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November 28, 2001

WEATHER

Tonight:



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COPE event postponed for Thursday

Thursday's dedication of the Buffalo Trail Council's COPE course has been postponed.

"I'm afraid that with all this moisture the area will be too muddy," said Warren Wallace.

The 51-acre COPE — Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience — course is located at Camp Thomas, on Driver Road past the Veterans of Foreign Wars building. It features various obstacles which scouts and others can use to teach teamwork, problem solving and other traits and skills.

Wallace said the dedication will be rescheduled at a later date.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp 442160 meets at Herman's Restaurant at 7 a.m.

□ Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for people 55 and over.

□ Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. at Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

FRIDAY

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

□ AMBUCS meets at noon at La Posada.

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

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

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Local law enforcement, firefighters to be grand marshals

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Herald's Community Christmas Parade this year is going to have 207 grand marshals.



Herald publisher Ken DULANEY

Dulaney explained Tuesday that State Rep. David Counts had been invited to perform that duty, but had to cancel.

"Mr. Counts had a previous engagement that he had to attend to," Dulaney said. "We felt that it was appropriate to honor those who serve and protect us in our community and we're very appreciative of them for accepting at this late date."

Replacing Counts as honorary grand marshals for

the 15th annual parade will be Big Spring's police and fire personnel and the Howard County Sheriff's Office and Howard County Volunteer Fire Department personnel.

"They will be represented by the chief and the fire chief, the sheriff and the chief of the volunteer fire department," Dulaney said.

All the personnel from the four departments will bear the honorary title of Grand Marshal. The four depart-

ment heads, including Police Chief Lonnie Smith, Fire Chief Brian Jensen, Sheriff Dale Walker and Volunteer Fire Department Chief Tommy Sullivan, will all perform the grand marshal's duty, which consists of riding in a position of honor in the parade.

Forty-one of the grand marshals will come from the police department, 65 from the fire department, 17 from the sheriff's office and 84 from the volunteer fire

department, according to spokesmen from each department.

The parade, which first wound its way down Gregg Street in 1986, will begin its trek this year at 5:30 p.m. Saturday. It will proceed from the intersection of Gregg and FM 700 to Sixth Street, turn right and proceed to Main, where it will turn left and end at the Howard County Courthouse.

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Snow blankets Crossroads area

Schools closed, travel limited as a result of wintery storm

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

A little early for Christmas, a little late for Thanksgiving, but residents in the Crossroads area woke to see a field of white as the Permian Basin was blanketed with snow this morning.

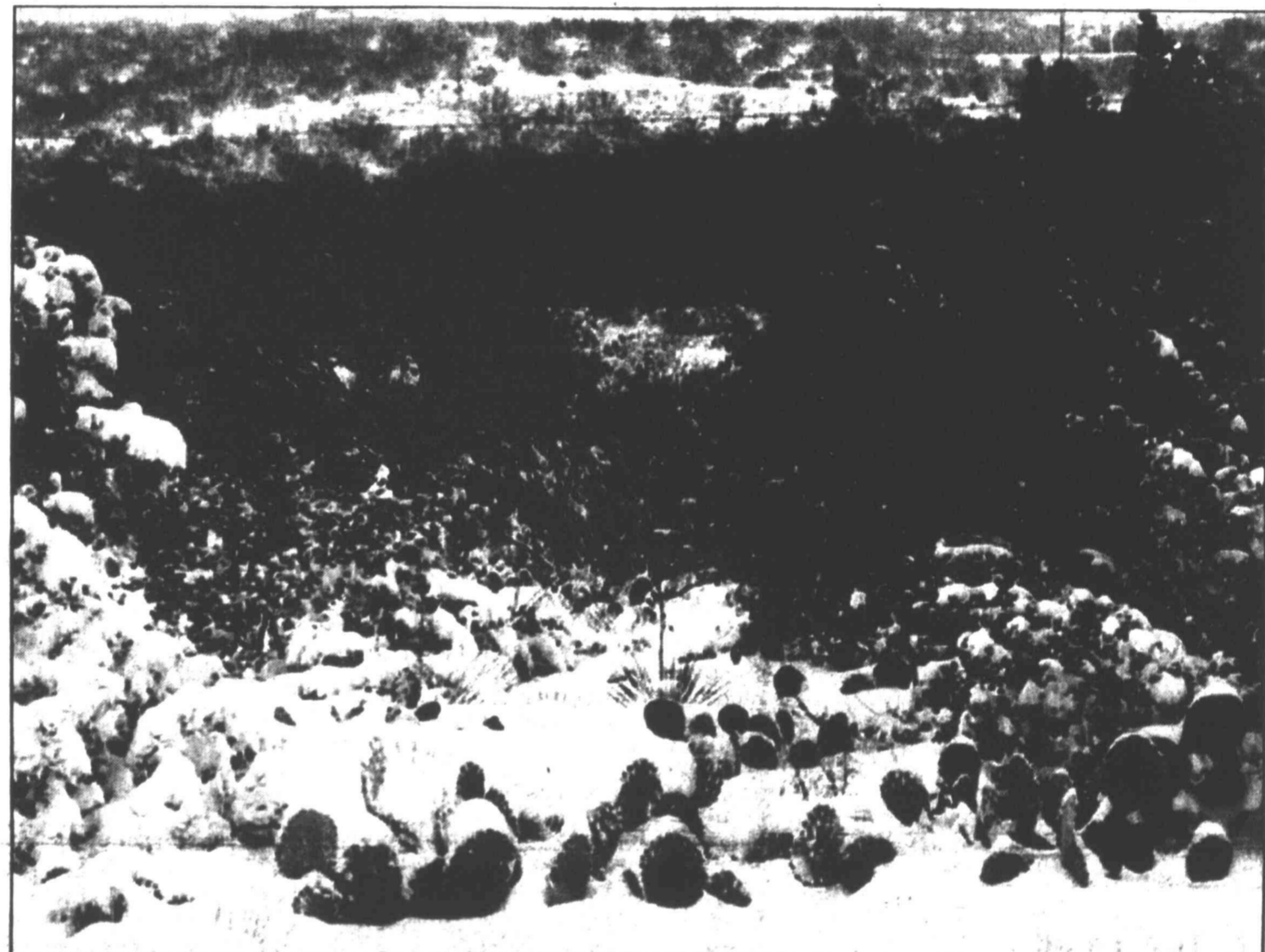
The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported that six to seven inches of snow fell on Howard County with drifts of one to two feet, said Pat Vesper, warning coordinating meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Midland.

Slick roads and dangerous driving conditions prompted several area businesses and all school districts and government buildings to close, including both the city of Big Spring and Howard County offices. Outlying school districts, including Sands, Stanton, Grady and Glasscock County, also suspended school for today.

"We would suggest that unless you absolutely have to get out, stay home," said Emma Bogard, assistant city manager.

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported several weather-related accidents around the county including a report of several cars that jackknifed at the Rattlesnake Gap area.

According to Vesper, forecasters predict today to stay



Comanche Trail Park lay in majestic tranquility this morning as snow blanketed much of Texas. Below, three boys enjoy the break from school by playing in front of the VA Medical Center. At bottom right, another peaceful scene from the park.

mostly cloudy with temperatures dropping down to 15 to 20 degrees tonight.

Vesper said snow flurries are predicted to stop about midnight.

"An additional two to four inches of snow may fall in the Eastern Permian Basin with isolated additional accumulations of six inches is possible," Vesper said.

Road conditions may be slick tomorrow with any

melted snow freezing tonight, Vesper said.

"If you don't have to get out it would be better for you to stay home," said Sgt. Lee Everett of the Big Spring Police Department.

At press time, the police had only two reports of minor accidents but several cars had slid off Interstate 20 as well as North U.S. Highway 87. In town, slick roads left some motorists

stranded.

Everett advised that those who feel they must travel to stay on well-traveled roads and away from big hills because of icy conditions.

"Don't get off the roads," Everett said. "Try to stay put on well-traveled roads. Know where you are going."

If you do get stuck, keep the car heater on but make sure the exhaust pipe is

clear and lower the window to allow circulation and prevent carbon monoxide build up, Everett said.

If you have a cell phone, call for a towing service or the police.

Across the Permian Basin, Vesper said Midland International Airport received eight inches of snow while the Ector

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Howard College's 'Hammer' is Star Award finalist

Howard Staff Report

Howard College was one of 19 finalist for the first Higher Education Star Award presented by the Texas Higher Education



Coordinating Board this morning.

"We are proud that we were one of the 19 schools nominated," said Dr. Cheryl Sparks, president of Howard College.

Five higher education schools received the award, including the Texas A&M-Corpus Christi campus, the University of Houston downtown campus, Southwest Texas University

and Texas Tech University.

Also, the Texas Association of Community Colleges received a star for the organization's Virtual College of Texas program.

Howard College was nominated for the award for the "If I Had a Hammer" program.

"We believe 'Hammer' to be a wonderful program for children and we were overjoyed to discover we had

been selected as a finalist," said Sparks.

Perry Wilson's "If I Had a Hammer" program was first brought to the public through Howard College's efforts, and was one submission by the college to the THECB's request for Star Award nominations.

"The Star Award recognizes the programs and people who represent Texas' best efforts at closing the

educational gaps that we face," said Commissioner of Higher Education Don Brown.

At least 88 submissions were made when requested from the THECB, which called for entries that answered the theme, "Closing the Gaps by Moving Every Texan Forward."

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OBITUARIES

Effie Montgomery

Effie Montgomery, 81, of Big Spring, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2001, at a local nursing home following a short illness.

Graveside service will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Arnold Tonn, pastor of Spring Tabernacle Church, officiating.

