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Traditional closings set around town

Herald Staff Report

Football on every channel, turkey smells wafting from the oven and of course the little — or not so little — patter of feet tearing through the house. It must be Thanksgiving.

Many city, county and federal offices as well as school districts will be closed for the traditional holiday.

Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan schools will close Wednesday. Students will return to class on Monday. Howard College students will also have a five-day holiday closing from Wednesday through Friday.

Howard County and Big Spring city employees will have a chance to get an extra jump on Friday morning's early bird sales as offices will be closed Thursday and Friday except for emergency personnel.

The city landfill will also be closed Thursday and Friday and no trash pick up will be held on those days. The landfill will be open on Saturday.

Administration offices for the VA Medical Center will be closed on Thanksgiving day but will reopen Friday for regular business.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 6 p.m. at the high school band hall.

Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. for dinner with meeting to follow. First and Goliad. All Masons are welcome.

Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library, 500 Main.

Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. at the Howard College Cactus Room.

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VA Hospital planning blood drive for Nov. 27

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

America still needs blood, and Big Spring's VA Hospital is asking area residents to come out and share the gift of life Tuesday, Nov. 27.



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"It is our quarterly blood drive," said hospital spokesperson Iva Jo Hanslik. "We do want to

continue to focus on the shortage of blood nationwide."

The blood drive will be held in the Recreation Hall of the hospital, 300 Veteran's Boulevard in Big Spring from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Hanslik said blood from the hospital's quarterly drives goes to support United Blood Services of San Angelo.

"Traditionally, the holidays bring on blood shortages," said Sherry Morton, UBS spokesperson. "The people of Big Spring can

help assure that a blood shortage does not occur this year. Please help by donating Tuesday."

The hospital's last quarterly drive collected about 53 units of blood.

"We probably had close to 70 people that attempted to donate blood," she said, noting that several people were deferred because they were taking allergy medicine.

Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in good health.

Coahoma residents looking to do a good deed this

holiday season do not have far to go. The Coahoma Community Center at 308 North Avenue will hold a blood drive on Wednesday, Nov. 28 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

"Hospitals don't close for the holidays," said Morton. "Make some time next Wednesday to donate blood and help keep our hospital shelves stocked with the gift of life."

UBS asks that you have proof of identification and know the names of any medications you may have taken in the past 30 days.

UBS is a not-for-profit

blood provider for area hospitals. In order to supply the 12 hospitals in the region, UBS must collect more than 300 units of blood each week. Blood products have a shelf life of between five and 42 days.

UBS prefers that donors make an appointment before the drive by calling Hanslik at 264-4824 or the UBS office at 1-800-756-0024. For the Coahoma blood drive contact Russ Mullins or UBS for an appointment. But organizers said scheduling an appointment was not required.

Sharing America's bounty

Community Thanksgiving meal slated for Thursday

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

America has been blessed with an abundance of food and Thanksgiving is an ideal time for expressing gratitude for our plenty. This Thanksgiving, the Salvation Army continues its tradition of spreading that plenty throughout the community with its annual Community Thanksgiving Meal.

"It's open to anyone who wants to come eat, from all walks of life," Salvation Army Captain Linda Keeney said. "It's a community Thanksgiving. They just need to show up."

Keeney said the meal would consist of traditional Thanksgiving fare.

"Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, sweet potatoes, pumpkin pies," she said. "I think there will be some cobbler, cranberries, tea and coffee."

The meal, which kicks off at 11:30 and will be served until 2 p.m. Thursday, is expected to draw about 350 people, she added.

"I think they had 325 last year," Keeney said. "We will be delivering meals this year, too."

To arrange to have a meal delivered, Keeney said people can call the Salvation Army office at 267-8239.

The Salvation Army is also inviting the public to help serve, deliver and clean up after the meal.

"We've got volunteers serving," she said. "People from different churches,



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Doug Churchill, a visitor to Big Spring, opens doors for patrons of the Big Spring Post Office as he rings a bell to collect for the Salvation Army. The holiday season campaign is an annual fund raiser for the religious organization that provides food, money and other assistance to the needy. The Army's annual Community Thanksgiving meal will be served from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday at the Corps building.

people in the community and anyone who wants to volunteer." People can also donate money or food to the Salvation Army for the meal, although there is no charge to partake in the feast, she said.

People can also help the Salvation Army by donat-

ing to the group's bell ringers, stationed at local businesses around town. This year, the corps will be ringing at both doors of the Wal-Mart Supercenter and at the Big Spring Post Office, Rip Griffin's, and Bealls.

"The people that we have

ringing the bells are people that have come in and filled out an application for seasonal work," Keeney said. "And, we have some volunteers." Keeney added that occasionally, young people and teenagers from around the community will help out by ringing for a while.

Arrested

Howell jailed in New Mexico on felony child abuse charges

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

A former Howard County constable and sheriff's deputy was arrested Friday in New Mexico on charges of abusing his 8-year-old son.

Woodie Howell, 42, of the Cloudcroft, N.M., area was arrested by deputies of the Otero County, N.M., Sheriff's Department and charged with "Abandonment or abuse of a child," a felony charge in New Mexico.

"There are allegations that he would either handcuff or duct tape his son's hands around the back of a chair and beat him with a belt, with the buckle end of a belt with a big western buckle," Otero County Sheriff John Lee said.

Howell's bond was set at \$100,000, but was reduced to \$50,000 Monday. He is currently in custody at the Otero County Detention Facility.

A former Howard County Sheriff's Deputy stationed in the Coahoma area, Howell worked for the Big Spring Correctional Center and for Howard College after leaving the Sheriff's Department in 1994. In 1996, he ran for Howard County Sheriff but was not elected.

Howell was arrested for assault/family violence in 1999 after an altercation in

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Herald offers thanks to judges, finalists of our recipe guide

HERALD Staff Report

The Big Spring Herald wants to thank all the judges and finalists for their hours of work baking, cooking and tasting that helped make the Herald Recipe Guide contest a success.

Paula Cox will receive a complete makeover and satin hands kit from Dene Sheppard of Mary Kay Cosmetics for her Old English Trifle recipe.

Virginia Allen's Yule Log garnered her a 19-piece stainless steel knife set from Bob's Custom Woodwork. Reene Casey will receive a makeup gift set from Merle Norman for her pineapple cookies, while Dorothy Earheart earned a candle garden from Dunlap's for her salad bundt bread.

A three-month membership to Paradigm Physical

Therapy will go to Deanna Forsyth for her Chocolate Cinnamon Cake and Ann Macky will receive a Craftsman 7.2-volt cordless drill from Sears of Big Spring for her Hawaiian Banana Nut Cake.

K.K. Kellar earns a \$25 gift certificate from the Big Spring Mall for her Poinsettia Balls and Shirley Day will receive a large cookie tray from Gale's Sweet Shoppe sponsored by Energas.

Mary Digsley will receive a meal from the Yellow Rose Cafe for her Potato Pinwheel Candy.

Judging for the event, Gayle Pittman will receive decorative vegetable people from Picante while Jan Forsyth receives lunch for two at the Bird House Gallery and Tearoom. A porcelain teapot from

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Wal-Mart Store Manager Daryl Holley presents a check for \$1,000 to Howard County Learn To Read Program directors Paul and Pat Smith. The presentation is part of Wal-Mart's Literacy Program, and Paul Smith said the donation would buy about 100 books for the county's English as a Second Language program and to help slow readers. Shown, from left, are Holley, Howard County Librarian Hollis McCroight, Pat Smith and Paul Smith.

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OBITUARIES

Irene Reed

Irene Reed, 80, of Big Spring, died on Monday, Nov. 19, 2001, in Big Spring. Funeral service will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Ralph Anderson, minister, officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



She was born on March 17, 1921, in Scurry County and came to Big Spring in 1929. Her husband, J.E. "Skeeter" Reed preceded her in Death on May 15, 1979. She was a member of the Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. She was a sitter and had babysitted with a number of children through the years and had ministered to a number of sick people.

Survivors include one brother, J.C. Whitefield of Houston; one nephew, Don Reed of Chico; one granddaughter, Diedra Reed of Okla.; and one great-granddaughter, Stormie Reed of Big Spring.

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grandsons, Joe Don Worthan of Grapevine and Clayton Pate of Abilene; three great-granddaughters, Saydee Bailey, Abbee Bailey and Jessica Webb.

He was preceded in death by his parents, W.E. and Jessie Pate and one brother W.E. "Bill" Pate.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society Memorial Program, c/o Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121.

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THANKS

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Dalmer's Antiques will go to Barbara Brumley while Billy Dominguez will receive dinner for two from Ponderosa.

Marsha McNew will receive lunch for two at Santa Fe Sandwiches while Pauline Nelson will receive a holiday gift set from Elrod's Furniture.

Jo Ann Smoot will receive dinner for two from Rip Griffin while John Pitsworth will receive lunch for two at the Yellow Rose Cafe.

HOWELL

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the Wal-Mart parking lot. In 2000 he ran unopposed as a write-in candidate for Howard County's long-vacant position of constable. He was elected, but resigned June 13 of this year, stating plans to move as the reason for his resignation.

Baseball fans sue MasterCard

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Two Minnesota Twins fans who made a documentary film about traveling in a Volkswagen van to ballparks across the nation have sued MasterCard, claiming the credit card company stole their idea for its commercials.

