

THURSDAY

October 25, 2001

WEATHER

Tonight:



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TONIGHT TOMORROW
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Volunteers will 'car hop' for donations

Public service agencies, community volunteers and groups will work together to raise money for Victim Services on Saturday.

The fund-raisers will be held at both Sonic locations, on Gregg and on FM 700; volunteers will work as car hops for donations.

Participants include the police and fire departments, sheriff's office, area high school staff and organizations, Howard College staff and organizations, local business people and city leaders.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

FRIDAY

□ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets at 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

□ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

□ AMBUCS meets at noon at The Brandin' Iron Inn.

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

SATURDAY

□ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

□ The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens are encouraged.

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

MONDAY

□ Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m., at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. People 50 and older are invited to participate.

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Early voting in amendments election is slow locally

HERALD Staff Report

Early voting in the November constitutional amendments election is steady, if slow.

Some 84 ballots were all that had been cast by mid-morning today in the election. Early voting began Monday and continues at the Howard County Courthouse through Nov. 2. Hours are 8 a.m. through 5 p.m. Election day is Tuesday, Nov. 6.

Some 18,592 people are registered to vote in Howard

County. While there are no local issues on this year's ballot, there are several that will impact Crossroads area residents.

Among the amendments are Proposition 8, which would benefit Big Spring State Hospital and the state park system, and Proposition 7, which would provide for veterans' housing and cemeteries. Proposition 15 would provide additional financing for the construction and reconstruction of state high-

ways while Proposition 19 would provide funds to develop water resources.

Early voting hours are 8 a.m. through 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The 19 propositions are:

1. providing for clearing of land titles by the release of a state claim of its interest to the owners of certain land in Bastrop County.

2. authorizing the issuance of state general obligation bonds and notes to provide financial assistance to counties for roadway projects to serve border

3. authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation raw cocoa and green coffee that is held in Harris County.

4. providing for a four-year term of office for the firefighters' pension commissioner.

5. authorizing municipalities to donate outdated or surplus firefighting equipment or supplies to underdeveloped countries.

6. requiring the governor to call a special session for the appointment of presi-

dential electors under certain circumstances.

7. authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to issue up to \$500 million in general obligation bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for veterans' housing assistance and to use assets in certain veterans' land and veterans' housing assistance funds to provide for veterans cemeteries.

8. authorizing the issuance of up to \$850 mil-

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Samaritan Family of the Year

Smiley family enjoys doing things together

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

A Big Spring family will be honored tonight at the Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas' seventh annual Family of the Year Banquet.

Dennis and Becky Smiley and their children, Zach, Jake and Kate will be recognized at the banquet set for 7:30 p.m. at Green Tree Country Club in Midland.

Each year the organization honors a family from its primary service areas in Big Spring, Midland and Odessa, who exemplify strong family role models.

"A lady called and told us," Becky said. "Of course I was shocked. I asked if she was sure she called the right family."

The couple are both teachers, Dennis a chemistry instructor at Big Spring High School and Becky, an arts instructor at Howard College.

They met in January of 1977 while both were teaching at Big Spring High School, the only time Becky and Dennis have taught at the same school.

The courtship was quick with Dennis proposing marriage by the time April rolled around. They have been married for 24 years.

Along with their careers, the couple's active children Jake, 15, and Kate, 14, both Big Spring High School students, keep Dennis and Becky busy going to activities such as Jake's varsity tennis meets and practices and Kate's softball games.

Zack, 18, Dennis and Becky's oldest child, is a



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
The Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas Family of the Year from Big Spring is the Smiley family pictured here — Becky, left, Jake, Kate and Dennis. Not pictured is Becky and Dennis' oldest son Zack.

physics major at Angelo State University and is studying to become an engineer.

Supporting one another helps keep this active family grounded.

"We do things together," Becky said. "We go to church together."

"We depend upon each other to support one another," Dennis said.

The couple's 14-year-old daughter sees the family secret to success in another light.

"Homework. Do you have to study?" Kate seems to think is a popular question and family activity around the house.

Homework is important for this family with two teachers and the couple stress to their children to do their best.

"Just do your best," Dennis expects of his children. "We know what they are capable of."

Education and values is important to the family's life but it is not always cool to see your dad around school halls.

"He says hi to me but I don't say hi back because it's uncool," Kate said.

Everyone in the Smiley house does their share of household chores but Becky does not consider her family to be perfect.

"We are far from being a perfect family that is for sure," Becky said. "We fight and holler."

Also being honored at the banquet is the Odessa Family of the Year, John and Beverly Landgraf and their children, Mary Louise Langraf Krebs, Brooks and

Elizabeth and the Midland Family of the Year, Alison and Bruce Peeler and their children Chase, Madison and Zane.

The keynote speaker for the event will be Dr. Tom Mullen, author and retired dean of Earlham School of Religion.

Mullen is the author of "Where 2 or 3 Are Gathered, Someone Spills the Milk," "Laughing Out Loud and Other Religious Experiences," "Living Longer and Other Sobering Possibilities."

He will be premiering his new book, "A Very Good Marriage" tonight. The book will be available for purchase at the event.

Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas is a

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Funds

Coahoma gets \$495,000 for low-income housing needs

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

A local city is getting nearly half a million dollars to build low-income housing.

A week ago, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs announced it had awarded \$35.2 million to 97 cities, counties, public housing authorities and other organizations statewide to build, repair or finance more than 1,600 housing units.

Coahoma's share of that money, \$495,000, will be used to build nine homes for mid- to low-income housing. Mayor Bill Read said.

Read said the city has already started interviewing prospective tenants for the homes.

"We interviewed 10 or 15," he said. "Their real estate taxes have to be current. We have to make sure they're not making too much money."

The project should have both an economic and an aesthetic impact on the community, Read said.

"A little of both, probably," he said.

The contract for construction of the homes has not been awarded yet.

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Bands getting ready for Area competition

Herald Staff Report

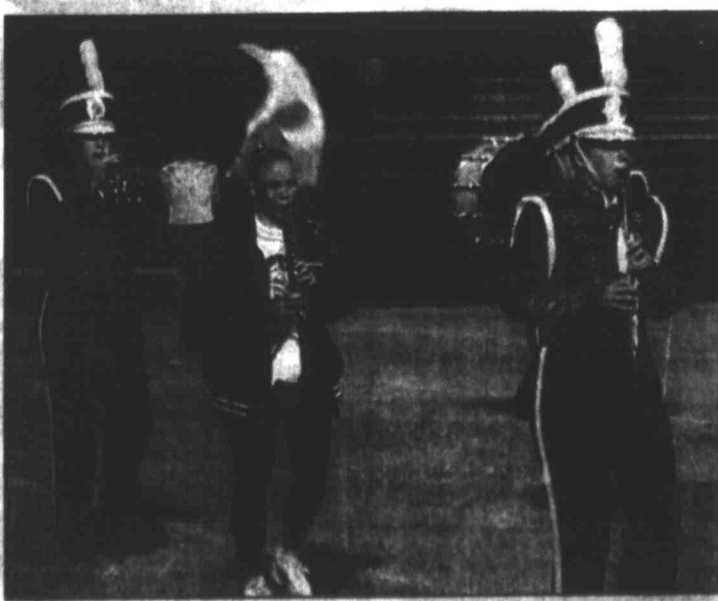
Big Spring and Forsan high school bands set their sights on a state marching contest berth this Saturday as both bands gear up for University Interscholastic League Area competition.

Both bands face a tough contest as only three bands from each UIL Class compe-

tion will advance on to State Competition held at Waco in November. Area Marching contest will be held at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa.

The 150-member Big Spring High School band led by Drum Majors Chelsea Churchwell and

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Big Spring High School Steer Band Booster members Christina Ontiveros, far left, Susie Lozano, Roxie McDaniel and Debra Calobrevos work on posters and decorations for the band's Area contest set for Saturday. Also pictured are band students Melody McDaniel, left, and Chris Correa practicing before school. At left, Forsan High School Band members perform their UIL award winning show during half-time at the Forsan/Coahoma football game. The Big Spring and Forsan bands will march in Area competition Saturday at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa.

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OBITUARIES

Doyle Guy Hildebrand

Funeral service for Doyle Guy Hildebrand, 69, of Big Spring, formerly of Snyder, will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, 2001, at Bell-Cypert-Seale Chapel with the Rev. Wayne Hardin, Grace Baptist Church in Graham, officiating. Graveside service will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Colorado City Cemetery.

Mr. Hildebrand died Wednesday, Oct. 24, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock after a sudden illness.

He was born on March 21, 1932, in Loraine and married Teddie Ruth Graham. She preceded him in death in June 1993. He was in oil field sales and had worked for the Texas Bollweevil Eradication Program in Big Spring. He was active at the Senior Citizens Center.

Survivors include one daughter, Sheila Claxton, of Graham, one son, Max Hildebrand, of Snyder; two sisters, Marie Brown, of San Angelo, Doris Richerson, of Winters; one brother, Charles Hildebrand, of Odessa; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home in Snyder.

Ethel Harrington

Memorial service for Ethel (Mickey) Harrington, 81, of Big Spring will be 6:30 p.m. today, Oct. 25, 2001, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Darrell Hendrickson, pastor of the First Church of God, officiating. Burial will be at Reed Hill Cemetery in Old Boston.

Mrs. Harrington died Wednesday, Oct. 24, at Stanton Care Nursing Center.

She was born Nov. 27, 1919, in Henderson and married Andrew Dickson in 1970. They moved to Howard County from Norman, Okla. He preceded her in death in 1978. She married Carroll Harrington on April 12, 1979, and he died April 23, 2000. She had taken college courses at the University of Oklahoma and Howard College. She had worked as a feature writer at the Big Spring Herald. She was a member of the First Church of God and the Luther 42 Club.

Survivors include one

daughter, Barbara Johnson, of Oklahoma City; two sons, Derrell Hart of Oxford, Ohio and William Gerald Hart of Lewisville, Colo.; one step-son, Charles Harrington of Big Spring; one step-daughter, Carolyn Fielder of San Marcos; two sisters, Lelia Mae Johnson, of Tulsa, Okla., Eva Jo Boyer, of Newkirk, Okla.; and five grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to a favorite charity. Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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lion in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for construction and repair projects and for the purchase of needed equipment.

9. authorizing the filling of a vacancy in the legislature without an election if a candidate is running unopposed in an election to fill the vacancy.

10. to promote equal tax treatment for products produced, acquired and distributed in the State of Texas by authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation tangible personal property held at certain locations only temporarily for assembling, manufacturing, processing or other commercial purposes.

11. to allow current and retired school teachers and retired public school administrators to receive compensation for serving on the governing bodies of school districts, cities, towns or other local governmental districts, including water districts.

