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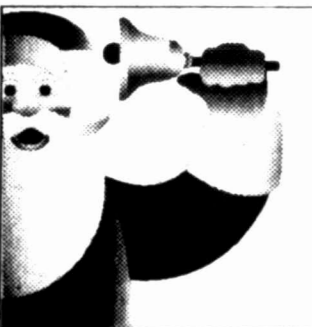


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TONIGHT 35°-36° FRIDAY 45°-50°

HELPING OTHERS:

Each day through the holiday season, the Herald will publish locations where you might help others less fortunate, including the Salvation Army Angel Trees and Salvation Army Kettles. If your organization has an established program to help others and would like to be included in this list, call Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234.



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- Gale's Sweet Shop
- Big Spring Mall
- Wal-Mart
- Scenic Mountain Medical Center
- Community Care Hospice.

Salvation Army Kettles:

- Big Spring Post Office
- Wal-Mart
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- Wells Fargo

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McQueary: No cause for alarm over cracks at junior high

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
News Editor

There is some minor cracking again at Big Spring Junior High, school district officials say, but they feel it is not indication of more foundation problems.



McQUEARY

"We are continuing to monitor that building very closely, surveying it biweekly, looking for any kind of movement," said Bill McQueary, Big Spring Independent School District superintendent. "For the past year, we've had no appreciable movement — .01 and .02 of an inch in a couple of places, about double the thickness of a piece of paper."

Shortly after the school was opened in August of 1999, the \$10 million struc-

ture began sinking on the east side, causing cracks in the walls and flooring. Compaction grouting of the soil beneath the building was conducted by the firm Hayward Baker, and in October officials said the foundation was stabilized. The school district has continued to monitor the building ever since.

And although some cracks have appeared, officials say they apparently are not caused by problems with the foundation. What set-

ting that has occurred is thought to be caused by thermal conditions — heating and cooling

McQueary said. "It's not north-south, it's not failure from the foundation. It's east-west, it is lateral. Our engineers think it could be thermal, natural causes, but because of the history of the building, we're not taking any chances. We continue to monitor it closely," McQueary said. Meanwhile, Hayward

Baker is scheduled to come back in June to address several areas.

"There were several areas where it was previously identified we needed to shore up a little more... preventative measures," said McQueary. "They are to be back in June to do some more grouting. We don't think there is any need to get them out here any quicker."

McQueary said there are

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In an instant, lives were changed

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

The "day that will live in infamy" was a day that changed many American lives, including three young men growing up in the dusty West Texas of the 1940s.

On Dec. 7, 1941, a Japanese fleet commanded by Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto attacked the U.S. Navy Pacific Fleet in Pearl Harbor, surprising the United States and causing severe loss of life and ships.

Today is the 59th anniversary of Pearl Harbor, a day to remember those who were killed in their attempt to protect the United States.

Twenty-one U.S. ships were sunk or damaged, 188 planes were destroyed and 159 planes were damaged, many before they had a chance to take off.

Also 2,403 Americans were killed and 1,178 were wounded.

The United States of America had been attacked. American citizens lay dead.

As President Franklin D.



Deleon Stanley, who was a sergeant in the U.S. Army Infantry, stands before a flag while he was stationed in Japan shortly after the war. Stanley was a 16-year-old man growing up in Winters when he heard of the attack on Pearl Harbor. The attack mobilized the nation for war, he said.

Roosevelt announced the loss to the American people over radio, three young men from different areas of West Texas were listening. "There was a feeling from

everyone of anger, of course, when we were attacked," said Deleon Stanley, who was a sergeant in the U.S. Army Infantry. "Everyone knew

we would be in the war soon, but this just triggered it. It was an event that angered and shocked people

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Big Spring High duo earns trip to state meet

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring High School seniors Toryn Haynes and Anna McLaughlin have earned a trip to the Texas Forensics Association state meet.

The pair placed first in duet acting at the Snyder Speech Tournament last weekend.

"We are real proud of the accomplishment of Anna and Toryn," said Jennifer Adams, speech and debate coach. "We hope this is just a start of great things for these two and great things for

the Big Spring High School speech team."

The pair beat teams from as close as Andrews and as far away as Grand Prairie and Gregory-Portland.

"The competition was tough, but Anna and Toryn deserved to win today," said Adams.

"We are so excited to be going to the next level of competition," said McLaughlin. "This makes all of our hard work pay off."

The Snyder meet was the fifth tournament for the speech and debate team. Others were the

Texas Tech Early Bird Tournament as well as competitions in Lubbock, Odessa and Frenship.

"We want to thank everyone who helped us reach our goal for a state qualification," said Haynes. The students will compete at the state level in early March.

Others who traveled to Snyder included Brittney Barrow, Eric Gamble, Cliff Green, Madison Taylor, Jason Baker, Nathan Smith, Stacy Head and Amber Dunlap.



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BSJH marks first play Friday night

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring Junior High theater department will stage the only public of the Lewis Carroll classic "Alice in Wonderland" Friday night in the high school auditorium.

The students are excited about performing," said Clint Adams, in his first year as theater director in the Big Spring school district. "Nobody can remember if there has ever been a theater class for the junior



Jessi Tipton as the Hatter, Holly Mayfield as the March Hare and Katie Hunnicut as Alice rehearse for Friday's performance of "Alice in Wonderland," set for 7 p.m. in the Big Spring High School Auditorium.

Cheer

Christmas celebration set Saturday in Coahoma

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Coahoma Lions Club will be decorating the Coahoma Park, handing out refreshments and providing entertainment for the community at their Fourth annual Christmas in the Park program Saturday.

"We had close to 150 people last year for the program and we are expecting about the same this year," said Don Allen, chairman of the Christmas in the Park program.

Activities begin at 6:30 p.m. The park is located at 306 North Ave.

Refreshments, entertainment by a local high school choir and even a visit from Santa are on the program for the evening, Allen said.

"We will be giving out free hot chocolate and cookies," he said. "Santa is coming."

Santa will arrive at the park not by sled but courtesy of a fire truck, Allen said.

Kids will have their opportunity to sit on Santa's lap, and Santa will be available for photos from parents who bring their own camera, he said.

Participants will hear Christmas carols sung by Janie Wallace's Coahoma High School choir, he said.

The club plans to decorate the park with Christmas trees and lights. Allen encourages the public to bring their own decorations and help out.

Allen said they expected the event to last from 30 minutes to an hour.

Anyone interested in volunteering to help decorate the park or needing more information can contact Allen at 394-4469 until Friday.

Pecan show winners named

HERALD Staff Report

Pecans and more pecans. Nathan Hughes took top honors in the 2000 Howard County Pecan Show, held Tuesday.

Hughes' entry was grand champion. Betty McChristian won reserve champion.

McChristian swept the awards in the pecan food show, winning in five divisions — cake, cookies, breads, pies and candy — and took grand overall in the adult division.

Sarah Haney won grand overall in the youth foods division.

Below are the winners in

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OBITUARIES

Minnie Cannon

Funeral service for Minnie Cannon, 94, of Big Spring is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. She died Thursday, Dec. 7, 2000, in a Midland Nursing Home.

Sue Ann Meyers

Funeral service for Sue Ann Meyers, 54, formerly of Big Spring is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. She died Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2000, in an Odessa hospital.

WAR

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enough to be ready to go to war."

"It was a war that the United States had to win, Stanley said, because freedom was at stake.

Sixteen-year-old Stanley, who was growing up in Winters, remembers the nation changed in the next few years.

"It caused the mobilization of the nation," he said. "Men, women and children — it took the whole nation to win the war."

"We had very few ships, weapons and planes before the war," he continued. "Think of the thousands upon thousands of planes, ships and weapons that had to be manufactured and the effort there was to do this. There has never been anything like this since."

And Stanley did his part, fighting in the Pacific on the Philippine Island Luzon.

Stanley fought to clear the Island of Japanese soldiers. In particular, he remembered having to clear Highway No. 5, which was actually a gravel trail through the island.

"I lost a lot of good buddies," he said quietly.

A young carpenter in Big Spring, Roy Beck, who would become a technical corporal in the U.S. Army, heard the news while gathered with others around an automobile.

"Roosevelt was president at the time and I remember working in Big Spring as a carpenter," said Beck. "I was a builder by trade. We quit work and went out to around an old car and listened to Roosevelt declare war on Japan."

"He told us several big ships had been lost," he continued. "My thought was I was ready to go. I can't say I was mad. I can't say I was

angry. I was disappointed with those people who did this to us."

Beck did go — all the way to Germany.

He fought in Europe under Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower as one of the U.S. Army 146th combat engineers, building bridges, fighting the enemy and blowing up bombs.

His service took him from storming Omaha beach on D-Day to the Battle of the Bulge.

"I volunteered for everything in the Army, regardless of what it was," he said. "I love this country like I love my wife. I looked at the Army the same way."

"We all expected war to break out, but we didn't know when," said Stanley N. Castleberry, who would serve as a corporal in the U.S. Army. "It was a big shock when all of a sudden it happened."

Castleberry worked for a rancher in West Texas, breaking in horses that were sent to the Philippines before the war. He joined the U.S. Army Cavalry in part because he wanted to ride those horses he had broken in, he said.

During training at Fort Bliss, Castleberry heard the news that Pearl Harbor was attacked.

"We weren't angry," he said. "We were just plan mad."

Castleberry never did ride his horses, as the unit he had joined was disbanded and the men assigned to other positions.

"It broke my heart, but probably saved my life."

Castleberry served a year in the Aleutian Islands in the U.S. Army Signal Corps until he was hurt in a sledging accident and transferred back to the United States.

Close to the end of the war, Stanley's infantry was pulled back from the fighting to prepare to invade Japan, he said, but President Harry S. Truman instead gave the order to drop the atomic bomb.

"Many people say today that the atomic bomb was terrible," Stanley said. "The bomb is terrible, but if you look at the statistics, millions were expected to die if we continued fighting the war in the Pacific."

"Japanese women and children were ready to fight," he continued. "How many soldiers would have hesitated to kill a civilian Japanese woman or child. I would have, and would have probably been killed."

"If it was not for the courage of President Truman, millions would have died," he said. "I would be dead."

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

ALICE

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high students."

The 7 p.m. performance will be the first for the theater class. Admission is \$2. The plan runs about 45 minutes.

Cast members include Katie Hunnicut as Alice, Synda Calobreves as the Cat, Kelly Warrington as the Rabbit, Kendall Knouff as the Queen, J.J. Moskoe as the King, Jessica Tipton as the Mad Hatter and Holly Mayfield as both the March Hare and the Caterpillar.

Others are Alex Watkins as the Dormouse, Heather Vassar as the Duchess, Emily McCann as the Knave of Hearts, Heather Knappe in the role of the Cook and Card 1, Darryl Newberry as the Executioner and Card 2 and Adam Loper as a Soldier and Card 3.

We are thankful for the love and kindness shown to us during the loss of your loved one. We appreciate your cards, calls and visits. We are especially thankful for your prayers. We would also like to thank everyone at Community Care Hospice and Dr. Stokes and his staff.

The Family of Vistie Faries

PECANS

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the pecan show and pecan food show.

Pecan Show
Cheyenne: 1. Betty McChristian, 2. Bennie McChristian.

Choctaw: 1. Bennie McChristian, 2. Betty McChristian, 3. Deanie Hughes, 4. Wayne Johnson.

Desirable: 1. Betty McChristian, 2. Bennie McChristian.

Stuart: 1. Bennie McChristian, 2. Betty McChristian.

Sioux: 1. Betty McChristian, 2. Bennie McChristian.

Wichita: 1. Betty McChristian, 2. Wayne Johnson, 3. Bennie McChristian.

Burkett: 1. Garland Armstrong (Classic grand champion), 2. Bennie McChristian, 3. Dalton Johnson.