In a lawsuit filed in federal court in Minneapolis, David Hoch and Joe Marble accuse MasterCard and its ad agency of duplicating their 1998 documentary in a series of commercials.

According to the lawsuit, MasterCard used a Volkswagen van with the same orange-and-white coloring as the one Hoch and Marble drove, used video shots of stadiums photographed through bridge girders that resemble scenes in their film, and had a music similar to theirs.

"You start asking yourself, 'How could this be a coincidence?'" said Minneapolis lawyer Ronald Schutz, who filed the lawsuit.

The lawsuit accuses MasterCard and New York-based McCann-Erickson Worldwide ad agency of violating the copyright. It seeks unspecified damages and an injunction barring further use of the commercials.

A spokeswoman for the ad agency said Monday she hadn't seen the lawsuit and couldn't comment. Representatives of MasterCard couldn't immediately be reached for comment.

Hoch, 41, a mortgage bro-

ker from Arden Hills, and Marble, 41, a real estate broker from Hopkins, created the group Citizens United for Baseball in Minnesota after hearing rumors in 1997 about a plan to move the Twins. The following year, the two filmed their travels to ballparks in Milwaukee, Chicago, Cleveland, Baltimore and Denver.

The documentary, called "Twins - Now and Forever," was shown at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., according to the lawsuit.

Study finds networks shift sharply toward hard news

WASHINGTON (AP) — The war on terrorism has led network television news to increase hard-news coverage to levels not seen since the 1970s, squeezing out the celebrity and lifestyle coverage that has grown so popular in the last decade, said a study released Monday.

Researchers for the Project for Excellence in Journalism found that eight in 10 stories concerned government, national or international affairs. That's up two-thirds from the hard-news content before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Celebrity and lifestyle stories have dropped from a fourth of all stories to only an occasional mention.

Despite the shift toward coverage of government, national and international news, the report said other signs in network news coverage suggest the shift may be temporary. The amount of time the networks' morning news shows devote to selling or promoting products hasn't changed significantly, the study found.

"For some years, critics have worried that if the news coverage becomes trivial, the society will be trivialized, that we won't be able to cope with or problems as well," said Tom Rosenstiel, director of the journalism group. Researchers plan to follow up in the coming months to see if any of the changes in news coverage last.

"There's a lot of social science research that shows you are what you talk about," Rosenstiel said. "As we gorge ourselves on the Victoria's Secret fashion shows and the sex lives of celebrities, a lot of problems go unsolved."

The study, funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts, examined the weeks of June 18-22 and 25-29 and the weeks of Oct. 15-19 and 22-26 — both the evening newscasts and the morning news shows.

It found that a network was more likely to promote the products — whether books, TV shows or movies — of its corporate parent than any other company. And the network's connection with the parent company was only disclosed about a tenth of the time.

Earlier studies found that traditional hard news had dropped to less than half of what appeared on the nightly television news by 1997, down from 60 percent in 1987 and 70 percent in 1977.

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A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Network officials said they can't predict whether the changes brought about by the terrorist events are lasting.

"It's impossible to say," said Sandy Genelius, a spokeswoman for CBS News. "This is the biggest story of our lifetimes. It has so many angles, so many parts, so many issues to be investigated. The story literally moves every single day."

SUPPORT GROUPS

TODAY
• Caregivers Night Out, meets every fourth Tuesday every other month from 6-7:30 p.m. at Community Care Hospice.
• Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.
• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

WEDNESDAY
• Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.
• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

THURSDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.
• Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

BRIEFS

REGISTRATION FOR THE SPRING semester at Howard College begins Nov. 26-30 for returning students with assigned times. Registration Dec. 3-7 is set for all students with assigned times. Jan. 7-8, 2002, is open registration. Classes begin Jan. 14. Call 264-5083 to receive an assigned time.

BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers of the children in the community who have been abused and neglected.

For more information on becoming foster/adoptive families call Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669 or 1-800-233-3405.

WANTED—ALL GIRLS AND adults interested in Girl Scouts to join other girls and have some fun. We will have crafts and Girl Scout cookies to eat. Come join us on Thursday form 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. We will hold it at the Big Spring Mall across from Sears. Girls ages are kindergarten through 12th grade.

Call Laurie Petersen at

TAKE TIME OUT FOR YOURSELF READ THE BIG SPRING HERALD

Scenic Mountain Medical Center
1801 W. 11th Place
263-1211

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267-9773 or Karla Cervantez at 264-7651 for more information.

HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM, located at the McMahon Wrinkle Airpark, will be open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday 1:30 to 4 p.m. The museum will be closed on all city holidays.

MARCY ELEMENTARY'S PARENT INVOLVEMENT will be an Enchilada Extravaganza on Nov. 29. All students and one parent per family will be provided with meal tickets and you may eat from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Additional plates may be purchased at the door at the cost of \$3 each. After eating, parents may go to classrooms for Make and Take Activities from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. These activities will enable parents to help their children become more successful students in the classroom. Entertainment will be provided for students in the Marcy library.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and home-bound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

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

CORRECTION

In a cutline that appeared on the front page of Monday's Herald the people in the photo were incorrectly identified.

Standing next to Pauline Nelson was Susan Haney who won the prize for best dessert in the Herald's Recipe Guide Contest held last Friday at Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Yellow Rose Cafe.

POLICE

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

• **REBECCA RIVAS**, 22, of 508 State St. was arrested to hold for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.
• **RONNIE FREEMAN**, 44, of 1302 Tucson was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **FORGERY** was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg.
• **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1700 block of State Street and the 1900 block of Wasson Road.
• **MINOR ACCIDENTS** were reported in the 1900 block of East 25th Street and the 1900 block of Wasson Road.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1400 block of East Sixth

PICK 3: 8,6,7
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Street.
• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
- In the 1000 block of East 11th Place. Someone reportedly broke the glass of the front door at the location, causing about \$300 worth of damage.
- In the 2000 block of Alabama. A green 1989 Chevrolet Celica reportedly received about \$150 worth of damage.
• **THEFT**:
- Of \$57 worth of alcohol was reported at the 7-Eleven convenience store in the 1200 block of 11th Street.
- Of \$13 worth of alcohol was reported at the 7-Eleven convenience store in the 900 block of Willia.

The Police Department reported the following activity over the weekend:

- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT**: 1
- **ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE**: 4
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING**: 2
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION**: 3
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF**: 19
- **DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED**: 1
- **DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID**: 1
- **EVADING ARREST**: 1
- **FORGERY**: 2
- **THEFT**: 23
- **CONVENIENCE STORE THEFT**: 18
- Beer: 4
- Gasoline: 12
- **THEFT OF SERVICE**: 2
- **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE**: 1
- **INCIDENT REPORTS**: 13
- **ARRESTS**: 11
- **ACCIDENTS**: 5
- Minor: 5

FIRE/EMS

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

- 7:14 a.m. — 2500 block of Carol, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- 8:28 a.m. — 1200 block of Lloyd, medical call, service refused.
- 9:39 a.m. — 7000 block of Longshore, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.
- 12:53 p.m. — 2600 block of Chanute, medical call, one patient transported to VA Medical Center.
- 6:32 p.m. — 500 block of W. 17th, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.
- 10:17 p.m. — 300 block of Wright, structure fire, smoke scare.

RECORDS

Monday's high 49
Monday's low 34
Record high 92 in 1996
Record low 22 in 1937
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Average low 36
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Wayne Pate, 77, died Monday, November 19, 2001. Graveside services will be 10:00 AM, Wednesday, November 21, 2001, at Trinity Memorial Park.

Irene Reed, 80, died Monday, November 19, 2001. Funeral service will be at 1:00 PM, Wednesday, November 21, 2001, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Happy Thanksgiving

In observance of the Thanksgiving Holidays these financial institutions will observe the following hours.

Big Spring Government Employees Federal Credit Union
Closed Thanksgiving Day & Open Fri. 9 am till 12

Electric Utilities Credit Union
Closed Thanksgiving Day & Fri. Nov. 23

First Bank of West Texas
Closed Thanksgiving Day
Wells Fargo

Closed Thanksgiving Day
American State Bank
Closed Thanksgiving Day

Chinase Federal Credit Union
Closed Thanksgiving Day
T & F Federal Credit Union

Closed Thanksgiving Day & Fri. Nov. 23
Big Spring Building Center
Closed Thanksgiving Day - Open Fri. 9 am till 4 pm
Coastal Federal Credit Union

Closed Thanksgiving Day
Education Employees Federal Credit Union
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State Hospital Federal Credit Union
Closed Thanksgiving Day & Fri. Nov. 23

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News of \$15.6 billion merger is talk of the town in Borger, but no panic

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

A \$15.6 billion deal to unite Phillips Petroleum Co. and Conoco Inc. is a popular topic in Borger, a Texas Panhandle city where many people either work for Phillips, own shares in the company or count on it for contracting jobs.

But there's no talk of panic about what might happen next for the city of 15,000 if the proposal first mentioned Sunday goes through.

"It was definitely the buzz around town today," Bart Boren, vice president of the

Borger Economic Development Corp., said by telephone Monday night.

