

THURSDAY

October 19, 2000

WEATHER

Tonight:



PARTLY CLOUDY

TONIGHT 54°-56° **FRIDAY** 70°-74°

American Legion to hold fish fry, auction Saturday

American Legion Post 506 will hold a fish fry on Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80. The cost is \$6 a plate. Carry out and delivery are available.

An auction will follow the fish fry, beginning about 4 p.m. Donations of items to be auctioned are being accepted. The proceeds of both the fish fry and auction will go toward making needed repairs to the post home. Call 263-2084 for more information.

Games, music, cookoff planned to benefit girl

A benefit for 6-year-old cancer victim Ashley Cooper from Colorado City is planned Saturday at Mel's Catch of the Day Fish Market.

A dart and horseshoe tournament, cakewalk and door prizes are planned, along with live music from 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Chili and bean cookoffs for four-person teams require a \$10 entry fee; cooking starts at 1 p.m. with judging at 6 p.m.

Proceeds from the event, which is co-sponsored by the Ice House, will go to the Cooper family.

WHAT'S UP...

- TODAY**
- Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, 5:30 p.m., RSVP offices, 501 Runnels.
 - American Legion Post 506, 6 p.m.
 - Rackley-Swords, Chapter 379, Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m.
 - Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

- FRIDAY**
- The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
 - AMBUCS, noon, La Posada.
 - Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

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MHMR state leaders visiting Big Spring State Hospital today

By VALERIE AVERY
Herald Correspondent

Texas Department of Mental Health Mental Retardation leaders are visiting the Big Spring State Hospital campus today to review the state hospital's year-end reports.

Kenny Dudley, Texas Department of MHMR director and Peggy Perry, assistant director of mental health facilities, are leading the day-long



CLARK

meeting in the Professional Library Conference Room.

The session in an opportunity for citizens served by Big Spring State Hospital to address the governing body.

The twice-yearly visit to one of eight state hospitals gives Austin administrators a glimpse into day-to-day operations at the hospital and helps facility leaders evaluate planning initiatives compared to state-wide efforts.

"We will tell them what our current needs are and what the status of our operations are," said Marilyn Clark, Big Spring State Hospital director of quality oversight. "They

are able to give us feedback and we appreciate that."

Big Spring State Hospital CEO Ed Moughon will give the hospital's status report for the close of fiscal year 2000 and his team of administrators will work with Austin leaders on the hospital's planning initiatives for 001 and 2002.

Big Spring State Hospital expanded its service area from 56 to 78 counties in 2000 and the addition of counties caused an increase in the number of adolescents seen at the 202-bed hospital. Previously, 18 beds were allocated for adolescents, ages 10 to 18, but the hospital has increased services in this area to 23

beds and made minor reductions in the number of beds in other areas of the hospital, Clark said.

"There are limited resources within the community for the mentally ill youth," Moughon said. "We expanded our catchment area during the past year and we're seeing an increased need for youth beds."

At the end of FY 2000 in August, Big Spring State Hospital cared for 137 adolescents, up from 124 in FY 1999. The big jump was from 96 patients in FY 1998.

"We just feel as if we needed to redistribute our bed allocations to

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Katherine Sturtz leads her class of 3-year-olds in nursery rhymes at the Howard College Day Care center this morning. The class recited Humpty Dumpty, the Itzy Bitzy Spider and Twinkle Twinkle Little Star.

24th Arts and Crafts Festival set this weekend at Garrett Coliseum

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Crafts, decorations, holiday ornaments and more will be available at the 24th Big Spring Arts and Crafts Festival, scheduled this weekend at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.



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Each year, artists and crafters come from throughout the Southwest and fill the main arena, concourse, foyer and east room with original art and handcrafted items.

As in the past, there will be no admission charge for the two-day event that will held from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Mel Prather, organizer for the event, said the show will feature a number of newcomers and expanded categories.

"Some of the new or first-time exhibitor items are the metal art and different types of candles and candle holders," said Prather. "These items have really gained popularity."

"Some of the other items are unfinished hardwood tables, nightstands, plant lamps, wood crafts, tote painting, seasonal decorations, embroidery, advent calendars, porcelain dolls and crochet crafts."

Also new are those with herbal heat packs, soft sculpture, fountains, Barbie clothes, clay pot reindeer, painted tins, ceramics, lanterns, welcome signs, clay pot creations, wood baskets, painted signs,

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Coats for Kids drive to begin at crafts fair

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

A Coats for Kids program will be kicked off Saturday and Sunday at the Big Spring Arts and Crafts Festival, held at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Plans were recently announced to expand the existing programs to provide Howard County's children coats for the upcoming winter.

Mel Prather, one of the founders of the Coats for Kids drive, hopes the public will respond with as

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No merit

Assault case filed against Sheriff Jennings dropped

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

A Class A assault charge against Howard County Sheriff Bill Jennings has been dismissed, according to Municipal Judge Timothy Green.

"I received the letter stating the city attorney had dropped any formal charges due to lack of evidence," said Green. "There was just not enough evidence for the state to pursue the case."

The charge was filed on Oct. 5 by Sussie Albaraco on behalf of her 12-year-old son, who was performing community service at the Howard County Courthouse.

The report, filed at the Big Spring Police station a week after the alleged incident, accused Jennings of grabbing the boy's arm causing a bruise and contusions. The report also claimed that the individual was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center where he was treated and released.

Sheriff Jennings was relieved to hear the city attorney's decision.



JENNINGS

GREEN

"I am relieved that the case was dismissed," said Jennings. "I knew all along that the allegations did not have the merit to stand up."

Green said that he reviewed the letter sent to him by Big Spring City Attorney Gene Shotts. He then forwarded a copy of the letter by regular mail to Albaraco on Monday.

When Albaraco was contacted Wednesday evening, she said she had still not received any letter sent by Judge Green.

Green said that a copy of the letter was not mailed out to Jennings.

Calls by the Herald to Shotts' office in Lubbock have not been returned.

Green turned the case over to Shotts after the incident was filed in Municipal Court.

Grand jury declines to indict Delacruz in stabbing death

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

A 118th District Court grand jury on Wednesday declined to indict 52-year-old Raymond Delacruz of Big Spring in the stabbing death of 33-year-old man.

According to police reports, Delacruz allegedly stabbed 33-year-old George Rodriguez in abdomen at a residence in the 200 block of

Third Street on the night of Aug. 16. The apparent weapon, a steak knife, was recovered at the scene.

Witnesses told police that an intoxicated Rodriguez came to Delacruz's residence and instigated a fight. They said Rodriguez produced a weapon. It was during the altercation that Delacruz allegedly stabbed Rodriguez, they said.

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Energas employees were replacing a 50-year-old natural gas pipe that had developed a small leak in the 100 block of Lincoln this morning. Senior construction operator Pete Garcia balances the pipe as it is lifted up from the ditch.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

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OBITUARIES

Clara Jones Johnson

Graveside service for Clara Jones Johnson, 92, Beaumont, formerly of Big Spring, will be 1:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, 2000, at Mt. Olive Cemetery under the direction of Broussard's Mortuary Beaumont.

A native of Big Spring, she lived in Beaumont since 1985.

She is survived by her daughter, Martha Hanna West of San Rayburn, three grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 2949, Big Spring, 79720.

Ruth Conway

Ruth Conway, 85, of Big Spring, died on Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2000, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 20, 2000, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Jeremiah McCarthy, pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, officiating.

She was born on July 4, 1915, in Scurry County and married Tom Conway on Oct. 12, 1947, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Sept. 16, 1996.

Mrs. Conway was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, where she was a member of the Altar Society. She was a member of Clarendon Chapter No. 6, Order of the Eastern Star, the AARP and the Bridge Club. She served in the Women's Auxiliary Army Air Corps during World War II.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Patsy Conway of Troy, Ill.; her grandchildren, Lauren Conway and Thomas Conway, both of Troy, Ill., two sisters, Fern Durham of Big Spring and Marie Patterson of Houston, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church Altar Society, 1009 Hearn, Big Spring, 79720.

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

Ora Ashinhurst

Funeral service for Ora "Granny" Ashinhurst, 87, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. She died Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2000.

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Ora "Granny" Ashinhurst, 87, died Wednesday. Graveside services will be 11:00 AM Saturday at College Park Church of God. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park.

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Winners named in Hangar 25 flag contest

HERALD Staff Report

Chelsea Shults, a student at Forsan High School, took first place and a \$100 savings bond in the Hangar 25 Air Museum flag design contest.

Winners were announced Wednesday.

Second place and a \$50 savings bond went to James Clark, a student at Big Spring Junior High. Louis Silva, a sixth grader at Goliad, won third place and a \$25 savings bond.

The three will be recognized at Hangar 25 on Tuesday at 10 a.m.

"It was a difficult decision to select the three best," said Bob Underwood, a member of the flag design committee. "All the entries were of a high quality and showed much creativity."

The contest drew 80 entries, which are currently on display in the museum.

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take care of the adolescent patients," he said.

Big Spring State Hospital and all other state hospitals are coming for more aggressive youth, Moughon said. "We will report on the fact that we're seeing more aggressive youth and the possibility of the need for a specialized program to address those adolescents."