12. to eliminate obsolete, archaic, redundant and unnecessary provisions and to clarify, update and harmonize certain provisions of the Texas Constitution.

13. authorizing the legislature to authorize the board of trustees of an independent school district to donate certain surplus district property of historical significance in order to preserve the property.

14. to authorize the legislature to authorize taxing units other than school districts to exempt from ad valorem taxation travel trailers that are not held or used for the production of income.

15. creating the Texas Mobility Fund and authorizing grants and loans of money and issuance of obligations for financing the construction, reconstruction, acquisition, operation and expansion of state highways, turnpikes, toll roads, toll bridges and other mobility projects.

16. prescribing requirements for imposing a lien for work and material used in the construction, repair or renovation of improvements on residential homestead property and including the conversion and refinancing of a personal property lien secured by a manufactured home to a lien on real property as a debt on homestead property protected from a forced sale.

17. authorizing the legislature to settle land title disputes between the state and a private party.

18. to promote uniformity in the collection, deposit, reporting and remitting of civil and criminal fees.

19. providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$2 billion.

FAMILY

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non-profit, faith-based counseling center with offices in Midland, Odessa and Big Spring and provides services to a 30-county area in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico.

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363-4880
270-3662

The center offers services ranging from marriage and family counseling, alcohol and chemical dependency, grief, anxiety and depression to special services for the aging and their caregivers and play therapy for children.

Proceeds from the banquet will benefit the Samaritan's Client Assistance Fund.

BANDS

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Brandon Herrera will take the field at 9 p.m. as 19 bands vie for a state slot.

The 104 member Forsan band kicks off Class 2A competition at 1:30 p.m. Forsan Drum Majors Krista Shepard and Kristy Paul will attempt to lead the band to defend its Area title earned two years ago, the last time Class A, 2A and 4A Area competition was held.

Forsan High School will compete against 12 other schools and is hoping to earn another shot at State Competition: The band competed at state two years ago.

Both bands swept the UIL Region Contest last Saturday earning straight Division I ratings from the three judge panel and putting both bands in the running for a sweepstakes trophy.

A band qualifies for a sweepstakes title if it earns a Division I both in Marching and Concert contest.

This year's BSHS marching show is an approximately seven minute Latin theme program featuring the pieces "Echano," "Pefidia" and "Sun Cat."

The FHS band features "Swing Low Sweet Chariot," "Let Us Break Bread Together," a medley of "Wait for the Light to Shine" and "I Saw the Light" and ending with "Battle Hymn of the Republic" for this year's marching show.

HOUSING

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"They'll be on bids," he said. "The people that decided the grant will be at our Dec. 11 (city council) meeting. I imagine it will get hot and heavy about January."

The awards are being made through the TDHCA's HOME Investment Partnerships Program, said Ruth Cedillo, TDHCA acting executive director.

"These awards will help thousands of our neighbors who are most in need of housing assistance," Cedillo said. "For many households, there are few options when there is a hole in the roof or the rent can't be paid. Most of these families assume home ownership is beyond their reach. The HOME Program helps the state's housing partners at the local level address these issues and to improve the lives of those less fortunate."

The program, funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, is administered by TDHCA. At least 95 percent of HOME Program awards must be allocated to areas which don't receive direct HUD housing funds.

Coahoma's disbursement is near the maximum distributed through the program, \$500,000. According to a TDHCA news release, 11 entities statewide received the maximum half-million, while seven areas, including Coahoma, received \$495,000. The least amount distributed through the pro-

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gram was \$34,270 to Patriot Mortgage for homebuyer assistance.

The largest number of homes projected to be built by a community using the money is 10. Several communities, including Alice, Commerce, Dekalb and Lufkin, plan to build 10 homes with the money. The Tropical Texas Center for MHMR plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance for 96 units with their \$480,000 disbursement, the most units affected by a single entity using the money.

BRIEFS

THE NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER is sponsoring a winter coat/sweater drive for children wearing elementary sizes only. These coats/sweaters are previously owned, but were cleaned free by the Comet Cleaners here in Big Spring.

Coats and sweaters will be given out on a first come, first serve basis and until the supply is exhausted. If anyone has a coat or sweater for adult or children they would like to donate to the Community Center, please drop them off at the center, 110 Northeast Eighth Street, or call Max Webb at 263-2673.

ELBOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WILL hold their Fall Festival Saturday, Oct. 27, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the school.

The event includes a fajita cookout, a costume contest, raffles, a jumping castle and lots of games. For more information call the school at 398-5444.

KENTWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA will host a fall festival this Saturday from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Pizza, Frito pie, nachos, pickles, popcorn and dessert will be served starting at 5:30 p.m. with the booths opening at 6 p.m.

There will be door prizes, blacklight bowling, soda toss, basketball toss, football toss, cake walk, bean bag toss, go fish, dart throw, face painting and spooky bingo.

THE NEXT SESSION OF gymnastics classes at the YMCA begins Oct. 29, and ends Nov. 23.

Registration for YMCA members began Monday, Oct. 15. Registration for non-members begins Monday Oct. 22.

For information about the gymnastics classes offered at the YMCA, call 267-8234, or go by 801 Owens and pick up a schedule.

ELEVEN YEAR OLD ETHAN Strickland has been diagnosed with a devastating neurological condition that requires costly treatments and travel.

An account has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank to defray these costs and his family has asked for help and prayers for their son.

To make a donation call Wells Fargo at 267-5513.

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

TEXAS LOTTERY

•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.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

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

POLICE

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

•ALAN MORGAN MERRICK, 53, of 1601 E. Third St. was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and endangering a child.

•DERRICK WILLIAM POPE, 18, of 2605 Cactus was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces in a drug-free zone.

•EDWARD PHILLIP O'DONOGHUE, 52, address unknown, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•SUZANNE HARRISON JOHNSON, 36, of 3631 Interstate 20 South Service Road in Stanton was arrested on a charge of failure to identify.

•MICHAEL COBB, 23, of 5614 Midway Road was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid and for Schleicher County warrants.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: - In the 300 block of Tulane. Between \$50 and \$500 in damage was done to a nightclub at the location.

- In the 1500 block of Tucson. About \$1,100 worth of damage was done to the home.

•THEFT: - Of \$87 cash was reported at a store in the Big Spring Mall.

- Of items worth \$700 was reported in the 3300 block of Cornell.

- Of bicycles worth \$117 was reported at a home in the 1200 block of Ridgeroad Drive.

- Of household goods worth \$15 was reported at a home in the 1800 block of Settles.

- Of several items worth a total of about \$352, including \$10 cash, eight pairs of pants worth about \$240, two compact discs worth \$34, miscellaneous food worth \$60 and four green bath towels worth \$8, was reported at a home in the 3300 block of West Highway 80.

•ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road. In an apparently unrelated incident, ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported at another apartment at the location.

•SHOTS FIRED was reported in the 1700 block of East 11th Place.

•MINOR ACCIDENTS

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were reported in the 1800 block of East FM 700, the 500 block of South Main and the 3900 block of South Highway 87. Another minor accident was reported in person at the police station.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.

•LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.

•POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA less than two ounces and POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE were reported at 100 Airbase.

MARKETS

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Archer-Daniels	12.75 nc
Atmos Energy	20.45 -23
BP PLC ADR	47.72
Chevron/Texaco	86.45 -46
Citigroup	46.15 -79
Compaq	9.39 -35
Cornell	17.55 -25
Dell	24.83 -07
Du Pont	39.99 -1.3
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Wal-Mart	51.62 -86
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AMCAP	15.06 +03
Europacific	26.36 +16
Prime Rate	5.5%
Gold	274 -277.7
Silver	4.16 -4.24

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary of the Big Spring Fire Department and EMS:

7:49 a.m. - 100 block of E. 24th, medical call, one patient transported to VA Medical Center.

9:42 a.m. - 600 block of Holbert, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

5:33 p.m. - 2700 block of Ann, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

7:01 p.m. - 5900 block of Dawson, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

10:08 p.m. - 1900 block of Similar, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

RECORDS

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Post office rushes in technology, urges old-fashioned hand washing

WASHINGTON (AP) — The post office is turning to the latest in anti-bacteria technology to clean the mail, while urging Americans to take the old-fashioned precaution of washing their hands after handling mail since they can't guarantee its safety.

The Postal Service is struggling to cope with instances of anthrax being sent through pieces of mail. Two postal workers and a Florida man have died and others were sickened by the contamination.

On Wednesday, tractor-trailer loads of mail were being shipped from Washington to a site where electron-beam technology could be used to sanitize them, said Deborah Willhite, a senior postal

vice president. The agency was in the process of obtaining similar machines to use in its own facilities as well as state-of-the-art masks and gloves to protect postal workers.

President Bush released \$175 million to help the agency, and the postal governing board authorized an additional \$200 million in emergency spending to help pay for equipment and other measures.

At the same time, postal officials urged Americans to wash up after handling mail — admitting they cannot guarantee its safety.

"We have debated internally since this began whether we could just stand and bald-face say, 'Don't worry, your mail is safe,'" Willhite said Wednesday.

"We're not going to lie to the American people, who have sustained us for 227 years. At this point in time, the mail has a potential risk," she said, adding: "You know, on the risk management scale of life, the mail is pretty low."

Nonetheless, she said people should wash their hands in soap and water after they handle their mail, "just to make sure that if anything is on the envelope, that they're clean. We have no reason to believe that there would be anything on them, but what's the problem with clean hands?"

The contamination has led to anthrax testing and provision of antibiotics for thousands of postal workers in Washington, New York and New Jersey as well as

some members of the media and others who had spent time in Washington's now-closed Brentwood mail facility.

On Wednesday, Willhite expanded that to add employees of organizations that bring large shipments of bulk mail to the Brentwood center. She said that includes about 200 workers from organizations such as the Humane Society of the United States and the International Monetary Fund.

Postmaster General John Potter said the agency is "taking concrete steps immediately to protect employees and the public through education, investigation, intervention and prevention."

But Sen. Charles Grassley,

Iowa, questioned whether the Postal Service and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention did enough to protect postal workers — and the mail still being delivered in the Washington area. The agencies have been criticized for waiting several days before testing people for anthrax at the contaminated Washington distribution center.

"It is critical that your agencies retrace your steps to ensure that no one else dies from this scourge," Grassley wrote to Potter and CDC director Dr. Jeffrey Koplan. "It is up to public health authorities and the U.S. Postal Service to demonstrate that mail delivered in Washington, D.C., is not dangerous."

Tom Ridge, the newly

named director of homeland security, told CBS News that public health officials didn't make the safety of postal workers a lower priority.

"I'm absolutely positively, 1,000 percent convinced that they weren't looking at the collar of the shirts, whether it was a white collar or a blue collar challenge," Ridge said. "They were looking at a medical challenge."

