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Ceremony set for postmaster of Coahoma office

A swearing-in ceremony for Coahoma Postmaster Gloria Mercedes Jimenez will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in the audio visual room at Coahoma Elementary School. The public is invited.

Play, reading programs slated during book week

Howard County Library will present a children's play and special reading programs this week in observance of National Children's Book Week.

Today at 7 p.m., a host of volunteers and children of the community will present "The Book That Saved the Earth" at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church auditorium. The play, set in the 25th Century, tells the story of Martians who have come to earth with the plan to capture all of the humans, until a book changes their minds.

Players in "The Book" include: Anthony Perez and the spaceship, Lauren Chandler as historian, Trey Thornton as Think-Tank, Karen Chandler as Apprentice Noodle, John Rogers as Captain Omega, Shandra Coker as Lieutenant Iota and Dee Fryar as Sergeant Oop. Rachel Loftis will portray Lieutenant Treka, Edward Vasquez as Navigator Mork and Wendy Jones lends her voice as Space Control.

The observance continues Wednesday as "story time" is set for 10 a.m. On Thursday, Nov. 18, some local "celebrity readers" will read books for kids at 4 p.m. to complete the library's celebration.

WHAT'S UP...

- TODAY**
- Quarterback Club, 7 p.m., Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.
 - Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., Al's Barbecue.
 - Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

- WEDNESDAY**
- Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.
 - Senior Circle mall walk.

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Scenic Mountain Medical Center preparing for joint commission visit

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Scenic Mountain Medical Center employees have been preparing for a visit from the Joint Commission of Accreditation for Health Care Organizations.



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"This visit basically gives

us the stamp of approval and accreditation by them. There are very strict guidelines and criteria and this lets our community know we are doing what we are supposed to be doing," said Amber Rich, SMMC director of personnel and marketing.

A two-person team will be in Big Spring Nov. 30-Dec. 1, and Rich said every aspect of the hospital will be scrutinized and investigated.

"Two surveyors are coming and they will be looking at every thing from the physical

plant to our safety codes. We have this visit once every three years," she said.

Currently, SMMC is accredited, and Rich said this visit should go as smoothly as those in the past. The visit is designed to check improvement within the hospital, and see how the employees function as team to improve patient care delivery.

"We have safety committees and ethics committees, and teams that review charts and review every department. There

will be different interviews with all the department managers, and they will be looking to see how we solve problems," Rich said.

Several of the new programs implemented by SMMC this past year will be studied, she said. The patient care redesign which allows a treatment team to work together to treat each patient is one program the surveyors will research.

"This is one really interesting example of our employees giving input that effected the job

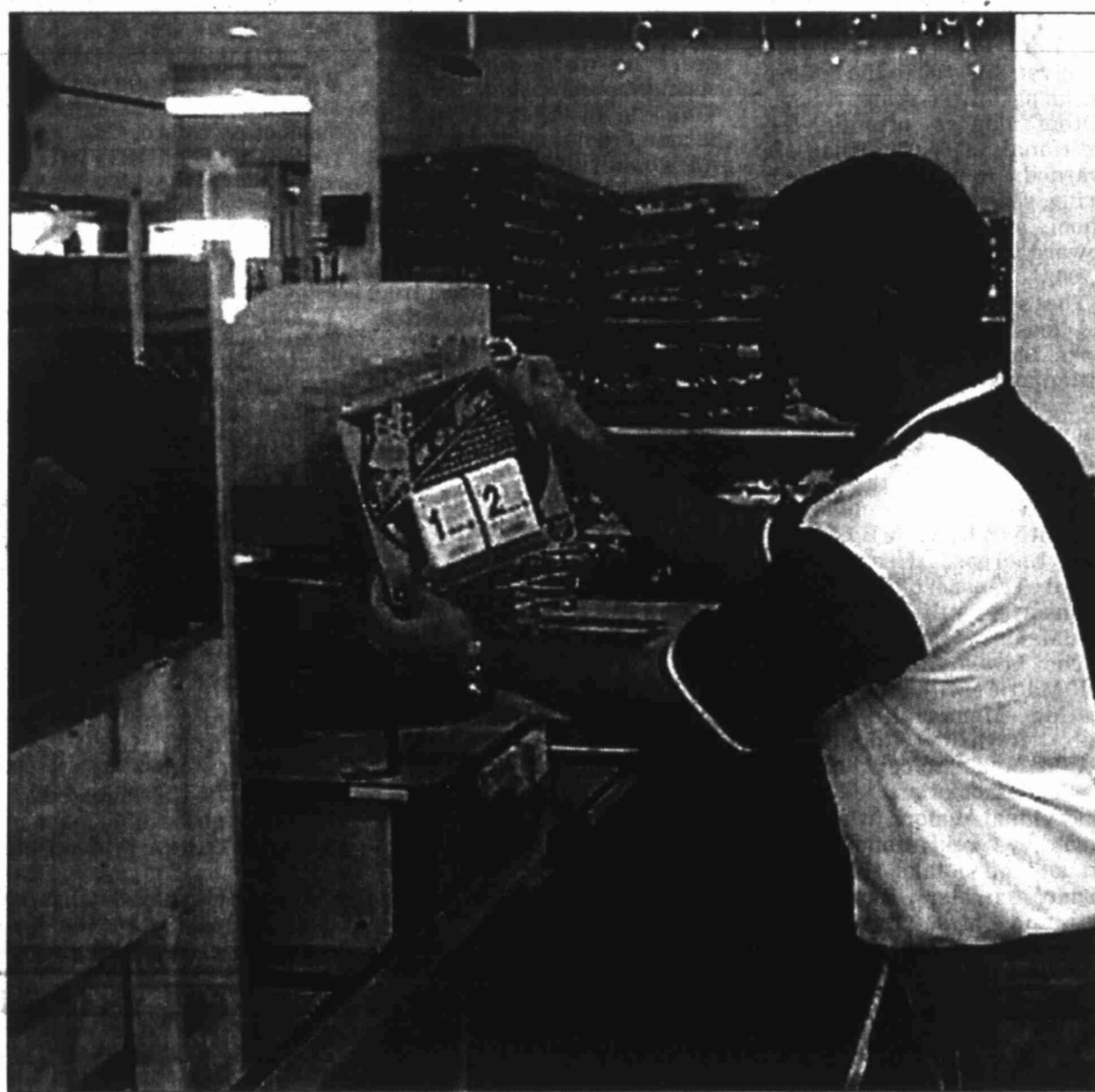
structure," she said.

Another is the medication distribution team, which followed the steps a doctor's order for medication takes through hospital personnel to the patient.

"This is an interdisciplinary process that worked to solve a problem. This team will be giving a presentation during the visit," she said.

The preparation for the site visit has involved every department and every person

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HERALD photo/John H. Walker
John Kennedy, HEB manager-in-charge, positions a "Ring in a Miracle" display at one of the Big Spring check-out stands. The program allows shoppers to make either a \$1 or \$2 donation to the local Salvation Army as they shop.

HEB and Salvation Army team up for annual 'Ring in a Miracle' project

By **JOHN H. WALKER**
Editor

HEB and the Salvation Army kicked off a program Monday afternoon that has officials of both organizations hoping for the best.

"Ring in a Miracle" gives HEB customers the opportunity to make either a \$1 or \$2 donation to the Salvation Army when they go through the check-out stand.

To make a contribution, all a person has to do is to tear a bar-coded ticket off a display and give it to the checker, who will scan it just as they scan the



CASTILLO

grocery items purchased. There are two pads of tickets — \$1 and \$2 — on each display.

The scanned ticket will show up as "Salvation Army" on the register receipt.

"(HEB manager) Scott Edwards and I have set a goal of \$500 for the program this year," explained Danelle Castillo, Big Spring social services director of the Salvation Army.

Castillo admitted the goal was a lofty one.

