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Recital, art show slated tonight on college campus

A Fall Music Recital and Art Show is planned in the Dora Roberts Student Union Building today at 8 p.m. on the Howard College campus. Students of the Howard College Music Department will perform ensemble, duet and solos vocals. Musical selections featuring instruments will also be performed by music students, along with department chair Adolf Labbe.

The Art Department will have student art work on display.

The event is free to the public, and following the performances, refreshments will be served to allow patrons to meet the artists.

Greater Rotary Club sponsoring blood drive here

The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club is sponsoring a holiday blood drive Friday at Howard College.

A United Blood Services (UBS) mobile unit will be parked behind Dorothy Garrett Coliseum from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.

"This will help us get a good start on the holiday inventory," said Gary Karschner, community relations representative for UBS. "We know the need will be greater from now until the new year. People have selective surgery, as well as the amount of holiday travelers will increase, and with that will be the risk of vehicle accidents and people needing blood."

To make an appointment to donate, call 1-800 756-0024. Appointments are requested.

All donors are asked to bring an identification and know the names of any medications they have taken within the past 30 days, Karschner said.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Raclek-Swords Chapter 379 Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Road.

□ American Legion Post 506, 7 p.m.

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Inn of Big Spring to be remodeled, new co-owner tells CVB members

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
News Editor

The Inn of Big Spring, originally built on the east edge of Big Spring as a Holiday Inn, has a new co-owner and is scheduled to be remodeled.

Bilal Khatri told members of the Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) on



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Wednesday that the remodeling project would begin next week.

"We have 102 rooms and 16 apartments that we will be remodeling," Khatri explained.

He also said 20 other rooms would be turned into 10 suites and Doc Holiday's Lounge would be remodeled in an effort to improve the property.

"This is certainly good news," said CVB chairman John H. Walker. "That is probably the prime location is town for an existing lodging facility and we need a place there where people can stay."

Khatri told CVB members that once the project is completed, he expected to obtain a franchise affiliation for the property.

"We would like to become a Howard Johnson's," he said. "If we cannot do that, we know we can become a Ramada (franchise)."

Khatri, who said this was his first venture into the lodging industry, said he expected to have a franchise sign up by mid-March.

"That is our target, but before we can do that, we must get the

rooms up to Class A status," he said.

The last franchise sign at the facility belonged to Days Inn, but came down nearly a year ago when the franchise was taken away and awarded to the former Ponderosa Motel on South Gregg.

Prior to that, it had been a Park Inn International franchise.

Walker said CVB members were concerned about the past due status of the motel occupancy tax the facility is required to pay.

"The news about the remodeling is certainly good, but one question we had after Mr. Khatri left our meeting was whether or not they have paid their taxes.

"At one time, they were several thousand dollars past due and the city attorney was having to send letters threatening court action to get them to make partial payments," he said.

Walker explained that CVB monies come from the sales tax charged persons staying in local

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State hospital drill goes smoothly

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Big Spring State Hospital tested its employees Wednesday with a mock hazardous chemical spill and a Y2K power outage.

"The emergency drill preparation worked really well. We completely cleared the campus in 10 minutes

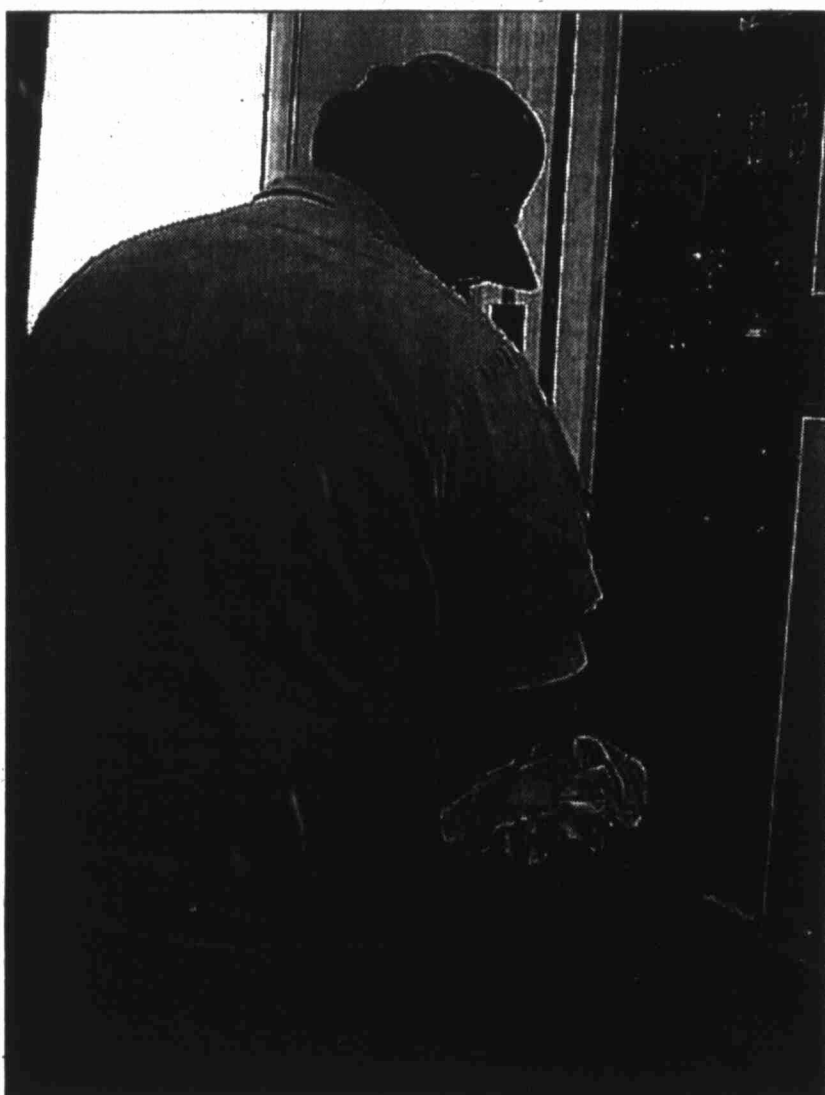
with all the employees and patients safely," said Ed Moughon, state hospital CEO. "The Y2K electrical drill was really successful. We got the emergency generator from West Texas Caterpillar of Midland up working and everything is working perfectly now."

The disaster drills are held twice a year to test employees' readiness to respond to emergencies, such as tornadoes, chemical spills or power outages, said Chris Churchwell, Big Spring State Hospital safety officer.

"A lot of our patients are not capable of self-preservation. We are charged with the care of these patients, and it's our job to know exactly what to do in these situations."

George Oteiza, director of environmental services, doesn't believe Y2K will pose a threat.

"We don't anticipate any problems, but it makes good sense to test everything, just in case," Oteiza said. "If Y2K happens, we can feel confident that



Kelly Wisdom, with West Texas Caterpillar, cranks up an emergency generator used during Big Spring State Hospital's mock drill Wednesday.

at any time during the year if the power goes down, we can bring in external generators and continue to operate."

Oteiza said that more than anything, Y2K would be an inconvenience.

"No one here is on life sup-

port, so it wouldn't be a critical situation. But we have security concerns and environmental concerns. We don't want to have the patients in the cold and the dark. If a problem

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Nursing

Accreditation reps give preliminary thumbs up to Howard College program

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Howard College nursing programs received a recommendation for accreditation for eight years following a recent visit by the National League of Nursing.

"We have a choice to participate in the National League of Nursing accreditation, and this is an important part of the nursing program. This tells the world that we have a quality nursing program," said Dr. Cheryl Sparks, Howard College president.

Cindy Stokes, dean of nursing/division chair of the allied health department, said two surveyors from the NLN visited the Howard College campus Oct. 19-20 and will report back to NLN with a recommendation to accredit the program for eight years.

"They said they were really impressed with our program, and were very impressed with our library and our video resources," Stokes said.

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The team gave the program a list of 13 strengths they noted during their visit, she said.

The team commended Howard College's associate degree nursing program for administrative support, for creating the program director position, for dynamic and committed nursing administrators and for creative and motivated nursing faculty.

Stokes said the report indicated commendations for strong community support, student ownership and pride in their program, financial support of the nursing school and program improvements and for utilizing, modifying and evaluating data for the program.

She said the college also received commendation for responsive input from a number of different entities, said the faculty to student ratio is "wonderful" and saw the student services available as an exceptional benefit.

The team also approved of the program consistently performing above the state average on NCLEX pass rates, with the exception of one year, and commended the learning resources such as the library, the audio-visual materials and the computer programs.

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Big Spring Area Chamber directors to hold planning retreat Saturday

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Directors for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will discuss plans for the year 2000 in a special two-hour retreat Saturday, directed by president-



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elect Jim Purcell.

"This will be a planning session, a backboard for projects for next year. We're asking for input and we want everyone who helped this year to write down a few things, good and bad, about their project, so we will know what to continue, and if we are flogging a dead horse, we'll know that too," said chamber president Chuck Williams.

Williams made the request of directors during the monthly board meeting at the chamber

Wednesday. Other directors gave reports concerning various projects sponsored by the chamber, including the membership drive and business showcase.

"We had about 14 or 15 participate in the membership drive, and we had two join and pay money that day," so we may consider continuing this quarterly or on a semi-annual basis," said Terry McDaniel, first vice president.

Executive Director Terri Newton said five new member-

ships were confirmed in October, partly due to the drive.

"And this month we lost no members, and I'm proud of that," Newton said.

Between 250 and 300 people attended Business Showcase, where 29 booths were set up to promote Shop Big Spring First during the holiday season, according to Mel Prather, vice president of tourism.

Prather said other cities about the size of Big Spring also have an event such as business show-

case, but have greater turnout and participation. He suggested that perhaps the chamber might consider having the event in the summer.

"Not necessarily to promote the Christmas season, but to promote businesses in Big Spring," Prather said.

Williams said this might be a topic of discussion at the retreat Saturday. "If participation and interest are beginning to wane,

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Volunteer firemen keep busy through dry months

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Howard County volunteer firemen extinguished 59 fires in the county within the past two months,

according to a recent meeting of the executive board of the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department.

"We really want to caution people that even if they are having a controlled burn on their property, they might want to call the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department to stand by," said Gary Simer, county commissioner and president of the executive board for the volunteer fire department.

Simer, along with board members Tim Drinkard and Robert Pettus, meet with the volunteer

firemen and Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan every other month. Simer said the department is running smoothly.

"The equipment is getting better all the time, and we are going to begin cleaning up the fire stations, by painting and landscaping each one of them," Simer said.

Funding for the volunteer fire department comes in part from the county as well as donations, Simer said.

