

TUESDAY

October 14, 2003

WEATHER

Tonight:



PARTLY CLOUDY

TONIGHT 45°-47° TOMORROW 79°-81°

BRIEFLY

Salute to military

The salute to the military that was shown during the 2003 Pops in the Park celebration is now available for those who would like a copy.

Available in DVD and video, copies of the salute can be purchased for \$20 by contacting Lane Bond at 263-4033, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 215 W. Third or the Big Spring Symphony office at 808 Scurry. Copies can also be ordered on the symphony Web site: www.bigspringsymphony.com. Proceeds go to the symphony.

UNICEF collections

Members of the Big Spring High School Key Club will be busy this Halloween collecting money by taking part in the Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF campaign.

The program supports efforts to fight malnutrition and iodine deficiency in children around the world.

To give donations to UNICEF, contact any member of the BSHS Key Club.

Dine Out Day

Red Mesa is the featured restaurant this week for the United Way's Dine Out Day.

On Friday, Red Mesa will donate a portion of its sales to the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County. Members of the community who patronize the restaurant that day can have a good meal and help United Way at the same time.

Nine restaurants are participating in UW's Dine Out Day. They are Al's and Son Barbeque, Greg's Grill, Herman's, Red Mesa, K.C. Steakhouse, Schlotzsky's, Cowboys, Sonic and Spanish Inn.

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Stanton murder defendants plead not guilty

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

STANTON — All three defendants allegedly involved in the August 2002 murder of 33-year-old Cruz Aguirre of Stanton pleaded not guilty Monday afternoon as the Martin County trial got under way.

Armando Sosa Gutierrez, 26, Agapito Chapa IV, 29, and Carlos Chapa, 22, each answered not guilty as 118th District Court Judge Robert Moore III explained the charges set against them. Big Spring attorney Don Richard, who represents the Chapa brothers, and local attorney Rick Hamby, who represents Gutierrez, stood with their clients during the proceedings and the reading of the charges by Howard County District

Attorney Hardy Wilkerson.

Following jury selection Wilkerson called the state's first witness, Dr. Sridhar Natarajan, M.D., interim medical examiner for Lubbock County. Natarajan testified as to the cause of Aguirre's death, as well as the possible "implement" used to beat the Stanton man to death.

"Mr. Aguirre had multiple fractures, six in all, to his skull," Natarajan testified before the court. "The cause of death was blunt force injury."

Natarajan examined autopsy photos of the victim and explained the location and severity of the wounds that lead to Aguirre's death.

"There were four major wounds to the back

of his head," said Natarajan. "There was substantial force involved with the trauma, causing the scalp to split where the blows landed."

"The blows to the head caused the fractures to the skull, which caused hemorrhaging both between the brain and its protective covering and inside the brain itself."

Natarajan also testified that Aguirre suffered multiple wounds to his back, the shape of which helped determine the configuration and size of the instrument used to inflict the wounds.

"The major injuries to the back were what we call multiple pattern contusions," said

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Howard County 4-H Club member Teryn Bibb, middle, hands a free bag of popcorn to Diamond Mayes at Walmart while fellow 4-H member Trevor Bibb works the machine. Club members were handing out popcorn to promote the 100-year plus organization. For more information, contact the Texas Agriculture Extension office at 264-2236.

JAIL WOES

Commissioners hear report on new facility cost

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners were able to put a dollar figure on the cure for ongoing jail overcrowding Monday, as an architect presented a \$6.6 million price tag for construction of a new facility.

Architect Norris Fletcher presented the court with a feasibility study to answer the much-asked question of what a new jail would cost taxpayers.

"Option 1, which is the 160-bed facility expandable to a 212-bed facility including furniture, fees, necessary testing and all of the project construction related costs, you're looking at \$6.6 million," said Fletcher. "For the 212-bed facility, it's \$7.5 million."

"We're looking at a sheriff's office administrative area of 6,586 square feet. That involves the sheriff's offices and patrol offices, and that would stay the same with either Option 1 or 2. Inmate housing for Option 1 is 20,550 square feet, and Option 2 is 25,560 square feet. That includes the actual cell areas, multi-purpose rooms, all of which are necessary with the detention of inmates. We're looking at Option 1 being 43,509 square feet overall, or Option 2, which is 49,020 square feet."

Fletcher said the number of beds he used for the presentation is up slightly from those suggested by the commissioners court due to suggestions he received from the state jail standards commission.

"When we talked with the commissioners last time, we talked in terms of 144 beds and 192 beds, which are multiples of 48," said Fletcher. "The jail standards commission will tell you that you need to maintain about 85 to 90 percent occupancy level with the rest being vacant to allow for classification and separation of inmates."

"If you take those percentages and apply them to the 144 and 192 beds, that's where the numbers 160 and 212 come in. You can optimize your staffing by keeping a full complement of inmates and still have the excess space that you need to classification and separation."

Fletcher said he would need to sit down with Sheriff Dale Walker and Chief Deputy Jailer Clint Galloway to discuss the design to match it to the county's needs, but overall the design was taken from several similar projects his architecture firm has done in the past.

"What we have in here is a conceptual space program, and by space program I mean we define the building in words."

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Commissioners approve positions for collections clerk, warrant officer

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Howard County residents with delinquent fines beware.

Howard County commissioners approved the establishment of a new full-time fine collection department for the county on a five to one vote Monday.

"Commissioners Crooker and Kilgore, along with myself, reviewed applications and interviewed for the positions of collections clerk and warrant officer," said Olson.

Chosen for the position of Howard County Courts Collections Clerk was former

county jail employee Bobby Roever, and for the position of Howard County Warrant Officer was former Martin County Sheriff Mike Welling.

The collections clerk's salary will begin at \$27,000 annually, increasing to \$29,000 after 6 months and \$30,500 after one year. The warrant officer's salary will begin at \$26,919, increasing to \$28,919 after six months, and then to \$30,419 after one year, which according to Olson is the equivalent to a deputy sheriff.

Olson added that a portion of the warrant officer's salary will

be paid by the county attorney's office.

"The county attorney is going to be paying \$12,000 toward the salary of the warrant officer from the hot check department," said Olson.

Roever is expected to begin work Nov. 3 according to Olson, and will be training for the position in Lubbock.

"We're looking at a date of employment for the clerk as Nov. 3, and for the warrant officer on Dec. 1," said Olson. "We feel like the clerk will need to spend

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Victim Services slates volunteer training period

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Wednesday is the last day to return applications for the Victim Services volunteer training, set to begin Monday, Oct. 20.

Volunteers for the non-profit, independent, community-based program serve victims of all crimes and their families.

The organization offers 24-hour, seven-day-a-week assistance in finding financial help, counseling programs and more to residents of Howard, Glasscock, Martin, Mitchell and Borden

Wednesday is the deadline to sign up. Call Linda Perez at 263-3312.

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Police investigating Monday's fatal wreck

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

Big Spring police are still investigating a Monday morning traffic accident that resulted in the death of an 84-year-old Big Spring man.

According to BSPD spokesman Lt. Terry Chamness, the accident occurred at 8:34 a.m. Monday in the 3300 block of East FM 700.

Accident reports indicate that a 1995 Buick, driven by Vivian Grantham of Big Spring, was traveling eastbound on FM 700 and attempting a left turn into the Neighbors Convenience Store

parking lot when it came into collision with a westbound 2003 Dodge 3/4-ton pickup truck, driven by Harold Yeargood, 76, of Snyder.

Mrs. Grantham and her husband, Gilbert, were both taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center by Big Spring Fire Department EMS personnel. Mr. Grantham died later in the day of the injuries he received in the crash.

Yeargood was uninjured in the accident.

Funeral services for Mr. Grantham are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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Obituaries

Gene Madry



Gene Madry, 73, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, Oct. 13, 2003.

He was born Dec. 23, 1929, to Grady and Margaret Madry in Lubbock. He had worked with Safeway Grocery in San Angelo. He moved to Big Spring in 1960 and raised his family here. While living in Big Spring, he worked as a wholesale beer distributor and musician. He moved to Midland in 1978 where he worked as a self-employed painting contractor until his retirement.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Craig and Mark Powell; one brother, Bill Madry; and one sister, Sammy Webb.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce Madry of Midland; daughters, Andra Adams and her husband, Lynn, of Sweetwater, Paula Hanauer and her husband, Steve, of Midland and Vonda Ross and her husband, Tom, of Midland; step-daughters, Beverly Tynes of Big Spring and Lisa Stiff of Kansas City, Mo.; grandchildren, Shelli Harrington of Big Spring, Michael Webb of Sweetwater, Mark Webb of Houston, Cory Adams of Plano, Danny Adams of Plano, Sarah Hanauer of Midland, Brent Hanauer of Midland, Trey Lockhart of Midland, Lindsey Lockhart of Lubbock and Alyssa Strain of Phoenix, Ariz.; six great-grandchildren; sisters, Merle "Cissy" Umphress of San Angelo and Delores Edwards of San Angelo; a brother, Jimmy Madry of Abilene; and a special cousin, Brady Madry of Midland.

The family will receive friends at Ellis Funeral Home tonight, Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2003, between the hours of 5 and 8.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2003, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home in Midland.

Pallbearers will be Leon Applin, Tommy Harvell, Ken Ellis, Tommy Scott, Irland McCormick and W.D. "Slats" Adams.

Paid obituary

Robyn Hooper Drinkard



Robyn Hooper Drinkard, 47, of Big Spring died at 9:50 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, 2003, at Parkland Hospital in Dallas following a sudden illness. A Celebration of Life and Remembrance will be 4 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 until 8 p.m. today, Tuesday, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Dec. 14, 1956, in Big Spring and was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. Robyn was a homemaker and an Executive Secretary at O.T.L., American Petrofina, Permian Research and Howard County. She was a very active member and charter member of the Vietnam Memorial Committee. She served as secretary for 10 years and was chair person of every dedication ceremony. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Big Spring.

She is survived by her husband, Tim Drinkard of Big Spring; one daughter, Sherida Crane and her husband, Jesse, of Big Spring; one son, Tim M. Drinkard of Big Spring; parents, Johnnie and Bobbi Hooper of Big Spring; three grandchildren, Everly Richardson, Candice May Drinkard and Austin Nickels Drinkard; one sister, Ronda Hooper of Big Spring; grandmother, Allie Moser of Big Spring; life long friend, Peggy Daratt of Big Spring; and loving companions, Schatzi and Andre.

She is preceded in death by one brother, Johnny Bob Hooper.

Pallbearers will be Gene Wilson, Charlie Lewis, Pat Carnahan, Don Boling, Gary Osburn and Roger Holmes. Honorary Pallbearers will be Phil Corbin, Jackie Tibbets, Charles Gray, Jarle Boe, Clarence Hartfield and Rob McKenzie.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Committee, P. O. Box 2854, Big Spring 79721.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid obituary

Take note

THE TEXAS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION IN HOWARD COUNTY is offering a food manager certification training course. This two-day program will be offered on Nov. 12-13 at the Howard County Library. Classes will start at 8 a.m. on each day. You must register before Oct. 21. The cost is \$79 and includes training, materials, and the safe food manager certification examination.