Comanche: 1. Betty McChristian, 2. Bennie McChristian.

Shoshoni: 1. Betty McChristian, 2. Bennie McChristian.

Eastern Schley: 1. Betty McChristian, 2. Bennie McChristian.

Variety Seedling: 1. Bernie McChristian (Seedling grand champion), 2. Bennie McChristian, 3. Linda Appleton.

Western: 1. Nathan Hughes (Overall grand champion), 2. Deanie Hughes, 3. Jim Crenshaw.

Mahon: 1. Wayne Johnson.

Pawnee: 1. Daniel Stephens, 2. Sara Thixton, 3. Betty McChristian, 4. Bennie McChristian.

Pecan Food Show
Youth Division — Grand overall, Sarah Haney.

Cake: 1. Rachael Wheeler, German Apple Cake.

Cookies: 1. Sarah Haney, Death By Chocolate.

Adult Division — Grand overall, Betty McChristian.

Cake: 1. Betty McChristian, German Chocolate Cake, 2. Elvira Gandar, Pecan Pie Cake, 3. Darlene Hipp, Texas Pecan Cake, 4. Suzanne Haney, Holiday Rum Cake.

Cookies: 1. Betty McChristian, Pecan Brickle Cookies, 2. Darlene Hipp, Pecan Pie Cookies, 3. Elvira Gandar, Mexican Cookies.

Breads: 1. Betty McChristian, Cranberry Quick Bread, 2. Pumpkin Ribbon Pecan Bread.

Pies: 1. Betty McChristian, Pecan Pie; 2. Darlene Hipp, Pecan Pie.

Candy: 1. Betty McChristian, Pecan Roll, 2. Nancy Thornton, Pecan Tassies, 3. Darlene Hipp, Christmas Fudge.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center
1601 W. 11th Place
263-1211

BIG SPRING
AROUND THE TOWN

pull out of the district's coffers for this will be addressed in that lawsuit," he added.

Earlier this year, the school district filed suit in 118th District Court against Terracon Consultants, seeking payment for all past and future damages to the building, as well as interest, attorneys' fees and court costs.

Terracon Consultants, headquartered in Lenexa, Kan., was the firm hired by the district to determine if the soil at the site was suitable for construction of the junior high building. The suit charges that in 1996, Terracon reported it had found the site to be suitable. However, it has since been determined that the a canyon once existed on the site.

McQueary said the lawsuit is still in the discovery process.

HELPING

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Chamber of Commerce

- Big Spring Herald
- Comet Cleaners on FM 700
- Klassic Kleaners on Gregg Street

American Cancer Society Memorial Tree:

- Merle Norman, Big Spring Mall
- For more information, call (915) 683-6374.

BRIEFS

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM

which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

SENIOR CITIZENS WHO HAVE witnessed the effects of childhood diseases are needed to staff a new volunteer program that will promote immunizations.

Volunteers 55 and older are sought for the effort, to be known as the Seniors for Childhood Immunization Program. RSVP volunteers will visit new mothers at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and remind them of the importance of the immunizations.

To find out more about the program or to volunteer, call 264-2397.

SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

THE BIG SPRING EVENING Lions Club will have free eyeglasses for all adults Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring

TEXAS LOTTERY

Pick 3: 1,8,4

Lotto: 1,3,9,16,35,39

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

Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third.

All adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses are welcome. The recycled eyeglasses are donated by the community as a service project of the Lions.

The Lions group offers the eyeglasses the second Saturday of each month. For more information call Donna Groenke at 393-5298.

NUV	8 1/2 nc
Patterson Ener	26 1/2 + 1/2
Pepsico Inc	46 1/2 + 1 1/2
Phillips Petro	54 1/2 + 1/2
SBC Comms	54 1/2 - 3/4
Sears Roebuck	35.39 - 0.42
Texas Instrument	43 1/2 - 2 1/2
TXU	39 1/2 + 1/2
Total Fina	67 1/2 nc
Unocal Corp	35 1/2 + 1
Wal-Mart	54 1/2 + 1/2
Wal-Mart/Mexico	21 1/2 - 21 1/2
AMCAP	19.92 - 0.20
Europacific	34.07 + 0.22
Prime Rate	9.50 %
Gold	273.70-275.60
Silver	4.72-4.77

SUPPORT GROUPS

TODAY

• Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

FRIDAY

• Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

• AA, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

• NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

• Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

SATURDAY

• Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon, 8 p.m., 10 p.m. open meetings, 615 Settles.

• West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue/Fibromyalgia Syndrome, 1 p.m., on the second Saturday of each month, HealthSouth facility at Hwy. 191 and Loop 250, Midland. Contact Linda Hagler at (915) 520-3500.

• NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

SUNDAY

• AA, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

MARKETS

March cotton 67.20 down 14 points; January crude 29.30, down 55 points; cash hogs \$1 lower at 42 even; slaughter steers \$1 higher at 74 even; December lean hog futures 55.90, down 12 points; December live cattle futures 75.52 up 45 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation. Noon quotes provided by Edward Jones & Co.

AT&T	20 1/2
Archer-Daniels	13 1/2 + 1/2
Atmos Energy	23 1/2
BP AMOCO	47 1/2 + 1 1/2
Chevron Corp	81 1/2 + 1 1/2
Compag	19.99 - 0.11
Cornell	4 nc
Dell	18 1/2 + 1/2
Du Pont	43 1/2 - 1/2
Exxon Mobil	88 1/2 + 2
Halliburton	35 1/2 + 1/2
IFCO Systems	3 1/2 nc
IBM	95 1/2 - 1 1/2
Intel Corp	32 1/2 + 1 1/2

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities from 8 a.m. Wednesday until 8 a.m. Thursday:

• JEFFREY WELLS, 37, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• CASEY HENRY, 23, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• DANIEL DELEON, 20, was arrested on local warrants.

• CLASS C THEFT was reported in the 1700 block of Wasson.

• THEFT was reported on E. 11th Place.

• THEFT of less than \$50 was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg.

• DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg.

CORRECTION

In the Sunday, Dec. 3, edition of the Herald, a mistake was made in listing winners from the 14th annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade. The story incorrectly identified Boy Scout Pack 179 as receiving third place in the civic group category. Third-place honors actually belonged to the Boy Scout Pack 176, Troop 7.

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 52
Wednesday's low 30
Average high 60
Average low 31
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Record low 9 in 1917
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Month Normal 0.84
Year to date 17.71
Normal for the year 17.94

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Albert W. Balzer, 91, died Monday. Funeral services will be 10:00 AM, at Stricklin-Snively Funeral Home Chapel in Lakewood, California. Burial will be at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Hollywood California.

NALLEY-PICKLE
& WELCH
Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St.
(915) 267-6331

Sue Ann Meyers, 54, died Wednesday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Minnie Cannon, 94, died Thursday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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With time running out, Gore makes case before Florida court

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Al Gore's lawyer pleaded with a seemingly skeptical Florida Supreme Court today to order selective manual recounts that could revive the vice president's fading quest for the White House. George W. Bush looked to the state's justices to finally count his rival out.

One tumultuous month after Election Day, several of the court's seven justices pressed Gore's lawyer, David Boies, to explain why it would be proper to have manual recounts in some counties, but not statewide. And Chief Justice Charles

T. Wells also observed that the courts could become involved "only if there was substantial noncompliance with election laws," not merely when — as Gore alleges — some legitimate votes were left uncounted.

"I don't think that's what we're arguing," Boies said. He added it was "undisputed that there are voter errors and machine errors" that have afflicted the statewide count.

The stakes could hardly have been higher as Boies rose to speak one tumultuous month after Election Day.

The vice president is hoping to overturn a trial

judge's ruling earlier in the week that refused to order manual recounts, and left unmolested Bush's certified 537-vote margin of victory in the state that stands to pick the next president.

"I represent the vice president and Senator Lieberman," Boies said in the opening moments of an hourlong hearing, but that was all he could say before Wells cut him off and pressed him to explain why the court — and not the Florida Legislature — should be settling the issue.

A half-hour later, Bush's lawyer, Barry Richard, had scarcely introduced himself to the court when the jus-

tics began peppering him with questions.

"This is nothing more than a garden variety appeal" under state law, he said. "I believe the circuit court is subject to appeal, but under a very limited fashion."

But he said Gore's lawyers were asking for something the law didn't allow — essentially asking the state Supreme Court to assume the job of the trial court.

But Justice Harry Lee Anstead pressed Richard on whether Judge N. Sanders Sauls had reviewed any of the questionable ballots in three Florida counties. Richard said no ballots were

looked at, because, he added, there was "no basis to do that" unless Sauls first ruled that Gore was entitled to some sort of recount.

"Good morning and welcome once again to the Florida Supreme Court," Wells said shortly after he and the six other justices filed into the neoclassical courtroom.

That was a passing reference to arguments little more than two weeks ago in the same place.

"Now is the last chance for a legal judgment to be rendered in this case," Gore's lawyers argued in papers filed Wednesday on the eve of formal argu-

ments.

That was fine with Bush, certified the winner in Florida by 37 votes and eagerly looking forward to a presidential transition and inauguration. "It seems like all the different court suits are working their way to finality and hopefully we can get this over with quickly," he said.

The Florida Supreme Court set aside an hour for the two legal teams to argue their points — Gore's attorneys seeking to overturn a trial court ruling that let Bush's certified statewide victory stand, and the Texas governor hoping to sustain it.

Texas plaintiffs appeal dismissal in Cheney suit

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Is vice presidential candidate Dick Cheney from Texas or Wyoming?

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals will be asked to decide that question today in a case that could determine whether Gov. George Bush becomes president.

Three Texans who lost a suit seeking to block a Bush presidency claim Cheney is from Texas and cite the 12th Amendment, which prevents the president and vice president from living in the same state.

The Texans are prepared to appeal to the U.S.

Supreme Court if the appeals court sides with a lower court judge, said James Jones, one of the plaintiffs' lawyers.

"It's an important constitutional question," Jones said. "It's one that Bush and Cheney have tried to finesse, but I think it's one that deserves serious attention."

U.S. District Judge Sidney Fitzwater, a Republican appointed by President Reagan, ruled Friday that Cheney has proven he "has both a physical presence within the state of Wyoming and the intent that Wyoming be his place of habitation."

Former DPS crime lab worker indicted

AUSTIN (AP) — Hundreds of crime lab tests will be reviewed by the Texas Department of Public Safety following indictment of a fingerprint specialist in connection with falsifying laboratory reports.

A Central Texas grand jury's indictment on Wednesday named Dianna Boyd Monaghan, a DPS criminalist, on charges of falsifying 13 lab reports.

The indictment accuses Monaghan of never conducted tests on some evidence submitted by Austin police and other law enforcement agencies, but reporting that no prints were present.

The case involves tests conducted at the main DPS lab at Austin, including reports from 1997 through

January 2000 in offenses ranging from murder and sexual assault to aggravated assault on a police officer.

"I'm not sure how it impacted or if it did impact those cases," DPS spokeswoman Tela Mange told the Austin American-Statesman in Thursday's editions. "It's entirely possible that someone who is a criminal went undetected."

Other Texas law enforcement agencies, including the Hays County sheriff's department and La Grange police, submitted evidence such as weapons and shell casings for the analyses that are under review.

Patty Robertson, prosecution division of the Travis County district attorney's office, said consequences of

the false reports "are still being investigated."

"It's unknown whether the outcome of the cases would have been changed," Robertson said.

She said the Austin case involves charges of engaging in organized criminal activity.

"I anticipate, when all is said and done, these felony charges will not hold up," said Chris Gunter, Monaghan's lawyer.

Gunter said arrangements were being made for surrender by Monaghan, 49, of Austin to law officers on the charges.