Mrs. Montgomery was born on March 31, 1920, in Taylor County. She married B.J. Montgomery. He preceded her in death on Nov. 2, 1980. She had been a resident of Howard County for 67 years. Mrs. Montgomery was a homemaker and a member of the Miracle Revival Church.

She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Clyde and LaBeth Montgomery of Big Spring; one son-in-law, Richard Burrow of Big Spring; one brother, Wayne Dalton of Big Spring; one sister, Beatrice Mansfield of Goldthwaite; five grandchildren, Cherrie Montgomery of Big Spring, Renea Jones and her husband, Jesse, and Randy Montgomery and wife, Janice, all of Coahoma, Tammie Schreengost and Mike Burrow and wife, Shelley, all of Big Spring; nine great-grandchildren, Kenny Casbeer, Ashley Casbeer, Blake Jones, Kaitlin Jones, Adam Batson, V.J. Batson, Ethan Schreengost, Kristen Williams and Megan Schreengost; and one great-great-daughter, McKenzie Williams.

In addition to her husband she is preceded in death by one daughter, Sue Burrow and one grandson, Greg Burrow.

Pallbearers will be Randy Montgomery, Jesse Jones, Blake Jones, Kenny Casbeer and Ethan Schreengost.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel.

Paid obituary.

W.L. Townsend

Funeral service for W.L. "Shake" Townsend, 89, of Big Spring, will be 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, 2001, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Claude Craven, retired Baptist minister and Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mr. Townsend died Monday, Nov. 26, in a McCamey hospital.

He was born on June 26,

1912, in Nimrod and married Robbie Jackson on June 27, 1942, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death on Dec. 3, 1999. He came to Big Spring in 1936 from Haskell County and farmed for many years, retiring 10 years ago. He also collected antiques.

He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Survivors include two brothers, Buck Townsend of Rochester and O.G. Townsend of Joshua; five sisters, Leone Bain of Big Spring, Cleo Merworth of Comanche, Johnnie Holland of Eagle Lake, Bobbie Rogers of Simms and Fannie Mae Berry of McCamey.

The family suggests memorials to Trinity Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1448, Big Spring 79721-1448.

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

PARADE

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Fifty-three civic, church, business and school groups have so far registered to participate in the parade. As always, Santa Claus has made time in his busy holiday schedule to grace the parade with a special appearance.

SNOW

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County Sheriff's Office reported five inches.

Glasscock, Upton, Crane and Ward counties were reported to have received three to five inches, while Mitchell county received from seven to nine inches.

Because of the inclement weather, Howard College Theater Department's performance of "Othello" is canceled for tonight while the COPE course grand opening ribbon ceremony set for noon Thursday at Camp Thomas has been postponed.

The forecast calls for temperatures to reach the middle 40s by midday Thursday and the 50s and 60s over the weekend.

STAR

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"All 19 finalists was recognized by the governor, and then the five winners were announced. This conference focused on ways higher education trustees and educators may close the gaps and provide an education for every Texan who seeks an education," Sparks said.

"We need to enroll hundreds of thousands more students in college, and we need to make sure they succeed there in high quality academic programs," Brown said. "Star Award finalists are helping us reach those goals."

Sparks, along with Howard College trustee Michael Flores, attempted to fly to Austin this morning for the conference but because of the inclement weather and hazardous driving conditions on Interstate 20 had to cancel the trip.

Hammer curriculum director Dr. Ken Tunstall was in Austin this morning to represent Howard College after driving to the city Tuesday.

"We really believe in the Hammer program and believe the benefits our fifth-grade participants receive to surpass any other program we might offer this age group. We have received great reviews by both the students and their teachers, and we are encouraged that THECB has recognized the importance of this program by selecting us as a finalist," said Dr. Amy Burchett, Howard

College vice president for instruction and student services.

To receive the award, an eligible program, project, or activity must demonstrate excellence and clearly contribute toward the goals of the state's Closing the Gaps higher education plan in three of these four areas: history of excellence in academic instruction, in student support services, and/or in partnerships; outcomes, with benchmarks that allow progress to be monitored and evaluated; innovation in concept or approach that could serve as a model for other institutions to implement; and actions that strengthen an institution, benefit students, and/or provide interdisciplinary or inter-institutional partnerships.

Award recipients were selected based on the recommendations of a nine-member committee made up of three Coordinating Board members, three Texas business and community leaders, and three out-of-state educational experts.

Astronomers detect chemical in atmosphere of planet orbiting star

WASHINGTON (AP) — In an important step in the search for extraterrestrial life, astronomers have made the first direct detection of the chemical composition of the atmosphere of a planet orbiting a distant star.

Scientists focused the Hubble Space Telescope on a star 150 light-years away and found that a planet there contained sodium in its atmosphere. Experts said the achievement demonstrates that it may be possible to search for the chemical signature of life on planets beyond the solar system.

"Suddenly, discussing searches for Earth-like planets seems quite reasonable," David Charbonneau, an astronomer at the California Institute of Technology, said in a statement. "This opens up an exciting new phase of extrasolar planet exploration, where we can begin to compare and contrast the atmospheres of planets around other stars."

The planet orbits a sun-like star called HD 209458 in the constellation Pegasus, some 150 light-years from Earth. A light-year is the distance light travels in a year, or about 6 trillion miles. The planet is one of 76 that have been found in orbit of distant stars, but it is the first to have its atmosphere chemically analyzed.

The planet is about 70 percent the size of Jupiter, the largest planet in the sun's family of satellites, but it orbits just 4 million miles from its parent star. As a result, the planet whips around the star every 3.5 days. In contrast, the Earth is about 93 million miles from the sun and takes a year to complete one orbit.

Earlier studies by Charbonneau and Timothy Brown of the National Center of Atmospheric Research had shown that the distant planet caused the light from HD209458 to dim slightly. This meant that the planet was, in effect, casting a shadow when viewed from Earth, as it orbited the star. This

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

was proof that the orbital plane of the planet is edge-on in the line-of-sight between the Earth and the star.

Their studies also showed that the planet was gaseous, like Jupiter, instead of solid, like Earth.

Because of the planet's orbital motion and position, Charbonneau and Brown devised a space telescope viewing program that would measure the chemistry of the planet's atmosphere.

The astronomers knew that as the planet moved in front of its parent star, light from the star would pass through the planet's atmosphere on its way to the Earth. As it passes through the planet's atmosphere, the spectra of the light is changed by the atmospheric chemicals. By measuring the spectral characteristics of this light using Hubble, Charbonneau and Brown were able to confirm that there was sodium in the planet's atmosphere.

A National Center of Atmospheric Research statement said the Hubble spectrograph was tuned to detect only sodium. A new observation effort is being planned to search for Earth-like chemicals such as methane, water vapor and potassium.

It is considered unlikely that the planet will have chemicals suggestive of life, however. Because it is so close to its star, scientists believe the planet's atmosphere is heated to a killing 2,000 degrees. However, the technique used by Charbonneau and Brown could be used to search for chemicals of life in the atmosphere of other extrasolar planets that are in a precise alignment with Earth.

S&H Green Stamps tries to recapture the magic

SALEM, Mass. (AP) — Once upon a time, there was money, and there were S&H Green Stamps.

Green Stamps were the alternative currency of the booming postwar consumer society of the 1950s, '60s and '70s. Millions of American families received them with every grocery store or gas station purchase. They faithfully pasted the stamps into booklets and, when they had enough of them, redeemed them for appliances, furniture and other merchandise.

At their peak, Green Stamps were in 60 percent of American households and were the nation's largest supplier of durable consumer goods. Communities pooled them to buy school buses, firetrucks, even a gorilla and an elephant for a zoo. They even inspired an Andy Warhol painting.

Now, the stamps have given way to swipe-through digital cards, offered by the latest incarnation of the company. S&H Greenpoints is struggling to gain its footing at a time when credit card companies, airlines and other businesses are all offering the digital equivalent of trading stamps.

TEXAS LOTTERY

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BRIEFS

REGISTRATION FOR THE SPRING semester at Howard College Registration Dec. 3-7 is set for all students with assigned times. Jan. 7-8, 2002, is open registration. Classes begin Jan. 14, 2002. 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.

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 homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

ELEVEN YEAR OLD ETHAN Strickland has had surgery for a devastating neurological condition with more to come. He is home now and is receiving speech and physical therapy.

His family continues to need help defraying the costs their insurance doesn't cover as well as future travel expenses that will occur.

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

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

SUPPORT GROUPS

TODAY
•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.

Home Hospice and Canterbury are sponsoring a new grief support group. It will meet the second Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m. in the community room at Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster. Call Home Hospice at 264-7599 or come by 600 South Gregg for further details.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

THURSDAY
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

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

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

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

•Narcotics Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

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

FIRE/EMS

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

8:29 a.m. — 200 block of E. 16th, medical call, one patient transported to **Scientific Mountain Medical Center.**

2:30 p.m. — 1800 block of Morrison, medical call, one patient transported to VA Medical Center.

5:58 p.m. — 500 block of W. 17th, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

7:59 p.m. — Mile marker 195 N. I-20, trauma call, canceled enroute.

8:32 p.m. — 1500 block of Wood, trauma call, service refused.

CORRECTION

In the Nov. 25, edition of the Herald's Sunday Life cover story about the Howard County Humane Society, Tim Jones was misidentified as John Rheinscheid.

All quotes from Rheinscheid were actually from Tim Jones who is the executive director of the HCHS. John Rheinscheid is the president of the HCHS.

The new board members are Shelley Willett, Darla Walisa and Mike Henry.

