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WEATHER

Tonight:



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BRIEFLY

Tumbleweed Smith

Tumbleweed Smith, syndicated newspaper columnist and producer of The Sound of Texas radio series, has produced a CD entitled Natural Born Storytellers.

Smith will have a CD release party from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the Heritage Museum. Wine and cheese will be served.

He will also have copies of his latest book, "Under the Chinaberry Tree," and other cassettes and CD's he has produced.

Foster families

Big Spring and surrounding counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers of the children in the community who have been abused and neglected.

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

55-Alive program

Fifty-five Alive driver safety program classes will be held from 8 a.m. until noon Dec. 11-12 at the Martin County Senior Citizen's Center in Stanton.

This class is taught by a state-certified instructor and is a two-day course of four hours each session. You must attend both days to receive a certificate, which will be accepted by most insurance companies for a deduction in premiums for a three-year period.

The cost is \$10 per person. To register, call 432-756-2791 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

This class is not a defensive driving class and cannot "forgive" traffic violations.

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College trustees ponder major upcoming expenses, note some welcome grants

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Money dominated much of the Howard College Board of Trustees meeting Monday as trustees mulled over a big item expenditure and also learned about receiving some large dollar grants.

Facing Hewlett Packard's phase-out of the computer operating system used by the college in 2006, administrators said the cost to convert to another company will run more than \$500,000.

The college can continue to use the current system but will face no support help by the company

after 2006, said Terry Hansen, the college's executive vice president for administrative systems.

A 22-member committee studied the issue and recommend a switch to POISE, Hansen told trustees.

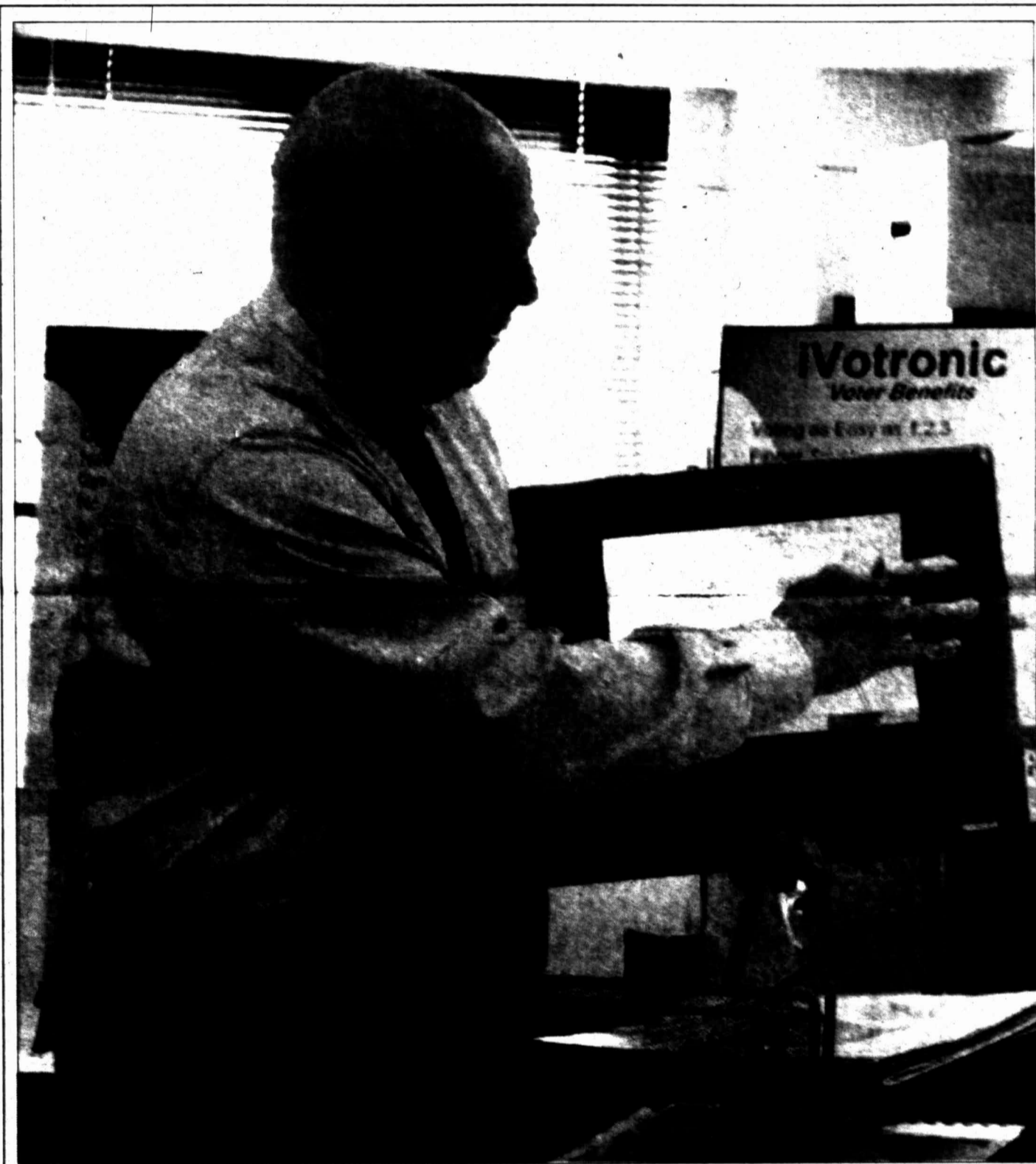
"We picked POISE because 23 other institutions in Texas use it and it will give us the ability to network," Hansen said. "It will allow us to try some new functions like offer on-line registration and paying for class on-line."

The new system will allow students to check degree requirements on line, he added.

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Alfred Vidaurri Jr. of the Fort Worth-based consulting firm Freese and Nichols, makes a presentation to the Howard College board of trustees Monday on the company's services. Also pictured are Trustee Michael Flores, left, and Executive Vice President for Administrative Systems Terry Hansen.



Don Blakely, vice president of the Southwestern Division of Election Systems & Software, explains how the touch screen voting system works. According to Blakely, the touch screens are the same grade used by fast food restaurants, and are designed to take the electoral punishment for years to come.

Future of voting in Howard County

Commissioners get preview of touch screen balloting machines

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Voting may become a truly "hands-on" experience in Howard County, as county commissioners took a look at a new voting system Monday to replace the county's outdated punch card system.

Don Blakely, vice president of the Southwest Division of Election Systems & Software, made a presentation to commissioners on the company's newest products to get Howard County in line with state regulations before the January 2006 deadline.

Blakely said the system, which has already been in use in Dallas since 1998, has seen the rigors of the election system, and passed with flying colors.

"Dallas County adopted the DRE product, which is a touch-screen product, in 1998 for early voting only," said Blakely. "As you can well imagine, having 30 to 40 early voting sites it was a nightmare to administer that. So they went with our product and

have used it in well over 100 elections since that time.

"The voters have accepted the product, and the precinct offi-

Howard County remains one of seven Texas counties that still utilize the punch card system and will have to have the new system in place by the 2006 deadline.

cial have accepted the product. The county commissioners there are very pleased that they went with this particular technology."

Of course, new technology carries a hefty price tag. "The ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) units are a little more expensive than the regular voter terminals," he said. "They are averaging about \$3,100. The regular voter units are a little less

expensive because they don't have to meet the ADA requirements, and they run in the neighborhood of \$2,700 per unit."

Unfortunately for the county coffers, the cost of the software designed to work with the new election system carries a \$12,000 price tag of its own. Blakely said the election system can be used with or without the software, but with the removal of software automation comes the opportunity for inaccuracy.

"It isn't absolutely necessary, but when we designed the product everyone talked about the manual entry of data," he said, "and the opportunity for anyone to make an error. So what we did is design a software accumulation system, and it's called Election Reporting Manager."

"Once those vote totals are brought into the data base, they can send the vote totals to the Internet, monitors in the courthouse, personal computers...

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HOME SHOPPING?

CHDC offers training for new buyers

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

If you decided it was time to buy a home, would you know where to begin?

For most people who have never approached the idea, the answer would be a definite no. For those struggling to understand the system surrounding purchasing a home, the lack of readily available information can be frustrating enough to force many to throw up their arms in defeat.



PRYOR

The information gap is something the Crossroads Housing Development Corporation (CHDC) is trying to change. CHDC Executive Director Paul Pryor said the organization is in the process of opening a new neighborhood training center at its 201 NE Seventh Street location, an effort to educate new home buyers on the ins and outs of the home buying process.

"It's often been said that knowledge is power, and we believe that's true with home ownership, which is many individual's largest investment," said Pryor. "Along with the state of Texas, we feel it's imperative for families and individuals to understand the benefits and responsibilities involved with home ownership, including various financing options and mortgage products."

"Many mortgage programs, such as first-time home buyer programs, require this type of training as a component of the loan approval process, so we think it's very important."

The new training center will offer home buyer education, foreclosure counseling, Money Smart (FDIC) and home maintenance courses. The center has also been designated as a public Internet access site for the Howard County Community Network.

"We'll have 10 computers with wireless Internet access for the public to utilize as part of the program," said Pryor. "They'll be available during our regular business hours, which is Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Howard College will also be teaching neighborhood enrichment classes at the training center in the evenings, Monday through Thursday."

"We're also partnering with RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer

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# Obituaries

## Glenna Ritenour



Glenna Ritenour, 87, of Big Spring, died on Monday, Nov. 24, 2003, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Dave Ring, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment will be Saturday, Nov. 29 at Union Cemetery in Durango.

Mrs. Ritenour was born Aug. 6, 1916, in Lott and married John Steele Ritenour Nov. 13, 1943, in Waco. He preceded her in death Feb. 17, 1965.

She had lived in the community since 1955. She worked at the Veterans Administration Medical Center for several years. She enjoyed spending time with her granddaughter and her great grandchildren.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church, where she was a former member of the Couples Class. She had also been a member of the 1955 Hyperion Club.