"We only raised \$181.64 last year, but we hope we can get the word out better this year and raise more money to help those less fortunate," Castillo said.

This is the fourth year HEB has teamed with the Salvation Army on the "Ring in a Miracle" campaign.

"This campaign will assist

the Salvation Army in their fund-raising efforts statewide," explained HEB public affairs manager Greg Flores. "In 1998, the Texas Division raised over \$200,000 during the eight-week campaign. It is important that the public respond during this crucial time of the year to help needy families."

Maj. Roy Tolcher, commander of the Big Spring Salvation Army Citadel, said, "There isn't an easier way to help your neighbors in your community than through the HEB "Ring in a Miracle" program. HEB's involvement during the holidays, as well as their participation throughout the year, demonstrates their concern for the community."

Monies raised during the campaign will stay in the local

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Howard College

Trustees accept settlement from Johnson Controls, OK items for distance learning lab

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Trustees with Howard College Monday approved purchasing equipment for a distance learning laboratory for the South West Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, OK'd continued work on a softball field, and agreed to accept a settlement of \$186,974 from Johnson Controls.

"We recommend we accept the mutual agreement and change the contract in years one through three of the 10-year contract," said Dr. Cheryl Sparks, president of Howard College.

Johnson Controls is contracted to provide the energy management program at Howard College. Changes in conditions necessitated the agreement, said Terry Hansen, vice president for administrative systems said the settlement will be used to upgrade existing energy management systems.

"Basically, we signed a contract with Johnson Controls guaranteeing us that we would save so much per year. When we evaluated the progress, it did not meet our expectations, and this settlement is the amount we should have saved in the first three years of the contract," Hansen said.

Trustees also approved the purchase of \$76,283 in comput-



SPARKS

Donor Recipient Luncheon allies donors, students

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

About 180 people were expected to attend the third annual Donor Recipient Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. in the East Room of Howard College today.

"Each year in the fall we have a luncheon to honor our scholarship donors and those students who receive these scholarships. This gives the student and the donors a chance to meet and get acquainted," said Jan Foresyth, Howard College director of institutional advancement.

Along with the luncheon, those attending were to recognize the Hall of Honor inductees, whose names or pictures will be placed in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

"We have different tiers of recognition, depending on the amount contributed. The silver and gold tiers are represented with a plaque, with the donor's name, while the diamond tier has a photograph," Foresyth said.

This year several individuals and corporations were to be placed into the Hall of Honor, she said.

The Silver Set, which represents a donation of \$10,000 to \$15,000 in scholarship funds, was to recognize Hill Country Hospital in Kerrville, the Big

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Smokers urged to quit for a day Thursday during smokeout event

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**
Features Editor

Activities for children and adults highlight this year's Great American Smokeout, set for Thursday.

"This year, we don't just do it in one day," explained Barbara Morris, chair of the American Cancer Society Tobacco Control Committee, which organizes the event. "We have activities throughout the year."

Many of those are aimed at children, especially those in grades five through eight. ACS sends smoking-prevention literature to the schools where it is put into educational programs.

On Thursday, adults and older youth are the target audience, when activities are aimed

at urging them to take one smoke-free day.

"We want them to take a day off from smoking, so they will see it's not as hard as they've been led to believe," said Morris, who quit smoking six and a half years ago without help from patches or other treatments. She and others will set up a table at Wal-Mart with educational materials to encourage smokers to quit for the day.

For Morris, the time to quit came after her husband was found to have cancer of the larynx. Surgeons found three fast-growing tumors, performed a laryngectomy and he is now reported to be cancer free.

"People should quit to preserve their lungs if nothing

else," Morris said. "They are supposed to feel better, breathe better and food tastes better."

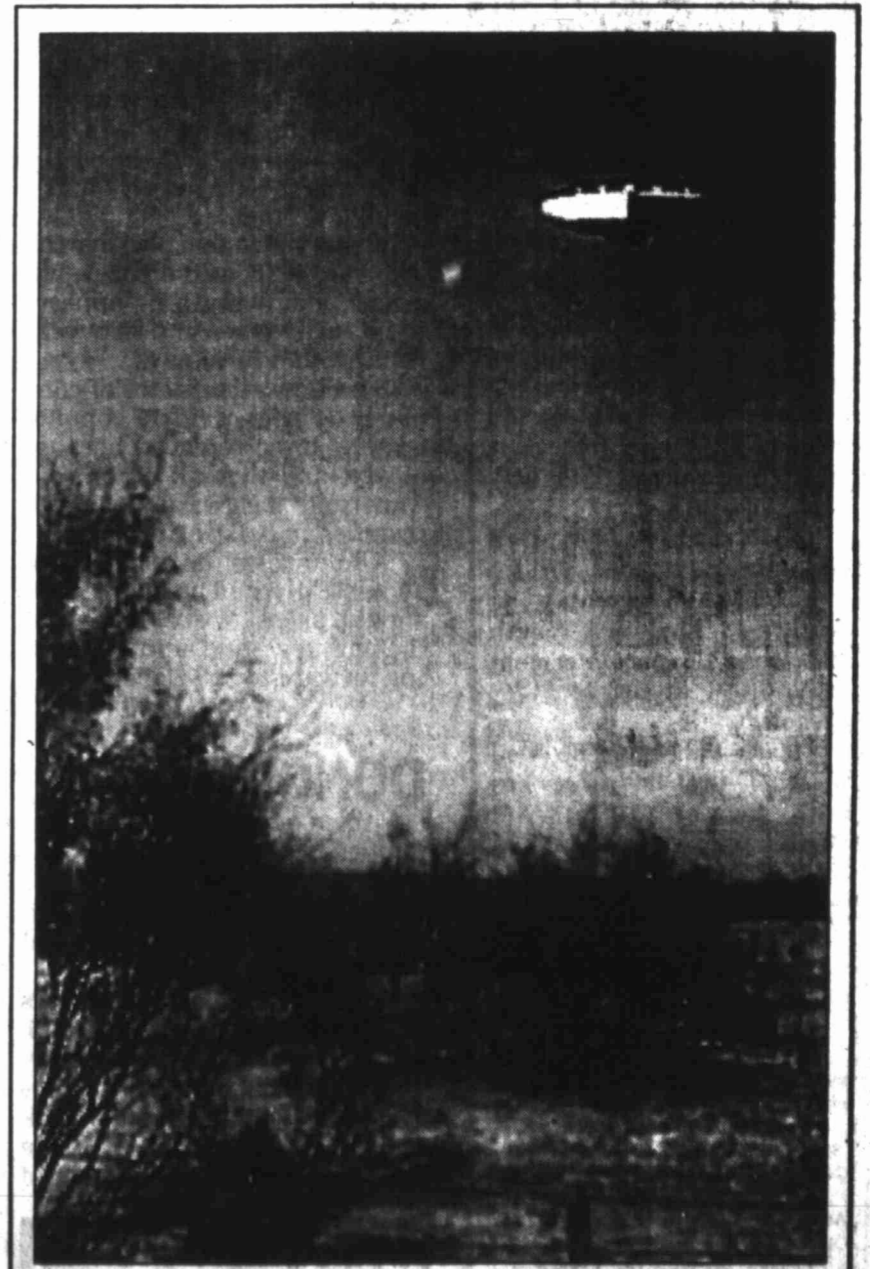
When she quit, Morris said, it took support from friends and her faith.

"I probably would have kept smoking otherwise," she said. "I had smoked from the time I was young."

Nationally, the Smokeout reached 24 percent of smokers in 1998. Of those, 19 percent, or two million people, reported they were smoking less, or not at all, one to five days later.

The event also targets those who smoke cigars, chew tobacco or use any tobacco product. All of those products have the potential to cause cancer.

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HERALD photo/John H. Walker
The Tommy Hilfiger blimp flew over Big Spring about midday Monday on its way West. A week earlier, the Fuji blimp flew over on its way to a West Coast assignment.