This program is designed to not only prepare food-service managers to pass the certification examination; it will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food. Almost 50 cents of every dollar Americans spend on food is spent on meals prepared away from home. Therefore, careful attention to food safety will help keep customers safe and satisfied.

Foodborne illnesses are estimated to cost thousands of dollars in lost wages, insurance, and medical bills. With these statistics, knowledge of how to prevent foodborne illness is essential.

Geraldine R. Lindsey Spencer



Geraldine R. Lindsey Spencer, age 77, died Sunday, Oct. 12, 2003, after battling with cancer for two years.

Geraldine, known as Jerry to family and friends, was born in Tonkawa, Okla., on May 13, 1926. Jerry descended from many generations of Texans, a fact she was often to point out with her membership in The Daughters of the Republic of Texas. She was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Social Order of the Beauceant. As a child, Jerry moved often with her five sisters and mother in following her dad's job in the oil field, and finally settled near Big Spring where she lived for more than 60 years.

Jerry was married to the late Neil Spencer of Big Spring, and is survived by two sisters, Shirley Pfeiffer of Kerrville and Sandra Harper of Villa Rica, Ga. Jerry is also survived by two children, a son, Joe Robert Spencer of Dallas and a daughter, Mary Lindsey Spencer-Wilkins of St. Louis, Mo. Jerry had three grandchildren, Jennifer Spencer of Dallas, Jason Spencer of Austin and Spencer Wilkins of St. Louis, Mo. In addition, Jerry will be missed by two great-grandchildren, Jace and Jaret Donaghe.

Visitation will be Wednesday, Oct. 15, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Funeral services for Jerry Spencer will be Thursday, Oct. 16 at 2 p.m. at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with graveside rites at Trinity Memorial Park following. As Geraldine Ruth Spencer requested, Dr. Kenneth Patrick will preside over the rituals.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

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Lewes "Shorty" Grantham

Lewes "Shorty" Grantham, 84, of Big Spring, died Monday, Oct. 13, 2003, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Big Spring.

Leroy Burch

Leroy Burch, 77, of Stephenville, formerly of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2003, in Stephenville. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Martha Belew

Martha Belew, 62, of Lamesa, formerly of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2003, in Lamesa. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

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

- **KENDRA HARRISON**, 32, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Monday on five local traffic warrants.
- **ROSENDO FRANCO**, 20, of 1500 Mesa Street, was arrested Monday on a Howard County warrant for criminal mischief.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
 - in the 600 block of Drake.
 - in the 2900 block of Highway 80.
 - in the 200 block of W. F.M. 700.
 - in the 1600 block of Avion.
 - in the 500 block of Westover Road.
 - in the 1600 block of Lark.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 300 block of Gregg.
 - in the 300 block of Owens.
 - in the 2300 block of Wasson.
 - in the 1800 block of F.M. 700.
 - in the 1700 block of F.M. 700.
 - in the 900 block of Willia.
 - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
 - in the 400 block of Birdwell.
 - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 200 block of N.W. Fourth Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 2600 block of Hunter.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported:
 - in the 1000 block of Stadium.
 - in the 500 block of Westover Road.
- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON** was reported in the 3300 block of Highway 80.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1500 block of Kentucky.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:

- **IDENTITY THEFT** was reported in the 900 block of Moore School Road. Complainant advised of identity theft that occurred around Oct. 1. Deputy took information with report to follow.
- **LOOSE LIVESTOCK** was reported in the 3400 block of Jesse Road. Deputy was dispatched but was unable to locate the owner. Horse was herded into a pasture.

Bulletin board

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

TODAY
Intermediate Line Dance classes, 9 a.m., Spring City Senior Center, 1901 Simler, 267-1628.

Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Big Spring Band Boosters, 5:30 p.m., Big Spring Band Hall, 707 E. 11th Place.

WEDNESDAY
Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard County Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Senior Circle Stretch & Tone, 10 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place.

Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Line dancing, 1 p.m., Spring City Senior Center, 1901 Simler, 267-6966 or 267-1628.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring County Club, Driver Road.

Fraternl Order of the Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY
Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060, 7 a.m., Herman's Restaurant, 1601 Gregg.

Coffee Club, 10 a.m., Gales Sweet Shoppe, 1712 E FM 700.

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane, 267-6479.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring County Club, Driver Road.

Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, 5:30 p.m., RSVP Office, 501 Runnels.

American Legion Post 506, 6 p.m., call 263-2084.

Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Vets of America, 7 p.m., 309 S. Main, Sparenberg Building.

Masonic Lodge, 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY
Greater Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

AMBUCS, noon, La Posada, 206 NW Fourth St.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring County Club, Driver Road.

Spring City Senior Citizens Center Country & Western Dance, 7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m., 1901 Simler. All area seniors or invited.

SATURDAY
Hangar 25 Air Museum, McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historical home, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

Lottery

- Cash Five numbers drawn Monday: 8-14-30-32-35
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- Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday afternoon: 5-8-9
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- Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night: 9-6-6

Weather

Tonight...Clear and cool. Lows in the mid 40s. Northeast winds around 10 mph.
Wednesday...Sunny. Highs around 80. South winds 10 to 15 mph...Wednesday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 50s.
Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s.
Friday and Saturday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower to mid 50s. Highs in the mid to upper 70s.
Sunday and Monday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s. Highs in the lower 80s.

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Natarajan. "There were also several on the extremities. Because of the shape of these wounds, I believe the same shape or size object was used to strike the man repeatedly. The object would have been rounded, like a bat or pipe, and was quite long judging from the shape and size of the injuries."

Natarajan also testified that Aguirre was under the influence of alcohol at the time of his death, and still had traces of cocaine metabolites in his system.

"His blood alcohol level at the time of his death was .13, which

is .05 more than the legal limit," said the Lubbock medical examiner. "He had also been using cocaine in the past. The cocaine itself had broken down and disappeared from his system, but we found remnants of cocaine metabolites."

When asked by Richard to sequence the blows that Aguirre suffered, Natarajan said he couldn't. He also testified that Aguirre had no noticeable defensive wounds on his hands and arms, which Richard suggested the victim was holding a weapon himself at the time he was killed.

All three attorneys agreed the trial should be over by the end of Wednesday, but according to

Richard a great deal of that is out of his and fellow defending attorney Hamby's hands.

"We expect this to last through Wednesday," said Richard. "Of course there are always those things that are simply out of our control, such as the number of witnesses the district attorney calls and jury deliberation."

Hamby, who had already alluded to the possibility of a self defense or defense of a third party being Gutierrez's defense, reinforced that idea following the day's proceedings.

"I think there's a great deal of difference between mutual combat and defending those that you love," said Hamby. "I think

that's what we have in this case. We're optimistic, and we think justice will prevail."

Hamby's comment surprised Wilkerson to some degree.

"Given the prior testimony of all three of the defendants in regards to this case, that would be a dramatic change in their position," he said. "The defendants claimed they were not involved in inflicting the wounds to the defendant at all."

"Four blows to the back of the head in that proximity would tend to indicate to me that the victim was stationary at the time. In all likelihood, given in combination with all the wounds to the back, he was probably down on the ground

when the blows were inflicted."

Wilkerson said trying all three defendants at the same time makes for an awkward trial, but when weighed against the alternative is much more agreeable for the state.

"It seems at the time to be a little more awkward and cumbersome to deal with," said Wilkerson. "When you compare it with the problems that you would make trying each of the defendants individually and the logistics involved with that, it's much easier to do it this way."

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COLLECTIONS

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about a week in Lubbock with the collections department up there to receive some education and training."

The court agreed that the overall success of the new department would determine its fate in approximately six months.

"I would like to work with this department to begin with so I can set up some figures on how the collections are going," said Olson. "We can let the court review it in six

months and see if it is successful, then let the department start reporting to the commissioners' court monthly."

"We'd like to start with county court, and if it's successful, move on to district court, and possibly to the justice of the peace courts. If possible, we'd like to let this office handle some of the community service scheduling for the people working off their fines."

Olson suggested the county car previously utilized by former County Extension Agent Katy Walker would serve the needs of Welling after the

addition of some necessary radio equipment.

"We'd recommend the warrant officer use the 1996 Crown Victoria that Katy Walker had previously used," said Olson. "We'll need to put a radio in that car, and we have a mobile phone that's been turned in by the code enforcement officer that he could use as well."

"There are two vacant offices on the third floor that they can use, and we have some computers available. We would probably need to purchase some office equipment and furniture. The office of court administration

will provide the software for the computers at no charge."

Commissioner Gary Simer was troubled with the idea of using the car, and said Walker had expressed to him in the past that the vehicle was possibly on its last legs.

"This is really the first I've heard on this," he said. "That car that Katy was driving, she was wondering how she was going to get back and forth to work. I know it's worn out, so that's going to be a problem right off the bat. Having not had a chance to look this over, I really don't have an opinion on

it one way or the other."

Olson told Simer the condition of the car had been taken into account.

"The advantage here is the car will only be used in county," she replied. "She was taking it to Fort Stockton. I did have the vehicle looked at, and they said it can be in pretty good shape with very little work."

Simer, who was the only commissioner to vote against approval of the positions, also expressed some concern over the effect the increased collection efforts could have on current overcrowding in the county jail.

"What about the problem with the jail?" Simer asked. "I mean is this really the time to start this, or should we wait?"

The new collections department budget was approved for the coming year at \$87,767.

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JAIL

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What spaces are going to be in it, how big they are and how they total up," said Fletcher. "The sheriff (Dale Walker) and Clint (Galloway, Chief Deputy Jailer) have not had an opportunity to review this material. We visited briefly over the phone, but he has not had a chance to look at it."

"On the other hand, I will say that it's based on a number of other projects that have been done of similar size and scope, and I would be amazed if we're very far off the mark."

As for renovating or

adding on to the current facility, Fletcher said there is little hope in that as a viable alternative.

"A couple of weeks ago when I was out here visiting informally in the court, they asked me to take a look at a couple of options as far as solving your jail problems — the overcrowding of it — are concerned," said Fletcher. "Of course that option is primarily to build a new jail. I don't think anybody holds out any hope for any type of addition or renovations on the facility that you have now."

Walker said the need for a new jail is obvious to everyone involved, and hopes the commissioners

will continue to look into the matter.

"I think there's no doubt that all of us know it's time for a new jail," said Walker, "due to overcrowding and the fact that we're unable to meet standards without variances on our current jail."

"I certainly believe we need to look at this, but also look at others and see what our options are. We've also made application to go to training up in Colorado that's paid for entirely by the federal government where they will train us as a team on new jail construction. That will teach us from A to Z how to plan for a new jail project."

While he found Fletcher's presentation educational, Walker was reserved on what type of facility Howard County truly needs.

