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Salute continues

The response to the Herald's Sept. 11, 2001, Commemorative Essay and Art Contest was so impressive that we're still running one to two pages of the artwork from Howard County students each Tuesday.

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Assaults

Big Spring Police are investigating a pair of assaults, each causing minor injuries, that occurred near the end of last week.

The first of the two incidents happened Thursday in the 100 block of Northeast 11th Street, said Big Spring Police Sgt. Roger Sweatt.

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THURSDAY

Game Day

Game Day, a feature of the Herald, runs each Thursday. Sports Editor Tommy Wells will have statistics from previous games as well as previews of all the Friday and Saturday pigskin matchups.

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Bonfire canceled tonight; may be held Thursday

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Maybe, maybe not.

The Big Spring High School homecoming bonfire, canceled tonight, might be held Thursday.

Recent



RITCHEY

Rains had prompted district officials to snuff the bonfire, which was to be held this evening at a field near the Big Spring compost facility. Mike Ritchey, Big Spring High School principal, said it was too muddy for the city to get equipment into the area. There were also concerns about parking. However, Ritchey said today that school and city

officials are looking at other locations and will consider holding the bonfire on Thursday.

Rain won't stop homecoming festivities on Friday, however, as Big Spring High School welcomes back past students.

Alumni and the community can participate in the school's pep rally at 1:50 p.m. Friday to support the Steers as they face off

against Lubbock Estacado's Matadors. The event will be held at the high school gym, 707 E. 11th Place.

Later Friday afternoon, at 4:30, current and former students along with the community will participate in the 2002 Homecoming parade held in downtown Big Spring. Festivities continue during the football game at

Memorial Stadium on the Howard College campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m. and during half-time the homecoming queen and king will be announced.

Homecoming finalists were expected to be elected today during the high school's lunch period.

Nominees for homecom-

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TEACHER OF THE WEEK



Nominator

I am in first grade at Elbow Elementary and my teacher is Ms.

Adams. I think she should be teacher of the week because:

She is very nice to me, she is my best teacher and I like her very much.



Angelica Marisol Hernandez

At left, using a preserved bat, Patti Adams explains about the nature of the nocturnal animals to her Elbow Elementary first grade class.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Even her students admit there's something batty about Patti Adams

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Patti Adams' first grade Elbow Elementary class is just a little bit batty nowadays.

Along with the orange pumpkins and large, black, paper spiders festively decorating the classroom is information on various bats adorning the walls and desks.

No, they're not part of the Halloween decorations, but tools used in studying Adams' favorite science unit — bats.

"I like the study of bats," Adams said. "I think they're cute."

Every year when it's Adams' turn to pick the week's theme to study in science, her nocturnal friends seem to appear.

"Isn't it cute?" Adams said with a humorous grin as she held a close-up picture of a sleepy-looking bat. The night creature's expression is

one of either annoyance or contemplation of how best to attack the cameraman.

"I love kids. I even taught my dolls when I was a kid. I somehow always knew what I wanted to be."

Patti Adams,

Elbow Elementary first grade teacher

Her students seem to enjoy the subject.

Filing into the classroom, the young scholars show excitement that the "Bat Cave," a reading area constructed of black, plastic tarp by Adam's husband, Ricky, is still up.

"The bat cave is still there," one young boy shouts.

"Bats, bats, bats," others chant while the tall, slim teacher

attempts to settle her class into a day's work.

"Is the bat man coming today?" another child quires of Howard College biology instructor Lynn Simpson, who was scheduled for a visit to speak about the animals.

A St. Mary's Episcopal Elementary college first introduced Adams to the study of the nocturnal mammals.

"A teacher there was studying bats," she said.

Teaching since 1981, the Big Spring High School graduate came to St. Mary's on a part-time bases, part-time because of motherhood, she said. She enjoyed 14-years in the Christian-based environment, but made the move to Forsan Independent School District this year when her oldest son, Austin became a freshman in college.

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County OKs courthouse jail elevator repair, source for RO water

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners on Monday approved expenditures

for repair of the county jail elevator door and for a reverse osmosis water system for the Road and Bridge Department.



WALKER

Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker said an upgrade on the elevator is long overdue.

"This jail elevator was put in originally when this courthouse was built in 1952. It's just an old elevator," he said. "It's an obsolete item now, they can't even get parts for it anymore. We have had problems with this door."

Walker said the upgrade will include a new door system for the elevator car.

"They're going to put a new door system on it which is a modern door system," he said. "It will have the infrared sensor which will cause the door to open if someone walks in front of it. This old elevator does not have that currently. It has the bumper on the edge of the door. You literally have to push the bumper to make the door stop. So it's a safety feature they're adding as well as

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Trustees enjoy new facilities, announce personnel promotion

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Howard College trustees enjoyed lunch Monday in the newly renovated Maddux Student Center Building on the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf campus.

Trustees, who also oversee the SWCID budget, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce officials and Big Spring Ambassadors were present for the mid-morning ribbon cutting to officially christen the center and the Pedestrian Plaza.

The state-funded projects, with a combined cost of \$1.14 million, began in July.

Trustees promoted Javier Flores to administrative dean of student services.



Following the ribbon cutting and a tour of the facilities, trustees met in closed session to discuss personnel. After reconvening in open session, trustees approved the promotion of Javier Flores to Howard College administrative dean of student

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SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf and Howard College officials surrounded by Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce representatives and Big Spring Ambassadors watch as Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks and Howard College trustee Michael Flores cut the ribbon on SWCID's renovated Maddux Student Center Building and new Pedestrian Plaza Monday.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Vedon "Don" Stephens

Graveside funeral service for Vedon "Don" Stephens, 71, of Sherman, a former resident of the Big Spring area, is set for 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, 2002, at Center Point Methodist Cemetery in Leoma, Tenn., with the Rev. Milton Weaver officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home in McKinney and Neal Funeral Home in Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

Mr. Stephens died Thursday, Oct. 24, 2002, in Sherman. He was born on July 20, 1931, in Leoma, Tenn., the son of Austin Vuin and Lizzie Belle Griffin Stephens.

He served as a staff sergeant in the U.S. Air Force and was a veteran of the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War. He was a car salesman and a Lutheran.

Survivors include his daughters, Donna Laster of Lucas, Diane Luckenbach of Jacksonville, Ark., and Jennifer Stubbs of St. Cloud, Fla.; a son, Alex Stephen Stephens of Midland; his mother, Lizzie Stephens of Lawrenceburg, Tenn.; brothers Ercell Stephens of Leoma, Tenn., R. L. Stephens and Tommy Stephens, both of Florence, Ala., and Billy Dale Stephens of Summertown, Tenn.; seven grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 12850 Spurling Dr., Dallas 75230.

Robert "Bob" Sumrall

Robert "Bob" Sumrall, 74, of Wylie, died on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2002, in a Dallas hospital. Graveside funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2002, at the Garden City Cemetery with Dr. Alvie B. Stiefer, pastor of First Baptist Church of Garden City, officiating.

Mr. Sumrall was born on May 4, 1928, in Presidio and married Geraldene "Jean" Day on Oct. 21, 1962, in Friona. She preceded him in death on Oct. 12, 1995.

He worked as a truck driver for Scurlock Permian Oil Company for many years. He had lived in Odessa and Midkiff for many years, before moving to Wylie in August of 2002.

He was a United States Army veteran.

Survivors include: five daughters, Sherry Greer of Wylie, Jolynne Eglund of Utah, Theresa Purcell of Snyder, Alisa Lowers of El Paso and Bobbie Kay Sheffield of Farris; a brother, Tex Sumrall of Fort Stockton; a sister, Shirley Barksdale of Grandfalls; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Big Spring. www.hpwelch.com

Pamela Fay Looney

Funeral service for Pamela Fay Looney, 46, of Big Spring will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2002, in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Tom Holcomb and the Rev. Greg Taylor officiating. Burial will be at Hillside Memorial Gardens in Snyder under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Ms. Looney died Sunday, Oct. 27, 2002, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a sudden illness. She was born on Oct. 20, 1956, in Snyder.

A longtime resident of Snyder, she had moved to Big Spring about 10 years ago. She worked as a nurse for Nurses Unlimited, caring for the elderly in their homes.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Katrina and Jason Gonzales of Big Spring, a son, James Turnbo of Big Spring; her mother, Theresa Joan Lindsey of Big Spring; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Mike and Moira Lindsey of Snyder and Robert and Jo Ann Lindsey of Hugo, Okla.; and three grandchildren, Brittany Gonzales, Chelci Gonzales and Jessica Gonzales, all of Big Spring.

Visitation is scheduled for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Paid obituary

Marion M. Lancaster

Funeral services for Marion M. Lancaster, 82, of Big Spring are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Mr. Lancaster died Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2002, in a local nursing home.

EMS

The following is a summary for the The Big Spring Fire/EMS Department:

MONDAY

7:42 a.m. — 2200 block of Lynn, trauma call, patient transported to VA Medical Center.

2 p.m. — 1800 block of North U.S. Highway 87, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

3:51 p.m. — 1800 block of North U.S. Highway 87, medical call, patient transported to SMMC

5:30 p.m. — 300 block of East FM 700, traffic accident, service refused.

9:35 p.m. — 1500 block of Kentucky, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

10:11 p.m. — 700 block of Baylor, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain medical Center.

Lottery

Lottery results for Monday, Oct. 28, 2002:

• Cash Five numbers: 5-13-14-17-25

• Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night: 2-6-1

• Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday afternoon: 4-0-9

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from noon Saturday until 7 a.m. Monday:

• **TERRY D. SPEARS**, 35, of 709 Lorilla was arrested on local warrants.

• **ELIZABETH CHAVEZ HARO**, 29, of 1425 E. Sixth St. was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

• **MARGARET EVELYN CLANTON**, 27, of 401 Westover Road was arrested to hold for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

• **WENDY K. PHELPS**, 30, of 1315 Tucson was arrested to hold for the Department of Public Safety.

• **MISTY DAWN MARSHALL**, 29, of 609 S. Johnson St. was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **ANTHONY WAYNE HANSON**, 56, of Route 1, Box 30, in Ackerly was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct — urinating in public.

• **TONY HARO**, 42, of 808 Abrams was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ASSAULT THREATENING BODILY INJURY** was reported in the 1300 block of Colby Avenue.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1400 block of Sycamore Street. Someone reportedly kicked or forced open the rear door to gain entry to the home before stealing computer equipment valued at \$250.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 3300 block of East FM 700, the 900 block of South Scurry Street, the 600 block of South Birdwell Lane, the 2300 block of Wason Road and the 400 block of South Birdwell Lane.

• **LOUD PARTY/NOISE** was reported in the 1500 block of East Cherokee Street.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2200 block of South Nolan Street, the 1600 block of Virginia Avenue and the 500 block of Westover Road.

Take note

□ Big Spring Junior High School science department is selling live, miniature Christmas trees. The trees are fully decorated and in four-inch pots.