The Postal Service is at war, Potter has said, insisting that the agency will continue to deliver the mail.

The first electron-beam sanitizing equipment is expected to arrive next week, using technology similar to that used to sterilize medical equipment and sanitize foods.

Officials warn flu is deadlier than anthrax

HOUSTON (AP) — State health officials say they expect more people to get flu vaccinations this year because of mounting anthrax fears, which included a lockdown at part of a Houston area hospital.

But officials say people should be more worried about getting the flu, which kills 30,000 Americans annually.

On Wednesday, the Kingwood Medical Center emergency room was shut down while Houston police and fire authorities tested for possible anthrax contamination.

No one inside the emergency room was allowed to leave and no one was allowed to enter, hospital spokeswoman Mary Nolan said.

"Our patients are well and safe and all precautions are being taken to protect everyone involved," she said.

No information was available early today about whether authorities found any traces of anthrax. So

far, no anthrax cases have been confirmed in Texas, despite a number of scares.

Officials are urging people to get flu shots this fall, particularly those who are at risk for contracting the virus such as the elderly.

"We want to stress the importance of flu shots for high-risk people at first," said Emily Palmer, a Texas Department of Health spokeswoman. "We want to encourage people to get flu shots but we don't want people to panic."

Officials note that a flu vaccine doesn't prevent contracting the virus but it does lessen its affect. The shot doesn't protect against anthrax, they said.

Health officials say they're trying to keep anthrax fears in perspective amid the numerous anthrax scares being reported.

Health officials say that several upper respiratory ailments that circulate during the flu season mimic the flu virus, and that people who get flu shots and start having certain symptoms

shouldn't immediately think they have anthrax.

"If you are hoping that getting a flu shot will step up the investigation if there is suspicion that someone has anthrax, it won't be that helpful," Dr. Nicholas Solomos of the Kelsey-Seybold Clinic told the Houston Chronicle.

The death Monday of a Washington postal worker illustrates the difficulty in distinguishing between the flu and early onset of anthrax.

The inhaled form of anthrax and the flu can cause symptoms such as fever, headache, chest pains and body aches.

Doctors at a Baltimore hospital told Joseph P. Curseen he had the flu and sent him home. The next day he returned to the same hospital and died.

"Many of these agents of bioterrorism present themselves as something akin to the flu in the early stages," Kathy Barton, a spokeswoman for the Houston Department of Health and

Human Services.

"If you can remind your physician that you had a flu shot, it may help."

The flu season begins in mid-December, and supplies of flu vaccine are expected to adequate this year. Last year, supplies were late and insufficient, officials said.

Houston began receiving its allotment last week and is administering shots to patients who have a greater risk of complications and infections.

The state health department has received more than 40 percent of the 350,000 doses it ordered and doesn't expect delays on the rest, said Texas Department of Health spokeswoman Emily Palmer.

The state health department gives the majority of its shots to high-risk patients including people over 65, pregnant women and people who have chronic health problems.

People who are not high-risk are asked to wait until after Nov. 1 to get their shots.

Army hands out awards for heroism during attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Army Secretary Thomas White gave 71 soldiers and civilian Pentagon workers medals for their actions after the Sept. 11 attack on the Defense Department headquarters.

"Your heroism and bravery on that dark day in September will inspire us all forever," White said at a ceremony Wednesday at Fort Meyer, Va.

The crash of a hijacked jetliner into the Pentagon killed 189 people — 125 at the Pentagon and all 64 on the plane.

White presented five types of medals. Twenty-eight Army soldiers received the Soldier's Medal, among the highest military awards for brav-

ery. Four civilian Army workers got the Distinguished Civilian Service Award and three got the Exceptional Civilian Service for Bravery medal.

Twenty-seven soldiers received the Purple Heart and 19 civilians received the Civilian Defense of Freedom award for injuries they received on Sept. 11.

"Through the gloom we see opportunities to make the world better for future generations," White said.

"As we go forward, we must seize those opportunities, strong in will, unyielding in spirit, decisive in action and certain of victory."

"This is our duty and our destiny."

Law officers first pursued pair on Amtrak as drug suspects, not as possible terrorists

FORT WORTH (AP) — Two men with Indian passports detained from an Amtrak train while carrying hair dye, box cutters and thousands of dollars in cash were first targeted by law officers looking for drug suspects.

Investigators have since taken interest in Mohammed Jaweed Azmath and Ayub Ali Khan for possible ties to followers of Osama bin Laden.

Khan and Azmath had been on a flight to San Antonio that was diverted to St. Louis after the attacks.

Knowledgeable law enforcement sources told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in Thursday's editions that Khan and Azmath

were carrying stringed pouches, meant to hang around their necks, that contained passages from either the Muslim holy book, the Quran, or some other type of "Islamic prayer of repentance."

A police report stated that officers also found a "prayer rug and other religious paraphernalia." Azmath and Khan had their hair cut short, were clean-shaven and, sources said, had shaved the rest of their bodies.

The religious items are often carried to ward off evil, area Muslim leaders said. But they said they were puzzled by the shaved bodies.

"Very strange," said

Basheer Ahmed, chairman of the Muslim Community Center for Human Services in Bedford.

Sources told the newspaper that Azmath and Khan may have been preparing for death. The authorities cited notes left behind by some of the terrorists that included what appeared to be instructions on what they were to do before their suicide missions.

The Justice Department has released excerpts of the notes, including a portion carrying the instruction: "The previous night, shave the extra hair from the body (and) pray."

Other published reports have detailed searches of a Jersey City apartment

where Azmath and Khan had lived, revealing old magazines with cover stories about biological weapons and poison gas. Documents from the apartment are reportedly being tested by the FBI for signs of anthrax.

Cash purchases by Azmath and Khan of their train tickets was "consistent with that of drug and drug asset couriers," according to a police report. Officers at first also thought they had found the men's names on a computer list of known narcotics dealers.

Azmath and Khan, detained Sept. 12, remain jailed in New York as material witnesses in the terrorists' attacks.

Efforts to build M.L. King Jr. memorial have stalled

WASHINGTON (AP) — Efforts to build a national memorial honoring the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. have stalled because the civil rights leader's family wants money to use his name and likeness in the marketing campaign.

"They're asking for something in regards to a licensing fee," said Harry Johnson, president of the memorial foundation. "We're just trying to walk a fine, thin line."

Last week, Johnson called representatives of the King family to ask about a dollar figure, but he says they haven't returned his call.

In a statement released Wednesday evening by the Atlanta-based King Center for Nonviolent Social Change, the family denied

seeking a license fee. However, the release acknowledges ongoing discussions for a "permissions agreement," which could have a fee attached. The family pledges that any money derived would go back to the King Center's charitable efforts.

"The King family and King Center have always

supported and continues to support the building of the King D.C. Memorial," the statement says. "We are moving forward with the intention of creating a relationship that benefits both organizations with charitable purposes."

Congress approved a King memorial in June 1998 and set aside land on the

National Mall, which already is home to memorials for Franklin D. Roosevelt and Vietnam and Korean War veterans, and is the future home to a sprawling World War II memorial.

Congress authorized King's fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha, to lead the project and gave it until November 2003 to raise \$100 million.

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OUR VIEWS

Let's back our bands on Saturday

After having earned perfect scores at University Interscholastic League Class 4A regional competition, Big Spring High School's Steer Marching Band is poised for this weekend's return to Ratliff Stadium in Odessa for area competition.

At stake is a chance to earn a berth in state competition — an honor that is possible every other year.

The Steer Band was the only entry to earn three Division I ratings at the regional contest and will now be one of 19 bands seeking the three spots available for state competition.

The band's seven-minute program features a Latin theme, performing "Echano," "Pefidia" and "Sun Cat." John Ontiveros performs a trumpet solo during the presentation and is also featured in a duet with French horn player Jessica Ray. Trumpeters Gracie Acosta and Billy Morgan also perform a duet.

Director Rocky Harris says the band's playing ability has drawn the highest praise from judges, but the performance has also been lauded for its energy and blended sound.

While the Steer Band can clearly compete on its talents alone, Harris makes it clear that a fan following has made a difference in the Big Spring entry's success.

That following includes a great many parents who are members of the band boosters organization, which will play a key role in the band's success this weekend.

Several of those parents have committed to make sure that five members of the band who play on the Big Spring tennis team that figures to be in regional playoff action in Wichita Falls on Saturday will be whisked away after their matches and transported to Odessa for the marching contest.

The 150-member band will take the field at 9 p.m. Saturday under the direction of Drum Majors Chelsea Churchwell and Brandon Herrera.

Big Spring's entry won't be the only area band competing in Odessa on Saturday. The Forsan High School Marching Band, which also received perfect Division I ratings last week, is entered in the Class 2A contest.

The Forsan band's 104 members are scheduled to step onto the stadium's artificial turf at 1:30 p.m. under the direction of Drum Majors Krista Shepard and Kristy Paul.

Both bands are clearly a source of pride for Big Spring and the Crossroads area and we wish them the best of luck this weekend and look forward to their qualifying for trips to state.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

The Alzheimer's Memory Walk was held Oct. 13 with more than 150 people walking and raising money for our community. Everyone who attended had a great time.

I would like to thank everyone who helped me defend my Purple Sneaker Trophy for the individual who raised the most money. Brian Jensen and his men from the fire department, Cheri Harris and Patti Hedges from the

billing department, Mark Gomez from Carlos' Restaurant and Russ McEwen for their generous donations.

Thanks to the many others who contributed to publicize the need for support and education about Alzheimer's disease in Big Spring and Howard County.

Last, but not least, to my loyal family for their support. Thanks a lot kids!

Together we all did it!
INEZ BEARDEN
BIG SPRING

I came, I saw, I checked on in

ST. FRANCISVILLE, La. — I find myself here in the heart of Louisiana plantation country, big white houses and sumptuous lawns, in the parish where John James Audubon once painted about one-third of his birds.

(Audubon worked for a time as a taxidermist, which might explain his fine capacity for detail. He also tended to shoot his subjects and work from the dead model.)

I find myself in this exotic and beautiful part of the world both hungry and tired and without a place to lay my head. At sundown my priorities shift into a primal gear. And sometimes so much beauty can wear a body out.

Then suddenly I spy the 3-V Tourist Court, a traveler's fondest mirage, the cutest little collection of cabins since Lucy and Ricky drove to California with Fred and Ethel in the back seat. Advertised as the first motel ever built in

Louisiana, the 3-V has everything a tired but discriminating tourist needs — including a carport.

It takes a few minutes to get the Ford pickup in a slip meant for a Model T, but once I park without upending any lattice, I take a deep breath and enjoy the ambience. You can forget it's the year 2001 and the world is at war. You can forget that small-town downtowns have been replaced by discount stores and that motorists drive while talking on their telephones.