"It's a step in the right direction. I think the main goal of the presentation today was so the commissioners could see what the cost may be in purchasing a new jail," said Walker. "These figures are totally estimated and I think they're accurate for the plan that he showed today, but I don't know if that's the plan that Howard County needs. When we go to this training I think we'll have a better understanding of what our needs are

for this county."

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In 2002-2003, more than 600 victims of violent crimes were served in a 21-month period by the organization's 13 volunteers and four staff members.

Anyone interested should call Linda Perez, Victim Services' assistant director, by Wednesday at the Victim Services

offices at 263-3312.

During the month of October, which is designated as Domestic Awareness Month, Victim Services will hold a dead bolt lock and cell phone drive to help victims of domestic violence.

The cell phones are configured to call only emergency numbers and given to victims for use during emergency situations, Perez said.

Collection places for the cell phones and dead bolts are at the Howard County Sheriff's Office in the county courthouse, the Big Spring Police Department, 400 E. Fourth St.; KBST, 608 Johnson St.; and Westex Telephone, 711 Scurry St.

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OUR VIEWS

United Way needs our help more than ever before

More than ever, the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County donations will help those in the community with the most need.

"We are mindful that this is not an easy time to raise money," said Charles Myers, 2003 United Way board chairman. "Anyone looking for bad news can certainly find it — poor economy, an uncertain future doesn't just impact workers, it has a special impact on the agencies that your United Way supports.

"These are agencies that but for their existence would make tough economic times unbearable for some folks here in Howard County," Myers continued. "Our agencies provide day care for working mothers, shelter and food for those who have neither, refuge for abused women and children and guidance and leadership for our youth."

Clearly an ambitious task, United Way officials are asking \$265,000 in response to the growing needs of its 14 member agencies.

Agencies that will receive funds from the United Way are the West Texas Chapter of the American Red Cross, Boys Club of Big Spring, Buffalo Trail Council Boy Scouts of America, Council on Aging, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, Humane Society, Northside Community Center, Victim Services, the Salvation Army, West Side Community Center, West Side Day Care Center, West Texas Girl Scout Council, Isaiah 58 and YMCA of Big Spring.

Clearly, Howard County would suffer without programs like Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America which teaches our youth responsibility, civic mindedness and love of country.

Who would be there to hold the hand of victim of violent crime if it weren't for valiant efforts of the volunteers and staff members of Victim Services? Where would our youth go after school if programs like the Boy's Club and YMCA of Big Spring disappear?

And the list of how each of these programs impact the community could go on and on.

"As you know this community has never shrunk from a challenge," Myers said. "Last year, we set a goal of \$250,000. The highest ever in the United Way's 57-year history. People of Howard County meet that goal.

"We met that goal because we received contributions from retired persons, from corporations, foundations, civic and religious organizations and employees in work places in Big Spring," he continued.

Our focus must be on reaching that goal, so those agencies will be able to better serve the public.

That's where we all come in. The United Way's campaign can only be successful if all of us does his or her part.

Over the years and in the past weeks, Howard Countians have proven they're capable of opening their hearts to the less fortunate — even those thousands of miles away.

We believe you will again.

As we have continually noted at this time of year, none of us needs to give until it hurts, but simply what we can honestly afford. If we do, raising \$265,000 won't be such a tall order and all our lives will be better.

A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Let us check our attitude today, Lord, and help us to keep a compassionate and loving feeling toward others.

Amen

Confusion reigns on Saddams ties to Al Qaeda

Are you confused yet? Recently, President Bush said, "There's no question that Saddam Hussein had Al Qaeda ties." In September 2002, he said, "You can't distinguish between Al Qaeda and Saddam." But Bush also said, "We have no evidence that Saddam Hussein was involved with the Sept. 11."

That helpful clarification came after Vice President Dick Cheney was asked on "Meet the Press" why he thought 70 percent of Americans believe Saddam was behind Sept. 11. "It's not surprising that people make that connection," said the veep. Back in 2001, Cheney had said it was "pretty well confirmed" that Iraq and the Sept. 11 hijackers had coordinated. But most recently he said, "I don't know" if Saddam was connected to Sept. 11.

On the thoroughly discredited report that the lead hijacker Mohammad Atta met with an Iraqi intelligence officer in Prague in 2001, Cheney said, "We've never been able to develop any more of that yet either in terms of confirming it or denying it." In fact, the report has been disavowed by Czech intelligence, and American intelligence found that Atta was on the East Coast of the United States at the time of the alleged meeting.

Now, still trying to follow the bouncing ball on Saddam and Al Qaeda, we find the Los Angeles Times reporting in November 2002, "Allies Find No Links Between Iraq, Al Qaeda." Spain, which supported the United States in the war and has been active in prosecuting Al Qaeda, reported "no link to Al Qaeda." A high-ranking German intelligence official said talk of an Iraq-Al Qaeda connection is "nonsense" and "not even the American intelligence community believes that anymore."

In August, the National Journal reported on three former Bush national security officials who had said "the prewar evidence tying Al Qaeda to Iraq was tenuous, exaggerated and often at odds with the

conclusions of key intelligence agencies." Greg Thielmann, formerly of the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research, said intelligence confirmed that Saddam and Al Qaeda were "mortal enemies." Osama bin Laden often denounced Saddam Hussein as "an infidel."

Guess someone forgot to tell the president and the vice president. The one known connection between Iraq and Al Qaeda is that for a time an Al Qaeda operative was in Baghdad, presumably up to no good, although we have no evidence. Uh, there were 18 Al Qaeda operatives lurking in this country — does that make us guilty of harboring terrorists?

According to the Los Angeles Times, the classified section of a congressional report about 9-11 details "a Saudi government that not only provided significant money and aid to the suicide hijackers but also allowed potentially hundreds of millions of dollars to flow to Al Qaeda and other terrorist groups through support charities and other fronts." That was the part of the congressional report we were not allowed to read, despite the vigorous protests of members of the committee.

Now, after his statement on Sept. 19 that "we've had no evidence that Saddam Hussein was involved in 9-11," Bush said on Sept. 25: "9-11 changed my calculation. It's really important for this nation to continue to chase down and deal with threats before they materialize, and we learned that on 9-11."

So, you see, we have no evidence that Saddam was involved in 9-11, but it's all about 9-11.

Moving right along to the crystal-clear matter of the weapons of mass destruction, we find Colin Powell saying of Saddam back in 2001: "I think we ought to declare our containment policy a success. We have kept him contained; kept him in his box. He is unable to project conventional power against his neighbors. He threatens not the United States."

Veep Cheney then believed the same. Five days after 9-11, he said, "Saddam Hussein is bottled up." But the storyline changed, and by October 2002, Bush told the nation: "The threat comes from Iraq. America must not ignore the

threat gathering against us. Facing clear evidence of peril, we cannot wait for the final proof — the smoking gun — that could come in the form of a nuclear cloud."

Just before the war, Bush said, "The people of the United States and our friends and allies will not live at the mercy of an outlaw regime that threatens the peace with weapons of mass murder."

We could go on and on with all the detailed information the administration gave us about Saddam's weapons of mass destruction — over 500 tons of Sarin gas, etc. But now comes the Kay report confirming what we have been learning all along — there ain't none. For months, whenever anyone asked, "Where are the weapons of mass destruction?" the administration and its flaks in the press corps said, "You better not raise that question because you'll sure be embarrassed when we find them." Well, we haven't. Not a trace of chemical, biological or nuclear weapons. But, hey, it's only an interim report.

I have been trying to concentrate on the pragmatic lately. Even if we were wrong to go into Iraq, let's focus on what can be done now to save the situation. But sometimes — such as when the president admits Saddam Hussein had nothing to do with 9-11 or our official WMD searchers admit they have nothing — it seems to me useful to go back and review the bidding.

The fact that 70 percent of the American people are under the misimpression that Saddam was connected to 9-11 seems to me a shocking indictment of the news media. I think we need to go back and explain how we got where we are.

(Thanks to various websites that keep track of the administration's ever-changing story about why we went to war.)

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the 5th annual Alzheimer's Memory Walk. This was the best year ever with 350 walkers, 20 dogs and \$19,079.40 raised for research and program support for Howard County. Big Spring residents always show their great hearts and spirits!

We want to thank the Big Spring Herald and KBST Radio for their support in articles, interviews and public service announcements throughout the months. Lyndel Moody, Thomas Jenkins, Mike Henry and Lisa Brooks — you do a great job keeping us informed.

Congratulations to Billie Lewis for winning the Purple Sneaker Award for the most money raised by an individual. She raised more than \$2,400 this year. Mountain View Lodge won the Nursing Home Challenge Trophy by raising more than \$7,000.

And how proud we are of Bob's Buddies and the Goliad Cavaliers. The Cavaliers had the Purple Sneaker Award for the most walkers for the last two years and surrendered it to Bob's Buddies. Goliad had 44 walkers this year and the Buddies had 67 walkers in memory of Jimerree Permenter and in honor of her husband, Bob Permenter. Having so many young people support this effort shows how this devastating disease affects families, not just individuals.

We want to thank our corporate sponsors: H-E-B, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, Scenic Mountain

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We appreciate the Howard College cheerleaders and trainers, Forsan Buffaloes Division 1 cheerleaders and the Howard College Diplomats. A special thanks to Gary Fuqua for being a great master of ceremonies.

We wish to thank every business who donated food, equipment and door prizes. Your generosity is appreciated and there are more of you than space allows to list. Thank you to the RSVP volunteers who came to help with registration and tickets.

Most of all we would like to thank the team captains and walkers who worked tirelessly to raise money and awareness of this debilitating disease and the tremendous load it places on caregivers. It was such a thrill to see caring children, young people, adults and older adults walking for a common cause.

Thank you Big Spring for all your support. The Star chapter of the Alzheimer's Association will continue to provide support, education and training for families and volunteers in our community.

CAREN CARRUTH
MEMORY WALK COORDINATOR
AND
NANCY JONES
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TO THE EDITOR:

When I first heard that a wind energy farm was to be built south

of town a few years ago, I called the Chamber of Commerce and other officials with my suggestion that said project could in itself be a tourist attraction.

I recounted my 1988 trip to California where I intentionally detoured more than 100 miles off course to see the wind turbines around Tehachapi and Palm Springs. Well, remote location, and possibly property owner concerns, I suspect, limit the number visitors and frequency of tours to the wind energy farm south of Big Spring.

More wind turbines may be located in the area. I am proposing that we encourage a wind power company to locate three or four of the giant wind turbines on top of the Big Spring State Park next to easily accessible roads/ foot paths so that the majesty of these man-made Sequoias can be readily appreciated. A few bulletin board signs could provide a self-paced, reading tour.

The Big Spring State Park would benefit financially from the rental/lease fees paid to land owners, I think in the range of \$3,000 to \$4,000 per year per windmill. The Big Spring State Park would also benefit by increased numbers of daily passes purchased by tourists. Big Spring would benefit by having another reason for passers-by to stop in Big Spring and spend their dollars here. Is this wishful or prospective thinking?