Her survivors include a daughter, Cynthia Schaffer of Big Spring; one granddaughter and her husband, Kim and Fil Franco of Cedar Park; and three great grandchildren, Kaydra Franco, Kaymi Franco, and Kaya Franco, all of Cedar Park.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association, 3205 W. Cuthbert, Ste. A-B, Midland, 79701.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

Paul Obituaries

## Martha I. Cervantes



Martha I. Cervantes, 49, of Big Spring, died Monday morning, Nov. 24, 2003, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a sudden illness.

Vigil services, led by A. G. Martinez, will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Interment will be held at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mrs. Cervantes was born June 1, 1954 in Little Rock, Ark. She lived most of her life in Big Spring. She was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Mrs. Cervantes was a homemaker and an employee of Big Spring State Hospital.

She is survived by her husband Juan Cervantes; one daughter, Christina Whitney and her husband Jody; two sons, John Cervantes and Arthur Cervantes; one grandson, John Lee Whitney; her parents, Joe and Librada Lopez, both of Big Spring; two brothers, Joe Lopez Jr., and his wife Mary, of Garland, and Andy Lopez and wife Anita of Big Spring.

Mrs. Cervantes was preceded in death by her brother, John Michael Lopez. Pallbearers for the services include Andy Lopez, Joe Lopez Jr., C. Q. Cervantes, Jody Whitney, Denny Islas, and John Michael Lopez.

Funeral service arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay respects for Mrs. Cervantes online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

Paul Obituaries

## Virginia Allen



Virginia Allen, 75, of Coahoma, died Monday, Nov. 24, 2003, at her residence. She fought a difficult illness with grace and courage. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2003, at the First Baptist Church of Coahoma with Rev. Elwin Collom, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

Mrs. Allen was born Aug. 4, 1928, in Binger, Okla., and married Paul Allen on Sept. 15, 1956, in Marietta, Okla. She was a 1953 graduate of Oklahoma State University. She became the home demonstration agent in Love County, where she met Mr. Allen. Later they moved to Lubbock, and then Coahoma, where they have lived for the last 40 plus years. She was a dedicated teacher with Coahoma Schools for 34 years, where she taught homemaking and fourth grade. Mrs. Allen was also a devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

She was a member of First Baptist Church of Coahoma.

Her survivors include her husband, Paul Allen of Coahoma; one daughter and son-in-law, Paula and Robert Cox of Ft. Worth; two grandchildren, Bryan Cox and Amy Cox, both of Ft. Worth; two sisters, Othella Pippin and Susan Bryan and husband Joe, all of Ft. Worth; one brother, Bob Thompson and wife Natha, of Pittsburg, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Allen was preceded in death by her mother and father, Willie Mae and Dewey Thompson, and one brother, Jack Thompson.

The family suggests memorials be sent to Home Hospice, 600 S. Gregg, Big Spring, 79720, or to the First Baptist Church of Coahoma, P.O. Box 376, Coahoma, 79511.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

Paul Obituaries

# Police blotter

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

• **STORMEE NIX**, 23, of 1117 Jeffery Road, was arrested Monday on four local traffic warrants and on a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice.

• **LELDON TAYLOR JENKINS**, 20, of 201 Nix Road, was arrested Monday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

• **ARTURO ACEVEDO**, 44, of 1511 Runnels, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated-second offense.

• **CHRISTOPHER LEE VALENCIA**, 21, of 107 NE Eighth Street, was arrested Tuesday on six local traffic warrants and a charge of evading arrest.

• **FERMAN LOPEZ FLORES**, 53, of Odessa, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **LARRY MATTHEW MARQUEZ**, 18, of 2605 Chanute, was arrested Monday on two local warrants.

• **RHONDA GAIL LATIMER**, 30, of 1905 Wasson, was arrested Monday on a Nolan County warrant for theft by check.

• **ASSAULT** was reported:  
- in the 1500 block of Mesa.  
- in the 500 block of Gregg Street.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:  
- in the 1500 block of Mesa.  
- in the 500 block of Westover Road.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 4200 block of Theo. Audio/visual equipment, tools and jewelry valued at \$1,338 reported stolen, damages estimated at \$600.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 4100 block of Parkway. Vehicle parts and accessories valued at \$1,841 reported stolen, damages estimated at \$1,000.

# Sheriff's report

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

• **HERIBERTO ZAMORA**, 49, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated-second offense.

• **GUMARO FABELA HERNANDEZ**, 44, was arrested Monday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **VINCENTE GARDEA LONGORIA**, 22, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana.

• **LEON DETRICK EDDINGTON**, 24, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify.

• **RICKY LIN WALLACE**, 37, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD for bailman off of bond, resisting arrest, contempt of court and disobedience of a court order.

• **VINCENT MARTINEZ JR.**, 32, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated and criminal trespass.

• **BLAINE LEE ROMAN**, 22, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on a charge of purchasing furnishing alcoholic beverages to a minor.

• **TOMMY DALE BOLTON**, 21, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported near the 176 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20 and the N. Service Road. Deputies responded along with DPS. Accident report to follow by DPS.

# Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. West winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday night...Clear. Lows in the upper 30s. Thanksgiving day...Clear. Highs in the lower 60s.

Friday...Clear. Lows in the upper 30s. Highs in the lower 60s.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Highs in the upper 60s.

Sunday through Monday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Highs in the upper 60s.

# Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night. Winning numbers drawn: 8-10-12-18-20.

Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$45,114.

Winning tickets sold in Houston, Quick Way Grocery & Washateria, 11722 Cullen.

Matching four of five: 177. Prize: \$115.

Matching three of five: 5,272. Prize: \$8.

Matching two of five: 49,705. Prize: \$2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-2-9

# Bulletin board

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

Concerned Citizens meets at 7 p.m. in Howard County Library.

## Wednesday

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

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

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

Line dancing, 1 p.m., Sr. Citizen Center, Industrial Park, 267-6966 or 267-1628.

Sr. Circle meets at 10 a.m. at SMMC classroom for stretch and tone. Call 268-4721 for more information.

Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 703 West 3rd.

## Friday

Spring City Sr. Citizens country and western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All area senior citizens are invited.

AMBUCS meets at noon at La Posada.

Greater B.S. Rotary meets at noon in HC Cactus Room.

Signal Mt. Quilting Guild will not meet the last Friday of November and December.

## Saturday

Dance, 8:30 p.m. at Eagles Lodge, 704 West 3rd. Everyone welcome.

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

Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

# Support groups

**TUESDAY**  
Area Agency on Aging of the Permian Basin will hold a self-help support group for care givers in Howard County on Tuesday.

The meeting will be held at Canterbury Retirement Homes Inc., 1700 Lancaster, from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. For more information, call Raynetta Williams, caregiver coordinator, at (432) 563-1061 or (800) 491-4636 or locally call Debbie Read at Home Hospice at (432) 264-7599.

This group is open to the public and funded by the Texas Department on Aging.

**THURSDAY**  
Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 noon to 1 p.m.; Women's meeting; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue Support Group meets at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 North Highway 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

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# NEWS BRIEFS

## Marijuana distributors get probation

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Three men who pleaded guilty to distributing medical marijuana to seriously ill patients received probation instead of a federal prison term after a judge expressed admiration for their work and called the prosecution "badly misguided."

Scott Imler, Jeff Yablan and Jeffrey Farrington received one year of probation and up to 250 hours of community service. They faced up to 30 months in prison after striking a plea bargain with prosecutors.

"Though it was hard to keep faith in the system throughout this process, I know mine was restored today," Imler said Monday as he thanked U.S. District Judge A. Howard Matz for his leniency and prosecutors for treating him with respect.

Matz said he was navigating "somewhat uncharted shoals" in making the downward departure from sentencing guidelines, but the three men did not distribute the marijuana for money or political leverage.

He also said they scrupulously adhered to rules established under Proposition 215, the nation's first medical marijuana law. The 1996 state law conflicted with federal law.

## Dean denies accusations

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Fighting on two fronts, Democrat Howard Dean is denying accusations that he flip-flopped on his support for Medicare and opposition to war in Iraq.

The former Vermont governor also ridiculed critics of his budget-cutting record in the state, adding with a sarcastic sidebar in a debate Monday with other presidential candidates. "I most certainly appreciate all this attention that I'm getting."

The barbs came from the usual corners: Rep. Dick Gephardt, who is tied with Dean in Iowa polls, and Sen. John Kerry, who is trying to salvage his candidacy by erasing Dean's double-digit lead in New Hampshire.

No other candidate faced such heavy criticism, but no other candidate holds Dean's advantages in polls, fund raising and organizational strength.

"It's hard to judge whether they hurt Dean, because he never admits to being wrong or falters once he says something," Carol Khare of South Carolina, co-chair of the Democratic National Committee's rules committee, said after the two-hour debate.

## Campbell arrested on several counts

PHOENIX (AP) — Country singer Glen Campbell was released from jail early Tuesday after being arrested on suspicion of drunken driving, hit and run, and aggravated assault on a police officer.

Although not formally charged, Campbell posted \$2,000 bond in city court in connection with the drunken driving and hit-and-run accusations levied against him.

Phoenix police Sgt. Randy Force said authorities took the 67-year-old into custody Monday at his home after a two-car collision at a Phoenix intersection.

No one was hurt, but afterward Campbell's BMW continued on.

A witness followed the car, called police on a cell phone and directed them to a home in the Biltmore area, Force said.

"Officers contacted the driver of that BMW who was Glen Campbell," he said. "Based on his appearance and demeanor, they believed he was intoxicated and took him into custody."

While being processed at a police precinct on those charges, police said Campbell — minutes away from being released to waiting friends and family — became angry and kneed Sgt. Bill Niles in the thigh. Niles was not hurt.