Mange said that suspicions by crime lab officials starting in January that Monaghan, a criminalist for the department's Latent

Print Section, was mishandling evidence were confirmed.

"She was saying, 'I've looked at this and there are no fingerprints,'" said Mange. "We had a very well-respected lab, and we're all disappointed this happened."

Employees at Austin's DPS lab offer assistance on investigations to 2,000 law enforcement agencies statewide. Monaghan is a 20-year DPS employee who worked at the lab for eight years before resigning in February.

Sources told the newspaper that more than 800 cases are being reviewed.

"We're going to look at pretty much every case she worked on," said Mange.

More armed border patrols being planned by Republic of Texas

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Armed patrols to round up undocumented immigrants are planned by a militant separatist group that does not recognize Texas as a state.

Leaders of the Republic of Texas, known for a 1997 standoff in the Davis Mountains, said Wednesday that the patrols are planned

early next year, according to the San Antonio Express-News. Another group, based in North Texas, has canceled plans for similar patrols near Brackettville.

The latest plans focus farther southeast along the Texas-Mexico border.

"The initial deployment will occur at the end of January in the Laredo

area," Dennis Miller, president of the republic group's provisional government, said in a prepared statement. "The deployment will be expanded to include other regions as needs are prioritized."

"Individuals intercepted by the Republic of Texas Defense Force will be escorted back to the border and

ordered to return (to Mexico)," the statement continued.

The news release stated that the separatist group was responding to "numerous requests from farmers, ranchers and other citizens in the Texas Rio Grande Valley."

But a U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service

spokesman said private citizens are discouraged from taking on the role of the U.S. Border Patrol.

"There is a lot that can go wrong," Carl Rusnok of the INS' regional office in Dallas said.

"Our foremost concern is public safety. We strongly discourage members of the public from taking the law

into their own hands," he added.

Officials said about 600 Border Patrol agents are assigned to Webb County in the Laredo Sector. They said that more than 100,000 undocumented immigrants were detained and deported last year in the sector, mostly in Webb and Zapata counties.

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OUR VIEWS

Luminaria
a wonderful
holiday event

Another community Christmas tradition will sparkle tonight during the 22nd Annual Howard College Luminaria.

Hundreds of glowing candles will light the walkways throughout the campus beginning at 7 p.m. Inside the Dora Roberts Student Union Building, entertainment, refreshments and a visit from Santa Claus are all planned to usher in the spirit of the season.

It's not unusual for Howard College to offer a "gift" like this to the community; the school does it all year long. But this tradition is a special one since it involves the whole family and especially the little ones.

Whisper wishes to Santa Claus in the Fireplace Room and pose for a snapshot with Jolly Old Saint Nick. Special music, including favorite carols sung by the Big Spring High School choir, will begin about 7:30 p.m.

Dozens of volunteers work diligently to plan, organize and put into action this evening of celebration. It is a joint effort of several student groups, staff and college faculty, who all play a role.

We appreciate this annual holiday present from Howard College to the community, and we hope you will plan to attend with your family.

OTHER VIEWS

The Founding Fathers intended this country to be a constitutional republic, not a direct democracy. With today's instant communication and the nation's long-standing practice of freedom of political speech, it's time to pressure those who represent us.

Regardless of whether you support (Vice President Al) Gore or George W. Bush, we encourage our readers to take action.

If you believe Gore should concede, get online, pick up a telephone or put pen to paper.

Tell everyone from the White House, the Democratic National Committee, your senators and representatives right down to the local Democratic Party to encourage Gore to concede.

If you believe Bush should exit the stage, write the Republican National Committee, your senators and representatives and the local Republican Party.

THE HERALD BULLETIN,
ANDERSON, IND.

Decades of evidence to the contrary, the argument persists that environmental protection is some kind of a job-killer, a business repellent, a bane to development and shortcut to the economic doldrums.

Early on, it was said that tough pollution rules would drive industries out of business. Then, when the cost of cutting emissions turned out to be a few percentage points of overall operating costs, it was said that companies might stay in places where they can surely relocate to other cities or states that take a more relaxed approach to regulation.

It's an appealing simple argument, which overlooks two important complicating factors. First, environmental protection efforts create their own companies, products and jobs. Second, plenty of employers, customers and employees prefer to be in places where they can breathe the air, swim in the lakes and take a walk in a nearby woods. ...

STAR TRIBUNE,
MINNEAPOLIS

Car heaven at Motorsports Hall of Fame

"They walked away!" the billboards say.

The sign features mangled automobiles, demolished, gutted and done-for cars that at some point spewed or pinned their drivers in nonfatal crashes put down with fire hoses.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

Now that's entertainment. Crashed cars as marketing tools. Waste not, want not.

It would be bad form, I suppose, to showcase the cars involved in fatal wrecks.

I guess the International Motorsports Hall of Fame knows its audience. The billboards flare along I-20 between Anniston and Birmingham, Ala., drawing a steady stream of visitors even on a recent weekday. It is easy to get sidetracked while trying to find the advertised and awful wrecks at the Hall of Fame. I came ready to hate it. But there's something downright mesmerizing about this place.

Oh, you can declare you're not all that interest-

ed in the loud, loutish world of car racing. You can look down your nose at the ever-growing sport of NASCAR — the fastest-growing spectator sport in America — figuring that it figures this anti-intellectual society has evolved to loving Jerry Springer and super speedways and all the Budweiser and beauty queens they encompass.

But this place is about more than speed and noise. It illustrates the absolute and abiding love affair between Americans and their cars — not just fast, winning cars or the crashed cadavers; though, goodness knows, that's here, too. But virtually every kind of car — muscle cars, antique cars, novelty cars and car innards. Cars that get us to the Grand Canyon and our honeymoon.

So park your attitude at the door. I figured I might as well, since the ticket costs \$8 and I wanted to try to get my money's worth. I'm here to tell you, a condescending attitude won't get you by the first successful overhead camshaft Ford V-8 racing engine ever built — 1937 — any faster, anyhow.

Not if you don't know a Firebird from Fireball Roberts. I stood for long minutes thinking, "So that's what an overhead camshaft looks like."

The closest I've come to a camshaft before is Click and Clack on NPR.

And how about the 1986 Chevrolet that Richard Petty drove in high school and used to court his wife? Where else would you see that valentine of an automobile? For all of us, there was a certain courting car. It made me want to put a penny in my loafers and hum "You Are So Beautiful."

There are truly some weird and wonderful cars inside the compound of five, count 'em, buildings that make up the museum and snake around a racing boat in the courtyard.

There's a 1981 DeLorean, which looks more like a piece of cutlery than a car. And a so-called "art car," covered with mirrors and glitter and designed by artist Armor Keller, accused by a critic of going through "one hell of a menopause."

I noticed that a lot of the collection — \$25 million worth — was on loan from individuals, and an inordinate number from doctors. It must take a doctor's salary to restore a classic.

My personal favorites were Sam Packard's 1946 Mercury that he raced at Daytona's old beach course and Joe Nemechek III's 1989 Buick Regal, mainly because I love Nemechek's name. Not as good as

Fireball Roberts or Lake Speed, but nice, Nemechek.

There are also eight different halls of fame here, everything from the Mechanics Hall of Fame to the World Karting Hall of Fame.

And, yes, there are the infamous, nonfatal wrecks, one of them crashed by Neil Bonnett in 1993; that car's a real corrugated testimonial for going slower. I'm still not sure the wrecks are the way to advertise this place, though the museum says they illustrate new and improved safety features.

Oh. But unlike some museums, if you're interested (even halfway) in the subject matter, this one's worth the price of admission. And if you care about what's beneath the hood of a Camaro, you'd be in heaven.

I got a little sentimental, remembering that the last time I did Talladega, I took a picture of Janet Guthrie turning up a water bottle at a pit stop; it made the newspaper.

"Richard Petty explains to President Reagan what it's like to win 200th race," a framed newspaper said beneath a photograph of Richard and Ronnie.

The two men looked absolutely happy, like they shared a secret I would never know.

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Greed has destroyed the rule of law

If we still lived under the rule of law, I could safely predict that by the time you read this,



CHARLEY REESE

President-elect George W. Bush will still be the president-elect.

The rule of law, however, has been destroyed by the greed of lawyers and politicians and by the mediocrity of judges.

Therefore, going to the courts is like going to the casino. The outcome is always uncertain and unpredictable.

Florida law is quite clear, and all of the Gore gang's legal pleadings are worthless. No one was unlawfully denied the right to vote. No valid ballot was deliberately not counted. The law is clear that the responsibility for correctly voting the ballot is the voter's. No clean punch, no vote. In the case of absentees, no correct postmark, no vote.

As the Florida Supreme Court already has demonstrated, the law is immaterial when judges decide that they can legislate the outcome they want under the guise of interpretation. This practice, which has systematically dismantled our federal republic, introduces all the vices of rule by men — uncertainty, arbitrariness and unpredictability.

We are now like people forced to live under a dictatorship. We can never be sure that, when he wakes up, the dictator won't frown on what he previously smiled upon or smile upon what he previously frowned upon. We are at the mercy of his whims. Today, Americans are at the mercy of the whims of politicians who wear black robes and pretend to be judges.

I have often referred to the piratical raid on the tobacco industry as a perfect example of lawyers and politicians deliberately rejecting the rule of law in favor of plunder. Most people, because they do not look kindly upon the tobacco industry, merely shrug

and go about their business.

This inability to recognize the danger of a principle being violated, even when the particular victim is unpopular, is the recipe for civic suicide. Too many Americans exhibit the attitude that unless money is coming out of their pocket, unless the billy club is striking their head, then what happens to others is of no concern. This is really the death of citizenship, for a good citizen is always interested in protecting the good and combating the evil in a society. Furthermore, when great principles are violated, everyone becomes a potential victim.

If lawyers can win billions from a legal industry in full compliance with every federal and state law and regulation, do you think their greed is going to be satisfied with a single raid on a single industry? If they can change the rules in midgame to get at the tobacco industry, then they will do it to get at anybody. Already Californians who purchased legal

firearms in a legal manner are being made post-facto felons if they fail to register those weapons. Already legal gun manufacturers are being attacked on the ridiculous grounds that they are responsible for the end use of their products.

When the protection of the rule of law has been eliminated, then everyone is exposed to blasts of the political majority's whims and fancies.

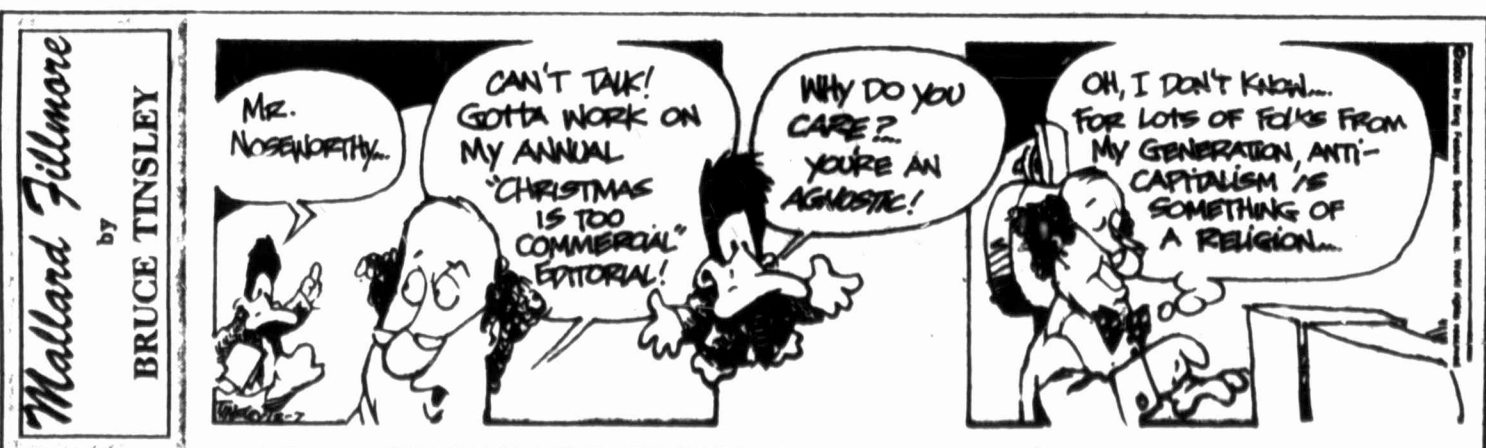
There are naturally some lawyers, some judges, some politicians who remain people of integrity and honor. They are, alas, the very people least likely to be seen on television screens or interviewed by print journalists. The news media prefer demagogues to statesmen. That is proven by their actions, no matter what pious proclamations they make on their editorial pages. And, to be fair, most journalists these days would not recognize honor and integrity if they found it.