Governing body members also will review the newly revised funding formula for community-based mental health centers. Mental health centers are given a certain amount of money to spend on the care of the patients they refer to all state hospitals.

Prior to the change, community mental health centers were allocated a certain number of days their patients could stay at state hospitals.

The change gives the state a more accurate accounting of the services that the community mental health services use at state hospitals, said Jek Simmons, Big Spring State Hospital director of operations.

In addition to Dudley and Perry's presence, other attendees from the Austin TDHHR office are Sharon Hunter, director of support services; Don Vaughan, director of administrative oversight; Stephanie Ryan, revenue enhancement; Bill Manlove, quality management; Oversight Management Data Services; and Dr. Nina Muse, associate medical director.

Big Spring State Hospital serves patients in an area that extends from the Panhandle and West Texas.

FESTIVAL

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paper plate holders, crochet hemp accessories, wooden frogs, cotton clothing, quilts, fabric quilted wall hangings, homemade soaps, baby quilts, wood shelves and quilt racks, children's toys, hat racks, cup racks, rocking horses, paper towel

holders, afghans, sports quilts, school quilts, jar candles, broomstick skirts and vests, gourd art, painted canvas, stained gourds, wood crosses and finished furniture.

Also among the 170 vendors will be those showing a wide assortment of items, including "grandma" shirts, floral wreaths, wood wreaths, painted wood decorations, stained glass, glass lamps, wood crates, birdhouses, mosaic tiled concrete items, cloth dolls, wood dolls, baby quilts, animals made with rabbit fur, silver jewelry, photography, handthrown pottery, original art, framed prints, framed wallpaper, quilt racks, cap racks, bookcases and country crafts.

"Come on out and get some of your Christmas shopping done all in one location," said Prather. "There will be a lot of different vendors with Christmas ornaments and wreaths as well as outdoor Christmas decorations. There will be a little of something for everyone as well as some delicious food booths for those who are hungry."

COATS

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many coats as possible as they have in the past.

"We hope to add to the existing programs to ensure that the youth of Big Spring and Howard County don't have to spend a winter without a coat," said Prather. "Our plans are to gather up as many coats as possible and then contact schools, churches and social organizations to determine where they are needed the most."

Prather acknowledged programs already in place by groups such as the Salvation Army and others but said he wants to expand on those efforts.

"I feel like we're missing a fairly large number of children each year," said Prather. "By going through the schools, we can find out from teachers which children attend class and events without a coat."

"The teachers, in turn, can notify us, tell us the sex and age of the children in their class that do not have coats and we can provide them with the necessary sizes. Since colder and larger children also get cold during this time of the year, we'll need coats of all sizes."

Anyone who would like to donate coats to the program can begin by taking them to the Big Spring Arts and Crafts Festival this weekend. There will be an area by the information booth on the ramp set up for this purpose.

Another effort will be undertaken at the "Tower of Terror" spook house at the Settles Building and the Heart of the City Park Festival next weekend. Parents and others with extra or outgrown coats are asked to drop those off at these two locations.

Coats can also be left at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Third and Gregg, during the week. These coats will then be taken to a local dry cleaner before being made available to area youth.

"I feel like a number of efforts are under way to put coats on the back of our

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

children during the winter, but I think we need to do more," said Prather. "Through the Coats for Kids program, we hope to be able to enhance those efforts."

Those wishing to make a monetary donation to the program are asked to mail them to Coats for Kids, P.O. Box 3184, Big Spring, 79721.

TEXAS LOTTERY

Pick 3: 1,1,3

Lotto: 33,35,22,13,11,52

Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Wednesday through 8 a.m. today:

• **JOSUE JONATHAN PENA**, 19, of 411 Alysford, was arrested on a charge of forgery. (BSPD)

• **MARIE VELEZ**, 25, of 1000 Goliad, was arrested on a charge of forgery. (BSPD)

• **DONALD EUGENE MCKELLUPS**, 42, of 1403 Lincoln, was arrested on a charge of theft by check. (BSPD)

• **BENNY ISLAS**, 36, of 2712 Cindy Lane, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation on a charge of driving while license suspended. (HCSSO)

• **ROSA RAMIREZ MORENO**, 51, of Waco, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended. (BSPD)

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Wednesday through 8 a.m. today:

• **FREDRICO GONZALES**, 26, of 1516 Harding, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 600 block of E. 12th.

• **BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE** was reported in the 3300 block of Fordham and in the 400 block of E. Fourth.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF TO A VEHICLE** was reported in the 600 block of S. Gregg and in the 2400 block of W. 16th.

• **CLASS A ASSAULT BY THREAT** was reported

in the 4400 block of Connally and in the 1100 block of Sycamore.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of W. Marcy, in the 1500 block of E. Fourth, in the 2300 block of Wasson and in Comanche Trail Park.

FIRE/EMS

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

WEDNESDAY
12:39 a.m. — 1200 block Mesa, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

6:07 a.m. — 3200 block Parkway, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

8:10 a.m. — SMMC, patient transferred to residence.

4:50 p.m. — 200 block E. 10th, structure fire, fire was extinguished.

6:36 p.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:42 p.m. — 500 block W. 1-20, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:55 p.m. — 1100 block Sycamore, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

9:30 p.m. — 1-20, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

10:01 p.m. — 1500 block Kentucky, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 73
Wednesday's low 51
Average high 77
Average low 49
Record high 90 in 1936
Record low 27 in 1917
Precip. Wednesday 0.00
Month to date 2.16
Year to date 12.89
Normal for the year 16.19
Sunrise Friday 7:54 a.m.
Sunset Friday 7:07 p.m.

DEATH

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Rodriguez was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center where he was pronounced dead by Justice of the Peace Marilyn Carson.

With no indictment or charges, the grand jury was dismissed by District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson.

BRIEFS

THE WIC PROGRAM THROUGH the Texas Department of Health has variable hours to accommodate those who work or go to school during the day.

The Women, Infants and Children program offers food, nutrition and child health services.

WIC is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. One Saturday each month, the office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Call the office at 263-9777, or go by 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28-B, for more information.

SUPPORT GROUPS

THURSDAY

A D.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorder, and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 302 Ventura, Midland.

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Cuba, drug-import measures headed to President Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bill sent to President Clinton would ease the decades-old embargo on Cuba, provide \$3.6 billion in aid to farmers and allow for the import of cheaper prescription drugs.

The Senate on Wednesday approved the \$78 billion agricultural spending bill 86-8 despite misgivings by many lawmakers about whether the Cuba and drug-import measures will do much good.

Clinton has agreed to sign the legislation.

The bill would allow sales of food to Cuba for the first time in about 40 years. The move is largely symbolic because the legislation bars the federal government or U.S. banks from financing the shipments. At the insistence of Cuba's critics in the House, the bill also would prevent Clinton or his successor from easing restrictions on travel to

Cuba.

"We're only taking about one step forward and three steps sideways," said Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan.

Even as the Senate neared a vote, hundreds of thousands of Cubans marched in Havana in protest of the legislation. The Communist Party daily Granma called the bill a "gross lie that the genocidal blockade has been softened."

"The hard-liners won out on the Cuba issue," said Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D. "Why should farmers not have access to that market in Cuba?"

The legislation also aims to increase sales of food and medicine to Iran, Libya, North Korea and Sudan by allowing U.S. subsidies for such exports.

Democrats said the bill's drug-import provision was so full of loopholes that it would save consumers little.

Inflation prompts boost in 2001 SS benefit checks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Retirees will get the biggest cost-of-living increase in their Social Security checks in nine years — an average of \$29 a month — beginning in January.

The cost-of-living announcement, affecting 45.2 million Americans getting Social Security checks, came Wednesday, just weeks before a hotly contested presidential election in which senior votes could make the difference in several crucial states.

The 3.5 percent boost an adjustment the Social Security Administration always announces in October — is aimed at preventing rising inflation from eroding beneficiaries' buying power.

"I'm always glad to get a raise," said retiree Robert Perry, 81, of Perinton, N.Y. "In 1996, when my Social Security card was made out, I thought I'd never live long enough to collect a dime. I've been blessed by having it."

The elderly are the segment of America most likely to vote, and of the five states with the largest percentage of people 65 and over in their populations, four — Florida, Iowa, Pennsylvania and West Virginia — are close battlegrounds in this election. Other states with large senior populations such as Arizona, Arkansas,

Michigan and Ohio are also very competitive.

Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the Republican presidential nominee, and Vice President Al Gore, the Democrat, have repeatedly clashed over Social Security. Bush proposes allowing individuals some control over how to invest their retirement funds, while Gore says that would threaten the long-term solvency of the nation's huge retirement system.

The annual adjustment is tied to the government's estimate of increases in consumer prices.

"Inflation is one of the worst enemies of the elderly," said Social Security Commissioner Kenneth Apfel. "The past eight years, which have seen low inflation rates and a strong economy, have been particularly good for the elderly."