AUBREY WEAVER JR.
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AUSTIN (AP) — blocked bills Capitol, filed a lawsuit and bolstered by the state kill Republican ruling.

It wasn't enough. The Democrats' six-month battle to redraw congressional district lines in Texas House approved a map weekend that would give Republicans a majority in the state member delegation. But the Democrats aren't finished just yet.

They plan to file a lawsuit in hopes of preventing the GOP's final map from effect for the 2004 election. They count on Republican plan to give franchises minor rural voters all over the state.

By splitting Travis County, where located, thus cutting one district tens of thousands of South Texas along the Mexican border, the Republicans turned a pro-Hispanic district into a non-minority Democrats say. Democrats also complain about the division of Travis

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Democrats lose redistricting on battleground; court is next

AUSTIN (AP) — They blocked bills at the Capitol, filed a federal lawsuit and bolted secretly from the state to try to kill Republican redistricting.

It wasn't enough. The Democrats lost their six-month legislative battle to stop the redrawing of congressional district lines when the Texas House and Senate approved a map over the weekend that will likely give Republicans a solid majority in the state's 32-member delegation.

But the Democrats aren't finished just yet. They plan to file another lawsuit in hopes of preventing the GOP congressional map from taking effect for the 2004 election. They contend the Republican plan disenfranchises minority and rural voters all over the state.

By splitting Webb County, where Laredo is located, thus cutting from one district tens of thousands of South Texans living along the Mexico border, the Republicans have turned a previously Hispanic district into a non-minority district, Democrats say.

Democrats also complain about the three-way division of Travis County,

home to Austin and the state Capitol, and the destruction of the minority district held by Democratic U.S. Rep. Martin Frost in the Dallas area.

"It's to the courts, now, that we've got to look," said weary Democratic Rep. Jim McReynolds of Lufkin.

But Republicans who pushed for redistricting say they expect the new district boundaries will stand up to a review by the U.S. Justice Department and the courts.

"I, with all confidence, can tell you it not only meets the letter of the law with regard to the Voting Rights Act, but it entirely meets the spirit of the

Voting Rights Act," which protects minority interests, said Republican Rep. Phil King of Weatherford.

The map is expected to boost the Texas GOP from its current 15 congressional districts to 21 or 22 seats in the delegation. Democrats want to keep existing district lines and their 17-15 advantage in the congressional delegation.

The new map creates a new Hispanic district and a new black district, said Republican House Speaker Tom Craddick, a key player in defining the final map. But Democrats dispute that. They say the plan results in a net loss of one minority district.

All year long,

Democrats pointed to Republican U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay of Sugar Land as the instigator for redistricting and said he mounted a "power grab" in Texas to secure a Republican majority in Congress.

The new Texas Republican seats could solidify the current 229-

205 GOP majority in the U.S. House, where there is one independent.

Democrats did take solace Monday in delaying redistricting legislation for so long, which boosted party spirits and raised the national profile of Texas Democrats.

"We showed them that we would not back down," said Rep. Dawnna Dukes,

D-Austin.

Fifty-one House Democrats secretly traveled to Ardmore, Okla., in May for four days to kill a redistricting bill. That attracted national attention and forced Republicans to concede they couldn't accomplish redistricting by the June 2 end of the regular legislative session.



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Get a jump on next summer's entertaining

Autumn may signal the end of summer to some, but to others it's just an early start to the next summer season. The kids are back in school, the chaise lounges have been stored away, and the garden flowers are losing their petals — it's time to strap on the tool belt and fire up the table saw.

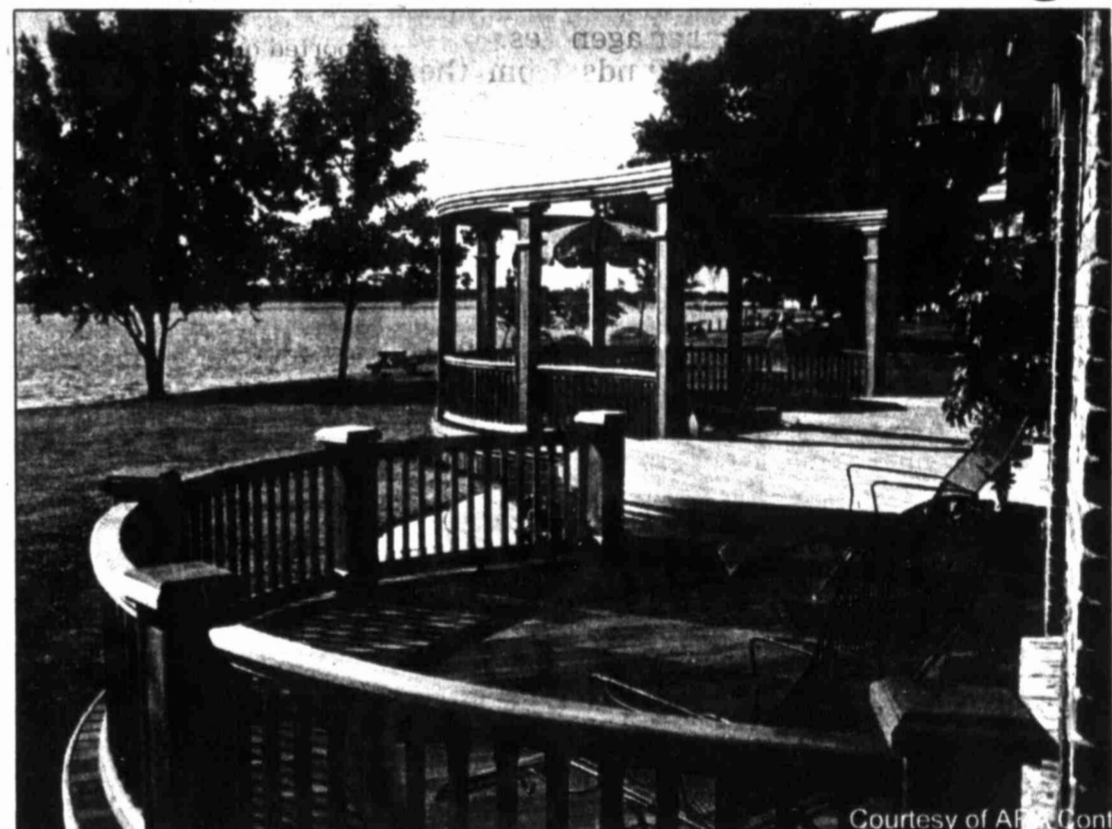
According to deck builders across North America, there are several reasons fall is an ideal time to build, repair or expand a deck:

- The grilling, sunbathing and outdoor entertaining activities of the summer season have passed, so deck construction is less likely to disrupt the family's routine.

- An impressive new deck deserves an equally impressive landscape. By completing the deck in fall, landscaping can be done in spring when weather conditions are ideal for planting, and a wider variety of plants are available.

- A soggy or harsh winter can do extensive damage to already decaying deck boards. Repairing rotting decks in autumn prevents such hazardous damage from occurring. Western Red Cedar products from CedarOne are excellent products to use for a deck as Cedar is naturally resistant to decay and harsh weather, so your deck can last up to two times longer than with other materials.

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fibers and recycled plastics. Ultra-modern engineered materials like ChoiceDek from Weyerhaeuser are nearly impervious to harsh conditions. ChoiceDek has been extensively tested by independent laboratories under hostile accelerated aging conditions, and carries a 20-year limited warranty against rot, decay and termites.

- Moderate fall weather gives new, green lumber ample time to cure. "Summer heat and sun can damage new lumber by rapidly pulling moisture out of the wood," explains Barry Klemons, owner of Archadeck of Charlotte, N.C., one of the nation's largest deck builders. Klemons notes that improper curing can cause wood to warp and

create hairline cracks, known in the industry as 'checking.'

- With the kids back in school, saws and electrical tools pose less of a safety hazard for young ones.

- New wood decks need time to cure before the application of sealers, paints and stains. Building in the fall ensures ample time between construction and staining, as there are generally less social engagements to hurry the project along. Homeowners who build with engineered decking materials, however, will enjoy a low-maintenance deck free from curing times, sealing, staining or painting. "ChoiceDek provides a low-maintenance, long-lasting,

attractive deck, and is the deck of choice for my own back yard," says deck builder David Nystrom, owner of A B R A C A D A B R A Construction in Eugene, Ore.

- In balmy areas of the United States, the outdoor entertaining season extends through the end of fall.

According to Chris Myers, owner of Alternative Decking Systems in Coronado, Calif., "In some areas, like Florida and Arizona, it may even be too hot to build decks in summer. By building in fall, homeowners in warm weather climates can still get a few months of outdoor entertaining in before the weather becomes too chilly."

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Eight Texas seniors die

TALLULAH, La. (AP) — A church bus driver told authorities he fell asleep in the moments before slamming into a parked tractor-trailer, killing eight senior citizens and injuring seven others, police said.

The driver, taking the seniors on a tour of historic sites, survived the wreck and spoke with investigators after the Monday morning crash, state police said. He told them that someone on the bus yelled, awakening him just before impact with the tractor-trailer hauling cotton, state police Trooper Julie Lewis said.

Fifteen people were aboard when the bus crashed on Interstate 20 in northeastern Louisiana. The cotton truck driver, who had pulled onto the shoulder to check his brakes, suffered minor head and neck injuries.

In the tiny West Texas town of El Dorado, a piece of paper taped to the office door at the First Baptist Church where the victims belonged delivered the solemn news. The names of six people were typed; two were later added in pencil.

Strayhorn mulls gubernatorial run

HOUSTON (AP) — A day after the Legislature passed a bill that would strip two high-profile programs from Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn's office, she ratcheted up her verbal attack

on Gov. Rick Perry and said Monday she wouldn't rule out challenging him in 2006.

"I am 24-7 the Texas comptroller and I will be 24-7 the Texas comptroller," Strayhorn said referring to a possible gubernatorial bid after she spoke to the Greater Houston Partnership, which is composed of representatives from more than 1,900 Houston businesses. "I never say never. I want to be where I can make the most difference."

Strayhorn told the luncheon crowd at a downtown Houston hotel that she was disappointed that Perry took personally her stance on the state's budget shortfall and inability to balance it in June.

Strayhorn angered Perry and other Republicans in June when she rejected the Legislature's two-year spending plan as unbalanced. She later certified the \$117 billion budget after striking a deal with Perry, a fellow Republican.

"Texas taxpayers and Texas school children and the Texas comptroller's office are being punished for me telling the truth," she said. "I was telling the truth when I said we had a budget shortfall. I was telling the truth when I said the budget did not balance. ...

Twins' relatives express relief

EL-HOMR, Egypt (AP) — Relatives expressed relief and villagers offered prayers of thanks in mosques Monday after learning that surgery to separate 2-year-old twins Ahmed and Mohamed Ibrahim had been successful.

"I have been worrying and praying a lot for my

grandsons, and I am relieved to hear the surgery to separate them went well," said their 65-year-old grandfather, Mohamed Ibrahim.