Which man the roll of the legal dice will put in the White House remains to be seen.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Coahoma Junior High

Three students were recently named to the Region II Junior High All-Region Choir: Chelsea Griffin, Soprano I; Courtney Bridges, Soprano II; and Callie Price, Alto.

The choir is made up of seventh, eighth and ninth graders from an area that includes Wichita Falls

south to San Angelo and including the Abilene area.

The girls performed in a concert on Nov. 18, in Wichita Falls, along with the high school All-Region Choir. Sponsor and choir teacher is Sandy Wallace, who also serves as elementary music teacher.

In other choir news, the Coahoma Choir kids, with a group of junior high and high school singers, will perform their annual Christmas concert today at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The public is invited.



Courtesy photo
From left are Chelsea Griffin, Courtney Bridges and Callie Price, who were named to the Junior High All-Region Choir.



Courtesy photos
At left, April Ferguson with Girl Scouts presents Gail Earls, with House of Hope, a collection of baby items collected by girls in local troops and donated to the organization that serves pregnant women. Above, Cpl. Art Dehlinger, left, from the Big Spring Police Department, and Howard County Sheriff's Deputy Carlos Parra pose with stuffed animals donated by Girl Scouts to be used as Emergi-buddies. The toys will be given to children involved in crisis situations.

Sinusitis can result in painful symptoms

Acute sinusitis is a bacterial infection of the paranasal sinuses (bony air cavities in the face), which occurs as a complication of viral upper respiratory infections.

It may also arise as a complication of non-infectious rhinitis, polyps, foreign bodies, or anatomical obstruction of sinus drainage. Up to 10 percent of sinusitis may be as an extension of dental abscess.

The use of nasogastric tubes may be the cause of sinusitis or occult fever, especially in the elderly. During the summer, sinusitis develops as a result of swimming, diving or allergic rhinitis. During the fall, winter and spring it usually develops as a complication of a viral upper respiratory infection.

Sinusitis causes pain due to inflammation of the periosteum, a bony layer with rich nerve pain fibers, due to pus accumulation behind a sinus outlet obstruction. The pain gets worse with coughing, laying

down and with pressure over the sinus area.

Tapping over the teeth may be painful during acute maxillary sinusitis. It is frequently associated with fever, malaise, a pressure in the head or a headache that may be worse in the morning and with bending forward, and eye pain.

Other symptoms include a cough due to post-nasal drip and irritation, green-yellowish nasal discharge.

Swelling of the eyelids is a frequent finding in children, especially with ethmoid or maxillary sinusitis associated with allergic rhinitis.

It is important for your physician to differentiate between the pain of sinusitis and the pain associated with migraine headache, dental abscess, cluster headache, and trigeminal neuralgia or other causes of facial pain.

Subacute sinusitis may present as a chronic cough or "cold" especially if accompanied by post-nasal drip, nasal purulent discharge and a headache but the fever has subsided. It requires an additional 2-3 weeks of antibiotics and oral decongestants.

Chronic sinusitis is the result of prolonged, recurrent episodes of acute



DR. GUIDO TOSCANO

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Results are in: Kindergarten is more than just 'kid stuff'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Like most kindergartners, Daniel Hartman is learning his letters, words and numbers. As evidence of the potential for learning in formal schooling before the mandatory first grade, the 6-year-old also recites his lessons in English and Spanish.

Kindergarten, says his father Andrew, a literacy expert, is more than just kids' stuff. A six-year federal study of 22,000 children backs him up with a glimpse of just how much children learn in public and private kindergartens.

"Learning can't start too early," Hartman said.

Tracking the same 22,000 students for a second year, the Education Department study shows that five times as many could do simple addition and subtraction a year earlier, and as many could recognize letters of the alphabet.

The Education Department-funded study offers no comparison with children who do not attend kindergarten, but officials said the first-ever look attempts to show what children know when they enter school and how that knowledge is shaped throughout their early school years.

Results of the study, which will follow the same

children through the fifth grade, also could help advocates make a case for allocating to early childhood education more money for research and better programs.

"Kindergarten is doing exactly what it's supposed to do," Education Secretary Richard Riley said in releasing the study last week. "It's helping (all) children pick up basic verbal and math skills."

Under the project, pupils will be tested regularly in math and reading and observed for physical well-being, social development and other factors that researchers say affect learn-

ing. The cost was not immediately available.

While poor children did worse than others on academics and readiness for school, results showed that all kindergartners increased their knowledge and skills regardless of how much they knew at enrollment.

By the end of kindergarten, 94 percent could recognize their letters, compared to 65 percent when they entered. Children who could recognize simple words rose from 2 percent to 13 percent. Math test scores rose eight points; reading scores increased 10 points.

The Early Childhood Longitudinal Study focuses

on children who attend full or half-day kindergartens, covering children from about 1,000 public and private schools across the country. Future studies will chart the same children's reading and math skills, cooperation with others and physical development. Their families, schools and classrooms also will be examined. Previous studies have surveyed teachers or followed smaller groups of students.

In the current study, children who are poor, non-English speaking or living with single or poorly educated parents had trouble catching up in their first

year of school. They did not improve so much as better-off peers in advanced skills, like solving math problems, the study said.

Hartman said some parents in his son's suburban school district were resistant to full-day programs, emphasizing learning over play.

Though the German-born kindergarten program of developmental play, song and stories dates from the 1800s, it is far from universally embraced. All states provide kindergarten, and even pay for half a day of it, but just 12 states and the District of Columbia require kindergarten.

Backpack backlash

Schools find alternatives to students' heavy bags

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Prompted by complaints from doctors and parents, schools across the country are trying to ease the physical stress children suffer from heavy backpacks.

Some schools have purchased extra textbooks so teachers have one classroom set and pupils have copies at home. Others use chiropractors to teach youngsters how to maintain good posture.

At Collingswood Middle School in southern New Jersey, backpacks aren't used inside the school.

"Besides carrying all their books, they'll carry their clothes, their whole life will be in there," said Scott Hoopes, principal of Collingswood Middle School in southern New Jersey.

'We had kids with health concerns with their backs because they were carrying so much.'

Scott Hoopes, principal

"We had kids with health concerns with their backs because they were carrying so much."

Several hundred schools, from Bellevue, Wash., to Tarpon Springs, Fla., allow pupils to carry backpacks to and from schools, but must remain in their lockers during school hours. The restrictions are for elementary and middle schools.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends

children carry no more than 10 percent to 20 percent of their own body weight and that bags should typically weigh less than 15 pounds.

"We don't think it will cause long-term damage," said Dr. Wayne Yankus, a New Jersey pediatrician with the academy. "For your typical boy or girl, it creates off-balance back pain, but the jury is still out on what these kids will look like in the years to come."

Stoddard Fleisher Middle School in Philadelphia addressed the problem by allowing pupils to keep duplicate books at home. Principal Bernard McGee said the additional books cost more, but the investment pays off because fewer are lost and there is less wear and tear on them.

Gift ideas for the gardener

POUND RIDGE, N.Y. (AP) — To please a gardener with a holiday gift, think useful. What can he or she do with it in the garden?

Tools and accessories hit the spot, things like trowels, spades, pruning shears, watering cans, gloves. They're welcome because they easily get lost or misplaced and seem always in short supply.

Utility doesn't necessarily mean homely. Functional can be beautiful and some items are also crafted to look nice.

Take, for example, so rudimentary a staple as plant supports. Kinsman Company of Point Pleasant, Pa., (800-733-4146; www.kinsmangarden.com) offers English-made, 3-foot-tall steel stakes featuring tops in the shapes of butterflies, bees, song sparrows and squirrels in durable black finish. They're \$11.95 each.

Online shopping has made gift hunting a lot easier for people who may not be gardeners themselves but are looking for presents for relatives and friends.

Go to www.garden.com and click your way to a page featuring 28 practical suggestions at prices ranging from below \$5 to

a blower vac at \$89.99. Featured are aprons, shoes, gloves, pruners, kneeler seats, watering cans, tote bags with tools, electric trimmers, wheelbarrows. Click on each pictured item and you get a full description.

Most gardening outlets have web pages today but they still mail out catalogs for people who may rather shop by mail. Looking through this year's crop, I found gifts suitable to various budgets.

If you're feeling generous, you can gift-wrap a 16-piece tool kit for \$75 from Brookstone's, 17 Riverside St., Nashua, N.H., 03062 (800-351-7222; www.brookstone.com). The kit includes trowel, weeder, cultivator, transplanter, two pruners, grass shears, kneeler pad, multipattern hose nozzle, power stream nozzle and six different hose connectors, all in a snap-tight case.

For the gadget oriented, Brookstone offers at \$29 what it calls a gardener's computer featuring a metal probe you stick in the ground to read pH, light and moisture

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SLICE of life!

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

MIAMI (AP) — A motorist accuses O.J. Simpson of reaching into his car, grabbing his glasses and scratching his face after they pulled over during a traffic dispute, police said. No charges have been filed.

Jeffrey Pattinson, 55, told police he "flicked his lights" at a black Lincoln Navigator after he saw the SUV drive past a stop sign late Monday in suburban Kendall.

The Navigator stopped, and Simpson got out and walked toward Pattinson's car and the two men argued briefly, Pattinson told police. Simpson then reached inside the car and pulled the glasses off Pattinson's face, causing a small scratch, police said.

Simpson denied wrongdoing. He called WSVN-TV Tuesday morning, saying he told Pattinson: "You got your bright lights on me, sitting on my heels. I've got two kids in this car, guy. What are you doing?" Simpson said the man said something else, "and I told him where he could go with it and I got in my car and took my kids home."

Simpson was to be questioned Tuesday by Miami-Dade police. Pattinson could not be reached for comment; his wife, reached at their home, said he wasn't there. Simpson moved to South Florida earlier this year.

In September, Simpson's sometimes girlfriend, Christie Prody, accused him of using a key to break into her Miami-Dade County home, erase a message on her answering machine and take a letter. She called police but did not press charges.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

THE BIG SPRING EVENING Lions Club will have free eye-glasses for all adults Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third.

All adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses are welcome. The recycled eyeglasses are donated by the community as a service project of the Lions.

The Lions group offers the eyeglasses the second Saturday of each month. For more information call Donna Groenke at 393-5298.

Look out: Everything '80s is 'now' again

CHICAGO (AP) — When Jay Schwartz and his brother started a vintage clothing and memorabilia shop eight years ago, retro meant '60s and '70s.

Nowadays, Schwartz's customers are also looking for parachute pants and Cyndi Lauper trading cards straight out of the '80s.

As much as those who lived through the decade might like to forget it, the '80s are awesome again, with music, fashion and television celebrating the Era of Excess.

"What's really selling for us is images of the '80s," Schwartz said. "Garbage Pail Kids are huge. 'The A-Team' is huge. Pee Wee Herman is huge."