Each tree is \$6 and must be paid in advance. The trees should arrive between Dec. 2-6.

Students are not selling door-to-door. To purchase a tree, contact a seventh or eighth grade student or a junior high science teacher.

Funds raised will go to enhance the Big Spring Junior High School science program.

□ The Class of 1992 is looking for the following students for their upcoming reunion — Valarie Akin, Ben Chau, Christina Cox, Gary Flynn, Jason Gonzales, Michael Hauser, Brian Jones, Kimberly Miers, Jo Beth Neighbors, Jeremy Pope and Cynthia Resendez.

Others include Kris Ryan, Kevin Stansel, Daniel Vera, James Ward, Belinda Banks, Ortencia Chavera, Sidney Dixon, Michael Gamboa and Zybou Gonzalez.

Also, Darius Hill, Roger Kilgore, Hilary McGuire, Jason Mills, Joey Perez, Kati Reagan, John Richardson, Valerie Samora, David Valencia, Patrick Walker, Amy Weaver, Jason Beddow, Pat Chaverria, Kayla Donica, Sheila Gamboa, Amanda Gorrondona, Eric Johnke, Willie Kimble, Debra McMillan, Wanda Peterson, Lance Reeves, Teresa Ross, James Soles, Anthony Vera, and Amie Walters.

If you have any information about these classmates' phone numbers or addresses please contact Brooke Everett at 268-9742.

Support groups

TODAY

□ AA Open discussion meeting, 615 Settles 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Closed podium meeting, 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

□ TOPS Club TX 1756 (take off pounds sensibly), weigh in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 11th and Birdwell.

□ Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

□ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, closed meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY

□ Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

□ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Noon Open 12 and 12 Study meeting, 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

□ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Noon women's meeting 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

FRIDAY

□ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

□ Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Open Birthday Night No Smoking Meeting Celebrating AA Sobriety Yearly Birthdays, 615 Settles the last Saturday of every month covered dish supper

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald at 263-7331 or email johnmoseley@bigspringherald.com.

WEDNESDAY

□ Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxillary meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge located at 703 West Third.

THURSDAY

□ Gideon International Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. at Herman's Restaurant.

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

□ Kiwanis Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

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

FRIDAY

□ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 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 the Brandin' Iron Inn.

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

□ Spring City Senior Citizens Country and Western Dance, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. All area seniors invited.

SATURDAY

□ Pottin House, 200 Gregg, a restored historical home, is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

A one time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens is encouraged.

□ Heritage Museum located at 510 Scurry is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

□ Hangar 25 Air Museum located at McMahon-Wrinkle Air Park is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

□ Dance at 8:30 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge located at 703 West Third. Members and guests welcome.

MONDAY

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

□ Concerned Citizens meets at 7 p.m. in the Fiberflex conference room on Bethel St. in the Airpark. Public is invited.

□ Howard County ARC meets at 806 East Third at the Bingo hall. For more information call 264-0674.

□ Big Spring Chapter and Council RAM meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic building 221 1/2 Main.

at 7 p.m. Birthday meeting at 8 p.m.

MONDAY

□ TOPS Club TX 21 (take off pounds sensibly), weigh in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.

□ New Voice Club is a support group for laryngectomies and their families. No dues. For more information, call 267-2800.

Do you have a favorite holiday recipe?
Enter it in the Herald's
Recipe contest.

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Plenty of Halloween activities planned in Big Spring Thursday

HERALD Staff Report

Parents who have concerns about their children going door-to-door to collect treats Thursday night can allay their fears by taking the youngsters to controlled activities instead.

A number of businesses, retirement homes, churches and shops will be handing out candy and other goodies for children. Some are going all out to entertain, as well.

First on the list — time-wise, at least — is the Big Spring State Hospital Fall Festival parade. It's set for 10 a.m. and includes the Forsan High School marching band, Howard College cheerleaders and mascot and various floats. A costume contest will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the gazebo in front of the Allred building for members of the community.

For the first time Thursday, the *Big Spring Herald* will be passing out treats to the kids of the community from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The *Herald* is located at 710 Scurry.

Just a few blocks away, at the Municipal Court

parking lot, 308 Johnson, the Big Spring Citizens Academy and Big Spring Police Department will be handing out candy from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Big Spring Mall will host a costume contest for all ages from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The mall will play host to trick-or-treaters from 6:30 until 7:30.

The Mountain View Lodge staff will be handing out candy to area trick or treaters from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The nursing home is located at 2009 Virginia.

Big Spring Post Office will be hosting a carnival from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m..

With assistance from H-E-B, Big Spring ISD students and some State National Bank employees, the post office will host a "Wizard of Oz" display. Also on hand will be some Disney characters, Uncle Sam and assorted spooks.

Canterbury Retirement Home is offering its traditional "Canterbury Spookhouse" from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Halloween. It's the 23rd year to offer a safe, fun event from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

StarTek, located in the

College Park Shopping Center, will be open for Halloween tours from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The business will have sections set up in its facility decorated as movie motifs, such as Harry Potter, Indiana Jones, *Scream* and *War of the Worlds*. They will be giving guided tours through about 10 different movie themes.

On the other side of town, at 703 W. Third, Eagles Lodge 3188 will have treats for youngsters from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Also, Shae's Gifts, at 1811 Lancaster, will be handing out treats from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The First Baptist Church Fall Festival is also scheduled for Halloween night.

Set for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the church's Family Life Center, the event will include a costume contest that will be divided into age groups, as well as a number of games and other activities.

Admission will be free and the youth group will be selling hot dogs, soft drinks, nachos and other treats.

ADAMS

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Adams said she always seemed drawn to education.

"I love kids," she said. "I even taught my dolls when I was a kid. I somehow always knew what I wanted to be."

And sometimes her elementary teacher persona leaks out in other areas.

"I like to listen to kids' music at home sometimes," she said. "My kids, (Austin, Kendall and Haley) say 'on no' and then they put on their music."

"I'll say 'just a few songs.'"

HOW TO NOMINATE

The *Big Spring Herald* and the Big Spring Education Federal Credit Union congratulate Patti Adams as the Teacher of the Week.

If you want to earn your favorite teacher a quick \$25 in cash, send your nomination for Teacher of the Week to the *Herald* at 710 Scurry St., by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom or johnmoseley@bigspringherald.com. Nominations can be mailed to P.O. Box. 1431, Big Spring 79720.

• Nominees must be currently teaching in Howard County.

• Anyone who attended a school in Howard County may submit a nomination.

• Students can nominate their former or current teacher. Draw, write, e-mail, scrawl (must be legible), on a piece of paper, the back of your mom's grocery list or even write a song about your favorite teacher. Creativity counts. Focus on how the teacher impacted you while in his or her class.

Contact Staff Writer ext. 234, or by e-mail at Lyndel.Moody@263-7331, newsdesk@crcom

Local police investigate pair of assaults

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Big Spring police are investigating a pair of assaults that occurred near the end of last week.

The first happened Thursday in the 100 block of Northeast 11th Street, said Big Spring Police Sgt. Roger Sweatt.

"Officers went up to the (Scenic Mountain Medical Center) emergency room and contacted the complainant," he said. "She's advising that she was assaulted by a person that she knows.

She and this male adult got into an argument and an altercation at a residence in the 100 block of Northeast 11th around 1 to 1:30 a.m."

The woman was reportedly beat up in the incident, causing her minor injuries, Sweatt said.

"He struck her a few times. They had gotten into a disagreement, an altercation, and it just kept going from there," he said. "She was struck a couple of times and I think she was bitten once on her finger. No life-threatening injuries or anything like that."

"Once again the officer was dispatched to the emergency room in reference to an assault," Sweatt said. "He contacted a young lady who said she was assaulted up at the high school by other students. I don't think they got in an argument or anything, but a couple of other students came up and struck her a couple of times in the leg. It caused some bodily injury, nothing serious. She was treated and released."

The other incident occurred Friday at Big Spring High School.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Billie Miller, 72, died Saturday. Funeral services were 2:00 PM today at Hillcrest Baptist Church. Burial was at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Most emphatically, the answer is YES. Episcopalians not only believe in sin, they too-often indulge in it. "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves. (1 John 1:8)
But Episcopalians also believe in the grace of God... His acceptance and forgiveness. Confession of sin and the declaration of God's forgiveness play a large part in the worship service.
The aim of the Episcopal Church, therefore, is to help ordinary people live a more Christian life...and to assist them in finding God's loving forgiveness and inspiration.
Episcopalians have a pretty good rule-of-thumb on this subject: "Trespassers welcome!"
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COUNTY

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just a needed mechanical updating."

The old elevator, which ferries inmates, guards and visitors to the jail on the courthouse's fourth floor, has actually caused injuries.

"We had one employee injured on it a few months back," Walker said. "It bumped him and caused some injury. Nothing major, but just caused some injury to him. This is a general public-access elevator as well. People coming to visit the inmates in this jail all enter that elevator."

The upgrade will cost about \$11,000, said County Auditor Jackie Olson. The contract was awarded to the low bidder, A H Elevator Company of Colorado City, she added.

The new R/O system for the Road and Bridge Department will provide water and ice for county road work crews as well as water and ice for the county courthouse, said Road and Bridge Administrator Eddy Jameson.

"What we've been doing in the past is just buying bulk R/O water from Big Spring Water," Jameson said. "It's getting to the point that it's too expensive so we're going to just install our own R/O system and go from there. It's for drinking water for the crews and ice for them. It will also furnish ice and water for the courthouse."

The road crews need plenty of fresh drinking water, especially in the summertime, Jameson said.

"I've got 22 employees and every one of them, for a safety factor mainly and also, people get thirsty, they take fresh water

with them every day," he said.

The filtration system will be located at the Road and Bridge maintenance barn, 1011 N. San Antonio, Jameson said.

Olson said the system would cost the county about \$2,300.

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COLLEGE

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services. "I'm really thrilled about the opportunity," Flores said.

An college employee since 1999, Flores was recently serving as the Howard College dean of students. He will take a seat at the college's executive committee and report directly to Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks.

Flores' promotion takes some load off of Dr. Amy Burchett, vice president of academics, who oversees student services. Burchett will continue to oversee council and admissions.

In other business, trustees should expect to have bids for the demolition of the Howard College theater building by their November meeting.

"We'll be putting these preparations out on the street," said project architect Phil Furqueron. "Primarily we're going to cover most of it over the Christmas holidays when the kids are off campus. It reduces the risk of injury."

The privately-funded project will replace the aging structure with a the new building that administrators hope will be a unique, cutting-edge performance hall.

In other business

trustees: • Heard about Howard College's plan to participate in the statewide higher education initia-

tive "Closing the Gap," to increase awareness of college opportunities and increase participation. Howard College will join area school districts and higher education entities on Nov. 12 to host several activities at the West Texas Training Center in San Angelo and on the Howard College campus.

