, Childress, Texas, \$54,863. 17. Brad Goodrich, Hermiston, Ore., \$54,798. 18. Trevor Brazile, Childress, Texas, \$54,748. 19. Marty Becker, Marybarnes, Alberta, \$53,943. 20. Neal Felton, Mountain Home, Texas, \$52,633.
STEER WRESTLING

NHL

Tuesday's Game
Los Angeles 5, Pittsburgh 4
Today's Games
Ottawa at Washington, 6:30 p.m.
Montreal at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at N.Y. Rangers, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Dallas, 6:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Washington at Calgary, 8 p.m.
Florida at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.
Phoenix at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
Thursday's Games
New Jersey at Boston, 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Montreal at N.Y. Islanders, 6:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.

WPHL

Tuesday's Games
Odessa 5, Abilene 1
New Mexico 4, Corpus Christi 2
Shreveport 6, San Angelo 2
Today's Games
No games scheduled
Thursday's Games
Shreveport at Abilene
Alexandria at Arkansas
Odessa at Corpus Christi
Central Texas at Monroe
San Angelo at El Paso
Tupelo at Lake Charles
Amarillo at Lubbock

TRADE

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Gonzalez gives the Tigers the superstar they wanted going into brand new Comerica Park under newly hired manager Phil Garner.
In 11 seasons with Texas, Gonzalez batted .294 with 340 home runs and 1,075 RBIs.
"We've been working the last couple of years to acquire a marquee player," Tigers general manager Randy Smith said, calling Gonzalez "a franchise player and future Hall of Famer."
The Tigers face the same risk as the Rangers did in Gonzalez - he might leave after one year.

"If you're going to deal with premier players, there's always a chance they'll walk. But you have to dare to be good," Smith said from Maui, where he's celebrating his wedding anniversary.
"It's very difficult to entice a free agent to come to a city that hasn't won recently. Most players have to experience Detroit to see how good it is to play here," he said.
Detroit went 69-92 last season and finished third in the AL Central.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, NOV. 4:**

Build on established ground, with an eye to family and personal security. You have wonderful ideas about the future and what could be. Harnessing them and making them real will take talent and the support of a close friend or associate. The key is to verbalize what you want. If you are single, romance knocks on your door, but you might have difficulty seeing another clearly. Friends play a role in how you meet this person. If attached, working as a team, especially toward an emotional goal, brings you closer. Take plenty of downtime together. **LIBRA** reads you cold.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**

\*\*\*\*You can be the epitome of diplomacy, should you want to be. Check out an offer. It may seem - and is - too good to be true. A little cynicism goes a long way. Just because you are trustworthy doesn't mean others are. Recognize another's strengths. Tonight: Put on your social butterfly costume.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

\*\*\*\*Career matters remain favorable, as you plunge through your work with unusual efficiency and speed. Research pays off. There is more than one way to solve a

problem. Be tenacious and thorough. Co-workers and bosses admire these traits. Tonight: Bring extra work home.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**

\*\*\*\*You don't always see the whole picture, but a discussion with an important associate or friend illuminates the path. Go for that loan; ask for support; reach out for others. Brainstorming opens the creative wellspring. Do needed research. Tonight: Flirting spices up even long-standing relationships.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**

\*\*\*\* Build long-term security with the help of a family member. Though sometimes you think another's head is in the clouds, he is capable of wonderful ideas. Others take strong actions that might affect you. Stay in touch with your goals. Tonight: Relax at home.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

\*\*\*\* Discussions are animated and lead you to a new understanding with a key friendship or relationship. You don't always understand this person clearly. A child or loved one says one thing and does another. Work demands your undivided attention. Tonight: In the limelight.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

\*\*\*\*Expenses are off today. You might need to clean up a problem that began a while ago. What you are clear about in the morning could become most confusing by the later

day. Brainstorm with co-workers, but be careful. Though ideas might flourish, reality might not! Tonight: Make an important phone call.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**

\*\*\*\* Build better connections with a loved one. He cares, but perhaps you have been unusually hard on him. Communication flourishes; you feel good about another's feedback. Follow through with a family matter. You need to put your foot down. Tonight: Indulge yourself now!