"When you get right down to it there's very few jobs that aren't related to Phillips Petroleum," Boren said. "They're still by far our largest employer in the county. Personally, I'm hoping and I don't think it will affect the Borger area."

Borger is home to a Phillips refinery as well as an exploration and production office.

"The way it sounds, it sounds like it's going to be good for both companies," said Mayor Pro Tem Meryl

Barnett, who retired from a Phillips synthetic rubber plant when it closed in 1984. "I don't think it will affect the people in Borger."

Thurman Nance, chairman of the Borger Economic Development Corp. and general manager at the refinery, said the announcement came as a surprise.

"By now it just looks like something that's very good for the shareholders for Conoco and Phillips," Nance said. "When you consider there's a whole lot of Phillips shareholders here, it's probably a good thing."

Analysts said Monday that

if Phillips and Conoco hadn't decided to join forces, they risked losing market share to competitors in an unhealthy business climate for all but the largest petroleum companies.

In a conference call with analysts, top Phillips and Conoco officials said the merger will allow them to save at least \$750 million annually, in part through the elimination of an unspecified number of jobs from the combined company's roster of 58,000 employees.

"I know if this plant ever shuts down this town will

be a ghost town," said Nathan Brown, a manager at a grocery store in Borger. His father works for Phillips.

Phillips chairman James Mulva said it's too soon to say how many positions will be cut, but Fadel Gheit, an analyst at Fehnestock & Co., predicted about 10 percent of the work force would be eliminated.

Nance said he had not heard of any job cuts there.

"We're just focused on running the refinery," Nance said. "As long as we do a good job at that we should be fine."

The all-stock deal gives the new company — named ConocoPhillips — a \$35 billion market value. It puts it in the No. 3 position behind Exxon Mobil Corp. and ChevronTexaco Corp. in the United States, and ranks it sixth-largest in the world.

Nance said there are about 900 employees at the refinery in Borger.

Boren said about 50 percent of the jobs in Borger have some type of connection to Phillips. For instance, he works for a drilling contractor there that does contract work for Phillips.

Perry invited to give keynote at prayer rally in Palestine

AUSTIN (AP) — Just over a month after Gov. Rick Perry joined a prayer at a Palestine middle school, he has been invited back to the East Texas town to give the keynote address at a "Restore Prayer in School Rally."

Perry drew criticism from some and support from others when he joined a Christian prayer at a student assembly Oct. 18. He later said he thought prayer should be permitted in schools and said he wants the topic to become an issue in his re-election campaign.

The latest event in Palestine is scheduled for Dec. 17 at the Southside Baptist Church.

Rev. David Johnson, president of the Greater Palestine Ministerial Alliance, said his organization believes the prayer at the school event in October was a product of divine intervention.

"We believe God opened the door, and we are going to walk through it," said Johnson, who is also pastor at Palestine's Christ Community Church. "I believe the governor is willing to lead the way."

Perry spokeswoman Kathy Walt told the Austin American-Statesman that Tuesday's editions that the rally invitation is being considered.

If Perry shows up, the event would give him a forum for launching the topic as a campaign issue. If he doesn't, the governor could signal his intention not to take every opportunity to inject the issue into the race.

In a letter to Perry, Johnson said urgent action is needed.

"We feel it necessary to take action while emotions are fervent," he wrote. "We unanimously agree that God was the author of the events that day and that he is ordaining our actions now."

The rally, expected to draw 1,500 people, will conclude a petition drive calling for the institution of a silent "moment of meditation" in the Palestine public schools.

The U.S. Supreme Court, in a Virginia case, recently refused to strike down a state law mandating a moment of silence in public schools.

Texas law allows school districts to mandate moments of silence.

Laredo businessman Tony Sanchez, the front-runner for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, said after the recent Supreme Court ruling that he, too, favored a mandatory moment of silence in Texas public schools.

Johnson said the Palestine petition will go a step further and call for daily invocations in Palestine public schools.

"We are fully aware where the Supreme Court stands on that," he said. "We are going to ask for it anyway."

The high court ruled in 1963 that public-school prayer violated the U.S. Constitution. Earlier this year, the Supreme Court ruled against student-led prayer at public-school football games.

More students sue A&M for collapse

HOUSTON (AP) — Two more lawsuits related to the deadly 1999 Texas A&M University bonfire collapse were filed on Monday — the deadline to sue in connection with the accident — including one by the most severely injured survivor.

John Comstock, whose left leg was amputated above the knee and his right arm was partially paralyzed after the log pile fell, and his mother Dixie Edwards filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Galveston, said Lee Alford, the family's Bryan-based attorney.

Comstock was hospitalized for five months after the Nov. 18, 1999, collapse that killed 12 Aggies and injured 27.

"The lawsuit was filed to protect his rights and see what if anything he is entitled to recover for the damages he sustained," Alford said.

The university, President Ray Bowen, other school officials, several current and former students and several companies involved in constructing the bonfire were named as defendants, similar to other bonfire lawsuits. All of the suits seek unspecified damages.

Comstock's federal lawsuit alleges the bonfire was a state-created danger that violated his civil rights.

Also filing a lawsuit Monday was Lauren Scanlan, who was injured in the collapse, and her parents. The lawsuit was also filed in Galveston federal court and alleges the same civil rights violations.

Scanlan, who is from Rockport, suffered facial and head injuries, said Steven DeWolf, her Dallas-based attorney.

The 90-year-old bonfire tradition was suspended until at least November 2002 after the collapse of the 59-foot-high, wedding cake-like stack of more than 5,000 logs. A revamped bonfire design is being created.

An A&M commission blamed the collapse on

flawed construction techniques and the lack of adequate supervision of students assembling the stack. The report did not single out anyone for the collapse.

The families of six Aggies who died and five who were injured are known to have filed lawsuits in either state probate court, federal court or both.

Besides Scanlan, DeWolf also represents the families of victims Christopher Breen, of Austin, and Lucas Kimmel, of Corpus Christi, and Bill Davis, 26, of Bellaire, who was injured and has had metal plates placed in his face, arm and leg. These lawsuits were also filed in Galveston federal court.

Fort Worth attorney Darrell Keith is representing Jacquelyn Kay Self, mother of victim Jerry Don Self, of Arlington, and the first to sue. He also represents the families of victims Bryan McClain, of San Antonio, Christopher Heard, of Houston, and Chad Powell, of Keller, as well as Matthew Lynn

Robbins and Dominic Braus, who were injured, and Braus' mother Nancy.

Jacquelyn Self's suit has been filed in both Tarrant County Probate Court in Fort Worth and federal court in Galveston.

While Keith represents Powell's family in federal court, Fort Worth attorney Geno Borchardt represents his family in the suit it filed in Tarrant County probate court.

Besides suing in federal court, McClain's family filed a lawsuit in Bexar County probate court and Heard's family filed one in Harris County probate court.

DeWolf said the lawsuits filed in federal court address the alleged civil rights violations while the others were done in the state probate court that has jurisdiction over any claims made on the estates of the victims.

Families also did not wish to file in Brazos County, where A&M is located.

"Nobody wants to apply in Brazos County," DeWolf

said. "You have got to go against folks in the university and A&M has a loyal following in Brazos County."

Cynthia Lawson, executive director of A&M's Office of University Relations, said it is school policy to not comment on pending litigation.

"Lawsuits or no lawsuits, we will continue to assist the families as best we can," she said.

As of Monday, A&M has assisted families with \$550,000, which includes money to pay for medical bills, funeral expenses, donations from businesses and scholarships. About \$200,000 from the relief fund set up to help remains.

But some families have felt the help that has been provided isn't enough.

"I believe that all of my clients have very meritorious cases and we expect to win and obtain just redress for their damages and hopefully bring about a safer bonfire in the future," Keith said.



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OTHER VIEWS

This war all about children

Last week, in his first formal press conference of his presidency in the East Room of the White House, President Bush referred to the broadcast tapes of Public Enemy No. 1, Osama bin Laden.

One of the puzzles since Sept. 11 is how one man could cause such calamity. There has been a lot of talk about the charisma of the man President Bush calls the "evil one" — a clear response to bin Laden's call for jihad among his "faithful" against American "infidels," a rhetoric of division persuasive enough to convince followers to kill themselves to do his bidding.

President Bush has never been known for his rhetorical skills, but the events of Sept. 11 have brought out the best in him. After his prepared remarks, his answers to questions were thoughtful, careful and measured, even when they weren't the most articulate. He had the charisma of the average man, a very American trait. This is a leader who might not say exactly the right thing. But there's a certainty behind his words that he knows what is right and won't waver from it.

So, an important message in what President Bush did say is that this is a war between good and evil, not between our country and Afghanistan or Islam.

Part of what defines that good is determination. This is a different kind of war, one that won't be quickly over. Thursday night, the president said he expects to be reporting on the progress of this conflict "for as long as I am president."

There also was affirmation that the job of fixing Afghanistan after the fighting is over will be one of international cooperation. The night before the Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to the United Nations and Secretary General Kofi Annan, Mr. Bush said the job of "stabilizing" Afghanistan belonged to the U.N.

And, he recognized the future. He called on American children to donate a dollar each to a fund to aid Afghanistan's starving and orphaned children. It was the most poignant part of what all this is about — the future of the world's children.