## COLLEGE

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A way to fund the expensive endeavor is still up in the air, said College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks, who discussed several options including seeking grants, loans or supporting the project through the college's fund balance.

In other news, the college qualified for three high-dollar grants, said Julie Wolf, director of special projects.

The nursing program will benefit from two grants — a \$150,000 grant from the Texas Workforce Commission to help students with books and tuition and a \$49,126 grant from the Higher Education Coordinating Board. This grant will help fund a computer lab and several training courses.

The Texas Workforce Commission also approved a \$14,688 grant to the college for training StarTek employees which includes basic key-board-

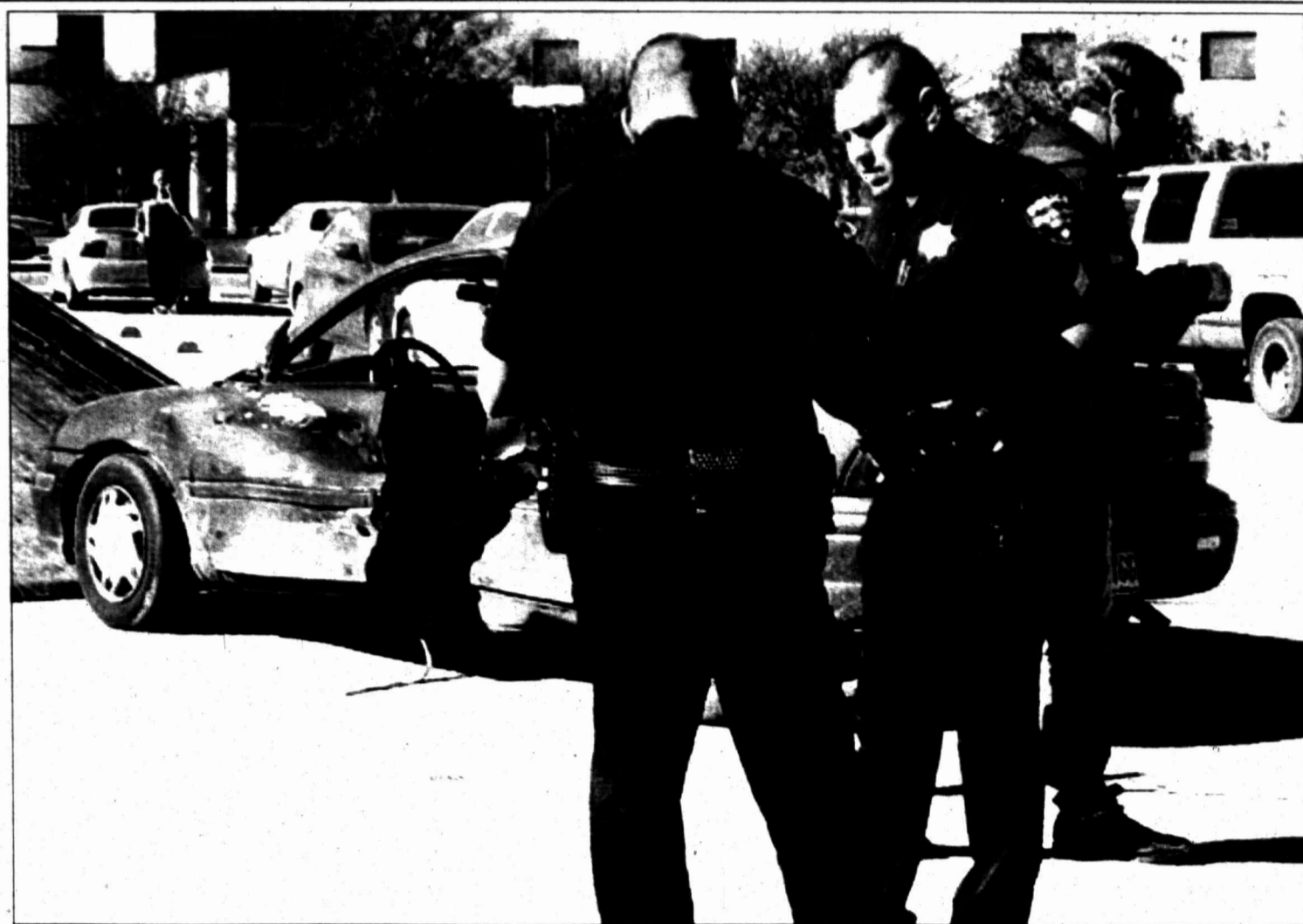
ing skill and customer service, Wolf said.

In other business trustees heard:

• The first phase of the new Howard Cottage facility project is near completion. The metal building which will house the college's day care program is expected to arrive by Dec. 9. Trustees approved going out for bid to either remove or demolish the current Howard Cottage building. Once the building is removed, the college can begin construction on the multi-million dollar performance hall project.

• A presentation from Freese and Nichols of services to help update the college's master plan. According to Sparks, the master plan needs to be tweaked before the Southern Association of Community Colleges accreditation visit.

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Big Spring Officer Joel Garza, right, assists officer Mike Perez at the scene of a two-vehicle accident that occurred Monday morning in the Howard College parking lot. According to Perez, the collision between two cars sent two people to Scenic Mountain Medical Center with non-incapacitating injuries. Neither driver was issued a citation.

## CHDC

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Program), which will be holding its annual tax preparation for seniors and low income families during tax season. We also anticipate other groups and individuals will utilize the center as well."

Pryor said funding for the training center project was provided by local banks. And although construction on the facility is complete, CHDC will have to raise

"matching funds" for a grant it has been awarded to round out the facility.

"Funding for this program came through donations from a number of local banks," he said. "We also submitted a grant to the Abell-Hanger Foundation to furnish the center. They responded with a "challenge grant" of \$2,500, which means we'll have to raise the same amount from non-political sources in Howard County to receive it.

"The grant will be used to purchase tables and chairs, as well as

typical classroom items such as audio-video equipment and that sort of thing. We've been able to raise about \$1,400 from various housing professionals in Big Spring so far."

For more information on the program or to make a donation to the organization, contact Pryor at 267-2206.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at [newsdesk@crcom.net](mailto:newsdesk@crcom.net)

## VOTE

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really just six to eight different media outlets that you can send that information to."

Howard County remains one of seven Texas counties that still utilize the punch card system, Blakely said, and will have to have the new system in place by the 2006 deadline.

"January of 2006 is the deadline for counties to comply with the new mandates," said Blakely.

"You'll have to have one ADA accessible booth in each of your election day polling places. That's mandated by the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). Punch card and lever machine counties are mandated to change over to the newer systems by that date.

"There are roughly seven punch card counties, including Howard County, and three lever-machine counties, in the state of Texas that will have to change over to what's called a direct record system, which is what this new system is, before the deadline."

Commissioner Jerry Kilgore said the technological advances of the new equipment are nice, but the county is left with little choice on the what and when of replacing its aging and outdated equipment.

"Of course we're forced to go to it," he said. "We can't get parts for the old system that we're using now, and we have to be switched over to the new systems by 2006, so it's the coming thing.

"There is a grant out there, and I think we've got it set up so we can do this at very little cost to

the county. When they first came out, the prices on these systems were a lot higher, and they've come down a considerable amount. I think with grant money we'll be able to afford this despite the hard economic times we're experiencing right now."

Kilgore said he and the other commissioners have been looking into the matter for quite some time, and although all of the systems carry fairly steep costs, the benefits seem to outweigh the cost.

"We've looked at these things since the early stages, and they made quite a few improvements to them over that time," he said. "We've looked at several different companies and their products, and personally I like this system. It seems to be quite a bit easier.

"As far as effectiveness, I was worried about the fact that some of us aren't computer literate enough to work it, but it's real simple and I think it will be real easy to use. It's nearly full-proof."

"As far as cost goes, this is going to be very expensive," County Clerk Donna Wright said following the presentation. "Since we are one of the last punch card counties that are having to go with this system, there are going to be some funds out there that we can

apply for to help ease that cost.

"I think this system is very voter friendly, but it's going to be a change, so it's going to be a very big hurdle for us to overcome. I believe we can do enough voter education through the year before we have to use them so people will be comfortable and not intimidated about using them, and that's my goal."

Wright agreed with commissioners that it will be necessary to implement the new system before the 2006 deadline to give election workers the necessary time to learn and get comfortable with the new technology.

"We'll have to get all of the election workers familiar with the system and how it works," said Wright. "We'll have to make sure everyone is comfortable with what they are doing. And I really feel like that will give us plenty of time to see if everything works. If we can get it implemented before the November 2005 election, it will be a smaller election to phase into in comparison to a larger election such as the March 2006 primaries."

"We want to get it in early so we can get people used to it," said Kilgore. "Especially on an off year, that way we'll be ready for the governor's race in 2006."

In the end, said Wright,

voter education is going to be the defining concern for the success of the new voting system, and she encourages area voters to learn as much as they can about it once it has been implemented.

"When you start hearing things about new voting equipment being set up," she said, "don't hesitate to come out when we have them set out so you can get acquainted with it, and really feel comfortable when the time to actually cast your ballot comes.

"I think once we get through one election with a new system, it's going to get pretty smooth. The big key is going to be getting everyone educated on how to use them."

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## EDITORIAL

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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## OUR VIEWS

## Let's all support preparations for the Moving Wall

After more than 16 years, the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall will once again be on display in Big Spring, March 27 through April 2, 2004, and it most definitely needs to involve people throughout the community.

The Moving Wall first came to Big Spring in 1987, and the emotion evoked during that visit led to creation of the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial.

When the wall was moved to its next location following the Big Spring exhibit in 1987, the group that would later become known as the Vietnam Memorial Committee of Big Spring Inc., decided to commemorate the event by planting a tree where the wall had been displayed.