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**

\*\*\*\* Another needs to hear from you in a strong, direct and affirmative way. Touch base with family. There could be some confusion about up-and-coming plans. Knowing what you are aiming for remains key. Talk about money, but don't commit! Tonight: Togetherness counts.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

\*\*\*\*Be direct, especially as there is a tendency from either you or others to be vague. Listen to the words, but also to the meaning behind them. Use energy and skills to enhance your work. You also might want to spend a few dollars on your image. Tonight: Where your friends are.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**

\*\*\*\*Establish strong groundwork with bosses and those in the know about money. You

can't let anything be nebulous. In the long run, seeking clarity helps you and another come to terms. Accept responsibilities. Tonight: In the limelight.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**

\*\*\*\*Recognize that, to some, you could be confusing, though naturally this isn't deliberate. Creativity surges in an unprecedented manner. What you know or feel is right on target. Though you are correct about a situation, distance yourself so you can get the big picture. Tonight: Make calls,

surf the Internet and make weekend plans.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**

\*\*\*\*Build on established ground. Instincts help direct you in handling a partner. Friends push you hard. Think about broadening your horizons. Others want to hear what you have to say. Take time with each individual you encounter today. Tonight: Join a friend.

**BORN TODAY**

Actor Ralph Macchio (1962), actress Markie Post (1950),

actress Loretta Swit (1937)

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Entry deadline — Noon, Friday, Nov. 19



It's the last Christmas Parade of the century and you can help make it the biggest and best ever!

The parade will begin promptly at 5:15 p.m. at the corner of the north frontage road of FM 700 and Gregg Street and will head north, arriving in time for the downtown Christmas celebration.

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2. SCHOOL/CHURCH
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1. Parade's official Santa Claus will be provided by the Herald. No other Santa Claus will be permitted in the parade.
2. Floats can not exceed 65 feet long, 8 feet wide or 14 feet high.
3. Vehicles other than antiques must be decorated.
4. Vehicles of a strictly commercial nature will not be permitted.
5. Entries not in line at start of parade will be placed at end of parade and will not compete.
6. Candy may be distributed by elves on foot only. None can be thrown from floats.
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QUESTIONS? CALL 263-7331, EXT. 227

**ENTRY FORM**

ENTRANT: \_\_\_\_\_

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CATEGORY:  LIGHTED  CHURCH/SCHOOL  
 COMMERCIAL/MFG.  CIVIC

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ENTRY: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mom has plenty of troops in custody battle**

DEAR ABBY: Since you didn't give marching orders to "In Shock and Heartbroken," whose surgeon-husband suddenly cleaned out the house and had his lawyer offer her \$20,000 in exchange for custody of their children, may I offer some advice?



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

"In Shock," you deserve more than that jerk showed you. What kind of example is he setting for his children? More important, what kind of example will YOU set for them? I urge you to find the most aggressive, pit-bull lawyer in your area and tell him how you were cheated out of your marriage, belongings, means of support and children.

Many divorce lawyers will work for a percentage of the settlement rather than an upfront fee, especially in a case like yours. Your lawyer will file a motion to freeze hubby's accounts and hire a "forensic accountant" to track down what your husband must surely be hiding from you — and possibly the IRS as well. This was obviously planned for a long time, and it will take professionals to unravel the deception.

Hold him responsible. Stay and fight the good fight, and you'll never have to look back and say, "I wish I had," while your children grow up to be as selfish and manipulative as he is. I wish you love, luck, peace and victory in court! — STEAMING IN BOSTON

DEAR STEAMING: In fairness to me, the woman did not ask what steps she should take to proceed. She asked only if I thought she was right to stay and fight for her children.