The 3.5 percent increase was the largest since a 3.7 percent rise in 1992.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
**** Don't let your imagination lead you, but you must keep your ideals. Your unusual creativity allows you to find a path to something special. Schedule lunch with a work associate. Make after-work plans with someone. Tonight: Start the weekend in style.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
**** You might already be in weekend mode. Indulge yourself with a long lunch or an early exit from work. Others appreciate your efforts and endurance. Right now, you need to take care of No. 1 — you. Accept a partner's caring gesture. Tonight: Happiest at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
**** You might inadvertently muddle up details. You have so much to do and so many places to go! Use your ability to juggle and clear out as much as possible. Others clearly support you in a venture. Make plans for a mini-trip, or actually pack up and go. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
**** Deal with finances head-on. Though you trust another and he appears to have good intentions, he could make an error that costs you. Be careful. Maintain responsibility for

your funds, and don't take anything for granted. Talk bonus or pay raise. Tonight: Balance your checkbook, then go out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** Consider yourself the lead player in today's activities. Don't let anyone steal your thunder. A child or loved one goes out of his way for you. If single, you enter a more amorous period. Curb a tendency to make a loved one some thing he isn't. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
*** Sit back and become an observer rather than a player. Knowing what you want can make all the difference in others' responses. Confusion surrounds your workplace. Sort through what is happening. Avoid making a decision until you're sure you have all the facts. Tonight: Take a night off.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** Give 100 percent of yourself. Others clearly respond and are touched by your efforts. Join friends and make meetings. Good news comes to you from groups. Think about what you want for a situation, and go for it. Know that you aren't seeing a child or loved one clearly. Tonight: Do only what you want, and enjoy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
**** Stay on top of work. You're in charge. Accept responsibilities and reach out for someone. An opportunity knocks. Be clear with another as to how much you will invest. Stop at lunch and buy a card or do something special for a loved one. Iron out a problem. Tonight: Bring others together.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
**** You look at others from a soft point of view. Allow this vision to color your interactions, and others can't help but respond. Allow your intuition to lead you. Listen to the words that others say. You could

run with what you think they said. Tonight: Get out of town if possible.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
**** Others reach out. Discuss finances and emotional ramifications in a partnership. Don't hide from the inevitable. Deal with problems, especially financial ones, head-on. Beware of a tendency to convince yourself that everything is OK. You only hurt yourself. Tonight: Togetherness works.

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OUR VIEWS

We all benefit
from agencies'
cooperation

There was a great example in Big Spring this week of what can happen when various agencies and different levels of government work together. We hope you've heard the story.

It began back in 1993, when investigations by the Big Spring Police Department led to the discovery of a sizable drug operation. As the investigation grew, the U.S. Customs Service joined in. A number of people were arrested. Some pleaded guilty, others were tried and imprisoned. Property was also seized, including two marijuana "stash houses" in Big Spring.

This week, under the federal "Weed and Seed" program, the houses were turned over by the Department of the Treasury to the city of Big Spring. The city then presented them to the Crossroads Housing Development Corporation.

What impresses us most is the cooperation during each step of the process — from the way local and federal law officers worked together, to the relationship between the city and housing corporation.

Locally, those included the department headed up by police chief Lonnie Smith, the city with Mayor Russ McEwen and city manager Gary Fuqua and housing corporation director Paul Pryor. We'd be remiss, too if we didn't mention Big Spring Housing Authority executive director Mark Gentry, because he was the driving force behind the formation of the housing corporation.

And what of the homes? One is being sold to a handicapped individual through the Section 8 federal home ownership program. It is a pilot program for the corporation, and one which Pryor hopes can be expanded locally in the future to help other families.

The other will be used for the corporation's offices. Currently, Pryor is officed in a cubicle at the Big Spring Housing Authority. The move will allow his office to grow and add more personnel — a very positive sign.

We applaud the success and cooperation of these agencies. Through their combined efforts, two houses that were previously being used for illegal gain have been turned into something positive, and not just for a few individuals, but for the betterment of the entire community.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Help us clean up the city. Make it beautiful so that more people will love our friendly town. The people of Big Spring are the friendliest neighbors — Hog Wash!

After reading the news pertaining the refusal of a permit for Mr. Franco to better his business and make a vacant lot attractive and be an asset to the community, I have to ask "Why Not?"

Does his color not blend in with the elite and the clique that is always is closely organized in every town? I would like for the mayor to print the ordinance that he quoted in the meeting. I have always been advised that a mayor is supposed to vote in case of a tie. I cannot believe that anyone would treat a person in such a way.

I drove by the location and looked for myself. Anything built or established on that vacant lot would be a great advan-

tage.

Concerning Bebe McCasland's statement about turning the neighborhood into a patchwork quilt, "the treasured greenbelt," must refer to the golf course.

Everything I saw was dry pasture and mesquite trees. Don't touch or even come near our sacred golf course. That is for special folks.

I have served on city councils and I know how they operate. If you fit in a special group, you win. This group manages to have the right spot and whatever they want, they get.

We still have a railroad through the center of town. Which side do you live on? I will always fight for the underdog. Give the gentleman a permit and let him fulfill his dreams. For once in your life, do something nice and kind in your lives. Have compassion and love.

J. W. ABERNATHY
BIG SPRING

Who is being besieged in the Middle East?

Madeline Albright, Bill Clinton's secretary of state, has made many absurd statements in her time, but she certainly topped herself recently when she said that Israel was "besieged" by Palestinians.



CHARLIE REESE

I don't know what will be happening in the Middle East by the time you read this, but let's examine her statement.

Israel is militarily the most powerful state in the Middle East.

It is loaded to the gills with advanced weaponry. It has everything from missiles, atomic bombs and advanced fighters to helicopter gunships, tanks and armored personnel carriers.

And Albright says that Palestinian boys, dressed in shirts and trousers and tossing stones, are besieging Israel.

Who's getting killed?

Palestinians. Who's getting sent to the hospital with serious wounds? Palestinians. Whose homes are being destroyed? Palestinians. Who are the people being placed under 24-hour curfews? Palestinians.

Only a handful of Jews have died.

American politicians would serve America better if they would simply be honest. All they have to do is say, "Look, there are few Arab votes in my elections so, for my own selfish reasons, I support Israel right or wrong."

That's a lot better than blaming the victims and making the United States look absurd and hypocritical in the eyes of the world. People all around the world know the score in American politics, but it enrages them when American politicians try to cover up their vote-selling by blaming innocent people.

These Palestinians are being killed in Palestinian towns, not in Tel Aviv or Haifa. The Israeli Arabs who have been killed were likewise killed in their own neighborhoods. And sharp-

shooters have killed most of the Palestinians, according to Israeli reports in Israeli newspapers.

By definition, sharpshooters don't shoot in self-defense. Their job is to execute people. No civilized country in the world uses snipers to put down demonstrations or even riots.

Unfortunately for America, Arab satellite television has been beaming the truth about the situation on an around-the-clock basis, and the people in the Arab world know who is being killed and who is being besieged. They also know that America is acting strictly in Israel's interests. They know that while Clinton is "working the phones" to free three Israeli soldiers captured by Hezbollah, he's never made one call to free the dozens of Lebanese kidnapped and held as hostages by the Israelis. What's the difference? Domestic politics.

I don't think most Americans realize the seriousness of the present situation. One wrong move, and this thing could escalate into an all-out war. The brutal treatment of

Palestinians has had an unprecedented effect in the Arab world. A half-million people went to the streets in Morocco — a long way from the conflict, and a country generally considered pro-Israel and pro-Western. Egyptian and Saudi officials have warned Israel that if it attacks Syria, they will stand with Syria.

There is a tip point in all human affairs, and it appears that it has been reached in the Middle East. The peace process is dead. Palestinians now know that, after seven years, it will only result in an Israeli version of apartheid. Yasser Arafat's toss of the dice has come up with snake eyes.

The tragedy for Americans is that we can never provide the leadership the world needs by playing the hypocrite, condoning injustice and blaming the victims.

The blind devotion to Israel, even when Israel is wrong, is going to cost Americans. And more than just higher gasoline prices. No axiom is truer than "the friend of my enemy is my enemy."



Making fire from fragile logs

My stalwart Mississippi neighbor, Annie Louise Laxson, bought a set of gas logs. That's a little like Tiger Woods switching to Goofy Golf.

For decades Annie Louise has wrestled real logs into her small stone fireplace, not complaining and immensely enjoying the result. But this year she suffered a bad fall and has had to mend. The prospect of keeping the flame was too much.

It's a lot of hard work, after all, scouting the woods for downed trees, getting them cut and hauling them inside to dry. Her children all live far away in other states, and her grandson, who helps a lot around the place, has an out-of-town job.

Gas logs would be cleaner and effortless, the shiny brochures all said convincingly. No wood to chop, no coals to shovel. Once she made her decision, there was no turning back.

During the hot months Annie Louise studied her brochures, compared prices and asked a lot of good questions. A few days ago she finally came home with

a box holding four logs that will never burn up and that weigh no more than four woolen mittens.

They are fragile, like precious Limoges boxes shaped like logs and set atop jets of blue fire. They even come with a bag of fake coals.

While trying to find the pilot light, Annie Louise broke the log her instruction booklet called "the Middle Back Log," cracked it right across its knobby, faux-oak spine.