From that start the VMC developed a plaza and the obelisk in that spot. And since then, the memorial has certainly continued to expand with erection of the Gold Star Mother's Chapel, honoring men and women of all services and all wars who have given the supreme sacrifice, and the addition of static displays of an F4 Phantom jet, AH-1 and UH-1 helicopters and a M-60 tank.

Members of the VMC have been trying to get the wall back to Big Spring since 1999, and had hoped to have it here in 2001, but demand for the Moving Wall thwarted that effort.

Now that organizers have been notified that the wall will be in Big Spring next year, they now have the task of raising the funds and volunteers needed for the memorial's visit.

"We (the committee) are going to need a lot of help," noted VMC member Jerry Groves. "Even with the Vietnam Memorial Committee, the Vietnam Veterans of America chapter here, the VA Medical Center, the Disabled American Veterans, American Legion, the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez State Veterans Home, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Hangar 25, Mission Possible and The Military Support Group serving as hosts, we're still going to need all the help we can get from the community."

Sponsors for the visit to date include the *Big Spring Herald*, KBST, KBYG and Freecom.

Groves said organizers not only need monetary donations to cover costs, but volunteers to work at the exhibit. "We'll have to have people out there with the wall 24 hours a day for the entire week it will be here," he explained.

For more information on the Vietnam Memorial Committee and the Moving Wall's visit, go to the VMC website at [www.bigspringvietnammemorial.org](http://www.bigspringvietnammemorial.org).

To make a tax-deductible contribution toward the memorial's visit mail donations to: Vietnam Memorial Committee, P.O. Box 2854, Big Spring 79720.

Those interested in serving as volunteers should contact Vicki Osburn, treasurer for the Vietnam Memorial Committee, at 267-7828.

We encourage local residents to get involved in this most worthwhile project. You'll be glad you did.

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## Corporate scandals continuing

I suggest the epitaph for this entire era should be, "The fish rots from the head down." The latest round of corporate scandals — Hollinger, the growing mutual fund mess and the foreign exchange dealers who ripped off their own companies — provide an elegant summary of the pattern.

Hollinger International, a media company owned by Lord Conrad Black, reported a relatively measly total profit of \$23 million from 1998 to 2002. During the same period, the company paid Black and his close associates over \$200 million in salary, management fees and non-compete payments, according to published reports. The company also featured the usual insider dealing — including a \$2.5 million investment in Hollinger board member Richard Perle's company, Trirame. That would be the same Richard Perle who is still on the Pentagon's Defense Advisory Board, despite having had to resign as chairman earlier because of other business conflicts of interest.

So far, every business scandal starting with Enron has displayed the same features — investors ripped off, pension-holders ripped off, employees often left with nothing and executives walking away with millions. Those at the top of large corporations who screw up completely and create total disasters walk away with millions under golden parachute arrangements. Just for example, Treasury Secretary John Snow, formerly head of CSX railroad company, presided over a 53 percent drop in the company's stock while raising his own pay by 69 percent. He also slashed both health care and life insurance benefits for CSX retirees.

Corporations themselves have become entities set up to avoid taxation. It's really quite extraordinary. Theoretically, the corporate income tax is 35 percent, but

no self-respecting corporation would actually pay that. The Bermuda Loophole is just the beginning of the games corporations play — and don't think for a minute that the corporate alternative minimum tax is making them cough up. Many of the country's most profitable corporations are so good at tax games, the government owes them tax rebates.

What happens sooner or later when there is rot at the top — what economists call "control fraud" — is that the little fish get into the act, too. Hey, if the guys at the top are ripping people off right and left, why shouldn't some of the peons play the same game at their own level? And that's when you get things like the foreign exchange traders and even some of the mutual fund rip-off artists. The rot does spread downward.

Now, being of the liberal persuasion, I believe the ways to stop corporate rip-offs and harm caused to the public by greed is government regulation and suing the bastards. But let's suppose for a moment here that we try The Wall Street Journal's preferred methods for fixing all this — transparency, accountability and responsibility. And let us apply these methods to the Bush administration, which proudly bills itself as the CEO administration. It is certainly an administration of CEOs. After the unspeakable Harvey Pitt was forced to resign as head of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Bush brought in Bill Donaldson as corporate watchdog, the CEO of a huge Wall Street firm, Donaldson Lufkin & Jenrette, currently under investigation by the SEC for fraud. Ooops.

Transparency: We started with Dick Cheney's secret energy task force, then Bush decided neither his father's presidential papers nor Reagan's could be made public, then we got the PATROT Act, and everything went to hell. We couldn't find out who had been "detained" when, where, why or for how long, with no lawyers and no family notification. And of course, secret phone taps, wire-

taps, sweeps, etc., all on "suspicion."

Accountability: What does it take to get fired by this administration? Outing a CIA agent for petty political revenge? Completely contravening administration policy with jackass statements about Islam, like Gen. Boykin, while you're the head of a sensitive Pentagon department on the subject?

Obviously, you can get fired for standing up for the environment — or at least not lying down quickly enough for those who are busy trashing it. RIP, Christine Todd Whitman. And for standing up and saying something populist, like the IRS should quit going after working poor people and try nailing a few rich tax cheats, as former Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill did.

Responsibility: Have you ever heard this administration admit it has made a mistake? It won't even take responsibility for dumb stuff like the "Mission Accomplished" sign, much less admit it had no idea what it was doing in Iraq after Saddam fell. Even now, administration folks keep trying to wiggle out of their own ... I don't know whether it was lies or misinformation — there was no nuclear weapons program, there were no weapons of mass destruction, and there were no ties between Saddam and Osama bin Laden. But there they come again, with some leaked list of questionable intelligence trying to prove what isn't true.

This country boasts a multitude of people who are real heroes: The extraordinary book "Mountains Beyond Mountains" about Dr. Paul Farmer should not be missed. But at the top of the corporate and economic worlds, ethical standards seem to be rotting out — greed, self-righteousness, fatal certitude. And, of course, beware of those with no humor.

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## Generals go to war with words

You think you have enemies? Just be glad you're not a general. When at a forum in September,

retired Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Hugh Shelton was asked if he would support retired Gen. Wesley Clark for president, Shelton quickly took a drink of water.

"That question makes me wish it were vodka," Shelton said. "I've known Wes for a long time. I will tell you the reason he came out of Europe early had to do with integrity and character issues, things that are very near and dear to my heart. I'm not going to say whether I'm a Republican or a Democrat. I'll just say Wes won't get my vote."

Which was bad enough. But on Nov. 6, retired Gen. General Norman Schwarzkopf appeared on CNBC's "Capital Report," hosted by Gloria Borger and Alan Murray, who asked him what he thought of Clark.

"I mean, he was fired as a NATO commander," Schwarzkopf replied, and when Hugh Shelton said he was fired because of matters of character and integrity, that is a very, very damning statement

which says, 'If that's the case, he's not the right man for president,' as far as I'm concerned."

Clark was understandably miffed — Shelton has refused to expand on his remarks or explain exactly what he meant — and went on the air the next day to say: "I haven't talked to Gen. Schwarzkopf since 1991 when I interviewed him in his headquarters about what he liked and didn't like about the Army. He left the Army shortly after that, haven't seen him in 12 years. He didn't ask me anything about it. So he's certainly entitled to his opinion, but I think America should hold people to a high standard."

But it didn't stop there. Clark got wind of the fact that Democratic presidential rival John Edwards was using Shelton as an adviser. So the Clark campaign shot off this rocket to Edwards:

"I'm simply astounded that you have retained Gen. Hugh Shelton as an adviser to your presidential campaign. This choice undermines the spirit of civility that you have urged your fellow candidates to uphold. Just this September you said, 'We need to be really careful that our anger is not directed at each other.' Maybe you should share that advice with your own campaign team."

"General Shelton has engaged in precisely the type of politics as (the) usual mud-slinging that you

profess to abhor. ... You should insist that Gen. Shelton either repudiate his attacks or come forward and provide proof for what he said."

Edwards decided to be cool and collected in the face of this hot and heavy attack, and replied with this letter to Clark:

"Whatever your personal views on Gen. Shelton, I'm sure you agree that he is a respected military leader who served our country with distinction.

"Although Gen. Shelton has not endorsed me or any other candidate, I value his advice as one of our nation's top military leaders. He is a fellow North Carolinian and has been a friend and advisor for many years. I will continue to seek his advice.

"When I talk to the former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, it's about the safety and security of our men and women in uniform, not about politics."

We are not sure what any of this means, but until they sort it out, we are not inviting any of them to the same party.

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## Peanut butter can

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Turkey is king for Thanksgiving, but the old bird doesn't stand alone. King turkey is a courtly complement to be as varied and as in style as the occasion itself.

For instance, a delicious complement to Thanksgiving might be a combination of rice, ginger and

## Delicious Fruit F

Two tablespoons favorite oil  
Two tablespoons ginger root peeled and grated  
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin  
Four cups water  
Two cups basmati rice  
Two teaspoons lemon juice  
One large orange  
lemon or lime  
Over medium heat, quart saucepan, selected oil until not allow to burn

## Area re nationala

Local Royal National of America (RNA) members have earned recognition for their in the community.

The RNA National Headquarters will members of the Big Spring chapter on at a recognition of highlight the many activities and events.

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The chapter also has numerous events out to members of the community.

Royal National of America is a benefit society headquartered in Rock Island, Texas. It was chartered in 1901 as a group of visionaries who were dedicated to offering insurance to the volunteer. Today it has more than 200,000 members.



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Peanut butter is nutritious in reasonable amounts

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A Penn State study showed substituting small portions of peanut butter and peanuts for other high-fat foods reduced heart disease risk by 21 percent, whereas the low-fat diet reduced risk by only 12 percent.

Preliminary research also shows that people with inflammation, an emerging risk factor for several chronic diseases, may not benefit from a low-fat, low-cholesterol diet, further suggesting a low-fat diet may not be for everyone.

The Peanut Butter Diet is a moderate-fat diet (35 percent calories from fat), full of "good" unsaturated fat.