Fashion designers have added legwarmers and ruffled skirts to their 2001 collections. Cable TV is rerunning such "classics" as "The Facts of Life" and "The A-Team." And a growing number of radio stations are switching to all-'80s formats of Billy Idol, Duran Duran, Boy George and the like.

It's all an attempt to appeal to a lucrative market — young professionals who wax nostalgic about their teen years, and current teens crazy about anything retro.

Lisa Johnson, manager of The '80s Server, a Web site devoted to the decade, established her site in Overland Park, Kan., in 1995, when she sensed a movement away from the depressing look and sound of "grunge" music and toward happier, bouncier times — the '80s.

She figured people in their late 20s and 30s would visit but was surprised by the influx of teen-agers too young to remember much of the decade in which they were born.

Jonathan Henningson of Tacoma, Wash., who was just 7 when the '80s ended, said T-shirts featuring "He-

Man" cartoon characters are a cool fashion statement among his friends.

On Monday, the 17-year-old stopped by Schwartz's store, Strange Cargo, to pick up a pack of Garbage Pail Kids trading cards, the gross-out parodies of Cabbage Patch Kids that he collected as a child.

"Man, I had a stack of these about that big," he said, opening his hands wide and grinning.

Schwartz's customers also snatch up '80s heavy metal T-shirts as fast as he can put them on the rack.

The catwalks at this fall's Fashion Week in London and New York, a showcase for top designers, had a smattering of '80s-style pleated skirts and one-shoulder tops.

"We had a company come to us, and they wanted to have us sell their parachute pants on our site," said Johnson, laughing at the memory of the noisy zipperbedecked nylon pants. "I don't want to be responsible for bringing back that trend."

Last week, Chicago's WXCD-FM switched from classic rock to '80s music, the second station in the area to try the format.

The taste for the '80s, though, may be short-lived.

Robert Thompson, a professor of media and popular culture at Syracuse University in New York, said cable television has made nostalgia instantaneous.

TV shows from the '80s never really stopped being shown, and radio stations started doing '80s blocks almost as soon as the decade ended.

"The great thing about nostalgia, it was like going up in the attic and opening a box that hasn't been opened in 20 years," Thompson said. "Now it's as if the box never went up to the attic."

GIFTS TOSCANO

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levels. An accompanying booklet shows correct needs for most plants, trees, flowers, vegetables, herbs and fruit.

Indoor grow lighting maintains steady popularity for starting seeds and displaying plants. A neat little item comes at \$39.95 from Gardener's Supply Company, 128 Intervale Road, Burlington, Vt., 04591 (800-863-1700; www.gardeners.com). It consists of a 9-watt full spectrum light that turns on and off automatically. A moisture sensor tells you when the plant needs water. The unit accommodates a plant up to 12 inches tall in a pot up to 5-1/2 inches in diameter.

For the indoor gardener who is away from home frequently, Gardener's Supply offers so-called plant minder trays that hold enough water to keep your plants properly moist for two weeks at a time. The principle is that they water from the bottom, moistening the roots. They come in two sizes at \$19.95 and \$14.95.

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sinusitis with frequent exacerbation into acute sinusitis. It is characterized by a persistent post-nasal drip and purulent nasal discharge.

The management of acute sinusitis includes antibiotics, nasal decongestants, and pain medication such as acetaminophen. It frequently requires a 10-14 day course of antibiotic treatment.

An oral decongestant prior to flights, especially in non-pressurized aircraft may be useful to prevent exacerbation or recurrence of sinusitis symptoms. General measures include the use of a cool mist or humidifier.

For young children, use a nasal aspirator or bulb syringe to help with drainage. If the infection is severe, stay indoors in an even temperature.

Drink plenty of fluids to help thin secretions and allow better drainage of your sinuses. Avoid smoking and consider quitting altogether.

If the symptoms don't resolve as expected, a refer-

ral to an otolaryngologist, ENT specialist may be necessary for antral puncture or surgical drainage of the sinuses. Occasionally hospitalization is necessary for IV antibiotics, and sometimes drainage.

Rare complications of sinusitis may include osteomyelitis or infection of the bone, orbital cellulitis or abscess with infection around the eye that may lead to blindness, and requires emergency surgery.

Another dreaded complication is cavernous sinus thrombosis, which presents as a very toxic state with mental status changes.

Finally, a more rare but life-threatening complication includes meningitis or brain abscess.

If you or a member of your family has the symptoms of sinusitis observe the above general recommendations and seek medical attention early to avoid complications.

If you are being treated for sinusitis and not improving as expected, con-

tact your physician for further evaluation and treatment.

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

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IN BRIEF

Softball boosters will hold meeting tonight.

The Big Spring High School Softball Booster Club will meet at 6:30 tonight at the BSHS Athletic Training Center. Members will discuss the upcoming season. Parents of all Lady Steers softball players are encouraged to attend.

Quarterback Club schedules banquet

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will hold its annual football banquet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18, in the Big Spring High School cafeteria.

Tickets will be \$10 each. To purchase tickets or for more information, call Darrell or Sheri Nichols at 263-2917 after 6 p.m.

Coahoma youth hoops sign-ups under way

Registration for the Coahoma Youth Basketball Association's upcoming season is currently under way.

Youngsters can sign up from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday and from 10 a.m. until noon Saturday at the Coahoma Junior High School gymnasium.

The girls' draft will begin at noon Saturday and will be followed by the boys' draft.

Big Spring schedules junior varsity tourney

Big Spring's Lady Steers junior varsity will host a six-team round robin tournament today through Saturday in the Big Spring Junior High School gym.

The tournament field includes teams from Andrews, Denver City, Lamesa, Seminole and Sweetwater.

The Lady Steers JV will play Sweetwater at 8 tonight, then take on Lamesa at 11 a.m. Friday and Denver City that night at 6:30.

On Saturday, Big Spring will take on Andrews at 10 a.m. and Seminole at 2:30 p.m.

BSYBA extends registration period

The Big Spring Youth Basketball Association will conduct sign-ups for the upcoming season at All Star Sports, 1901 Gregg St., and the Big Spring Mall through Saturday.

Registration at All Star Sports will be during regular business hours. Mall registration will be from 6 to 8 tonight and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Teams will draft on Saturday, Dec. 16, at Trinity Baptist Church.

The program is open to girls and boys in Grades 1-6. Cost to participants is \$20 per player.

For more information, call Rick Watkins at 267-2358 or Charlie Hall at 263-0159.

Area coaches asked to transmit schedules

The Herald is asking all Crossroads area basketball coaches who have not provided copies of their varsity schedules and rosters for the 2000-2001 season to do so as quickly as possible.

Fax them to the attention of John A. Moseley at 264-7205.

ON THE AIR

Television COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men
6 p.m. — Kansas at Wake Forest, ESPN, Ch. 30.

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8 p.m. — Home Depot Awards, ESPN, Ch. 30.

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7 p.m. — New York Knicks at San Antonio Spurs, TNT, Ch. 28.

Bufs face familiar foe in return to Class 2A quarterfinals

JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

It has been said that familiarity breeds contempt.

Not so, says Stanton head football coach Mark Cotton. At least not when it comes to Friday's 7:30 p.m. Class 2A, Division II quarterfinal playoff game that pits his Buffaloes and Albany's Lions at Sweetwater's Mustang Bowl.

While Cotton, his staff and a great many of the Buffs players have reached this level of the playoffs before — en route to a state championship in 1997 and a semifinals berth in 1998 — the Stanton boss makes it clear they consider this season a special one.

"It's always special to get where we are right now," Cotton said. "It's just nice to be able to reach a new level of the playoffs. At this point of the season, each game is just one more layer of icing on the cake."

The bottom line is that each season brings a new team with different strengths and weaknesses.

And the 2000 Buffaloes are a much different team than the 1997 and 1998 teams.

"The seniors on this team were freshmen when we won the state championship in 1997 and they were with us ... suited up on the sideline," Cotton noted. "But there's quite a bit of difference between this team and our teams in '97 and '98."

"We threw the ball a lot more in

'97 and '98, where we're more a running team this year," he added. "And we were a larger and more physical team then than we are now."

There is one constant for the Buffs, however. That's Albany.

The Lions stood in the way of Stanton's run to the title three years ago and had to be subdued again in the Buffs' march to the semifinals the next season.

"They are kind of a constant," Cotton said of the Lions, who sport an 11-2 record identical to Stanton's. "Albany was there in our way in 1997. In fact, other than the Lockney game, it was the toughest challenge we had. And in '98, we got up on them early, but they settled down and played us tough the rest of the

game." Cotton says this year's Albany team reminds him a great deal of the 1997 Lions, only better.

"They're a lot like the Albany team in '97," Cotton explained. "They're big, but they've got more speed and quickness than they did back then."

"They're still predominantly a running team, too," he added. "In fact, they're a lot like we are when it comes to what we like to do offensively and defensively. The difference is that they're a lot bigger than we are."

"We're going to have our work cut out for us because they're a strong, experienced football team," Cotton

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Mayberry resigns Howard post

Wells takes Lady Hawks in interim

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

Howard College head women's basketball coach Ron Mayberry has submitted his resignation after 11 1/2 years at the Lady Hawks helm, citing personal family matters as the reason for bringing an end to his 38-year coaching career. Mayberry will stay on the campus fulfilling his teaching responsibilities and coordinating coaching duties with his assistants until Jan. 5.

The Lady Hawks' 106-99 overtime loss to No. 4-ranked Trinity Valley, a game Mayberry was forced to miss due to a family emergency, closed out the first half of their season. They will return to action Jan. 27-30 at the Scottsdale (Ariz.) Classic.

Mayberry, who guided the Lady Hawks to a 24-8 record last year, will be replaced on an interim basis by assistant coach Joey Wells, who is currently in his second year as a member of the Howard College coaching staff.

Wells served as an assistant to men's coach Tommy Collins one season before making the move to women's athletics this season.

"This is very depressing," Mayberry said during a press this morning in the Hawk Room at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. "I'm not excited about it. It's not something I want to do, but it's something I have to do."

"I tried walking away from coaching once before and couldn't do it," he added. "This is in my blood, and as long as I've got any energy left, that's what I want to do. But that's simply not possible right now."

Mayberry, who spent several years coaching rival Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJAC) programs at Odessa and South Plains, was named the NJCAA's National Coach of the Year



HERALD photo/John A. Moseley

Joey Wells answers questions from the media moments after Howard College officials announced this morning that he would take over as interim head coach of the Lady Hawks basketball program following the resignation of Ron Mayberry.

following the 1989-90 season after guiding South Plains' men to a No. 1 ranking. In addition, he was selected as the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches' JUCO coach of the year three consecutive seasons.

"I appreciate the opportunity I had here," Mayberry added. "There's a great tradition here and it was exciting to be a part of it. Getting to coach here was really a lift for me, and I got a lot more out of being here than I was able to give, that's for sure."

Wells, who was forced to leave midway through the press conference in order to catch a scouting trip flight, said he was excited to have an opportunity to move into the head coach's role at a nationally-recognized program. However, he also noted that he had not expected Mayberry to leave the program this soon.

"This certainly isn't something I expected," he said. "One of the reasons to move over to the women's program was to have a chance to work under Coach Mayberry, to benefit

from his 38 years of experience and the things he's been able to accomplish."

Mayberry and Wells met with their players to inform them of the change prior to the press conference.

"Some of them were pretty much shocked," Mayberry said. "They knew there were some problems I was having to handle. I think the sophomores were probably the most surprised ... they probably thought that I'd stick it out."

Terry Hansen, the college's athletic director, admitted that Mayberry's resignation was a loss for the Lady Hawks program.

"Coach Mayberry's resignation is certainly a loss for Howard College," he said, "but we are confident that Joey Wells has all the skills necessary to continue the successful traditions of the Lady Hawk basketball program during this transitional period."