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W. L. "Shake" Townsend, 89, died Monday. Services will be 3:00 PM Thursday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Documents reveal info on detainees; Ashcroft says 603 in custody

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Palestinian with a kit to make box cutters and a Pakistani interested in hunting near a nuclear facility are among 603 people detained by U.S. terrorism investigators, government documents show.

Others were held for alleged violations with no obvious connection to past or future attacks, according to documents reviewed by The Associated Press.

Attorney General John Ashcroft revealed Tuesday the government was detaining 603 people. He insisted the actions removed suspected terrorists from the streets and nabbed members of Osama bin Laden's network.

"We will use every constitutional tool to keep sus-

pected terrorists locked up," Ashcroft told a news conference. He went beyond previous statements that some 1,100 people had been detained since Sept. 11 and that a majority remained in custody. He said 104 people have been charged with federal crimes in the probe.

Overseas, the investigation made progress with the arrest in Hamburg, Germany, of a man who held a bank account used by hijacker Marwan Al-Shehhi. Prosecutors identified the man as Mounir El M.

In his most detailed public accounting yet, Ashcroft released the names of those facing federal charges but he refused to provide names for the hundreds held on immigration violations.

"I am not interested in

providing, when we are at war, a list to Osama bin Laden and the al-Qaida network of the people we have detained that would make any easier their effort to kill Americans," the attorney general said.

One lawmaker pressing for more disclosures wasn't satisfied.

"I continue to be deeply troubled by (the Justice Department's) refusal to provide a full accounting of everyone who has been detained and why," Sen. Russell Feingold, D-Wis., said.

Several former high-ranking FBI officials interviewed by The Washington Post suggested the Justice Department was resurrecting tactics the government rejected in the late 1970s

because they did not prevent terrorism and led to abuses of civil liberties.

One of the officials, former FBI Director William H. Webster, said Ashcroft's policy of pre-emptive arrests and detentions "carries a lot of risk with it. You may interrupt something, but you may not be able to bring it down. You may not be able to stop what is going on."

One of those detained, Umar Mohamed, a 23-year-old San Diego college student from Yemen, originally was held as a material witness, meaning he may have information important to the investigation. He was arrested and taken to New York City for grand jury testimony about his acquaintance with

a Sept. 11 hijacker.

Abdoulah was returned to San Diego and charged with immigration violations. While a federal magistrate has granted Abdoulah his release on \$500,000 bail, he remains in custody because property pledged for bail money is still \$125,000 short, said his lawyer, Kerry Steigerwalt.

In northern California, an Immigration and Naturalization Service affidavit alleged that Nabil Sarama, a Palestinian, made a false statement to obtain a permanent residency card. Sarama was arrested Sept. 16 in Orlando, Fla., after police found him near a pay phone that had been used to make bomb threats, the documents alleged.

A search of his suitcase,

the affidavit said, turned up a kit capable of making between eight and 12 box cutters — like the weapons used by the Sept. 11 hijackers.

He also had a California Department of Motor Vehicles identification card, a Georgia driver's license, four Florida identification cards and a Palestinian Authority passport.

Government computer records show that between 1994 and 2001, Sarama entered the United States on at least five occasions through at least five ports and also used passports from Israel and Jordan.

Ashcroft disclosed that the 603 people in custody consisted of 55 held on federal criminal charges and 548 on immigration violations.

Transportation Department aims to get passengers past security in 10 minutes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government likely won't meet the 60-day deadline to screen all baggage as required under the new aviation security law signed by President Bush, Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta says.

But the agency is working to whisk passengers through security in 10 minutes or less, speeding up security checks that are creating long lines in many airports.

Too few employees, bomb-sniffing dogs and explosive-detection machines means screening all baggage by the 60-day deadline will be difficult, Mineta said Tuesday.

"The question about bomb-detection equipment is probably the most vexing and serious one we're facing," Mineta said.

Rep. John Mica, chairman of the House Transportation subcommittee on aviation, said he wasn't surprised the department probably won't meet the deadline. "Can it be done in 60 days? I don't think so," Mica, R-Fla., said.

House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., told Mineta to use National Guard troops at airports to help inspect luggage.

"I hope and expect that the Transportation Department will use any and all resources to come into compliance with the airport security bill's deadline," Gephardt said.

While acknowledging the problems, the Bush administration will try to meet the timetable, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said.

"Congress gave a very tight 60-day deadline, and the administration is going to do everything it possibly can to comply with it," Fleischer said.

Mineta also said the department wants to screen air cargo without delaying a plane's departure and plans to have several thousand air marshals on flights by June 1.

Since the Sept. 11 terror attacks, passengers have been asked to arrive at airports two hours before flight times, and some have endured waits of an hour or more at security checkpoints.

"Our goal in passenger screening is no weapons, no waiting," Mineta said. "We will strive to develop a screening process that prohibits weapons or other banned materials ... without

requiring a waiting period of longer than 10 minutes."

That's welcome news to John Mackethan of Washington, seeking to avoid long waits with a 1-year-old in tow.

"Not having to show up two hours before would definitely help with a child," he said while waiting for a flight Tuesday at Reagan Washington National Airport.

"As time goes on, and as people keep moving closer and closer to their departure times, the lines are going to get long, and so is the wait," said another Washington resident flying out of National, Kimberly Turner. "It would be good to be able to do it in less time."

"We have to make this a convenient process," said Carol Hallett,

president of the Air Transport Association, the major airlines' trade group. "The key is to have enough screeners and enough screening equipment to get them through."

Hallett and Air Travelers Association President David Stempler said one way to speed up the process is to provide tamper-proof identification cards to passengers who have undergone detailed background checks, allowing them to pass quickly through security checkpoints.

"There's two parts of security," Stempler said. "The first is, 'Who are you?'; and the second is, 'What are you carrying?'" Stempler said. "The voluntary travelers' national ID card would speed up the 'Who are you?'"

Lawmakers agree on plan to require annual math, reading tests

WASHINGTON (AP) — Millions of students would undergo annual math and reading tests and school districts would gain more leeway in using federal education funds under compromise plans crafted by key lawmakers and praised by the Bush administration.

"We're very pleased with the progress ... and we look forward to seeing a final bill shortly," Education Department spokeswoman Lindsey Kozberg said Tuesday night as a summary of a draft agreement circulated among congressional Republicans.

She said key principles of President Bush's education plan were preserved in the

proposal, drawn up during months of secretive talks among Sens. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., and Judd Gregg, R-N.H., and Reps. John Boehner, R-Ohio, and George Miller, D-Calif.

The four met Tuesday and were expected to present their proposed compromise to a broader group of House and Senate negotiators later in the week.

If ratified, it would mark a key breakthrough on legislation that once was atop

Bush's agenda, but has largely fallen from public view in the weeks since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Other points remained to be resolved, among them a Democratic demand for more money than Republicans and the administration have agreed to provide, particularly for a program for special education students.

Even so, final agreement on the issues of testing and funding flexibility would clear major obstacles and

give fresh momentum to the push to get the bill through Congress before lawmakers adjourn for the year.

The House and Senate passed differing versions of the bill months ago, both responding to Bush's call to hold schools more accountable for student achievement. Federal help would be available to help par schools improve, but if they failed to come up to standards, they eventually could be taken over by states.

The draft agreement would reduce the number of federal education programs from the current 55 to 45. The proposal also would authorize more money to help in the establishment of new charter schools.

On key issues, the four senior lawmakers sought to split the difference between competing proposals.

The Senate bill required states to administer one federally backed test, the National Assessment of

Educational Progress, to measure student performance. The House-passed measure permitted states to use an alternative, a provision designed in part to satisfy conservatives concerned about the federal role in education.

Under the proposed compromise, the federal NAEP test for reading and math would be administered to a sample of fourth- and eighth-grade students in each state every other year.

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OUR VIEWS

Living Tree a treat not to be missed

It's a winter wonderland out today, not that you needed anyone to tell you that. Fortunately, our area is full of holiday wonders, and the weather is just one of them.

Another takes place beginning Saturday with performances of The Living Christmas Tree in the First United Methodist Church sanctuary. Many Crossroads area residents have seen this highly inspirational production before, but for those who have not it is truly a holiday tradition not to be missed.

This year's theme is fittingly the "Wonder of Christmas" and in addition to the orchestra and 80 singers, the nativity story and an interpretive dance will be featured.

There is no charge to attend either of the two performances of The Living Christmas Tree, scheduled for 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. However, tickets must be obtained in advance to ensure that there will be enough seating for those planning to attend. A nursery will be available. Organizers say tickets for Saturday's performance are going very quickly.

There is also a 2 p.m. dress rehearsal on Saturday which is open to the public. No tickets are required for the dress rehearsal.

Tickets may be reserved through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the church office. First UMC is located at the corner of Fourth Street and Scurry.

Something else to mention — organizers ask those in attendance to dress warmly. While the sanctuary will be heated, the temperature will be slightly cooler than normal for the benefit of those singers near the top of the tree.

The Living Christmas Tree is one of Big Spring's most wonderful traditions. Don't miss it.

OUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:
We would like to publicly thank the Big Spring Police Department for watching our home while we were on vacation.

We signed up for the House Watch program at the police station before we went on vacation. While we were gone, they came by regularly to check on our home. My sister was ever checking on our home and they questioned her to be sure who she was.

My neighbor also told us how many times they stopped by to check on the house. We also received a letter from the police upon our return with the times they

checked our house recorded on paper. We appreciate their time when they probably had better things to do.

CHARLES & MARIAN
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TO THE EDITOR:
The Big Spring High School Choral Department and the Choir Boosters would like the thank you for your support for our fifth annual pancake supper.

It was a great success and we could not have done it without your generous help in publicizing the event. It was greatly appreciated.