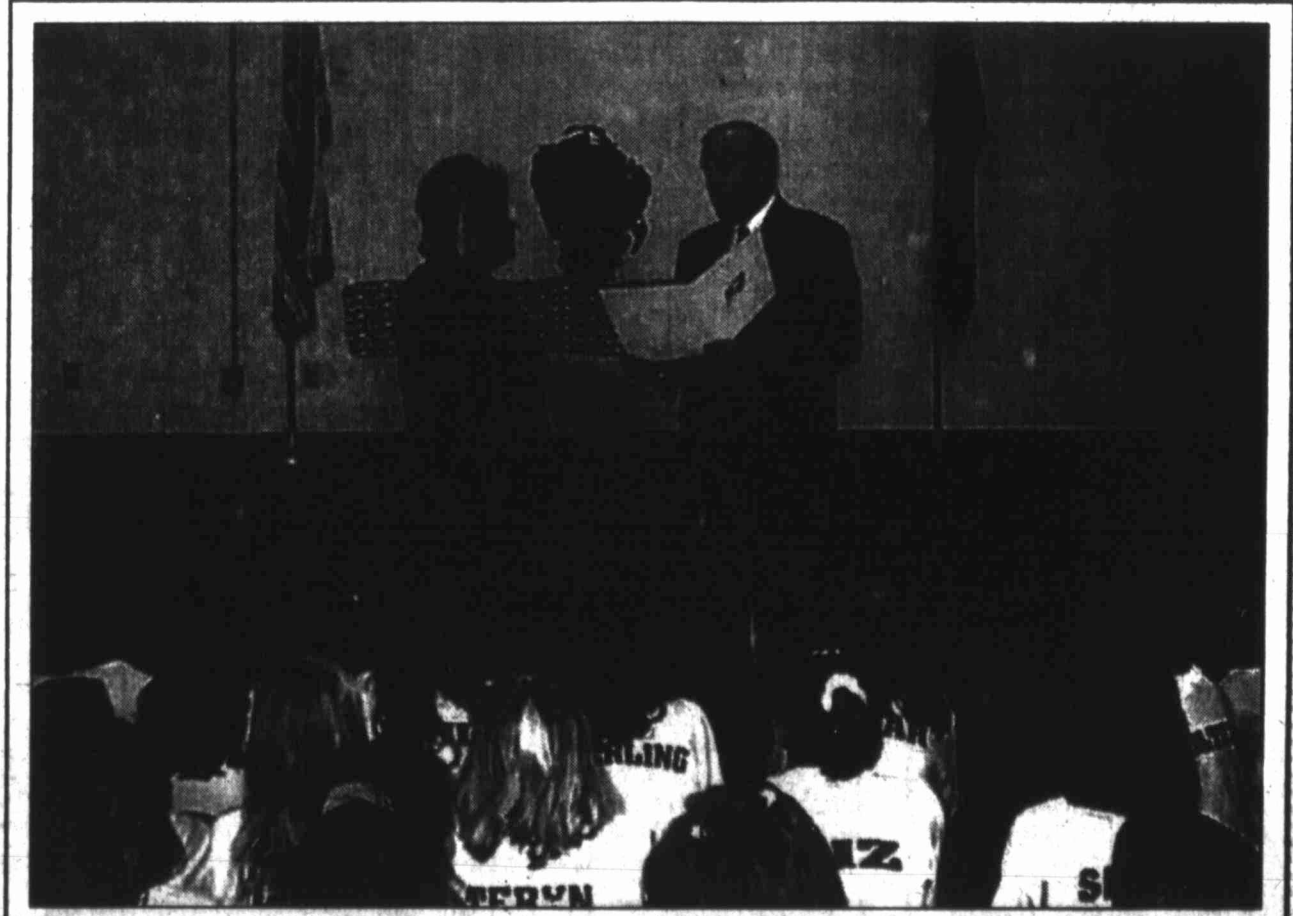
The Jonesboro Fire Station volunteers responded to four grass fires, five structure fires, two vehicle fires and three petroleum fires. The volunteers also sat stood by for four controlled burns, Simer said.

The Sand Springs volunteer firemen responded to seven grass fires, one structure fire, three vehicle fires, three petroleum fires and four controlled burns, he said.

Silver Heels volunteer firemen extinguished three grass



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Gloria Mercedes Jimenez, new postmaster for Coahoma, was sworn in by Steve K. Justice, manager of post office operations, Wednesday. Jimenez was honored with a reception following the ceremony at Coahoma Elementary, which was attended by postmasters from the area, citizens and students.

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Several students killed while building Texas A&M bonfire; others injured

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — A 40-foot pyramid of logs assembled for Texas A&M University's traditional pregame bonfire collapsed early today, killing at least five students and injuring 25.

Officials today confirmed that four students were killed, but a law enforcement official who asked not to be identified told The Associated Press that a fifth student was crushed to death and remained under the wood pile.

In the hours after the 2:30 a.m. collapse, rescuers pulled four students from the rubble, said Bart Humphreys, a fire department spokesman. One student wasn't pulled free until more than six hours later.

Workers were tapping on logs and ordering spectators to be quiet and not move around so they could hear if anyone was still alive. Cranes were removing the logs gingerly to search for more students. The structure is designed to twist inward and collapse on itself as it burns and officials.

Cynthia Lawson, a spokeswoman for the university, said crews could hear "moaning and tapping sounds," leading them to believe one or more students were still trapped.

Sixty to 70 students were on top of the logs when the accident happened in a field on the northeast corner of the campus, according to university officials. A maximum of 70 students are

allowed on the stack at one time.

"Every piece of wood in that pile is unstable and every piece of wood that moves affects other pieces of lumber," Humphreys said.

Students were gathered near the scene holding hands and praying while the rescue efforts continued.

"The scene right now is a scene of disbelief," said Sallie Turner, editor of the Battalion, the student newspaper. "A lot of the students just feel it's surreal."

Officials did not have an explanation for the collapse, but said engineers would be examining the site. Rusty Thompson, assistant director of the Memorial Student Center and the bon-

fire faculty adviser, said students told him "there was just a sudden movement. Five to seven seconds and it was on the ground."

At St. Joseph Regional Health Center, spokesman Al Guevara said five students with minor cuts and bruises were treated and released and seven suffering injuries ranging from fractures to internal trauma remained.

Another 13 students were taken to College Station Medical Center, where two were in serious condition with broken bones and 11 others were being treated for minor injuries and were expected to be released, said spokesman Joe Buser.

Officials were performing head

counts at the university's residence halls in an effort to account for everybody who may have been working.

The annual bonfire tradition began 1909 when Texas A&M was still an all-male military academy to get students fired up for the big football game against archrival Texas. The only year the bonfire was not lit was 1963, following President John F. Kennedy's assassination.

With input from professional engineers, students cut the logs and construct the structure themselves over the course of several weeks. Cranes and tractors lift the multiple stacks of full-size logs, then students bale them together.

Pizza Hut awaits ruling on suit over television ads

DALLAS (AP) — A fight between two pizza giants went to a federal court jury late Wednesday, with the fate of a familiar advertising slogan hanging in the balance.

Pizza Hut, the industry leader, sued No. 4 Papa John's over the upstart's claim: "Better Ingredients, Better Pizza." Pizza Hut seeks \$12.5 million in damages.

Pizza Hut's lawyers claimed during the three-week trial that the Papa John's slogan and advertising are false and damaged consumers' opinions of Pizza Hut.

A marketing survey done for Pizza Hut, a division of Louisville, Ky.-based Tricon Global Restaurants Inc., indicated about one-third of consumers who saw the Papa

John's television ads formed a negative opinion of Pizza Hut.

The jury deliberated briefly Wednesday before recessing until Thursday morning. If the jury sides with Pizza Hut, Papa John's would have to drop its slogan, on which it has spent \$300 million to put on commercials, signs and pizza boxes.

Papa John's lawyers argued the ad claims were true and, besides, they only touted pizza.

"We are talking about pizza here, folks. We're not talking about automobiles. We're not talking about drugs," said Martin McNamara, Dallas-based lead attorney for Papa John's.

Tom Morrison, Pizza Hut's lead attorney from New York, countered by telling the jury, "Ask him to show you some-

thing that says false advertising doesn't apply to food companies."

Pizza Hut claims ads for Papa John's, also based in Louisville, falsely claimed the Papa John's dough, sauce and other ingredients are better. In closing arguments to the jury, Morrison said Papa John's rigged taste tests that favored its pizza.

Morrison said the tests failed to compare Papa John's against Pizza Hut's signature pan pizza, which he said beat Papa John's in another taste test.

McNamara responded that Pizza Hut was angry about comparative advertising but had used similar ads against other pizza makers. He ridiculed a Pizza Hut ad from the early '90s that compared another brand to a hockey

puck.

The Papa John's attorney said the slogan, "Better Ingredients, Better Pizza," merely reflected Papa John's chief John Schnatter's belief that his company was producing the best pizza it could.

McNamara accused Pizza Hut of scheming to stop Papa John's from growing into a serious competitor.

Company memos introduced during the trial revealed Pizza Hut employees considered many ideas to combat Papa John's, including a campaign called "Stoppa the Papa," in which employees were to spy on Papa John's restaurants. Pizza Hut attorneys said many ideas came from low-level employees and never were carried out.

American Airlines pilots face \$50 million suit by passengers

DALLAS (AP) — A federal judge has ruled that a lawsuit filed by airline passengers who claim they were inconvenienced by American Airlines pilots who staged a sickout earlier this year can go forward.

The 11-day sickout inconvenienced an estimated 300,000 passengers and forced American to cancel thousands of flights.

The class-action lawsuit could force the Allied Pilots Association, the union representing American pilots, to pay some \$50 million in damages to passengers.

After the case was filed in a Dallas federal court in March, the union had sought to dismiss the case, claiming pilots had the right to resort to a sickout under labor laws.

"The outcome was the best we could have hoped for," attorney John Malesovas, lead counsel for the passengers, said.

U.S. Magistrate Jeff Kaplan issued his ruling Tuesday that the class-action could proceed.

But he restricted the plaintiffs to passengers who traveled after the pilots had been issued a Feb. 10 back-to-work order by another federal judge.

The union, which has 10 days to protest the ruling, said it planned to discuss Kaplan's ruling with U.S. District Judge Jorge Solis, who is presiding over the class-action.

The decision comes at a bad time for Allied Pilots, which is already appealing a \$45.5 million court-ordered fine for the sickout. The union is supposed to pay the fine to American since the carrier, the nation's second largest, reportedly lost \$225 million after hundreds of thousands of travelers were inconvenienced.

Allied represents nearly 10,000 American pilots.

"The APA does differ with the magistrate on a limited number of issues and will pursue those issues with Judge Solis," the union said Wednesday.

Last month, the union and Fort Worth-based American resolved the dispute that led to the sickout when both parties agreed on the method for incorporating Reno Air into their ranks after American acquired the smaller carrier.

American officially took over control of Reno's operations Aug. 31.

The passenger lawsuit combines five lawsuits filed earlier this year — two in Dallas, two in Fort Worth and one in San Francisco. It seeks compensatory damages of at least \$50 million and unspecified punitive damages.