• Approved A \$52,208 bid from Dell Computer of Austin for 15 computers; a \$62,726 bid from Dell Computer for four servers; a \$12,000 bid from Vaughn Storage Systems Company of Lubbock for metal lockers for the baseball locker room; and a \$26,441 bid for a diesel 2003 Chevrolet Silverado and a \$19,474 bid for a 2003 Chevrolet Astro Minivan, both from Pollard Chevrolet.

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OUR VIEWS

Linguistics woes must be addressed

U.S. intelligence agencies and the military can't afford to act like the stereotypical ugly American who discounts the need to learn other languages and arrogantly expects the rest of the world to operate in English.

Our nation's security depends in large part on gathering intelligence, and that requires foreign language expertise.

That's why it's troubling that a congressional report found glaring weaknesses in linguistics at the State Department, the CIA, the FBI and the armed services.

The agencies don't have enough personnel who are proficient in foreign languages, much less fluent, a report that was presented to the House Armed Services terrorism subcommittee this week said. The shortages are especially critical for languages that are considered difficult, such as Arabic, Farsi, Korean and Russian. ...

The government has been trying to address the problem by spending millions on language training. That might have been the right approach, if a consistent education effort had been launched years ago. But it's not a quick or cheap fix. It takes two years of intensive training for someone to gain a "limited working level" in a language like Arabic, according to the Defense Language Institute.

Since agencies can't know for certain which languages will be important in the future, training alone can never fill all their needs.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We are responsible in all areas of our lives. Remind us to trust in you, Lord, and your leadership.

Amen

It's simply a matter of credibility

It is a sad business when you can no longer trust your own government to tell you the truth. That's the great harm to America that President Bush's propaganda campaign against Iraq has caused.

Trust is a fragile but precious thing. One lie can destroy it, for once a person lies, you can never be certain in the future if he or she is telling the truth or lying some more.

If only President Bush had been honest with us in regard to Iraq, then I would be supporting him. All he had to do was tell the truth: There is no evidence that links Saddam Hussein to the Sept. 11 attack; there is no hard evidence that he has any weapons of mass destruction, but we suspect that he does; given his past history, we believe it is imperative to get United Nations arms inspectors

back into Iraq to determine the truth, for I fear, if he does have weapons of mass destruction, he might one day decide to supply them to terrorists.

Instead, the Bush administration has asserted as fact that Iraq does have weapons of mass destruction, does have links to al-Qaida and is an imminent threat to the security of the United States. When Iraq offers to allow the world to come see for itself, Mr. Bush says that's just a trick. When Iraq offers to allow the U.N. inspectors back in, Mr. Bush argues against them going. He is determined to get the U.N. Security Council to pass a resolution that no leader of any sovereign nation could accept.

That's the same trick the Clinton administration pulled on Yugoslavia. Yugoslavia was willing to admit U.N. or even NATO observers into Kosovo, but the United States insisted that as part of the deal, NATO troops would have unrestricted access to all of Yugoslavia. Yugoslavia turned it down, as the United States knew it would, and the bombing campaign started immedi-

ately. That's what Bush wants. He wants a resolution Saddam Hussein cannot accept so Bush will have the excuse to go to war. His objective is not disarmament, but regime change and American occupation of Iraq. American and British financial interests have never forgiven Iraq for kicking them out in the late 1970s when it nationalized the Iraqi oil reserves. Two of the clauses he knows Saddam will never accept are for any permanent member of the Security Council to add its own representatives to the inspection team and another clause that states armed forces should accompany the inspectors. Mr. Bush has never mentioned to the American people that the United States corrupted the last U.N. arms-inspection process by using it as a cover for spies. That is a fact.

Hopefully, the French will hang tough, and Mr. Bush won't get his war-triggering resolution. Then he will be forced to choose between naked aggression without a U.N. fig leaf or allowing inspectors to go back and do their job. I

expect he will choose naked aggression. He will call whatever gaggle of small and weak countries that give their passive assent his "global coalition."

I thought of George Orwell when George Bush, in a belligerent speech before he signed the congressional war resolution, said it was being done "for the cause of peace." That's newspeak — war is peace. Trust in George Bush is gone. What he is doing is anti-America in the sense that it violates all the traditions that made this country great. We are like Rome now, with thousands of soldiers stationed in more than 60 countries and our emperor proclaiming the right to remove any sovereign government he doesn't like (provided, of course, it is small and defenseless).

Far from serving the cause of peace, Mr. Bush is involving our country in a perpetual war against the rest of the world, a war we will eventually lose. He is not protecting the American people; he is endangering all of us.

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The power of words is truly awesome

There is an old saying that goes, "sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never hurt me." While I don't know if you have ever heard this or not, I'm here to tell you that it's one of the biggest lies that has ever been told. In my own personal experience, I have seen the power of inspiring words lift a very despondent person to overcome all manner of obstacles and I've also seen the power of malicious and mean-spirited words tear another person down and make them feel worthless, as a human being.

Like you, I love the English language and do my best to express myself in a clear and convincing manner. Here is what Leo Rosten, a noted authority on our language has to say about words, *They Sing*.

They hurt. They teach. They sanctify. They were manis first, immeasurable feat of magic. They liberated us from ignorance and our barbarous past

There is no doubt about it, words are very powerful and we should be very careful how we use them, especially in relation to the worth and dignity of other people. This is even more important as it relates to members of our own family and others we have the power to influence. For some reason, our nation's school teachers just came to mind here. To illustrate what I mean, I'd like to tell you about an interesting experiment that has the potential to make a real difference in the lives of those unfortunate people who spend all or most of their time in a negative environment. This experiment began as follows: one time some research scientists took a large glass tank and filled it with water. In this tank they placed a large fish and a good number of small minnows. Hopefully you can see this in your mind. What do you think happened? If you said the

fish ate the minnows, give yourself an "A".

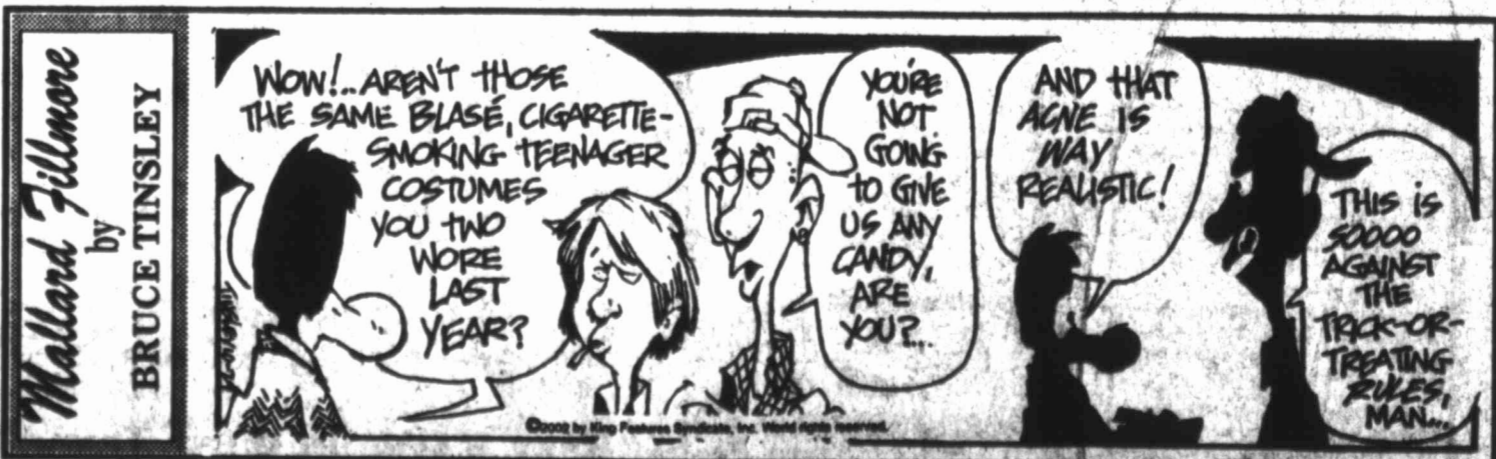
For several days the scientists kept adding more minnows to the tank and the big fish had a good thing going, because he just kept on eating them. Then one day the scientists placed a glass partition between the two, with the big fish on one side and the minnows on the other. If you have spent a good deal of your time in a "negative" environment, here's the part of this experiment that may be of some benefit to you.

As the big fish got hungry and would start for a minnow, the glass partition was there to stop him. In essence this partition was saying, "No, you can't" and this experience was repeated literally hundreds of times. Each time the fish went for a minnow, the partition was there to say, "No, you can't." Finally, after several more days the scientists removed the glass partition. At this point, what do you think happened? Here is the correct answer. The fish was so conditioned that as minnows swam all around him,

he would not even make an attempt to go after them, and in a few weeks he literally starved to death!

In a tank where a banquet was being served, a fish starved to death because he had been pre-conditioned by a clear glass partition that said, "No, you can't." Here's the moral or principle of this story that has the potential to change our lives for the better. If we aren't using the wonderful talents and abilities that God has given us, it could be that at some time in our lives we were pre-conditioned by someone who literally kept saying, "No, you can't." If we hear those words often enough, like the fish, pretty soon we will begin to believe them. This will result in lower self-esteem and a lack of self-confidence, which affects everything we do. Remember, as it relates to inspiring others, "words are powerful" and we need to be very careful how we use them.