"I didn't touch it that hard," she said.

This might not sound like too much of a catastrophe unless you've spent months deciding on the best, waiting for the first cool spell, anticipating the artificial glow and the un-crackling fire. Unless you're Annie Louise.

She had called me down to see the new logs, including the marred Middle Back Log, still a sore point. We sat there in near darkness, which Annie Louise is prone to do anyhow, and convinced ourselves that the break made the fire look all the more realistic. (Replacement logs cost \$40.) Its white center — which looked like marshmallow goo — glowed redder than the rest.

"Think how good your Christmas stockings will look hanging above it," I said. "They won't get all sooty."

Gas logs used to be downright pathetic. You could

spot one at 30 paces. Now they are greatly improved. They look so real that you want to poke them and induce sparks, or throw your gum wrapper on top of the flame to watch the silver sliver shrivel.

They satisfy something we all need.

I know a fellow who had a San Francisco apartment with a fireplace. In the fireplace was a light bulb that lit a pile of crumpled red cellophane.

I've also seen ceramic logs with a revolving red light like the ones used to highlight aluminum Christmas trees in the 1960s. That now-you-see-it-now-you-don't fire doesn't provide much heat, but the illusion is nice.

People will go to a lot of trouble to kindle memories of the days when wood was the only way to heat. It appeals to something primal in us, something scared of being in the dark and cold again.

I didn't live through Prohibition, but I doubt that would have scared me like all the recent burning bans around here. When fall arrives, I simply have to burn something. Even if it's a brush pile.

I'm still not sure how I feel about gas logs. One thing that's missing is the fireplace sound. They should sell tapes of hissing, crackling, ambitious fires to go with the logs.

Even fragile fires should make some noise.

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HC student named statewide delegate

HERALD Staff Report

Howard College students and staff have been busy lately, following the donation of more than 60 books to the library and the election of a student to a statewide post.

Some rare first editions and a collection of magazines from the 1940s were part of a donation made to the Howard College Library recently by Mary Lou Ferguson of Ponca City, Okla. The gift is a memorial to Patrick Turner Ferguson, her late husband, who attended Howard College from 1961-63.

Turner, as he was known to friends and family, was an avid history buff, especially pertaining to Texas and the Civil War. He was the son of Jim and Edna Ferguson of Big Spring and a graduate of Big Spring High School.

The books are planned to be available for public use, and the magazines - 24 issues of "Frontier Times" from the early '40s - will not be placed in regular circulation, but will be available upon request.

Amy Christie, a Howard College dental hygiene student and president of Phi Theta Kappa, was chosen student delegate for the Texas Dental Hygiene



Amy Christie, Howard College Dental Hygiene student, has been elected to statewide office that allows her to represent her peers across Texas.

Association in Houston recently.

Christie and each of her nine competitors gave a campaign speech in front of the more than 300 gathered for the convention; when the vote was in, Christie was chosen to represent the group at the state level.

She said her focus will be on increasing awareness of the dental hygiene profession.

"I am also hoping to receive permission to have a workshop for first-year dental hygiene students for all 18 programs in Texas, and have Howard College host it," Christie said.

"We're very proud of Amy," said Dr. Robert Patterson, director of HC's dental hygiene program. Thirteen students and six faculty from HC attended the convention.

ED may occur after heart attack

After that devastating event that changed your life around, your world and your expectations, you are trying to adjust to a new way of life: eating the right kind of things, exercising properly, following cardiac rehabilitation as prescribed, living life in moderation. It has been a depressing experience, and now you have many concerns about the quality of your sex life, or will there still be a sex life after the heart attack.



DR. GUIDO TOSCANO

Erectile dysfunction, or inability to consistently achieve or sustain an erection for satisfactory sexual activity, is a common complication of either the heart attack, the associated vascular disease that initiated the heart attack (plaque build-up), the associated depressive state following a heart attack. And if you do not have erectile dysfunction, there is the fear of triggering a heart attack with intense exertion, as sexual activity may be a risk factor for sudden heart attack.

Other risk factors for erectile dysfunction include diabetes, renal disease, severe depression, endocrine abnormalities such as thyroid problems, and injuries, especially neurologic conditions or pelvic trauma, or procedures such as prostate surgery, smoking, alcohol intake, and some medications. Some studies show the effect of environmental toxins in the development of erectile dysfunction, especially metabolites of DDT, insecticide used some time ago.

Although erectile dysfunction is the most common male sexual problem, affecting more than 30 million men in the USA, it is still poorly understood. This condition is progressive and usually begins about age 40.

It is estimated that greater than 25 percent of men 65 years or older suffer from erectile dysfunction, but aging does not necessarily appear to be the cause. Common, but frequently erroneous thoughts about ED are: "It is just a normal part of aging," or "real men don't suffer from ED." Some people think "ED doesn't really affect your health so you should learn to live with it and go on with your life." "It happens to everyone once in a while so it's no big deal," or "It's all in your head, it's all your fault."

Sildenafil (VIAGRA) is a medication used to treat erectile dysfunction. Studies in patients who recently underwent cardiac catheterization while under the effect of the drug Sildenafil (Viagra) showed it to be safe when used with caution, even in patients with coronary artery disease (plaque build up in the arteries of the heart), as long as the symptoms are well controlled and you do not require nitrates for symptom control. It is well documented in the medical literature that Sildenafil may potentiate the blood pressure lowering effects of Nitroglycerine, to lead to dangerously low, potentially fatal low blood pressure (hypotension).

more than once-daily dosing.

Can I take other medications while taking Sildenafil?

Consult your physician before starting it. Because sildenafil enhances the ability of nitroglycerin to lower blood pressure, the combination of sildenafil and nitrates could cause a significant drop in blood pressure. Therefore sildenafil is contraindicated in patients taking nitrates.

What are the contraindications for Sildenafil?

Relative contraindications around cardiovascular disease, with special caution advised for patient with active coronary ischemic, heart failure, borderline low BP, and borderline low volume status. Patients under a complicated multi-drug BP regimen, and those taking drugs that prolong the half-life of sildenafil.

What else can I do to help improve or prevent this condition?

Consider the following general recommendations:

- A healthy diet, low in cholesterol will minimize your chances of developing erectile dysfunction. Some cases of ED are associated with obesity, therefore, a conscientious effort to keep your weight within normal range will allow you better chances of preventing ED, or treating it more efficiently.

- Quitting tobacco and alcohol, adequate control of stress, and prompt treatment of other medical conditions, especially those listed above as risk factors, will help in prevention and treatment of ED.

Erectile dysfunction is not a condition "you just have to live with." It is treatable. If you have concerns or questions about ED, contact your physician.

Dr. Guido Toscano is a board certified internal medicine specialist practicing at Family Medical Center of Big Spring, a division of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Send questions by e-mail to: doctor_toscano@hotmail.com, or mail to: Ask the Doctor, P.O. Box 351, Big Spring 79721.

Frequently asked questions

How long does it take to work, and how long does it last?

One hour before sexual activity. Patients may still respond to sexual stimulation up to 15 hours post-dose. But no report of prolonged, painful erections have been made (priapism).

Can a patient taking Sildenafil drink alcohol?

Alcohol is known to depress sexual function, but sildenafil does not seem to interact with it. As a general rule, alcohol should not be used while taking any medication.

Can Sildenafil be taken more than once a day?

No. Once-daily dosing was the optimal regimen observed. Complications increase dramatically with

Police outreach moves officers from patrol cars to playground

REDLANDS, Calif. (AP) — Four-year-old Angela Valdez peeked out from behind her mother, eyeing the police officers as they rolled into her neighborhood with six police cars and a SWAT bus.

Had they come again to take somebody away for something bad — drugs or guns?

No, her mother said, they came to play with her.

"She didn't believe it," Angela's mother, Sonya Valdez, said recently. "To her, the police take people away — arrest them."

But week after week, members of the Redlands Police Department came, bringing toys, games and snacks as part of a first of its kind policing program aimed at reducing crime through prevention.

"I was tired of being the bad guy," said police Chief Jim Bueermann. "I wanted a way to serve the public in a more deeply meaningful way. It had to be about more than enforcing the law and arresting people."

The weekly play dates are the latest addition to Redlands' Risked Focus Policing program, which uses statistics — compiled from school, hospital and police records — to target areas in the San Bernardino County city where residents, particularly children, have the highest exposure to drugs, gang violence, poverty, domestic instability and other factors long believed to play a role in criminal behavior.

Once the troubled neighborhoods have been identified, police offer recreation and education programs each week — organized cleanups of neighborhoods,

mini-carnivals, study groups, parenting classes — and constant friendly contact with residents.

The policing program was conceived in 1993 as an outgrowth of Community Oriented Policing, a movement that put officers on bicycles and in schools as part of a nationwide crime prevention program.

But Bueermann wanted his department to understand even better what problems communities faced.

Under his program, police officers now serve as part social worker, part housing officer and part law enforcement agent, with a dash of playmate thrown in.

The payoff, he says, has been a 50 percent drop in crime in the Valdezes' neighborhood, once high in crime, and a 36 percent drop in crime overall.