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From the permissible to the unthinkable

It barely made news last week, but a hundred years from now, the big story out of 2001 may not be the attack on America or the war in Afghanistan but what happened in a petri dish in Worcester, Mass. For a few hours, three human embryos that had been created from single human cells taken from an adult man and infused into human eggs survived.

The cloning of human beings has begun. Although the scientists who conducted this experiment claim their intention was not to create a human life but to create human embryonic stem cells, which could then be used for therapeutic purposes, the distinction will become meaningless.

Does anyone doubt that others will follow in their footsteps and implant some future laboratory-cloned human embryos into a

human womb? And there is nothing to stop them from doing so — the process is perfectly legal, at least for now.

Although the House of Representatives passed a ban on human cloning in August, the Senate never acted. Several senators have now called the human cloning experiment troubling, including Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), chairman of the Judiciary Committee. But it remains to be seen whether they will act to try to stop further experiments. It is already illegal to use federal funds to clone human embryos. But will Congress take the next step and ban the procedure altogether?

The scientists at Advanced Cell Technology who created the Worcester clones say that they want to grow a human embryo only to the point when stem cells can be extracted — which requires an embryo of at least a few hundred cells. This is supposed to give us moral reassurance. After all, these folks aren't trying to create some "Brave New World" of human baby factories or some real-life imitation of "The Boys From Brazil," a

1978 film about a Nazi scientist who cloned dozens of young Adolf Hitlers.

Maybe not. But they are talking about creating human life in order to harvest body parts — and then destroying it. And the moral justification they use is that greater good would come from their experiments than whatever harm they might cause — a kind of utilitarian ethics.

At the moment, scientists don't know whether stem cells taken from human embryos will help cure devastating diseases such as Parkinson's or help those who have been paralyzed from spinal cord injuries. Whatever stem cells scientists harvest now will be used solely for experiments — which might or might not lead to such medical advances.

But for the sake of argument, let's assume research produces the ability to use human embryos for this purpose. Are we willing to sacrifice one life in order to save or improve perhaps hundreds of others? If that is our criteria, why stop at using only stem cells harvested for that purpose?

Why not allow cloned embryos to develop until

their organs can be harvested for transplant? If a cloned fetus could save or improve the lives of, say, a dozen others, why not sacrifice its heart, lungs, kidneys, liver, corneas, bone marrow and whatever else we can use?

And who should make the choice? The cell or egg donor? The Worcester scientists used cow eggs for some of their early human embryo experiments — would that make it easier to use the body parts we needed without seeking permission?

If we're willing to use cloned human embryos to save lives, why shouldn't we consider sacrificing other human beings whose lives may be about to end anyway or who live in a permanent vegetative state? Should we be able to shave off a few hours or days from a terminally ill patient's life in order to save someone else's?

China reportedly harvests organs from prisoners on death row. Should we?

Once we start down the road to creating life for utilitarian purposes, there is no bright line that separates the permissible from the unthinkable.



LINDA CHAVEZ



She gets things in order

Pat Ogden of Hewitt has a business called In Order. She helps people organize things. When I interviewed her, she was in a big storage building in Waco that had shelves of boxes and files.

"When I first started this particular project a week and a half ago," she says, "you couldn't even see the floor. Everything had just been thrown in here for years. It kept piling up until finally they decided it was time to do something."

Pat does little advertising. She has a metallic sign on her car door, that's about all. But she does lots of business.

"Mostly it's word of mouth. But some people stop me and ask about the sign. Maybe they've heard about my business."

She organizes homes, offices, does workshops and seminars on organization and consults with people on how to get themselves organized.

"When I first got into this business I thought it would be mostly young people with children because of their time restraints, but I find it's professional people who need help organizing their homes or the files in their offices. That's what I love about what I do. It's a variety of people, not just one segment of the population."

She makes kitchens more efficient and can really help with closets.

"I do more women's closets because they seem to have more clothes than men."

When she starts a closet, she takes everything out and puts it on a bed. Sometimes she redesigns a closet, sometimes she gets rid of some clothes.

"I just put it back in an efficient manner so they can see what they have."

Pat is a former teacher who used to help people organize their homes during summers. Two years ago she went into her organizing business fulltime. Sometimes she assists people who have just lost a spouse and are moving into a smaller residence.

For people who are wanting a more efficient working area, they need to start small.

"They need to look at one little area and focus in on that. Set a time limit. Tell yourself you're going to work on that for 15 minutes. Most people are overwhelmed when they realize what a big project they've started. Some folks give up because they don't break it down into small parts."

She says start with a single drawer. Take it out and dump the contents on the bed.

"In seminars, I tell my clients they're going to have to clean up the mess or sleep on the floor."

Throwing away stuff is hard for some people. The solution: Take a picture of an item, then give it to somebody or some charity. People will give things away if they think they're helping someone.

"It's okay to keep sentimental things. They just don't need to take up prime space."

She does more offices than homes.

"Businesses realize that time is money and there's value in organization. If they can't find a client's file, it could cost them a reputation of not being efficient."

Her favorite saying is "a mess creates stress."



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Doctor convicted of first-degree murder

LAWRENCE, Mass. (AP) — Dr. Richard Sharpe claimed he killed his wife in a haze of drugs and alcohol, gripped by an uncontrollable rage that culminated years of madness, depression and sexual confusion.

But a jury ruled Tuesday that the millionaire, cross-dressing dermatologist knew exactly what he was doing when he burst into the home of his estranged wife, Karen, and gunned her down in July 2000.

Sharpe, 47, was convicted of first-degree murder and will automatically be sentenced Thursday to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Sharp stood impassively, his long black hair hanging over his shoulders, and

jerked his head slightly as the verdict was read.

His wife's relatives gasped and wept. Her sister, Kathleen Lembo, called the victim "a loving mother, the best sister anybody could have."

The case drew attention because of its lurid details. Photographs of Sharpe wearing slinky dresses and fishnet stockings were widely published after his arrest, and his wife had said in affidavits that her husband stole her birth control pills in an effort to enlarge his breasts.

Sharpe taught at Harvard Medical School and ran a cosmetic hair removal business and a business that developed medical software and lasers. He used the stock market to parlay his

earnings into millions.

Prosecutors argued Sharpe was a calculating killer who shot his 44-year-old wife because he was afraid of losing the \$3 million he had transferred to her name.

Defense witnesses, including Sharpe's siblings, testified that he endured years of childhood abuse by his father. Sharpe told jurors he first began dressing in women's clothing as a teenager as an escape from his painful home life.

Sharpe testified that he didn't remember much about the night his wife was shot in front of her brother and other witnesses as the couple's two young children slept inside the house.

"I love Mikey and Ally. I

love Karen," Sharpe said as he was led from the courthouse. The couple also have a 27-year-old daughter.

A psychiatrist testifying for the defense said Sharpe suffered from a half-dozen psychiatric disorders, including depression and intermittent explosive disorder. He said Sharpe's disorders were aggravated when he drank alcohol. Sharpe testified he had two to four glasses of wine the night of the killing.

But prosecutors said Sharpe carefully calculated his actions before the killing so he would appear insane, and later faked mental illness to impress psychiatrists and the jury.

Sharpe's lawyer, Joseph Balliro, called the killing "a tragedy for everybody."

Justices to decide whether state must help pay for needed abortions

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Supreme Court justices must decide whether the state should help pay for "medically necessary" abortions for poor women.

Oral arguments were scheduled to be presented today in the lawsuit by doctors and family planning clinics, with the court setting aside its usual fare of business cases.

Arguments were expected

from Deputy Attorney General Jeff Boyd, who is defending the state, and Bonnie Scott Jones, a lawyer with the New York-based Center for Reproductive Law and Policy, who is representing abortion providers from Dallas and Austin.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of poor women in the state in 1998 by doctors and family planning clinics.

Group of fiction books deal with war

During the month of November I have been focusing on non-fiction books that dealt with war.

For the final column, fiction books will be highlighted.

These books will be on display just to the left of the Circulation Desk.

Bernard Cornwell is the author of the acclaimed American Civil War series, The Starbuck Chronicles: Rebel, Copperhead, and Battle Flag.

The library does have the first two and the third is on order. In Cornwell's Richard Sharpe series, you will be exposed to the role the English fought in the Napoleonic Wars.

There are some 15 plus books in the series and the library has six of them.

The story begins in Sharpe's Triumph: Battle of Assaye.

It is a riveting story of betrayal and revenge that showcases Cornwell's skill in writing a mixture of suspenseful military adventure and sweeping historical detail.

Other books in the series (that the library has) are: Sharpe's Fortress, Sharpe's Battle, Sharpe's Honor, Sharpe's Regiment, and Sharpe's Siege.

I do have a list of all the books, if you would like to read them in chronological order.

We can, of course, obtain the missing books via Interlibrary Loan.

Returning to the United

States, Thomas Fleming's "When This Cruel War is Over," writes about the guerilla war sponsored by the South and waged by disgruntled Northerners at the height of America's bloodiest war.

It takes place in Indiana and Kentucky, divided not only by the Ohio River but also by Americans once loyal to the Union, who are paid back by forced enlistments and spies when the Emancipation Proclamation forces the region to rethink its customs and prejudices.

"The Bridge Over the River Kwai" is the true story of World War II Japanese prisoner of war camp in which Allied POWs are forced to build a railroad bridge to benefit the Japanese war effort.

Written by Pierre Boulle, the book served as the basis for the 1956 Oscar winning movie for Best Picture.

The book deals with the grim brutality of war, but still depicts the humanity of both captors and captives.

The movie starred Alec Guinness as Col. Nicholson, Sessue Hayakawa as Col. Saito and William Holden as Lt. Commander Shears.

Occasionally, on the History Channel or America Movie Classic Channel the movie will show up.