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OBITUARIES

Maria Velasquez

Graveside service for Maria Velasquez, 86, Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, 1999, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Socorro Rios, minister of Templo Belen Assembly of God, officiating.

She died Monday, Nov. 15, 1999, at a local nursing home. She was born Jan. 23, 1913, in Howard County and married Jesse Velasquez in 1925 in Big Spring. He preceded her in death in 1961.

She was a member of Templo Belen Assembly of God and was a homemaker.

Survivors include three daughters, Maria Escobar, Alephola Velasquez and Petra Guerra, all of Big Spring; two sons, Ruez Velasquez of Big Wells and Maximino Velasquez of San Luis, Ariz.; 45 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Johnnie W. Green

Service for Johnnie W. Green, 59, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. He died Monday, Nov. 15, 1999 at Covenant Medical Center, Lubbock.

S. N. Lewis

Service for S. N. Lewis, 70, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. He died Tuesday, Nov. 16, 1999, at Midland Memorial Hospital.

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employed by the hospital, she said.

Rich said the community needs to know that the hospital receives accreditation from the national board, to allow confidence in the procedures and the facility.

"How do we know this is a good hospital if we have nothing to compare it to. This lets our community know that we have passed strict guidelines, and tells our community that

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Butch Ingram, 55, died Friday. Memorial services will be 2:00 PM Tuesday at 615 Setles.

John Wolf, 72, died Sunday. Funeral services will be 3:00 PM, Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with burial at Mount Olive.

Johnnie W. Green, 59, died Monday. Services are 2:00 PM Friday at 14th & Main Church of Christ. Burial in Trinity Memorial Park.

S. N. Lewis, 70, died Tuesday. Services are pending.

NALEEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory

906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331

Modene Ratliff, 79, died Saturday. Services will be 11:00 AM Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

R.C. Shafer, 74, died Saturday. Services will be 2:00 PM Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Garden City Cemetery.

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Spring VA Medical Center and the Kerrville VA Medical Center. The Gold Tier, which honors those who have contributed \$15-25,000 in scholarship money was to include new inductees the Houston Livestock Scholarship, John Bayne Scholarship and Woodmen of

our hospital is of quality," she said.

TRUSTEES

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ers and equipment for a distance learning laboratory at the SWCID campus and upgrades for the WINGS program on the Howard College campus.

"As you know, WINGS is our distance learning program. We are expanding that program to include the SWCID campus, and we will begin providing interpreter training, as well as providing distance learning in more high schools in our catchment area," Sparks said.

A Carl Perkins grant of \$85,000 will fund the distance learning laboratory at SWCID. Title V money will cover the expenses of the upgrades at Howard College, she said.

Trustees also gave approval for efforts to continue toward creating a softball field. In September, trustees allocated \$30,000 toward building the field, which will be placed in the eastern part of the campus, near the Little League field.

Phil Furqueron, architect for various college building projects, said the terrain in this portion of the campus lends itself toward creating an athletic complex.

"There is a natural ridge that creates two little bowl shaped places that we will dove tail fight into the bowl-shaped features of an athletic complex. This really fits amazingly well and will be outstanding for such a complex in the future. The corner takes on dynamics of its own, and we can take advantage of the natural resource," Furqueron said.

Sparks said a meeting between college officials and neighbors within the Baylor residential area indicated no real resistance to improving the area with a softball field.

"They were concerned that we keep the trees, and we assured them we will. We discussed a drainage problem in the area, if we get rain, and we do not believe this will create excessive neighborhood noise because most of our games are played in the afternoon and we are not proposing putting in lights," she said.

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The center is a joint effort between Howard College, the San Angelo Independent School District and Angelo State University. Levi Strauss deeded the building to the city of San Angelo, who in turn leased the facility to the university for \$1 a year.

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The Diamond Tier, which is a collective donation of \$25,000 or more will now include Big Spring Head Start, the Sid Peterson Hospital in Kerrville, the Permian Honor Scholarship, the Florence Read Scholarship, the J.D. and Mattie Miller Scholarship, W.B. Hardy, Big Spring Chicano Golf Association and Marie Hall Endowment Fund, Foresyth said.

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"That's about \$800 in tuition and fees and about \$400 for books. Most scholarships cover tuition and fees and books, and we do have some scholarships that will also cover room and board expenses," Foresyth said.

Those attending the donor-recipient luncheon include representatives from HEB Grocery Co., Energas, Head Start, United Transportation Union, Robinson Family Foundation, P.W. Malone Memorial, Red and Robbie Lewis Memorial, J.D. and Mattie Miller Memorial, Keating Memorial, Kiwanis Club, Northside Community Center and Marcy Parent-Teacher Association.

Individual donors who indicated they would attend include Mr. and Mrs. Jake Glickman, Adrian and Mary Randle and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bob Conway.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Jail inmate treated after an apparent suicide attempt

Big Spring emergency service personnel were called to the Howard County Jail about 1 a.m. Tuesday in response to a call of an alleged attempted suicide.

According to Sheriff Bill Jennings, the inmate, a 19-year-old man tied a string to his bunk and around his neck and laid on the floor under his bunk. EMS personnel transported the man to Scenic Mountain Medical Center, where he was admitted for overnight observation.

Chief deputy Kerry Fritz said the man did not appear injured, and workers from the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation will be contacted.

They will be asked to do an assessment of the individual after he has been returned to county jail today.

The inmate is in custody on a Texas Youth Correction warrant of parole violation of burglary of a building, and Big Spring Police Department charges of impersonating a public servant and burglary of a building.

POLICE

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following:

• **MONICA RODRIGUEZ ANGUIANO**, 29, was arrested on a charge of theft more than \$50 less than \$500 (BSPD).

• **OSCAR MANUEL MADRID**, 18, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces (BSPD).

• **RONNIE JOE HERNANDEZ**, 20, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid (BSPD).

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TEXAS LOTTERY

Pick 3: 5,9,5

Cash 5: 1,10,14,17,24

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Courtney Place.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1700 block of Johnson, 200 block of Circle and 1400 block of Oriole.

• **ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON** was reported in the 1700 block of Johnson.

• **BURGLARY** was reported in the 800 block of West I-20.

• **ASSAULT BY THREAT** was reported in the 1300 block of Wood.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 600 block of Bell.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1100 block of Austin and the 500 block of Aylesford.

• **RECKLESS DRIVING** was reported in the 1200 block of Gregg.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING** was issued on the 800 block East 14th.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1700 block of East Marcy, 400 block of Birdwell, 1200 block of east 11th, 900 block of Willia, 2300 block of Wasson and 1000 block of West Fourth.

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Trial began today for assault of child case

A six-woman, seven-man jury has been selected for the trial of Alfredo Covarrubias, 30, and began today at 9 am in the 118th District Court, with Judge Robert H. Moore III presiding.

William Dupree, assistant district attorney, prosecuting the case said he expects he will rest his case by this afternoon. Covarrubias is charged with two counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child and three counts of indecency with a child.

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:

MONDAY
6:42 a.m. — 2300 block Wasson, trauma call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

12:25 p.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

12:39 p.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

1:38 p.m. — 1400 block Austin, medical call, patient transported to the VA Medical Center.

2:11 p.m. — 1600 block Martin Luther King, transfer to Lubbock.

3:06 p.m. — 2600 block Gregg, traffic accident, six people transported to SMMC.

5:35 p.m. — 2900 block Highway 80, structure fire, extinguished by responding units.