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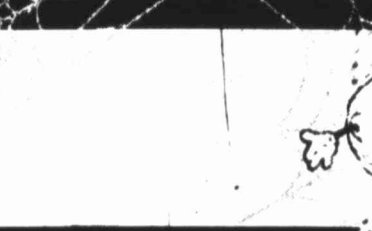
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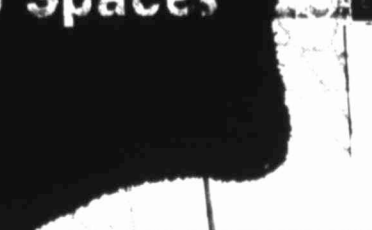
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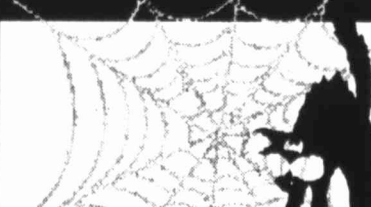
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- Don't eat any treats until you get home and have them carefully inspected.
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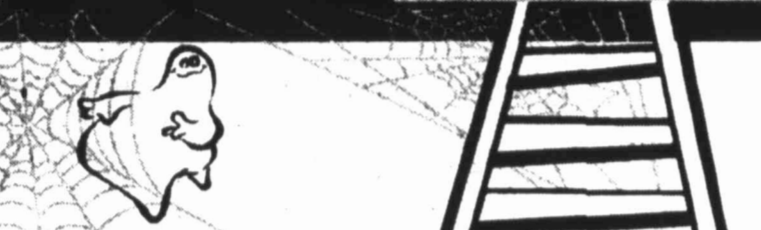
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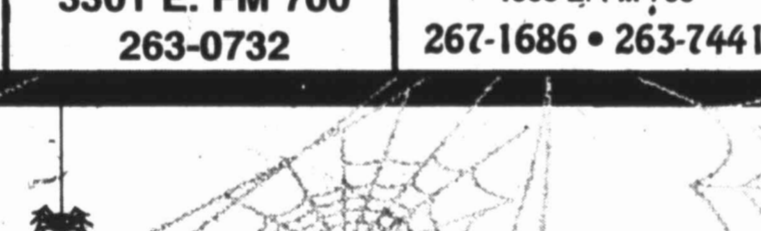
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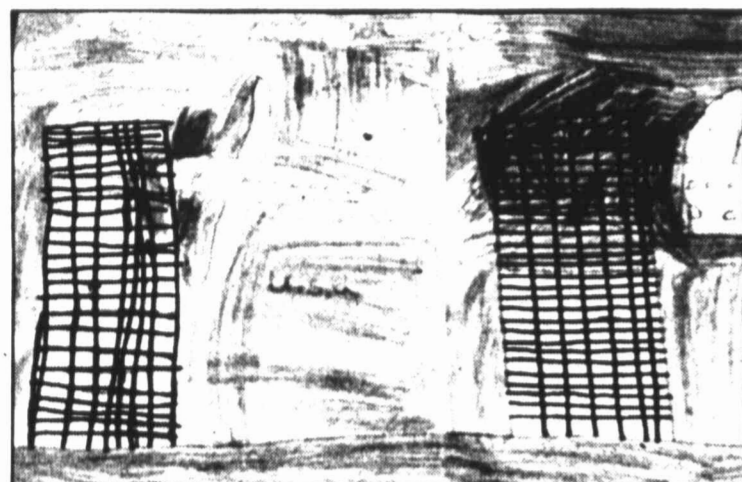
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- Respect other people's property as well as your own.
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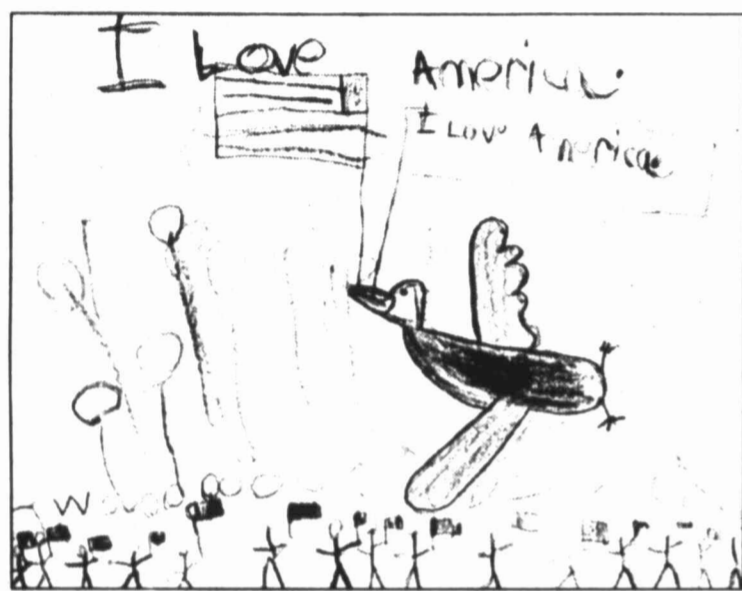
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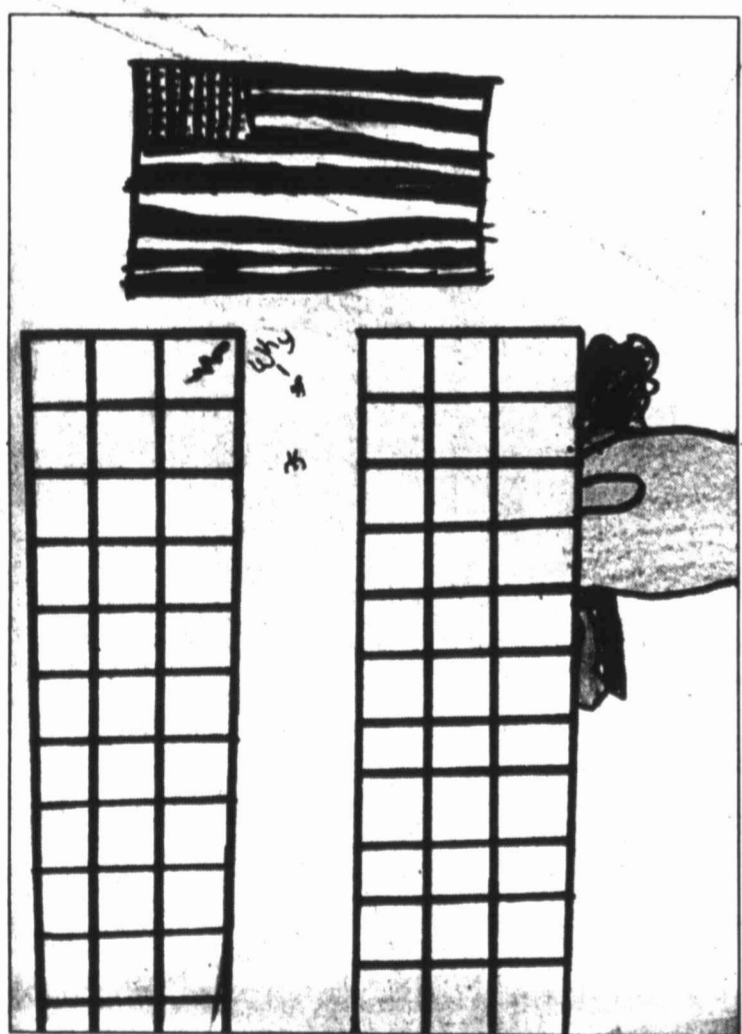
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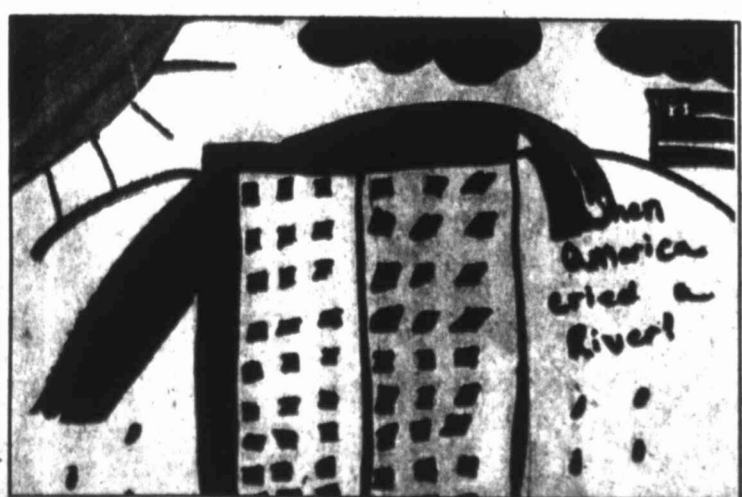
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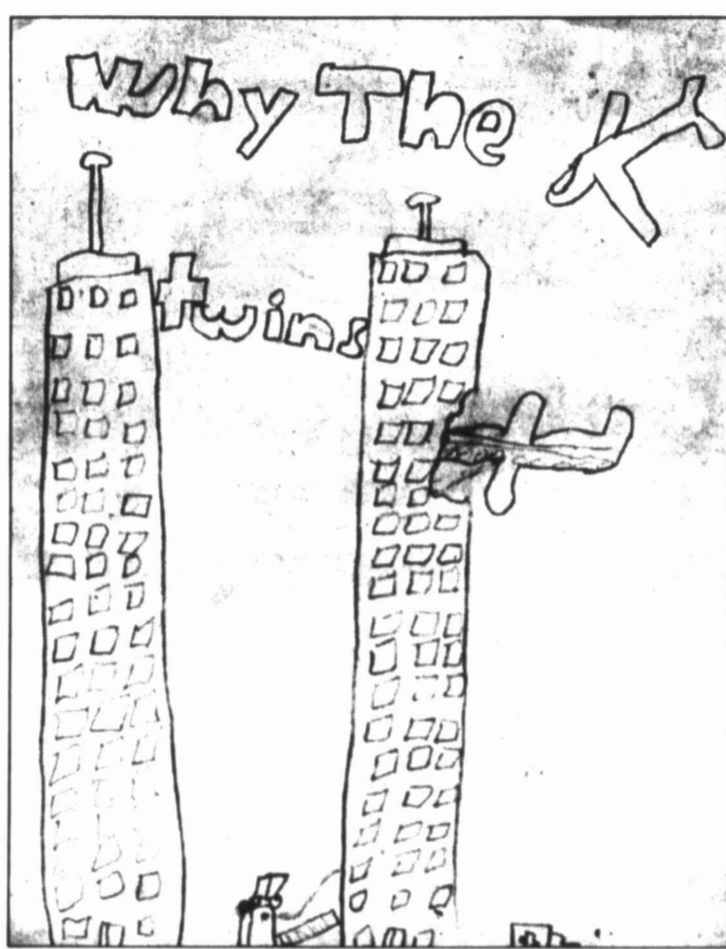
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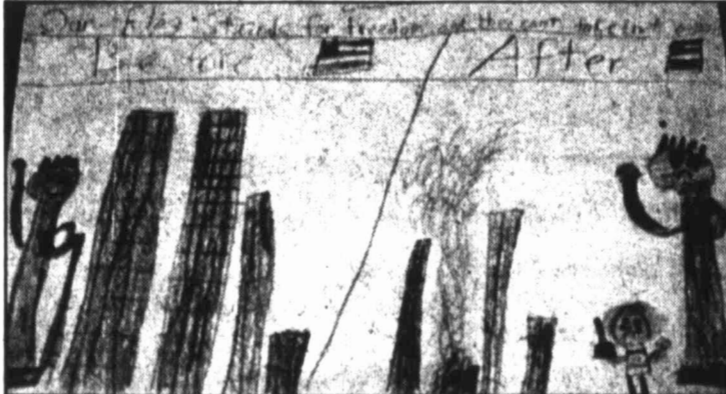
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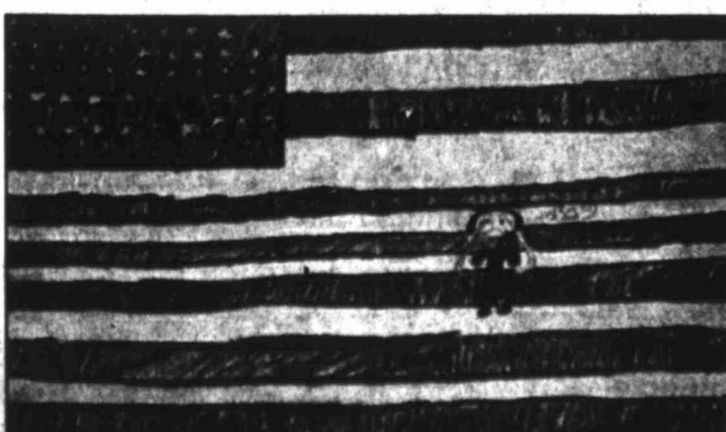
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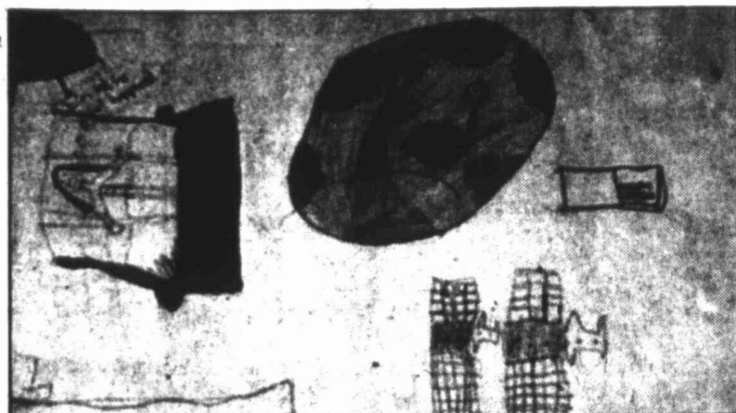
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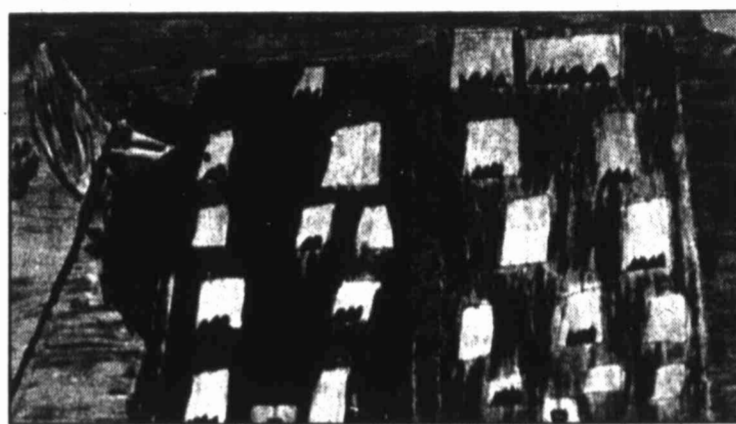
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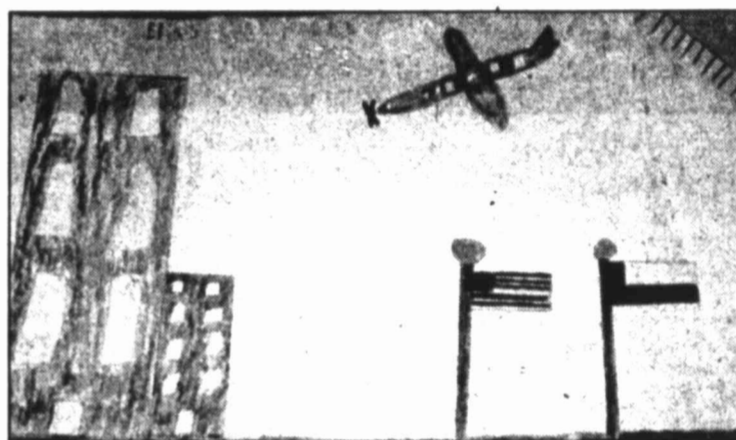
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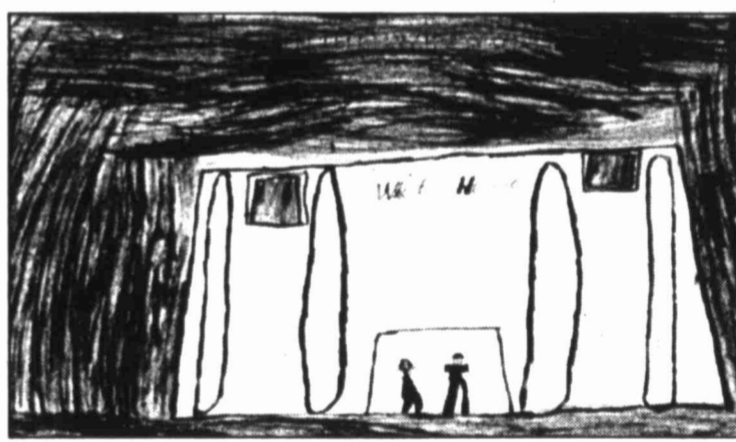
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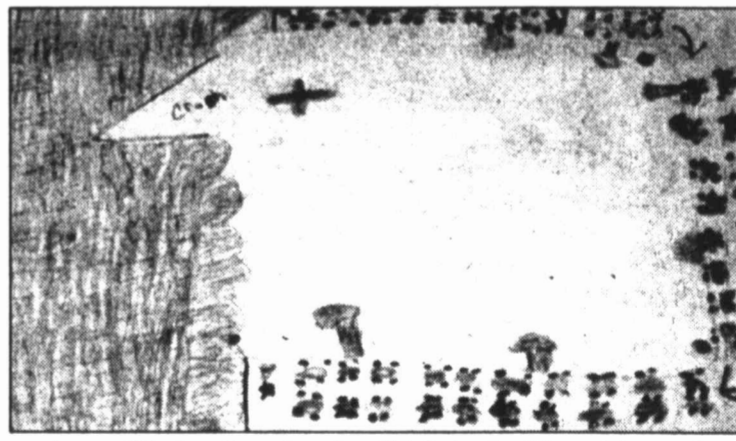
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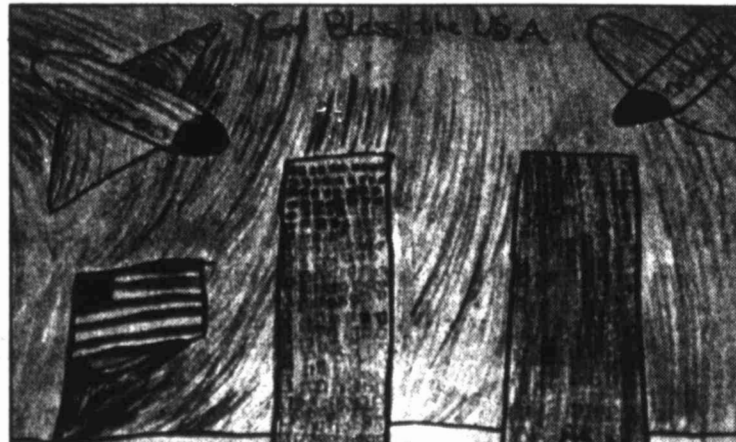
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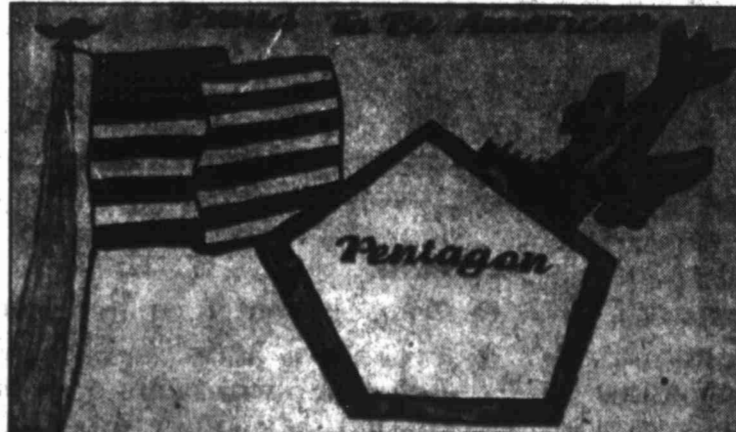
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Celebrate Children's Book Week