You can forget that nobody has good manners anymore, and that computers rule.

Here there are live oaks, neon signs and motel chairs. I expect at any moment to see gullible Ethel emerge from the cabin next door. (If everyone had such a willing acceptance for misadventure, life would be more fun.)

Italian native Sam Vinci built this place in the 1920s, a brochure says, and called it the 3-V. That was short for the Latin phrase "Veni, vidi, vici" — "I came; I saw; I conquered."

Guess you could say Sam was a confident entrepreneur.

Inside, the refurbished room is simple but perfect.

There's black-and-white tile in the kitchenette and bathroom, the kind with an Alice in Wonderland look. There's an old iron bed, high up off the floor, and when you are on it looking up you see the tongue-and-groove ceiling.

The bed is made with white sheets and a white bedspread. The TV is small, about the size of most of today's telephones, and there is no telephone.

As I said, it's absolutely perfect.

I don't understand why the travel-court concept all but disappeared in America. The few that remain usually are in beach towns, a little shabby from wear and with sand in the sheets.

In the 1960s, the chain motels with light bulbs around their signs and a strip of paper across the toilets took all of the guesswork out of spending the night. They also eliminated much of the fun.

Whenever I see a dinosaur travel court, I brake. It makes me feel good all over to spend the night in a non-chain, charmingly unique but inexpensive room that reflects the owner's personality, not some corporate designer's dictate. Call me silly.

There are still a lot of

such mom and pop places along old Route 66, out West. In New Mexico this year they're celebrating the 75th anniversary of that famous thoroughfare, and a whole lot of people seem to be getting nostalgic for the travel court and all it evokes.

On a recent cross-country adventure I especially relished the sight of little Tucumcari's neon skyline. I saw signs like this one: Blue Swallow Motel, 100% Refrigerated Air, Budget Prices, TV.

And the most important sign of all: VACANCY.

If they could only restore a single thing from those glory years of travel, I say return to the "Vacancy" sign. It certainly was more convenient than today's way of finding out if you stand a shot at slumber. Now you have to wheel in, park and stand in line, only to be told there's no room at the inn.

For the time being, I'm happy with my lodging lot, here at the 3-V with myself and my car tucked in for the night. It simply doesn't get any better.

Those who don't like surprises can go on to whatever chain has left the light on for you. I'm sitting in a motel chair in a pool of neon, swatting at mosquitoes and feeling superior.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON



Israel's lesson: How not to fight terrorism

Israel prides itself on its fight against terrorism — or at least what it calls terrorism — but in fact, it provides the world with a perfect example of how to do it the wrong way.

This was brought home by the assassination of a cabinet member, the minister of tourism, who was shot down outside his hotel room in East Jerusalem. The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine claimed credit. Why? Because a few months ago, the Israelis had assassinated the leader of that organization.

Get it? Tit for tat. You kill, we kill, we all kill. Israel has recently assassinated more than two dozen Palestinian political leaders. These political murders, by the way, are not the characteristics of a democratic government,



CHARLEY REESE

much less one that shares American values. The people who share the values of our American forefathers are the Palestinians. The Israelis share the values of the old racist British Empire. But have all of these political murders by the Israelis ended the Palestinian uprising? No.

Israel has been assassinating Palestinian leaders for nearly 50 years. Has it stopped terrorism? No.

Israel has been engaging in bloody reprisal attacks, killing many innocent people. Has that stopped terrorism? No.

Israelis have been arresting people by the thousands during the past 30 years. Has that stopped terrorism? No.

Israel employs torture, confiscates people's land, demolishes their homes, bulldozes their olive orchards, places them under curfew, seals them inside their towns. Has that stopped terrorism? No.

The one thing Israel has not done is honestly address the issues that cause these attacks. You have to remember, by the

way, that anybody Israel decides to kill is automatically a "terrorist." The Israelis are as promiscuous in their use of "terrorist" as the Israeli lobby is in its use of "anti-Semite."

But as to the question of withdrawing from the territory it captured in 1967, Israel has one answer: "No."

As to the question of allowing refugees to return or be compensated for the property the Israeli government stole from them, Israel has had one answer: "No."

As for allowing U.N. peacekeepers to protect the Palestinians from Israeli violence, the answer is "No."

As for obeying the more than 60 United Nations resolutions directing Israel to comply with international law, the answer is always "No."

So, will there ever be peace in Palestine? No. The Israelis can continue to murder, imprison, isolate, torture, impoverish, brutalize and harass the Palestinians for the next 50 years, and for the next 50 years Palestinians, generation after generation, will resist the occupation of

their land by any means they can.

So, every time an Israeli shows up purporting to be an expert on terrorism, we ought to laugh the person right back home. The Israelis are pretty good terrorists themselves, but as anti-terrorists, they are a bunch of goofs. The only thing America can learn from Israel is how to manufacture a continuing supply of embittered enemies decade after decade.

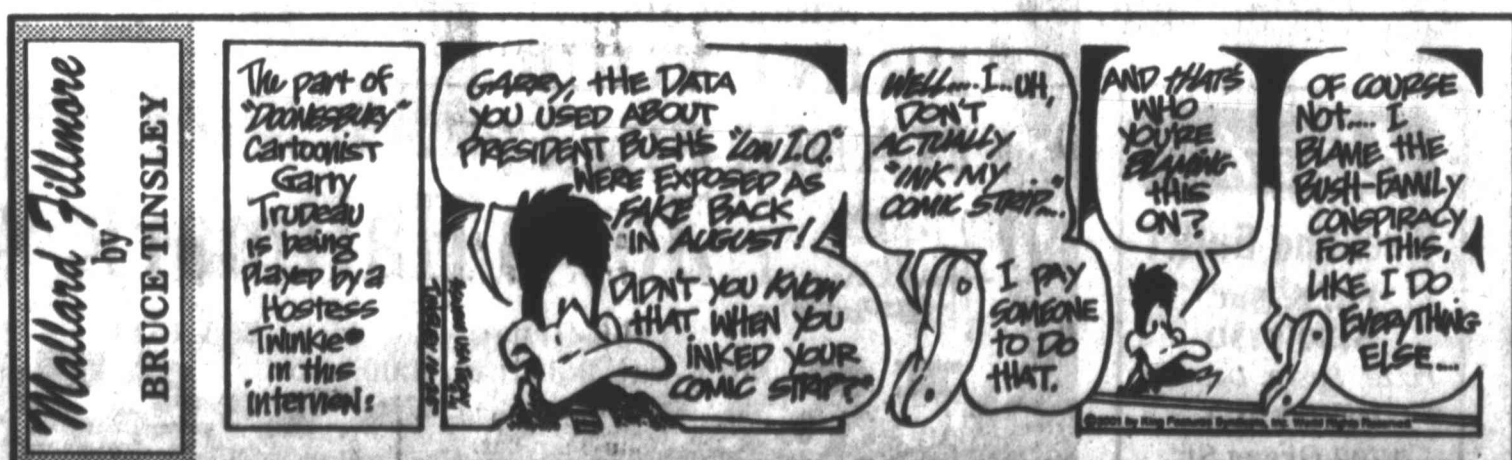
Neither Israel nor the United States, nor any other government, can ever rationalize an injustice by killing the people who protest the injustice. People will endure a lot, but not an injustice. It's like white phosphorous burning a man's soul.

The best thing for the American people to do is to end all aid to Israel and withdraw the protection of the U.S. veto. If Israel is indeed a viable state, then it can survive without American taxpayers contributing nearly a tenth of its gross domestic product.

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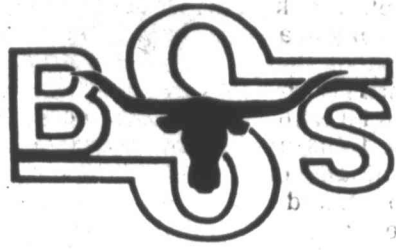
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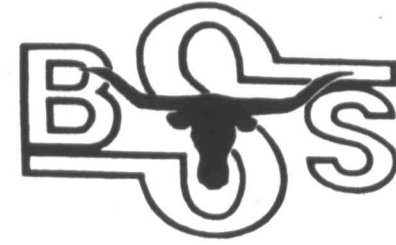
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IN BRIEF

BSHS golf teams play dual matches

Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers golf teams took on teams from Snyder in dual matches Tuesday at the Big Spring Country Club.

In boys' action, the Steers matched Snyder's score as both teams posted 310 totals.

Nick Read led the way for the Steers, posting a 70. Ryan Rodriguez added a 78. Jerrod Simmons and Jace Williams both carded rounds of 81. Will Conley posted an 82 and Mario Rodriguez finished with an 86.

In girls' play, the Lady Steers were paced by freshman Rachel Gee's 94. Angela Payne added a 101, while Kate Smiley finished at 116 and Jessica Hicks carded a 117.

The Big Spring teams will host Frenship and Andrews in a three-way match at the country club on Nov. 3.

Stanton, Coahoma teams shine in 3-2A

Stanton's Aaron Hernandez won the boys' individual championship and Coahoma's Rachel Williams claimed the girls' title Monday at the District 3-2A cross-country meet in Colorado City.

In addition to Hernandez's win, the Buffs got a third-place finish from Robert Saenz and a fourth from Chris Diaz as they took a six-point win over Plains for the team championship.

Williams and teammates Tiffany Reid, Sarah Collom, Tricia Hollander, Michelle Walker and Ashley Lang finished second in the team standings behind host Colorado City and will advance to the Region I, Class 2A championships in Lubbock.

International LL sets ragball tournament

The International Little League has scheduled a coed ragball tournament for 8 a.m. on Nov. 3.

Players must be at least 13 years old and entry fees are \$10 per player. All teams will have six male and female players.

For more information, call Denise at 756-2841, Raymond at 263-03811 or Delbert at 263-2631.

Baseball boosters schedule meeting

An organizational meeting of the Big Spring High School Baseball Booster Club has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday in the BSHS Athletic Training Center meeting room.

The group will be discussing activities for the upcoming 2002 season, select officers, plan fundraisers and meet head coach Greg Winder and his staff.

For more information, call Jim Clements after 6 p.m. at 267-1069.

ON THE AIR

Radio

VOLLEYBALL

6:45 p.m. — Class 4A bi-district playoff game, Big Spring Lady Steers vs. Dumas Lady Demons, KBST-AM 1490.

Television

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

6 p.m. — West Virginia at Miami, ESPN2.

PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL

7:30 p.m. — Indianapolis Colts at Kansas City Chiefs, ESPN, Ch. 30.

HOCKEY

9 p.m. — Vancouver Canucks at Colorado Avalanche, ESPN 2.

RODEO

9 p.m. — Professional Bull Riders World Championships, TNN, Ch. 35.