For aficionados of war books, few can compare to Jack Higgins.

"The Eagle Has Landed" and "The Eagle Has Flown" is the story of Hitler's diabolical plot to kidnap or kill Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

"The Eagle Has Landed" is the story of Oberstleutenant Kurt Steiner and his commandos

occupying the village of Studley Constable (where Churchill was staying at Meltham House) and their attempt to fulfill Hitler's final order.

Steiner is captured as he is on the steps of Meltham House holding a pistol to Churchill's head.

In the sequel "The Eagle Has Flown," Heinrich Himmler hatches a plot to rescue Steiner from the Tower of London where he has been held as a prisoner of war.

However, nothing is ever as simple as it seems, and the plots twists and turns until Steiner and Liam Devlin (IRA sympathizer) join forces to prevent evil forces from overcoming both the English and American forces.

Another great author is W.E.B. Griffin. He has written three series of books that deal with the Army, Marine Corp and the police.

The "Brotherhood of War" contains approximately eight titles; each focusing on a particular rank.

In "The Corp" series, he writes of how Marines see since their inception, been given a seemingly impossible objective and how they achieve, albeit at great cost.

The "Badge of Honor" series deals with the men and women in blue - our policemen.

Each of these series is an excellent read. The books are not particularly dependent on being read in a series.

Select one and if you like, try reading all of them.

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IN BRIEF

YMCA expanding gymnastics program

The YMCA gymnastics program has expanded its field of classes to include cheerleading, boys gymnastics and a "Toddler Time," in addition to its traditional gymnastics classes for girls.

Registration for the December sessions has already begun.

For more information, call Leslie Northrup at 267-8234.

Youth basketball meeting scheduled

An organizational meeting for the upcoming Big Spring Youth Basketball League season has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday at the YMCA.

For more information, call Rick Watkins at 267-2358 or the YMCA at 267-8234.

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 with tags from a valid Texas hunter's license.

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

New tennis pro planning events

Craig Bobo, the Crossroads Tennis Association director of tennis, 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 concerning the association or other activities at the Figure 7 Tennis Center, call Bobo at 268-1900.

Fastpitch softball umpires needed

Umpires interested in working high school fastpitch softball plan to meet at the MUGS Umpires Building in Midland at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12.

Umpires will be working games in Alpine, Andrews, Big Spring, Coahoma, Colorado City, Crane, Denver City, Fort Stockton, Greenwood, Kermit, Lamesa, Midland, Monahans, Odessa, Pecos and Snyder.

For more information, call Mack Gipson at (915) 520-5961.

ON THE AIR

Television COLLEGE BASKETBALL

6 p.m. — ACC-Big Ten Challenge, Wisconsin at Georgia Tech, ESPN.

6:30 p.m. — ACC-Big Ten Challenge, Michigan State at Virginia, ESPN2.

7:30 p.m. — Texas Tech at New Mexico State, FXS.

8 p.m. — ACC-Big Ten Challenge, Indiana at North Carolina, ESPN.

8:30 p.m. — ACC-Big Ten Challenge, Florida State at Northwestern, ESPN2.

7 p.m. — Washington Wizards at Philadelphia 76ers, TNT.

Owners decide this Bud's for them: Selig gets extension

CHICAGO (AP) — Bud Selig will be baseball commissioner through 2006. The future of the Minnesota Twins and Montreal Expos remain uncertain.

While owners unanimously extended Selig's contract Tuesday, they didn't take any action of the sport's biggest issue — eliminating two teams before next season. The Twins and Expos are on hold as the issue winds its way through the courts.

"Baseball will contract," Selig said. "I can't give you a precise timetable today because in some parts, it's out of our hands."

Robert DuPuy, baseball's chief legal officer, told owners there was a chance a contract would not take place before the 2002 season, accord-

ing to a person in the meeting who spoke on the condition he not be identified. Owners also were told by their lawyers that the players association might file an unfair labor practice charge with the National Labor Relations Board.

Selig, speaking after the meeting, said 25 of the 30 teams lost money this year and said baseball will release specifics Dec. 6, the date tentatively set by the House Judiciary Committee for a hearing on the sport's 79-year antitrust exemption.

"We've had to help clubs, quite frankly, to stay afloat," he said. "We're doing something now we should have done years and years ago: We're addressing our problems. We had an option to do something and we just didn't do it."

Gregory R.D. Nash of FleetBoston Financial Corp. and James Nash of Bank of America Corp. told owners during the meeting that the current recession will cause them to examine loans more closely in the future.

"We're at a crossroads here," he said. "We're just not doing this to be mean-spirited. We have reached a crossroads. When you have an industry that loses more than \$500 million, and 25 of your clubs are in the red, that is a business profile that is not only unacceptable, it's stunningly bad."

The public proclamation of losses points to yet another confrontation with the players association, which has resisted change since the current system of free agency and salary arbitration came into effect

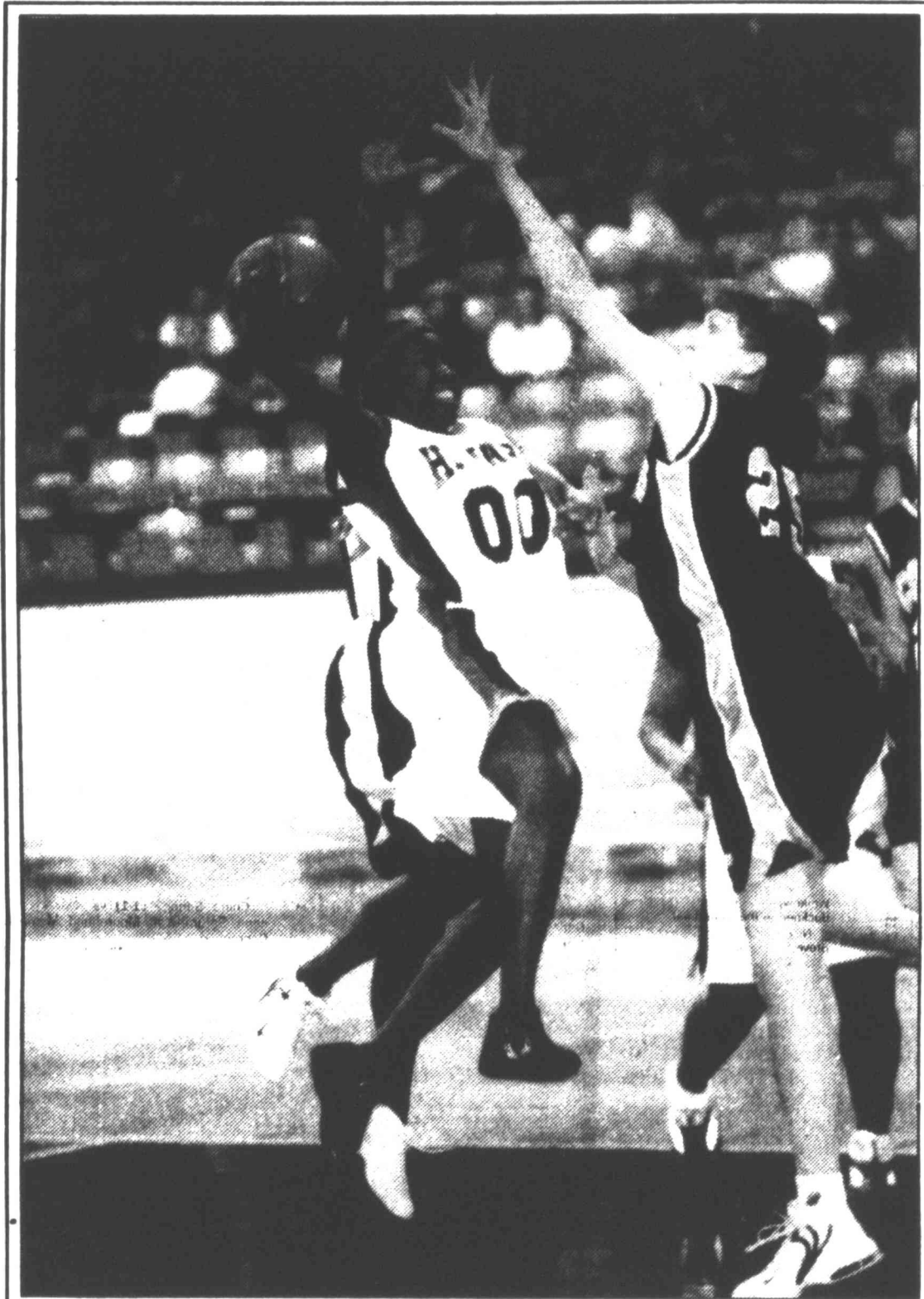
in 1976. In that time, the average salary has climbed from \$51,000 to about \$2.15 million.

There have been eight work stoppages since 1972, and baseball's latest labor contract expired Nov. 7.

"There's nothing I can say now. We'll see what happens," union head Donald Fehr said.

Selig gave hope there would be a 2002 season, saying a potential lock-out of players was "not on the radar screen."

The only concrete action taken was the decision to extend the term of Selig, who is thought to make about \$3 million annually. He became acting commissioner in September 1992, when he helped lead a revolt that forced Fay Vincent's resignation.



Howard College freshman guard Vangeia Menter (00) runs into trouble as she drives the lane against Weatherford College's Lady Coyotes on Nov. 20 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Lady Hawks were scheduled to play at Ranger College tonight, but that game has been indefinitely postponed due to weather and road conditions.

Lady Steers knock off Bulldogettes

By VALERIE AVERY
Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — Ashley Lang's three-pointer with less than three minutes to play brought the Bulldogettes within 54-52, but Big Spring's Jessica Woodward fed Krystle Long under the basket for a 56-52 lead the Lady Steers would never relinquish.