About half the fat comes from peanut butter, which provides key nutrients like protein

and fiber that contribute to satiety.

The Peanut Butter Diet is not a typical "fad diet."

The daily meal plans are calorie-restricted (about 1,500 calories for women, 2,200 for men) and full of fiber.

They include four tablespoons of peanut butter for women, six for men; nine servings of fruits and vegetables; three to seven servings of whole grains; four to eight ounces of lean meat; and two servings of lower-fat dairy products.

Substitution and portion control are pivotal to success.

Whether creamy or crunchy, natural or commercial, all types of peanut butter can list "zero" grams of trans fat on the label, according to a USDA study.

In addition, all types of peanut butter provide many nutrients such as protein, fiber, magnesium, vitamin E, folate, and resveratrol, the same phytochemical found in red wine.

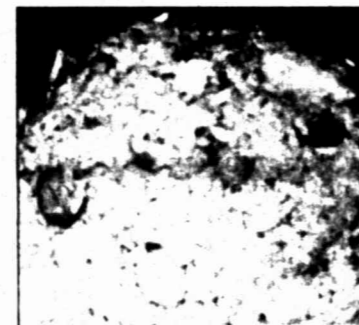


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Former Comanche Trail Nursing Home Marketing Director Caren Carruth accepts a \$1,000 donation from Dennis Edmunds, Big Spring site manager for StarTek, for the nursing home's Alzheimer's unit. The money will be used to purchase items for the unit.

## Complement to the holiday meal

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### Delicious Fruit Rice

- Two tablespoons favorite oil
- Two tablespoons fresh ginger root peeled and grated
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- Four cups water
- Two cups basmati rice
- Two teaspoons salt
- One large orange, lemon or lime

Over medium heat in 3-quart saucepan heat selected oil until hot. Do not allow to burn. Add

ginger root and ground cumin and cook again for one more minute.

Add four cups water and bring to a boil. Stir in rice and salt.

Reduce heat to low. Cover mixture and simmer 15 to 18 minutes until all water is absorbed and rice is tender.

Add some zest to the mixture and stir in lime or lemon juice. Serves 12

For an optional recipe, add bits of pineapple and diced cherries.

## Area residents earn national recognition

Local Royal Neighbors of America (RNA) members have earned national recognition for their work in the community.

The RNA National Headquarters will honor members of the Big Spring chapter on Nov. 25 at a recognition dinner to highlight the members' activities and achievements.

Last year, area members held a fund-raiser for a local resident's medical expenses. The chapter raised \$1,026 and the national headquarters matched the funds for a total donation of \$2,052.

The chapter also hosted numerous events to reach out to members and the community.

Royal Neighbors of America is a fraternal benefit society headquarters in Rock Island, Ill. It was chartered in 1895 by a group of visionary women who were dedicated to offering insurance and volunteer activities. Today it has more than 200,000 members and \$2

billion of insurance in force, with approximately 600 active chapters across the nation.

A "chapter" is the local gathering of RNA members that meets on a regular basis for activities and to organize service projects.

As one of the nation's leading fraternal benefit societies, RNA provides a range of insurance products and annuities, as well as a comprehensive college scholarship program, national retirement home and disaster relief program. It also offers its members long-term care and disability insurance through its wholly owned subsidiary, American Fraternal Financial Services Inc.

The recognition dinner begins at 6 p.m. at Al's & Son Bar-B-Q. For more information and to make reservations, contact Virginia Collins at 432-263-1340.

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# Jury chooses death for sniper mastermind

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) — A jury decided Monday that John Allen Muhammad should be executed for taking it upon himself to choose who should live and who should die during the sniper attacks that gripped the Washington area for three terrifying weeks last fall.

The enigmatic Muhammad reacted with the same flinty look he had through most of the trial.

The jury deliberated more than five hours over two days before deciding the fate of Muhammad, a 42-year-old Gulf War veteran who masterminded the attacks and asked police to "Call me God" during the reign of terror.

The jury's recommendation is not final. Judge Leroy F.

Millette Jr. can reduce the punishment to life in prison without parole when Muhammad is formally sentenced on Feb. 12, but Virginia judges rarely take such action.

Some jurors said the lack of any emotion or remorse from Muhammad, combined with the broad scope and violence of the shootings, convinced them that the death penalty was the only option.

"I looked for something in him that might have shown remorse," said juror Robert Elliott. "And I never saw it the whole time."

The jury concluded that prosecutors proved both aggravating factors necessary to impose the death penalty: that Muhammad would pose a dan-

ger and that his crimes were wantonly vile. Muhammad was sentenced to death on both counts he was convicted of last Monday: committing multiple murders within three years and committing murder as part of a plot to terrorize the public.

"They took pleasure in terrorizing people," prosecutor Paul Ebert said Monday of Muhammad and fellow suspect Lee Boyd Malvo. "They took pleasure in killing people. That's the kind of man that doesn't deserve to be in society."

The jurors looked solemn as they came back with their decision; Muhammad stood ramrod straight as he listened. The courtroom was silent; the judge had warned against any out-

bursts before the jury's decision was announced.

Prosecutors had depicted Muhammad as a ruthless murderer who was "captain of a killing team," and they presented evidence of 16 shootings, including 10 deaths, in Maryland, Virginia, Alabama, Louisiana and Washington, D.C. Muhammad could be prosecuted in those jurisdictions as well.

When he and 18-year-old Malvo were arrested on Oct. 24, 2002, various jurisdictions scrambled to prosecute them. Ultimately, Attorney General John Ashcroft sent the two to Virginia, citing the state's ability to impose "the ultimate sanction."

Only Texas has executed

more people than Virginia since the death penalty was reinstated in 1976 — 310 to 89. Virginia is also one of 21 states that allow the execution of killers who committed their crimes at 16 or 17. Malvo was 17 at the time of the shootings.

Virginia uses lethal injection for executions unless the prisoner requests the electric chair.

Defense attorney Peter Greenspun suggested that the Justice Department had essentially shopped around for a jurisdiction willing to impose death.

"What is more unseemly than the attorney general of the United States saying we're going to go to Virginia where Mr. Muhammad is going to be killed?" Greenspun asked.

## Senate faces last, low hurdle for Medicare bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's 40 million older and disabled Americans would see the biggest changes to Medicare since its creation in 1965, including a new prescription drug benefit, under legislation awaiting final congressional approval.

Drug coverage would not begin until 2006, although seniors could purchase a drug discount card beginning next year.

The \$395 billion legislation — a top priority for President Bush — faces one last, low hurdle — passage by the Senate — which was expected Tuesday. Both sides acknowledged the final vote was not in doubt after lawmakers on Monday cleared away the last efforts by Democratic opponents to stop the legislation.

The House had passed the bill near dawn on Saturday on a 220-215 vote. Final approval in the Senate would give Bush and the congressional Republican majorities a significant legislative and political triumph on an issue that

### Congress gives up on energy legislation this year

WASHINGTON (AP) — After nearly three months of negotiations and dealmaking, Congress is giving up on energy legislation for this year, falling two Senate votes short of sending a bill to President Bush.

Republican leaders vowed to return to the \$31 billion measure early next year.

The Senate abandoned the legislation late Monday after it became clear a dispute over a gasoline additive, MTBE, was not going to be resolved and efforts to find two additional Senate votes needed to overcome a filibuster by opponents would not bear fruit.

Democrats long have exploited in political campaigns.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., called it a "historic" and "momentous" day as lawmakers broke years of deadlock over revamping Medicare.

But Sen. Edward Kennedy, one of the legislation's staunchest foes, said the bill ultimately would cause "the unraveling of the Medicare system." He predicted Republicans would go on to attack Social Security after next year's election.

Bush was eager to sign the bill into law.

"Modernizing Medicare will make the system better and enable us to say to

seniors we kept our promise," Bush said after visiting Army troops Monday at Fort Carson, Colo.

But even as the White House cheered the progress on the Medicare bill, Congress dropped efforts to pass major energy legislation this year — another Bush priority — after repeated attempts failed to find two additional votes needed to push the bill through the Senate.

At its heart, the Medicare legislation was designed as a compromise, with the new drug coverage for all Medicare beneficiaries long sought by Democrats combined with a Republican-backed

The bill passed the House easily last week. Failure to get a bill was a disappointment to the White House.

Republican supporters of the bill said it would produce 800,000 jobs and assure more diverse energy choices by boosting production of coal, oil, natural gas, nuclear power and renewable energy.

But the legislation encountered fierce opposition in the Senate, not only from Democrats but also from a handful of Republicans who objected to its cost and hundreds of provisions characterized by critics as giveaways at taxpayer expense.

plan to give private insurance companies a vast new role in health care for the program's beneficiaries.

Under the legislation, seniors would be eligible beginning next year to purchase a Medicare-backed discount drug card at a cost estimated at \$30 a year. The administration estimated the card would mean savings of between 15 percent and 25 percent off retail prices; critics argued those numbers were wildly inflated.

Beginning in 2006, the legislation would allow seniors to purchase coverage for their prescription drugs. GOP officials estimated the drug insurance premium would be \$35 a month, with a \$250 deductible. The coverage would pay 75 percent of costs after that until a recipient's drug costs reached \$2,250. After that, there would be no drug coverage until a recipient's out-of-pocket expenses reached \$3,600, or roughly \$5,100 in overall

prescription expenses. Above that level, insurance would pick up roughly 95 percent of costs.

The measure included subsidies for low-income seniors.

The scope of the bill went far beyond prescription drugs, though, including an additional \$25 billion for rural hospitals and health care providers, a requirement for higher-income seniors to pay more for Medicare Part B coverage and billions of dollars to discourage corporations from eliminating existing coverage for their retirees once the new government program began.

The bill would satisfy other goals of conservatives, including creation of tax-preferred health savings accounts, open to individuals who purchase high-deductible health insurance policies.