Meet Author Polly Horvath

Polly Horvath won a Newbery Honor Book award this year for "Everything on a Waffle." It is one of her seven children's books. Her eighth, "The Canning Season," is due to come out in April. She is also working on her first adult novel.

Background

Polly Horvath was born in Kalamazoo, Mich. Her mother, Betty Horvath, wrote picture books. Her father, John Horvath, taught high school biology.

She said: "I remember writing from the time I was about 8. It was a natural thing for me. I always wanted to be a writer."

She started sending books to publishers when she was 14. Several publishers were interested but wanted her to rewrite the books.

Finally, her mother wrote the publishers, telling them that this writer was only a child.

When she was 18, she moved to Canada to learn to teach ballet.

In "Everything on a Waffle," Primrose refuses to believe that her parents are truly lost at sea. She finds comfort with her free-spirited uncle and the owner of a very strange restaurant.



Her family: Polly Horvath, 45, and her husband, Arnie Keller, a writing professor, have two daughters, Emily, 15, and Rebecca, 12. They have a horse, Zayda, and a dog, Keena, a smooth collie. They live in Metchoan, British Columbia, Canada.

The first book

Several knee surgeries convinced her not to dance anymore, although she continued to teach it.

When she was 23, she sent in "An Occasional Cow." At the publisher's request, she spent seven years rewriting it before it was finally published.

By then she was working on her second book, pregnant with her first daughter and still teaching ballet.

She spent three more years teaching ballet, and then quit to write full time.

Her work schedule

Monday through Friday she takes the dog for a run each morning, then sits down at the computer by 9:30. She writes until 2 or 2:30, when it is time to pick up the kids at school.

She writes in a basement office with nice windows overlooking plum and apple orchards.

Some favorites

Time and place to read: "I can't fall asleep without reading in bed at least a couple of hours a night. I have done this since I learned to read. My girls are the same."

Hobbies: She is trying to learn to ride the family's horse. Also, she said, "We're living in the woods now, so I take long, long walks in the woods."

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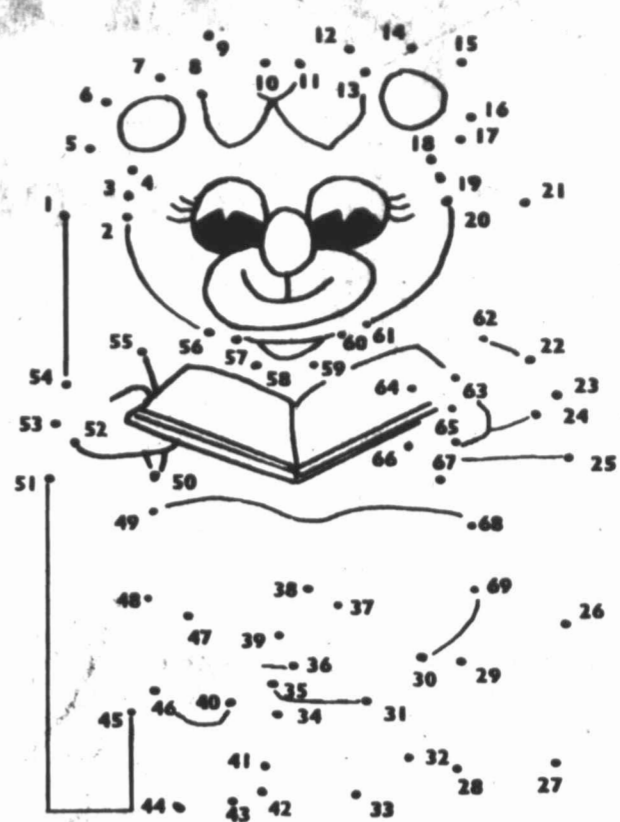
In "The Trolls," three children learn amazing things about their family and themselves when their funny, wise aunt takes care of them.