Hansen and Howard president Dr. Cheri Sparks said the college will fill the permanent head coaching position at the end of the bas-

ketball season.

Wells, who filled the head coach's role during games against nationally-ranked Tyler and Trinity Valley teams last week, said he believes both of those games are something the Lady Hawks can build on as they near WJAC play.

"We're going to Arizona right after Christmas and then will make a trip to Colorado early in January and that means we're going to be playing more games during the break than the rest of the teams in the conference," he explained. "It's going to be tough, but we'll be ready for the teams in our league."

Wells, who said he plans to add at least a couple of players during the semester break to help bring more intensity to Lady Hawks practices, said he will continue to rely on Mayberry's advice.

"I'll still be calling on Coach Mayberry no matter where he goes," Wells explained. "I'd be a fool not to take advantage of his knowledge, experience and advice."

Cowboys release Warren

IRVING (AP) — Without the venom of Jimmy Johnson, Dave Campo has sent the Dallas Cowboys the kind of message that would've made his old boss proud.

By releasing running back Chris Warren on Wednesday, Campo was telling the team he won't tolerate any more lackadaisical behavior on or off the field.

Warren's farewell performance was dropping two passes in the first quarter of a 27-7 loss Sunday to Tampa Bay. The second one landed in the arms of cornerback Brian Kelly and was returned for a touchdown.

Add in a history of missed meetings and practices and the fact he had only three games left on his contract and Warren made for the perfect candidate for Campo to use as an example.

"From here on out, the guys that make this football team are going to be guys that perform," Campo said. "If they don't perform, they won't be here."

In 1992, running back Curvin Richards made some costly tumbles in a late-season game and Johnson released him soon after. The coach's point was more to send a message as Richards wouldn't have been used much in the playoffs. Whether it got through or not, Dallas won the Super Bowl that season and the next. Campo was an assistant on those stiffs.

The Cowboys are 4-9 in Campo's first season in charge. They had little to gain by continuing to play an 11-year veteran when they could give his playing time to rookie Michael Wiley.

"We just felt at this particular time that we need to move forward," Campo said. "We felt that in the best interest of our football team this was the time to do it."

Warren signed with Dallas in 1998 to be a third-down back and a backup for Emmitt Smith. He served the role well on the field.

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Michigan State beats Florida in national title rematch

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Newcomers Marcus Taylor and Zach Randolph made sure the Michigan State-Florida sequel matched the original.

Taylor and Randolph were not a part of the NCAA tournament final between the Spartans and the Gators, but the Michigan State freshmen flourished in Wednesday night's rematch, combining for 42 points as No. 2 Michigan beat No. 8 Florida 99-83.

Randolph scored 27 points on 10-of-13 shooting and grabbed seven rebounds, and Taylor had 15 points and seven assists as the Spartans extended the nation's longest winning streak to 17 games. It was their 34th consecutive victory at the Breslin Center, which trails only Utah's run of 54 wins in a row at home.

"They were phenomenal," said Michigan State's Charlie Bell, who

scored 20 points. "They really came out and showed why they were McDonald All-Americans and why they were two of the top recruits in the country. We're glad to have them."

Florida coach Billy Donovan, whose Gators lost 89-76 in the title game, praised Taylor and Randolph. "Both of our freshmen were phenomenal," Donovan conceded.

The Michigan State-Florida rematch marked the 16th time that NCAA Tournament finalists met the following season. The defending national champions are 11-5 in such games.

In other games Wednesday night involving Top 25 teams, it was No. 9 Illinois 85, Wisconsin-Milwaukee 44, No. 16 Virginia 90, Ohio 71 No. 17 Wisconsin 61, Wisconsin-Green Bay 53, No. 19 Maryland 107, Stony Brook 59, and Utah St. 58, No. 22 Utah 57.

The Spartans' victory Wednesday night prompted Bell to make some

bold statements.

"If you look at all the guys top to bottom, everybody is better at each position," Bell said. "Marcus and Zach are going to help us out a lot. If we get them to play like that every night, there's no doubt in my mind we can win the national championship."

Michigan State solved Florida's press and went on to shoot 55.4 percent and outrebound the Gators 37-26.

"It's hard to complain about how we played because I think we did a lot of things well," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said.

Donovan measured his words, but didn't discount the possibility of back-to-back titles for Michigan State.

"They're not nearly as good as they were in April," Donovan said. "But they have the potential to be better than they were in April."

Brent Wright led the Gators with 18 points. Teddy Dupay and Matt

Bonner each scored 17.

No. 9 Illinois 85, Wis.-Milwaukee 44

Brian Cook scored a season-high 17 points, and host Illinois held Wisconsin-Milwaukee to 22 percent shooting.

The 41-point margin was the biggest for Illinois (6-2) since beating Bethune-Cookman by 50 on Dec. 28, 1999. It was the worst shooting performance ever by a visiting team in Assembly Hall.

Clay Tucker led Wisconsin-Milwaukee (5-3) with 16 points.

No. 16 Virginia 90, Ohio 71

In Charlottesville, Travis Watson scored 16 points, including ferocious dunks 61 seconds apart early in the second half, and Keith Friel was 4-for-6 from 3-point range and finished with 16 points for Virginia.

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SPORTS EXTRA

TOP 25 - FOOTBALL

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

NFL STANDINGS

Table showing NFL standings for the American Conference (East and Central) and National Conference (East and Central).

Association women's basketball

Table listing association women's basketball teams and their records.

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TOP 25 - MEN

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

Association men's basketball

Table listing association men's basketball teams and their records.

TOP 25 - WOMEN

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

JUCO-MEN

Table listing top 20 men's junior college basketball teams.

JUCO-WOMEN

Table listing top 25 women's junior college basketball teams.

BUFFS

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continued. "And with their kids being as big as they are, our offensive and defensive lines are really going to be challenged."

Of course, the Buffs linemen were expected to be seriously challenged last week by a larger Hamlin team, but the Stanton offensive front responded with a dominating performance that allowed tailback Jeremy Hull and fullback Clay White to rush for the combined 382 yards in the 40-14 rout.

"There's no question we played very well last week," Cotton admitted. "In fact, it was our best game of the year without a doubt."

The Pied Pipers' keyed their defensive effort to stopping Hull.

They did not succeed. The speedy senior tailback rushed for almost 200 yards, easily eclipsing the 2,000-yard mark for the season.

But White proved to be even more damaging, rushing for 201 yards and scoring a pair of touchdowns, leaving him with 1,297 yards this season.

Perhaps the most damaging factor was White. Cotton said the Buffs coaching staff had expected Hamlin to key on Hull and had hoped they would have some success with plays up the middle that developed more quickly.

Jeremy and we expected them to be a real challenge to us," he explained. "After all, we keyed on their tailback completely. But I think we hit them with things that were a little quicker with the fullback, and that opened things up everywhere."

The Buffs will more than likely try to vary things even more Friday in an attempt to confuse the larger Lions.

"We're going to have to mix things up more this week," Cotton admitted. "We're probably going to have to throw the ball a little more than usual this week. And we'll probably try to use a lot of different sets to try and keep them off balance."

ROUNDUP

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The Cavaliers (6-0), off to their best start since the 1992-93 team won its first 11, forced 21 turnovers by the Bobcats (2-1) and turned them into 29 points.

Friel joined Watson with 16 points.

No. 17 Wisconsin 61, Wis.-Green Bay 53

Roy Boone scored 15 points as Wisconsin beat Wisconsin-Green Bay in what became a tribute to Dick Bennett's coaching legacy.

The Badgers (4-1), the first Big Ten team to play in

Brown County Arena since Northwestern 14 years ago, improved to 2-0 under acting coach Brad Soderberg, who replaced Bennett.

The game was supposed to mark the return of Bennett to the court he made famous during his stretch as Green Bay's coach.

Albany Lions VS. STANTON BUFFALOES. Class 2A, Division II Quarterfinals. 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8; Sweetwater.

WARREN

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but wasn't always a team player.

He was fined earlier this season for missing the first day of work after a bye week. He also was one of two players who missed the reporting deadline for training camp.

Last November, Warren told coaches hours before a key midweek practice that he would be absent for personal reasons. It was an especially bad move because Smith was hurt and Warren was supposed to work with the first team that day. A few months before, he stretched a two-day medical trip to Colorado to five days.

In 13 games this season, Warren ran 59 times for 254 yards and two touchdowns.

Warren came into this season sixth among active running backs with 7,400 career yards.

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This is the second in a two-part series. With the help of expert Dr. Henry Petrocki of Duke University, we have also given a little information about what life was like before 1900 and what changes we might expect in the future.

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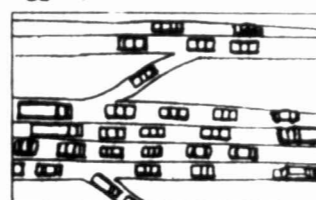
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Most of the roads were made of dirt, brick or wood. They were for horses and buggies, not cars.

The 20th century

Our interstate highway system links every major city in the United States. It also links the U.S. with Canada and Mexico.



The future

Wires will be embedded in the roads to guide traffic. Computers will move each car safely along so the "driver" can sit back and read or watch TV.

13. The Internet

Before 1900



To research a subject, people might read a book in a library.

The 20th century

The Internet offers us instant information and communication at our fingertips. It started in the 1960s as a way for scientists to exchange information over different computers.



The future

Searching the Net will keep getting faster and easier.

12. Spacecraft

Before 1900

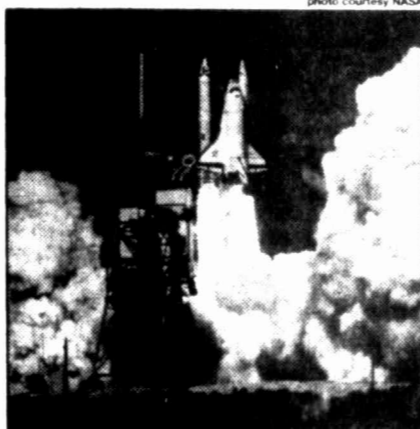


People did not

travel far in their lifetimes.

The 20th century

In the effort to make human outer space travel possible, engineers developed our wireless communication, navigation and weather forecasting systems, and 60,000 new products and services.



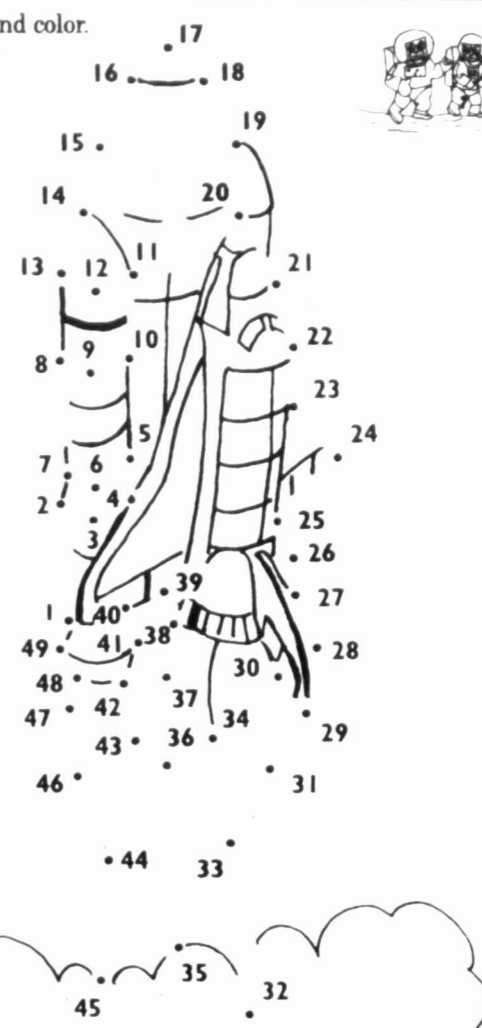
Over the next few years, the space shuttle will fly many missions to the International Space Station.