## Fugitive nabbed in Texas

LUFKIN (AP) — A suspect in the murder of an Oklahoma couple who eluded police for weeks was finally arrested in Texas after kidnapping another couple and the husband shot and wounded him, authorities said.

The capture of Scott James Eizember on Sunday brought a sense of relief to law officers who had searched in vain for the 42-year-old suspect. It was one of the longest manhunts in Oklahoma history.

Eizember was accused of killing A.J. Cantrell, 76, and his wife, Patsy Cantrell, 70, on Oct. 18 in Depew, Okla., in the northeastern part of the state.

He is also accused of beating Carla Wright, a neighbor of the Cantrells, and wounding her grandson, 16-year-old Tyler Montgomery, that same day. Wright's daughter Kathy Biggs, Tyler's mother, is Eizember's former girlfriend, and authorities believe he had been stalking her.

Law enforcement agencies picked up Eizember's trail Sunday morning after he was spotted by a volunteer at the Depew Methodist Church food bank.

The woman, Doyce Pitre, told deputies she was so frightened when

she saw an armed man step out of a closet at the food bank that she left her keys in the door as she fled. The man took the keys and drove away in her car at about 9:15 a.m., officials said.

Eizember drove about 200 miles east, where he allegedly kidnapped an emergency room doctor, Samuel Peebles, 54, and his wife, Suzanne, 50, a registered nurse, near Waldron, Ark., Creek County, Okla. Deputy Michael O'Keefe said.

The couple's son, Samuel Peebles Jr., said Eizember feigned an injury by "lying in the road or along the road. It appeared obvious he was in need of something immediately. Once he was in the vehicle a new story came about."

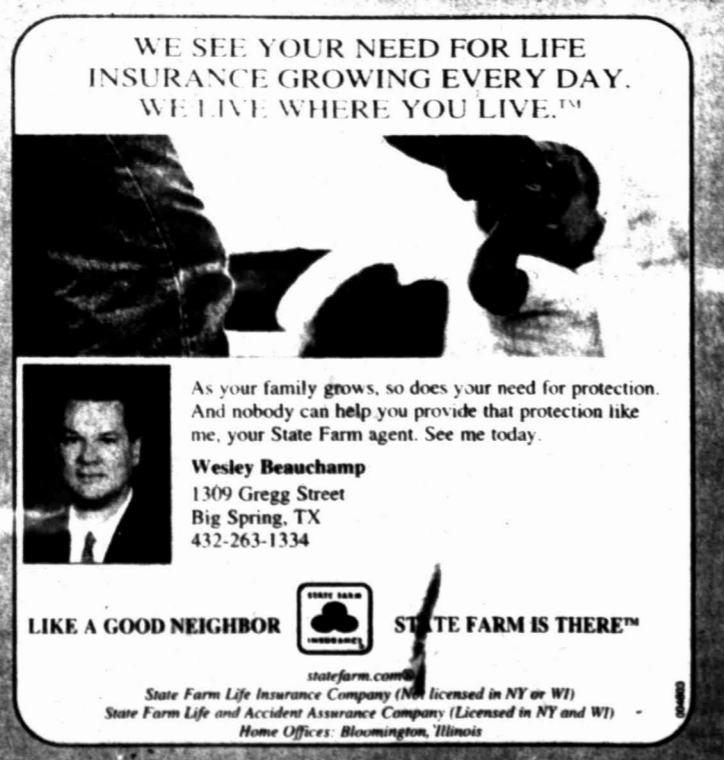
The younger Peebles said his father told him the suspect produced a gun near Texarkana and told the couple he wanted to go to Mexico.

The couple were forced to drive in their van about 300 miles south to East Texas, where the couple persuaded him to pull over so they could use a restroom, an Angelina County Sheriff's Department news release said.

During the stop, the doctor managed to grab a pistol concealed in his van and shot Eizember, the statement said.

Eizember allegedly assaulted the couple, took their van and fled about 10 miles to Corrigan, Texas, where he stopped at a food store and asked for help with his wounds.

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#### FORSAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL STATEMENT YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2003

#### REVENUES

Local and Intermediate Sources	3,904,793
State Program Revenues	877,764
Federal Program Revenues	260,907
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$5,043,464</b>

#### EXPENDITURES

Instruction	2,476,998
Instructional Resources & Media Services	136,239
Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	13,565
School Leadership	277,105
Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	60,800
Health Services	291
Student Transportation	167,932
Food Services	283,383
Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	216,668
General Administration	303,562
Plant Maintenance & Operations	561,516
Security & Monitoring Services	2,276
Data Processing Services	67,772
Community Services	9,710
Facilities Acquisition & Construction	125,000
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts	66,771
Payments to Juvenile Justice Alternative Ed Program	1,500
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$4,771,088</b>

#### Excess(Deficiency) of Revenues over(Under) Expenditures

**\$272,376**

#### Sale of Real & Personal Property Transfer In Transfers Out

1,800  
87,639  
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#### Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)

**\$1,800**

#### Net Change In Fund Balances

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#### Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)

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# Sports

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## IN BRIEF

### Coahoma playoff time is changes

The start time for the Coahoma High School Bulldogs' regional playoff game with the Panhandle Panthers Friday in Lubbock has been changed. The two teams will now begin play at 6:30 p.m. at Lowery Field.

The Bulldogs head into the game sporting a 10-2 record. Panhandle is 12-0.

### BSYBA registration to begin Dec. 13

The Big Spring Youth Basketball Association will hold registration for players for the upcoming season Dec. 13 at the Big Spring Family YMCA.

The cost is set at \$20 per play. A \$5 per player late fee will be charged for those signing up after Dec. 13.

### Lady Steers to face Odessa in Steer Gym

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers basketball team will square off against the Odessa High School Bronchos tonight in the Steer Gym.

Big Spring, coming off a win over San Angelo Central, is slated to tip off at 8 p.m. The Big Spring JV will begin play at 6:30 p.m.

### Quarterback Club to meet on Dec. 1

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will hold a meeting Dec. 1 at the BSHS Athletic Training Complex to begin preparations for the football banquet and to hold officer elections.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

### New classes now forming at YMCA

Registration for classes in gymnastics, swimming, martial arts and women's weights is now being held at the Big Spring Family YMCA.

Gymnastics classes include Kidnastics for preschoolers, ages 5 and younger, and regular gymnastics and tumbling classes for boys and girls 6 and older.

For more information contact the YMCA at 267-8234.

### Basketball officials needed for season

Basketball officials are needed for the upcoming season.

Persons interested in officiating local games this fall should contact Adam Rodriguez at 263-8731 (home) or 517-0300 (cell).

### CLFL adds three to board of directors

The Crossroads Little Football League added three members to its board of directors Saturday. The three were elected Saturday.

Named to the board were Joanna Dykes, Nicole Gibson and Zack Johnson.

## ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule		
Event, Time	Station	
Mavericks vs. Chicago, 7 p.m.	1490	
Nov. 26		
Event, Time	Station	
Suns vs. Chicago, 7 p.m.	1490	
Nov. 27		
Event, Time	Station	
Cowboys vs. Miami, 2 p.m.	1490	

## Parcells savors emotional win on short week

IRVING (AP) — Bill Parcells was about to put the Dallas Cowboys' victory over the Carolina Panthers in perspective. He was going to tell his players what they did right and wrong, explain the significance of the win and describe the playoff ramifications.

He couldn't. He was too choked up to get it all out.

It didn't matter. Whatever Parcells might have said couldn't have had the same impact on players as the teary-eyed reaction from their stern, demanding boss in the locker room following a 24-20 victory Sunday.

"That was something special," tight end Dan Campbell said Monday. "It's something I'll

never forget — ever. He's a hard man, a hard coach, but he gives credit when credit is due. That speaks volumes."

This game meant more than usual because of several factors.

Although the Cowboys have gone from three straight losing seasons to being tied for the division lead, they'd been shut out in two of the previous four games and weren't so impressive in the wins. Only one of the seven teams they'd beaten had a winning record as of Sunday and two of their three losses were to teams with losing records.

If they didn't turn it around against Carolina, a bigger slide was possible considering Miami and a trip to Philadelphia were

next. Doing so against the Panthers wasn't going to be easy because of a defense Parcells called the most physical they'd faced, and Carolina's knack for winning in the closing minutes made him fear the game wouldn't be decided until time ran out.

"I knew that this game was going to be very important to this team — probably more than they knew it," Parcells said Monday.

Despite 10 penalties, including pass interference calls that helped set up 17 of Carolina's 20 points, two missed field goals and a practically forgotten running game, the Cowboys never trailed and were able to hold the ball the final 3:47, preventing

Carolina from even trying another comeback.

Add all those factors together and it's understandable why someone as devoted as Parcells would come a little unglued.

"Eventually the team has to be convinced that all the hard work that they do is worth something. When you win a game like that, that makes a lot of what you do worthwhile," he said. "It's hard to explain. It just overcomes you sometimes a little bit. That's all. I'm not ashamed of it."

Parcells said he was over it as soon as he left Texas Stadium. He then drove straight to team headquarters to start preparing for Thursday's game against Miami.

## Steers push Badgers to brink

### Big Spring drops opener to Permian

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

The Big Spring Steers continued to prove they may have buried the demons of the past Monday night. Big Spring staged its third straight impressive outing of the season in a 41-32 loss to the Merkel Badgers in the Steer Gym.

Big Spring, 1-2 overall, held the Badgers in check for much of the contest. The Steers defense held Merkel — a playoff team a year ago — to just 15 points in the final two quarters of play.

Offensively, Jordan Cobb and Wes Smith took the game to the Badgers early. Cobb pumped in seven of his team-high 12 points in the first eight minutes and helped carry Big Spring to a 14-10 lead at the start of the second period.