Officers say the program makes it easier to solve crimes in neighborhoods that were traditionally uncooperative.

"When there was a problem here, we'd roll in and ask questions and people would just give us blank looks. Nobody ever saw anything," said Officer Stephen Crane.

"Now when something happens, people give us

descriptions."

On a recent day, Crane attended a mini-carnival in the Valdezes' neighborhood and was challenged by the children to a potato sack race.

"They should make him use one foot or something,"

The officer agreed. But when he won the second race on one foot, the children applauded him and then tackled him.

"When I grow up I want to be a police officer," Knight said. "They help people. They have fun."

In addition to playing games, the police have turned their SWAT bus into a mobile tutorial unit where children can get help doing homework.

"They help me with my science, because I got a bad grade," said 11-year-old Antonio Valdez.

The department is a finalist for the Ford Foundation's Innovations in American Government Awards program.

But critics of the program say police may be trying to do too much. Working as an officer is one thing; serving as social worker, tutor and welfare case officer is another.

Bueermann says the key to success is changing the traditional view of policing.

"Most Americans don't live in large cities. They live in cities like Redlands and ... have the same kind of problems," he said. "We're kidding ourselves by thinking that if we put drug dogs and police officers on campus and patrol neighborhoods we are going to solve the problem."

SCHOOL NEWS



Bauer Elementary

The art of storytelling was enjoyed by Bauer Magnet Elementary School students and faculty Oct. 4 with a program featuring Joe



At far left, storyteller Joe Hayes with Bauer student Abraham Soto. At left, fair board chair Mike Moates with student Michael Booth.

Hayes. The bilingual author and storyteller shared folk tales and emphasized the importance of telling all parts of a story. Students were mesmerized as he told of a Grandiose Monster and shared an embellished rat snake experience from his childhood. Abraham Soto, pictured at left with Hayes, interpreted the story

in Spanish.

In other Bauer news, Howard County Fair Board chairman Mike Moates presented Michael Booth, Bauer Elementary student, with a portable stereo recently. Michael's name was chosen from among Big Spring school students who attended the fair this summer.

SLICE of life!

DISCOVERIES

ARGONNE, Ill. (AP) — An analysis of a lock of Ludwig van Beethoven's hair suggests lead poisoning could explain the erratic genius' lifelong ailments, his strange behavior, his death, maybe even his deafness.

The four-year analysis of the hair — apparently snipped after the composer's death at age 56 in 1827 — has turned up a concentration of lead 100 times the levels commonly found in people today, according to researchers at the Health Research Institute in suburban Chicago, where the hair was tested.

That means it is all but certain that the composer suffered from lead poisoning, also known as plumbism, the researchers said.

"It was a surprise, but it stood out like a sore thumb in the analysis," said William Walsh, director of the institute's Beethoven research project.

Scientists initially were searching for mercury, a common treatment for syphilis in Beethoven's day. The absence of mercury supports the recent consensus of scholars who believe Beethoven did not have syphilis.

In rare cases, lead poisoning causes deafness, but scientists remain unsure if that was what caused Beethoven's hearing loss.

"So that's really the million-dollar question," said William Meredith, director of the Center for Beethoven Studies at San Jose State University. He said he hopes further testing will be done on other locks of hair from the Beethoven house in Bonn, Germany, which has several strands that were taken five or more years before he died. Lead poisoning may also explain the composer's reported dramatic mood swings.

ACHIEVEMENT

Elbow Elementary kindergarten student P.J. Madrigal was awarded a \$100 savings bond for perfect attendance for the first six weeks. Shown presenting the certificate is Wells Fargo Bank representative Joel De La Garza.



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A hunter education course has been scheduled for the week of Oct. 28-29 at the Spring Area Chamber of Commerce office. Class sessions will be held for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The fee will be \$10. All persons born Sept. 1, 1971, must complete hunter education in order to hunt in Texas. Those interested in signing up for the course should call Steve Poitevien at 7033.

Quarterback C to meet Mond

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the Big Spring School Athletic Center's meeting room. Anyone interested in supporting the school's football program is invited to attend.

Lady Raiders p as third Big 1

DALLAS (AP) — Iowa State's women's basketball team beat Texas Tech on Wednesday, 67-56, to finish the season that is expected to produce another conference race.

In a poll of the 12 head coaches Wednesday, Iowa State received five of the place votes and points. Oklahoma State finished with 109 points, followed by Texas Tech with 101 points.

The rest of the son picks, in order, were Texas, Kansas, Nebraska, Kansas State, Oklahoma State and Texas A&M.

Iowa State's Welle, a 6-foot-center, was selected as the son player of the week. Welle's teammate Taylor, Oklahoma State's Stacey Dales, and Missouri's Plenetta Lassiter were also named.

Astros won't e option for Cam

HOUSTON (AP) — Caminiti's \$5.5 million option was not exercised Wednesday by Houston Astros manager Larry Dierker.

Caminiti, who was on a team last month go evaluation for fiscal dependency the final 97 game season after rupturing his wrist.

"This is my last game," Caminiti told reporters. "Unfortunately, it didn't work out. I have to look elsewhere to play baseball. Right now, I'm just worried about taking care of my family and getting in shape."

"I appreciate a great support. I've been booed out of the stadium in San Diego. They never did that. They have sent love."

Caminiti hit 10 home runs this year and becomes eligible for free agency.

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IN BRIEF

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For more information, call Steve Poitevint at 264-7033.

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Anyone interested in supporting the Steers football program is invited to attend.

Lady Raiders picked as third Big 12 race

DALLAS (AP) — Women's basketball coaches in the Big 12 Conference have named Iowa State as the team to beat during the 2000-01 season that is expected to produce another tight race.

In a poll of the league's 12 head coaches released Wednesday, Iowa State received five of 11 first-place votes and 113 poll points. Oklahoma got three first-place votes and 109 points, followed by Texas Tech with four first-place votes and 104 points.

The rest of the preseason picks, in order, were Texas, Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas State, Baylor, Oklahoma State and Texas A&M.

Iowa State's Angie Welle, a 6-foot-4 junior center, was selected by the coaches as the preseason player of the year.

Joining Welle on the preseason All-Big 12 team were teammate Megan Taylor; Oklahoma's Stacey Dales; Texas Tech's Plenette Pierson; and Missouri's Amanda Lassiter.

Astros won't exercise option for Caminiti

HOUSTON (AP) — Ken Caminiti's \$5.5 million option was declined Wednesday by the Houston Astros, who chose to give the 1996 National League MVP a \$500,000 buyout.

Caminiti, who left the team last month to undergo evaluation for chemical dependency, missed the final 97 games of the season after rupturing a tendon sheath in his right wrist.

"This is my home," Caminiti told reporters. "Unfortunately, things didn't work out here and I have to look elsewhere to play baseball. Right now, I'm just worried about taking care of my health and getting in shape."

"I appreciate all of their great support. While I've been booted out of the stadium in San Diego, Astros fans never did that to me. They have sent a lot of love."

Caminiti hit .303 in 59 games this year with 15 homers and 45 RBIs and becomes eligible for free agency.

ON THE AIR

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

5:30 p.m. — East Carolina at Louisville, FXS, Ch. 29.

PRO FOOTBALL

7:30 p.m. — Detroit Lions at Tampa Bay Buccaneers, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Cunningham not enjoying popularity as Cowboys' backup

IRVING (AP) — Randall Cunningham has been the unpopular starting quarterback fans want benched in favor of the backup enough times that he could be excused for savoring this case of role-reversal.

But he's not. Not at all. While Dallas Cowboys fans clamor for Cunningham to replace Troy Aikman — either from the opening kickoff or soon after — Cunningham is doing all he can to encourage Aikman and to avoid any controversy.

"You won't get anything like that out of me," Cunningham said. "My mindset is that I just do what I'm asked to do."

Cunningham's purpose in Dallas is as an insurance policy in case Aikman gets hurt, not in case he plays poorly. That was cemented Sunday when Aikman threw a career-worst five interceptions and Cunningham never even warmed up.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones and coach Dave Campo said benching Aikman wasn't considered, not even when the starter had four interceptions by halftime.

Cunningham's supporters point to his 1-1 record as a starter compared to 1-3 for Aikman. Cunningham's only loss was by a point on the road to Arizona, which visits Dallas this Sunday.

Back in his younger, more outspoken days, Cunningham might have popped off about not playing last week or about deserving a chance this week.

But having been the guy on the hot seat in Philadelphia and Minnesota, Cunningham understands the importance of being a good trouper and uttering the company line.