Steers figure to be at full strength to face Estacado

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

In a mascot match up reminiscent of Old Mexico, the Big Spring Steers travel to Lubbock Estacado Friday night to take on the Matadors.

The Steers are rebounding from a 27-14 loss to Plainview's Bulldogs which dropped their record to 1-6, 1-3 in District 4-4A play.

The Matadors, on the other hand, are coming off a 28-12 win over the Levelland Lobos, leaving them with a 3-4 record, 2-2 in district play.

Big plays early in the Plainview game hurt Big Spring, putting the Steers at a 21-7 deficit after the first quarter. Head coach Dwight Butler said the Steers have had a problem with big plays all season.

"I think our biggest deal (against the Matadors) is to make sure we play the first five minutes of the ball game," he said. "I think the big

AT A GLANCE

Who: Big Spring Steers vs. Lubbock Estacado Matadors.
When: 7 p.m. Friday
Where: Lowry Field, Lubbock

play is what has hurt us all year long.

Butler said practices this week have focused on that problem.

"One, making sure we're in position where we don't create major running lanes," he said. "And two, tackling. We've been working on that since day one, since two-a-days."

Size differential is another ongoing problem for the Steers, Butler said.

"One thing that we have to contend with that has hurt us is our

size," he said, noting that the Matadors' offensive line is nothing short of massive compared to the Steers' defensive front. "We've got to keep from getting locked up with them. We've got to move and get into some gaps. Physically, that's the big key."

Butler said several key Steer players, including tailbacks Ramone Ford and Curtis Woodruff, should be back Friday night after having been slowed by injuries.

"They should all be back," he said. "It can't do anything but help us. They're all good athletes that didn't play, and we need every good athlete we've got."

Ford has been out for two weeks nursing a case of turf-toe, while Woodruff was sidelined against Plainview due to what Butler called a "coaching decision."

Butler said that Matador quarterback Daryl Wilkerson has been the

cornerstone to Estacado's success this year.

But Estacado's head coach David Moody says Wilkerson wasn't much of a factor in the Levelland game.

"Somebody else stepped up to the plate," Moody said, adding that Wilkerson led a rushing offense against the Lobos and two running backs had more than 100 yards rushing apiece. "He (Wilkerson) didn't do much but just hand off the football. He's a good player, though."

Moody expressed respect for Butler and his staff's coaching abilities and is convinced the Matadors will have a battle on their hands when the Steers arrive in Lubbock.

"Coach Butler does a great job," he said. "He's having a tough year right now, but I have a lot of respect for him."

Kickoff will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Lowry Field in Lubbock.

BSHS netters set for region

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

Big Spring tennis coach Sarah Corse has no illusions concerning which teams are the so-called "teams to beat" this weekend at the Region I, Class 4A team tennis tournament in Wichita Falls.

The favorites, as a matter of fact, will be playing on what most would consider home courts.

"There's no question that Wichita Falls High will be the No. 1 seed and that Wichita Falls Rider is going to be seeded second," Corse said. "They're the favorites and just about everybody expects them to play one another to see who goes to Austin for the state tournament."

Just where Big Spring's Steers netters will be seeded, whether they be seeded, when coaches meet to select seeds tonight, is a much cloudier matter.

"I expect us to have a real shot at the fourth seed... maybe the third," Corse said. "I think it will come down to us, Pampa and Southlake Carroll for the other two seeds."

"That's important," she explained, "because you don't want to be put in the position of having to face somebody like the Wichita Falls schools in the first round. We know we're probably going to have to face one or the other of them in the semifinals."

And while Corse isn't willing to concede anything, she admits the Steers will have to play exceptional tennis when they do run into the top seeds.

After a five-year hiatus from post-season play in team tennis competition, however, Corse admits to being just happy the 2001 Steers edition has returned to regional play.

"It's taken some time, but people are beginning to see that we've rebuilt our tennis program in Big Spring,"



Here are members of the District 4-4A champion Big Spring High School Steers tennis team that will compete in the Region I, Class 4A team tennis regional in Wichita Falls this weekend. Front row, from left, are: Jessica Rodriguez, Veronica Villarreal, Megan Roffers, Lauren Chesworth and Heather Parnell. Second row: Coach Sarah Corse, Synda Calobreves, Heather Knappe, Alex Garlepy, Mindy Partee and April Ward. Back row: Derrick DeHoyos, Vishal Shroff, Alex Edgemon, Brian Wingert, Michael Roffers, Michael Williamson, Ryan Vela, Jay Shroff and Jake Smiley.

Corse noted. "We used to dominate people, and then all of a sudden, we graduated all our best players."

It took a few years of frustration — perhaps none as disconcerting than 2000 when the Steers lost four 10-9 matches in District 4-4A competition — but Big Spring is now back on top.

"We've still got a lot of young players and they're getting better and better every day, but it really helped to going through district play this year undefeated," Corse said. "I felt all along that we were going to be the best team in the district this season, but

I spent a lot of time reminding our kids of how it felt last year when we lost those four close matches."

"And that made a difference," she added. "These kids have been more determined, because they could remember last year's disappointment. They didn't want to let that happen again."

As a result, the Steers went through 4-4A play undefeated, capping the run with a lopsided victory at Frenship last weekend.

Now the Steers are in what for them is uncharted territory.

While Big Spring teams

once regularly advanced to regional tournament level and several reached post-season play as individuals last spring, none of the Steers players have experience at the regional level in team tennis.

But Corse says not to count the Steers out.

"Sure, we're going to have to play great tennis," she admitted. "But anything is possible."

"We just want to be in a position to be playing for the championship on Saturday morning. If not, we'll build on this experience for the spring and next season."

Diamondbacks settle into underdog role

PHOENIX (AP) — Brian Anderson was just getting used to the idea that he would be starting Game 3 of the World Series when he found out that the opposing pitcher would be Roger Clemens.

"Yeah," he said, "and they'll probably bring Whitey Ford out of the bullpen."

The Arizona Diamondbacks know they are the underdogs, and certainly not the people's choice, in their World Series matchup against the New York Yankees.

After all, the Yankees made the first of their 37 World Series appearances in 1921, barely nine years after Arizona became a state.

The Yankees are baseball. As a franchise, the Diamondbacks are a baby dressed in purple, owner Jerry Colangelo's favorite color. The team has been in existence just four years,

yet the roster mostly is made up of 30-somethings seasoned by years of major league play.

The Diamondbacks insist they are relishing the challenge.

"The Yankees are the sentimental favorite. They're the mighty Yankees. They're the champions year in and year out," Mark Grace said. "But as long as 25 guys believe they can win, that's the most important thing. I think if you talk to all these old guys in here, they'll tell you that we believe. We kind of believe we're a team of destiny."

The Diamondbacks understand, even appreciate, that the Yankees not only are expected to win their fourth straight World Series, but are emotional favorites around the country because of the catastrophic events of Sept. 11.

"If this were a Hollywood movie or a book, the obvious ending is the Yankees

win the World Series," Brenly said. "Everybody's happy and New Yorkers have a reason to celebrate and hopefully take their mind off the events of the last six weeks. Obviously, we hope that doesn't happen."

"I know there's a large segment of this country that thinks it would be fitting for the Yankees to win this World Series, but there's a large segment of the state of Arizona that thinks the other ending would be a lot better."

The Diamondbacks were relaxed and happy as they went through a workout Wednesday at Bank One Ballpark. Grace, Randy Johnson, Jay Bell, Bobby Witt, Mike Morgan and Greg Swindell are slated to be headed to a World Series for the first time in their long major league careers.

Johnson's three Cy Young Awards are nothing compared to this, he said.

"It outweighs any individual accomplishment. There's no comparison," Johnson said. "Like I said last year when the season was over, it still felt like I wasn't a complete ballplayer because I hadn't been to the World Series."

Johnson, who makes his first World Series start Sunday in Game 2, is one of the few Diamondbacks who is familiar with the Yankees, but he hasn't faced them in four years.

The Yankees are a mystery, but there is no mystique, the Diamondbacks say.

"We're not facing Babe Ruth," Brenly said. "Whitey Ford's not going to pitch a game in this series. We have to deal with the 2001 New York Yankees. They're a great ball club."

"As far as we're concerned, the mystique is the 25 guys who are going to be in uniform on Saturday," he added.

Cowboys prepare for their third QB

IRVING (AP) — Clint Stoerner could become the third different starting quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys this season, and Ryan Leaf may not be far behind.

With Anthony Wright's status uncertain because of a swollen right knee, the Cowboys (1-4) are preparing both Stoerner and Leaf for Sunday's game against Arizona.

Coach Dave Campo said that Stoerner, a second-year player from Arkansas, would get his first NFL start if Wright isn't ready to play. And Leaf, a former No. 2 overall pick signed earlier this month, likely would get his first playing time in Dallas.

"I feel comfortable that Ryan can do everything we're asking him to do," Campo said. "The wrist isn't a factor now. But we haven't gone through a crisis, he hasn't been on the field yet."

A final decision on the quarterback status won't be made until after the Cowboys get back the results of the MRI on Wright's knee. That should come Thursday.

But Campo isn't ready yet to commit to Leaf, who got a second-chance signing with the Cowboys after rookie quarterback Quincy Carter tore his hamstring Oct. 7 at Oakland. Wright has started three of five games for the injured Carter.

Leaf made 18 starts during his three seasons in San Diego after he was drafted, but the Chargers gave up on him after last season. Leaf then failed to make Tampa Bay's roster during training camp.

Dallas was prepared to sign Leaf then, but he failed a physical because of a wrist problem. The Cowboys gave him another chance when Carter got hurt again.

Stoerner has played just three games in his two seasons with Dallas, but completed 4 of 7 passes for 44 yards and two touchdowns against Philadelphia this year.

"Clint understands the offense, and knows what we are trying to get accomplished," Campo said.

"At this point if Anthony can't go, I don't see that changing before the end of the week."

Stoerner and Leaf split the snaps with the No. 1 offense Wednesday.

Last week, when Wright missed both practices before the Cowboys had the weekend off, Leaf took most of the snaps and the Cowboys accelerated his learning process.

"It's not an easy process, but I've been working on it and trying to get as much of it down as I can," Leaf said. "When they call on me, I have to be ready."

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Anthrax infection, though serious, is treatable

Anthrax is caused by bacillus anthracis, a large gram positive spore forming bacillus.

These spores are transmitted to humans by contact with animals or animal products.

The disease is common in many developing countries, especially Africa and Central America, where the veterinary care is poor.

It occurs mainly in ruminants (plant eaters) including goats, sheep, buffaloes and elephants.

Cattle are particularly susceptible to the form of anthrax spores that causes death hours.

A large number of animals are spread by contact.