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Air-ground attack hard to resist

I don't much blame the Taliban for high-tailing it. If B-52s were after me, I'd shave my beard and head for hills.

Friends who fought in Vietnam and had an occasion to go into an area after B-52s carpet-bombed it describe a scene like Dante's worst nightmares: An ugly, scarred terrain resembling a combination of the moon and no-man's land during World War I. Only stumps of trees left amidst crater after crater. Bits and pieces of human flesh scattered about. No life at all.

If we look at the bombing of Kosovo and the bombing of the Taliban, a military axiom becomes evident. In Kosovo, there was no threat of ground attack. The bombing ceased because the Russians negotiated a settlement with Slobodan Milosevic. When the Serb army came out of hiding, it was virtually intact. Our

bombs had had little effect on it.

In Afghanistan, after we hooked up with the Northern Alliance and got enough American spotters on the ground, the outcome has been different. The Taliban fighters had to show themselves to hold off the ground attack. When they did, our planes pestered them. It became a no-win situation, just as it had been for the Iraqi forces in Kuwait. Infantry without air cover that is forced to prepare for a ground attack doesn't have much chance at all.

Who knows how long it will take to flush out Osama bin Laden and his crew and the Taliban leadership? It should be easier now that there are prisoners to interrogate and with people apparently changing sides in a hurry. I understand that is a custom in Afghanistan. That's probably a good idea, given that whatever compassion might have existed in the Afghan soul probably has been scoured out by 20 years of warfare.

Putting together a government won't be easy. The Northern Alliance will not tolerate interference by

Pakistan. After all, the Northern Alliance was the government of the country until the Pakistani-sponsored Taliban forced it out. Pakistan will be nervous without a friendly government in Kabul, but it really has no right to expect one. This is one problem the American military cannot solve. The Bush administration will have to rely on diplomacy.

We can hope, of course, that countries outside of Afghanistan will allow the people to shape their own government rather than instigating a new civil war. I suspect that is a slim hope.

We should do our own business, which is destroying bin Laden and his crew, and then move on. Regardless of what people say, Afghanistan is not our problem. I seriously doubt that any government that does take shape will want to go into the business of sponsoring terrorism aimed at the United States. What a high-tech superpower can do to a poor country isn't pretty.

I do not believe that propaganda and food packages dropped with bombs can negate the effect of killing people. I don't think

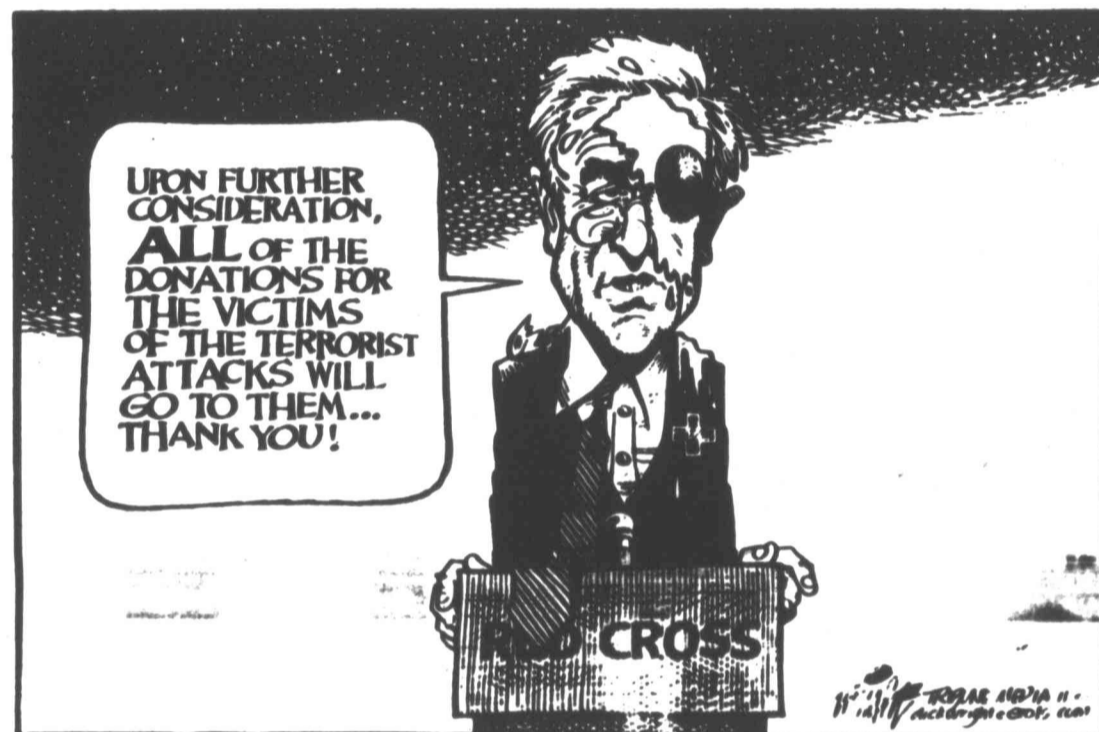
Americans can count on having any friends in Afghanistan, so we shouldn't hang around trying to be a Mr. Nice Guy. There are some things that can't be undone, and bombing a country is one of them. What we call collateral damage is somebody's children or wife or husband or grandfather. Such deaths are hard to forgive. Though they are good at hiding it, there are Germans and Japanese who survived our bombing in the 1940s and still hate us for it.

It should be obvious that I cannot generate much enthusiasm for the war on terrorism. I fear that in the long run, the major casualty will be liberty here in the United States. I don't like this talk of secret trials by military tribunals or the zeal with which the feds are pursuing more and more power. I don't like the effect it seems to be having on George Bush. I don't believe that national interests should be pursued with religious fervor. Of course, our likes or dislikes don't count.

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CHARLEY REESE



We're choosing oil over democracy

Residents come and go, but Prince Bandar is forever.

Or so it seems.

Prince Bandar bin Sultan, the Saudi ambassador to the United States, has been in his job since the early days of the Reagan administration. Unlike most ambassadors, who, after having their pictures taken with the president, never see the Oval Office again, Bandar can get an audience with the leader of the free world whenever he wants. The reason is oil. A foreign-policy official who has served four administrations says that as far back as he can remember, there has been a national-security decision directive committing the American military to defend Saudi Arabia's oil reserve.

The policy directive doesn't say anything about promoting democracy in the desert kingdom, which has never been a priority in Washington. As long as the

Saudi royal family behaved responsibly as guardians of the oil supply, Washington turned a blind eye to whatever else they did. There is no freedom of expression, religion or the press in Saudi Arabia, and much of the population lives in grinding poverty despite the oil riches. These disparities didn't capture Washington's attention, and American motorists were too busy buying up sports utility vehicles to question the kind of trade-offs that had been made to guarantee the oil supply.

The cost of those trade-offs became apparent on Sept. 11, when 15 of the 19 hijackers turned out to be Saudi nationals. Along with oil, it seems that Saudi Arabia is exporting terrorism. Not directly, of course, but as a byproduct of the way the royal family runs the country. The combination of America's oil-centric foreign policy and the Saudi family's anti-democratic rule is a witches' brew of hatred. The only outlet permitted the repressed Saudi population is anti-American venom, which has been rampant in the Saudi press.

Rich Saudis support charitable organizations that, in addition to doing good

works, funnel money to Osama bin Laden and his Al Qaeda network. In turn, bin Laden, for the most part, has directed his terror campaign outside of the Saudi borders even though one of his primary goals is to topple the Saudi regime. This duplicitous game has been exposed to the discomfort of the royal family and its protectors in Washington. Neither capital can stand the heat. The Bush administration insists that the Saudis have done everything asked of them since Sept. 11. "And we don't want them to do anything that might put that regime in jeopardy," says an advisor.

The prospect of a popular uprising in Saudi Arabia is terrifying to Washington policymakers, who fear a repeat of the Iran experience, when the Shah fell and was replaced by a fanatical religious regime. Critics on the right and the left think it's time the United States stopped propping up governments that make no pretense of advancing democratic values and that undermine our Western way of life in order to deflect anger that might otherwise be directed at them.

But the Bush administra-

tion has a full plate, and encouraging democratic change in the Arab kingdom is way down on the list of priorities. The official American attitude, whether a Democratic or Republican administration was in office, has been that you deal with the government that's in power. Neither the government in Riyadh nor Washington will walk away from the ties that bind.

The issue, then, is whether the Saudi royal family is vulnerable to being overthrown. The answer is yes. But the answer has been yes going back at least four administrations.

The royal family, represented in Washington by the smooth and urbane Prince Bandar, has been tenacious in its hold on power. And the prince has been such a constant visitor to the Bush family — father and son — in Texas that he was nicknamed Prince Bandar Bush. One former high-ranking military officer predicts that the Saudi government will collapse, "and when it does, we'll be on the wrong side." But this official is not making any forecasts about when that might happen.



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Thanksgiving travelers head for the highways — if they leave

DALLAS (AP) — Fewer people are expected to travel over the Thanksgiving holiday, and those who do are more likely to drive as Americans worry about airplane security and take advantage of lower gasoline prices.