Malesovas said the class-action represents the first time consumers have sought to win damages from a labor dispute that involved back-to-work order.

Victoria County inmate escapes, shoots ex-wife

VICTORIA (AP) — An inmate's visit to the doctor ended in disaster this week when he assaulted a deputy, shot his ex-wife and stole two cars, investigators said.

Clyde Lavoy Simms, 44, was captured 20 minutes into his rampage, Victoria County Sheriff Mike Ratcliff said. Simms' ex-wife, Angela Simms, was shot once in the stomach and once in each leg. She is in stable condition.

"Indeed his intent was to kill her," Ratcliff said.

Simms, who was serving time

in Victoria County Jail for a parole violation and misdemeanor theft conviction, was at a doctor's office for X-rays of a foot injured in a previous traffic accident. With Deputy Amanda Roessler standing guard, Simms struck her and knocked her unconscious.

"When she regained her composure, the offender had her pistol pointed at her," Ratcliff said. "He demanded her car keys."

Ms. Roessler's keys in hand and a cast on his injured foot, Simms fled "next door" to

Victoria Regional Medical Center, where his ex-wife works in emergency room admissions.

According to investigative reports, Simms burst into the waiting room and opened fire with the .357-caliber pistol. Three bullets struck Ms. Simms, and another bullet grazed a 37-year-old nurse.

Simms fled the scene in the deputy's stolen car and crashed it into a nearby ditch.

He abandoned the car and commandeered another at gunpoint.

With squad cars in pursuit,

Simms led squad cars on a chase reaching speeds up to 90 mph before he was surrounded and surrendered, investigators said.

The Victoria County District Attorney's office has charged Simms with three counts of aggravated assault, one count of assault on a public servant, one count of taking a weapon from a peace officer, a felony escape charge and an aggravated robbery charge.

He's being held on \$560,000 bond in the Victoria County Jail, said Ratcliff.

Jurors deliberating case in trial of third dragging death defendant

JASPER (AP) — After hearing his attorney insist that Shawn Allen Berry made poor choices but was no killer, jurors on Wednesday began deciding whether to convict him of capital murder in last year's dragging death of a black East Texas man.

Jurors met for about 9 hours after attorneys presented closing arguments. The panel was sequestered for the night at a local motel before resuming Thursday.

To find Berry, 24, guilty of capital murder, the jury must agree he intentionally took part in the killing and kidnapping of James Byrd Jr. Conviction would require either a life prison term or a death sentence.

State District Judge Joe Bob

Golden also gave jurors the option of finding Berry guilty of the lesser charge of murder, which does not include the kidnapping component and does not carry a potential death sentence.

Berry is accused of helping chain Byrd to the rear of a pickup truck and dragging him over three miles of bumpy, country road to his death on June 7, 1998. Two other white co-defendants, avowed racists Lawrence Russell Brewer and John William King, were sentenced to die in separate trials earlier this year.

In closing arguments Wednesday, Berry's attorney, Joseph C. "Lum" Hawthorn, told the jury that Berry concedes to making "terrible" deci-

sions after the killing — not calling the police, washing off his truck and the chain, and lying to investigators.

But prosecutors have changed their story to fit the defendant in each of the three trials, Hawthorn argued.

"When Bill King was prosecuted, he was the ringleader. When Brewer was prosecuted, he was the ringleader. It was still a racial hate crime," Hawthorn told jurors. "Then they shift gears. (Prosecutor Pat) Hardy now says he's worse than Bill King and Russell Brewer."

"The two people who killed James Byrd have been tried, convicted and have been given a death sentence," he said.

Berry contends he was a

bystander when Brewer, 32, and King, 25, decided to kill Byrd in a frenzy of racist hate. His attorney presented more than a dozen witnesses — some black — who testified Berry was not a racist. Hawthorn also challenged the integrity of the crime scene and certain blood and footprint evidence.

"What is amazing to me is the African-Americans we had on the stand in this case, in this county — with the Byrd family sitting right there — saying Shawn Berry couldn't do this," Hawthorn said.

Prosecutors contend he was aware that his roommates — both covered in white supremacist tattoos — had deadly plans for the black man as they drove into the wooded country outside

Jasper. They did not try to prove Berry was a racist, but that his participation made him equally responsible for the crime.

In his closing, Hardy told jurors that "a progression of events ... show Shawn Berry knew what was going on."

Hardy noted Berry had Byrd sit in the front seat of the pickup truck "so he couldn't get away," and Berry convinced Byrd he had nothing to fear as they rode out to the remote logging road where the attack began.

"Who keeps him in the vehicle? Who soothes him over? Shawn Berry," Hardy said.

Hardy also reminded the jury that prints from the shoes of King and Brewer were found in

the dirt on passenger side of the vehicle, meaning Berry must have been driving when Byrd was dragged.

"Mr. Berry beat the man up. Mr. Berry had the chain. Mr. Berry drove down to the property he knew. This was Mr. Berry's show as much as the others," Hardy said. "That man right there was the worst of the bunch."

George Coleman, the lone alternate juror who was released when the panel began deliberating, told reporters he thought Berry was lying and would have voted to convict and condemn him.

"You could look right through him. He was like an empty person up there. It was like he rehearsed," Coleman said.

Two Dickinson high school students charged with deadly conduct after school shooting Wednesday

DICKINSON (AP) — Two students were charged with deadly conduct Wednesday after their 15-year-old friend accidentally was shot in the face at school.

The three were playing with a small-caliber handgun in the

restroom of their high school Wednesday morning when the gun went off.

"Some kids were playing with the gun, and one of them grabbed for it," Dickinson police Capt. Steve Krone said.

"When he did, it went off."

Panicked by the sight of his bloodied friend, one of the three raced outside to hide the gun, police said.

The unidentified student tucked the gun into a patch of

weeds beside a nearby apartment complex, police said.

The student later led authorities to the hiding place.

The injured boy was in critical condition at University of Texas Medical Branch in

Galveston, spokeswoman Alicia Simmons said.

Classes at the school 35 miles southeast of Houston resumed later in the day.

Some fearful parents took their children home.

"It kind of freaked me out," said student James Joplin, who heard the shot.

"The whole time I was thinking somebody could walk through this door and just shoot me right here."

Student injured in school bus shooting; juvenile in custody

SPRINGTOWN (AP) — A 13-year-old boy told authorities he was only trying to scare other children when he fired at a passing school bus Wednesday, hitting one of the young riders.

The bullet, which came from a .22-caliber rifle, struck 12-year-old Caleb Brackett in the head as he rode home on the bus Wednesday afternoon.

He was taken to Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth, where he was treated and released about 8:30 p.m.

Officials said the bullet entered Caleb's head and exited, leaving a superficial wound. Fourteen other school bus riders were unhurt.

The incident occurred on a county road in southern Wise County, about 28 miles north of Fort Worth.

A 13-year-old boy was detained at the scene by county deputies and later taken to the Grayson County Juvenile Detention facility.

He faces a detention hearing today.

Wise County Sheriff's Department Lt. Randy Joy said investigators are attempting to

determine whether the boy had intentions of hurting anyone.

"He was having some trouble with some of the people on the bus and said he was going to fire around the bus to scare them," Joy said.

The shooting happened about 4:30 p.m.

The startled bus driver, Gary

Hammonds, said he immediately told the children to get down.

"People started ducking and crying," one of the students, Rebecca Holcumb, told KDFW-TV.

Hammonds stopped the bus in front of the victim's home, which was just down the road, and called on a radio for help.

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OUR VIEWS

Great chance to see women's teams in action

Big Spring basketball fans will finally get their first real look at Howard College's 1999-2000 Lady Hawks tonight during the first round of their annual Pizza Invitational tournament and classic at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The Lady Hawks have fashioned a 5-1 record under new head coach Ron Mayberry, winning the Breakfast Rotary Invitational in Levelland two weeks ago and knocking off two of the three opponents they faced at the Waco Shoot Out last week.

This weekend, the Lady Hawks will play host to a strong field of eight high school girls' teams and four other women's college teams.

The Invitational's high school tournament field will include Big Spring's Lady Steers, as well as teams from El Paso Parkland, El Paso Del Valle, San Angelo Central, Odessa High, Lubbock High, Wolfforth Frenship and Midland Lee.

In the collegiate division, the Lady Hawks are entertaining teams from New Mexico Junior College and Western Texas College, both rivals in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference, and junior varsity teams from Wayland Baptist University and Lubbock Christian University.

The tournament got under way at 10 this morning when Odessa High took on Del Valle, but tonight's highlighted games feature the Lady Steers and Lady Hawks.

The Lady Steers will face Midland Lee at 6 p.m., followed by the Lady Hawks' game against Wayland Baptist's JV at 8.

We here at the Herald encourage our readers to take advantage of this chance to support both local teams, and in the process, witness some of the best women's basketball West Texas has to offer.

We'll see you at the Dorothy.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

In a time when society seems to be falling apart due to escalating crime, drug addiction, mass abortion of unborn babies, senseless shootings, political corruption and suppression of public prayer, just to name a few problems, Hollywood has come up with an answer.

Today's young people are told by the government that they cannot do much of anything until they are at least 18 years old except go to drug infested schools where the administration is generally more concerned with the ethnic make-up than quality education.

At least today's young people can learn all about homosexuality. According to an article I read recently in the Oct. 25, issue of TIME magazine, "there are nearly 30 gay or lesbian characters in prime time (depending on how you count and categorize them)" ABC's "oh grow up" and "wasteland" feature gay leads with actual, if tentative, love lives.

I long ago lost interest in prime-time TV with the advent of the sitcom in the early to mid 70s. Back then my I.Q. seemed too high to sit for 30 minutes and listen to stale, humorless jokes, backed up by canned laughter. Some of today's spot announcements and previews for what I call "must see TV for the mentally challenged" is enough prime time TV for me even as we approach the close of the millennium.

What kind of young peo-

ple, or decent people of any age find any entertainment value in homosexuals? It used to be that people attracted to the segment of society hung around bus station bathrooms. TIME gave a partial answer in its article. It went on to read, "gay content and gay characters — increasingly common accessories on shows aimed at trendy adults — serve as a sort of coolness shorthand, bestowing hipness on their shows and audience."

Trendy, cool and hip were hardly what my father taught me that homosexuals were, and is certainly not the message that I have relayed to my own children. I would also like to share with the readers that I still do not think that homosexuals or homosexual shows are trendy, cool or hip.

I know that the government protects homosexuals more than prayers at a football game. Our "don't ask, don't tell" president has also made his opinion known, and now, Hollywood is not only coming out of the closet in a big way; they seem to be breaking down the closet door in their never-ending pursuit of the almighty dollar.

I just hope our younger generation doesn't view any of these shows, actors, or sponsors as role models. If they do, then our country, which is rapidly approaching rock bottom, may as well dig a hole when they do get there and crawl in it.