Primary forms in humans are skin lesions, gastrointestinal (intestine) and septicemic (blood).

Septicemia (blood infection) and meningitis occur from any areas where the bacteria occurs.

The most common is the skin lesion, which accounts for more than 95 percent of cases.

Bacillus anthracis spore forming bacteria do not form spores in tissue.

They are indolent (areas where oxygen is not present) and do not survive in soil for years.

The organism is 3-10 micrometers long and 0.5-1.0 micrometers wide. It is a rod-shaped bacterium.

The largest epidemic reported in the United States was in 1978-1979.

This organism is excreted by the animal as spores in the milk and feces.

A combination of toxins produces little as 60 minutes.

In the skin, the organism is in the skin through a cut or abrasion.

The toxin causes swelling, necrosis and death.

Inhalation of spores (the spores) results in mortality.

This form of anthrax causes pneumonia and septicemia.

The gastrointestinal tract is affected, causing nausea, vomiting, bloody diarrhea, and death.

Penicillin is the drug of choice for the treatment of anthrax, but treatments are and include ciprofloxacin, erythromycin, chloramphenicol, and rifampin.

No local surgery is performed to spread the organism.

For inhalation anthrax, the disease is treated with IV ciprofloxacin or IV rifampin.

Diagnosis is by gram stain, culture, and serologic tests.

Serologic tests for anthrax are ELISA and indirect immunofluorescence.

Which detects antibodies to anthrax toxin and PA exotoxin. Serologic tests are specific.

Preventative help avoid the good personal hygiene and protective clothing.

Prevention of anthrax is by avoiding contact with animal manure.

If you need information or need to contact Dr. Nandlal health column.

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It occurs mainly in herbivorous (plant eating) animals including cattle, goats, sheep, buffalo, pigs and elephants.

Cattle are particularly susceptible to the systemic form of anthrax which progresses to death in 24 to 48 hours.

A large number of organisms are spread to humans by contact.

Primary forms of anthrax in humans are skin, inhalation, gastrointestinal (intestine) and oropharyngeal (mouth/throat).

Septicemia (blood poisoning or infection in the blood) and meningitis may occur from any of these areas where the disease occurs.

The most common form is the skin lesion which accounts for more than 95 percent of cases.

Bacillus anthracis is a spore forming bacillus. Spores do not form in living tissue.

They are induced by aerobic (areas where there is oxygen) conditions and persist in soil for years.

The organism grows at 35 to 37 degrees Celsius and a microscopic exam will reveal long parallel chains of organism called the 'boxcar' appearance.

Worldwide incidents range from 10,000 to 100,000 cases per year.

The largest epidemic was reported in Zimbabwe between 1978-1980.

This organism produces the exotoxins (poison excreted by the bacillus) known as plasmid PX01, plasmid PX02, PA, EF, and LF.

A combination of these toxins produces death in as little as 60 minutes.

In the skin disease the organism is introduced to the skin through a wound.

The toxin causes edema, swelling, necrosis (tissue death) and septicemia.

Inhalation of the organism (the spores are air born) results in 100 percent mortality.

This form of the disease causes pneumonia, respiratory failure and death.

The gastrointestinal disease causes gastroenteritis syndrome which causes nausea, vomiting, and bloody diarrhea caused by the toxin.

Penicillin G is the drug of choice for the treatment of anthrax, but alternative treatments are available and include cipro, tetracycline, erythromycin and chloramphenicol.

No local surgery should be performed as it might spread the organism.

For inhalation or gastrointestinal forms of the disease treatment includes IV cipro or IV penicillin G.

Diagnosis is determined by a gram stain of drainage and sputum.

Serologic tests includes Elisa and Electrophoretic immunotransblot test which detects antibodies and PA exotoxins. Both tests are specific to the disease.

Preventative measures to help avoid the disease is good personal hygiene, use of protective clothing, proper cooking of meat and avoiding ingestion of potentially contaminated meat.

If you need more information or need help contact Dr. Nandlal Patel at 510 Scurry, Suite D, Big Spring (915)264-1222.

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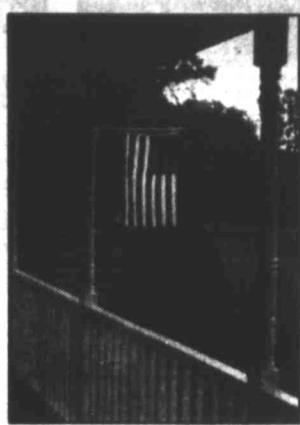
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Flying Our Country's Flag



A girl holds her flag high.



A flag hangs on a front porch.



A flag drapes a store window.



A flag is displayed on a fence.



A fireman wears a flag on his helmet as he releases his boot for a collection.

Cheers for our country's flag, To fly it gives us a chance to brag:

To let all of those around us know, That we do love our country so.

To express our feelings deep inside, We fly it with a great deal of pride.

To show how much we Americans care, We fly it here, there and everywhere.

We fly it over our Capitol's dome, We fly it over our porch at home.

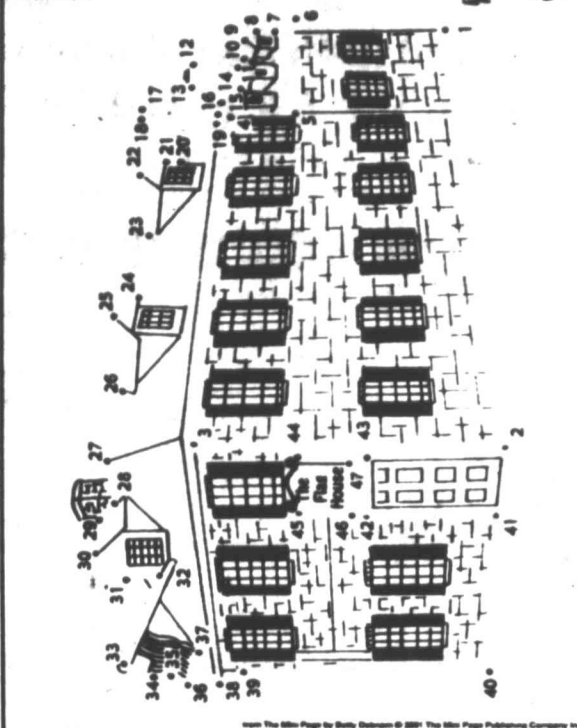
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Rookie Cookie's Recipe Chicken and Chips Casserole

- You'll need:
- 2 cups cooked chicken, shredded
 - 1/2 cup almonds, slivered
 - 1/2 cup mushrooms, sliced
 - 2 tablespoons lemon juice
 - 1 cup mayonnaise
 - 1/4 cup milk
 - 1 cup potato chips, crushed



- What to do:
1. Combine all ingredients except potato chips in a large mixing bowl. Mix well.
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Meet Jackie Chan

Jackie Chan is one of the world's most popular entertainers. Among the many parts he is known for is the voice of Jackie on the TV show "Jackie Chan Adventures."

For more than 20 years, Jackie, 47, has been one of the biggest stars in Asia. He was born in Hong Kong, where his birth name was Chan Kong-sang. From age 7 to 17, he lived at the Peking Opera School. While he was there, he studied gymnastics, dance, singing and drama.

After graduating, he worked at a movie studio as a stunt man. He got his first movie role in 1971. Besides acting, Jackie also sings. He likes horseback riding.

Gus Goodsport's Super Sport: Blaine Wilson

Birthdate: 8-3-74 Birthplace: Columbus, Ohio College: Ohio State University

Blaine Wilson is one of the best gymnasts in the history of gymnastics. He is the first male gymnast to win five national championships in a row.

He was introduced to the sport at age 4 by his father. While growing up, he also played soccer. He was on the 1996 and 2000 Olympic teams.

Blaine, who has a sister who is a former gymnast, lives in Columbus, Ohio. Some of his favorite athletes are Ken Griffey Jr. and Michael Jordan. Pizza is his favorite food. Among his favorite musicians are Hootie and the Blowfish and Janet Jackson. Some of his hobbies are biking and playing golf and soccer. He is studying psychology in college.

The Mighty Mini Jokes

The following jokes all have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

James: What is a mouse's favorite game?
Wendy: Hide and squeak!

Delores: Will the band play anything I ask them to?
Bandleader: Of course!
Delores: Well, ask them to play checkers!

Spencer: What makes a chess player happy?
Victoria: Taking a knight off!

Flags TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of our flag are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: LAND, GOVERNMENT, CITIZENS, FLAG, BRAG, KNOW, COUNTRY, LOVE, PRIDE, FREEDOM, LIBERTY, FREE, CARE, FLY, STARS, RED, WHITE, BLUE.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are pledging allegiance to the flag at their school. See if you can find:

- ruler
- kite
- book
- number 3
- key
- bell
- letter A
- coffee pot
- pencil
- word MINI
- tooth
- sailboat
- number 7
- safety pin
- heart
- sock
- letter E
- man in the moon
- cat
- caterpillar

Flags here, there and everywhere

On street poles

On school buses

On trucks

Great American Flags

Our country's flag was adopted by the Congress on June 14, 1777. No one really knows who designed it.

Some say it was Betsy Ross, a seamstress in Philadelphia.

Others say it was Francis Hopkinson, a delegate to Congress from New Jersey.

Our first flag had 13 stripes and 13 stars for each of the original colonies.

The colors red, white and blue were based on those found in the British flag.

There have been explanations about the colors that were selected. One is that the white stands for loyalty, the blue for unity and the red for sacrifice.

On Feb. 23, 1946, U.S. Marines raised our flag on two Jims, a Pacific island where thousands lost their lives. A photographer took a stirring picture. A statue based on the photo now stands near Arlington National Cemetery, overlooking Washington, D.C. The two Jim flag had 48 stars.

Astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin planted the American flag on the moon on July 20, 1969. It was stiffened with wire to make it stand out because the moon is airless. The astronauts were not claiming the moon for the United States. The flag was a symbol of our pride in being the first country to put a man there. The flag had 50 stars.

Sites to see: www.flagday.org and www.nps.gov (go to Fort McHenry).

Look through your newspaper for news or photos that make you proud to be an American.

Next week: Read all about Halloween superstitions.

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Deadbeat children

Dear Ann Lan is for all the dead who don't want support because they are angry with their ex-wives. I would like to say a few words to these men.
Child support should be considered an important contribution to the physical and mental well-being of a child. It is not so free ride for you. For the sake of your children, please put your money aside and support your children's needs.
If the divorce requires that a medical insurance be kept up, no matter what the policy, or the attention of insurance as a means of getting with your ex is not hurt her, but it obviously affect the attention of insurance.
A divorced dad try to "beat the system" by finding a legal loophole to avoid his legal obligation to take care of his children. Facing gentlemen. The loopholes in family law. Divorced fathers child support be the decent thing to do.
By the way, after was not writing angry ex-wife. I am a family member of a dad who is going big price for his mess and chintzy. Somewhere So Mason-Dixon Line.
Dear Mason-Dixon spoke for a woman and child and I thank you fathers (or mother) not take adequate care of their children pay a big price for road. I can't imagine more pay.