The twins, who are from this village 400 miles south of Cairo, were separated following a 34-hour operation that ended Sunday at Children's Medical Center Dallas.

Their 7-year-old sister, Fawzeya, told The Associated Press that she cannot wait to see her brothers return home.

Yates back on suicide watch

HOUSTON (AP) — A woman convicted of drowning her children in the family bathtub is reportedly back on suicide watch after her attorney and husband say she began slipping back into a psychotic state that was blamed on the horrific crimes.

Andrea Pia Yates had been showing some signs of recovery from psychotic episodes. But within two weeks, lawyer George Parnham said, her physical condition had deteriorated so much that her prison doctors were considering transferring her to the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, where she could be fed intravenously.

"What I want for Andrea is inner peace," Parnham told the Houston Chronicle on Monday.

"If in order to block out the psychotic illusions she needs to be heavily medicated, then I'm all for that."

Her husband, Russell Yates, said she has been stripped of all possessions, including her eyeglasses, and is kept alone in her cell for 23 hours each day.

NATIONAL GLANCE

Murder suspect surrenders

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. (AP) — After three days on the run, a murder suspect who escaped from jail by climbing down a 60-foot line of knotted bedsheets surrendered to state police at his rural home.

Hugo Selenski, who escaped Friday night from the Luzerne County Correctional Facility, was taken into custody Monday night at his home in Kingston Township, said state police Trooper Tom Kelly.

Police had gone there earlier in the evening but were refused entry by Selenski's girlfriend, Christina Strom, Kelly said. About 45 minutes after they left, Selenski's attorney called to arrange the surrender, he said. Strom has not been charged with helping Selenski hide.

Selenski was being held without bail after arraignment on charges of escape and possession of weapons or implements for escape.

Selenski, 30, and his cellmate, Scott Bolton, 39, removed a 12-inch-by-18-inch window from the seventh floor of the jail. Bolton, who fell and was captured on a rooftop, remained hospitalized in critical condition with multiple internal injuries and broken bones.

Selenski used a jail mattress to protect himself against razor wire atop a metal fence to complete his escape.

House fire kills seven

MAPLETON DEPOT, Pa. (AP) — Fire broke out in a rural home, killing seven people, including five children, authorities said Tuesday.

State police said the blaze did not appear suspicious, though a cause was not immediately given. The victims were a man, a woman, three girls and two boys, state police said.

WTAJ-TV and The Altoona Mirror reported that the victims were found at about 6 p.m. Monday at the Huntingdon County home, about 150 miles northwest of Philadelphia. The television station said they were found by a relative.

Bush says he was right about Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is seeking to set the record on Iraq straight as he sees it, arguing that his decision to go to war was correct, the aftermath has been successful and feuding about it among his foreign policy team is nonexistent.

The defense of the administration's Iraq strategy came in a series of interviews Monday with regional television outlets that allowed Bush to take his message directly to people outside Washington. The effort is part of a White House public relations offensive that began last week with a series of speeches by Bush and other top administration officials, aimed at countering dropping poll numbers.

In a sign that the public relations offensive may be paying off, Bush saw an uptick in his poll numbers Monday. A CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll had his approval rating at 56 percent, up from 50 percent in a similar poll in mid-September.

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IN BRIEF

Baseball boost hold wash Sat
The Big Spring School Baseball Club will hold wash at the Jiff Wash on Saturday 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Boosters will provide and deliver cones needed. All proceeds from car wash will go to BSBS baseball program. For more information call 263-4545 or 263-4546.

Baseball boost will meet Tues
The Big Spring Steers' Football Booster Club is scheduled to meet Thursday at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The meeting will be at 6 p.m. and is open to the public.

YMCA swim team spots available
The Big Spring Family YMCA team has positions open for interested swimmers. To be eligible to participate as a member of the swim team, swimmers must be at least 16 years of age and swim two lengths of pool with proper breathing. Swimmers are responsible for annual USSF membership, all entry equipment and transportation to meets. For more information call Dolline B. at 264-8252 or 263-4546.

Quarterback meet Monday
The Big Spring School Quarterback Club will hold its meeting beginning at 6 p.m. at the ATC. Members of the coaching staff on hand to talk with the Steers' quarterback with San Angelo View and the end of the District game with the Tigers.

Cowboys' Williams nets fastest
IRVING — Williams claimed the fastest time, but Dallas Cowboy Ernie Williams knows he's yards-in-three fast. Williams is credited with the fastest score in game since he began using board clock returned Philk attempted on for a touchdo seconds into game. Officially, it took three or four before that came off the Williams said a day at Cowboys' 23-2.

ON THE

Sports Broadcast
Oct. 14
Event, Time
Lady Steers at Levelland 6 p.m.
Oct. 17
Event, Time
Big Spring vs. Friendship 6 p.m.
Stanton at Foran, 7 p.m.
Oct. 21
Event, Time
Baylor vs. Kansas, 12:30 p.m.
Texas Tech vs. Ohio State
Texas vs. Iowa State, TBA
Texas A&M vs. Nebraska

IN BRIEF

Baseball boosters to hold wash Saturday

The Big Spring High School Baseball Booster Club will hold a car wash at the Jiffy Car Wash on Saturday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Boosters will pick up and deliver cars if needed.

All proceeds from the car wash will go to the BSHS baseball program.

For more information call 263-4545 or 263-8527.

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YMCA swim team spots available

The Big Spring Family YMCA swim team has positions open for interested athletes.

To be eligible to participate as a member of the swim team, athletes must be at least six years of age and able to swim two lengths of the pool with proper rotary breathing. Swimmers are responsible for annual USS registration, all entry fees and equipment and all transportation and meals at meets.

For more information call Dolline Budke at 264-8252 or 263-4505.

Quarterback Club to meet Monday at ATC

The Big Spring High School Quarterback Club will hold its weekly meeting Monday beginning at 7 in the ATC.

Members of the BSHS coaching staff will be on hand to talk about the Steers' recent game with San Angelo Lake View and this weekend's District 4-4A game with the Frenship Tigers.

Cowboys' Williams nets fastest TD mark

IRVING — Randal Williams claims to be fast, but even the Dallas Cowboys receiver knows he's not 37 yards-in-three-seconds fast.

Williams is being credited with the fastest score to start a game since the NFL began using a scoreboard clock. He returned Philadelphia's attempted onside kick for a touchdown three seconds into Sunday's game.

Officially, it took only three seconds. It might have actually taken almost twice as long, which would still be pretty good.

"I watched it a couple of times. I probably took three or four steps before that first tick came off the clock," Williams said Monday, a day after the Cowboys' 23-21 win.

ON THE AIR

Event	Time	Station
Lady Steers at Levelland	6:45 p.m.	1490
Big Spring vs. Frenship	8 p.m.	95.7/1490
Stanton at Frenship	7 p.m.	94.3
Baylors vs. Kansas	12:30 p.m.	1490
Texas Tech vs. Okla. State	TBA	95.7
Texas vs. Iowa State	TBA	94.3
Texas A&M vs. Nebraska	1:40 p.m.	1490

Cowboys long way from what Parcels wants

IRVING (AP) — A four-game winning streak and first place in the NFC East are not enough to convince coach Bill Parcels that he's really turning around the Dallas Cowboys.

OK, the Cowboys (4-1) are just one win shy of matching their total from each of the past three seasons. Convinced yet of a turnaround?

Not Parcels. "My idea of turning a team around is when you've been a contender for two or three years in a row, that it's obvious to everyone that you're a lot better than you were when you started," Parcels said Monday. "Five weeks into a season, I couldn't make that statement with any basis to it."

The Cowboys extended their winning streak with a 23-21 win Sunday over Philadelphia. That broke a six-game losing streak to the division rival in which they had been outscored by an average margin of 23 points.

The day after, Parcels didn't sound like the coach whose team has a one-and-a-half game lead in the division over the Washington Redskins. He's definitely not ready to discuss the possibility of making the playoffs.

"I'm not trying to squelch our confidence or change the attitude or say we're over our heads. But I really don't know. We'll see," Parcels said.

Dallas has won four in a row during the same season for the first time since 1998. Next up is a

game Sunday at Detroit (1-4).

"I think we're starting to believe that we can win, that if we continue listening to our coaches and preparing ourselves that good things happen," said quarterback Quincy Carter. "But we've got to understand we're 4-1. It's a good position, but it's a long season. We don't want to get ahead of ourselves."

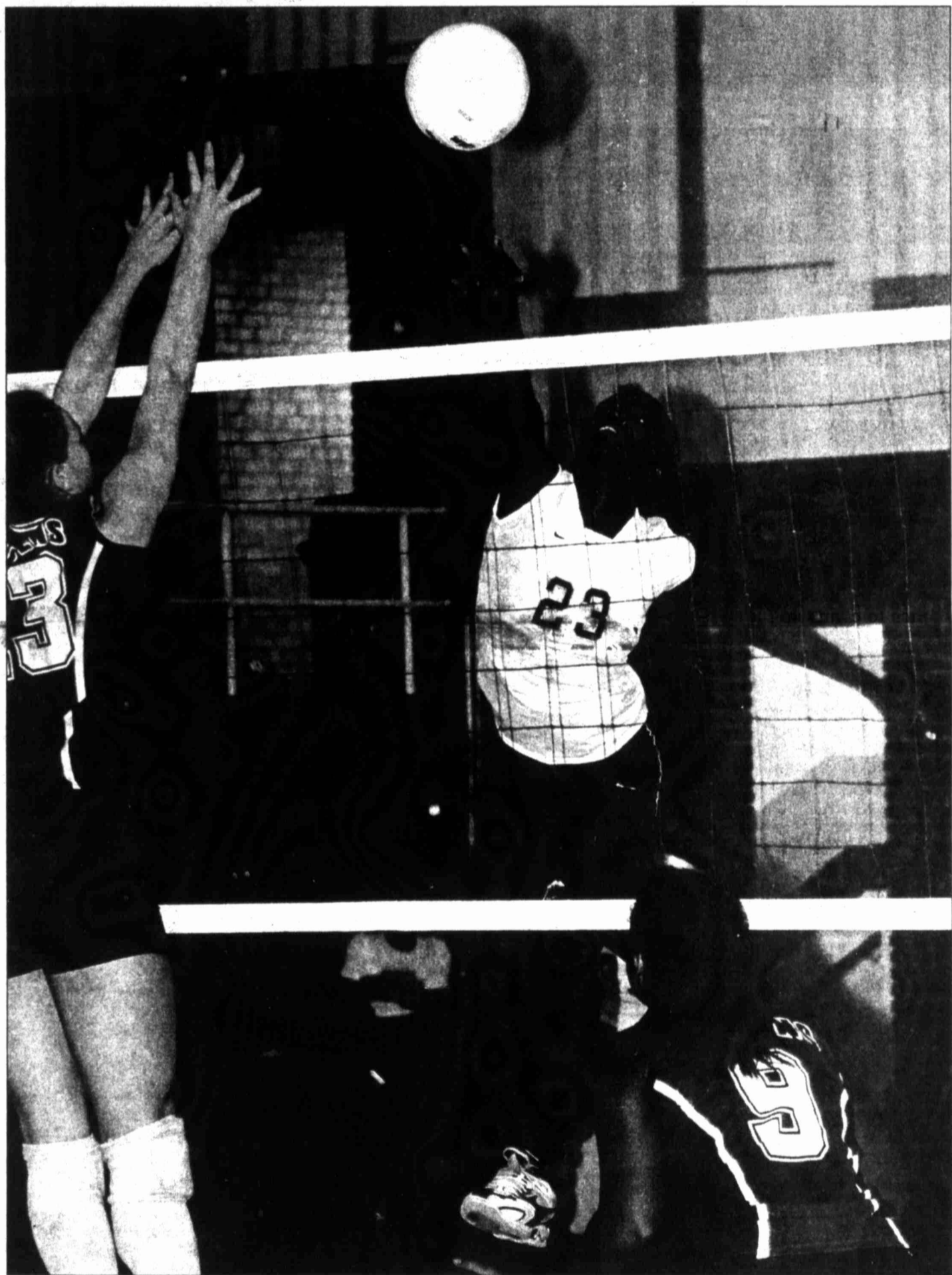
The victory over the Eagles certainly wasn't a textbook performance.