Industry experts expect air travel to be down at least 15 percent from a year ago, due largely to the weak economy and travelers' fears after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the deadly crash last week of a jetliner in New York.

At Dallas' Love Field, some travelers admitted they were worried but said they decided to fly anyway. Katie Blakeney, 14, was flying to Tulsa, Okla., to visit family for the holidays.

"She said she wasn't going to let terrorists ruin her life," said Katie's mother, Tracy, who was seeing her off Monday.

The American Automobile Association estimated that 34.6 million Americans will travel at least 50 miles from home during the Thanksgiving holiday, a 6 percent decline from last year. A record 87 percent are expected to drive, while the number taking airplanes, trains and buses is expected to drop 27 percent due to a decline in air travel, AAA said.

Rose Rougeau, a spokeswoman for the AAA of Texas, said the rush to the highways is a combination of air fright and low gasoline prices — under \$1 per gallon in some places.

Greyhound Bus Lines reports a 20 percent surge in advance-purchase tickets for the Thanksgiving period and an increase in trips longer than 1,000 miles.

"This makes us think we're picking up travelers from the airlines," said spokeswoman Kristin Parsley.

Amtrak is getting 10 percent more inquiries about tickets than it did one year ago, when the passenger rail service carried 567,000 people, said spokeswoman Karina Van Veen.

The Air Transport Association, which represents the major U.S. carriers, said air travel probably would decline 15 percent to 20 percent from last year.

Other analysts expect steeper declines. Michael Boyd, an aviation consultant in Colorado, predicted a 25 percent drop.

People aren't convinced that air travel really is safer, despite President Bush's signing of a new aviation security law Monday, Boyd said. The law adds more law officers at airports, more bag searches, more cross-checking of passengers with FBI lists, and it will require screeners to be federal employees and airports to have all checked bags put through explosives-detection machines.

Those who do fly this week will already be facing stricter security than a year ago and will likely find airports clogged with holiday travelers who aren't used to the changes, said Terry Trippler, a Minneapolis-based travel analyst.

"Henrietta still doesn't know that she can't take darned needles on the plane," Trippler said. "The lines will be long at the baggage check, and they'll be long at security."

For airlines, hotels and others in the travel industry, the concern is whether the travel slump will linger.

"The holidays are going to get a lot more people to fly," said Steve Loucks, a spokesman for Carlson Wagonlit Travel, the country's No. 2 travel firm. "It's getting them to travel at other times that's the concern of nearly everyone in the industry."

But even the holidays could prove a tough sell for the airlines.

Ginachi Amah, an environmental engineer in Los Angeles, scrapped plans to fly to Nigeria over the Christmas break with her husband and sons.

"The kids do not want to get on a plane. I asked them why not, and they just went 'whoosh,'" Amah said, as she gestured with her hands to show an airplane crashing.

GOING HOME

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the holiday period, a 6 percent decline from last year. The AAA said 87 percent of them would travel by vehicle, compared to 83 percent last year.

• Airline travel is expected to decline 15 percent to 20 percent from last year, according to the Air Transport Association, which represents the large U.S. carriers.

The group decided not to issue a more detailed prediction after the terrorist attacks and last week's crash of an American Airlines jet in New York. It said 20 million Americans flew in a 12-day period around Thanksgiving last year.

• Amtrak is adding 75,000 seats, more than it added during

last year's Thanksgiving holiday period, when 567,000 people rode on the passenger rail service during a seven-day period.

• Greyhound Bus Lines hopes that based on advance purchases, it will post an increase over the 800,000 riders it carried during a six-day holiday period last year.

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Northern alliance gives Taliban stronghold three days to surrender

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Hoping to avert a bloody showdown over the Taliban's last remaining stronghold in the north of Afghanistan, the northern alliance said Tuesday it had given the Taliban three days to surrender or face an all-out assault.

As the siege of Kunduz tightened, international negotiators reportedly agreed to meet this weekend in Germany to discuss forming a new broad-based Afghan government.

Also Tuesday, the bodies of four foreign journalists were recovered after their convoy was ambushed in a narrow mountain pass on the road to the Afghan capital, Kabul.

Alliance spokesman Attiq Ullah, speaking from the northern city of Mazar-e-Sharif, said fighters loyal to Osama bin Laden — mainly Arabs, Chechens and Pakistanis — had been preventing the Taliban from giving up the besieged city of Kunduz.

"If there is a fight in Kunduz, it will be a bloody one because there are 3,000 foreign fighters and they have nowhere to go," he said.

Northern alliance troops have encircled the city, and U.S. warplanes have been conducting intensive bombardment of Taliban front-line positions. They swooped in Tuesday for more bombing runs.

U.S. airstrikes were also reported Tuesday in the Taliban's home base, the southern city of Kandahar. Pashtun tribal leaders have been trying to persuade Taliban leaders — who are ethnic brethren — to give up the city.

International negotiators are working on the critical issue of stabilizing the tribally fractured country, and they reported progress in persuading Afghanistan's major ethnic groups to meet abroad.

U.N. officials and diplomats said in New York late Monday that Lakhdar Brahimi, the top U.N. envoy for Afghanistan, met privately in New York with the major Security Council members and was expected to announce the meeting would take place Saturday in Berlin.

The United Nations said that the victorious northern alliance has not yet formally accepted Secretary-General Kofi Annan's invitation to an all-parties conference. However, alliance leaders have assured U.S. officials they will take part.

A Brahimi deputy is in Kabul to urge Afghan groups to attend.

"There is really a hunger for peace," James F. Dobbins, the U.S. envoy to the alliance, said in Pakistan after meeting its leaders near Kabul.

"There's a willingness to compromise," he told reporters. "There's a recognition that the international situation is transformed."

Alliance leaders asked the United Nations to find representatives from the Pashtuns, the ethnic group most closely linked to the Taliban, to attend the talks. The alliance consists mainly of ethnic Tajiks, Uzbeks and Hazaras; the Pashtuns, the largest ethnic group, may not accept a new government unless they play a major role.

Dobbins said he was convinced the movement was committed to giving the Pashtuns a role.

Near Kabul, colleagues identified the four slain journalists as Australian television cameraman Harry Burton and Azizullah Saidari, an Afghan photog-

rapher, both of the Reuters news agency; Maria Grazia Cutuli of Italian newspaper Corriere della Sera; and Julio Fuentes of the Spanish daily El Mundo.

The four were among more than a dozen international journalists traveling in a convoy of around eight cars from the eastern city of Jalalabad to the capital, Kabul.

Gunmen who identified themselves as Taliban ordered the journalists out of the cars and tried to force them into the mountains. When they refused, the gunmen opened fire, said two drivers and a translator with the convoy.

Haji Shershah, an anti-

Taliban commander in Jalalabad, said he believed the attackers were bandits, not Taliban or his own fighters.

Meanwhile, more U.S. commandos joined the hunt for bin Laden and other terrorist suspects in southern Afghanistan, Pentagon spokeswoman Victoria Clarke said. Several hundred members of special forces units already were on the ground, and U.S. officials reminded local tribesmen of the \$25 million reward for finding bin Laden, the prime suspect in the Sept. 11 attacks on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center.

In northern Afghanistan, U.S. bombing moved closer to the encircled city of Kunduz, and alliance artillery joined in what appeared to be the heaviest attacks at the front in days.

Alliance commanders continued to negotiate a surrender using two-way radios. But refugees said the foreign Muslims fighting in the city looked ready for a long battle.

Refugee Ahmed Wahid said the foreigners and hard-core Taliban in Kunduz had smeared their vehicles with mud to camouflage them from U.S. jets and were sleeping in relief agency offices to escape bombs.

Apparently readying for an attack on Kunduz, alliance tanks fired from ridges that had been held by the Taliban just a day earlier. Alliance soldiers moved into what had been no-man's land in a valley near the city.

At the Pentagon, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld described fighting around Kunduz as fierce. He said he could not confirm reports of Taliban fighters being killed to prevent their surrender.

Rumsfeld said the Taliban also were under pressure to leave Kandahar, their bastion in the south.

"It is apparently at the moment still a standoff," he said of Kandahar. "There

are southern tribes that are applying pressure and engaged in discussions (with the Taliban), and there's firing and the U.S. coalition forces are providing some air support."

Rumsfeld said the United States would not let Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar escape from Kandahar, even if opposition leaders negotiated a deal to depart.

Backed by intense U.S. bombardment, the northern alliance swept the Taliban out of northern Afghanistan last week and seized Kabul.

The Taliban hold also fell apart in parts of the south, where local leaders took control of many areas.

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Steers chalk up first win of season

Big Spring's Steers rebounded from their Friday loss to Lubbock Christian with a 71-50 win over Lamesa's Golden Tors Monday night in Lamesa.

Arthur Belvin led the Steers with 15 points, 11 of them coming in the third quarter when the Steers broke open a close game with 22 points.

Curtis Woodruff and Austin Nutting added 12 points apiece, while Brandon Greathouse had eight.

"We were a little flat early on," Steers coach Brian Ellington noted. "I kind of anticipated that because of how hard we'd battled Lubbock Christian.

"But we just kept working, kept pressing them and wore them down," he added. "Belvin got hot there in the third quarter and forced them to make a lot of mistakes with our pressure."

Now 1-1 on the season, the Steers travel to Merkel on Saturday for a 4 p.m. tip.