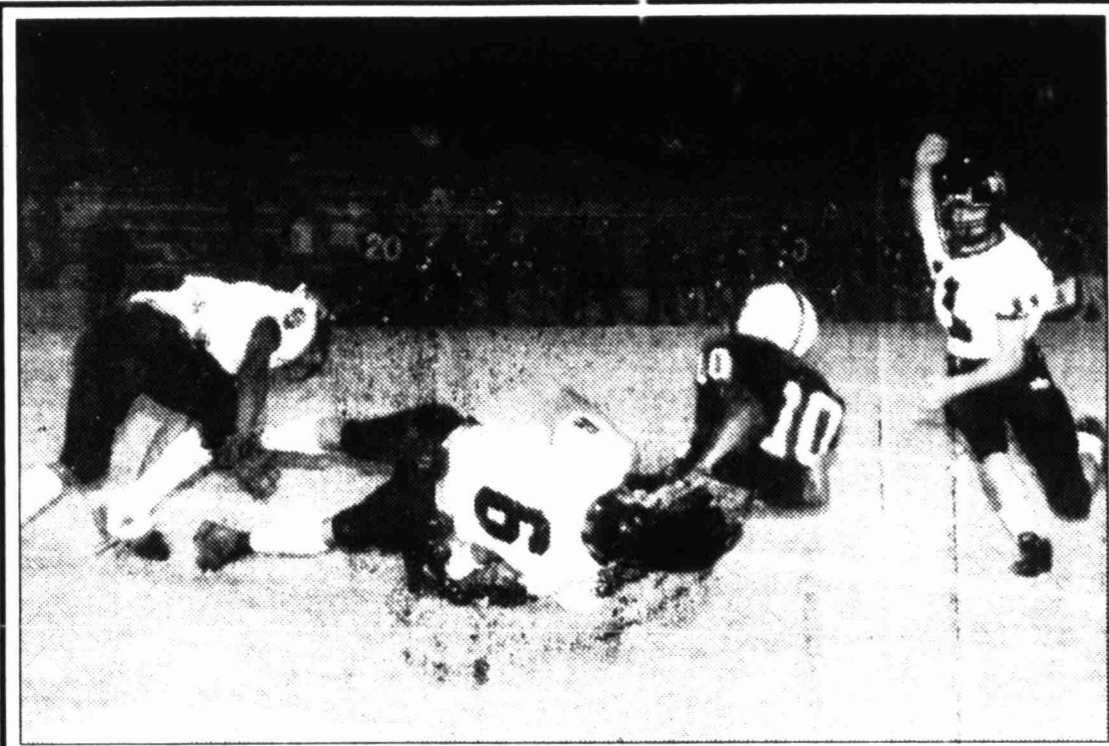
"I don't want to do anything to cause this team to take a step backward," he said Wednesday. "Don't think I don't have the drive and desire to play. It's just that I want to do what's best for the team."

Cunningham said "no comment" when asked if he thought about ask-

ing coaches to play him last week. He also said he wouldn't get into his feelings about being a relief quarterback or about how comfortable he feels in the offense.

"I'm in favor of listening to what the owner, the head coach, the people who are authorities in this locker room and this team call for," Cunningham said. "I don't really have decisions on things. I'm just continuing to stay upbeat and positive. My role is a very simple role. I don't want to make it complicated."

Cunningham's desire to avoid a quarterback quandary was a major reason he told Tampa Bay and Detroit no thanks and signed with Dallas this summer.



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler

Big Spring's Joseph Bumbulis (6) wraps up Levelland receiver Lawrence Johnson, as teammates Larry Thompson (5) and Willis Morrison (11) close in. The Steers defense had perhaps its best night of the season in the 28-7 win last week, but will be tested Friday night by Plainview's Bulldogs.

Plainview's size could be challenge for Steers

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

Challenges ... all sorts seem to present themselves in the middle of the high school football season.

That seems especially true for Big Spring's Steers, who for a second consecutive week will be on the road Friday when they take on Plainview's Bulldogs.

And as might be expected, Steers head coach Dwight Butler admits having concerns going into the 7:30 p.m. kickoff at Bulldog Stadium — none of them having to do with the 150 miles or so his team has to travel.

"We've always had to travel long distances out here, so that's not really a concern," Butler said prior to the Steers' practice sessions Tuesday afternoon. "This trip is really no different than the one we always made to Fort Stockton. The only problem is that we've got a little bit different type of athletes waiting on us once we get there."

After having matched up well in size and speed with Levelland in last week's 28-7 win, the Steers will find themselves facing a team Friday night that is nothing short of physically impressive.

"Plainview's impressive and they've got a lot of weapons that can really give you problems," Butler said. "They've got big kids in the offensive backfield and good speed. Their quarterback, fullback and tailback are all 6-foot-3 and weigh more than 200 pounds. You combine that with speed and big offensive linemen, and they're a threat."

"That's pretty much the same situation defensively," he added. "They run a five-man front and the shortest guy is the nose-

tackle. He's probably the rest of the front 6-foot-3 or better. They're just big and athletic all the way around and puts a lot of pressure on you to play technique properly because we don't match up very well with them in a lot of places."

The Steers, now 4-2 on the season, will bring a perfect 3-0 district record into Friday's game, while the Bulldogs are 2-4 overall and 1-2 in 4-4A play.

In addition, Butler believes the Steers played perhaps their best defensive game of the season in the win at Levelland.

"There's no question our defensive tackles (Cody Hawkins and Nick Valencia) had their best game so far this season," he noted.

"And I think you could say the same thing about our defensive secondary as a group," Butler added. "They came back and made a statement after the Lake View game. They did a great job of covering receivers, as well as doing an excellent job of supporting against the run."

Offensively, the Steers unveiled an offensive backfield featuring both Jason Woodruff and Jaroe Parnell.

Woodruff opened the season at the Steers' starting tailback, but was injured in the first half of the loss to Abilene Wylie and was replaced by Parnell.

Woodruff returned for limited duty against Lake View two weeks later.

Rather than continuing to let the two split time at one position, Butler said it became clear to his staff they they needed both in the backfield.

"We felt like that's the way we had to go," he explained. "They're our two best running backs and it's that time of the year when you have to put your best people on the field and that's what we're doing."

Texas' All-American tackle Hampton a defensive force

AUSTIN (AP) — Casey Hampton's scowl can make a quarterback's knees buckle. Teammates who make a mistake avoid his glare when they return to the huddle.

When it comes to being surly at game time, the All-American defensive tackle is practically an All-Pro intimidator.

The 6-foot-1, 310-pound Hampton is Texas' defensive leader, a wrecking ball in the middle of the line. He led the team with 101 tackles, the first time in 13 years that a lineman led Longhorns tacklers.

Hampton expects the same kind of effort and production from his teammates.

"If you make a bad play, you avoid Casey Hampton," cornerback Quentin Jammer said. "He just gives you a look that says 'I'm working my butt off and you better work your butt off, too.'"

Hampton's game face seldom comes off. Although always polite in

interviews, it's tough to get him to crack a smile. He arrived at Texas' weekly media luncheon on Monday wearing a T-shirt with the words "Hit Man" emblazoned across his broad shoulders.

Hampton returned for his senior season after a stellar '99 and was among those who believed the Longhorns would challenge for the Big 12 title and maybe even the national championship.

Although Texas (4-2, 2-1 Big 12) saw most of those dreams cast aside with losses to Stanford and Oklahoma, Hampton has lived up to his hype.

"Casey Hampton is Ricky Williams at defensive tackle," coach Mack Brown said. "He's relentless. He's an All-American player from top to bottom."

Hampton bench presses 460 pounds and can squat 600 pounds. With that kind of force in a relatively compact body, his bull rush

into the backfield can disrupt an opponent's running game before it ever starts.

Media covering the Big 12 tabbed Hampton as the conference's preseason defensive player of the year. So far, Hampton has anchored a defense that has recorded one shutout and has given up just two offensive touchdowns in Texas' four wins.

Despite facing constant double-teams from opposing linemen, Hampton is third on the Longhorns with 41 tackles. He also has three sacks and has caused four fumbles.

When paired with fellow defensive tackle Shaun Rogers, who at 320 pounds is one of the only Longhorns who could stand toe-to-toe with Hampton, the duo create one of the best interior lines in college football.

Hampton and Rogers were both named to the all-conference team in 1999. Rogers, however, missed most

of three games this season with an ankle sprain and only returned last week in a 28-14 win over Colorado.

"I don't know if we're the best," Hampton said. "But I don't know if there's anybody better."

With Rogers out, Hampton shouldered the leadership Texas needed to rebound from a potentially season-ruining 63-14 loss to Oklahoma two weeks ago. While many of his teammates looked dazed after that loss, Hampton's face burned with anger.

Against Colorado, Hampton had six tackles as Texas held the Buffaloes to 133 total yards, the fewest given up by the Longhorns defense since 1988. The Longhorns also had five sacks.

"We have to get back the respect that we lost against Oklahoma," Hampton said. "I thought we started doing that against Colorado. Us getting embarrassed last week had a lot to do with how we played."

Big Apple braces as world awaits a Subway Series

NEW YORK (AP) — Without apology, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani summed up what the Subway Series means for the Big Apple — and points beyond.

"It will give New York an opportunity to be even more arrogant," he said early Wednesday. "We'll be able to go around and say we have the two best teams in baseball."

Don't like the Yankees or Mets? Fuhgeddaboutit.

The whole thing will play out on the biggest platform of all — the World Series.

Game 1 is Saturday night at Yankee Stadium, with Andy Pettitte probably pitching against Mets ace Mike Hampton.