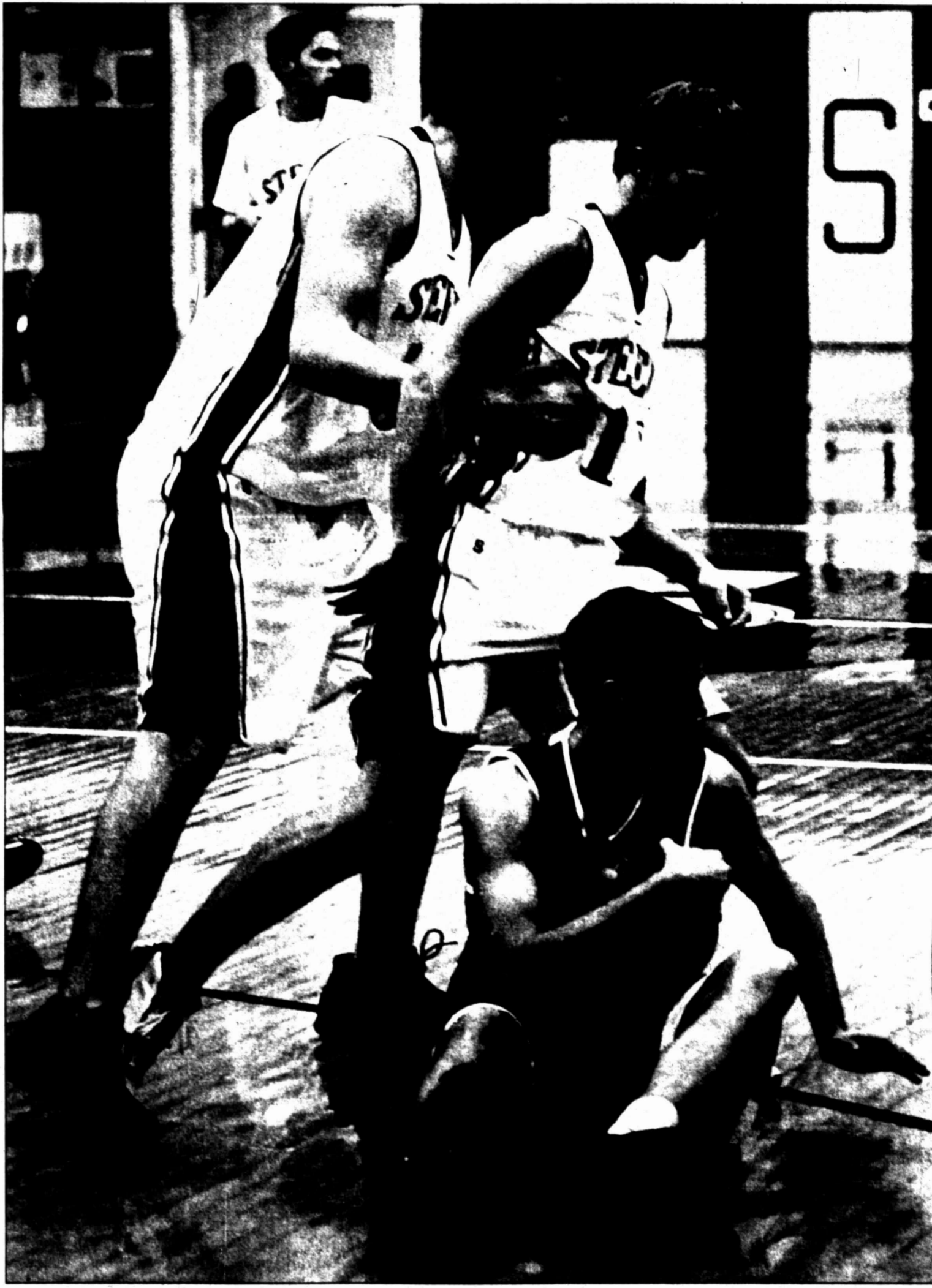
Smith aided Cobb's efforts by pushing in five points in the frame.

Merkel, which had opened its season last week with a narrow win over Big Spring, managed to find its legs in the second. The Badgers posted a 16-2 run in the frame and cruised into the half with a seemingly safe 26-16 cushion.

The Steers returned the defensive favor in the third. Sparked by C.J. Lowery and Michael Ornales-Doport, Big Spring held the Badgers to just two points in the third.

Erin Partee pulled the BSHS cagers to within two, at 31-29, with 4:11 left in the fourth quarter. He capped a 6-0 run by the Steers by putting back an offensive rebound.

Merkel managed to survive, however. Despite a late trey by Ornales-Doport, the Badgers tallied the last six points.



Big Spring senior Erin Partee helps support teammate C.J. Lowery after a scramble for the ball with Merkel's Kevin Stephens in the second quarter Monday. Stephens scored 20 points and led Merkel to a tough 41-32 win over the Steers.

## Hawks soar to 105-66 win over Falcons' JV

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

The Howard College Hawks picked up double-digit performances from four players Monday night and cruised to an easy 105-66 victory over the University of Texas Permian Basin junior varsity.

With the win, the Hawks ended a two-game slide and improved their season record to 3-2.

Howard College all put the game on ice in the first 10 minutes by outscoring the Falcons by a commanding 19-9 mar-

gin. Steve Goff and Johnny Jones both pushed in five points.

The Hawks, who held a 42-29 lead at the half, finished off the win by outscoring UTPB by a 63-37 margin in the final 20 minutes.

Goff finished the game as the top scorer with 22 points. Dwayne Abraham tallied 18, while Jones and Steve Story added 15 and 14, respectively.

The HC women got 33 points from Karen Valentine and 30 from Desire Bostice in a 90-73 win over Hardin Simmons University.



Big Spring Junior High's Terrance Clemons squeezes between two Snyder defenders Monday night in the team's season-opener. The Steers lost, 46-25.

## Snyder slips past BS frosh

The Snyder Tigers, despite double-digit performances from Caleb Choate and Lance Tissue, used a 30-25 run in the second half Monday night to take a 51-47 win over the Big Spring Steers.

With the loss, the Steers fell to 0-2 on the year.

Big Spring controlled the tempo in the first half. Led by six points by Tissue, the Steers outscored Snyder by a 22-21 clip in the first 16 minutes.

Choate finished the game with 11 points while Tissue and Rondell Trevino chipped in 10 and nine, respectively.

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SCOREBOARD

NFL STANDINGS

Table with NFL Standings: American Conference, East Division, West Division, National Conference, East Division, West Division.

AP BASKETBALL POLL

AP TOP 25

Table with AP Top 25: Record, Pts, Pps. Lists top 25 teams in college basketball.

Kansas, Oklahoma State watching, waiting on bowls

DALLAS (AP) — Their regular seasons are over, but Kansas coach Mark Mangino and Oklahoma State's Les Miles will be watching games Friday with real interest.

If two Big 12 teams get into the Bowl Championship Series, there will be room for everybody in the bowls, even if Colorado gets its sixth win.

The Jayhawks (6-6) became bowl eligible for the first time since 1995 with their 36-7 win Saturday over Iowa State. That made Kansas the eighth bowl-eligible team from the Big 12, which is guaranteed eight bowls.

Without question, our preference would be to play in Texas," said Miles, whose school has appeared in the Cotton Bowl just once, in 1944.

But there could be a ninth team in the bowl hunt if Colorado (5-6) can beat No. 25 Nebraska (8-3) on Friday.

Miles knows a Texas win is needed for a trip to Texas instead of to the Holiday Bowl in San Diego. But he won't admit to pulling for the Longhorns — who beat the Cowboys 55-16 this month.

"Everybody here is very confident we'll get a bowl bid. You just don't know about those until you have them in hand, so there is a bit of anxiety," Mangino said. "But we feel like it is going to happen. We're excited to be practicing after the season."

Kansas had lost four straight games before Saturday, which marked the return of senior quarterback Bill Whittemore from a collarbone injury. In addition to the one guaranteed BCS spot, the Big 12 will have teams in



"I'm not going to root too hard one way or the other," he said. "I don't want to make any enemies."

And Mangino insisted that he won't be cheering extra for Nebraska, even though a Cornhuskers' win over Colorado would guarantee Kansas its first bowl trip since beating UCLA in the 1995 Aloha Bowl.

Mangino said he's confident the Jayhawks will get a bowl chance regardless.

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NBA STANDINGS

Table with NBA Standings: Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division, Central Division, Western Conference, Midwest Division, Pacific Division.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Table with College Basketball Standings: EAST, SOUTH, WEST, MIDWEST, FAR WEST.

NHL STANDINGS

Table with NHL Standings: Eastern Conference, East Division, West Division, Western Conference, Central Division.

Solich not 'dwelling' on future

DALLAS (AP) — Nebraska coach Frank Solich isn't dwelling on reports that he could be forced to retire.

find such rumors hard to believe.

years. I think we're talking about rumors."

He said that hasn't even crossed his mind. "I don't spend any time dwelling on it," he said. "You can spend time with it and react to it, but I chose not to do that."

"I don't think they're true. Nebraska is one of the classiest places in the country, and Frank Solich is doing a great job as their coach," Texas coach Mack Brown said. "Frank's been so loyal to Nebraska all of these

Added Kansas State coach Bill Snyder: "That's hard for me to understand. Frank has meant so much to the University of Nebraska. I'm hard-pressed to see that's anything more than just a rumor."

The Cornhuskers (8-3) have rebounded from last season's 7-7 record, the first non-winning season in 40 years.

Still, the Lincoln Journal Star, citing three unnamed sources identified as Nebraska boosters, reported Sunday that the 59-year-old coach could be forced into retirement after Friday's game against Colorado.

Mourning retires from Nets

Still, the Lincoln Journal Star, citing three unnamed sources identified as Nebraska boosters, reported Sunday that the 59-year-old coach could be forced into retirement after Friday's game against Colorado. Fellow Big 12 coaches

tract with the Nets. The four-time All-Star sat out all of last season and large portions of two of the last three years because of the life-threatening kidney ailment, focal glomerulosclerosis. Mourning, a Virginia native, had been heavily courted by the Dallas Mavericks in the off-season.