TIM HATCHER
BIG SPRING

Covering the Courts: How cruel? How unusual?

Cases at the Supreme Court tend to come in bunches, like grapes. A cluster of church-and-state cases will follow a round of sexual harassment cases. These in turn will yield to cases of discrimination by reason of age or race.

For no particular reason, the court is currently caught up in half a dozen cases of capital punishment. These are tough cases, rich in the raw history of man's inhumanity to man. They raise troublesome questions of ethics and morality. The high court is not much concerned with ethics, or with morality either: Its concern is with law.

When one man kills another as brutally as Anthony Braden Bryan killed George Wilson, is justice served by sending Bryan to Florida's electric chair? Four members of the Florida Supreme Court said yes. Three said no. In deciding the case, the U.S. Supreme Court will have to address an old question once again: How cruel is "cruel," and how

unusual is "unusual"? The Bryan case dates from 1983, when Bryan fell in with a woman companion on a brief but savage trail of crime. Bryan had robbed a bank in Alabama. Then he stole a boat and kidnapped Wilson, caretaker of an Alabama marina. The two assailants tied Wilson, threw him in a stolen car, and drove for hours through Mississippi to a remote area of Florida. Bryan marched Wilson into the woods and murdered him by a shot in the face at point-blank range. This was not a crime of passion. This was a cold-blooded execution.

The question posed to the Supreme Court goes beyond the merits of the case. The question is not whether Bryan should be put to death, but how to accomplish this. With evolving standards of decency, has electrocution become a cruel and unusual punishment under the Eighth Amendment?

In 1888, when the electric chair was invented, people agreed that the novel device might be unusual, but they denied it was cruel — or at least not as cruel as such historical alternatives as hanging, flogging, beheading or disemboweling while alive.

Various judges at various times have ordered crucifixion, breaking at the wheel, public dissection and burning alive at the stake. The Eighth Amendment, said Justice

William Brennan, was intended to prohibit such inhuman and barbarous methods of execution — methods that go beyond the mere extinguishment of life and cause "gratuitous terror, pain or disgrace."

In the pending Bryan case, four members of the Florida Supreme Court found "abundant evidence" that death by electrocution is so immediate that it is impossible for the prisoner to feel pain. Three other members of the Florida court strongly disagree. They argue that Florida's recent experience with the electric chair meets every requirement of a "cruel" punishment. In three gruesome incidents, the state has inflicted agonizing death. The Florida Supreme Court described the execution in 1990 of Jesse Tafero:

"When Tafero's electrocution began, smoke and flames instantaneously spurted from his head for a distance of as much as 12 inches. Because of the smoke and flames, officials stopped the first surge of electricity. A second jolt again resulted in smoke and flames spurring from Tafero's head. Finally a third jolt of electricity was administered. A medical examiner found that Tafero was dead some six or seven minutes after the execution commenced."

The executions of Pedro Medina in 1997 and Allen Lee Davis this past July were as

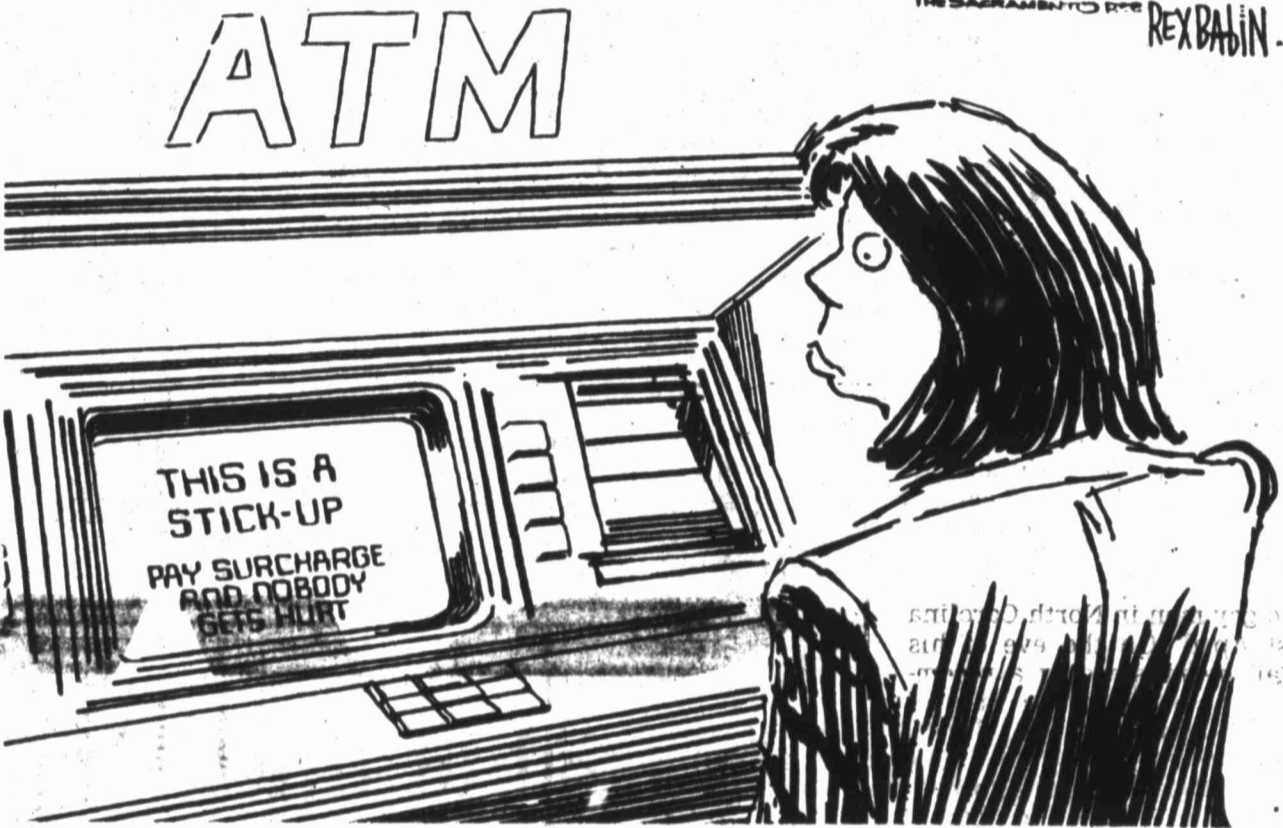
ugly. On this record it would not be surprising if the Supreme Court banned the electric chair altogether. Only Florida, Georgia, Alabama and Nebraska still use the device exclusively. Lethal injection now is regarded as acceptably humane. There has been no Supreme Court test of the firing squad, used in Utah, or old-fashioned hanging, still authorized in Washington and Montana.

I am of two minds on capital punishment. As an editor and columnist I have twice been deeply involved as an advocate for prisoners wrongly sentenced to death. I was convinced of their innocence. One was pardoned; the other's sentence was commuted, but it was a close thing. Surely we should be convinced of guilt beyond any doubt before we insert the lethal needle.

In a death sentence case five years ago, an empathetic court in California spoke sadly of the prisoner's plight just before he inhaled the state's cyanide gas. The poor fellow felt "anxiety, panic, terror and pain." He did? How terrible! What of George Wilson, kidnapped, robbed, and pushed through alien woods with a murderer's gun at his throat? Tell me about anxiety, panic, terror and pain! Confronted with a rabid fox, we should put the animal to death. Humanely, of course.



JAMES J. KILPATRICK



Avoid being manipulated by journalists

Some members of the press continue to make fools of themselves playing gotcha games with Texas Gov. George W. Bush. Some character asked him to name the leaders of four countries, and when he couldn't, others chimed in that this proves he's unqualified to be president. No, it proves a lot of journalists aren't qualified to be reporters.

In the first place, Bush is not president. He's governor of Texas. So why should he know the names of foreign leaders who might not even be in office 14 months from now? Can you name the mayors of Texas' four largest cities? Or the speaker of the Texas House?

Formulating American foreign policy is not the same as playing Trivial Pursuit. It involves principles, not quizzes. Americans know this even if journalists don't. They also know that Vice President Al Gore has made gaffe after gaffe, outdoing former Vice President Dan Quayle, and the press downplays it. The reason is simple enough: most of the members of the press support

Gore. Here are a few of Gore's gaffes:

In a Milwaukee speech, Gore said America "can be pluribus unum. Out of one, many." In fact, the Latin phrase means "from the many, one."

In 1994, Gore attacked Oliver North's supporters as "... these extreme right wing, the extra chromosome right wing." Harsh language from a liberal and especially offensive to parents of children suffering from Down's syndrome, which is caused by an extra chromosome.

In the 1960s, in letters to his left-wing daddy, Gore referred to anti-communism as "a form of psychological ailment — in this case a national madness."

Everyone remembers Gore's maudlin speech about how his sister's death in 1984 spurred him to wage war on the tobacco industry. Not everyone remembers that, four years after her death, Gore boasted to an audience of tobacco farmers, "I want you to know that, with my own hands, all of my life, I put it in the plant beds and transferred it. I've hoed it. I've dug in it. I've sprayed it, I've chopped it, I've shredded it, I've spiked it, put in the barn and stripped it and sold it." The press ignored the obvious contradiction.

Then there's the case where Gore told Chicago Bulls fans, "That Michael Jackson is unbelievable, isn't he?" He told an audience in Minnesota

while stumping for Democratic candidates. "They will be the education team that Missouri needs."

Enough. There are more, but the point is that American people very well know that the press is unfair and highly selective about which political gaffes will be made into a national story and which ones will be simply ignored. The only credibility at risk is that of the press.

The fact of the matter is that Bush does not need to know the names of foreign leaders until he becomes president. At that point, when its relevant, he will learn what he needs to know. His career shows that he's always done that. In fact, with the possible exception of journalists, that's how everybody operates. I myself could not tell you the name of the Indian prime minister. I have no need to know his name. If I need to, I will look it up. That's what reference books are for.

The best advice I can give you is to rely on C-SPAN for your political coverage. Listen to the candidates give their speeches unedited by biased journalists. C-SPAN is the only source of unedited, live coverage of political events. The next best source is the Internet. Most candidates have Web sites, and you can often download the full text of their speeches and positions. Don't allow yourself to be manipulated by shallow-minded, biased journalists.



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Calling it a 'triumph,' House prepared to vote on \$390 billion budget bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Culminating a year of intense political battles, the House is wrapping up its work for the year with a vote on a \$390 billion budget bill that both congressional Republicans and the White House claim as a triumph in advancing their priorities for the future of the country.

"Both sides can be proud of this accord," House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said at the close of 10 days of negotiations on a bill covering everything from education and crime-fighting programs to foreign aid.

Without further hitches the House expected to vote on the measure as soon as today and the Senate by this weekend, bringing to an end this year's session of Congress.