9:33 p.m. — 1200 block Young, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

10:11 p.m. — 1200 block Mobile, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

11:29 p.m. — 3200 block Parkway, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

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Hutchison says she will vote against bankruptcy reform legislation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Concerned by a provision that would override Texas' constitutional home-
stead protection, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison said Monday she will vote against the overall bankruptcy reform legislation when it comes up for a final vote, perhaps later this week.
The Texas Republican battled



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unsuccessfully last week to blunt a measure added to the bankruptcy bill that would overturn the uncommonly generous homestead exemption enshrined in the Texas Constitution.
"I do think bankruptcy laws need to be improved, but I cannot vote for a bill that pre-empt an important state issue for Texas," Mrs. Hutchison said in an interview.
Texas' cherished homestead protection, which only four other states enjoy, allows debtors to protect their homes and ranches from seizure,

regardless of value.
The only limitation in Texas is on size: One acre in urban areas or 200 acres of rural property.
Last week, the Senate approved a measure that would impose a federal cap, allowing debtors to shield a maximum \$100,000 in home equity from their creditors.
On Wednesday, senators are scheduled to resume consideration of the bankruptcy bill, which is aimed at preventing thousands of people who could pay their debts from claiming Chapter 7 bankruptcy protec-

tion, in which debts simply are written off.
Last year, nearly three-quarters of the 1.4 million consumer bankruptcies were filed under Chapter 7.
But with some 30 bankruptcy amendments left to consider in the session's waning days, it remains unclear whether a final vote will occur this year.
The House, which adopted a bankruptcy bill earlier this year, has set a more generous homestead exemption. It would cap homestead exemptions at \$250,000 and allow states to opt out if they pass new laws to do

so.
Mrs. Hutchison, who sought unsuccessfully last week to include similar "opt-out" language in the Senate bill, said she will work with House leaders to ensure that the House's position prevails when congressional negotiators meet next year to iron out differences in the two chambers' bills.
"If we can't prevail in conference, then I will use every parliamentary maneuver to keep the bill from coming up, or filibustering it if it does," she pledged. "I'm just very concerned that we have broken a

130-year precedent by pre-empting states' rights."
Critics term the unlimited homestead exemption an unfair loophole that wealthy deadbeats have exploited to shield their assets before filing for bankruptcy, using Texas and Florida in particular as havens to buy real estate and dodge debts.
But Mrs. Hutchison and her allies say a federal cap would infringe on states' historic ability to set their own homestead exemptions, fails to consider states' differing property values, and would harm family farmers.

Town again grapples with football prayer debate

SANTA FE (AP) — To many in this southeast Texas town, the issue of prayer at high school football games is not about freedom of religion or even freedom of speech.
It's about freedom of choice.
"We've always been able to decide when we pray," said Santa Fe Mayor Robert Cheek. "Our city council meetings open with a prayer. Our football games have always opened with a prayer. Our people believe in that, and they don't like being told they can't do that."
On Monday, the U.S. Supreme Court announced it would decide whether public school districts can allow student-led prayers at football games, a Texas tradition which a 1995 Santa Fe lawsuit chal-

lenged. The case, which resulted in a federal circuit court ruling banning the practice in three states, brought national attention to this rural Galveston County town of 10,000.
Interest peaked three months ago when high school senior Marian Lynn Ward led a prayer before the season-opening football game.
Many students have supported Miss Ward, but some are less than thrilled to be standard-bearers for the right to public prayer.
"I think she should have just kept to her own business," sophomore Robin Robinson said. "It caused a lot of problems... fighting and arguing at school, with the kickers and gangs and atheists taking

sides."
Principal Gary Causey said he knew of no serious friction between students, saying a majority couldn't care less about the topic.
"I think for the most part the students aren't too aware or too cognizant of the many intricacies of the case," he said. "Their interest in it is minimal at best. I'd say for about 85 percent of the students, 85 percent of the time, it's a non-issue."
Amber Mayeux, a 15-year-old freshman, is part of that group. "I really don't care," she said. "If they want to have prayer, I don't mind. I'm either way."
School administrators, meanwhile, are glad to relinquish responsibility for the issue to the highest court in the land. "Every principal in Texas

and Louisiana will be glad when it's not a political or social issue they've got to deal with in their communities," Causey said. "They're all having to deal with it. We just happen to be the front line."
With its plentiful churches, Santa Fe, about 50 miles south of Houston, is predominately Christian and similar in many respects to other Texas towns of the same size.
So even Miss Ward's father, Pastor Bob Ward of Santa Fe Baptist Church, can only guess why Santa Fe became the focus of the national debate.
"I don't want to sound too mystical or spiritual," he said, "but the only thing I know of, especially with reference to my daughter, is the providential hand of God."

Berry expected to testify on behalf of his defense

JASPER (AP) — The jury that must decide whether a white East Texas man was a willing accomplice or an unwitting bystander to the dragging death of a black man probably will hear from the defendant today.
Shawn Allen Berry was to be the last witness to testify on behalf of his defense, his lawyer said Monday.
He would follow more than 20 others called upon to support him in his capital murder trial.
Attorney Joseph "Lum" Hawthorn said he also will ask jurors to consider non-capital murder and perhaps aggravated assault when they deliberate. The death penalty is possible only for capital murder.
As the trial began its second week, the defense kicked off its case with a stream of 17 witnesses — mostly Berry's friends — who said Berry lacks the racist tendencies of his co-defendants.

Other witnesses testified that Berry had a penchant for drinking and driving on East Texas backroads, getting into scuffles with peers and having sometimes-fierce clashes with his longtime girlfriend.
Jasper County District Attorney Guy James Gray questioned why Berry was living with overt racists, but girlfriend Christie Marcontell explained that her grandfather had just evicted the defendant from the house the three shared because Berry constantly needed to borrow vehicles to make the 30-mile drive to his Jasper movie theater job.
Prosecutors also dwelled on a police report Ms. Marcontell filed in which she said Berry slapped her and wielded an ice pick during one fight.
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"We're not trying a domestic relations case here, we're trying a capital murder case here," Hawthorn said after court ended Monday.
Late Monday, a pathology expert disputed the prosecution's claim that Byrd, 49, was conscious as he was dragged three miles behind Berry's truck.
A blood-spatter expert followed, saying it appeared Byrd's blood got on Berry's clothing as he was cleaning his truck after the murder, not during the beating before the dragging.
However, prosecutors have not tried to prove that Berry, 24, harbored racial prejudices. They accuse him of taking part in the June 7, 1998, dragging death of James Byrd Jr., making him as guilty as white supremacist roommates John William King, 25, and Lawrence Russell Brewer, 32, who are now on death row.
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Special counsel wants ballistic tests of FBI firearms

WASHINGTON (AP) — The special counsel re-investigating the 1993 Branch Davidian siege has asked the FBI to turn over the firearms carried by its on-scene personnel to determine whether federal agents fired shots during the standoff's final hours.
The FBI has long denied that its agents fired any shots during the seven-week standoff, which ended when the Davidians' compound was destroyed in a fiery inferno. Cult leader David Koresh and some 80 followers died during the blaze, some from the fire, others from gunshot wounds.

While the FBI and Justice Department have always maintained the Branch Davidians killed themselves, independent filmmakers, lawyers for survivors suing the government, and others skeptical of the claim contend government agents fired at the compound.
Special counsel John Danforth, appointed in September by Attorney General Janet Reno to investigate the revived controversy, has said the issue of government gunfire will be among the "dark questions" he will seek to answer.
Two weeks ago, Danforth asked the federal judge presid-

ing over the Davidians' wrongful-death lawsuit to order an impartial simulation of the FBI's infrared videotaping during the siege to determine whether bursts of light captured on the original tapes were made by gunfire from federal agents.
Now, he is asking the FBI to turn over hundreds of firearms for ballistic tests.
"Their request came in, and we are complying with the request," FBI spokesman Bill Carter said Monday, declining further comment.
Danforth's office refused to discuss the request, first reported by CBS News, or say who

would conduct the tests.
Lawyers for the surviving Branch Davidians say shell casings found inside a sniper outpost were from FBI sharpshooters' weapons. Government officials say the shell casings were fired during the Feb. 28 botched raid that triggered the 51-day standoff, when Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents sought to serve weapons warrants on the Branch Davidians.
ATF spokesman Jeffrey Roehm said he was unaware of any request by Danforth for the ATF weapons used at Waco.