Coahoma boosters planning caravan

Coahoma Athletic Booster Club members have planned a send off for the Bulldog football team, for 9:30 a.m. Friday at the high school.

The Bulldogs will play Mason in a Class 2A area playoff game at 2 p.m. Friday at San Angelo Stadium.

Boosters will caravan to San Angelo. They will leave from the McDonald's parking lot in Big Spring at 11 a.m.

They are asking fans to decorate their cars and wear red and white to the game.

New tennis pro planning events

Craig Bobo, who has been hired as director of tennis by the Crossroads Tennis Association, has outlined his plans for developing a rich program for players ages five and older.

Bobo will be offering a variety of activities, ranging from private lessons and clinics to tournaments and league play for juniors and adults.

For more information call Bobo at 268-1900.

Deer harvest recommendations

Hunters and landowners are being reminded by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials that the general deer hunting season which will continue through Jan. 6.

The legal bag limit for Howard County is five deer. No more than two bucks are allowed.

Both antlerless deer and bucks must be properly tagged.

The recommended harvest in Howard County, is one antlerless deer per 1,200 acres and one buck per 2,500 acres.

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7 p.m. — PGA Grand Slam of Golf, first round (same-day tape), TNT.

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Duke still on top, Arizona jumps in at No. 8 in latest AP poll

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Without playing a game, Duke strengthened its hold on the No. 1 spot in The Associated Press college basketball poll, while Arizona used three impressive wins to make a grand entrance into the rankings.

The defending national champion Blue Devils received 67 of 70 first-place votes from the national media panel Monday, compared with 61 of 72 they had in the preseason poll.

Illinois, which beat Gonzaga 76-58 in its season opener on Friday, got the other three first-place votes in moving up one spot to second.

UCLA and Kansas were third and fourth, moving up from fifth and seventh, respectively.

Duke, UCLA and Kansas all

opened their seasons Monday at the Maui Invitational.

Missouri (2-0) moved from eighth to fifth, while Maryland (2-1), one of four Top Ten teams in the preseason poll to lose this season, dropped from second to sixth.

Florida (2-1) dropped one spot to seventh and was followed by Arizona (3-0), which made the second-most dramatic entrance into the rankings since the poll expanded to a Top 25 for the 1989-90 season.

The Wildcats, who lost four starters from last season's national runner-up, beat Maryland and Florida to open the season in the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic in New York on Nov. 8-9. They followed that with an 88-74 victory at then-No. 23 Texas on Saturday.

The only team to make a bigger jump into the rankings was Kansas at the start of the 1989-90 season. The Jayhawks went from unranked to No. 5 after winning the Preseason NIT with the last three victories coming over No. 1 UNLV, No. 2 LSU and No. 25 St. John's. Kansas went on to be ranked No. 1 for four weeks that season.

Iowa (3-0) stayed No. 9, while Kentucky, which lost to Western Kentucky at home last week, dropped from fourth to 10th.

Virginia again led the Second Ten, followed by Memphis, Michigan State, Stanford, Oklahoma State, Georgetown, Boston College, Syracuse, Saint Joseph's and Indiana.

The last five teams were Western

Kentucky, Alabama, Fresno State, Southern California and Temple.

Saint Joseph's was the fourth Top Ten team to lose, and the defeat to Eastern Washington dropped the Hawks from 10th to No. 19.

Western Kentucky (2-0) and Fresno State (2-0) joined Arizona as this week's newcomers. Fresno State was ranked for five weeks last season, but the impressive win at Kentucky got Western Kentucky into the Top 25 for the first time since the 1994-95 season.

The three teams that fell out were No. 19 North Carolina, which was beaten 77-69 by Hampton in its home opener; No. 23 Texas, which lost at home to Arizona; and No. 25 Oklahoma (1-1), which lost 67-55 at Michigan State.

Bonds first four-time MVP

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The last reigning MVP to switch teams was Barry Bonds, who moved from Pittsburgh to San Francisco in 1992. Now, with an unprecedented fourth MVP award, Bonds has the chance to do that again.

Bonds capped his record-smashing year, in which he hit 73 home runs and broke Babe Ruth's records for walks and slugging percentage in a season, by winning the NL Most Valuable Player Award in a landslide.

The award was announced Monday, a day before Bonds could start negotiating salaries with all teams. The free agent outfielder is torn between his love of San Francisco and his desire to win a championship.

The Giants now must determine if they can afford to keep Bonds, or could better spend the money on several younger players. San Francisco has never reached a World Series since Bonds joined the club in 1993.

"Oh, sure, my preference is to stay," Bonds said. "But I have to do what's best for me, and I know the organization has to do what's best for them."

As Bonds spoke at a news conference, Giants owner Peter Magowan sat at the back of the room next to Bonds' new agent, Scott Boras. Boras later huddled briefly with Giants general manager Brian Sabean.

Then Boras, who had his first meeting with the Giants to discuss Bonds last Friday, showed off the 40-page Barry Bonds book he will present to prospective bidders.

Boras' book projects that Bonds, if he can continue his average of 47 homers in the last five seasons, will have hit 802 homers by the end of the 2006 season — easily surpassing Hank Aaron's career mark.

Bonds, who will be 42 by then, said such a total is achievable.

"There's a lot of statistics I can do if I stay at the same pace and stay in the same shape," he said.

Bonds received 30 of 32 first-place ballots and 438 points in voting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

He hit .328 with 137 RBIs this season, and set records with 177 walks and an .863 slugging percentage. Bonds broke Mark McGwire's 3-year-old record for homers in a season, and moved from 17th place to seventh on the career list with 567.

Chicago Cubs outfielder Sammy Sosa got the other two first-place MVP votes and finished second with 278 points.

Bonds is coming off a \$30.7 million, three-year contract extension with the Giants. Boras said clubs are offering five years for Bonds, and also said Bonds offers bidders the chance for history and some huge crowds.

"Six hundred homers, 700 homers. Big gates. Three thousand hits, passing Willie Mays, Hank Aaron. Records of this stature put butts in seats, and Barry has the ability to break those records," Boras said.

Bonds also won the MVP award for Pittsburgh in 1990 and 1992, and for the Giants in 1993. He finished second



Barry Bonds, pictured here heading to the Giants' dugout at Ewin Field late in the season, is now a free agent and the first ever four-time winner of Major League Baseball's MVP Award.

to Atlanta's Terry Pendleton in 1991 and to San Francisco teammate Jeff Kent last year.

All his MVP trophies are in storage. "I don't have a home big enough to put trophies in my house," said Bonds, who has earned more than \$75 million in nine seasons with the Giants. "I'd like to get some vacation homes to spread them around."

Before Bonds, the only three-time MVPs were Roy Campanella, Stan Musial and Mike Schmidt in the NL, and Jimmie Foxx, Joe DiMaggio, Yogi Berra and Mickey Mantle in the AL.

Bonds will get a \$100,000 bonus for winning the award, while Sosa will get \$100,000 for finishing second.

Sosa, who hit .328 last season with 64 homers and a major league-leading 160 RBIs, got the first-place votes of Teddy Greenstein of the Chicago Tribune and Mike Kiley of the Chicago Sun-Times.

He was followed in the voting by Arizona outfielder Luis Gonzalez (261 points) and St. Louis infielder-outfielder Albert Pujols (222), who

became the first NL rookie to finish as high as fourth since pitcher Joe Black was third in 1952.

Pujols had the highest finish by a rookie in either league since 1975, when Fred Lynn was voted the AL MVP and Boston teammate Jim Rice finished third. The only other rookie to finish higher than Pujols was Boston Braves shortstop Alvin Dark, third in 1948.

Bonds pointed out his remarkable season came against a backdrop of sadness, in which a close friend and two relatives died. He broke the home run record as Americans were trying to recover from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"This MVP just to me symbolizes the strength of a nation," he said.

Bonds has made it clear he'd like to stay in San Francisco, and the Giants clearly would like to have him back. To Bonds, it will all come down to a matter of where he's most welcome.

"I'm 37 years old. I'm a man with children. I'm not a child," Bonds said. "I just want to be wanted."

Vikings defeat Giants

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Minnesota Vikings have played some awful games on the road this year. Things are so much different for them at the Metrodome.

Randy Moss was in his familiar Monday night form, and the Vikings' usually flimsy defense played perhaps its best game of the season — leading to a 28-16 victory over the New York Giants.

"We had a rough time on the road, but we've been confident that we can win at home," coach Dennis Green said. "We've got one more game to do the exact same thing."

Minnesota (4-5), which plays NFC Central-leading Chicago on Sunday night, improved to 4-1 at home and is three games behind the Bears.

Moss, who has avoided the media for a month, was just as successful eluding the Giants secondary — totaling a season-best three touchdowns and 171 yards on 10 receptions. Cris Carter also had 10 catches, for 46 yards, and a touchdown.

"If we can get the ball to Cris and Randy, good things are going to happen more than bad things," said quarterback Daunte Culpepper, who passed for 277 yards and four TDs.

Likewise, if the Vikings can play at home, more good is probably going to happen than bad.

"When the center says he can't hear the quarterback, well, we tackle over at the mercy of the defensive ends," said Giants tackle Lomas Brown. "That is a home-field advantage. We did not do a very good job of dealing with it."