Advice to kids

Polly Horvath said that people tie themselves up with little things that are unimportant. "You don't have to do so many things that can seem so vitally important. Just do what is important to you."

Go dot to dot and color.



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Rookie Cookie's Recipe Morning Mushroom Bake

You'll need:

- 12 slices bread, torn into small pieces
- 1 (10-ounce) box frozen chopped broccoli, thawed
- 2 cups mushrooms, sliced
- 6 eggs, beaten
- 3/4 cups milk
- 3 cups cheddar cheese, grated

What to do:

1. Place bread pieces, broccoli and mushrooms evenly in bottom of greased 12-by-8-inch baking dish.
2. Combine remaining ingredients in a medium bowl. Mix well.
3. Pour liquid mixture over mixture in pan. Refrigerate overnight.
4. Bake in a preheated 325-degree oven for 1 hour. Serves 6 to 8.



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Gus Goodsport's Report Supersport: Terrell Owens

Height: 6-3 Birthdate: 12-7-73
Weight: 226 College: Tennessee-Chattanooga

Terrell Owens is in his seventh season playing wide receiver for the San Francisco 49ers.

Last year he caught a total of 1,412 yards and 16 touchdowns. His touchdown total was best among all players and the best of his career. He also played in his second Pro Bowl game. He had six games where he caught for more than 100 yards.

In 2000 he scored 13 touchdowns and had a career-high 97 catches for a career-high total of 1,451 yards.

Terrell was born in Alexander City, Ala. In high school he was on the football, baseball, basketball, and track and field teams. He is single and lives in Fremont, Calif.

Meet Nelly Furtado

Nelly Furtado says she was born to sing and create music. She has done very well at it. Her first hit song was "I'm Like a Bird."

Nelly grew up in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. Her family, originally from Portugal, is very musical. Her parents are both singers.

When she was 8, she began recording songs on a tape recorder. As a teenager, she played the trombone in school bands. She also plays the guitar and ukulele.

Her big break came at 18 when she was discovered at a talent show. She was encouraged to move to Toronto, Canada, and work on a career in music.

She likes going to movies, writing poetry and reading.

Mighty Funny's Mini Jokes

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

Hugh: What kind of cowboy steals teapots?
Daisy: A kettle rustler!

Neil: Why did the cowboy die with his boots on?
Amy: Because he didn't want to stub his toe!

Stuart: Why did the cowboy put his bunk in the fire?
Carla: He wanted to sleep like a log!

Caldecott and Newbery Winners

"Book Time" is the theme of this year's Children's Book Week, celebrated from Nov. 18 to 24. This Mini Page is about the 2002 Caldecott and Newbery Medals and Honor Books.

Newbery winners

The John Newbery Medal is awarded each year to the author of the most outstanding children's book. This year there were also two Honor Book awards.

"A Single Shard" by Linda Sue Park won the Newbery Medal.

It is about an orphan boy in Korea 1,000 years ago who dreams of making beautiful pottery.

Newbery Honor Books

Polly Horvath uses humor to show how her characters gain victories over the dark things that happen in life.

In "Everything on a Waffle" by Polly Horvath, 11-year-old Primrose fears for her parents, who were lost at sea. She is helped by a restaurant owner who puts all the menu items, even lasagna, on a waffle.

Marilyn Nelson is an award-winning poet and an English professor at the University of Connecticut.

"Carver, A Life in Poems" tells the story of George Washington Carver. He was born a slave and grew up to become a top scientist. This book also won a Coretta Scott King Honor Award.

Caldecott winners

The Caldecott Medal is presented each year to the illustrator of the most distinguished picture book for children. This year there were also three Honor Book awards.

Caldecott Honor Books

Brian Selznick went to college to learn to design theater sets. Instead, he began illustrating children's books.

"The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins" is the true story of the man who built the first life-size models of dinosaurs in the world. It is written by Barbara Kerley.

Bryan Collier volunteers by helping young artists in Harlem. In 2001, he won both the Coretta Scott King Award and an Honor Book award.

"Martin's Big Words" tells of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. It also won a Coretta Scott King Honor Award. It is written by Doreen Rappaport.

Marc Simont has illustrated nearly 100 books. He won the Caldecott Medal in 1967 for "A Tree Is Nice" by Janice May Udry. (No picture of Simont was available.)

"The Stray Dog" is based on a true story about a family who falls in love with a little dog they find in the park.

In "The Three Pigs" by David Wiesner, the pigs escape the big, bad wolf by fleeing the story and roaming through the land of fairy tales.

Look in the features or sports section of your newspaper and make up a story about someone in the news.

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IN BRIEF

BS Steers basketball boosters set meeting
The Big Spring High School Boys Basketball Boosters Club will be holding a meeting Wednesday, Oct. 30, in the high school library. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. All parents, players and fans are urged to attend.

Steers to hold youth hoop camp in Nov.
Gary Miller, the new head coach of the Big Spring Lady Steers, will be hosting a basketball camp for youths in grades 3-6 on Nov. 2 in the Big Spring Junior High School gymnasium.

The camp will stress the fundamentals of the game, including shooting, passing, dribbling, blocking, as well as the basics involved in defensive and offensive schemes. The camp will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Campers should bring a sack lunch. The cost for the camp is \$20 per person. Deadline to register for the event is set for Oct. 16.

For more information contact Miller at (915) 268-8378.

HC Psych Club to host tournament
The Howard College Psych Club will be holding a 24-hour ragball tournament on Nov. 8-9.

For more information contact Rusty McLouth via email at rmcloth@hc.cc.tx.us or by phone at (915) 264-5134.

Big Spring thinclade to race in Lubbock
The Big Spring High School boys cross country team will be competing in the Region 1-4A Cross Country Meet this Saturday in Lubbock.

The team, which finished second at this past weekend's District 4-4A meet, will run at Mae Simmons Park, beginning at 9 a.m. Lady Steers' Eve Tobar will compete in the girls race. She was third at district.

Cardinals, Falcon to vie for CLF crown
The Coahoma Cardinals and the Falcons each earn berths in the Crossroads Little Football League championship game Saturday afternoon by claiming semifinal victories.

The Cardinals earned a return trip to the finals by claiming a 20-6 win over the Eagles. The Falcons advanced via a 20 forfeit win by the Steers.

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THURSDAY FOOTBALL

• 5 p.m. — Greenwood JH at BSJHS.

• 5 p.m. — Lubbock Estacado at Big Spring 9.

FRIDAY FOOTBALL

• 7:30 p.m. — Lubbock Estacado at Big Spring (Homecoming).

SATURDAY VOLLEYBALL PLAYOFFS

• 4 p.m. — Big Spring (21-11) vs. Canyon Randall (28-10) at Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock.

Miami holds off Irish for second in BCS poll

Notre Dame moved closer to national title territory.

The Fighting Irish narrowed the gap behind second-place Miami in the Bowl Championship Series standings released Monday, with Oklahoma holding on to the top spot.

The difference between second and third is so tiny that if Notre Dame beats Boston College next weekend, it might be enough to move the Fighting Irish ahead of Miami. The Hurricanes, No. 1 in both the AP media and the coaches'

polls, visit weakling Rutgers.

But it's the final BCS standings Dec. 8 that will determine which teams play in the national title game at the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 3.

For now, though, the possibilities are intriguing — the top six teams in the BCS standings are unbeaten, and five can finish the season with perfect records.

"If five teams finish undefeated, the BCS poll still determines who plays in the national championship game,"

BCS coordinator Michael Tranchese said. "And, yes, there will be controversy. But this is the system."

The BCS formula uses the AP media and coaches' polls, computer polls, strength of schedule, win-loss record and a bonus-point system.

Notre Dame, 8-0 after a 34-24 win over Florida State, moved up thanks largely to its rise from No. 6 to No. 4 in the media poll.

Oklahoma (7-0) had 3.33 points — 2 for poll average, 1.17 for computer-

rank average, 0.56 for strength-of-schedule, zero for losses and a 0.4 deduction for a victory over Texas.

Miami (7-0) had 6.69 points — 1 for poll average, 4.33 for computer average, 1.36 for strength of schedule, zero for losses and no bonus-point deduction.

Notre Dame had 6.99 points — 5 for poll average, 1.83 for computer average, 0.16 for strength of schedule and no bonus-point deduction.

Georgia was fourth at 8.24, followed by Ohio

State (9.49) and Virginia Tech (10.88).

Oklahoma, No. 2 in the AP media and the coaches' poll, probably will reach the title game if they stay unbeaten.

The remaining games for Miami and Notre Dame appear to give the Hurricanes an edge in strength of schedule. After this week, Notre Dame plays weak teams Navy (1-7) and Rutgers (1-7) before its finale against USC (6-2). Miami plays Tennessee (4-3), Pittsburgh (6-2), Syracuse (2-6) and Virginia Tech (8-0).



Runners from Coahoma, Stanton and Forsan will join their counterparts from Big Spring at the regional cross country meet this Saturday in Lubbock. The Region 1-4A meet will be held at Mae Simmons Park.

Pudge among players filing for free agency

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Tom Glavine, Jim Thome and Ivan Rodriguez were among 70 players who filed for free agency Monday as baseball's offseason began.

Frank Thomas of the Chicago White Sox, who is under contract, also opted to explore the market, his right because the team exercised a provision in his deal that would defer most of his salary without interest.

Meanwhile, Atlanta Braves catcher Javy Lopez decided against free agency, deciding to exercise his \$7 million option for 2003.

Greg Maddux, Roger Clemens, Andy Pettitte, Jeff Kent, Robb Nen and Cliff Floyd are among the 184 players potentially eligible to file for free agency by the Nov. 12 deadline.

Clemens is expected to decline his \$10.3 million option with the Yankees, because his deal also includes a \$10.3 million buyout. New York has an \$11.5 million option on Pettitte.

Shawon Dunston and Bill Mueller filed Monday from the NL champion San Francisco Giants, who lost Game 7 of the World Series 4-1 to Anaheim on Sunday night. No Angels filed.

San Francisco has two key players who are eligible but didn't file Monday: Kent, the 2000 NL MVP, and closer Nen, who must decide whether to exercise a player option for 2003.

Thomas, a two-time AL MVP, has until Dec. 7 to sign with another club or

keep his contract with the White Sox, which calls for annual salaries in the next four seasons of \$250,000 plus \$10,125,000 deferred over 10 years without interest.