Dallas had a quick lead when Randal Williams returned an attempted onside kick 37 yards for a touchdown, scoring in just three seconds for the fastest score to open a game since the NFL started using a scoreboard clock in 1970.

Billy Cundiff's 51-yard field goal just before halftime broke a 7-7 tie. A 37-yard pass by backup halfback Aveion Cason set up a 1-yard TD, and Cundiff kicked two more field goals in the fourth quarter — on a drive that stalled after first down at the 3, and after Zuriel Smith's 54-yard kickoff return following Philadelphia's go-ahead touchdown.

Then the defense still had to clinch the game, sacking Donovan McNabb and recovering a fumble.

"The reality is don't get too full of yourselves or somebody will burst your bubble," said defensive tackle La'Roi Glover, who recovered the fumble. "Anything can happen right now."



Big Spring's Ka'Rissa Magers drives a shot past a San Angelo Lake View defender during the second game of the Lady Steers' sweep of the Maldens Saturday afternoon. Big Spring, now 23-8 overall and a perfect 6-0 in District 4-4A play, is scheduled to face off against the Levelland Lady Lobos tonight beginning at 7 p.m. in the Levelland High School gymnasium. The game will be aired live on KBST 1490.

Gustafson wins LPGA Samsung World title

THE WOODLANDS, Texas (AP) — Sophie Gustafson beat the best women golfers in the world and then overcame a dispute over a shot she never made to win the LPGA Samsung World Championship.

After a sparkling 6-under 64 Sunday, she endured a trip to a television network truck to review video of one of her putts. Then she carted back on the course to address another rules challenge before LPGA officials determined she had topped the field with her 14-under 274, two shots better than Rachel Teske and Beth Daniel.

"I think you should look because you always want to remove the doubt," Gustafson said after winning her fourth U.S. tournament, and first in more than two years.

The 29-year-old Swede, who is the girlfriend of LPGA Tour commissioner Ty Votaw, ran into a rules dilemma on the 14th green. After standing over a birdie putt, she backed off as the ball, on the edge of a slope, rolled on its own for several feet. An LPGA official allowed her to play the ball from the new spot and she made par, prompting questions whether she should have been assessed a penalty.

After her round, she was taken to the NBC television truck where LPGA officials discussed her actions, reviewed a video of her play with her and determined she did nothing illegal — that she hadn't grounded her club but merely had taken her stance before putting.

Wild, wacky games highlight early returns from Big 12 play

There's some strange goings on out on the plains. Aside from the continued brilliance of Oklahoma and Texas Tech, the first two weeks of conference play in the Big 12 have been a little wacky.

Kansas State 0-2 in the league? The nation's No. 1 defensive team giving up 41 points and 452 yards to an opponent it had beaten 24 straight times. Texas A&M losing by 31 points one week and winning by 63 the next? Kansas shutting down Missouri but giving up 50 to Colorado? Weird. And it starts with Kansas State, the preseason favorite in the Big 12 North.

The Wildcats were ranked sixth nationally in

mid-September, but now they're out of the Top 25 after losing their second straight league game, 38-34 to Oklahoma State, and third overall.

"We don't seem to have the heart we used to have before," K-State defensive end Thomas Houchin said.

Still, there's hope for the Wildcats, who play their next three games at home. Both losses were to teams from the South Division, and the four leaders in the North — Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas and Colorado — all are 1-1.

But coach Bill Snyder has to get his team back on track quickly if it's going to make a run. Missouri remains an

enigma. The Tigers looked downright mediocre in a 35-14 loss at Kansas. Then, with an extra week to prepare, Missouri rolled to a 41-24 victory over Nebraska and its top-ranked defense — the Tigers' first win over the Cornhuskers since 1978.

"I told my wife the other night, 'I'm tired of watching other people upsetting people,'" Missouri coach Gary Pinkel said.

Now the challenge is to maintain it and that will be tough. The Tigers play at No. 1 Oklahoma next Saturday, then meet Texas Tech and its high-octane offense.

Colorado was humbled by a loss to Baylor a week

Bud Adams hires former Oilers QB for arena team

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Bud Adams has hired former Houston Oilers quarterback Oliver Luck as a consultant to help conclude a deal for his Arena Football League team in hopes of having the Kats playing in 2005.

Luck currently is the chief executive officer of the Harris County Sports Authority, and he will spend two or three days a week in Nashville helping finalize a lease for the Kats to play in the Gaylord Entertainment Center.

Billy Burge, chairman of the sports authority, thinks this offers Luck a tryout that might land him a job as Titans pres-

ident. Jeff Diamond, president since 1999, was given a one-year extension earlier this year that expires March 1.

"Based on how that goes, it's probably a long-term opportunity for Oliver to work as president, ... and that kind of might be phase two if phase one goes well," Burge told *The Associated Press* on Monday.

Luck was a guest in Adams' luxury suite for Sunday's 38-17 victory over the Houston Texans. He was a Rhodes Scholar candidate at West Virginia and was the Oilers' second-round pick in 1982.

Adams founded the Titans in Houston.

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SCOREBOARD

NFL STANDINGS, MLB PLAYOFFS, NHL STANDINGS. Includes tables for American Conference, National League, Eastern Conference, and Western Conference with columns for W, L, T, PCT, PF, PA, Pts, GF, GA.

BIG 12

Continued from Page 1B ago but bounced back to beat Kansas 50-47 in overtime and snap a three-game losing streak. Baylor looked strong and confident against Colorado, then looked more like the league doormat they've usually been in a 73-10 loss to Texas A&M, which had given up the most points in school history in losing to Texas Tech 59-28 the week before.

Oklahoma topped 50 points for the fourth straight game, something the Sooners had never done before. Texas Tech can't match the Sooners on defense, but the Red Raiders' offense is something else. They piled up 775 total yards and set a Big 12 record with 45 first downs in beating Iowa State 52-21.

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By BETTY DEBNAM

Can you decipher this?

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If you can figure out the headline, you are practicing cryptology (cryp-TOL-o-gy), or the skill of making or breaking messages or codes.

A cipher substitutes letters for other letters. The headline above is an example of a cipher, or a message that uses substitute letters. This is also called a cryptogram. We use ciphers to protect or scramble messages. People who try to decipher messages are called cryptanalysts.

To decipher the headline, look at the code on the bottom of this page. Use the letters on the top line in place of the letters on the bottom line.

We use codes to send messages. A code uses different words, syllables, symbols or sentences to stand for another meaning. For example, we use the Morse code, a system of dots and dashes, to send messages. You need a code guide to decode a message.

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During World War II, the Germans used a cipher machine called the Enigma.



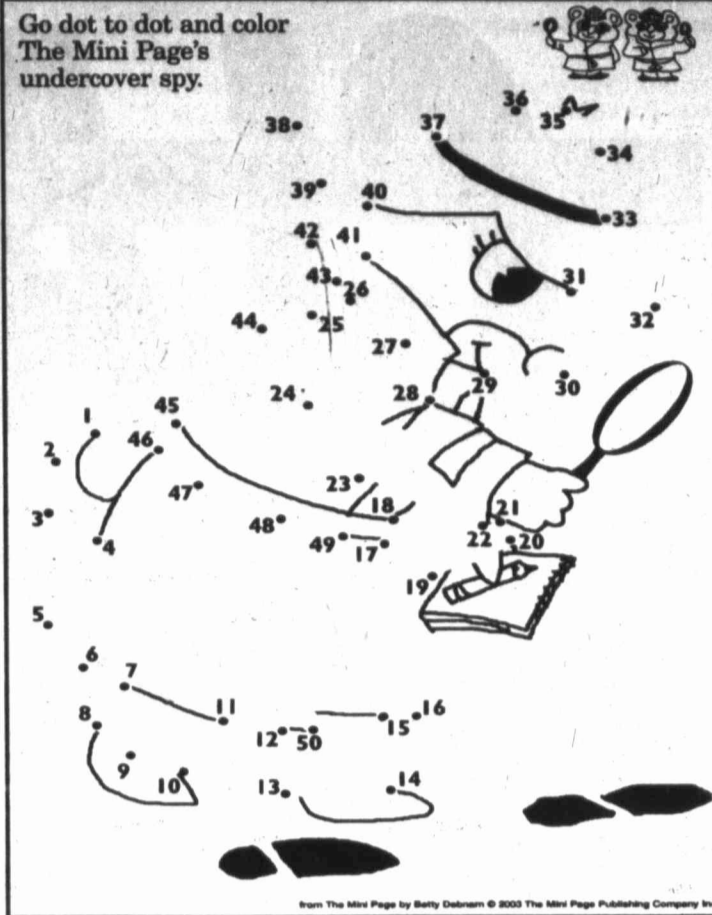
When President Bush makes a telephone call, he uses a special system that makes the call secure. No one other than the person called can understand what he says.

Protecting our messages
Our government also must protect the secret messages sent by our military, our embassies in foreign countries and other government agencies. Because unfriendly governments or people might be listening, we must be careful.

The National Cryptologic Museum honors code makers and code breakers. It is outside Washington, D.C., in Fort Meade, Md. It is a part of the National Security Agency. Older kids would enjoy it.

The Mini Page thanks Jack Ingram, curator, and Patrick Wheadon, public affairs officer, of the National Cryptologic Museum, for help with this issue.