Senior Brittany Bryant went 2-for-2 down the stretch and then hit a lay-up off of a Kim Wrightsil full court-length pass for the final score of 61-55.

Wrightsil nailed a free throw for the final score.

The Lady Steers improve to 4-1 on the season.

Big Spring heads to the Polk-Key City Tournament Thursday for a 6 p.m. tip-off with Clyde High School.

Coahoma led 34-25 with less than two minutes before the half, but sophomore Leina Braxton hit two three-pointers to close out the second period of play with Big Spring trailing 34-35.

Big Spring racked up at least 14 turnovers in the first half, which led to numerous Coahoma buckets.

"We had a tough time handling the ball," Big Spring Lady Steers head coach Jimmy Avery said. "Coahoma did a good job of playing pressure defense, and we just did not take care of the ball."

"We kept trying to force the ball in the middle and Coahoma took it away from us. Once we quit trying to force it in there, we were OK."

If the first half belonged to Coahoma, the second half was Big Spring's. Braxton fed Jessica Woodward on the inbound pass to give Big Spring a 42-37 advantage. Wrightsil's steal and lightning-quick break before finding Braxton under the basket gave Big Spring a 44-37 advantage.

But Coahoma's Crystal Atkinson hit a bucket and was fouled and made the

extra shot. Karen Sterling connected on two back-to-back baskets to trail 46-44. Free throws by Bryant and Atkinson ended the period with Big Spring holding onto a 47-45 lead.

Coahoma's Kenzie Roberts tied the ballgame at 47 with two free throws, but that was the closest the Bulldogettes would get. Wrightsil's dish to Woodward and Ashley Smith's putback gave Big Spring a 51-47 lead.

But Coahoma stayed close when Big Spring's Smith fouled out putting Coahoma in double bonus at the 6:22 mark. The Bulldogettes shot 5-of-14 from the charity stripe in the last six minutes hurting their chances of making a strong fourth-quarter comeback.

Junior Courtney Brock came off the bench and stole the ball before feeding Braxton for a lay-up and a 54-49 lead. Ashley Lang's 3-pointer brought it to 54-52 before Big Spring pulled away for good.

"We executed much better in the second half," Avery said. "Courtney came in in the second half and played well. It was a total team effort."

All nine Lady Steers contributed to the scoring effort. Senior Tejal Patel started chipping away at Coahoma's 15-7 lead with a basket. Brock fed Leslie Wolfe, and Big Spring led 23-22. But Rachel Williams' fast break put Coahoma ahead 24-23.

Big Spring's 10th turnover of the evening gave Lauren Nichols a basket and a 26-23 lead. Nichols would score twice more off of two Big Spring turnovers to give Coahoma a 30-25 advantage. Taylor Sheppard also had a big second quarter with two baskets and going 2-for-4 from the charity stripe.

"I thought Coahoma did a good job," Avery said. "We worked hard to find a way to win."

But Coahoma's JV squad ran

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Barnett named Big 12 coach of year

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Gary Barnett, on the Colorado staff when the school won its lone national championship in 1990, came back to Colorado as head coach in 1999 with the slogan "Return to Dominance."

It took three seasons, but even Barnett couldn't have imagined this.

Coming off a 3-8 season, Barnett guided the Buffaloes to a 9-2 record, including a shocking 62-36 win over Nebraska on Friday, and into the Big 12 championship game this

weekend against Texas. For his accomplishments, he was named Big 12 Coach of the Year on Tuesday by The Associated Press.

In balloting by 20 beat writers from the league's seven states, Barnett received 19 votes. Nebraska's Frank Solich received the other.

"That's an honor," said Barnett, 55. "Any time something like this happens, it happens because of what your players and your coaches do. As head coaches, we get way too much credit and probably too

much blame in all this process. But it's very gratifying to hear that news. I thank the voters."

Skillfully pushing all the right buttons, Barnett rallied his team after a season-opening loss to Fresno State that had some fans and the media calling for his dismissal.

The next week, the Buffs dominated in-state rival Colorado State 41-14 to start a five-game winning streak that included a 16-6 road win over Kansas State and a 31-21 decision over Texas A&M.

Texas learned lessons from '99 rematch with Nebraska

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas knows about rematches. And how to lose one.

Two years ago, the Longhorns played in the Big 12 title game against a Nebraska team they beat six weeks earlier in Austin. The Cornhuskers returned to Texas and won the second meeting 22-6 in the Alamodome.

The No. 3 Longhorns vow not to make the same mistake Saturday when they play No. 9 Colorado in the Big 12 title game at Texas Stadium. Six weeks ago, Texas beat the Buffaloes 41-7 in Austin.

Senior guard Antwan Kirk-Hughes, one of six starters remaining from the '99 Nebraska game, remembers the Longhorns being too confident going into that title game.

Although Nebraska had just one loss that season, Texas had beaten the Huskers three straight since

1996. UT was the only team to beat Nebraska three times in the '90s.

"We were saying we beat them once and the team was walking with big chests acting like it was going to happen again," Kirk-Hughes said. "They came out fired up because they remembered their last loss and it knocked them out of a lot of things. We didn't come prepared to play and we can't afford to do that this time."

Texas coach Mack Brown said he knew the Huskers were ready for revenge.

"Nebraska might have been the best team in the country that year. I thought Nebraska was a better team than we were when we beat them here," Brown said. "I knew Nebraska would be mad."

Colorado will be mad on Saturday, said Texas quarterback Chris Simms, who watched the '99 title

game from the bench. The Buffaloes (9-2) won four in a row before losing to the Longhorns (10-1) and haven't lost since.

"Early on, we're going to have to weather the storm a little bit," Simms said. "It's similar to Nebraska in '99. We beat them here and they came out and jumped on us early it was like, 'Oh man, we might get blown out.'"

"They're going to come out with that same intensity. We're just going to have to do a better job of being able to contain it and keep ourselves composed through it all."

Texas made it look easy in October, when Cedric Benson ran for 100 yards and two touchdowns and Simms passed for three TDs.

In both the regular-season wins over the title game foes, Texas got a huge boost from turnovers. Against Colorado, the Longhorns turned two

first-half fumbles into 10 points en route to a 24-7 halftime lead, preventing the Buffs from getting their running game going.

While there are similarities to '99, there also are many differences.

For one, Texas is a better team than it was two years ago, Brown said. Plus, the Longhorns are coming off a 21-7 road win over rival Texas A&M instead of a 20-16 loss. The '99 Longhorns followed the losses to A&M and Nebraska with a blowout loss to Arkansas in the Cotton Bowl.

"We were on a real downer when we lost to A&M," Brown said. "We walked in there with less confidence than we have right now."

Preparing for this rematch, however, will be just as hard as it was then. What worked six weeks ago

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Big Spring Wednesday
SPORTS
The Top Twenty Five Associated Press poll, with first-place parentheses and record Nov. 24:

1. Miami (7)
2. Florida (1)
3. Texas
4. Oregon
5. Tennessee
6. Nebraska
7. Maryland
8. Michigan
9. Colorado
10. BYU
11. Oklahoma
12. Stanford
13. Washington St.
14. Virginia Tech
15. South Carolina
16. Georgia
17. Michigan
18. Syracuse
19. Washington
20. Missouri
21. Fresno St.
22. LSU
23. Ohio St.
24. North Carolina
25. Auburn

The top 25 teams Associated Press' women's basketball poll, with first-place parentheses and record through Nov. 25:

1. Connecticut (42)
2. Tennessee (2)
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4. Vanderbilt
5. Iowa St.
6. Louisiana Tech
7. Stanford
8. Duke
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PUBLIC NOTICE

RRAO/RACOMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION
DISTRICT OF DATE OF ISSUANCE: November 13, 2001
Rule 37 Case No. 0229942
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the WESTPORT OIL & GAS COMPANY INC., 410 SEVENTEENTH ST STE 2300, DENVER CO 80202 has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code Section 3.37) Applicant seeks exception to distance between wells to amended drill Well No. 45, 15th Street, 329 Acres, Sec 13, BK 33 T2S, T4P R1E Co. Survey, A-503, Howard Glasscock Field (State), Howard County, being 11 miles in a southeasterly direction of Big Spring, Texas. The location of this well is as follows: 667' from the south line and 1,889' from the east line of lease, 1,889' from the north line and 1,889' from the east line of survey.

Filed rules for the Howard Glasscock Field are 330948, 19 acres. This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 2,700 feet.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF Rule 37 (16) (A), this application may be granted administratively if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application.

Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessee of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A protest should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Commission at (512) 463-6899.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY DECEMBER 28, 2001 AT 5:00 P.M. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY. #3382 November 21, 28 & December 5, 12, 2001

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Thursday, Nov. 29:
Work and health become high-priority matters. You think about the quality of your day-to-day life more than ever. Notice how strongly you react when you aren't comfortable with others' suggestions or ideas. Pick and choose your battles with care. You don't often reveal your feelings because you fear being hurt. Instead, be open so that others won't inadvertently hurt you. If single, you could choose someone who is emotionally unavailable. Check out your heart-throb before becoming involved. If attached, you will need to share more of your vulnerabilities with your sweetie. A greater closeness is ensured. TAURUS cares.