His contract had contained annual salaries of \$9,927,000, including

\$3,827,000 deferred with interest, but the White Sox exercised a clause that allowed the team to change the salary because he didn't make the All-Star team and isn't going to finish among the

top 10 in MVP voting or win a Silver Slugger this season.

Chicago general manager Kenny Williams and Thomas' agent, Arn Tellem, said they will continue negotiations.

"Although we are not surprised that Frank exercised his right to shop his services on the open market, and we understand there is a risk that he might find a more attractive offer elsewhere, we remain hopeful that we can reach some sort of agreement that would keep Frank with the Sox," Williams said.

Chicago notified Thomas on Oct. 6 it was invoking the clause.

Thome and his agent, Pat Rooney, are to meet Thursday with Indians owner Larry Dolan and general manager Mark Shapiro at Jacobs Field. The club will make a formal proposal to its career home run leader.

The Indians' offer is expected to include some attendance-based incentives similar to the ones St. Louis gave Mark McGwire.



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OU, CU go into Saturday's showdown without top QB

Oklahoma and Colorado have two distinct things in common: Both lead their Big 12 division and both have done so after losing their starting quarterback.

The Sooners and Buffaloes meet Saturday in Norman in what could be a preview of the conference championship game.

If they make it that far, it won't be because they get their preseason leader back. It will be because the squads have proven their merit as true teams, not just a bunch of players led by a hotshot passer.

"It's a credit to the mentality of the program that somebody is going to always step up and play," Colorado coach Gary Barnett said Monday. "No one team in college football should feel that success or failure is based on one guy."

Robert Hodge has replaced Craig Ochs and led the Buffaloes (6-2) to five straight wins and a No. 13 ranking. Ochs was lost to a concussion after the second game and has since announced plans to transfer.

Nate Hybl has replaced

Jason White and kept the Sooners (8-0) ranked second in the nation. White was lost for the season with a knee injury in the second game.

Neither team is a stranger to such situations.

Ochs was hurt last season and Bobby Pesavento was the quarterback who led CU to the Fiesta Bowl. Oklahoma got to the Cotton Bowl despite going from Hybl to White and back to Hybl.

"It shows that you have some depth at quarter-

Seattle WR released from hospital, faces more tests

KIRKLAND, Wash. (AP) — Seattle

Seahawks receiver Darrell Jackson was released from a Texas hospital Monday, one day after sustaining a concussion and having a seizure in the locker room after a game against Dallas.

Seahawks coach Mike Holmgren said Jackson underwent a CT scan and tests on his head and neck after Sunday's 17-14 victory and again Monday morning, and results were negative.

"He was, by all reports, joking around when he was moved out

of the intensive care unit," Holmgren said.

Additional tests were planned this week in Seattle, and Jackson's status for Sunday's game against Washington was not immediately known. Holmgren said those tests would try to determine why Jackson had the seizure.

Jackson never returned after taking a hard, high hit from Cowboys safety Darren Woodson with 5:20 left in the Seahawks' 17-14 win. Woodson was penalized for unnecessary roughness.

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	P
Miami	5	2	0	.71
Buffalo	5	3	0	.62
New England	3	4	0	.42
N.Y. Jets	2	5	0	.28

South	W	L	T	P
Indianapolis	4	3	0	.57
Jacksonville	3	4	0	.42
Tennessee	3	4	0	.42
Houston	2	5	0	.28

North	W	L	T	P
Pittsburgh	4	3	0	.57
Cleveland	4	4	0	.50
Baltimore	3	4	0	.42
Cincinnati	0	7	0	.00

West	W	L	T	P
San Diego	6	1	0	.85
Denver	6	2	0	.75
Oakland	4	3	0	.57
Kansas City	4	4	0	.50

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	P
Philadelphia	5	2	0	.71
N.Y. Giants	5	2	0	.71
Washington	3	4	0	.42
Dallas	3	5	0	.37

South	W	L	T	P
New Orleans	6	2	0	.75
Tampa Bay	6	2	0	.75
Atlanta	4	3	0	.57
Carolina	3	5	0	.37

North	W	L	T	P
Green Bay	6	1	0	.85
Chicago	4	4	0	.50
Detroit	2	5	0	.28
Minnesota	2	5	0	.28

West	W	L	T	P
San Francisco	5	2	0	.71
Arizona	4	3	0	.57
Seattle	2	5	0	.28
St. Louis	2	5	0	.28

Sunday's Games

Seattle 17, Dallas 14
Buffalo 24, Detroit 17
Cleveland 24, N.Y. Jets 21
Kansas City 20, Oakland 10
Tampa Bay 12, Carolina 9
Atlanta 37, New Orleans 35
Tennessee 30, Cincinnati 24
Minnesota 25, Chicago 7
Pittsburgh 31, Baltimore 18
San Francisco 38, Arizona 28
Denver 24, New England 16
Houston 21, Jacksonville 19
Washington 25, Indianapolis 19
Open: Miami, San Diego, Green Bay

Monday's Game

Philadelphia 17, N.Y. Giants 7
Seattle, Nov. 3
Dallas at Detroit, Noon
Baltimore at Atlanta, Noon
Tennessee at Indianapolis, Noon
Cincinnati at Houston, Noon
Philadelphia at Chicago, Noon
New England at Buffalo, Noon
Minnesota at Tampa Bay, Noon
Pittsburgh at Cleveland, Noon
N.Y. Jets at San Diego, 3:05
St. Louis at Arizona, 3:15 p.m.
Washington at Seattle, 3:15 p.m.
San Francisco at Oakland, 3:15 p.m.
Jacksonville at N.Y. Giants, 7 p.m.
Open: Denver, Kansas City, Orleans
Monday, Nov. 4
Miami at Green Bay, 8 p.m.

NBA STANDING

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L
Boston	0	0
Miami	0	0
New Jersey	0	0
New York	0	0
Orlando	0	0
Philadelphia	0	0
Washington	0	0

Central Division	W	L
Atlanta	0	0
Chicago	0	0
Cleveland	0	0
Detroit	0	0
Indiana	0	0
Milwaukee	0	0
New Orleans	0	0
Toronto	0	0

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L
Dallas	0	0
Denver	0	0
Houston	0	0
Memphis	0	0
Minnesota	0	0
San Antonio	0	0
Utah	0	0

Pacific Division	W	L
Golden State	0	0
L.A. Clippers	0	0
L.A. Lakers	0	0
Phoenix	0	0
Portland	0	0
Sacramento	0	0
Seattle	0	0

Tuesday's Games
Philadelphia at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 9 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Chicago at Boston, 6 p.m.
Houston at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Washington at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Orlando at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Atlanta at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Denver at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
New York at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Utah at New Orleans, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Portland, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Cleveland at L.A. Clippers, 9 p.m.
San Antonio at Golden State, 9 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Arn Thomas will exercise his option to become a conditional free agent.

MINNESOTA TWINS—Pickup options on LHP Eddie Guardado and C Tom Prince.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Acquired Win from Tampa Bay for INF compensation for signing Lou Lichtenhan.

TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS
Piniella manager and signed contract.

National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS
Pedrique will return as manager.

PCL Scott Coolbaugh will manage the Texas League. Mike Almon will manage the California League.

and Bill Plummer will manage the Northwest League. Named pitching coach at Lancaster; hitting coach; and Roger Femi Dan Carlson, pitching coach.

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NFL STANDINGS

Table with NFL Standings columns: Conference, Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA. Includes American Conference (East, West) and National Conference (East, West).

Table with Sunday's Games columns: Date, Time, Location, Team 1, Team 2. Lists games for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

NBA STANDINGS

Table with NBA Standings columns: Conference, Division, Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Includes Eastern Conference (Atlantic, Central, Pacific) and Western Conference (Midwest).

Table with Transactions columns: Team, Player, Action. Lists player movements for Philadelphia, Cleveland, San Antonio, Chicago, Houston, Washington, Atlanta, Dallas, Denver, New York, Utah, L.A., Phoenix, Portland, Sacramento, and Seattle.

Table with Baseball columns: Team, Player, Action. Lists transactions for Chicago White Sox, Minnesota Twins, Seattle Mariners, Tampa Bay Rays, and Arizona Diamondbacks.

Table with Purina columns: Product, Price, Weight. Lists Purina feed products and prices.

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McNabb helps Eagles run past Giants

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Donovan McNabb and the Philadelphia Eagles ran to daylight against the New York Giants...

McNabb scored on a spectacular 40-yard scramble and the Eagles shredded New York's defense for 299 yards rushing Monday night...

With nine games left in the season, the Eagles (5-2) are seemingly well on their way to a second straight division title...

"Whatever it takes," McNabb said after gaining 111 yards on seven carries. "That's always been my attitude. You don't have to go out and pass for 300 or 400 yards every game..."

While McNabb stole the show, he had plenty of help from his supporting cast. Duce Staley also gained 126 yards on 24 carries. The Eagles' offensive line helped the backs average 7.7 yards, and Philadelphia's defense limited the Giants to a field goal and forced a crucial third-

quarter fumble by rookie fullback Charles Stackhouse at the 1-yard line when New York appeared on the verge of a go-ahead score.

Even with all the mistakes, the Giants still had a chance to spoil the final Monday night game at Veterans Stadium.

Down by six early in the fourth quarter, Matt Allen had a punt roll dead at the Eagles 1.

All the Giants needed from their defense was one stand. One stand and they would get the ball in great position.

It never happened. McNabb, who was 14-of-30 for 137 yards, completed a 5-yard third-down pass to Antonio Freeman for a first down and the Eagles were off and flying.

Staley ran for 17 yards on the next play, and McNabb hit James Thrash for 32 yards two plays later to get the ball to the New York 39.

Faced with a third-and-11, McNabb let his feet ice the game. He went back to pass, broke tackle attempts by Kenny Holmes and Cornelius Griffin, faked a little dumpoff to one of his backs and then took off down the left side and scored almost untouched the rest of the way.

"We had a spy on him and he went for the fake," Giants coach Jim Fassel said of the mistake by middle linebacker Mike Barrow.

"What a great run that was," Eagles coach Andy Reid added. "Great vision and you saw the acceleration there. That's a big man running. He put it in high gear and took it in."

The run symbolized the Eagles' position in the standing — all alone.

"I saw No. 5 (McNabb) running all over the place and that just should not happen," Giants cornerback Jason Sehorn said.

"He's a playmaker, he runs the offense like he's a point guard, he makes things happen," Barrow added.

David Akers kicked first-half field goals of 27, 36 and 35 yards to help the Eagles take a 9-3 lead in a half in which they

held the ball for more than 20 minutes.

Matt Bryant kicked a 26-yard field goal early in the second quarter to tie it 3-3. His kick was set up by a 31-yard run by Tiki Barber and a 21-yard catch by emotional tight end Jeremy Shockey, who caught six passes for 69 yards on a night he was booed every time he touched the ball.