An attorney who will take the matter on a contingency basis should be easy enough to find. Once she whispers the magic words, "surgeon" and "prominent family," the lawyer will know there is plenty of money and publicity to be had. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I read the letter about the surgeon who left his wife penniless and offered her \$20,000 for custody of their children. I'm a family law attorney. You stated, "You have my respect for deciding to fight for your children against such odds, and I hope you prevail." While this is a sympathetic statement, I do not believe the woman is against such odds.

Depending on what state they live in and how long they've been married, she's probably entitled to at least one-half the community assets plus maintenance/alimony and child support, based on the parties' incomes. I would advise her to go to an attorney and file for temporary orders. Depending on the circumstances, the surgeon will be the one paying the attorney fees, plus maintenance

and child support, until the court makes a final disposition of the property and a ruling on the parenting plan.

As he is a surgeon, I imagine he works long hours; and I imagine also that the wife has been the primary caretaker of the children. The odds are against him financially, and in her favor as the custodial or residential parent. — JAN YVONNE RINKER, GIG HARBOR, WASH.

DEAR JAN: Since more people are ignorant about divorce law than are knowledgeable about it, I'm sure your letter will be an eye-opener for many.

Several readers asked me to tell "In Shock and Heartbroken" that they doubted her husband's sincerity in seeking custody of their children — that he was either demanding them so he wouldn't have to pay child support, or using them as a bargaining chip. To quote "Dorothy in Maine":

"I wonder what he'd do if you said, 'Go ahead and take the kids.' His prospective new wife wouldn't be thrilled with that, I'll bet! Makes you want to spit, doesn't it? Hire a woman divorce lawyer ASAP. You'll prevail in the end."

DEAR ABBY: One of my best and oldest friends became engaged to be married five months ago. "Sarah" has put a deposit down on a location, bought her gown and picked out dresses for her three bridesmaids, including me. The problem is that Sarah has yet to pick a maid of honor or even to say she doesn't want one at all.

Whenever anyone asks her who the maid of honor is going to be, she shrugs off the question by saying something like, "I haven't even gone there yet."

Abby, I'm trying to be there for her because I'm her friend, but it seems as if she's trying to avoid the issue, possibly to avoid picking one friend over another. I would like to host a bridal shower for her, but isn't that the responsibility of the maid of honor? I wouldn't be offended if she didn't choose me, but it's difficult to assess my role without knowing for certain what it is. — JUST A BRIDESMAID?

DEAR JUST A BRIDESMAID: You are a wonderfully supportive friend, but this is a decision the bride must make, and she must make it in her own time. Entertaining for the bride is not solely a privilege of the maid of honor. Bridesmaids may entertain for the bride singly, or as a group.

DEAR ABBY: I danced with my ex-husband at my son's wedding this summer. I can understand why "Shaking" is unhappy, but she might want to give this some consideration:

I view my ex as an emotionally handicapped person and more like a nonfavorite cousin. Because we have children, I feel, we will always be "related." I no longer focus on the difficulty of our divorce eight years ago. If her ex still has her shaking, then she's letting him

live rent-free in her head. Surely he's not worth it. She should focus on him instead as the man she loved when her son was conceived and born (if that was the case) and how wonderful it was that they produced something so good.

Our 26-year-old daughter was surprised we danced so well together. I reminded her that there were many things we did well together, which is why we married in the first place — even if it didn't last. — WISER NOW

DEAR WISER NOW: I congratulate you for your tact, and for handling the situation with humor as well as grace. You're fast on your feet in more ways than one.