President Clinton said the agreement meets his goals to

clean the environment, reduce class size by hiring more teachers and fight crime by hiring more community police.

"This budget is a victory, and a hard-won victory, for the American people," he told reporters in Istanbul, Turkey, where he was attending a summit of European leaders.

It wasn't until near midnight Wednesday that the two sides agreed that they had settled differences on the last remaining holdup — White House insistence that federal agencies get some flexibility in carrying out the GOP proposal of an across-the-board cut.

White House budget director "Jack Lew and I just made the deal," Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, said.

"The budget bill has been agreed to," Passage would give both

Republicans and Democrats the fodder they need to return home claiming accomplishments.

Republicans say they achieved their goal of balancing the budget while assuring that the Social Security trust fund goes untouched.

They also won their 0.38 percent across-the-board cut for federal programs, small but symbolic in showing their commitment to fiscal responsibility.

Domenici said it also held the growth of federal spending to 2.5 percent while increasing funds for veterans, the military and education.

"I'm very pleased and thrilled with this bill," he said.

Democrats also claimed major victories in securing funds for 50,000 more police officers on the street; additional teachers to reduce class size; guaranteeing money to pay U.S. back dues to the United Nations and finance

the Wye River Mideast peace accord; and eliminating provisions on mining and oil drilling that the Clinton administration opposed as threats to the environment.

"The president got his priorities, we got our priorities," said House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri.

The budget package covers five of the 13 annual spending bills, financing the departments of Interior, Health and Human Services, foreign aid and scores of other programs, agencies and departments. Clinton has signed eight other bills into law.

Republicans proposed the across-the-board cut to compensate for the some \$6 billion in new spending demanded by the administration for education and other programs.

Clinton earlier vetoed a 1 percent cut in all federal programs, arguing that it would damage

crucial federal services. But in an overnight telephone call from Turkey, he and Hastert tentatively agreed to a 0.38 percent cut as long as agencies had some flexibility on how to reduce spending.

That would save only about \$1.3 billion. The two sides have agreed to about \$6 billion in other savings from two accounting gimmicks. One would delay a payday for the military and some civilian federal workers by a day into fiscal 2001. The other would speed the transfer of money from private accounts held by the Federal Reserve onto the government's books.

White House budget office spokeswoman Linda Ricci confirmed that an agreement had been reached on the flexibility issue. Otherwise, "we are reading this bill with a close eye to make sure that it fully represents the commitments the

Republicans have made to the president on teachers, police officers, the environment, the U.N. and a host of other issues, including expanding work incentives for disabled people."

The legislation ensuring that disabled people won't lose their federal health coverage when they find a job is to be taken up separately today. Other major measures attached to the spending bill include a bill letting satellite television companies carry local TV channels.

Another continues minimum milk prices for dairy farmers in the Northeast, a decision that met strong opposition from lawmakers from Wisconsin and other Midwestern states.

The spending bill did not include a proposal by Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., to let mountaintop coal mines continue dumping rubble into valleys and streams.

Government says Y2K preparations bill amounts to \$365 for every person

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government pinned a staggering \$100 billion price tag Wednesday on the nation's repair bills for the Year 2000 technology problem, or \$365 for each man, woman and child.

For all that, the Commerce Department predicted the impact of Y2K computer failures on the economy would be merely "something like a tangled shoelace for a world-class marathon runner."

In a new report, the government said America's booming economy was sufficiently "stable, large and resilient" that

failures — even those overseas — will not seriously affect the nation's \$9 trillion gross domestic product.

"Any glitches that pop up next year should not hurt our economic growth," Commerce Secretary William Daley said. "I am not going to lose any sleep."

The \$100 billion figure for total repairs from 1995 through 2001 was generally in line with other estimates but still is an enormous amount. Private analysts last month put the figure at \$114 billion.

It roughly is the same as the

total spent last year by seven of the largest federal agencies, enough to buy almost seven 747 jumbo jets and just more than the personal fortune of Microsoft's Bill Gates.

Commerce Undersecretary Robert J. Shapiro said some Y2K precautions — such as companies adjusting inventories to hedge against possible supply problems — could affect the "pattern and timing" of economic growth.

Those rising expenditures, for example, could add to growth during the last three months of 1999 but likely would slow it during the first months of 2000 to compensate.

Shapiro also said consumers who decide to stockpile food, water or other supplies could drive up prices in the final six weeks of this year.

Another government report,

being released today, predicted only a slight risk of "serious or widespread disruptions" in the nation's food supply.

Consumer hoarding and weather-related problems could cause spot shortages, but food companies have made "remarkable progress" in getting their computerized systems ready, the report said.

President Clinton's top Y2K expert, John Koskinen, also

cautioned Wednesday that "several hundred thousand" smaller companies nationwide have not performed any repairs and apparently intend to fix problems after they occur.

Koskinen warned that business owners will find long waits for technical support and new equipment in the earliest weeks of the new year, and "some of them may lose their customers and go out of business."

Methodist pastor defrocked for conducting gay marriage

GRAND ISLAND, Neb. (AP) — A United Methodist pastor remained defiant after a jury of fellow ministers defrocked him for breaking church law by officiating the marriage of two men.

"I feel the penalty severely," the Rev. Jimmy Creech said on Wednesday after a 13-member panel of Nebraska clergy unanimously found him guilty and stripped him of his credentials.

"The church has said it will use its power... to enforce bigotry. It is a scandalous day for the United Methodist Church."

"I do not feel deserted or abandoned by God," he said, "and I do not feel that the end of my ministry has come."

The jury could have banished Creech, 55, from the church altogether or given him lighter sanctions.

He could appeal his conviction to national church officials.

The Rev. Jeff Kelley, the jury foreman, said the panel simply followed church law. But he called the penalty phase "the most difficult part" because "we were dealing with a colleague whom we love."

Creech was tried for marrying two gay men in North Carolina last April. On the eve of his trial, he presided at a reconciliation ceremony for the two men, Larry Ellis and James Raymer.

Acting as his own attorney, Creech had refused to enter a plea, saying doing so would legitimize the church law he was accused of violating. He pronounced the trial "corrupt, contaminated... illicit," and implored the jury during the 90-minute trial to refuse to reach a verdict.

Woman fights for life after brick attack

NEW YORK (AP) — With her parents at her bedside, a woman who left Texas for New York one year ago clung to life following a vicious, random attack by a man who smashed a 6-pound brick into her skull as she walked through midtown Manhattan.

Nicole Barrett remained in critical condition at Bellevue Hospital following the Tuesday afternoon attack near Grand Central Terminal. Her assailant, possibly a homeless man who hung out in the neighborhood, remained at large, authorities said Wednesday.

"He just came out of the blue and assaulted her," Police Commissioner Howard Safir said as the victim's parents

kept a grim vigil with their daughter.

The parents arrived at the Manhattan hospital from Dallas at around noon, and met briefly with Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. Barrett underwent emergency brain surgery following the 3:10 p.m. attack.

"We're praying that she makes it," the mayor said. He later announced a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the attacker. Police added a \$1,000 reward.

Barrett, 27, had moved to New York last year from Dallas. In recent weeks, Barrett had finally become comfortable in the city, said Stacy McGlaun, her roommate.

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A well balanced diet is the key to good health

By DR. GUY OWEN
Columnist

The true meaning of the word 'diet' is 'the food that you eat' regardless of whether it is good or bad for you.

Most people would like to live life to its fullest, have good health, and live a productive life. Since seven of the top 10 causes of death in the United States have dietary risk factors, one of the most fundamental ways to accomplish the goal of good health for Y2K is through a well balanced diet. Unfortunately, the term "diet" in our culture is characterized by a period of starvation followed by rapid weight gain. The true meaning of the word diet is "the food that you eat" regardless if it is good or bad for you. A healthy diet is one that includes all six of the essential elements of nutrition plus fiber. These six elements are composed of carbohydrates, fat, protein, vitamins, minerals, and water. Too often, we fall prey to fad diets as a speedy way to reduce body weight with no regard to the importance of consuming all of the essential nutrients necessary to insure a healthy body. We have tried about 30,000 fad diets in the past 30 years and have increased our body fat about 15 pounds per person. The most recent fad diets that are making the rounds in Big Spring are the Protein Diets. Protein is a most important nutrient that should be consumed in its most lean form at each meal, but not without the other five nutrients. An all-protein diet or predominately protein diet will cause the body to go into ketosis, resulting in water loss as well as increasing the waste product nitrate to levels that can be dangerous for your health. Your body is approximately

70 percent water, so any diet that would drop you below normal fluid range is also very dangerous for your health. The protein diet promoters are saying that we are eating too many processed sugars which is a low nutrient form of carbohydrate. I agree with reducing the processed sugars, such as corn syrup, jellies, soft drinks, alcoholic beverages, and white flour products, however we should not reduce or eliminate our important quota of high nutrient or complex carbohydrates to include our vegetables, fruit, whole grains, and legumes. Choose food for its nutrient value; increase your exercise levels when you begin increasing body fat; cut out poor nutrient food first if you are overeating; drink water when you are thirsty and eat food when you are hungry. If you will follow these principles, you will find that your body fat will begin dropping and you will notice an increase in energy and good health. Unfortunately, shortcuts to improve health usually don't work. The next wellness class at the Wellness Center, inside Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, will be on Tuesday, Dec. 1 - Thursday, Dec. 17. Come join us for more detailed information on nutrition. Guy Owen is program coordinator for Dora Roberts Wellness Center.

Using Family Tree Maker helps genealogists get, stay organized

Gathering information on the family can be fun and rewarding. But keeping track of it is essential if you plan to share the information with other family members. A good genealogy program can help keep the family members together as well as the documentation proving the relationships. I have thousands of pages of information scattered around the house. Sometimes finding the papers I need is like looking for the needle in the haystack. I may spend hours searching for one page of information. I started by using Personal Ancestor File; it served my purpose at the time, but was soon outdated for what I needed. When I bought my new computer, I bought a new program to go with it. The program I chose was Family Tree Maker. I now have version 7.0. I started to save everything to disk to put on the new computer, only to learn there was a flaw in my program. I could not get it to save to disk. I had to start typing everything by hand, over 14,000 individuals with documentation. After years of typing, I am nowhere near finished transferring data. With Family Tree Maker, I have been able to transfer data from CDs and floppy disks, as well as data from the Internet. (By the way, be very careful about downloading anything you are not sure of.) A distant cousin set me two pictures from the late 1800s of her great-grandfather and his two wives, the first of which I have an original letter from, dated 8 January 1881 from Rock Lake, Oregon. I recently bought a scanner and have scanned pictures and this let

ter into the family picture album located in the Family Tree Program. The pictures take up a lot of disk space, but it is worth it. You can print out family group sheets with pictures included - family stories, books and trees. When I print out a book on my Rawls family, it has over 500 pages with cover page, forward, acknowledgements, copyright notice, book itself and index. It takes over four hours to print, but is well worth it. The information I have gathered will be preserved for future generations. I will get a printer soon than prints on both sides of the page, cutting down on paper. The equipment to do this can be expensive, but if you want to get serious about your genealogy or family history, it will be a worthwhile investment. When scanning pictures, it is best to save them to disk and save valuable disk space. A good color picture can take up over five megabytes of space; black and white pictures can take over three megabytes of space in color mode, or under five hundred kilobytes in black and white mode. I have scanned marriage licenses for my great-grandparents, a marriage bond for my great-great grandparents, probate records naming children of a sister of one that died, and other important documents.