Besides the game, the Giants also lost WR Ike Hilliard with a dislocated shoulder. He was hurt on a late hit by Pro Bowl safety Brian Dawkins in the third quarter, two plays before Stackhouse fumbled at the 1. The ball rolled out of the end zone for a touchback.

GAME

Continued from Page 10 back, first of all," Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said. "It also shows when you're winning and winning a lot, it's more than one guy. You win and lose as a team. I think that's what we've done is play well as a team."

When Colorado started 1-2, it seemed like this matchup wasn't going to live up to its hype. But the Buffs have roared back and will be seeking to extend their 8-0-1 record against Oklahoma since 1989. Colorado also is 11-1 in its last 12 conference games.

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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2002:

You jump past a boundary with associates this year. Often, you could find yourself confused about the "what ifs." Learn to ask questions and not to worry. Learn to clear out your feelings, even if you're uncomfortable with them at times. Moderation helps you make the right choices. You put in many long hours, but you also gain professionally. In fact, you're likely to receive a pay raise or promotion. If you are single, you will encounter that special person mid-2003. Meanwhile, enjoy the busy pace and meeting new people. If you're attached, share more of your professional life with your mate. You bond because of your willingness to share. LEO pushes you into the limelight.

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) ***** Be extremely playful and direct. Your ability to understand where others are coming from makes a significant difference in how you deal with what might be dropped on your plate. Kick back and be understanding. Then make a decision. Tonight: Be your playful self.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** Stay calm, even with a lively work situation. You might not appreciate what is tossed on your plate. On the other hand, do some firm thinking about what you want. Realize more of your goals by working with others. Tonight: Move on home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Your belief that a problem could work itself out throws a different perspective on an issue. Brainstorming easily unearths solutions. Someone backs down from a previously untenable stand. Make your best offer. Tonight: Hang at a favorite

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Horoscope

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** Financial matters will work out if you just relax. Sometimes when you push too hard, you manage to get others' dander up. Handle personal matters directly. Understand a work or health issue and what needs to happen. Tonight: Treat yourself to a new item.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Your smile helps you push through paperwork and get the job done. Your personality melts others' natural resistance, especially a friend's. Carefully consider your options that revolve around a friendship. Use your resourcefulness. Tonight: Share your happiness.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Listen to what someone tosses in your face. Think carefully about your long-term desires. Honor more of what you would like to do financially. Don't automatically close doors. Instead, work on opening them. Listen to suggestions. Tonight: Curl up with a good book.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** What you say goes. You don't need to push to have someone agree with you. You gain through forcefully presenting your facts. Understand someone and where he or she is coming from. Try another way of communicating. Tonight: Attend an important meeting or get-together.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** Others watch your performance. You might want to assume a greater leadership position, but others test your mettle. You might want to adjust some of your views when you get a broader picture. Read between the lines with a boss or older relative. Tonight: A must performance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** Understand that you need to adapt. Not everything is always as you see it. Be open to new possibilities that come through

a friend or perhaps someone at a distance. Take a risk, even if you might be a bit uncomfortable with a choice or decision. Tonight: Browse through your favorite music store.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Work with associates. Refuse to push others into doing what you want; instead, work individually with those who might be instrumental to a key project. You might have to revive your thoughts and ideas. Someone praises you. You love it. Tonight: Allow a partner to dote on you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Allow others to come forward and share more. Your efforts to understand could be helped by key associates. Let someone else think that your idea is his or hers, as hard as that

might be. Know when to back down. Look to the overall good. Tonight: Go along with another's plans.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** Do your best to work with others. You don't have to agree, but you do need to come to terms with a personal or business partner. This person could be overly verbal or difficult. Know when to put a halt to a situation. Listen, but be able to say "no." Tonight: Work off stress at the gym.

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Toilet seats: One hot issue



Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I read with interest the letters about putting down the toilet seat. I've been browbeaten by various women for the past 60 years about proper seat etiquette, starting with my mother. If I forget to put the seat down even once, my wife reminds me for hours about this life-threatening situation.

I know you said the last column was the final word on the subject, but I hope you'll reopen the issue. I want to ask women: Who gave you exclusive ownership of the bathroom? If men are nice enough to put the lid down, why can't you ladies lift it up when you are done? When I suggested this to my wife, she wanted to have me taken out and shot. It's time to rebel! — Fed Up in Salem, Ore.

Dear Fed Up: What is it about toilet seats that excites people? We received hundreds of letters on this subject and decided the "last word" would have to wait.

From Hawaii: My friend had a consultant tell her that one main rule of feng shui that will bring money and financial success into your home is to always keep the toilet lid closed. As soon as her family started doing that, they had all kinds of good things happen to them.

Minnesota Reader: I read the letter from a woman who fined her son 25 cents every time he left the toilet seat up. Did she also fine her daughter for leaving the seat down?

Grandpa in Columbia, Mo.: Men should sit down to use the toilet. Women will appreciate it, the bathrooms will be cleaner, and you will deprive all listeners of the chance to diagnose your prostate condition.

Indianapolis: I was raised by my grandfather, and I worried about him getting sick. When I found the toilet seat up in the morning, I knew he was awake and OK.

Louisville, Ky.: Toilet-seat lids are not supposed to be backrests. They are meant to cover the bowl for the sake of appearance. All of us, male and female, should put the lid down after using the toilet. That makes it fair for everyone.

Hillsborough, N.J.: We women expect men to put the seat up when they need to use the toilet, but we are too lazy to put it down ourselves. Each person should adjust the seat as needed.

Murfreesboro, Tenn.: My wife complained about me leaving the seat up, so I put both the seat and cover

down, and she complained about that, too.

Southern Grandma: I had to write when I saw the letter from "Wet in Boston," who said her husband and sons were "sloppy" in the bathroom. I have a sign posted on the wall behind the toilet. It says, "Stand closer. It's not as long as you think."

Poughkeepsie, N.Y.: This old man puts the seat down. There was a study done at the University of Arizona a few years ago. A microbiologist discovered that water spray, from flushing, is dispersed up to 10 feet away. My toothbrush falls into this area, so putting the seat down seems like a pretty sensible option to me.

Dear N.Y.: OK, that one does it for us. If keeping your children and pets from falling into the toilet doesn't make you put the seat down, knowing that your toothbrush, hairbrush, soap, drinking cup and razor blades are being sprayed each time the seat is up ought to convince you.

By the way, we did some checking and discovered that the microbiologist who did the study, Dr. Charles Gerba, also found that the kitchen was more contaminated than the bathroom, and the average office workstation has 400 times more bacteria than the average office toilet. Yuck.

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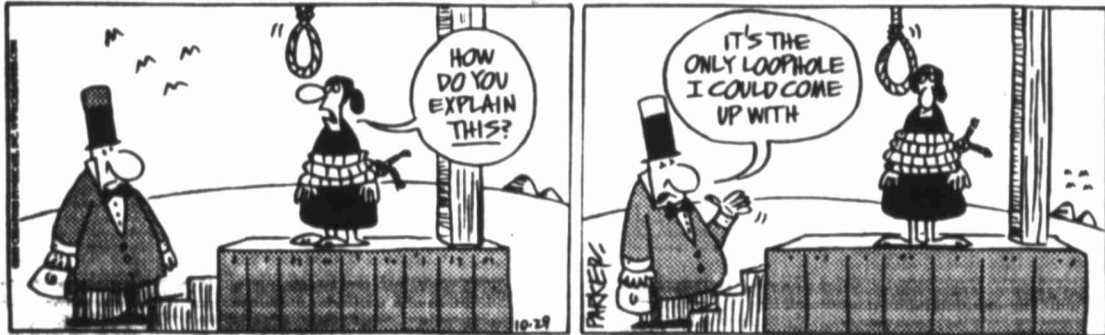


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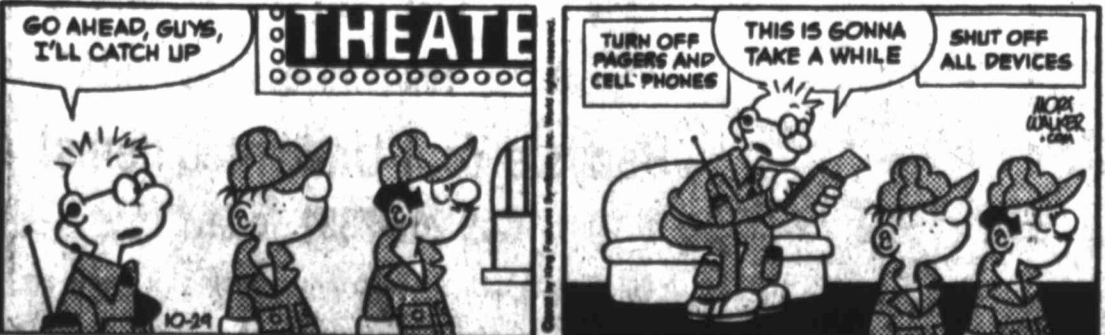
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"One candy, or one bowl?"

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This Date in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 29, the 302nd day of 2002. There are 63 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 29, 1929, "Black Tuesday" descended upon the New York Stock Exchange. Prices collapsed amid panic selling and thousands of investors were wiped out as America's Great Depression began.

On this date: In 1682, the founder of Pennsylvania, William Penn, landed at what is now Chester, Pa.

In 1901, President McKinley's assassin, Leon Czolgosz, was electrocuted.

In 1911, American newspaperman Joseph Pulitzer died in Charleston, S.C.

In 1923, the Republic of Turkey was proclaimed.

In 1947, former first lady Frances Cleveland Preston died in Baltimore at age 83.

In 1956, during the Suez Canal crisis, Israel launched an invasion of Egypt's Sinai Peninsula.

In 1956, "The Huntley-Brinkley Report" premiered as NBC's nightly television newscast, replacing "The Camel News Caravan."

In 1966, the National Organization for Women was founded.

In 1979, on the 50th anniversary of the great stock market crash, anti-nuclear protesters tried but failed to shut down the New York Stock Exchange.

In 1998, at age 77, Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, roared back into space aboard the shuttle Discovery, retracing the trail he'd blazed for America's astronauts 36 years earlier.

Ten years ago: A New York City jury acquitted 17-year-old Lemrick Nelson of murdering Yankel Rosenbaum, an Australian Hasidic scholar who was killed in rioting that erupted in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn in August 1991 following the traffic death of a black child who was hit by a Hasidic driver. (In February 1997, a jury convicted Nelson and

Charles Price of violating Rosenbaum's civil rights.) One year ago: The FBI issued a terrorism warning asking Americans and law enforcement to be on the highest alert for possible attacks in the United States and abroad. A gunman killed four people in the French city of Tours.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Lee Clayton is 60. Rock musician Denny Laine is 58. Singer Melba Moore is 57. Musician Peter Green is 56. Actor Richard Dreyfuss is 55. Actress Kate Jackson is 54. Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne is 51. Singer Randy Jackson is 41. Rock musician Peter Timmins (Cowboy Junkies) is 37. Actress Joely Fisher is 35. Rapper Paris is 35.

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