A site to see: The National Security Agency at www.nsa.gov



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You'll need:

- 5 medium-sized red apples, sliced
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
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- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1/4 cup cinnamon
- 1 1/2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/4 cup butter

What to do:

1. Butter an 8-inch-by-8-inch baking dish.
2. Place apples and raisins in dish and sprinkle with lemon juice.
3. Combine flour, sugars and cinnamon and sprinkle over apples and raisins.
4. Cut up butter into tiny pieces and place on top of mixture.
5. Bake in a preheated 375-degree oven for 25 to 30 minutes. Serve warm and with a scoop of vanilla ice cream if you wish. Serves 6. Note: You will need an adult to help you with this recipe.

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Gus Goodsport's Report
Supersport: Andy Roddick

Height: 6-2 Birthdate: 8-30-82
Weight: 190 Residence: Boca Raton, Fla.

Imagine trying to hit a tennis ball that's traveling more than 140 miles per hour. That's the challenge faced by players attempting to return Andy Roddick's serve. In fact, Roddick's biggest blast was clocked at 149 mph, tying the fastest serve on record.

Roddick has utilized that sizzling serve and an all-around game to become one of the top tennis players in the world. He recently won the U.S. Open singles title. Since turning pro in 2000, the Omaha, Neb., native has captured 12 singles championships.

Besides winning tournaments, Roddick's other interests include the YMCA, following Nebraska football and playing golf. But "Mr. Ace" is at his best with a racket in his hand.

Meet Dionne Quan

Ever since she was a little girl, Dionne Quan has always loved hearing characters talk and sing on her favorite TV shows. Quan couldn't see her favorite characters because she is blind. But that didn't stop her from becoming the actress who provides the voice behind popular cartoon characters, such as Trixie Tang on "The Fairly Odd Parents," young Kimi on "Rugrats," and as a "tween"-ager in the upcoming movie "All Grown Up."

Quan, 25, reads her scripts in Braille as she gives her characters their voices. She grew up in San Francisco and enrolled in acting classes when she was 10. Learning how to do voiceovers gave her a way to pursue her desire to be an actress despite being blind. At the age of 14, she landed her first job doing commercials.

Today, Quan pursues her acting career in Los Angeles, where she lives with her brother.

Decode the message! Do the math under each blank. Match the numbers with the letters in the border. Read the message to get the punchline.

What would you call a very smart duck?

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Famous Spies and Spy Tools

Famous spies
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Harriett Tubman
Harriett Tubman is most famous for her service in the Underground Railroad, the organization that helped lead slaves to freedom. She was also a spy for the Union during the Civil War. She often went behind Confederate lines and was assumed to be a slave.

Josephine Baker
Josephine Baker was a famous African-American star in the 1920s. She moved to France. During World War II, she served as a secret informer for French intelligence. She wrote secret messages on her sheet music, using invisible ink.

Good spies
To find out what makes a good spy, The Mini Page talked with Peter Earnest, executive director of the International Spy Museum. Here are a few of his pointers.
Spies must be:
• observant and accurate so they can report details and make smart moves.
• have good memories.
• have confidence and courage. The life of a spy can be very dangerous.
• have a good sense of intuition and understanding of people.
• have a strong curiosity.

Site to see: www.spymuseum.org

The Mini Page thanks the Public Relations Office of the International Spy Museum for help with this page.

Do you know anyone who is a spy? Probably not. The most important part of becoming a spy is that no one can know that you are one. Spies work in secret to gather information about an enemy and give that information to a "spy master," the person who wants it. This secret information is called "intelligence."
To find out more about spies, we visited the International Spy Museum in Washington, D.C.

Spy tools
Spies use many different tools to gather information. They also must transmit information back to their home base.

Listening devices (bugs)
Spies plant "bugs" in ordinary household objects so they can listen to conversations. Spies put bugs in lamp shades, electric sockets, telephones, and many places where they won't be detected.

Camouflage
Spies often hide their weapons in different ways. Explosive coal was used by the Germans in World War II. What looked like a large piece of coal was really hollow. Inside were explosives. These pieces of coal were hidden in coal bins. They would explode when loaded into fires.

Transmitters
Once the spy has gotten secret information, he or she must get it back to the boss, or "spy master." A tiny transmitter can even be hidden in the heel of a shoe.

Our first spymaster
George Washington was not a spy himself, but he hired someone to spy for him. He was our country's first "spy master." He asked Nathaniel Sackett to seek out British spies and to give them false intelligence to confuse their forces.

Pré tend that you are a spy. Look through your newspaper and find events you would have liked to have seen.

Spies
Words and names that remind us of spies and code breakers are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, up and down, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find: SPIES, CRYPTOLOGY, TRANSMITTERS, MASTER, DECIPHER, DISGUISES, CAMERA, MESSAGES, AWARE, CODES, INTELLIGENCE, ENIGMA, TRAINED, SIGNAL, SECRET, REPORT, INFORMER, WAIT, WATCH, LISTEN, BUGS.

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Mercury and Saturn interact, making sure that if there was a lesson to be learned from past mistakes, it was learned thoroughly. That means no repeating it! You'll be tested. Focus on relationships that have been taken for granted along the way. To bring off-beat ideas to fruition, you'll have to partner up. The Libra sun smiles on twosomes.



Joyce Jillson

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Everyone wants to work by your side. To keep up jolly spirits, book yourself a little vacation. No money? Camp! Or stay indoors and read while the rest of the world thinks you're in Hawaii.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Important information is imparted to you. It does no good to judge others — no matter what the verdict is, it's premature. Learning more about the inner workings of a situation will make you change your tune.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Stop trying, and simply walk your talk. Colleagues and superiors are amazed by your nerve; offers of employment are featured. Join a partner for the good of the group. Tonight, spontaneous fun can surprise even those creating it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You are drawn in closer to what interests you, but you'd rather flirt with what you want than ask for it directly. The dance of love has value beyond the sheer enjoyment of doing it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The stars bring karma, but they also bring the energy to change it, so there's no need to feel trapped in your current situation. Set your mind this morning before you go into work — it's a tough crowd.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). With a little self-discipline, you raise your spiritual awareness a few notches. This gives you the overview you need to navigate the treacherous waters of high drama that could happen between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Important decisions include whether or not to hire someone or do the job yourself. The answer depends largely on who you are thinking of hiring. When you know what loved ones want, it's easy to provide it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Honor the code of conduct at work, even if the rules seem to be changing. But remember, you've got your own rules, too. This is not a day to stay late or take on extra for the team. Don't give up your leisure time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your path is clearly marked — and that drives you nuts. You'd rather not know where the adventure is leading because that's somehow more romantic. Don't worry; this plan will be shaken up enough to give you a good ride.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If you have anything to confess, get it off your chest now. Use the energy around to make progress in your life instead of letting it turn you inward. When you know where you stand, you magnetize better luck.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Someone who expects you to make a sacrifice continually may not understand your effort. Make sure you let others know what is easy and what is hard for you. Otherwise, you'll continue to perform for ungrateful patrons.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're not nearly as sensitive as your usual self and therefore can afford to put yourself out there in a big way. Should you happen upon criticism or rejection, it only brings out your passion. Bone up on any new skill.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I am a Scorpio, and my partner is a Cancer. After nearly six years of a wonderful, loving relationship, he has decided to go his own way. Are there any signs of our relationship being repaired? We are both mature adults in our 40s. There was never any abuse or any of the other things that normally end a relationship. Please respond to me with any insight for this broken heart of mine."

This was one of the most emotionally balanced and physically connected relationships you have ever had. Your signs are both water signs, and you understood one another on a deep emotional level. You were mutually accepting of one another's shortcomings, and you brought one another a great deal of comfort. But you can do better. Honestly, this situation was getting almost TOO comfortable, and the level of adventure and excitement you really need just wasn't attained. Use this as a gauge for future relationships. Work on

yourself now. Follow your own passions and ambition. In April, someone will come along to knock your socks off — perhaps a Sagittarius or Pisces.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: When Dixie Chick Natalie Maines spoke her anti-Bush political beliefs on the microphone months ago, she caused a political uproar in which fans and record stores destroyed Dixie Chicks CDs in a public display. It was never Maines' intent to stir such controversy — Libran natives are peaceniks at heart and can't stand disharmony of any kind, even in the name of peace!

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Annie's Mailbox



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

Dear Annie: I'm a teen in need of advice. I've been friends with "Jason" for a little over two years. I've started to like him as more than a friend, and sometimes he acts as if he likes me, too. Jason is really kind, nice and funny, and we share a lot of the same interests. Sometimes, he gets really flirty and seems to like me a lot, and other times he completely ignores me, and it really stinks.

I am confused. I can't ask my mother for advice because I know she would say, "I'm sure any guy would be happy and lucky to date you." I really want to take our friendship to another level, but I am reluctant to ask Jason out because the embarrassment of rejection would be too much for me. I don't want to give up on him, but I don't want to get hurt. What am I to do? — Teenager in Love

Dear Teenager in Love: That's the trouble with love — you don't get anywhere if you aren't willing to risk getting hurt. Here are some low-risk options: Invite Jason to join you and a bunch of friends when you go to the movies, the mall, the arcade, and so on. Can you get an extra ticket to a concert or an invitation to a party and ask him to come along? If he shows no interest in being with you, at least you'll know he wants only to be friends, nothing more. (Meanwhile, your mother is right. Please talk to her, and give her a chance to be supportive and helpful.)

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Afraid in California," who was concerned because her 17-year-old son is using LSD and showing potentially psychotic behavior. She did not want to seek medical help for him because she was afraid he would be hospitalized. You told her to get help immediately.

It is important for her to be brave and do whatever needs to be done, even if it includes hospitalization. I am not sure about the law in California, but she may no longer have any say in his treatment after his next birthday, not to mention her insurance might not cover him after he turns 18.

He's not going to "snap out of it," as she hopes. SHE needs to snap out of her wishful thinking and act now. My parents waited too long to seek help for my younger brother. When he turned 18, he refused treatment. Now we can't even find him, much less do anything to help him. — Missing My Little Brother

Dear Missing: We cannot stress enough the importance of getting help for

this troubled young man. Several readers wrote, concerned for his well-being. Read on:

Dear Annie: This is a typical cry from a parent whose child is having mental health problems. The first signs of mental illness usually become evident in the late teens or early 20s, and some kids use drugs as a form of self-medication. That mother needs to contact the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill for help at 1-800-950-NAMI (1-800-950-6264) (www.nami.org). — San Antonio

Dear Annie: Thanks for mentioning Families Anonymous as one of the organizations available to provide assistance to "Afraid." We are an international 12-step organization providing assistance to relatives and friends who are concerned about others' use of drugs. Our organization does not deal with the addict, but with those who are being affected by the behavior of the addict.