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Deadbeat dads should put children above their anger

Dear Ann Landers: This is for all the deadbeat dads who don't want to pay child support because they are angry with their ex-wives. I would like to say a few words to these men.



ANN LANDERS

Child support should be considered an important contribution to the physical and emotional well-being of your child. It is not some kind of free ride for your ex-wife. For the sake of your children, please put your animosity aside and put your children's needs first.

If the divorce decree requires that you carry medical insurance for your children, that policy should be kept up, no matter what. To withhold information on the policy, or use the handling of insurance claims as a means of "getting even" with your ex is not going to hurt her, but it could seriously affect the medical attention provided to your children.

A divorced dad should not try to "beat the system" or find a legal loophole to minimize his legal and moral obligation to take care of his children. Face the facts, gentlemen. There are no loopholes in fatherhood. Divorced fathers should pay child support because it is the decent thing for a father to do.

By the way, Ann, this letter was not written by an angry ex-wife. I am the family member of a deadbeat dad who is going to pay a big price for his stubbornness and chintzy behavior. - Somewhere South of the Mason-Dixon Line

Dear Mason-Dixon: You spoke for a great many women and children today, and I thank you. Divorced fathers (or mothers) who do not take adequate care of their children do indeed pay a big price down the road. I can't imagine anything more painful than

having a son or a daughter "somewhere" who does not know you. It must be the biggest heartache of all.

Dear Ann Landers: This is for "Trustworthy in Memphis," the 14-year-old girl who wanted to spend the night at a friend's house where there was no adult supervision. I, too, was once 14 and thought my parents were overly protective because they wouldn't let me do things some of my friends were allowed to do.

I wasn't permitted to go to unsupervised parties or stay even a few minutes past curfew. I had excellent grades and had already been accepted to an Ivy League college, but my parents wouldn't budge. If I was invited to sleep at a girlfriend's house, my mother would call and speak to her parents. Mom had to have the phone number of every place I went. I thought I would die of embarrassment.

I am now 26 and thank my parents every day for keeping me out of harm's way. Some of the parties I wasn't permitted to go to turned out to include experiments with drugs where everyone ended up having sex. Some of those kids never made it to college. They had to assume the responsibilities of parenthood when they were 17 and 18 years old.

Please, Ann, tell your teenage readers that their parents may seem "overly protective," but those tough rules and curfews are laid down because they care about you. They have your best interest at heart. I didn't like their "toughness" then, but I sure do appreciate it now. - Older and Wiser in New Jersey

Dear Older and Wiser: I hope the teenagers out there who think their parents are too strict will pay attention to what you have written. This world could use more "tough" parents like yours.

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Two West Texans on higher education group

LUBBOCK (AP) — Current and former West Texas mayors were named Wednesday to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Lubbock Mayor Windy Sitton and Lorraine Perryman, a former mayor of Odessa, were appointed by Gov. Rick Perry.

Three others named to the board are from the Dallas-Fort Worth area. The sixth appointee is from South Texas. Each must be confirmed by the Senate. Board

members serve six-year terms and are not paid.

Sitton, who will attend the board's meeting Thursday and Friday in Austin, said the challenge and opportunity are exciting.

"I hope to be able to use my educational background and all of my experience as mayor and running a huge budget to help make decisions that will affect higher education for the next 25 years in the state of Texas," Sitton said. "Education has always been my true love, my first love."

The 18-member board is responsible for developing formulas for equitable financing for higher education institutions and reviewing requests for degree programs and proposals for campus construction. It also administers state financial aid programs.

Others named to the board were: Neal W. Adams of Euless, an attorney; Marc Cisneros of Corpus Christi, CEO and executive vice

president of John G. and Marie Stella Kenedy Memorial Foundation; Jerry Farrington of Dallas, a past chairman of the University of North Texas Board of Regents and Curtis E. Ransom of Coppell, a member of the board of directors of the Dallas County Community College and Dallas Black Dance Theatre.

Sitton will not be the only mayor on the board. Kevin Eltife, the mayor of Tyler in East Texas, was appointed in 1997.

Building schools as community centers wins support

GAYLORD, Mich. (AP) — Campaigning for a new high school, supporters offered skeptics a deal: If you build it, you can come. This will be no ordinary school, but a civic center everyone can use.

The appeal convinced voters in this northern Michigan community to approve a bond issue after twice saying no. The new Gaylord High opened in 1994 and has become a model for cash-strapped school districts struggling to replace crowded build-

ings and worn-out equipment.

The local theater troupe puts on musicals in the auditorium, with its large stage, orchestra pit and seating for nearly 550. Businessmen play basketball in the gymnasium while parents drop off preschoolers at the day care center. People come and go hours after classes are dismissed — attending meetings, concerts, community college lectures.

"There's always something going on," said Lori

Pearson, the principal. "People see this as their building, and they know it's open to their kids and to them."

Gaylord, population 3,700, isn't the only school system rolling out the welcome mat to taxpayers. Education analysts say there's a nationwide trend toward re-establishing the public school as a focal point of community life, a role that faded during the postwar baby boom and the rise of suburbia.

"Schools are waking up to the fact that they can't do it alone, whether you're talking about putting up a new building or teaching children to become productive citizens," said Pat Edwards, associate executive director of the National Center for Community Education. "They're having to reach out, form partnerships with business and industry ... with the community at large."

In the early 20th century, the schoolhouse was widely regarded as an indoor town square — the place to go for a speech, play or meeting, said Joe Agron, editor of American School and University, a publication that tracks developments in school design.

But things changed after World War II. "Kids were piling through the doors, and schools were being built very rapidly and often cheaply," Agron said. The population became less neighborhood-centered. Separate auditoriums, civic centers and sports complexes went up.

Schools became "more specialized... more standoffish," Edwards said. "There wasn't that welcoming atmosphere, where people could just walk into their schools and feel very comfortable, the way they used to."

Frank Manley, an educator in Flint, Mich., was among the first to spot the problem. In the 1930s, he and industrialist Charles Stewart Mott pushed to open the city's schools for after-hours recreation.

Freeman Elementary, the city's first school constructed around the community-education theme, opened in 1951. It had a large gym, auditorium and other facilities the community could use. The National Center for Community Education later was established in Flint to help start similar programs elsewhere.

In the last decade, the community school idea has caught on around the country, in part because educators need better relations with taxpayers to get pricey building projects approved, Edwards said.

When a new high school opens next year in Medina, Ohio, its \$15 million recreation center will be open to the public. A performing arts foundation will use the auditorium, and a hospital gets access to the exercise room for physical therapy. "For public education to survive, the community is going to have to believe that they own the schools once again," Superintendent Charles Irish said.

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Oct. 26:

Your birthday year offers unusual creativity and happiness for those willing to grab the moment. You work most successfully on an intuitive level. Logic and mental processes often mess you up or keep you up late at night worrying. Often, another perspective opens doors. You'll gain through travel, education and foreigners. You could win a lawsuit if you are involved in a legal matter. If you are single, romance will certainly drop on the happy Scorpio. You have many choices but will find a great deal of satisfaction with one partner. If attached, the two of you will fall in love all over again. **PISCES** loves to get together with you.

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) *** An answer might come without you asking. You hear news from others. Trust that those around you have good intentions. You might need to consider another's words carefully. You will get many different opinions if you put an issue on the table, giving you many options. Tonight: Slow down the pace.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**** Bring others together and discuss what could be, at first, an uncomfortable situation. If two minds work better than one, think what many will do. Overwhelmed, you'll find answers. Calls and messages come in left and right. Tonight: Jump into your weekend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Your serious demeanor tosses others into confusion, at best. As a result, you might get some offers you can't believe. Money flows in and out of your wallet like a train goes in and out of the station. Take in a different perspective. Think success. Tonight: Burn the candle at both ends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)**** Reach out for others. You want expert help with key decisions. The written word travels far — especially within family and personal circles. Not everything needs to be shared verbally. Your brightness brings you many options. People want to be with you. People want to work with you. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **** Understand a partner through something he's requested. Chatter annoys you right now, but remember that in general, you welcome the light and frivolous. Follow another's lead. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Allow more feedback. Don't shut your mind — or your door! Think in terms of gain, both financially and emotionally. You might not like what someone is