"This is our chance to get a place on the map," Mets outfielder Jay Payton said. "Whoever wins can walk around with their chins high and have bragging rights for a long time."

Even The New York Times, the old gray lady herself, is giddy. For the first time in memory, the newspaper ran a banner over its masthead, above news of the presidential debate and the Mideast crisis.

In red ink, no less. "It's a Subway Series! Yankees Join Mets," the paper proclaimed.

Giuliani, a huge Yankees fan, predicted his favorite team will win six games. He appeared Wednesday night on the "Late Show" reading a Top Ten list of "Cool Things About Having the World Series in New York."

Among them: "We're gonna add a Mike Piazza-style mustache to the Statue of Liberty."

Forgive fans in other parts of the country for being far from excited.

"It's a horror, is what it is," said Chris Gerstell, 24, who works at Boston Beer Works, next to Fenway Park. His Red Sox, haunted by the Yankees for most of the 20th century, lost the 1986 World Series to the Mets.

In Des Moines, Iowa, 48-year-old Stephanie Netolicky rolled her eyes when asked about the

Subway Series:

"I thought you were talking about a sandwich shop," she said.

No matter. New Yorkers will be able to supply all the juice necessary for this matchup. It will be the 14th Subway Series overall, and the first since the Yankees played the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1956.

"There were only three channels then," recalled comedian Billy Crystal, celebrating in the clubhouse after the Yankees beat Seattle 9-7 late Tuesday night to win the AL championship series. "Now, the whole world will be watching."

A day earlier, the Mets finished off St. Louis in the NL championship series. They had their star power, too — actors Tim Robbins and Susan Sarandon poured champagne in the winning locker room.

And while the next few days will feature neat matchups on the field — Tino vs. Timo, Bernie vs. Benny — there also might be a lot to watch in the stands.

Mets star Piazza dates the Millennium. Yankees star Derek Jeter has been linked to Miss Universe.

The Yankees got a day off Wednesday to rest. A few Mets pitchers threw at Shea Stadium, though rain washed out a full workout. That just gave the Mets more time to talk about New York, New York.

"There're more Yankee fans than Mets fans in the city. That's just a result of winning. People like teams that win," Payton said. "The Yankees are definitely the team of the city."

The Yankees are trying to become the first team to win three straight World Series championships since Oakland in 1972-74. The Mets' last title came in 1986, when the team starred Dwight Gooden, now pitching for the Yankees.

The teams met six times in interleague play this year, with the Yankees winning four times.

The rivalry was heightened after Roger Clemens beamed Piazza.

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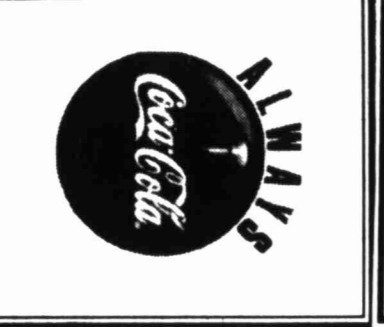
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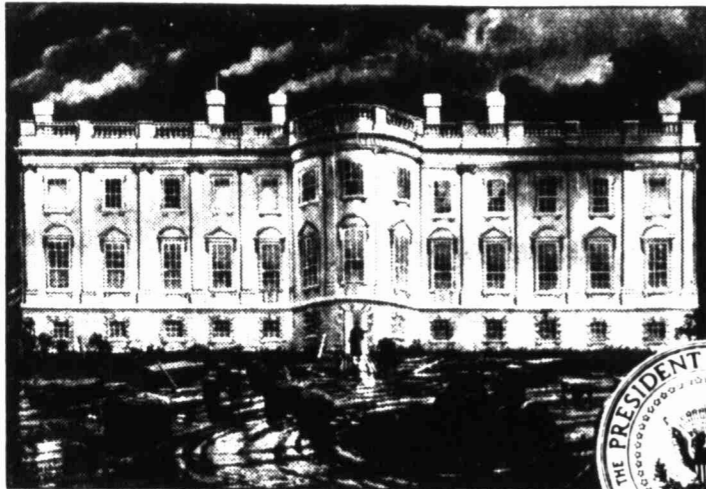
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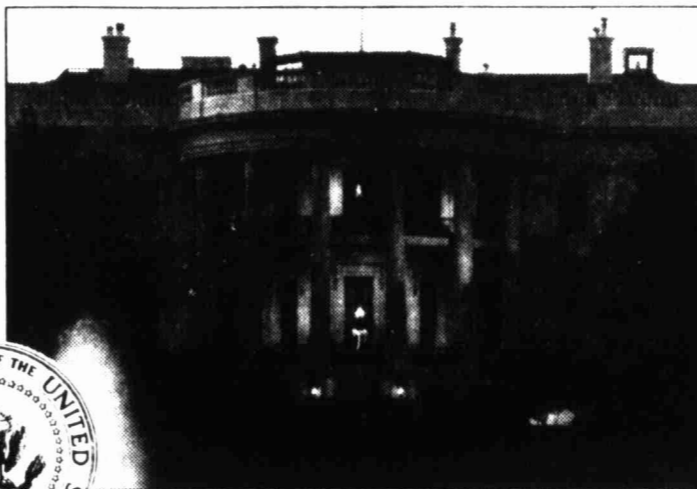
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Celebrating 200 Years Presidents in the White House



This is a drawing of how the White House might have looked from the south entrance in 1800. At that time, it was grander than almost any house Americans had ever seen.



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The White House's First First Family

At left is the first known illustration of the north view of the White House, printed in 1807.

Above is a view of the White House today from the north entrance.

Levees

Like President Washington, John Adams liked to hold receptions called "levees." The president would usually stand before a fireplace. The guests would be ushered into the room, walk up to him and bow as an aide announced the guest's name. Then the guest would bow back into a circle.

The president then would walk around the circle and say a few words to each man. After a signal from an aide, the guests would walk up to the president, bow, and then leave the room.

These were very formal, stiff occasions. The guests dressed in their best from head to toe.

John Adams did not shake hands at a levee. He preferred that people bow to him, as they had to President Washington. President Thomas Jefferson stopped the bowing. He felt that a handshake would c o j u s t f i n e.

Abigail Adams

Abigail Adams did not have much schooling, but she read a great deal and was well-informed. She often gave her husband her thoughts on matters. Some people called her "Mrs. President." She was known for her style and manners.

She is well-known for the words, "Remember the ladies," which she wrote to her husband when he was in Philadelphia at the time the Declaration of Independence was adopted.

John Quincy Adams, the son of Abigail and John Adams, became president in 1825. He is the only president's son to do so.

Abigail Adams (1774-1818)

John Quincy Adams (President, 1825-1829)

George Washington

A drawing of George Washington looking over the building of the White House. Washington was the only president who never lived in the White House.

George Washington
George Washington was out of office before the White House was finished. He died before John Adams moved in. But he set a fine example and helped create a national monument that has lasted 200 years.

As he had done with the Capitol Building, Washington helped select the site and the architect for the White House and was very interested in its progress. He wanted our country to build a house that would last long past the present day - and it has.

George Washington

The Marine Band

The Adamses asked the Marine Band to play at the New Year's Day Reception. While bands from other services play at the White House, the Marine Band is known as the "president's own." It has played at the White House for 200 years.

Look through your newspaper for news of the presidential election.

Next week: Read all about who haunts the White House. Also, vote for a safe Halloween.

Since the president's family did not want to hang the laundry out for all to see, Mrs. Adams had her servants hang it in the East Room. The White House was partially finished when the Adams moved in. It was cold and damp. "Shiver, shiver," wrote Mrs. Adams.

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Man objects to foul words gets a dose of 'air rage'

DEAR ABBY: After many
hours of delays and wait-
ing, my parents and I final-
ly got on a plane to return
home. When the flight land-
ed, we sat on the runway
for almost an hour waiting
for a gate to open up. A
man in the row behind us
turned on his cell phone

and called someone explaining the situation, using the "F" word in between just about every word he said. He was standing in the aisle and his voice was loud.

My father turned and said, "Excuse me, but there are women and children on this plane. Would you mind watching your language, please?" The man became belligerent and said, "No one could hear me!" Then my mother piped up, "I could hear you." Someone traveling with this foul-mouthed person turned to my father and said, "You don't know who you are messing with!" Next thing I knew, another person involved himself, verbally abusing and threatening my father. The flight attendant just stood there and watched the entire episode without saying a word.

Abby, the exchange left me feeling that there is no common decency left in this world. Instead of saying, "Oh, I'm sorry, I didn't realize I was talking so loud," or, "I apologize for using that language in front of your wife and daughter," he looked for an excuse. Whatever happened to having respect for those around you when you're in public? Are we supposed to tolerate anything and everything

that comes our way, and refrain from standing up for what is right, for fear of an altercation? Was my father wrong to turn and say what was on his mind? - SICK OF DISRESPECT IN DALLAS

DEAR SICK: Your father wasn't wrong to speak up. However, he did take a chance of sparking an altercation. The man behind him may have been drunk as well as belligerent. The seat companion who pointed out that your father "didn't know who he was messing with," was right. The man could have had serious mental problems or a record of violent crime as long as your father's arm.