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OUR VIEWS

That old coat can be put to some good use

Two weeks are left in the Big Spring Woman's Club coat drive. This annual event has become a community tradition that brings warmth and comfort to the area's needy citizens.

Since the first of October, the club has been collecting coats, windbreakers, scarves, sweaters and gloves in bins at four locations around town. Harris Lumber and Hardware, the Howard County Courthouse, Scenic Mountain Medical Center and Malone Hogan Clinic have collection bins for use by anyone who wants to donate.

The club usually collects between 300-500 items each year, which are donated to both the Northside Community Center and A Helping Hand, both local charities. The coats then go directly to needy men, women and children in our community.

Two years ago, the club collected the most coats in the history of the drive — 599.

There is always a great need for children's cold-weather items. Since children grow out of their coats quickly, it can be difficult for parents already struggling financially to afford to replace them.

While Big Spring Woman's Club normally does several different service projects each year, the members always vote to include this coat drive. We are glad they do.

Without this gentle reminder, some of our old coats might hang in storage closets, unused for years, or worse, go into the trash bin. This way, we can easily recycle our cold-weather gear to help someone in need.

Take the time to clean out your closets and attics this week. That old coat you find can be put to good use as the weather gets colder.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Every day five million American families face the overwhelming task of caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease. I know first-hand the difficulties of Alzheimer caregiving because my husband has this devastating disease. It is intense, hard work that is physically and emotionally draining.

Alzheimer caregivers struggling to assist their loved ones are in desperate need of help-support, education and training, financial assistance, and time away from constant caregiving demands. And this challenge will only grow in the years ahead as baby boomers age, and the number of Americans with the disease is expected to reach 14 million by 2050.

I couldn't have made it this past year without the support group meetings provided by my local chapter. That's why I support the Alzheimer's Association's efforts to help family members and caregivers and recognize November as National Alzheimer's Disease Month.

In our Permian Basin area, Alzheimer's disease affects more than 12,651 people. If you know someone who has a fami-

ly member with the disease, there are many simple things you can do to help him or her in this very difficult and stressful time. First, please encourage them to call the Alzheimer's Association Greater West Texas Chapter. The chapter helped my family learn about the disease that is robbing my husband's memory and ability to live independently, and the services that are available in my community.

Second, be a friend. Providing care for a loved one is one of the most difficult, stressful and lonely jobs in the world. Caregivers are often reluctant to ask for help, thinking that they can do everything by themselves.

They're wrong. Any small thing you can do, whether it's making dinner, visiting, or offering to do the grocery shopping can make a difference.

For information or to request free copies of the Alzheimer's Association's brochures to help caregivers, "Are You a Healthy Caregiver?" and "You Can Make a Difference: 10 Ways to Help and Alzheimer Family," call the Alzheimer's Association Greater West Texas Chapter at (915) 570-9191. JIMERE PERMENTER

Next time, Hillary should just stay home

Whatever lessons her 24 years of marriage to Bill have taught Hillary Clinton, political skills are not among them. Last week, the first lady went to the Middle East for the fourth time since her husband assumed office, and for the first time since she announced her intentions to run for the U.S. Senate from New York. By the time she left, she had succeeded in insulting Israelis — indeed, Jews everywhere, confusing Palestinians, and embarrassing the White House. And it's not the first time Mrs. Clinton has acquitted herself so poorly on a trip to this most contentious and delicate region.

Her most recent missteps once again involved a trip to the Palestinian West Bank. Last year, Mrs. Clinton attend-

ed a meeting of Yasser Arafat's Palestine National Council, where she praised Arafat's leadership and said that establishment of a Palestinian state was necessary for a lasting peace in the region. Her statement infuriated the Israeli government and worried pro-Israel supporters in the United States. But her behavior on this latest trip is in some ways even more unsettling.

Apparently, in efforts to assuage her pro-Israel critics, Mrs. Clinton declined to meet with Arafat on this trip, choosing instead to join Mrs. Arafat to visit a maternal health-care clinic on the West Bank, built with \$3.8 million in U.S. aid. But as Mrs. Clinton should have known, even a mothers' clinic can be a political minefield in the Middle East.

Suha Arafat used the occasion to engage in a series of invectives against Israel, accusing the Jewish state of having used chemicals and gas intentionally to pollute the air and water in Gaza and the West Bank, causing increased cancer among women and children there. The charges were eerily reminiscent of the type of medieval blood libels against

the Jews, who were often accused of poisoning wells and murdering Christian children. Other "health professionals" at the clinic event joined in the propaganda-fest, praising Mrs. Clinton for her commitment to a Palestinian state, and making support for statehood a public-health issue for Palestinian mothers and children.

And what did Mrs. Clinton do in response to such obvious political sandbagging? She listened attentively, kissed Mrs. Arafat on the cheek as she departed, and remained mum for an entire day while all hell broke loose around her. Finally, a day after the clinic visit, Mrs. Clinton issued a terse statement saying that inflammatory rhetoric hurts the peace process. Her office also blamed a poor translation of what Mrs. Arafat was saying for Mrs. Clinton's silence, noting that the first lady didn't think Mrs. Arafat's statements contained anything new.

Well, on that account, at least, Hillary got it half right. Palestinian officials regularly and in the most vicious terms attack the Israelis for murdering women and children, so there is nothing new in Mrs.

Arafat's rhetoric. What was new was that Mrs. Arafat chose to make her accusations in front of the president of the United States' own wife, thereby implicitly seeking official U.S. assent in the charges.

What should the first lady have done once Mrs. Arafat and the other speakers began attacking Israel? I suppose it would be too much to expect her to have used the occasion to remind her Palestinian hosts of the thousands of Israeli civilians — men, women, and children — who have been blown up by Palestinian terrorist bombs in the last 50 years. But she might at least have expressed her disapproval by rejecting Mrs. Arafat's embrace at the conclusion of the ceremony. As the United States most loyal ally in the region, Israel surely deserved as much.

Of course, Mrs. Clinton's best course of action would have been to stay home in the first place. The one thing absolutely not needed at this point in the just-resumed Middle East peace process was a meddling first lady whose chief interest in visiting the region was to promote her own political ambition.

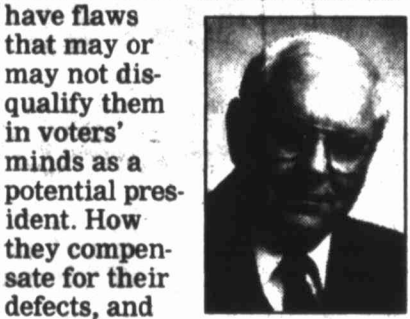


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Candidate flaws and foibles

Nobody's perfect. So our political reporter, Eleanor Clift, took a look at the flaws and foibles of those in the early jockeying for the presidential nomination. The four men who have emerged as the leading candidates all have flaws that may or may not disqualify them in voters' minds as a potential president. How they compensate for their defects, and how their shortcomings stack up against their many assets, will decide which one of them wins the confidence of the American people.



JACK ANDERSON

The media and independent-minded voters in New Hampshire are in a swoon over John McCain, who is moving up in the polls against front-runner George W. Bush. Yet those who know McCain best — people who work with him on Capitol Hill and in his home state of Arizona — warn that McCain's quick-trigger temper could signal a temperament unsuited to the stresses of the presidency.

Arizona Gov. Jane Hull, who has endorsed Bush, told The

New York Times that she holds the phone six inches from her ear when McCain calls blasting her about something. Those who have felt the brunt of McCain's temper excuse it as a possible consequence of his having spent five and a half years as a prisoner of war in Vietnam. So far McCain has been able to convert the concerns about him into an asset that reinforces his reputation for being passionate and brutally honest about issues. To further allay doubts, McCain must win his home-state primary on February 22 over the governor's endorsement of his opponent.