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)* Lay low when others do uproar.** Your instinct will be to tell someone off. What purpose do you think that will ultimately fulfill? Decide how to insulate yourself and your work from such situations. Curb another's spending if possible. You can only try. Tonight: Get together with a loved one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)* Unexpected developments turn your concentration to a higher-up or boss.** You know what you want, but dealing with this person will require all of your Taurean charm, desirability and logic. Don't worry, your common sense is noticed even if they won't admit it. Tonight: Play the night away.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)* Quiet down and say little, as difficult as that might be for the verbal Gemini.** Take in news from others, but also check it out. You might not be getting hard facts. Subtly verify information. Extremes mark work and emotions. Tonight: Vanish with a favorite person.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)* Unexpected financial developments come your way.** Don't let someone's irritation or pushing get to you. Deal with strangers with care, as if you were walking on eggshells. Your interactions dance along the edge. Enjoy yourself with friends, loved ones and co-workers. Tonight: Where the mad-dening crowds are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)* Stay in charge when others fall apart.** You find someone's behavior a bit touchy or difficult. You don't need to deal with this person, but you choose to do so just the same. A family member tries to make up for a problem. Bathe in their attention. Tonight: Work late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)* Your vision of what might be appropriate at work or when organizing a holiday gathering doesn't conform to someone else's ideas.** As a result, there could be fireworks. Slow down and realize it might be best to indulge someone. Your gentle ways win the day. Tonight: Enjoy yourself to the max!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)* Deal on a one-on-one level with those around you.** Though a child or a loved one could be creating his share of uproar, proceed in a caring and direct manner. Use your creativity to find agreeable solutions for all those involved. Money proves to be a bone of contention. Tonight: Treat a dear friend. Indulge and delight this person.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)* Your family presents many options.** Carry this sense of creativity and energy into your day. Perhaps you don't realize how much you inspire those around you. Someone puts his feelings on the line. Allow yourself to be more vulnerable with this person. Tonight: Defer to another.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)* What you hear could be quite a jolt.** Work stresses you, and you might not be able to stay focused. Don't swallow your anger. Let someone know just how you feel. Extremes punctuate your efforts when dealing with those around you. Tonight: Pace yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)* Check your balance and make sure everything in your monetary world is as you believe it to be.** Your instincts lead you to make strong financial decisions. Someone else might feel a lot differently than you do. Tap into your creativity when choosing a present for a loved one. Tonight: Go out and enjoy yourself!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)* A boss or an authority figure could be surprised by your reaction, or vice versa.** Talk about your aspirations together. You might actually be more alike than you realize. Indulge a family member or make a purchase that makes your domestic life cozier. Tonight: Hang in there.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)* Speak your mind.** Express your ideas and perhaps a dream you have kept to yourself. You might experience an unexpected, strong reaction to someone. Pick and choose your words with care. Someone's over-

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tures touch you deeply. Let this person know. Tonight: Where the action is!

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Sex should be an option, not a command

Dear Ann Landers: I am in total agreement with the woman in "Shreveport, La.," who said she was tired of hearing about "great sex" and didn't care if the last time was her last time.

I, too, do not care for sex, and I don't miss it, despite 40 years of "six times a week and twice on Sundays."

When my husband slowed down and then became impotent due to illness, I was relieved.

I am happy for all the people who enjoy sex and look forward to it. As for me, I much prefer a good night's sleep with no male demands, thank you. Sign me - Content in Marina Del Rey, Calif.

Dear Marina Del Rey: Did you say 40 years of six times a week and twice on Sundays? I hope you were just using a figure of speech. If not, that's downright abusive, for heaven's sake.

I'm glad your husband has slowed down. Meanwhile, you have earned the right to sign off and say "no" anytime you feel like it. You owe him no excuses and no apologies. You've paid your dues.

Dear Ann Landers: About five weeks ago, I made reservations at an old, elegant and expensive hotel in New Hampshire. Two weeks later, I received in the mail a confirmation with "instructions" I found offensive. It was a letter with a detailed description of their dining room dress code.

I was really upset by the letter, which said, "No baseball caps, please." Ann, I am not a slob who would wear a baseball cap in a first-class dining room. I am a man in my 70s who has been traveling in fine circles for years. I was deeply offended. Sign me - A Longtime Reader in Bloomfield, Conn.

Dear Longtime Reader: You can be sure that mailing went out to all prospective clients, along with their confirmations. You should not feel offended. These days, baseball caps appear everywhere, to the dismay of those who run fine dining establishments.

It's bad enough when they are worn in dining rooms, but when they are worn backward in the dining room, well, that's really a no-class move.

Dear Ann Landers: I recently began dating a 55-year-old man who lives 65 miles from me. "Herman" is going through a divorce after 18 years of marriage. (It was his wife's idea.) He has two grown sons and a 17-year-old daughter who has decided to live with her mother.

Herman told me from the beginning that he had no interest in being a father to my two young sons. He said he has already raised his children. Until the divorce, he had been looking forward to spending time with his wife, doing the things they had put off while raising a family.

I enjoy Herman's company, but I wonder if I will be able to change his mind so he can become a father figure to my boys. I am 42 years old and hope he is the answer to my prayers. Do I have a chance, or am I a foolish woman who is wasting her time? - East Bay, Calif.

Dear East Bay: Herman is not the answer to your prayers, dear. Be grateful he was so honest with you.

ANN LANDERS

It would be a mistake to marry the man with the hope that he would be a father to your boys. He has made it clear this is not what HE wants. If you are willing to wait until your sons are out of the house, Herman might make a wonderful husband, but if you want a father figure for those children, keep looking.

Dear Ann Landers: May I say "amen" to "Cassandra in North Carolina"? As the mother of the bride, I can tell you the gifts brought to the ceremony and reception were a real pain in the neck. It took all four parents to load everything in the minivan. Fortunately, we had some help from the hotel staff, but when we got to the kids' apartment, it was just the four of us, and we were dead to the world and ready to crash. Carting gifts up the stairs was exhausting.

Please don't get me wrong, Ann. We were thrilled that our children had so many generous friends, but I'm sure they didn't realize what a back-breaking job it was to transport all those gifts. Happily, we managed to keep the tags and gifts together, which was a minor miracle. A few years ago, we weren't so lucky, and it was one huge mess. - The Bride's Mom in Dallas

Dear Dallas Mom: I still say, the best way is to have Tiffany's, Bloomingdale's, Crate and Barrel, Target or whatever, send the gifts to the bride's home, and let her figure it out.

Forget to save some of your favorite Ann Landers columns? "Nuggets and Doozies" is the answer. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$5.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Nuggets, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$6.25.)

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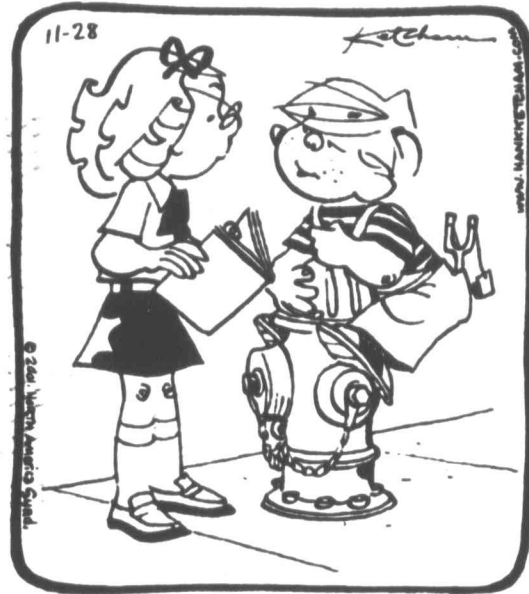
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WEDNESDAY NOV. 28