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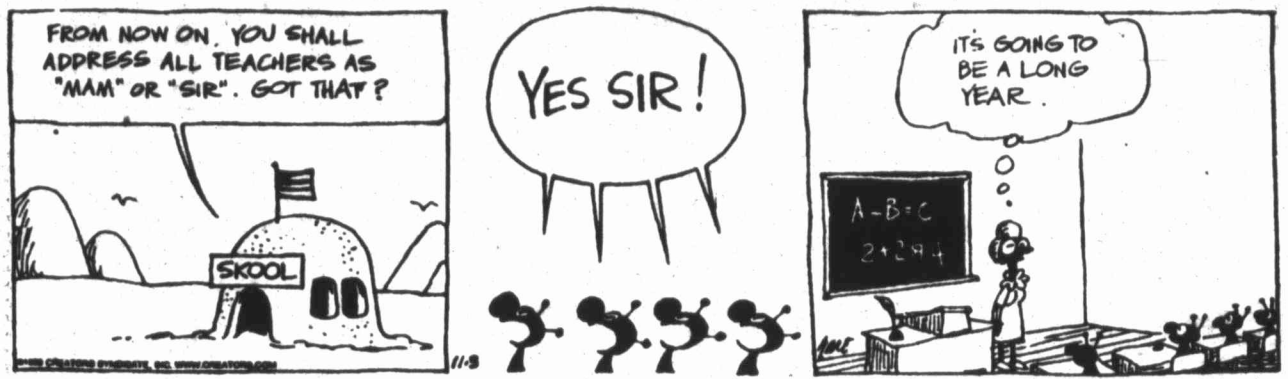
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 3, the 307th day of 1999. There are 58 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: In 1868, Republican Ulysses S. Grant won the presidential election over Democrat Horatio Seymour. On this date: In 1896, Republican William McKinley defeated Democrat William Jennings Bryan for the presidency.

In 1903, Panama proclaimed its independence from Colombia.

In 1908, Republican William Howard Taft was elected president, outpolling William Jennings Bryan.

In 1936, President Roosevelt won a landslide election over Republican challenger Alfred M. "Alf" Landon.

In 1964, President Johnson soundly defeated Republican challenger Barry Goldwater, winning a White House term in his own right.

In 1970, Salvador Allende was inaugurated as president of Chile.

In 1979, five radicals were killed when gunfire erupted during an anti-Ku Klux Klan demonstration in Greensboro, N.C., after a caravan of Klansmen and Nazis had driven into the area.

In 1992, Bill Clinton was elected 42nd president of the United States, defeating President Bush.

In 1992, Illinois Democrat Carol Moseley-Braun became the first black woman elected to the U.S. Senate.

Ten years ago: East German leader Egon Krenz delivered a nationally broadcast speech in which he promised sweeping economic and political reforms and called on East Germans to stay.

Five years ago: Susan Smith of Union, S.C., was arrested for drowning her two young sons, nine days after claiming the children had been abducted by a black carjacker. Twelve jurors were seated at the O.J. Simpson trial in Los Angeles. The space shuttle Atlantis blasted into orbit on a mission to survey Earth's ozone layer.

One year ago: In national elections, Democrats gained five House seats, trimming the Republican majority. Minnesotans elected former pro wrestler Jesse "The Body" Ventura to be their governor. The death toll from Hurricane Mitch grew to 9,000 in Honduras.

Today's Birthdays: Baseball Hall of Famer Bob Feller is 81. Actor Charles Bronson is 78. Actress Lois Smith is 69. Actress Monica Vitti is 68. Former Massachusetts Gov. Michael S. Dukakis is 66. Actor-dancer Ken Berry is 66. Movie composer John Barry is 66. Actor Shadove Stevens is 53. Singer Lulu is 51. Television critic Tom Shales is 51. Actor Mike Evans is 50. Comedian-actress-talk show host Roseanne is 47. Actress Kate Capshaw is 46. Comedian Dennis Miller is 46.