Bush's failure to ace a pop quiz on foreign policy sprung on him by a reporter was only news because of the suspicion that Bush lacks intellectual curiosity about the world outside of Texas. Bush is plenty smart, having graduated from Yale University and Harvard Business School. But his grasp of issues and vision for where he would lead the country are in doubt. His tightly controlled campaign style and avoidance of debates add to the feeling that he is in over his head.

Bush can recover if he does his homework and handles himself well in upcoming debates. He should banish the smart-alecky smirk from his repertoire and be a bit more humble in asking the American people for their votes. Bill Bradley presents himself as a high-minded candidate

who resigned his seat in the Senate to pursue a personal journey that ended with the revelation that he could best lead the country. Reports that while he was conducting this Zen-like examination of his inner self, he was pulling down \$2.5 million a year in speaking fees tarnish his image as a seeker of anything but big bucks. Bradley has capitalized on his image of authenticity, but the more we learn about his campaign, the more calculated it seems. He began meeting with a Madison Avenue advertising collective 16 months ago on how to market himself. Still, his campaign has been brilliant, if a bit hypocritical.

Al Gore is the most experienced of the four men who could plausibly be elected president in November 2000. Yet the vagaries of his staff dominate news about the Gore campaign, along with the vice president's efforts to turn his public appearances into cabaret-style performances. Clinton conditioned voters to expect a human connection to their presidents. But the country knows Clinton, and Gore is no Clinton. The vice president should settle for being himself. He and Bradley are so close on issues, they qualify for a "Separated at Birth" headline. Gore's strong suit is substance. He needs to shift the dialogue away from his earth-toned suits to the real problems facing the country.

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...with a ready-made excuse for my every screw-up.

White House, Congress near deal on budget - but how to pay for it?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Having solved disputes on issues ranging from milk prices to Third World debt relief, White House and congressional bargainers neared a final budget agreement. But a major hurdle remained: how to pay for it.

Negotiators planned today to resume talks over how to find \$6.5 billion in savings necessary to pay for extra spending President Clinton has won during the talks and to keep Republican vows not to consume any Social Security surpluses.

"We are not putting this money in, finally, until we can do it without touching Social Security," said Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Ted Stevens, R-Alaska.

Republicans have been pushing Democrats to accept an

across-the-board cut in proposed agency spending of less than 1 percent, something the Clinton administration has criticized but never ruled out.

"All options are on the table," said Senate Budget Committee Chair Pete Domenici, R-N.M.

An overall budget agreement would set the stage for Congress to wrap up its spending business for fiscal 2000, which began Oct. 1, and adjourn for the year.

Before they leave, lawmakers also hope to pass legislation extending several expiring tax breaks, including the business research and development credit, and a bill restoring payments to Medicare providers that were cut in 1997 as part of a balanced-budget deal.

Just eight of the year's 13 annual appropriations bills have been signed into law, and the rest of government has run on a series of short-term spending measures in the meantime.

The five unfinished bills cover seven Cabinet departments, dozens of smaller agencies and the budgets for foreign aid and the District of Columbia.

Republicans are likely to combine the five remaining bills into a single, nearly \$400 billion package to sidestep any last-minute procedural delays.

A key roadblock to finishing the budget dissolved Monday night with a tentative agreement on a Clinton administration effort to boost the International Monetary Fund's role in debt relief for impoverished countries, Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, and others said.

That accord emerged after repeated conversations between Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers and House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, a leading voice among Republicans who want assurances the money actually goes for debt relief and not for other costs.

Under the deal, the IMF would revalue some of its gold reserves and use part of the interest to help other multilateral banks forgive debt from developing countries.

On spending, Republicans said the two sides tentatively had agreed to throw out new dairy-pricing rules proposed by the Agriculture Department and replace them with a system closer to the existing program.

The deal also would allow New England states to continue fixing for two more years the

price that farmers get for milk in that region, they said.

Senators from Minnesota and Wisconsin have been threatening to block any legislation containing those measures. But supporters of the deal said there were enough votes to cut off a filibuster.

The talks also yielded a deal to provide about \$500 million in agriculture aid, much of which is expected to go to victims of Hurricane Floyd.

An additional \$215 million in previously approved money will also be set aside for the aftermath of the storm, which ravaged North Carolina and nearby states this fall, destroying thousands of farms, businesses and homes.

Bargainers also agreed on a \$14.9 billion measure financing the Interior Department and

other natural resource and cultural programs, said a senior administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

That was \$390 million more than what Congress approved last month over Clinton's objections.

The bill will include about \$525 million of the \$750 million Clinton sought for his "lands legacy" program of federal and state park land purchases.

Included is money to buy the Baca ranch in New Mexico, the Catellus properties in the California desert, land in Florida's Everglades and two dozen Civil War battlefield sites.

In addition, negotiators agreed that oil companies drilling on public lands would have to begin paying higher royalties by March 15.

Congressional battle over China expected to be intense

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton is pledging an all-out effort to win congressional approval of a major market-opening trade agreement with China. Judging from the strong negative reaction from U.S. labor groups, he will have to make good on that promise.

Teamsters union President James P. Hoffa denounced the pact as a "slap in the face not only to workers in America, but to their counterparts in China."

AFL-CIO President John Sweeney called it a "grave mistake."

"It is disgustingly hypocritical of the Clinton administration to pledge to 'put a human face on the global economy' while prostrating itself in pursuit of a trade deal with a rogue

nation," Sweeney said in a statement.

The American Textile Manufacturers Association, an industry trade group, estimated that the trade deal with China will cost 150,000 U.S. jobs in the textile and apparel industries, two sectors that face heavy competition from Chinese imports.

To the Clinton administration and many other American business groups, the agreement reached in Beijing on Monday offers the prospect of boosting sales of American manufactured goods, farm products, movies and financial services by lowering barriers that have prevented U.S. access to the world's most populous country.

"This is a major breakthrough for American companies and

their workers, offering hundreds of millions of potential new customers," said Jerry Jasinowski, president of the National Association of Manufacturers.

Texas Gov. George W. Bush, front-runner for the Republican presidential nomination, said today the agreement is "a good deal for America and American workers."

"It is very important for us to open up Chinese markets for American farmers, American entrepreneurs and American business people," Bush said on NBC's "Today." "It's going to change the Chinese attitude toward freedom."

In return for China lowering barriers on American products, the United States will agree to support China's 13-year quest to become a member of the 135-nation World Trade Organization, the Geneva-based organization that sets the rules for world trade.

U.S. labor unions see China's entry into the WTO as a further threat to American workers because the United States no longer would be able to unilaterally impose trade sanctions on China for unfair trading practices. Instead, America would have to take any cases before the WTO for a ruling.

For the United States to receive the trade benefits China is offering, Congress will have to change the law that now subjects China to an annual review of its trade status with the United States.

FAA says most U.S. air carriers in Y2K compliance

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Aviation Administration says major U.S. air carriers have no problems that will keep them from complying with safety standards at the turn of the year, but about 200 smaller passenger and cargo carriers still face glitches.

The FAA was releasing information today on how well 2,822 U.S. air carriers, including hundreds of small charter and local companies, are doing to get ready for Jan. 1, 2000 when computers might mistakenly think

it's the year 1900.

The FAA earlier checked systems on airplanes that handle flight and navigational systems. These systems will not be affected by the date change, or will have alarm systems to red-flag problems before takeoff, Peggy Gilligan, the FAA's deputy associate administrator for regulatory information, said.

Another 209 carriers were given the second-highest rating. The FAA is following up with them to see whether there are Y2K issues that might affect compliance.

data used to prove their planes and pilots are safe.

Of 2,822 carriers checked, 91 percent, including the nation's 10 largest airlines, received the highest of three FAA ratings. The top rating means they have no Y2K issues that would affect their ability to comply with FAA rules.

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Twenty-seven of the carriers provide scheduled passenger or cargo service using aircraft with 10 seats or more; 182 provide charter, nonscheduled passenger service and do not use computer systems to meet federal safety standards.