The future

Tourists will walk on the moon and astronauts will explore Mars. The space station will be a permanent home for humans in space.

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Go dot to dot and color.



MIGHTY FUNNY'S Funny Phonics

It's fun to learn phonics, or the way letters sound. This week's target sound is the one made by the SCR blend, as in the word **screen**.

Q: What is a screen door?
A: Something kids get a bang out of!

Doctor: How did you get so many scratches and bruises?
Patient: It happened in the desert. I swam a long time in a lake before I discovered it was a mirage!

Go on an SCR word hunt. What other words can you find using the SCR blend? What sound do you hear?

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- You'll need:
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine, melted
 - 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
 - 1 teaspoon seasoned salt
 - 2 cups pretzel bits
 - 2 cups wheat cereal
 - 2 cups corn cereal
 - 1 cup mixed nuts

- What to do:
1. Combine melted butter or margarine, Worcestershire sauce and seasoned salt in a large microwave-safe bowl. Mix well.
 2. Stir in pretzel bits and cereals. Mix well.
 3. Microwave on high for 6 minutes. Stir halfway through cooking.
 4. Add nuts and mix well.
 5. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving. Makes about 7 cups.



ENGINEERING ACCOMPLISHMENTS TRY 'N FIND

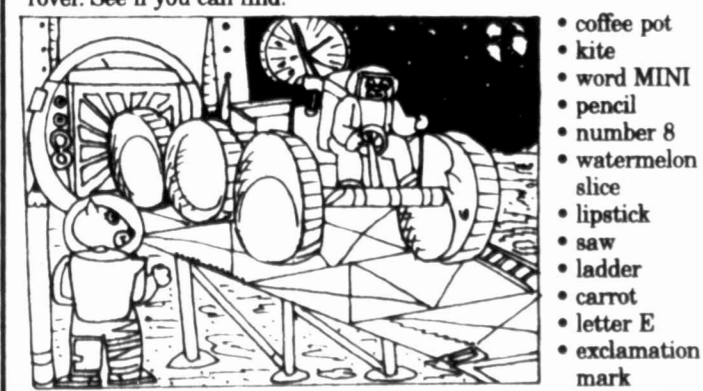
Words that remind us of engineering accomplishments are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find: INTERSTATE, HIGHWAYS, SPACE, SAFE, INTERNET, HEALTH, TECHNOLOGY, IMAGES, APPLIANCES, ROBOTS, MATERIALS, NUCLEAR, LASER, PETROLEUM, GAS, DOCTORS, OPTICS.

SOME DAY WE'LL HAVE WRIST PHONES!

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are exploring the moon in their new rover. See if you can find:



- coffee pot
- kite
- word MINI
- pencil
- number 8
- watermelon slice
- lipstick
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- letter E
- exclamation mark
- number 7

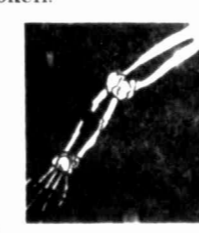
More Top Changes

14. Imaging

Imaging is a word used to describe advanced types of picture-taking.

Before 1900
Doctors had to feel a patient's arm to see if it was broken.

The 20th century
Thanks to X-rays and other methods, doctors can get pictures of what is going on inside our bodies.



Scientists can take pictures of tiny atoms or huge galaxies millions of miles away. Engineers are able to make smaller computers because they can take pictures of circuit patterns and print them on tiny microchips.

The future
Doctors will be able to look even further into the body without causing pain or danger.

15. Household appliances

Before 1900
Women spent most of their time doing housework. It might take a whole day just to do laundry. They had to build fires to boil water. They had to scrub clothes on wash boards and then hang them out to dry.

The 20th century
Appliances such as washers and dryers, microwave ovens and vacuum cleaners make housework much easier and give the homemaker more free time.

The future
Robots will do much of the work.

The Mini Page thanks expert Dr. Henry Petrocki, civil engineering professor, Duke University. We also thank Chuck Blue, American Association of Engineering Societies, for help with this issue.

Site to see: www.greatachievements.org

16. Health technologies

Before 1900
Doctors had few instruments to find out what was wrong.

The 20th century
Many machines, such as CT scanners and heart pacemakers, and hundreds of new medicines help doctors treat patients.

The future
Scientists will be able to develop artificial organs.

17. Petroleum and petrochemicals

Petrochemicals are the products made from petroleum, or oil.

Before 1900
Oil was used mainly for lighting.

The 20th century
Petroleum is used as a fuel to run cars and machines. Products made from oil include aspirin, plastics and textiles.

The future
New fuels will be developed to reduce our dependence on petroleum.

18. Laser and fiber optics

A laser beam is a powerful stream of controlled light. Fiber optics use thin glass fibers to send laser light waves that swiftly transmit our messages and information.

Before 1900
People communicated by mail, telegraph or telephone.

The 20th century
Fiber optics carry millions of phone calls, videos and computer files. Lasers can also be used for many things, from cutting steel to scanning bar codes to get grocery prices.

The future
Most people will scan their own groceries as they put them in their bags.

19. Nuclear technologies

Before 1900
Most energy came from burning coal and wood.

The 20th century
Nuclear power is used to produce about 20 percent of the electricity we use in the U.S.

Nuclear power can produce a great deal of energy with a small amount of fuel. However, its tremendous power in time of war is a great threat.

Nuclear materials also help with medical research.

The future
Safe methods will be found to get rid of nuclear waste. Scientists will discover new sources of energy no one has even thought of yet.

20. High-performance materials

Before 1900
Many building materials were made of iron, stone and timber.

The 20th century
Engineers developed new, high-performance materials that have enabled us to build skyscrapers, spacecraft and jet airplanes.

Tiny chips to power computers were made possible by the careful use of a material made from silicon.

The future
Materials will be invented that we can't even imagine now. They will be lighter, cheaper and more reliable than materials of today.

Look through your newspaper for stories and pictures about 20th-century inventions.

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Actually, you are quite
talented. If you are single,
a relationship flourishes
once you decide to commit.
You will have many options.
If you are attached, you
two need to splurge on your
relationship and long-term
desires. Make a long-term
wish real. TAURUS helps
you focus.

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)
****Your energy slowly
dissipates during the day.
Certainly, a lot happens
quite quickly, and you
might opt to work less and
play more. Indulgence
marks even the most diligent
of Rams. Expenses run
higher than you expect.
Seize financial control.
Tonight: Your treat.

TAURUS (April 20-May
20)
**** Though you could
be mulling over a lot during
the day, you experience
some dramatic changes in
your perspective. Your
energy level grows as the
day gets older. Plan on
physically demanding activities
later in the day. Others
respond to your appeal and
energy. Tonight: The world
is your oyster.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
**** Use the daytime to
accomplish what you feel is
important. A partner does
his best to distract you. You
might not understand what
he wants, but you actually
love the diversion. Isolate
yourself in the p.m. if you
want to get anything done.
Tonight: Vanish while you
can.

CANCER (June 21-July
22)

**** Your focus challenges
those around you. If they
need your attention, it
might be hard to get.
Concentrate on priorities
and on what is important to
you. Others go out of their
way to please you, especially
that certain someone. You
get what you want.
Tonight: Smile as you zoom
in on better times.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** Reach out for information
and expertise. Others
don't necessarily see eye to
eye with you, but that is
perfectly OK with you.
Listen to another and read
between the lines. Sometimes
what one doesn't say is more
significant than what one
does say. Work flourishes
in the p.m.
Tonight: Work late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
**** Reach out for others at
a distance. Your perspective
changes dramatically because
of what you learn. You face
an emotional challenge
between a long-term
committed tie and a flirtation.
Only you can make a
decision here. Examine
what is important to you.
Tonight: Try a totally new
restaurant or cuisine.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** Let others make the
first move. Not everyone
has to agree with you. Gain
a diverse perspective. Don't
push so hard to make what
you want happen. Examine
possibilities rather than
falling into old, unworkable
patterns. Close relating
draws others to you.
Tonight: Play the night
away.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov.
21)
**** Plunge into work and
get the job done. You have
a lot of ground to cover.
Make a call to a loved one
this afternoon, or perhaps
sprinkle in a little holiday
shopping at lunchtime.

HOROSCOPE

Realize the importance of
strong working relationships
as well. Tonight:
Accept an invitation out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-
Dec. 21)
**** Your ideas count, and
they help you make money
-- and spend it as well.
Think about what you are
doing. Use your creativity
to come up with unusually
special holiday gifts that
you could make. Dig into
work, or you might not be
happy with the long work-
week. Tonight: Work as late
as necessary.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-
Jan. 19)
**** Stay on top of information
and what others need
from you. You could
overindulge a loved one or
a family member. Recognize
that you aren't doing it as
much for this person as you
are for yourself. It makes
you feel good. Your ingenuity
helps you at work. Tonight:
Take a mid-week break.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.
18)
**** Holding your feelings in
doesn't help. Speak your
mind and get to the bottom
of a problem. Others will
respond. Keep asking questions.
Build security and

indulge a family member.
Stay in touch with your
long-term needs. Tonight:
Make this a quiet night for
two.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March,
20)
**** Indulge yourself and get
to the bottom of a problem.
Your sense of humor comes
out with others. Remain
playful and direct. Think
about your long-term needs
with another. Discuss
financial demands and
implications. Another doesn't
have to agree. Tonight:
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Woman tires of having to
fulfill her blond ambitions

DEAR ABBY: I am a 45-
year-old single woman. My
significant other and I have
been together for five years.
He's eight years older than
I am, and he brings me
great joy.

A problem has arisen that
has me at my wit's end.
When we first began dating,
"George" would drop
hints about how he loved
long blond hair. At the
time I was a natural
brunette, but thought a
few high-lights would
not hurt. I let it grow.
Eventually my hair
became lighter and lighter
until I was all blond.
However, I never really
liked it. It didn't complement
my skin tones. I have
been blond for more than
four years. Friends and
family tell me I look better
as a brunette.

During my last trip to the
hairsdresser, I asked to have
my hair darkened one
shade. It's now very light
brown, and I like it. George
hates it. He hates it so
much that for the first
week he wouldn't look at
me or talk to me. I had
no idea what was wrong,
and I suspected he had
met someone else.

The following week, we
were talking again, but
things still weren't "right."
All signs of affection were
gone. I tolerated it for a
week and then confronted
him. It turned out he really
wanted me blond. I let him
know how unattractive he
was making me feel and
how shallow I thought he
was. He blamed me and
my hair and said that if I
hadn't gone blond, we
probably never would have
gotten together.

I tried to convince him I
was still the same person.
The fight escalated to the
point where I packed my
bags and was out the door.
He finally admitted HE
had the problem, and
convinced me to stay while
he worked it out. The
following week he was
back to being his

old self.
Last night my family
gathered at a nice restaurant
for a birthday dinner.
Midway through the
evening, wouldn't you
know, in walked a couple,
and the blond-headed
woman sat next to our table.
"flipping" her hair. George
couldn't take his eyes off
her. It was so embarrassing
it made me depressed. I
gave George "the look" to
knock it off, but he didn't.
My family also noticed.
When we got home, he
acted like nothing was
wrong.

I don't know what to do.
I can't go back to being
blond because I'll never
know if he loves me or
the fantasy. It seems like
such a trivial reason to
break up, but I can't
imagine putting up with
this for the rest of my
life. Any advice? - TIERED
OF THE ROOTS IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR TIERED: George has
a problem and he admits
it. Your gentleman not only
prefers blondes, it appears
he has a fetish for long
blond hair. People can
change their behavior, but
they can't change their
feelings.