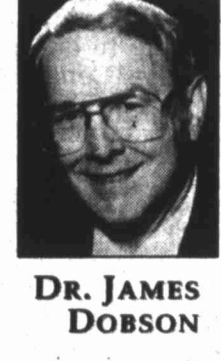


BOBBY RAWLS

I am also building a web page. I save a genealogy report from Family Tree Maker for one generation, then create links from it to other pages. This saves hours of typing plus gets the documentation in as well. This program has an Internet dial-up link, which dials directly from the program to get you on line. You can then access various sites, including the Family Tree Maker site, which has hundreds of families listed that various people have shared in a central database. Family Tree Maker works for me, but is only one of many on the market. Everyone has a preference to suit them, so we must each decide which suits our own needs. One other program that I have had no experience with is The Master Genealogist. I know two fellow Rawls-Ralls researchers that use this program, and each say it is the one to go with. This program was developed and designed by a professional genealogist. I myself will stick with what I know, but you may want to check it out. Sharing our knowledge of the family can be very rewarding. I know that most family members are not as interested as we are, but maybe a few years down the road one of our grandchildren will be. If so, then we will have it for them. I will see what I can find for next week's column. EDITOR'S NOTE: Bobby Rawls writes a weekly column on genealogy for the Big Spring Herald. To contact him, call the life! desk at 263-7331 and leave a message, or e-mail to: jkwalker@ccrc.com.net with "life! section" in the subject line.

Change in popular song lyrics reflects culture change

QUESTION: Can you illustrate your concerns about the lyrics of contemporary teen music, especially as it relates to attitudes toward parents? DR. DOBSON: It might be helpful to see how popular music has changed over the years. Let's go back to 1953 when the most popular song in the United States was sung by Eddie Fisher and was titled "Oh, My Papa." Here's a portion of the lyrics: "Oh, my papa, to me he was so wonderful. "Oh, my papa, to me he was so good. "No one could be so gentle and so lovable. "Oh, my papa, he always understood. "Gone are the days when he would take me on his knee. "And with a smile he'd change my tears to laughter. "Deep in my heart I miss him so today. "Oh, my papa. Qh, my papa." That sentimental song accurately reflected the way many people felt about their fathers at that time in our history. Oh sure, there were conflicts and disagreements, but family was family. When all was said and done, parents were entitled to respect and loyalty. By the time I had reached college age, things were starting to change. The subject of conflict between parents and teen-agers began to appear as a common theme in artistic creations. The movie "Rebel Without a Cause" featured a screen idol named James Dean who seethed with anger at his "old man." Marlon Brando starred in "The Wild One," another movie with rebellion as its theme. Rock 'n' roll music portrayed it, too. But what began as engaging drama turned decidedly bitter in the late '60s. Everyone in those days was talking about the "generation gap" that had erupted between young people and their parents. Teen-agers and college students vowed they'd never again trust anyone over 30, and their anger toward parents began to percolate. The Doors released a song in 1967 titled "The End," in which lead singer Jim Morrison fantasized about killing his father. In 1984, Twisted Sister released "We're Not Gonna Take It," which referred to a father as a "disgusting slob" who was "worthless and weak." Then he was blasted out the window of a second-story apartment. This theme of killing parents showed up regularly in the decade that followed. A group called Suicidal Tendencies released a recording in 1983 called "I Saw Your Mommy." Here is an excerpt of the gory lyrics: "I saw your mommy, and your mommy's dead. "I watched her as she bled, "Chewed-off toes on her chopped-off feet. See DOBSON, Page 8A



DR. JAMES DOBSON

'What Veterans Day means to me'

EDITOR'S NOTE: This essay, written by Audrey Kosh, Moss Elementary fourth grader, won the school's contest sponsored in honor of Veteran's Day last week. Veteran's Day means to me a time to remember the people who served in wars so we can have the freedom we have, to respect and to honor those people who died for us and also to honor the ones who are still alive. We should respect the ones who died for us, so that we would not be ruled by another country.

Veteran's Day also means freedom. We have the freedom we have because people fought and died in wars. Freedom means choice. We have the choice of what food we eat, and what clothes we wear. We also have the freedom to learn and to go to whatever school we want and to request what teacher we want. Also, we don't have slavery because we have freedom. We should honor the people who served in wars and were lucky because they did not die. Many grandpas, uncles,

great-uncles and great-grandpas have served in wars. Many of us are related to one person who served in a war. If you have not done so, thank him or her for serving in a war. As you enjoy the freedoms we have in the United States, remember those that sacrificed their lives. Without these people, we would not be free to make the many choices that we are allowed to make for ourselves. Our lives would be a lot different if not for our veterans.

Laid back art

Columnist plans reclining 'performance'

AUSTIN (AP) — Definitions of performance art may vary, but newspaper columnist John Kelso knows it when he leans back in it. Kelso hopes 100 men will join him — in reclining chairs — on Austin's main downtown bridge during the Texas-Texas A&M football game Nov. 26. It's part of "The Remote," which the Austin American-Statesman's humor columnist calls a "male statement performance arts piece" he conceived after a group of women performed a dance on the same Congress Avenue Bridge earlier this year. "This is the kind of thing pop artist Christo would do if he watched 'Monday Night Football,'" Kelso wrote recently. Although the actual piece is still in the works — a choreographer is scripting it and a casting call has gone out — Kelso said the message is straightforward. "It's stuff relating to the importance of men sitting on their butts all day watching football on television," he said. "We've got T-shirts with our motto: We're here. We're changing channels. We're watching ESPN. Get used to it." In a column published

Sunday, Kelso said he has a core group of about 15 to 20 dancers, actors and football fans who will work with choreographer Andrew Long of the Johnson/Long Dance Co. on the critical moves. However, he's looking for 80 or more volunteers. "We want 100 guys in recliners to make a real big artistic splash," he wrote. "No artistic skills are necessary, unless you consider being sucked to the furniture by gravity a skill." When the big day arrives, he's promising to have big-screen televisions, tuned to the Longhorns-Aggies game, located in the newspaper's parking lot near the bridge, with a brief intermission for the actual performance on the bridge, which will be closed to traffic. There may even be a slightly higher purpose to it all. Kelso said one of his columns brought an e-mail from a college student who said he faced a class requirement to get involved in an arts project. "He wanted to know if I'd write a letter to his professor," Kelso said. "I said I would — if he'd bring over a recliner." And the point of it all? The artistic essence? "A few cheap laughs," the columnist said.

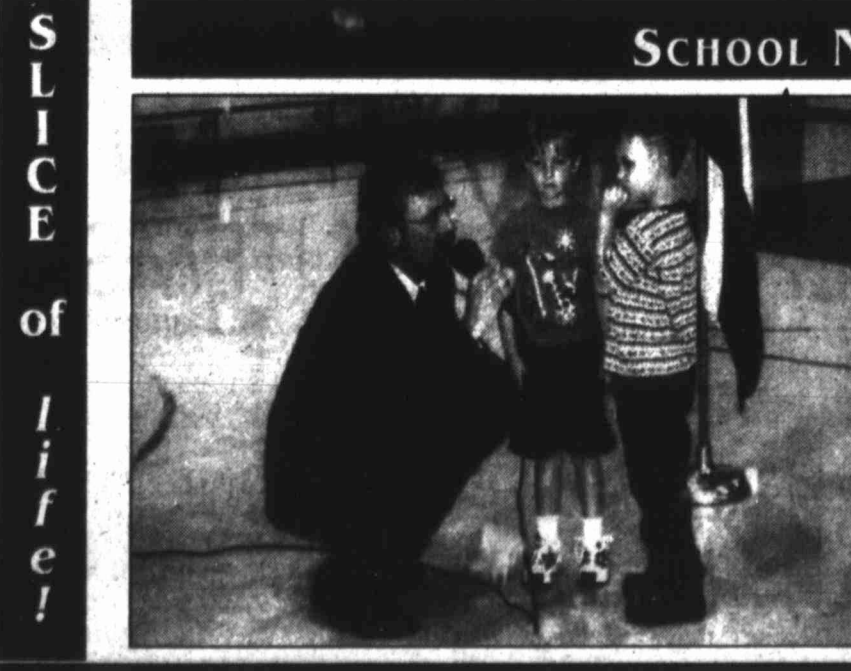
FILM REVIEW

The latest film from Atom Egoyan, who scored Academy Award nominations two years ago for writing and directing "The Sweet Hereafter," could be called "The Deadly Present." How can that be, you may ask, especially given the lilting purr of an English Midlands accent affected by the movie's star, Bob Hoskins, in uncharacteristically courtly form? It's Egoyan's way to address potentially sensationalistic material indirectly, even obliquely, to catch the audience off-guard. The result — "Felicia's Journey" — is perhaps the quietest film ever

made about a serial killer, though no less unnerving. Those in search of emotional signposts may resist Egoyan's method, a reflection of his refusal in "The Sweet Hereafter" to play that film's topic — a community torn apart by a schoolbus crash — for cheap sentimentality. At heart, Egoyan's style is one of a clinician whose apparent cool sometimes leaves viewers wondering whether he has a heart. But there's something to be said for this director's stealth, which keeps its distance from emotions that other filmmakers would quickly wal-

low in. Like "The Sweet Hereafter," which was drawn from a Russell Banks novel, "Felicia's Journey" has a literary source in the fiction of William Trevor. And, unusual for the movies, this film is in essence what in the theater is called a "two-hander" — a duet turned face-off between putative friends who end up potentially murderous adversaries. At the start, there's little to suggest the intentions of Hoskins' character, Joseph

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SCHOOL NEWS

At Elbow Elementary School last week, local veteran Charlie Lewis spoke to kids as part of their Veterans Day program. Talking with Lewis here are Spencer Wells and Tanner Bailey. Other parts of the program include a display of military items.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

BIG SPRING FESTIVAL OF Lights needs donations of bread wrapper ties and trash bag ties to use in creating the lighted holiday display in Comanche Trail Park. Donors can take the ties to 611 Runnels at McDonald Realty, or 911 Scurry, Apt. 3, or call 263-4607 for more information.

THE AREA AGENCY ON Aging Ombudsman Program will begin a new training session to train volunteer ombudsmen to visit residents in Big Spring nursing homes. The training will begin after Jan. 1. Please call 800-491-4636 for more information.