We have local weekly group meetings in most communities, and for those who cannot attend a local meeting, we have on-line meetings at www.tabw.org. We have recently opened local group meetings in Russia and China. For more information, please have your readers contact our World Service Office at 1-800-736-9805, or visit our Web site at www.familiesanonymous.org. — Don S. Chair, Families Anonymous

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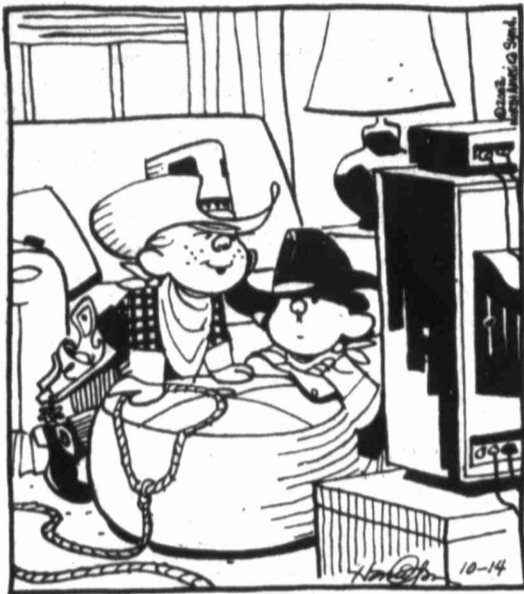
Need child care worker. High school diploma and experience required. Come by 409 Galied to apply

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TUESDAY

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6:30	News (CC)	News	El Marañal	King of the Hill	News	Centocenta	News	Booker	Booker	News-Lehrer	FBI Files	Law & Order	Live	Sister, Sister	NFL Live	Rome Is	Law & Order		
7:30	Wheel-Fortune	Wheel-Fortune	Veloz de Novia	MLB Baseball	Navy NCIS	Amor	Whoopi (CC)	Update/Israel	Update/Israel	Novo (CC)	New Detectives-Forensic	Movie: Out of Africa	Law & Order	Parkers (CC)	Micky's House of	Playmakers	Playmakers	Movie: Casino	Mimo 2 (CC)
8:30	I'm With Her	I'm With Her	Nina... Amada	League Championship	Guardian	Ladron de	Frasier (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Light of the Southwest	Humor Initial	New Detectives-Forensic	Coming to the Stage	Law & Order	Coming to the Stage	Villains (CC)	Streetball	Playmakers		Movie: We Were Soldiers (CC)
9:30	NYPD Blue	NYPD Blue	Casos de la Vida Real	Series Game 6 - Teams TBA	Judging Amy	Lazos de Familia	Law & Order: Special Victims	10 Movie: Big Bully	10 Movie: Big Bully	Independent Lens (CC)	FBI Files	Charmed (CC)	Angel (CC)	Nightly News	Kim Possible Proud Family	Streetball	Playmakers		
10:30	News (CC)	News	Primer Impacto	70s Show	Noticias	Noticias	News Tonight Show	Hour of Healing	Hour of Healing	News-Lehrer	New Detectives-Forensic	45 Movie: Hearburn (CC)	X-Files (CC)	Soul Food (CC)	Even Stevens	Outside-Lines	Playmakers	Law & Order: Special Victims	Traffic
11:30	Ent. Tonight	Extra (CC)	En las Mejores Familias	Becker (CC)	Late Late	Al Rojo Vivo	Late Night	10 Movie: Jurnani (CC)	10 Movie: Jurnani (CC)	Rev. J. Hansen	Sign Off	New Detectives-Forensic	X-Files (CC)	Comicview	Boy World	Rome Is	SportsCenter (CC)	Dead Zone (CC)	Movie: Invasion
12:30	Oprah Winfrey	Paid Program	Blind Date	Blind Date	Street Smarts	Fraser (CC)													

DENNIS THE MENACE



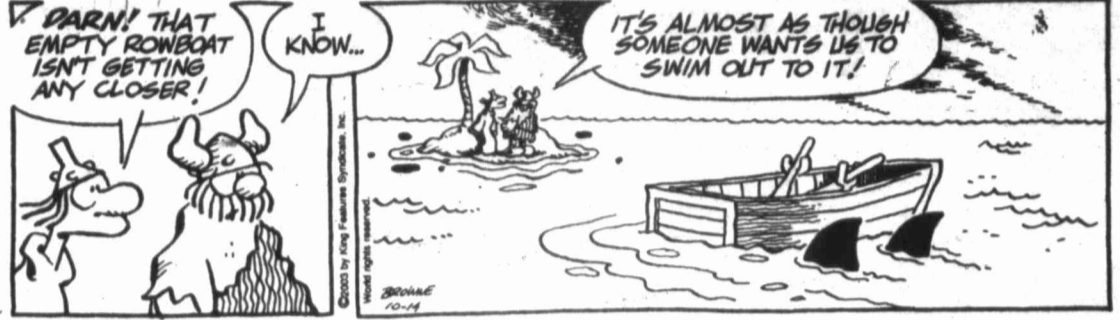
"MY DAD SAYS HE LIKES THE OLD COWBOY MOVIES, 'CAUSE YOU CAN TELL THE GOOD GUYS FROM THE BAD ONES."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"I must be getting old. People keep telling me how well I look."

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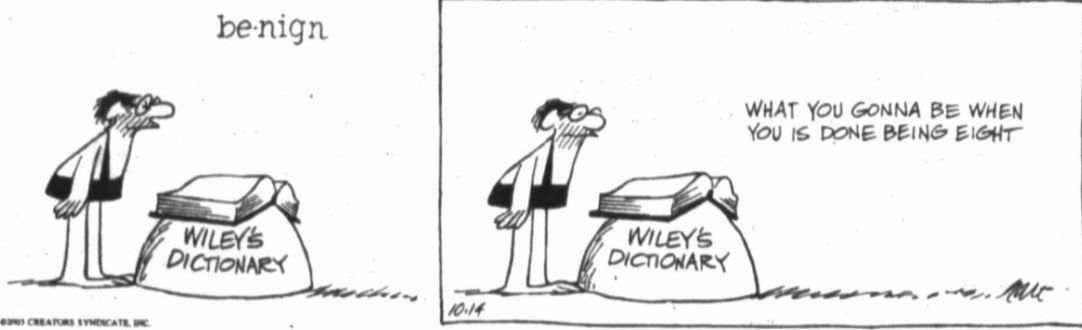
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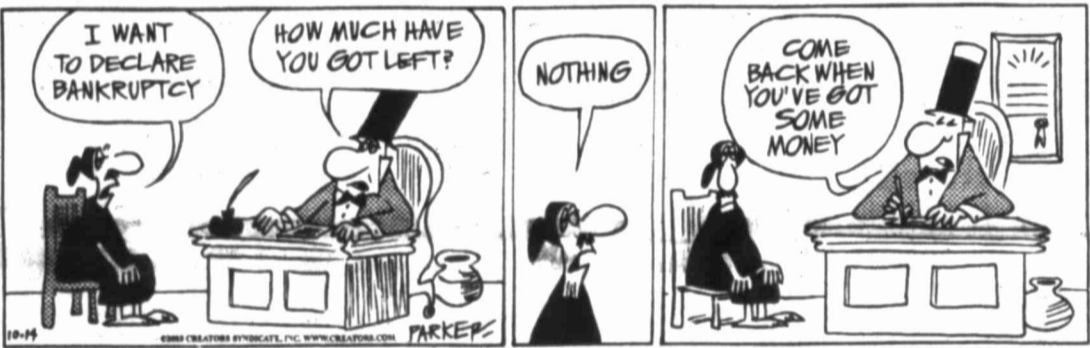


"MR. B., HOW DO THEY EXPECT ANYONE TO MAKE A PERFECT SANDWICH WITH ROUND BALONEY AND SQUARE BREAD, ANYWAY?"

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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 14, the 287th day of 2003. There are 78 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 14, 1947, Air Force test pilot Chuck Yeager broke the sound barrier as he flew the experimental Bell X-1 rocket plane over Edwards Air Force Base in California. On this date: In 1066, Normans under William the Conqueror defeated the English at the Battle of Hastings. In 1890, Dwight D. Eisenhower, 34th president of the United States, was born in Denison, Texas. In 1912, Theodore Roosevelt, campaigning for the presidency, was shot in the chest in Milwaukee. Despite the wound, he went ahead with a scheduled speech. In 1933, Nazi Germany

announced it was withdrawing from the League of Nations. In 1943, the Radio Corporation of America completed sale of the NBC Blue radio network to businessman Edward J. Noble for \$8 million; the network was renamed the American Broadcasting Company. In 1944, German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel committed suicide rather than face execution for allegedly conspiring against Adolf Hitler. In 1960, the idea of a Peace Corps was first suggested by Democratic presidential candidate John F. Kennedy to an audience of students at the University of Michigan. In 1964, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was named winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. In 1968, the first live telecast from a manned U.S. spacecraft was transmitted from Apollo 7. In 1990, composer-conductor Leonard Bernstein died in New York at age 72. Ten years ago: U.S. helicopter pilot Michael Durant and a Nigerian peacekeeper

were freed by Somali fighters loyal to Mohamed Farrah Aidid. In Haiti, gunmen assassinated Justice Minister Guy Malary, a supporter of ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. Today's Birthdays: Former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop is 87. Actor Roger Moore is 76. Movie director Carroll Ballard is 66. Former White House counsel John W. Dean the Third is 65. Country singer Melba Montgomery is 65. Fashion designer Ralph Lauren is 64. Singer Cliff Richard is 63. Actor Udo Kier is 59. Singer-musician Justin Hayward (The Moody Blues) is 57. Actor Harry Anderson is 51.

Answer to previous puzzle

STAB	MALTA	ALDA
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Newsday Crossword

SOFA SO GOOD by Lee Weaver
Edited by Stanley Newman

ACROSS

- TV alien
- Eighth Greek letter
- Monk's title
- Dullard
- Rosie's concern
- Understands
- Certain administrative locale
- Brigham Young's destination
- Derogatory in manner
- Pantry section
- "Cease and desist!"
- Military subdivision
- Hospitably
- Loser to DDE
- Sandra and Ruby
- Spanish lady
- Self-satisfied
- Scratch the surface of
- Pub potables
- Aviator Earhart
- Sailors
- Mag. officials
- Give encouragement to
- Memorization method
- Gets nosy
- Office novices
- Overused, as an expression
- Topnotch
- Hurries up
- Small rugs
- Seer's cards
- Scotia

DOWN

- Kindergarten basics
- Diving birds
- Pear or plum
- Take a stab at
- Towel
- Nights before
- Pekoe holder
- Brings into harmony
- Give a party for
- Caboose locale
- Pallid
- Printer's widths
- Makes an even trade
- Baseball great Williams
- Barely warm
- Bit of dialogue
- Citizen's suffix
- The other team
- Inedible orange
- Part in a play
- Talking horse of TV
- Fresh talk
- Right away, in memos
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- Birdseed ingredient
- Sources of great pride
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- 37 Sources of great pride
- 39 Pulls a heist
- 42 Part of
- 43 Certifies by oath
- 45 Make illegal
- 46 Bagpipe players
- 49 Donkey's sound
- 50 Muslim holy book
- 53 Oven light
- 54 Canyon of the comics
- 55 Bring under control
- 56 Wander
- 57 Hill builders
- 58 FDR's mother
- 60 Old-time oath
- 63 Keystone figure of film
- 64 UFO pilots

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