Joint counseling might be
helpful for you both to
help each other understand
what you're both really
saying. The relationship
can't succeed unless you
are comfortable and feel
accepted for who you are.
It depends upon changing
your appearance, then
face it -- George isn't
someone to dye for.

DEAR ABBY: I was
wondering if there is a
proper place for an ex-
wife to sit during a funeral,
when the deceased has a
significant other and
intended for her to sit
in front, as if she were
his wife.

Does the ex sit in front
also, or among the general
congregation? - CURIOUS
IN PRIEST RIVER, IDAHO

DEAR CURIOUS: Where
the former spouse sits
depends upon whether
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of grief, the children
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6:30	News (CC) Fortune	Cosby (CC) Spin City (CC)	mas (CC) Wishbone	Annabelle's Wish	News Ent. Tonight	News (CC) Fortune	News Seinfeld (CC)	Fresh Prince Fresh Prince	Locura de Amor	Movie: Life Size (CC)	Marital Law (CC)	(15) Movie: Black	Arithmetic (CC)	Real Sports (CC)	News John: Hagee	Law & Order (CC)	Wild Discovery	Pretender (CC)	Emergency Services Unit				
7:30	Be a Millionaire	Ultimate Auction (CC)	Julia Child's Kitchen	Santa Is Coming to Town	48 Hours (CC)	Be a Millionaire	Friends (CC) Cursed (CC)	(05) Movie: Any Which	Mujeres Enganadas	(40) Movie: A Merry Christmas	Merry Christmas	Rainbow	Movie: Molly	Inside the NFL (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Biography (CC)	Real L.A.P.D.	NBA Basketball: New York Knicks	Paramedics				
8:30	Shooting War (CC)	...	Wisdom (CC)	Christmas Miracles	Billy Graham (CC)	Shooting War (CC)	Will & Grace Just Shoot Me	ER (CC)	Way You Can	Mom for Christmas	Movie: Secret of Giving	Friday the 13th Part VIII	Extras-What	Movie: The Suburbans	...	Murder One (CC)	Great Siberian Explosion	York Knicks at San Antonio	Secrets of Forensic Science				
9:30	...	Mad Abt. You Nanny (CC)	Barrage: The World on	Early Edition (CC) (DVS)	Diagnosis Murder (CC)	...	ER (CC)	(45) Movie: Planet of the Apes	El Gran Blablazo	Jersey Jersey	Marital Law (CC)	The Pass	Meeting Daddy	Sex Bytes Inside the NFL	News Nathan Knight	Law & Order (CC)	Murder One (CC)	How Did Dinosaurs Fly?	Case Reopened				
10:30	News (CC) Nightline	Jerry Springer (CC)	Stage (CC) Doo Wop 51	700 Club (CC)	News (CC) (35) Late	News (CC) Nightline	News (CC) (35) Tonight	Planet of the Apes	P. Impacto Noticiero Univ.	Jersey Jersey	Marital Law (CC)	The Pass	Meeting Daddy	Sex Bytes Inside the NFL	News Nathan Knight	Law & Order (CC)	Murder One (CC)	Justice Files	Paramedics				
11:30	Politically Inc. Cheers	Blind Date (CC)	Who's Boss? Who's Boss?	Show (CC) (37) Late Late	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc.	Show (CC) (37) Late	Show (CC) (37) Late	Planet of the Apes	Viviana a la Medianoche	Zorro (CC) Mickey Mouse	Amer. Shooter Ducks! (CC)	(15) Movie: Mean Streak	(15) Movie: Twin Peaks	(CC) Curb-Enthrm	Promise Church	Biography (CC)	Real L.A.P.D.	...	Secrets of Forensic Science				
12:30	Saturn Paid Program	Judge Brown Cops (CC)	...	Paid Program Paid Program	Show (CC) (37) City of	(12:06) Oprah Winfrey (CC)	Night (CC) Frasier	(12:10) Movie: Any	Marimar	Walt Disney Presents	Outdoors Trucks!	(CC) ..	Fire Walk With Me (CC)	Movie: On the Border (CC)	Faith Pleases God	Murder One (CC)	Great Siberian Explosion	Movie: The Morning After	Case Reopened				

DENNIS THE MENACE



"It's just Mrs. Fenster, Dad. I thought you said the dragon lady was comin' over."

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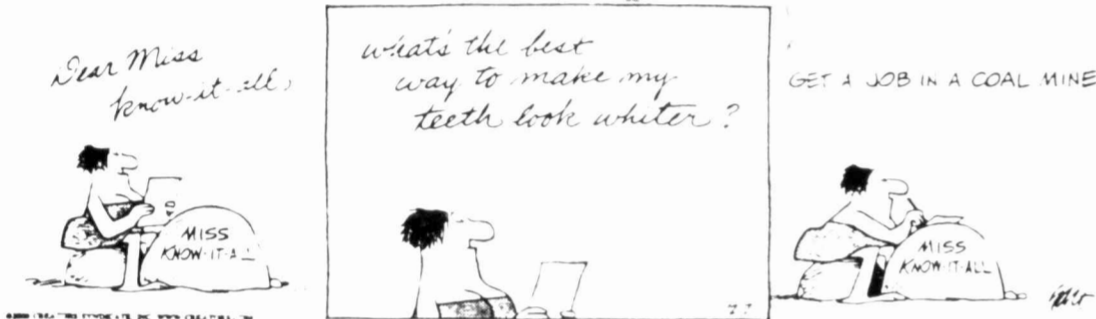
"Daddy, why does he keep talkin' to nobody?"

HAGAR



My husband is a very successful businessman. Really? Hagar is a businessman, too! What kind of business? Well, he sort of imports things.

B.C.



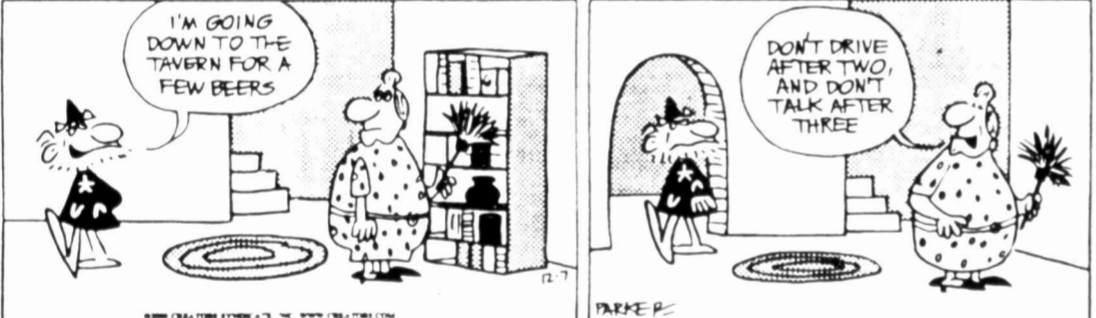
Dear Miss Know-it-all, what's the best way to make my teeth look whiter? GET A JOB IN A COAL MINE

GEECH



Vera has me on another diet and I'm starving! How long have you been on it? I started this morning. The shock to your system must be incredible.

WIZARD OF ID



I'm going down to the tavern for a few beers. Don't drive after two, and don't talk after three.

Hi AND LOIS



Did Ditto give you his Christmas list? Sort of! A videotape? He recorded all the commercials for everything he wants!

GASOLINE ALLEY



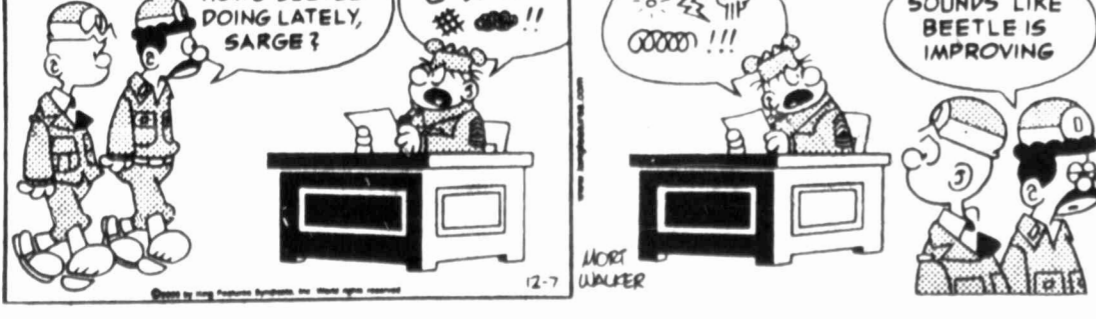
Boy! Christmas will be here before we know it! Yeah! When Santa comes down the chimney... ..money goes up in smoke!

SNUFFY SMITH



I'm quittin' card playin'. Bless yore heart, Paw. What will you do? Hoss racin'!

BEEBLE BAILY



How's Beetle doing lately, Sarge? Sounds like Beetle is improving.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Thursday, Dec. 7, the 342nd day of 2000. There are 24 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese forces attacked American and British territories and possessions in the Pacific, including the home base of the U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii.
On this date:
In 1787, Delaware became the first state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.
In 1796, electors chose John Adams to be the second president of the United States.
In 1836, Martin Van Buren was elected the

eighth president of the United States.
In 1842, the New York Philharmonic gave its first concert.
In 1946, fire broke out at the Winecoff Hotel in Atlanta; the blaze killed 119 people, including hotel founder W. Frank Winecoff.
In 1972, America's last moon mission to date was launched as Apollo 17 blasted off from Cape Canaveral.
In 1982, convicted murderer Charlie Brooks Jr. became the first U.S. prisoner to be executed by injection, at a prison in Huntsville, Texas.
In 1985, retired Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart died in Hanover, N.H., at age 70.
In 1987, Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev set foot on American soil for the first time, arriving for a Washington summit with President Reagan.
In 1988, a major earthquake in the Soviet Union devastated northern Armenia; official estimates put the death toll at 25,000.
Five years ago: A 746-pound probe from the "Galileo" spacecraft hurtled into Jupiter's atmosphere, sending back data to the mothership before it was presumably destroyed.
One year ago: NASA scientists all but gave up hope of contacting the Mars Polar Lander, last heard from four days earlier as it began its descent toward the Red Planet.
Today's Birthdays: Actor Eli Wallach is 85. Bluegrass singer Bobby Osborne is 69. Actress Ellen Burstyn is 68. Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., is 63. ABC News anchorwoman Carole Simpson is 60.

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ACROSS

- Regular solid having six congruent square faces
- Nurse Barton
- Computer fodder?
- Spoken
- Homegrown
- Wool producers
- Initiated
- Showed the way
- Work units
- Sheriff's gang
- Cooking herb
- Rustled
- Clamor
- Chicago's main airport
- Operatic highlight
- Courtyards
- Rhea's relative
- Encouraged
- Crafty
- Carried along
- Green fruit
- Of the sun
- Minister
- Even more of a dreamboat
- Neophyte
- Prior to
- Leafy green vegetable
- Vichy or Ems
- Destroyed
- Native American tribe
- Briny deep
- Good life
- Cuts down
- Litigants
- Slow down!

DOWN

- Run rings around?
- Egg on
- Wedding token
- Wallach of "The Magnificent Seven"
- Priesthood
- Become imbedded
- Play divisions
- Cheering word
- Fox y brew
- Oust
- Sloshing
- To the point
- Interrogated
- Sign of remorse
- Corkscrew
- Look over
- Tatter
- Homeless child
- Bumpkins
- Asian mountain range
- Itsy-bitsy
- Additional
- Fragrant oil
- Send off!
- Short note
- Internet patron
- Star in a French sky
- Mele (out)
- Furthermore
- Glisters
- Bridge supports
- Territory
- Reagan nickname
- Uruguayan money
- On the bounding main
- John Passos
- Hospital area letters
- Stitch up

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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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