Including a 41-0 loss to the Giants in the NFC championship game last January, Minnesota put on three of the worst performances seen by an NFL team this calendar year.

The last two came in the Vikings' last two games — losses to Tampa Bay and Philadelphia by a combined score of 80-31. Neither the Buccaneers nor the Eagles are much better than average offensively.

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Ball State upends Kansas; Duke survives Maui scare

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ball State got to enjoy the on-court celebration a team that beat a highly ranked team deserves. Seton Hall came very close to topping it a couple of hours later.

Ball State beat No. 4 Kansas 83-61 Monday in the opening round of the Maui Invitational and the Cardinals piled on each other in one corner on the floor when the buzzer sounded.

Seton Hall lost 89-79 to top-ranked Duke in the next game played in the Lahaina Civic Center and the Pirates left the court with anguished looks that came with coming so close to a shocking upset.

best Chamade 74-61 and Ball State playing No. 3 UCLA, which avoided the problems of the other highly ranked teams and beat Houston 71-66.

In other games involving Top 25 teams, No. 3 Illinois beat Eastern Illinois 82-52, No. 15 Oklahoma State defeated Providence 83-65 and Georgia upended No. 16 Georgetown 73-59.

"This was the first time tipping for real for everybody, and it just doesn't matter who you're playing," UCLA coach Steve Lavin said. "You get fired up, coaches and players."

"Not a bad first day, huh?" Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said.

They were leading by six points with just under three minutes to play and Ball State's best player had fouled out. The Cardinals' backcourt of Patrick Jackson and Chris Williams came up with huge plays in the final minute for the upset.

"I'm not embarrassed to say that's a program we want to emulate," second-year Ball State coach Tim Buckley said. "But this can't make our season. We have to build on this. I wish we could go run around and celebrate but we have to play again."

The play that got Ball State to the semifinals was Jackson's driving layup past four Kansas defenders

points. "I thought we had more time but I heard Coach yelling 'Drive,'" He did.

"They made the plays down the stretch and we didn't make them," Kansas coach Roy Williams said. "Basically, we feel very disappointed in the outcome and we have to get a lot better."

Junior forward Drew Gooden had a career-high 31 points for the Jayhawks. His basket with 2:14 left gave Kansas an 89-83 lead.

But Robert Owens hit a 3-pointer with 1:59 left, and Jackson scored on a drive 26 seconds later to make it a one-point game.

Gooden scored with 1:35 left to

Duke facing South Carolina, which

from the perspective of the national

said Jackson, who finished with 23

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Continued from Page 7. But at home, it's a different story — as it often is for dome teams.

mate's hands. Theron Smith, the Mid-American Conference freshman of the year last season and Ball State's leading scorer and rebounder, had 19 points and seven rebounds in a foul-limited 25 minutes.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Nov. 21:

You are often overindulgent, especially with yourself and family. If you think you have gone overboard in the past, hold on tight this year! You enjoy yourself more than you have in a long time. You will be direct and upfront with family. You will be likely to move or remodel your present abode. What you do could be most unexpected. If you are single, you could be overly sensitive about many things right now. Date but don't live with someone this year. You're only asking for trouble. If you are attached, you will work as a team. Curb a tendency to be a bit pushy. AQUARIUS knows how to push all of your buttons.

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)***** Good will marks most of your actions and statements today. The spirit of Thanksgiving touches all those around you. Stop and visit with an older relative or friend. Someone close to you might not have plans for the holiday. Make sure this person will be OK. Tonight: Get into the long-weekend mode.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)***** All eyes turn to you for direction and leadership. Clear out work leftovers before you launch into Thanksgiving preparations. Don't forget to invite a special friend, who could otherwise be all alone. A last-minute demand could be aggravating, but it needs a response. Tonight: Be, perhaps, too responsible.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**** You always have a tendency to go to excess. How this characteristic manifests itself varies from person to person. Presently, temptation attacks! You might not care, as your mood is incredibly jovial with the up-and-coming holiday. Someone surprises you. Tonight: Get out of work ASAP.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)***** Accept someone's offer. You know this person means well and knows how to make you smile. Romance builds for those

open to the warming of a relationship. Be direct. Don't hem and haw. This person responds to clear messages. Tonight: Be clearly spontaneous.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **** Once more, someone surprises you, or actually shocks you. This person expresses a high energy level, though anger plays a major role in his reactions. Step back and take a hard look at your interaction here. What do you want from him? Tonight: Flow into the holiday mood.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** A last-minute problem could toss others into confusion. Focus on getting the job done, be it at home or at work. Others depend on your high energy and ability to follow through. Still, don't allow a friend to take advantage of your good will. Share your holiday mood. Tonight: Start doing what you enjoy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Another might be too direct for your taste, though you find his overture flattering. Handling this person takes more than your share of diplomacy. You could suddenly feel left out if you push too hard. Others react to how you approach this person. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)***** Handle a family member directly. He often irritates you. Carefully review a situation that involves a child who might be unusually fragile. Tossing your hands in the air in frustration won't cut it. Assume greater responsibility. Tonight: Schedule some personal time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)***** Excess marks your actions, but you don't care! Whatever you do, you do it with great theatrics. You say what you mean, and you mean what you say. People understand you. Check in with cohorts. Make sure everyone has plans for Thanksgiving. Tonight: Join a friend on work ASAP.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)*** You tend to be generous on holidays. Demonstrate your thoughtfulness. Someone at work might need some help or

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something special. Ask the right question, and you'll get the right answer. Clear your desk before you take off. Don't forget an important call. Tonight: Stop and visit with a friend on your way home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**** Be direct, especially if another hems and haws. You want answers. Let others know what you expect. Be prepared for someone to share more of his feelings. You also could be surprised at what you hear from others. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** Indulge someone at a distance. You will find that both of you have a way of cheering each other on. You might even decide to spontaneously take off and join this person. Your perspective changes because of a parent's or boss's thoughts. Take your time. Refuse to rush. Tonight: Get some extra Zzz's.

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Football touted as too violent for young children

Dear Ann Landers: I'd like to respond to the letter from the woman whose son, "Jeremy," was forced by his father to play football. I am an athlete. I played high school and college ball, and spent six years as part of George Halas' infamous "Taxi Squad" in the early 1960s. When I retired, I spent many hours coaching peeewe football for boys ages 10 through 12.

Ann, watching those kids get hit -- and hit hard -- and seeing the other coaches and parents pushing their children to get up and take it over and over again really turned me off. Children that age are still developing physically. Hard hits can do permanent damage that may not show up until later. I know. I have knees that ache and buckle, back pain like you wouldn't believe, and I've had surgery on my spine. All of this from being hit by guys while playing a game.

In grade-school-level football, children who weigh 90 pounds are sometimes pitted against others who weigh 120. These kids are being coached about protecting themselves, and I can tell you, the ones who really don't want to play are the most vulnerable. Please encourage parents of small boys, especially those who

aren't eager to play, to steer their sons toward less violent sports. Some of these kids are permanently damaged or disabled. This is no exaggeration. I speak from experience. -- Bill Phar, Ex-Football Player

Dear Bill Phar: A letter from a man who has "been there" and "done that" deserves space in this column, and I am happy to provide it.

Football is not supposed to be a violent sport, but it CAN be. Whenever I watch a game on TV and see a player being removed from the field on a stretcher, I say a little prayer for his health and safety. I am sure other football fans do the same. If we bystanders are so affected by this, I can only imagine how the mothers and fathers of these injured players feel.

Dear Ann Landers: I am an unemployed woman and must admit, I haven't been in the best of moods lately. I've been irritable, and it doesn't take much to set me off. I'm sure the stress of looking for work has exacerbated a problem with my friend, "Hank."

Hank is a nice enough guy, but I'm not interested in anything except friendship. Unfortunately, he wants more. He puts his arm around my shoulder, holds my hand and sometimes kisses my forehead. This annoys the daylight out of me. When I ask him to stop touching me, he says he cares deeply for me and wants to show his affection.

We have been friends for close to 10 years, and he is driving me crazy. Am I just too irritable to see this clearly? Please tell me what to do without losing his friendship. -- Too Touchy-Feely in Texas

Dear Too Touchy-Feely: I suspect Hank considers the last 10 years an investment in a future with you. You want to keep him in your life, but you don't want to have any intimacy whatsoever. In all fairness to Hank, you must make it clear to him that there IS no future with you and he should find a woman who would appreciate his tenderness, because you aren't the one.

If Hank continues to touch you despite your request that he stop, I suggest you let the friendship cool a bit until he gets the message. There is no reason for him to be kissing your forehead. Tell him to cut it out.

Gem of the Day (sent in by a reader in Raleigh, N.C.): Where do people in hell tell folks to go when they become pests?