Thirty-five of these nonscheduled passenger carriers received the lowest rating, which means the FAA believes Y2K issues may affect compliance.

Problems could cause flight cancellations or delays.

Father arrested in 9-year-old girl's apparent slaying

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Police have arrested a man after finding what they suspect are the remains of his 9-year-old daughter on a remote hillside.

William Jackson, 33, was jailed without bail Monday for investigation of second-degree murder.

Sheriff's officials say constant surveillance of the former truck driver since his daughter Valiree's Oct. 18 disappearance eventually led investigators to the remains. The body was unearthed from a shallow grave about 40 miles northwest of Spokane, the state's second largest city.

Detectives believe the body had been moved from a site closer to the home the girl shared with her father and paternal grandparents in suburban Spokane Valley.

Sheriff Mark Sterk said the body was consistent in size with the 4-foot-8, 70-pound girl, and wearing clothes similar to those the red-haired third-grader reportedly was last seen in.

An autopsy was scheduled for today.

Detectives have also reopened the investigation of the unsolved 1992 disappearance of Valiree's mother, Roseann

Stone Pleasant Jackson, who had custody of the girl, had separated from Pleasant.


Jackson had told authorities his daughter disappeared while playing in the yard. Her backpack was found on the front porch.

Investigators searched the neighborhood repeatedly and

contacted all registered sex offenders living within two miles of the girl's home. Posters with Valiree's photo were distributed and Jackson solicited donations for a fund to help find the girl.

The case gained national attention with an airing late last month on the "America's

Most Wanted" television show. Sheriff's investigators say they eventually focused their attention on Jackson when they couldn't find evidence to support other explanations for the disappearance.



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Monday's Games
Seattle 100, New Jersey 92
Indiana 96, Houston 87
L.A. Lakers 91, Phoenix 82
Utah 91, San Antonio 85

Tuesday's Games
Philadelphia at Washington, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Charlotte at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Portland at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Indiana at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Denver, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Cleveland at Boston, 6 p.m.
Miami at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Portland at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
New York at Utah, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Seattle, 9 p.m.

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE				
Team	W	L	T	PF
Indianapolis	7	2	0	278
Miami	7	2	0	278
Buffalo	6	3	0	200
New England	6	3	0	200
N.Y. Jets	3	6	0	333
Carolina	3	6	0	333
Jacksonville	2	7	0	216
Tennessee	2	7	0	216
Pittsburgh	1	8	0	172
Baltimore	1	8	0	172
Cleveland	1	8	0	172
Chicago	1	8	0	172
West	7	2	0	278
Seattle	7	2	0	278
Kansas City	5	4	0	200
Oakland	5	4	0	200
San Diego	4	5	0	144
Denver	3	7	0	300

Wolfforth Football

Stephenville (11-0) vs. WF Hirsch (8-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving.

Class 2A
Division I
Region I
Midland (8-3) vs. Lamesa (9-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Lowry Field, Lubbock.
Abilene (9-3) vs. Breckenridge (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Gordon Wood Stadium, Brownwood.
Region II
Dalhart (6-5) vs. Greenwood (8-3), 5 p.m. Saturday, Kimbrough Memorial Stadium, Canyon.
Chickasha (10-1) vs. Eastland (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sweetwater.
Fiona (10-1) vs. Crane (11-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Denver City.
Ballinger (6-4) vs. Iowa Park (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Telford Memorial Stadium, Stephenville.

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Claude (7-3) vs. Nazareth (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Kimbrough Stadium, Canyon.
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ALL-DISTRICT

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Jade Hughes and a trio of wide receivers — Mike Morrison and Hamilton Hartfield, both seniors, and sophomore Clarence Wilkins.

DISTRICT 5-4A
All-District Football Team
Superlatives
Offensive MVP — Sonny Cumble, Sr., Snyder.
Defensive MVP — Joseph Clay, Sr., Lake View.

FIRST TEAM

Offense
Linemen: Randy Green, 5-11, 200, Sr., Snyder; Chase McJimsey, 6-0, 255, Sr., Snyder; Isaac Gomez, 5-11, 210, Sr., Sweetwater; Dale Edwards, 6-0, 210, Sr., Andrews; Jaime Garlas, 6-2, 235, Sr., Lake View; Jon Bagwell, 5-9, 220, Sr., Big Spring; Stephen Stokes, 6-1, 290, Sr., Big Spring.
Tight ends: Michael Gonzales, 6-2, 230, Sr., Lake View; Luke Groth, 6-6, 230, Sr., Fort Stockton.
Wide receivers: Aaron Blankenship, 6-0, 165, Sr., Lake View; James Clements, 5-10, 160, Sr., Big Spring; Matthew Grimmett, 6-0, 170, Jr., Snyder.
Running backs: Willie Amos, 6-1, 180, Sr., Sweetwater; Jeremy Woods, 6-2, 230, Sr., Andrews; Rashad Chance, 5-9, 155, Sr., Lake View.
Fullbacks: Tovarres Brandon, 5-8, 150, Jr., Snyder; Mike Camero, 5-7, 280, Sr., Snyder.
Quarterback: Sonny Cumble, 6-4, 185, Sr., Snyder.
Defense
Linemen: Daniel Beuschamp, 6-1, 230, Sr., Big Spring; Tremaine Johnson, 6-0, 260, Jr., Snyder; Ben Lyons, 5-11, 260, Jr., Lake View.
Ends: Jason Woodruff, 6-0, 200, Jr., Big Spring; Maz Blackwell, 5-10, 200, Jr., Snyder; Jayme Jackson, 6-3, 225, Sr., Lake View; Joseph Clay, 6-3, 225, Sr., Lake View.
Linebackers: Mark Medley, 5-11, 205, Jr., Snyder; Michael Gonzales, 6-2, 230, Sr., Lake View; Chase West, 6-3, 220, Sr., Fort Stockton; Bove Butler, 6-0, 180, Jr., Big Spring.
Secondary: Matthew Grimmett, 6-0, 170, Jr., Snyder; Brady Hackett, 5-10, 165, Snyder; Chris McCain, 6-1, 185, Sr., Andrews; Adrian Greenwood, 5-11, 170, Sr., Lake View; Jason Choate, 6-1, 185, Jr., Big Spring; Chris Trevino, 5-7, 145, Sr., Big Spring.

JETS

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Lucas' scoring passes of 1 yard to Johnson and 11 yards to Fred Baxter, Martin's 36-yard touchdown run and John Hall's 26-yard field goal.

The Patriots closed to 24-17 on Bledsoe's fourth-quarter touchdown passes of 13 yards to Kevin Faulk and 31 yards to Troy Brown with 6:58 left in the game. But on their remaining three possessions, they had no first downs as Bledsoe went 1-for-9.

"There was never a time when I thought we were going to lose the game," said Bledsoe, who brought New England back from a 28-7 deficit to a 31-28 win over Indianapolis in the second game of the season. "It was just a question of when."

The Jets' defense proved him wrong.

"Coach even said it's going to come down to two minutes, so we knew it. It didn't surprise us," New York cornerback Marcus Coleman said.