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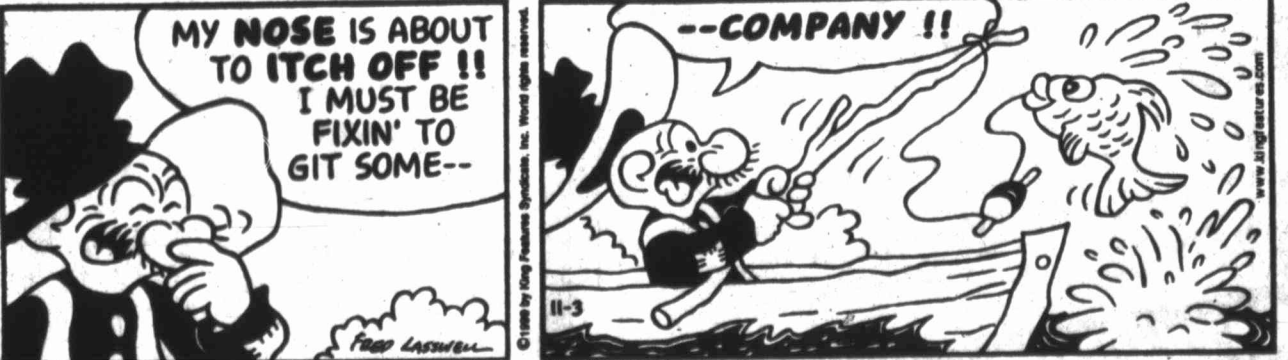
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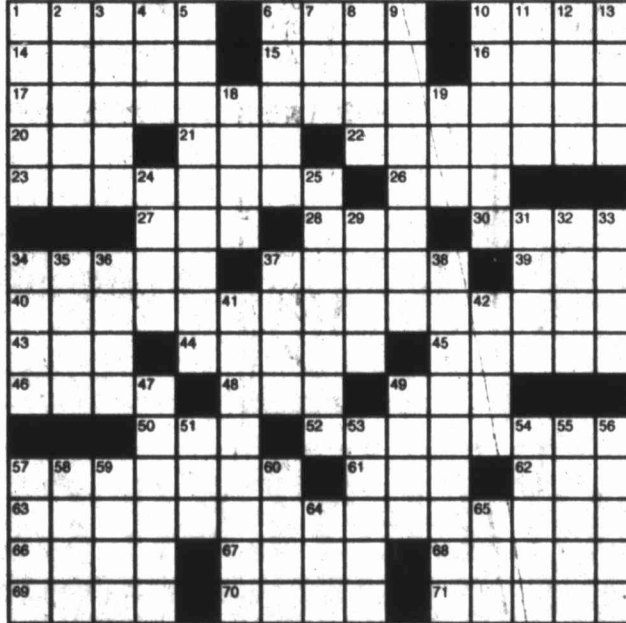
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- ACROSS
1 Groom oneself
6 Have on
10 Brains
14 Norse pantheon
15 Nick and Nora's pooch
16 Operatic highlight
17 First National of Wyoming?
20 Compass pt.
21 Doggie doc
22 Afternoon showing
23 Short intervals of relief
26 Dieter's bane
27 CIA predecessor
28 Break bread
30 Irritating tingle
34 Spicy Mexican dish
37 Fireplace fragment
39 Grand Opry
40 One of the Pillars of Hercules
43 Danza film, "Going \_\_\_"
44 Nary a soul
45 Campus girls
46 Interlock
48 NATO member
49 Orbiting part of Russia?
50 Hole maker
52 Water fall?
57 Not to be dissuaded
61 Support piece
62 Actress Gabor
63 Wisconsin vacation spot
66 Actress Sommer
67 Cloth join
68 Sponsorship
69 Evaluation
70 Stitches
71 Newman or Quaid



By James E. Buel

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved



- 3 Atolls
4 Inch fraction
5 Stipulated condition
6 Squander
7 NY minute?
8 Small particle
9 Chased down
10 Elk
11 OPEC member
12 Exhaust
13 Oh, for goodness!
18 Soaks
19 Seventh Greek letter
24 Eleventh president
25 Conference
29 French cleric
31 Carryall bag
32 Dressed
33 Towel ID
34 Jam-pack
35 Desire
36 Clinches
37 Ide
38 Andreotti's ride
41 Filth
42 Siva's title
47 Mel Gibson film
49 Demeanor
51 Money roll
53 Grade
54 Period in power
55 Egg-shaped
56 Flower with velvety petals
57 Help in crime
58 1996 election loser
59 Diving seabirds
60 'A' Crows in Brooklyn?
64 Yammer
65 Oolong or darjeeling

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