In years past, people followed certain rules of behavior in public. In the last few years, we have become aware of violent outbursts on aircraft. In response, strict penalties have been put into effect for passengers who cannot control their behavior. Perhaps the rules should be broadened to include people who turn the air around them blue with profanity.

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6:30 PM	News (CC) Fortune	Cosby (CC) Spin City (CC)	Wishbone Zoboomaloo	Teen-Age Witch	News Ert Tonight	News (CC) Fortune	News Seinfeld (CC)	Fresh Prince Fresh Prince	Locura de Amor	Movie: Frankenstein and Me (CC) 98 Degrees & 3	Martial Law	(5:50) Movie: Alive (CC)	Insurrection (CC)	Truckers (CC)	News John Hagee	Law & Order (CC)	Wild Discovery (CC)	Pretender (CC)	48 Hours		
7:30 PM	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Major League Baseball	Life of Birds (CC)	Movie: The Haunting of Seaciff Inn	48 Hours (CC) Whose Line? Whose Line?	Friends (CC) Will & Grace	(05) Movie: Run	Mujeres Enganadas	Hoku (40) Movie: The Wild Women	18 Wheels of Justice (CC)	Movie: Str of Echoes (CC)	Movie: One Good Cop	Inside the NFL	Light of the Southwest	Biography (CC)	On the Inside	Movie: Corrina, Corrina	Paramedics	Paramedics		
8:30 PM	Be a Millionaire	Playoffs: NLCS Game 7	Mystery! (CC)	Early Edition	City of Angels (CC)	Be a Millionaire	Will & Grace Just Shoot Me	Run	Laborintos de Pasion	Don't Look Under the	Movie: The Wild Women	Movie: Motorcycle	Gang (CC) Movie: The	Rude Awakening: Freddy's	Pay It Forward	Something Good	Investigative Reports (CC)	Science Mysteries	Movie: ..		
9:30 PM	PrimeTime Thursday	7	Mystery! (CC)	Diagnosis Murder (CC)	PrimeTime Thursday	News (CC) News (35) Late	PrimeTime Thursday ER (CC)	(20) Movie: Jackie Chan's First	P. Impacto Noticiero Univ	Bed (CC) So Weird (CC)	Martial Law	Genera's Daughter	Dead-Final Nightmare	G-String Dwas Inside the NFL	News Nathan Knight	Law & Order (CC)	Justice Files	Corrina, Corrina	Paramedics		
10:30 PM	News (CC) Nightline	Jerry Springer (CC)	News-Lehrer	700 Club (CC)	News (35) Late	News (CC) News (35) Tonight	PrimeTime Thursday ER (CC)	Jackie Chan's First	Viviana a la Medianoche	Zorro (CC) Mickey Mouse	Amer. Shooter Ducks	Women (CC) Movie: Black	Women Women	Promise Church	Cur-Entham	Biography (CC)	On the Inside	..	Showgirl Stories		
11:30 PM	Politically Inc Cheers	Blind Date Sudden	To Be Announced	Who's Boss? Who's Boss?	Show (CC) (37) Late Late	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc. (12:06) Oprah Winfrey (CC)	Night (CC) Frasier	American Ninja	Te Sigo Amando	Wall Disney Presents	Outdoors Trucks!	Movie: Lap Dancing	Movie: My Brother's War	Faith Pleases God	Murder One (CC)	Hospital	Movie: Promised		
12:30 AM	Paid Program	Judge-Brown Cops (CC)	..	Paid Program	Street Smarts	

DENNIS THE MENACE

"I'LL BET THESE GUYS NEVER GET THIRSTY."

FAMILY CIRCUS

"But I knew the answers to a lot of questions that weren't even on the test!"

HAGAR

"YOU DON'T LOOK SO GOOD", "I DO FEEL KINDA LAZY...", "I GUESS I HAVE SPRING FEVER", "HOW CAN YOU HAVE SPRING FEVER IN OCTOBER?", "MAMA ALWAYS SAID I WAS A LITTLE SLOW"

BLONDIE

"ANY SUGGESTIONS ON IMPROVING OUR BUSINESS?", "LET'S MOVE WITH THE TIMES AND OPEN A BRANCH IN CHINA", "BUMSTEAD, NO ONE CAN EVEN UNDERSTAND YOUR PROPOSALS WRITTEN IN ENGLISH", "MAGINE HOW THEY'D LOOK IN CHINESE!"

B.C.

"SHOW ME A DOCTOR WHO LIVES A HOOF-TO-MOUTH EXISTENCE...", "AND I'LL SHOW YOU A VET THAT MAKES HORSE CALLS..."

GEECH

"MR. MERKINS IS HERE.", "WHAT DOES HE WANT?", "I THINK HE'S MAD ABOUT THE WAY WE FIXED HIS CAR.", "OKAY, LET ME DO THE TALKING.", "WHICH ONE OF YOU IDIOTS WORKED ON MY CAR?!", "HE DID."

WIZARD OF ID

"I HATE MONDAYS", "IT'S THURSDAY", "I HATE GETTING OLD"

HI AND LOIS

"QUICK! CLOSE THE DOOR!", "WHY?", "I HAVE TO MAINTAIN CONSTANT HEAT AND HUMIDITY IN MY ROOM AT ALL TIMES!", "ALLERGIES?", "NO, BASE-BALL CARDS!"

GASOLINE ALLEY

"Your total comes to \$910!", "Plastic or paper?", "Huh?", "Do you want to charge it or pay cash?"

SNUFFY SMITH

"WHAT DID YOU COME TO BORRY THIS TIME?", "SNIF SNIF", "FERGIVE ME FER BEIN' SARCASTIC, ELVINEY-- YOU WERE FIXIN' TO SAY--", "A CUP OF FLOUR"

BETLE BAILY

"BETLE HAD AN ACCIDENT IN YOUR JEEP!", "WAS HE HURT?", "NO, BUT THE AIR BAG DID HIM IN"

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS
Today is Thursday, Oct. 19, the 293rd day of 2000. There are 73 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Oct. 19, 1781, British troops under Lord Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown, Va., as the American Revolution neared its end.
On this date:
In 1765, the Stamp Act Congress, meeting in New York, drew up a declaration of rights and liberties.
In 1812, French forces under Napoleon Bonaparte began their retreat from Moscow.
In 1864, Confederate Gen. Jubal A. Early attacked Union forces at Cedar Creek, Va.; the Union troops were able to rally and defeat the Confederates.
In 1944, the Navy announced that black women would be allowed into Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service.
In 1950, United Nations forces entered the North Korean capital of Pyongyang.
In 1951, President Truman signed an act formally ending the state of war with Germany.
In 1960, the United States imposed an embargo on exports to Cuba covering all commodities except medical supplies and certain food products.
In 1977, the body of West German industrialist Hanns Martin Schleyer, who had been kidnapped by left-wing extremists, was found in Mulhouse, France.

Today's Birthdays:
Former ambassador to Russia Robert S. Strauss is 82. Actress LaWanda Page is 80. Actor George Nader is 79. Columnist Jack Anderson is 78. Author John le Carre is 69. Artist Peter Max is 63. Actor Michael Gambon is 60. Actor John Lithgow is 55. National Organization for Women President Patricia Ireland is 55. Singer Jeannie C. Riley is 55. Talk show host Charlie Chase is 48. Rock singer-musician Karl Wallinger is 43. Singer Jennifer Holliday is 40. Rock singer-musician Todd Park Mohr (Big Head Todd and the Monsters) is 35. Amy Carter is 33.

THE Daily Crossword

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10/19/00

By Diane C. Baldwin
Columbia, MD

ACROSS

- Jeans fabric
- St. Louis monument
- Spoken
- __ acids
- Inclination to anger
- MIT grad
- Stubborn beasts
- Burn soother
- monster
- Complain loudly and bitterly
- Hobby
- Needy one
- Swiss peak
- Tent site
- Fido's grooming?
- Subway station
- Equipment
- Twangy sounding
- Attract notice
- Forum
- Louise of "Gilligan's Island"
- Sal's canal
- Social follower?
- Inning enders
- Sort or kind
- Typewriter rollers
- Subtraction signs
- Use tough love
- Persian Gulf country
- Talk wildly
- Corpulent
- Drug agent
- Arab ruler
- Goose eggs and bagels
- Patella's place
- Sushi fish
- Step One to correct typos

DOWN

- Beaver construction
- Rhea's relative
- Nothing
- Unmoving
- Tiled design
- Degradation
- Incite anger
- Fabric
- Bray
- Separate from society
- Charged particle
- Eskimo dwelling
- Air current
- Likeness
- Roy's wife Dale
- Neapolitan noodles
- Place for sacrifice
- Verbalized
- Backyard courtyard
- Regret for wrongdoing
- Revises the order
- Ran's garments
- Spry
- Cock-a-leekie soup ingredients
- Supply the food and drink
- Propotion
- Main course
- Nod off
- Shoot casually at random targets
- Navigator's aid
- Mindful
- Ignominy
- Brown shade
- Villainous
- Specific time span
- Call for help
- Language ending

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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