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Atlanta at Tampa Bay	New England at Miami
Baltimore at Cincinnati	NY Giants at Washington
Buffalo at NY Jets	Pittsburgh at Tennessee
Carolina at Cleveland	St. Louis at San Francisco
Chicago at San Diego	Seattle at Kansas City
Dallas at Arizona	New Orleans at Jacksonville
Detroit at Green Bay	Oakland at Denver
Indianapolis at Philadelphia	Oklahoma at Texas Tech

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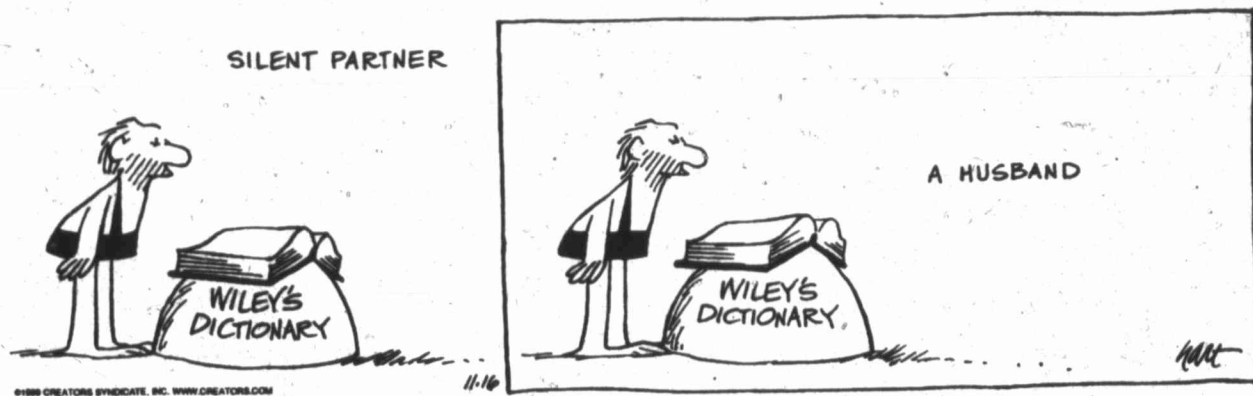
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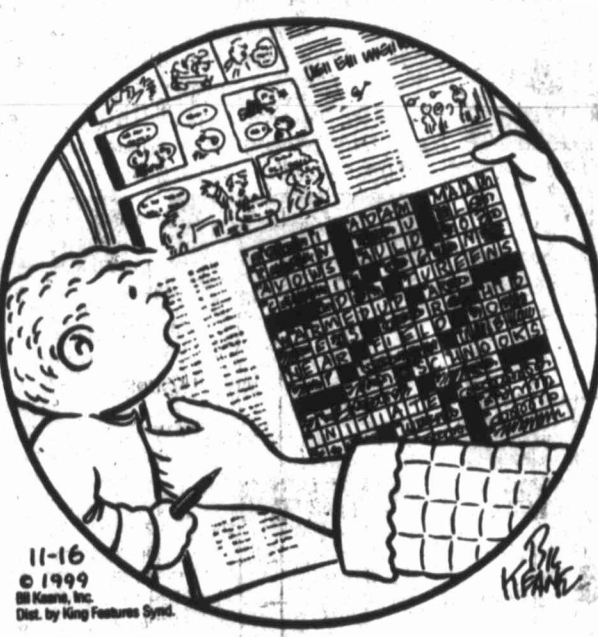
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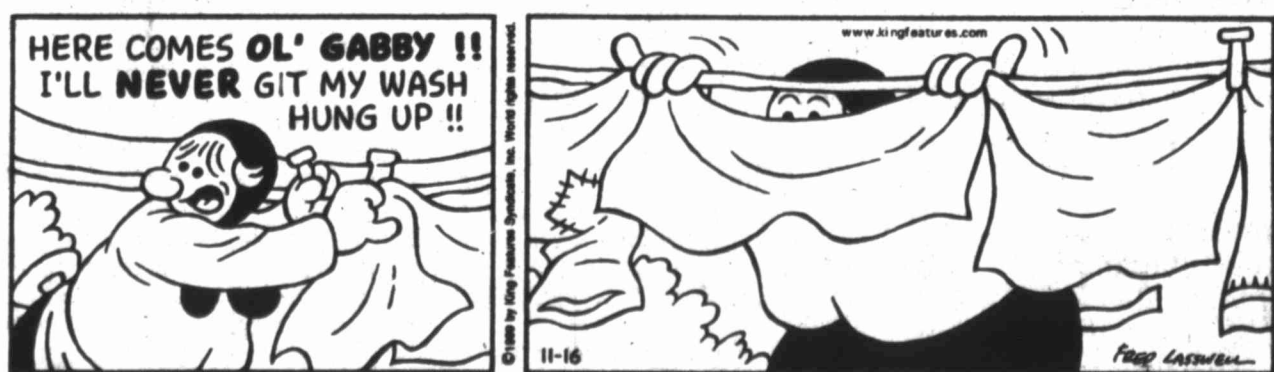
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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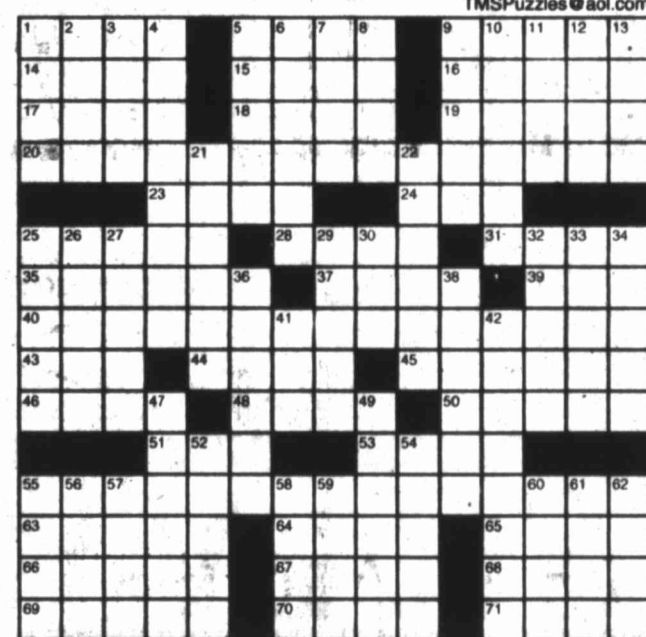
Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 16, 1959, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "The Sound of Music" opened on Broadway. On this date: In 1776, British troops captured Fort Mifflin during the American Revolution.

In 1864, Union Gen. William T. Sherman and his troops began their "March to the Sea" during the Civil War. In 1885, Canadian rebel Louis Riel was executed for high treason. In 1907, Oklahoma became the 46th state of the union.

THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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In 1933, the United States and the Soviet Union established diplomatic relations.

In 1961, House Speaker Samuel T. Rayburn died in Bonham, Texas; he had served as speaker since 1940 except for two terms.

In 1966, Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard was acquitted in his second trial of charges he murdered his pregnant wife, Marilyn, in 1954.

In 1973, Skylab III carrying a crew of three astronauts, was launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla., on an 84-day mission.

In 1973, President Nixon signed the Alaska Pipeline measure into law.

In 1982, a contract agreement was announced in the 57th day of a strike by National Football League players.

Ten years ago: Six Jesuit priests and two other people were slain by uniformed gunmen at the Jose Simeon Canas University in El Salvador in an attack later blamed on army troops.

Five years ago: The government reported consumer prices rose 0.1 percent in October. A federal judge issued a temporary restraining order prohibiting the state of California from implementing most provisions of Proposition .87, the voter-approved measure that would deny most public services to illegal aliens.

One year ago: The Supreme Court ruled that union members can file discrimination lawsuits against employers even when labor contracts require arbitration. House Democrats re-elected Dick Gephardt as their leader.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Clu Gulager is 71. Blues musician Hubert Sumlin is 68. Journalist Elizabeth Drew is 64. Actress Joanna Pettet is 65. Actor Steve Railsback is 51. Actor David Leisure is 49. Rock musician Mani (The Stone Roses) is 37. Tennis player Zina Garrison is 36. Baseball player Dwight Gooden is 35. Actress Lisa Bonet is 32. Rhythm-and-blues singer Bryan Abrams (Color Me Badd) is 30. Actress Tammy Lauren ("Martial Law") is 30. Actress Martha Plimpton is 29. Olympic gold medal figure skater Oksana Baiul is 22.

Thought for Today: "Whom God would sorely vex, He endows with abundant good sense." - Yiddish proverb.