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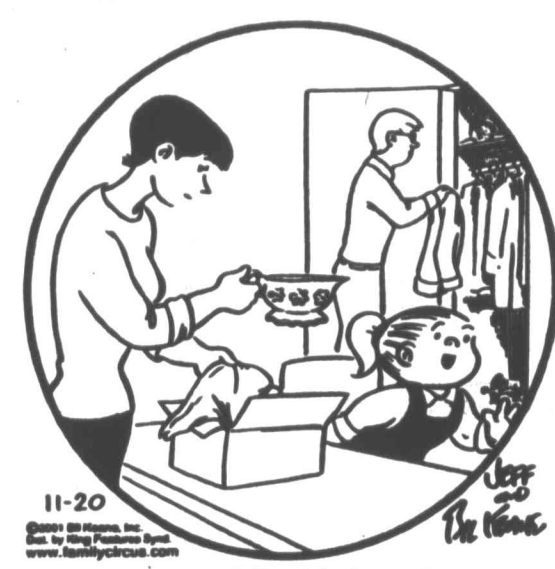
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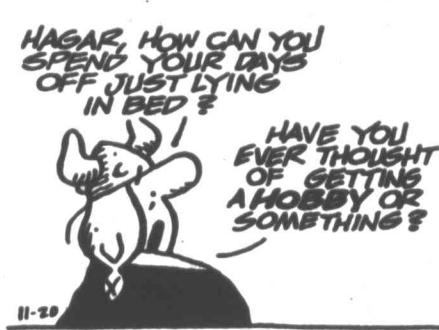
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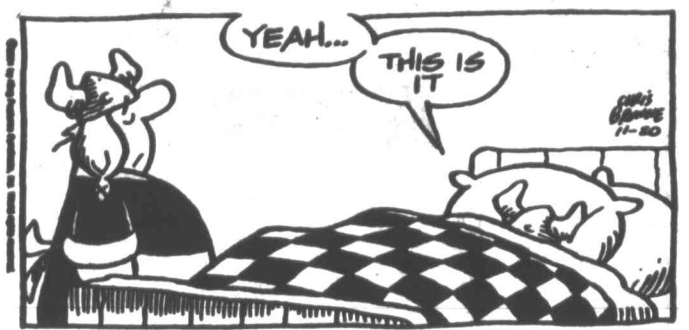


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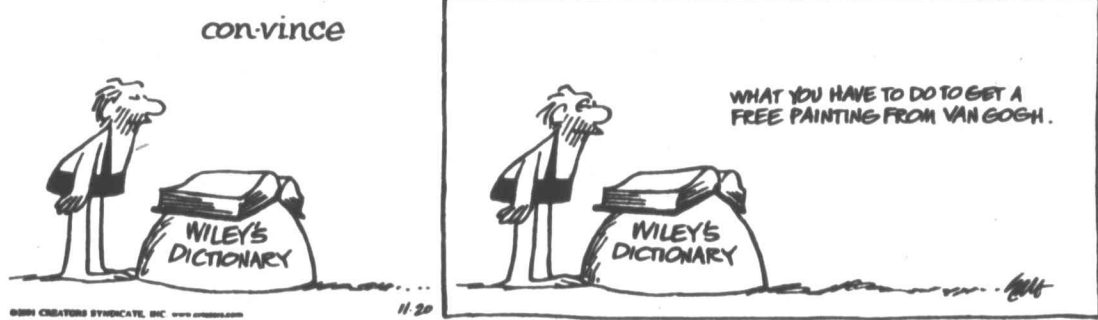


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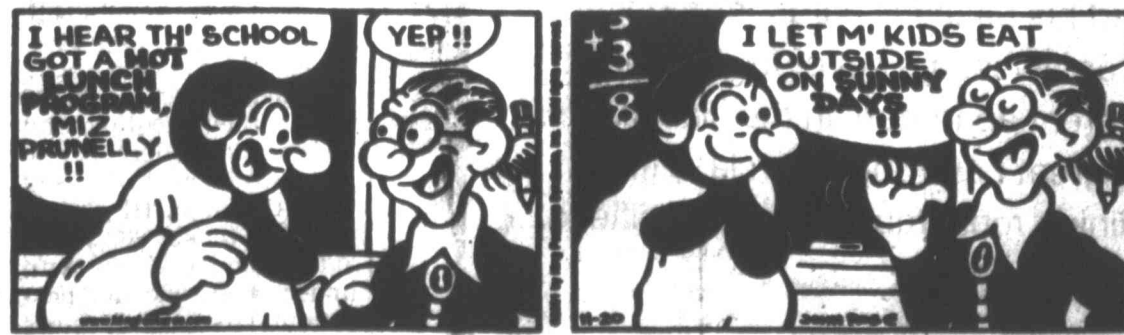
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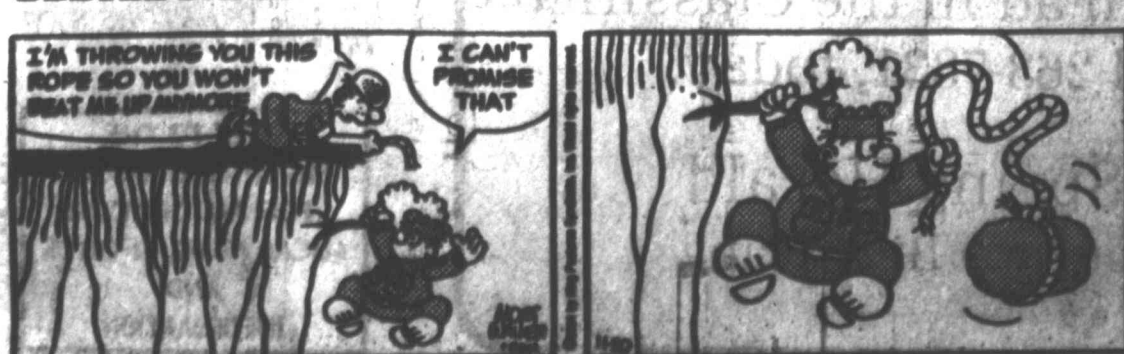
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On this date: In 1789, New Jersey became the first state to ratify the Bill of Rights.

In 1910, revolution broke out in Mexico, led by Francisco I. Madero. In 1925, Robert F. Kennedy was born in Brookline, Mass.

In 1929, the radio program "The Rise of the Goldbergs" debuted on the NBC Blue Network.

In 1945, 24 Nazi leaders went on trial before an international war crimes tribunal in Nuremberg, Germany.

Germany. In 1959, the United Nations issued its "Declaration of the Rights of the Child."

In 1967, the Census Clock at the Commerce Department ticked past 200 million.

In 1969, the Nixon administration announced a halt to residential use of the pesticide DDT as part of a total phaseout. In 1975, after nearly four decades of absolute rule, Spain's General Francisco Franco died, two weeks before his 83rd birthday.

In 1977, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat became the first Arab leader to address Israel's parliament.

Ten years ago: California Democrat Alan Cranston accepted a Senate reprimand for his dealings with former savings-and-loan chief Charles H. Keating Jr., but then denied he was guilty of many of the allegations, prompting an angry rebuttal by New Hampshire

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Today's Birthdays: Author and TV personality Alistair Cooke is 93. Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., is 84. Actress Evelyn Keyes is 82. Economist Beryl Sprinkel is 78. Actress-comedian Kaye Ballard is 75. Actress Estelle Parsons is 74. TV personality Richard Dawson is 69. Comedian Dick Smothers is 62. Singer Kim Weston is 62. Singer Norman Greenbaum is 59. Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Joseph Biden, D-Del., is 59.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS: 1 Pay-phone place, 6 Coll. military program, 10 Othello villain, 14 Mr. Moto portrayer, 15 Vicinity, 16 Make preparations, 17 Hour after midnight, 18 Bath-powder ingredient, 19 "Look... this way...", 20 Washington city, 22 Forbidden thing, 23 Santa, CA, 24 Seep, 26 350, in old Rome, 29 Formal dress, 32 Nebraska metropolis, 36 Island near Tahiti, 38 Like many violent films, 39 Abel's mom, 40 Fully alphabetized, 42 Teachers' deg., 43 Careless, 45 Samoan town, 47 Shorthand taker, 48 Italian wine spot, 49 Prayer conclusion, 50 Hidden obstacle, 52 Canoe paddle, 54 Alan Alda sitcom, 57 German resort, 58 Merganser, 64 British prep school designer, 66 Simpson, 66 Lion sound, 67 Dull sound of impact, 68 Turnpike charges, 69 Superman's alter ego, 70 Droops, 71 Live and breathe, DOWN: 1 Play the trumpet, 2 Mrs. Charlie Chaplin, 3 Pitcher, 4 Singing syllables, 5 Macho guy, 6 Pro (proportionally), 7 Type of vaccine, 8 Blab about, 9 Chocolate source, 10 Rio de Janeiro beach of song, 11 Choral voice, 12 Acquire, 13 Not fooled by, 21 Pioneers' vehicles, 25 Masked swordsman of fiction, 26 Truckers on the air, 27 Commandment word, 28 de menthe, 30 Gold: Sp., 31 Distorts, 33 Front-line players, 34 Row of bushes, 35 Build an annex, 37 Hairy bovine, 38 Vicinity, 41 "Can't Help Lovin' _ Man", 44 Briefly, 46 Self-contradictory statement, 48 Dame - Christie, 51 Helps in a crime, 53 Slacken, 54 Robin Williams TV role, 55 Lotion ingredient, 56 Sir - Connery, 58 Magician, 59 Herring, 59 Finish lines, 60 Food shop, 61 Kays' followers, 62 Home made of twigs