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SPORTS EXTRA

SCHEDULED PLAYERS

Table with columns for Division I, Division II, and Division III, listing various sports teams and their schedules.

NET STANDINGS

Table showing American Conference and National Conference standings with columns for W, L, T, Pct., PP, and PA.

WOMEN'S TOP 25

Table listing the top 25 women's college basketball teams with columns for rank, team name, and record.

Kentucky tops Penn in Preseason NIT

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — It's been a familiar story for Kentucky in the 1990s: Win a tournament game, advance and face Utah.

NCAA tournament. The Wildcats eliminated the Utes in the second round in 1993, the third round in 1996 and the regional finals in 1997.

"They're very physical, very strong, and always well-coached."

NBA

Continued from page 1B Charlotte past Dallas. The Hornets, winless in four games on the road, improved to 5-0 at home.

Kevin Garnett scored 23 points and tied a franchise record with 20 rebounds for the Timberwolves.

The Bulls in Phoenix for the second time in six years. Elton Brand scored 19 for the Bulls, who are 0-4 on the road and 1-7 overall.

Clippers 89, Timberwolves 85

Lamar Odom scored 13 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter as Los Angeles won at Minnesota.

Penny Hardaway and Tom Gugliotta each scored 18 points as Phoenix snapped a three-game losing streak.

The Sonics committed two shot-clock violations in the final 90 seconds and nearly squandered a 12-point lead down the stretch.

INVITATIONAL

Continued from page 1B Maidens, the team Loter believes has to be considered the favorite in District 5-4A.

opener, turning their pressure defense and a halfcourt zone trap into a 22-0 run that broke the game open.

"I made some substitutions and we lost the chemistry," Loter said of the Lady Steers' inability to continue their third-quarter rout against the Lady Lobos.

PLAYOFFS

Continued from page 1B starter on both offense and defense returning from their 1998 team.

offenses, but Barnett maintains that defenses win championships, not offenses.

against a good team that wouldn't quit coming at us."

TOP 25 - BASKETBALL

Table listing the top 25 men's college basketball teams with columns for rank, team name, and record.

RODIO LEADERS

Table listing rodeo leaders with columns for name, event, and score.

TRANSACTIONS

Table listing various sports transactions and transfers.

TOP 25 - FOOTBALL

Table listing the top 25 college football teams with columns for rank, team name, and record.

PRESEASON NIT

Table listing Preseason NIT games and results.

BASEBALL

Table listing baseball transactions and news.

Tour offers new award in Stewart's honor January. It will be presented each year during the season-ending Tour Championship.

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FISHING. Here is the weekly fish by the Texas Parks and Nov. 30. (Report also www.tlfbfishing.com) BROWNWOOD: Water Black bass are fair on Power Motors fished in are good on minnows 20 feet. Hybrid striper Catfish are fair on...

FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Nov. 10. (Report also available on Web as www.txfishing.com.)

CENTRAL: BROWNWOOD: Water stained; 68 degrees; Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits and black Power Worms fished in 2 to 10 feet. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished in 15 to 20 feet. Hybrid strippers are good on cut baits. Catfish are slow.

BUCHANAN: Water clear; 68 degrees; 1008.26; Black bass are slow to fair on topwaters and Terminator buzzbaits fished early in the upper lake and midday on motor oil/red flake Scourdes worms and Carolina-rigged Pumpkin Ring-Fly fished on points. Crappie are slow on minnows fished in 28 feet. White bass are slow to fair on Horizon Perk Minnows fished in 30 feet on channels. Striped bass are slow drifting live bait in the lower lake. Channel and blue catfish are fair on cheese and liver fished in 30 feet. Yellow catfish to 11 pounds are fair on trotlines baited with live perch.

PROCTOR: Water stained; 70 degrees; Black bass are good on spinnerbaits and black 7 worms Power Worms fished around the dam and along the northeast shoreline. Crappie are good on minnows fished around the dam. Hybrid strippers are good on jigs and cut baits around the dam and the east bank. Catfish are slow.

SOUTH: AMISTAD: Water fairly clear; 68-72 degrees; Black bass are slow on topwaters and motor oil Texas-rigged worms fished along the edge of the hydrilla. Crappie are slow. White bass are good on jigging spoons fished in 25 to 40 feet. Striped bass are fair on jigging spoons (fish are mixed in with the white bass). Channel and blue catfish are excellent on all kinds of live and prepared baits all over the reservoir. Yellow catfish are slow.

WEST: ALAN HENRY: Water clear; 67 degrees; No fishing report available.

ARROWHEAD: Water clear; 60 degrees; 10' low; Black bass are good on chartreuse spinnerbaits fished on the west end of the dam and on points and creek channels in the state park. Crappie are good on small minnows fished in 12 to 14 feet near the derricks and docks in the state park. White bass are poor on minnows and jigs. Channel and blue catfish are good on jugging spoons with goldfish, chicken livers and nightcrawlers. Yellow catfish to 56 pounds are good on trotlines baited with gold fish and perch on the south end of the lake. The only accessible boat ramp is in the state park.

BRADY: Water stained; 72 degrees; 17' low; Black bass to 9 pounds are excellent on crankbaits fished on the edge of the river channel. Crappie are fair on minnows fished at night under lights around the minnow in 10 to 12 feet. White bass are good on Power Worms fished on the edge of the river channel on 10 to 12 feet. Blue and channel catfish to 10 pounds are excellent on cut shad fished on the channel drop in 10 to 12 feet. Yellow catfish to 26 pounds are good on trotlines baited with cut shad.

COLORADO CITY: Water slightly stained; 68 degrees; 13.5' low; Black bass are poor on minnows and spinnerbaits. White bass are good on minnows and jigs. Channel catfish are good on shrimp. Red fish are poor on shrimp and shad.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water stained; 70 degrees; 16.5' low; Black bass are poor on spinnerbaits and minnows fished in 4 to 5 feet. Crappie are good on small minnows and white jigs fished in 10 feet on the east side of the dam. Sand bass are good on minnows and jigs fished in 7 to 8 feet. Hybrid strippers are good on shad, perch and chicken liver fished in 3 to 6 feet. Blue catfish are fair on shad and perch fished in 3 to 5 feet. Yellow catfish to 17 pounds are fair on trotlines baited with perch, carp and shad.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water slightly stained; 68 degrees; 7.5' low; Black bass are good on buzzbaits fished around duckweed. Crappie are good on small minnows and jigs fished in 7 to 8 feet around brush piles. White bass are good on small spinners and minnows. No reports on hybrid strippers. No reports on channel catfish. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live bait.

KEMP: Water slightly stained; 69 degrees; 9.5' low; Black bass are poor fished in 2 to 10 feet. Sand bass are good on minnows and jigs. Crappie are poor on minnows fished in 4 to 5 feet. Striped bass are poor on jigs and sassy shad fished in 30 to 32 feet. Blue and channel catfish are good on trotlines baited with goldfish. No reports on yellow catfish.

NASWORTHY: Water stained; 65 degrees; Black bass to 9 pounds are fair on white and chartreuse spinnerbaits and crankbaits fished in the gator weed and around docks and brush piles. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows fished from crappie houses. White bass are poor on small chrome and blue Rat-L-Traps fished on Akins point. No report on redfish. Hybrid strippers are poor on shad patterned crankbaits fished under lights at night. Channel and blue catfish are fair on chicken livers in the hot water slaw fished at night. Yellow catfish are fair on dropbaits baited with perch.

NOODNA: Water stained; 70 degrees; 6' low; Black bass are fair on chrome crank baits and top water fished around docks and brush piles. Crappie are good on minnows fished in 10 to 15 feet. White bass and hybrid strippers are fair on shad and chartreuse jigs fished in 15 to 20 feet. Channel and blue catfish are good on shad and nightcrawlers fished in 18 to 20 feet. Yellow catfish are slow.

OAK CREEK: Water clear; 66 degrees; 14.5' low; Black bass to 9.4 pounds are excellent on plastic perch, top waters and Rooster tails fished on top to 10 feet. White bass are poor on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 15 feet. Crappie are poor on minnows and jigs fished in 6 to 15 feet. Blue and channel catfish are good on stink bait, cut bait, gold fish, minnows, liver and worms fished in 5 to 15 feet. Yellow catfish to 37 pounds are excellent on goldfish, liver, minnows, stink bait, carp and cut bait fished in 12 to 14 feet.

O.H. VIE: Water clear; 65 degrees; 13.5' low; Black bass to 8 pounds are fair on chrome Rat-L-Traps fished around the grass and on worms and jigs fished in 15 feet. Crappie are poor on minnows and slabs fished at night under lights along the river channel in 25 feet. White bass are fair on minnows, jigs and jigging spoons at night under lights fished along river channels in 25 to 30 feet. Catfish to 30 pounds are good on jugging spoons baited with live bait fished up the rivers.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water stained; 64 degrees; 7.5' low; Black bass are fair on spinners and Pop-R's early and on Power worms fished in 5 to 10 feet later in the day. White bass are poor on minnows fished in 10 to 20 feet. Striped bass to 18 pounds are excellent on live shad fished in 20 to 40 feet. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 20 feet. Blue catfish are good on cut shad fished in 10 to 30 feet. Yellow catfish are poor on perch fished in 20 to 30 feet.

SPENCE: Water slightly stained; 68 degrees; Black bass are good on top waters and crankbaits fished on flats near structure. White bass are good on small crankbaits and minnows fished on sand bank. Crappie are good on minnows and white jigs with pink heads fished near rock bluffs and rock points with trees. Striped bass are good on cut shad fished in 20 to 22 feet near the gravel pit. Channel and blue catfish are good on minnows and stink bait fished in Cadix cove in 10 feet. No report on yellow catfish.

STAMFORD: Water slightly stained; 69 degrees; 13' low; Black bass are good on minnows fished shallow. Crappie are poor on minnows and jigs fishing the shoreline near structure in 4 to 8 feet. No report on white bass. Yellow catfish to 20 pounds are fair on trotlines baited with live bait. Channel catfish are good on punch bait and cheese-bait fished in 5 to 8 feet. Blue catfish are good on trotlines baited with cut shad fished in 3 to 4 feet.

SWEETWATER: Water slightly stained; 66 degrees; 11' low; Black bass to 8 pounds are good on Rat-L-Traps and jigs fished in 3 to 5 feet. No report on crappie. White bass are fair on Little Georges trolling in 20 feet. Blue and channel catfish to 15 pounds are excellent on minnows and worms fished in 5 to 6 feet. No reports on yellow catfish.

TWIN BUTTES: Water stained; 64 degrees; No report on yellow catfish.

WHITE RIVER: No report available.

Especially for kids and their families
The Mini Page

By BETTY DEBNAM

A State That Likes to Vote First
New Hampshire

Hello, New Hampshire! We will be hearing a lot about this state in the months to come, and that is just what the folks there have in mind.