about, yet at the same time, not everything this person suggests is worthless. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** Work must become your highest priority. You have much to do and would like to clear out of work on time. Others distract you with many different requests. Display your ability to say "no, thank you" while maintaining a friendly attitude. Tonight: Do what you need to do.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)***** Flirtation adds to your creativity, but it could upset a dear associate or partner. Know when enough is enough. Your imagination goes hog-wild when someone gives you the cold shoulder. Consider how you might be responsible. Tonight: Jump into weekend mode.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)*** Your thoughts revolve around family, home or personal matters. It's a good thing that the workweek is ending. Others act withdrawn but simply might be tired. Finish up work and don't initiate anything new. Let someone pitch in to get the job done. Tonight: Head on home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)***** Speak your mind, and others surely will listen. Different approaches bring unusual results. Pat someone on the back for a job well-done. Don't hesitate to delegate if you are on overload. You don't always have to be the main joist at work and at home. Tonight: Frolic with friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)*** Deal with financial instability. You cannot understand what is happening with someone whom you care a lot about. Explore what is going on. It's time for a long-overdue discussion. You offer much more to a work situation than you realize. Listen to another's suggestion. Tonight: Your treat.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)***** Your smile wins friends, though a family member might feel left out. Your solid approach and dynamic energy appeal to many — perhaps too many. Prioritize your relationships. Honor only those who are important to you. Tonight: Whatever the Fish wants.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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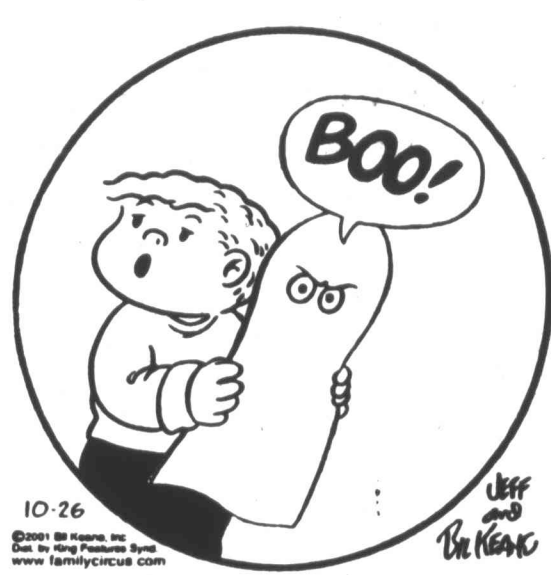
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6:30 PM	News (CC) Fortune	King of the Hill Raymond	Wishbone Zoboaloo	Movie: The Lake	News Ent. Tonight	News (CC) Fortune	Survivor: Africa (CC)	News Seinfeld (CC)	Carla de Angel (BS)	Movie: Susie Q (CC)	Mad TV Mad TV	F-16 Movie: Untamed	Next Best Thing (CC)	Crooks (CC)	Derek Prince John Hages	Law & Order (CC)	Wild Discovery	Protektor (CC)	Medical Medical
7:30 PM	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Major League Baseball	Antiques-LK	..	..	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Friends (CC) Schwartz	Movie: Fallen	Amigas y Rivales (SS)	..	Sir Tric: Next Gener.	Heart (CC)	Book of Sha-	Update the NFL (CC)	Update With Sam Soleym	Biography (CC)	Truth or Scare	Law & Order (CC)	Secrets of Forensic Science
8:30 PM	Be a Millionaire	Playoffs	Conquistadors (CC) (DVS)	Scariest Places	CSI: Crime Scn	Be a Millionaire	Will & Grace Just Shoot Me	..	Derecho de Nacer (SS)	..	Don't Look Under the	Movie: Something	Movie: Blair Witch 2 (CC)	Light of the Southwest	..	Ultimate Reality (CC)	Human Combustion	Movie: The Running Man	Asteroid Impact
9:30 PM	PrimeTime Thursday	..	Frontline (CC)	Ghost Stories Ghost Stories	Agency (CC)	700 Club (CC)	ER (CC)	(45) Movie:	..	Bed (CC) Far From	Championship Bull Riding	Wild ..	Going to California	..	Last Castle	..	Hunted Houses	..	Impact Earth
10:30 PM	News (CC) Nightline	Jerry Springer (CC)	News-Lehrer (CC)	700 Club (CC)	News (35) Late	News (CC) Nightline	News (35) Tonight	Child's Play	P. Impacto Noticiero Univ.	Home: Yellow Dog	World Champ.	Movie: In Too Deep (CC)	Leap Years	..	Taxicab Confessions 5	..	Justice Files	..	Secrets of Forensic Science
11:30 PM	Politically Inc. Cheers	Suddenly Spin City (CC)	Battlefield (CC)	Who's Boss? Who's Boss?	Show (CC) (37) Late	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc.	Show (CC) (37) Late	El Super Babalzo (SS)	..	So Weird (CC) Totally Hoops	Small Shots Mad TV	..	Movie: Flawless	Update With Church	Biography (CC)	..	..	..	Asteroid Impact
12:30 AM	Cowboy Paid Program	Attorney Divorce Court	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Zorro (CC) Mickey Mouse	Baywatch (CC)	You Can Thank Me	..	Movie: True Identity (CC)	Faith Phases God	..	..	..	..

DENNIS THE MENACE



"I wonder how old you have to be before you stop taking naps?"

FAMILY CIRCUS



"What does B-zero-zero spell?"

HAGAR



HAGAR, HOW CAN YOU JUST MOPE AROUND THE HOUSE WHEN THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS TO EXPERIENCE OUT THERE IN THE BIG BEAUTIFUL WORLD?



YOU KNOW, YOU'RE RIGHT!

B.C.



COACH, I FORGOT WHAT THE STEAL SIGN IS!



LIKE THIS — THE SAME ONE YOU USE WHEN YOU ACCEPT YOUR PAYCHECK.

GEECH



I WAS THINKING ABOUT DOING SOMETHING DIFFERENT WITH MY HAIR.

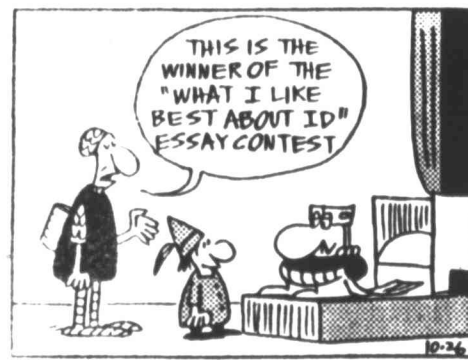


BUT THEN I THOUGHT... IF IT AIN'T BROKE, DON'T FIX IT.



YOU USE SO MUCH HAIRSPRAY, YOU COULDN'T BREAK YOUR HAIR IF YOU WANTED TO.

WIZARD OF ID



THIS IS THE WINNER OF THE "WHAT I LIKE BEST ABOUT ID" ESSAY CONTEST



CONGRATULATIONS, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP, SON?

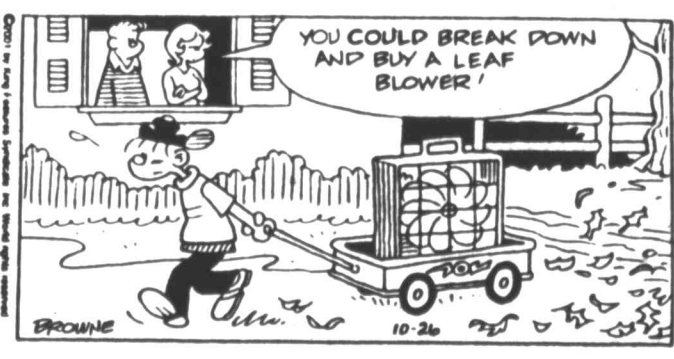


A FLIMFLAM MAN!

HI AND LOIS



CHIP WILL DO ANYTHING TO AVOID RAKING!



YOU COULD BREAK DOWN AND BUY A LEAF BLOWER!

GASOLINE ALLEY



For years I was Mr. Chilblain's faithful butler!



He never paid well but promised me great wealth when he got to the Pearly Gates!

I couldn't stand him or his cats — so I just put him there sooner than expected!

SNUFFY SMITH



NO CARD FIGHTS TONIGHT MAW!! I'M GONNA PLAY CHECKERS WITH LUKEY INSTEAD!!



WE BOTH WANTED RED!!

BETLE BAILY



I'M LEAVING FOR GOLF NOW

WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T GET LOST



WHY?

I'D HATE TO HAVE TO DESCRIBE YOU TO THE POLICE

BLONDIE



SEE YOU TOMORROW? THAT DEPENDS ON WHAT THE SPECIAL IS



BRATWURST AND SAUERKRAUT IN A BEAN CASSEROLE WITH MELTED CHEESE, ONIONS, AND PEPPERS



OH BOY, I WON'T BE ABLE TO SLEEP TONIGHT

HE WON'T DO MUCH SLEEPING TOMORROW NIGHT EITHER

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, Oct. 25, the 298th day of 2001. There are 67 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 25, 1929, former Interior Secretary Albert B. Fall was convicted of accepting a \$100,000 bribe in connection with the Elk Hills Naval Oil Reserve in California.

On this date:

In 1400, author Geoffrey Chaucer died in London.

In 1760, Britain's King George III succeeded his late grandfather, George II.

In 1812, the U.S. frigate United States captured the British vessel Macedonian during the War of 1812.

In 1854, the "Charge of the Light Brigade" took place during the Crimean War.

In 1918, the Canadian steamship Princess Sophia

founded off the coast of Alaska; nearly 400 people perished.

In 1951, peace talks aimed at ending the Korean conflict resumed in Panmunjom after 63 days.

In 1962, U.S. ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson presented photographic evidence of Soviet missile bases in Cuba to the U.N. Security Council.

In 1971, the U.N. General Assembly voted to admit mainland China and expel Taiwan.

In 1983, a U.S.-led force invaded Grenada at the order of President Reagan, who said the action was needed to protect U.S. citizens there.

In 1999, golfer Payne Stewart and five others were killed when their Learjet flew uncontrolled for four hours before crashing in South Dakota; Stewart was 42.

Ten years ago: Israel named a hard-line delegation to the Middle East peace conference. Rock-and-roll impresario Bill Graham

was killed in a helicopter crash in Sonoma County, Calif.

Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician Chubby Jackson is 83. Former baseball player Bobby Thomson is 78. Former American League president Dr. Bobby Brown is 77. Actress Jeanne Cooper is 73. Actress Marion Ross is 73. Actor Tony Franciosa is 73. Country singer Jeanne Black is 64. Singer Helen Reddy is 60. Rock singer Jon Anderson (Yes) is 57. Singer Taffy Danoff (Starland Vocal Band) is 57. Rock musician Glen Tipton (Judas Priest) is 53.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword NOT REALLY MISSING by Sally R. Stein Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS
- 1 Fried Green Tomatoes... author
- 6 Robin Cook novel
- 10 Ashen
- 14 Eeyore's creator
- 15 Wicked
- 16 Cosmetics company
- 17
- 20 Sundial numeral
- 21 Airline bane
- 22 Health-food store purchase
- 25 Warehouse unit
- 26 Vitamin amts.
- 27 Fellow
- 29 Peer Gynt dancer
- 33 Joe Frazier rival
- 34 Altu dweller
- 36 Seated patrons
- 37 Like three of this puzzle's answers
- 40 Word form for "false"
- 41 Internet photos, often
- 42 ___ Tafari (Haile Selassie)
- 43 Created, as a hairdo
- 45 Help
- 46 Checking-acc. printout
- 47 Whom followers follow: Abbr.
- 49 Old-style photo
- 51 Have no use for
- 54 Crucifix
- 55
- 59 Furthermore
- 60 Pro-shop purchase
- 61 16 Across competitor
- 62 Unappetizing food
- 63 Some employee IDs
- 64 Swann and Redgrave
- DOWN
- 1 Radio bands: Abbr.
- 2 Whopper
- 3 Blues Suite choreographer
- 30
- 31 Overhaul
- 32 ___ Fideles
- 5 Bottled spirit
- 6 Middling mark
- 7 Pie baker
- 8 Cretan king
- 9 34 Across' home
- 10 Mark Russell, e.g.
- 11 Swear
- 12 Sports setback
- 13 Naval off.
- 18 Feel excitement
- 19 Arm-building exercises
- 22 Under-standings
- 23 Least busy
- 24 Take a stab
- 28 Desert plant
- 30
- 31 Overhaul
- 32 ___ Fideles
- 34 What's more
- 35 Genetic inheritance
- 38 Corner requirement, at times
- 39 Rajiv's mother
- 44 Wanders
- 46 Not at all calm
- 48 "Blue ___" (Berlin tune)
- 50 Of interest of dieters
- 51 Soup flavoring
- 52 In that case
- 53 Equitable
- 55 Scale notes
- 56 Half a figure-eight
- 57 Cabo ___ Lucas
- 58 Part of CBS

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