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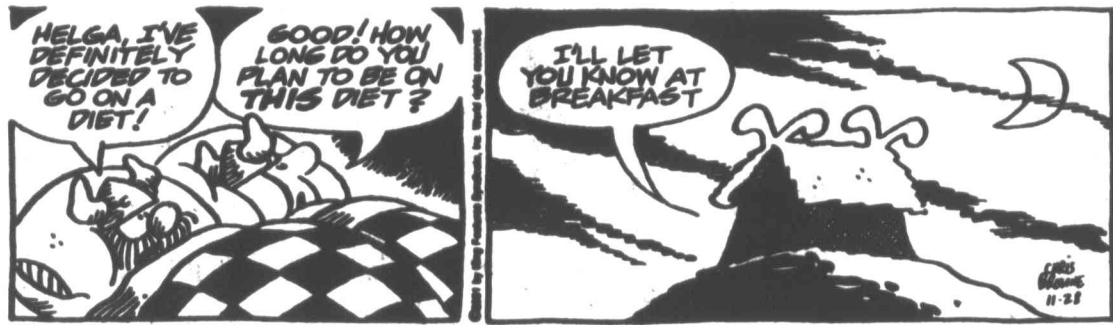
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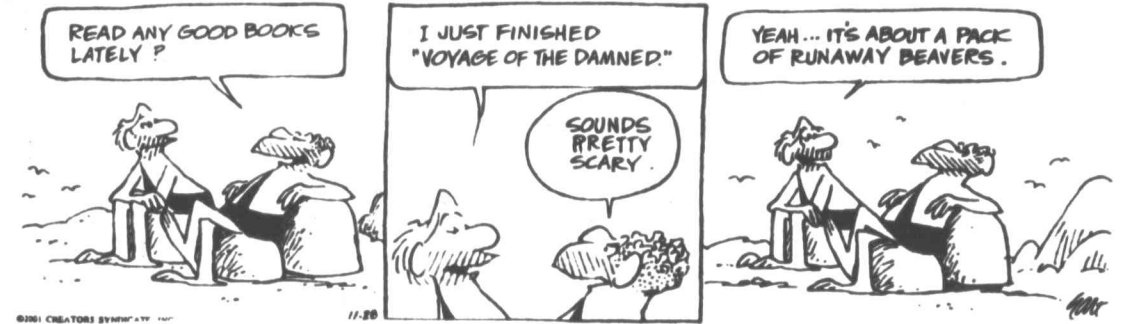
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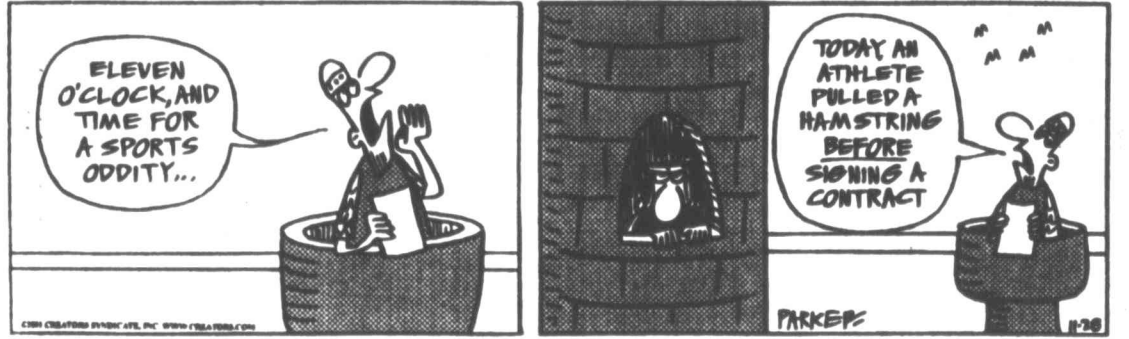
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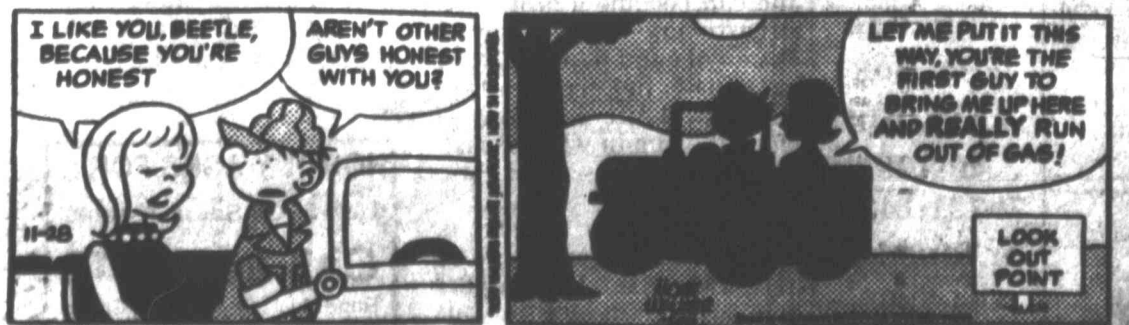
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Wednesday, Nov. 28, the 332nd day of 2001. There are 33 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Nov. 28, 1942, nearly 500 people died in a fire that destroyed the Coconut Grove nightclub in Boston.

On this date:
In 1520, Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan reached the Pacific Ocean after passing through the South American strait that now bears his name.
In 1919, American-born Lady Astor was elected the first female member of the British Parliament.
In 1925, the Grand Ole Opry, Nashville's famed home of country music, made its radio debut on station WSM.
In 1943, President Franklin Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston

Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin met in Tehran during World War II.
In 1944, the MGM movie musical "Meet Me in St. Louis," starring Judy Garland, opened in New York.
In 1958, the African nation of Chad became an autonomous republic with in the French community.
In 1964, the United States launched the space probe Mariner 4 on a course to Mars.
In 1975, President Ford nominated Federal Judge John Paul Stevens to the U.S. Supreme Court seat vacated by William O. Douglas.
In 1985, the Irish Senate approved the Anglo-Irish accord concerning Northern Ireland.
In 1990, Margaret Thatcher resigned as prime minister of Britain during an audience with Queen Elizabeth II, who conferred the premiership on John Major.
Ten years ago: Soviet President Mikhail S.

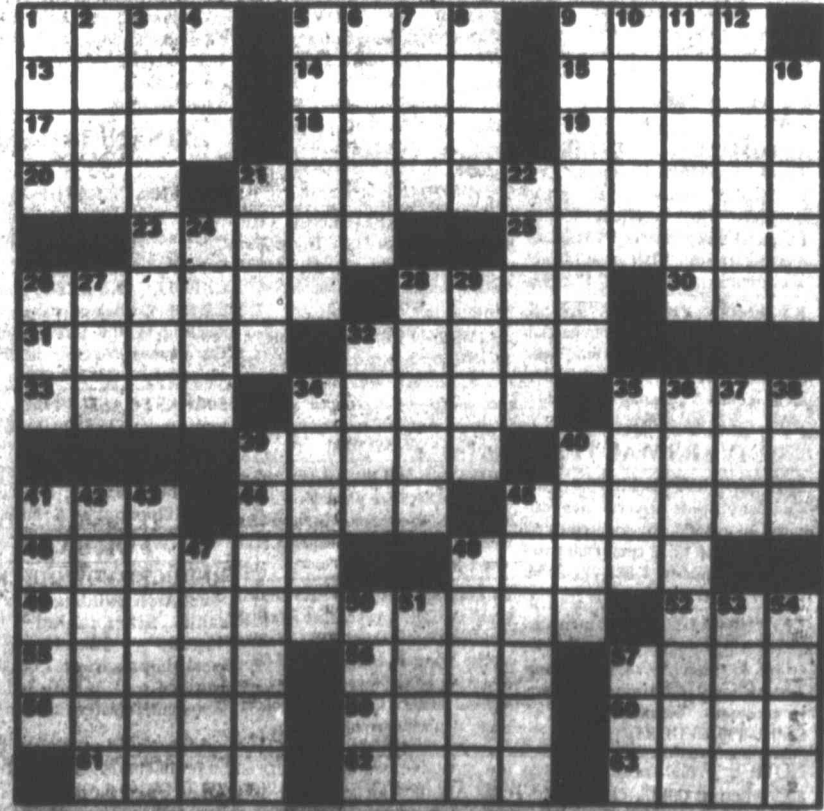
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Newsday Crossword

PONDERABLES by Daniel R. Stark
Edited by Stanley Newman

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| ACROSS | DOWN | DOWN | DOWN |
| 1 Lowdown | 1 Treated a sprain | 8 ___ spumante | 36 Unfriendly one |
| 5 One of the Three Bears | 2 Canceled, as a launch | 9 Snarled up a voice | 37 Do a garden chore |
| 9 Pipe section | 3 Swimmer's motion | 10 Thin, as a voice | 38 Poetic adverb |
| 13 Bottle stopper | 4 Approves | 11 Stir to action | 39 Air out |
| 14 Bullring cheers | 5 Like some homes | 12 Lobster's claw | 40 Fix potatoes |
| 15 Eagle's home | 6 Prince Valiant's love | 16 Glacial ridge | 41 Some singers |
| 17 Sources of pride | 7 Carnivore's diet | 21 Flavor enhancer | 42 Trinket |
| 18 Mix batter | | 22 Not even once | 43 Big ranch or big meal |
| 19 Bright lights | | 24 Bassoon cousin | 45 Filmdom's Willy Wonka |
| 20 Follow relentlessly | | 26 Novelty | 47 Python, e.g. |
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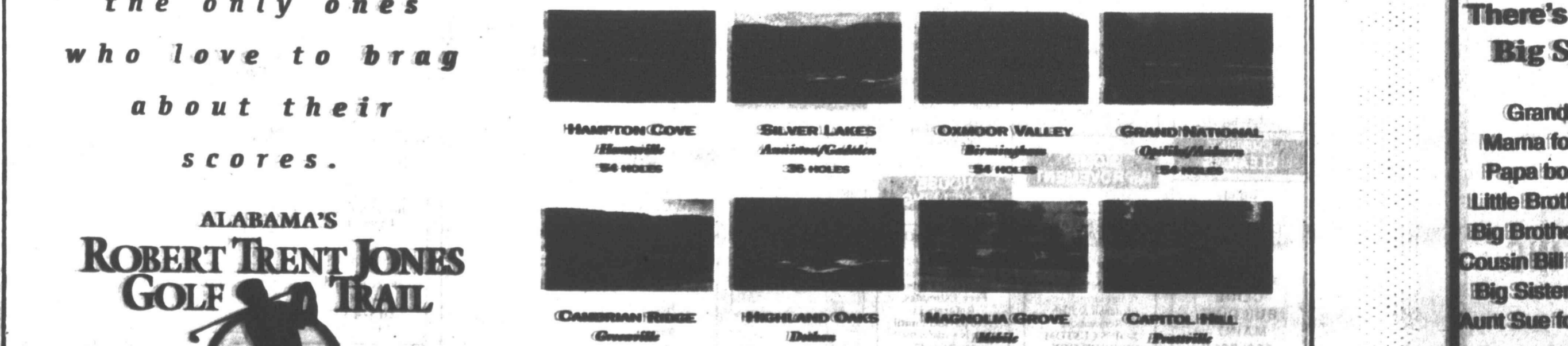
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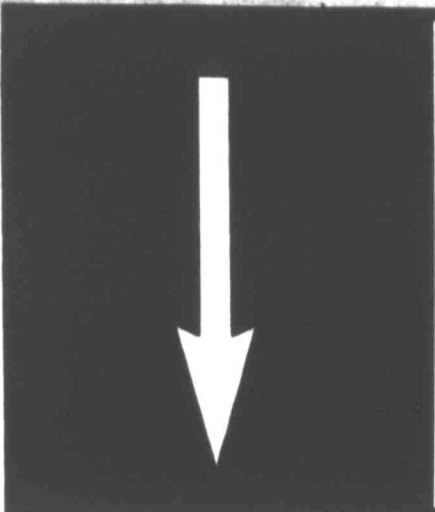
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