New Hampshire is especially proud of the role it plays in selecting the president of the United States. It prides itself on being the first state to hold presidential primaries. A primary is an election where political party members (such as Democrats or Republicans) choose a candidate to run in the upcoming general election.

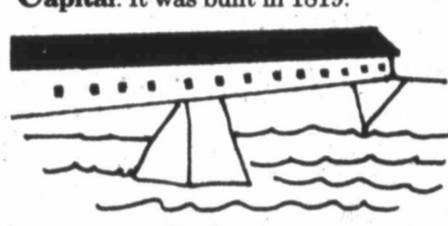
New Hampshire is a small state that makes a big difference. At its widest point from east to west, it is only 100 miles across. Its longest point is only 200 miles from north to south. Its population is just over 1 million.

The Appalachian Trail and other paths offer 1,200 miles for hikers and cross-country skiers in the White Mountains.



Britrrr! The cold climate (an average of 19 F in Jan.) and snowy weather make campaigning a challenge for candidates.

The oldest Capitol building still in use in the U.S. is in Concord, the state Capital. It was built in 1819.



There are about 50 Covered bridges in the state. The longest in the country spans 470 feet across the Connecticut River.

New Hampshire waits until the other states set the dates for their primaries. Then it picks an earlier one. Pictured at the left are some of the candidates who are campaigning in New Hampshire. This time next year, on Nov. 7, voters will be going to the polls to elect our next president.

Dartmouth College, founded in 1769, is one of the oldest colleges in the U.S.

Electronics manufacturing is an important industry. Computers, machinery and scientific instruments are top products.

Forests cover about 85% of the state. **Firs** are sold for Christmas trees. Other trees such as cedar, maple and oak are valued for their wood.

The **Flume at Franconia Notch** is a great chasm, or valley, open to hikers. Its walls are 90 feet high.

Meet Theo Greenly

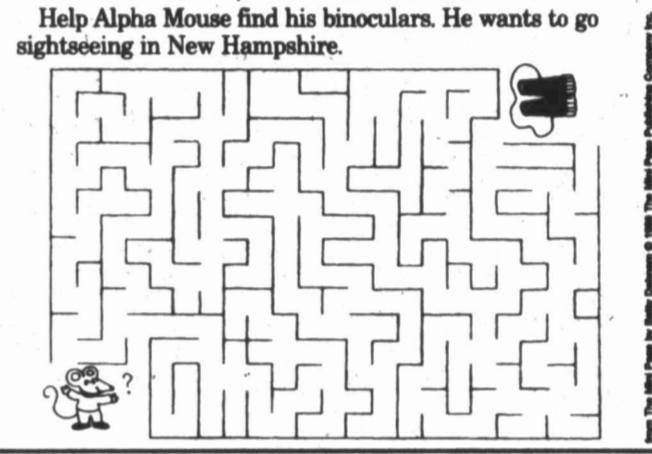
Fourteen-year-old Theo Greenly is a busy actor. He has performed in commercials, TV shows, movies and plays. Last January he starred as Eliot Rifkin in the Disney TV movie "The Magic Jersey." He has performed in such movies as "Jerry McGuire" and "My Favorite Martian." He had a part in the TV show "Pauly." Theo likes a lot of sports, including snow skiing, snowboarding, skateboarding, surfing, mountain biking, baseball and basketball. He also plays the guitar and drums.

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MAZE



Rookie Cookie's Recipe
Maple Syrup Pie

New Hampshire is a supplier of maple syrup. You'll need: 2 eggs, beaten; 1 cup brown sugar; 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour; 1 cup maple syrup; 2 tablespoons butter, melted; 1 teaspoon vanilla; 1/2 cup nuts, chopped; pinch of salt; 1 unbaked pie shell. What to do: 1. Combine first three ingredients in a large bowl. Mix well. 2. Add remaining ingredients. Mix well. 3. Pour into pie shell. 4. Bake in a preheated 400-degree oven for 35 to 40 minutes.

Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy is giving a speech at a New Hampshire political rally. See if you can find: candle, football, number 8, ice skate, high heel, lima bean, firecracker, ant, leaf, toothbrush, paintbrush, tennis ball, word MINI.

NEW HAMPSHIRE FIND

Words that remind us of New Hampshire are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: VOTING, PRESIDENTIAL, SMALL, RIVERS, POPULATION, CONCORD, MOUNTAINS, DAIRY, MAPLE, COMPUTERS, FORESTS, SKIING, GRANITE, LAKES, LILAC, SEA. LAITNEDISERPAOC, EETINARGSMALLPO, AESFNMOUNTAINSM, MAPLEGVOTINGDLP, SKIINGHQLWFKAIU, SREVIJRXXAGMILT, CONCORDRZKMHRAE, LSTSEROFUBJEYCR, NOITALUPOP MVSCS.

More About New Hampshire

The Granite State has provided the granite for many important buildings. Hampshire County in England is where the state got its name. New Hampshire was one of the 13 original colonies. It was the first colony to claim Independence from England, in 1776. The John Paul Jones house in Portsmouth is a tourist spot. John Paul Jones was the Revolutionary War naval hero who refused to surrender to the British, saying, "I have not yet begun to fight." Kids have fun learning at the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium in Concord or the Science Center in Holderness. The Purple Finch is the state bird. The Purple Lilac is the state flower. Quiet New Hampshire towns are so beautiful in the winter, they've been models for Christmas cards. Paul Revere rode to New Hampshire in 1774 to warn the colonists about British troops. The Zimmerman House in Laconia was designed by famous architect Frank Lloyd Wright.

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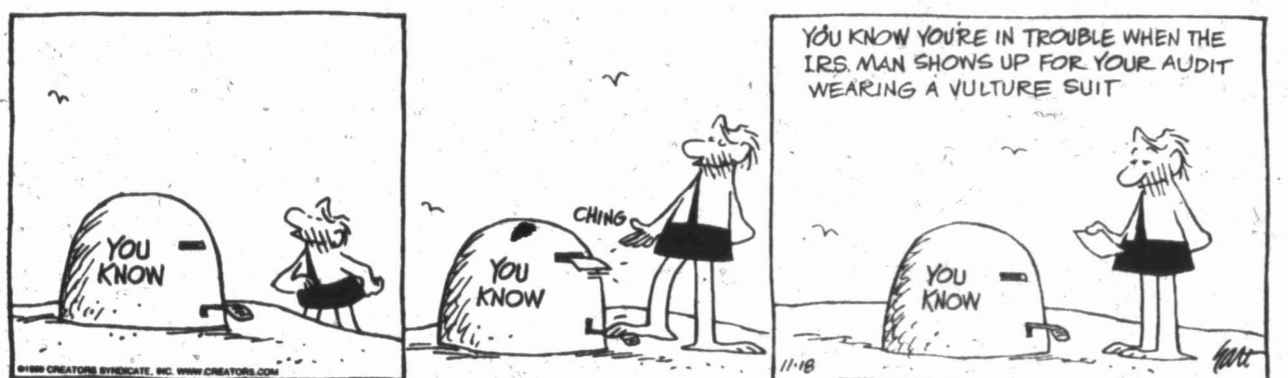
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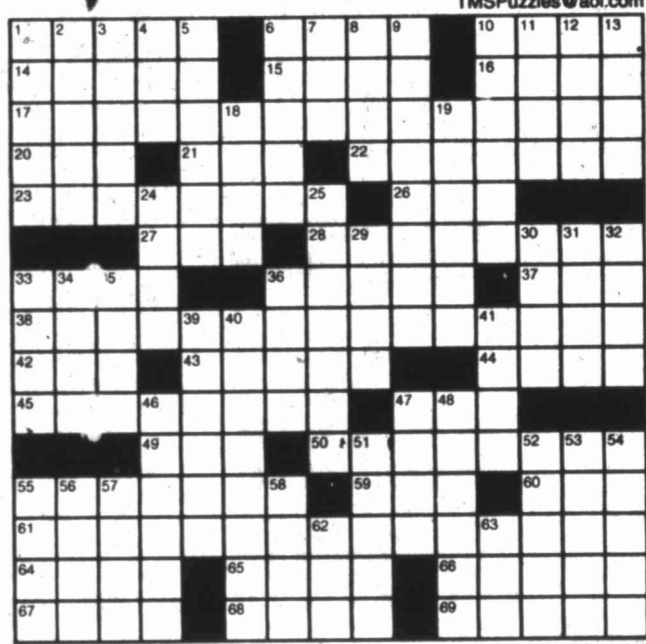
The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Thursday, Nov. 18, the 322nd day of 1999. There are 43 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 18, 1949, Jackie Robinson of the Brooklyn Dodgers was named the National League's Most Valuable Player. On this date: In 1820, U.S. Navy Capt. Nathaniel B. Palmer discovered the frozen continent of Antarctica.

In 1883, the United States and Canada adopted a system of Standard Time zones. In 1886, the 21st president of the United States, Chester A. Arthur, died in New York at age 56. In 1899, music conductor Eugene Ormandy was born in Budapest, Hungary. In 1928, the first successful sound-synchronized animated cartoon, Walt Disney's 'Steamboat Willie,' starring Mickey Mouse, premiered in New York. In 1936, Germany and Italy recognized the Spanish government of Francisco Franco. In 1959, 'Ben-Hur,' the Biblical-era movie spectacle starring Charlton Heston, had its world premiere in New York. In 1969, financier-diplomat Joseph P. Kennedy died in Hyannis Port, Mass., at age 81. In 1978, California Congressman Leo J. Ryan and four other people were killed in Jonestown, Guyana, by members of the Peoples Temple; the killings were followed by a night of mass murder and suicide among 912 cult members. In 1987, the congressional Iran-Contra committees issued their final report, saying President Reagan bore 'ultimate responsibility' for wrongdoing by his aides. Ten years ago: Longshoreman Buck Helm died at a hospital in Oakland, almost a month after he was pulled from a section of the Nimitz Freeway flattened by the northern California earthquake. Five years ago: Fifteen people were killed and more than 150 wounded when Palestinian police opened fire on rioting worshippers outside a mosque in the Gaza Strip. The Commerce Department reported that America's trade deficit worsened to \$10.13 billion in September. Bandleader Cab Calloway died in Hockessin, Del., at age 86. One year ago: House Republicans endorsed Bob Livingston of Louisiana as their next speaker, succeeding Newt Gingrich. However, Livingston resigned from the House before he could take over the speakership after admitting to marital infidelities.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By James E. Buell Fort Washington, MD 11/18/99

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Today's Birthdays: Actress-comedian Imogene Coca is 91. Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, is 76. Actor Brad Sullivan is 68. Singer Hank Ballard is 63. Actress Brenda Vaccaro is 60. Actress Linda Evans is 57. Actress Susan Sullivan is 55. Country singer Jacky Ward is 53. Actor Jameson Parker is 52. Singer Kim Wilde is 39.