The announcement came just a few months after Mourning, 33, signed a four-year con-

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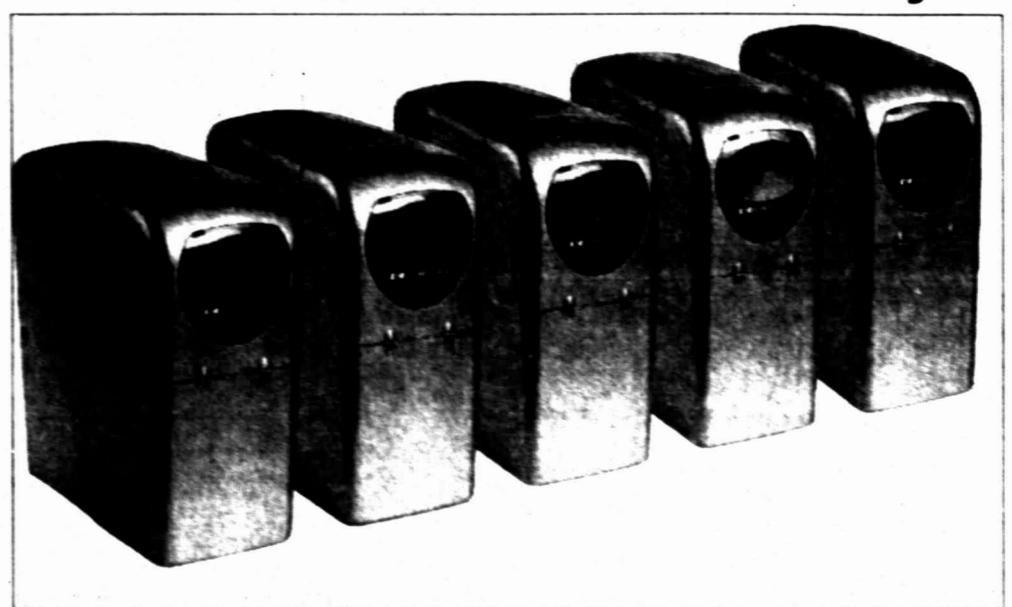
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There's more to a remodel than meets eye

Ahhh... the sparkle of a new faucet... the shine of a new sink and the glimmer of a new showerhead. When you tackle a kitchen or bath remodeling project, these are the visual cues that often put you in a state of awe. But with the average bathroom makeover costing almost \$10,000, and a major kitchen remodel adding up to \$38,769 (according to Remodeling Magazine) -- it's not just the sparkle and shine that will keep you satisfied in the long run. Equally important are the steps taken to protect the appearance and life of those newly installed products. In fact, one of the largest threats is from damaging residues of hard water.



Hard water contains dissolved calcium and magnesium that cause rock-like scale, soap scum, hard water spots, lime curd and other aesthetically unappealing build-up. According to Dean Johnson, co-host of the nationally syndicated home improvement TV series "Hometime," "Hard water build-up can take its toll on everything from sinks and faucets to major appliances. Above and beyond the costly repair bills and shortened life of your appliances hard water can also quickly dull the appearance of newly installed faucets, sinks and shower doors."

and hold the calcium and magnesium ions and release the sodium ions. Water without calcium and magnesium is known as soft water. Do You Need A Water Softener? Hard water is probably the most common water problem found in the home. According to the U.S. Geological Survey, 85 percent of homes in the United States have hard water. And it's not just well water that's hard. City water users also experience hard water. Before you even begin shopping for a softener, have your water tested by a water specialist, or ask your water provider for information about the degree of hardness of your water. Alternatively, you can obtain a testing kit and find out for yourself.

hard -- to 10.5 GPG and very hard -- 10.5 and higher GPG. Once the hardness of water has been determined, it's time to choose a water softener. "Although all softeners operate on the same basic principle, there are many options to choose from, including everything from manually operated units to fully automatic systems," says Johnson. "With all the styles and brands of water softeners on the market today, there are a number of key product innovations to take into consideration when purchasing a softening unit."

Johnson goes on to say that one way to keep that bathroom or kitchen looking fresh is to remove troublesome hard minerals from water with a home water softener. Installing a water softener will reduce the amount of calcium and magnesium ions in the water. This is accomplished through a process called ion exchange. The water softener uses a media bed of resin beads that holds sodium ions. When hard water passes through

So how do you know if your water is considered hard? According to the Water Quality Association, hard water contains dissolved calcium and magnesium above one GPG (grains per gallon). Hardness levels are as follows: soft water -- less than one GPG, slightly hard water -- one to 3.5 GPG, moderately hard -- 3.5 to 7 GPG,

For one, most softeners are electric, but there are non-electric systems -- powered exclusively by the energy of moving water. Non-electric softeners do have benefits over electric units; there's nothing to plug-in, no buttons to push, no timers to set or reset, no adjustments to make and no cause for worry during storms and power outages. Another key feature to consider is how the system regenerates, or cleans itself.



# The Mini Page

By BETTY DEBNAM

A President's Speech ... an Artist's Picture

## A Thanksgiving Painting

### A president's speech

Before the United States entered World War II, much of the world was at war. President Franklin Roosevelt gave a speech to Congress in January 1941, making it clear where the United States stood. He wanted to prepare our citizens for the conflict we were likely to enter.

This is known as the Four Freedoms speech. Roosevelt said that in the future, we look forward to a life for everyone in the world based on these freedoms:

- freedom of speech.
- freedom of every person to worship God in his or her own way.
- freedom from want so that people would feel secure.
- freedom from fear so that no nation would go to war.

The United States entered World War II months later, on Dec. 7, 1941. Many men and women went off to war. Life on the home front demanded that all people make sacrifices.



This painting, called "Freedom From Want" (1943), and the other three Four Freedoms paintings by Norman Rockwell still mean much to us today. Rockwell died 25 years ago. He remains one of our best-loved artists.

How will your Thanksgiving dinner be different from or like this one?

### Norman Rockwell

Artist and illustrator Norman Rockwell wanted to do something for the war effort during World War II.

He created four paintings that help remind us of our four freedoms. One painting was about Thanksgiving. Norman Rockwell was able to

illustrate big ideas in a way that we can understand. His art was for everyone to enjoy.

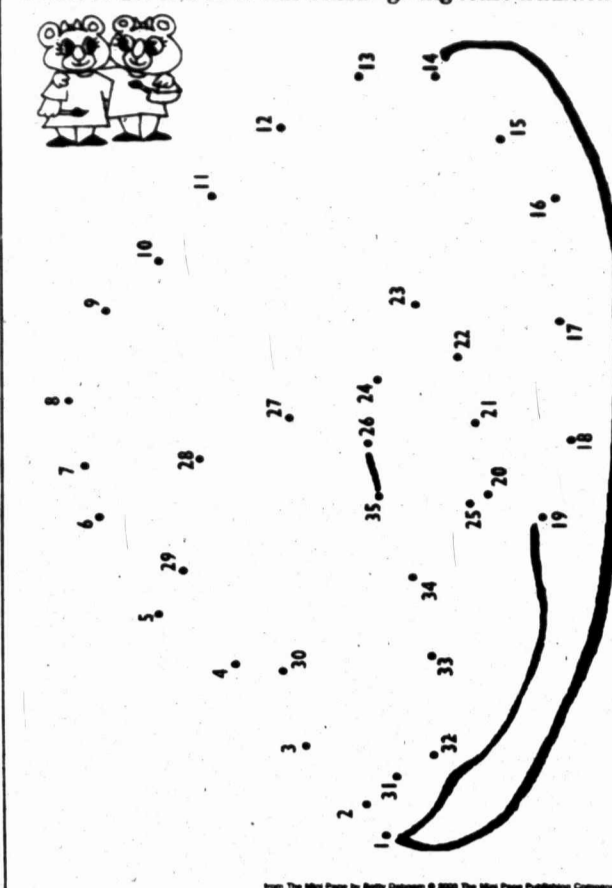
This painting shows the warmth and happiness of a family gathered for a Thanksgiving dinner.

During the war, food and other items were rationed. Having such a wonderful dinner in wartime showed

that we could still have enough to eat and enjoy a good time.

Norman Rockwell was a hard-working artist who did a lot of research for his paintings. At first he worked with live models, but later he worked from photographs. He illustrated magazine covers, advertisements, murals, calendars and books.

Go dot to dot and color this Thanksgiving feast tradition.



### Rookie Cookie's Recipe Sweet Potato Casserole

**You'll need:**

- 3 cups cooked sweet potatoes, peeled and mashed
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup butter, melted
- 1 egg
- 3/4 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 3 tablespoons light brown sugar

**What to do:**

1. In a large bowl, mix together the first six ingredients.
2. Pour into a greased casserole dish.
3. Sprinkle top with brown sugar.
4. Bake uncovered in a preheated 375-degree oven for 20 to 25 minutes.

Serves 6.

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### Gus Goodsport's Report Supersport: J.J. Redick

Height: 6-4 Weight: 195 Birthdate: 6-24-84 Hometown: Roanoke, Va.

J.J. Redick catches a pass behind the three-point line, shoots and scores! Duke fans have seen that many times from Redick, one of the sharp-shooting guards who stars in college basketball. In a regular season game, Redick made 39.9 percent of his 3-point shots and 59.9 percent of his free throws. He also led powerful Duke to the national ACC tournament title by scoring 30 points in the championship game. Redick has two sisters and a brother. They grew up in an athletic family. His father and two sisters, Alyssa and Katie, also played college basketball. His mother is a stonecutter, which is why Redick's last name is "Clay." His full name is Jonathan Clay Redick. In addition to starring on one of the nation's elite basketball teams, Redick is a talented poet. His poetic skill is as sharp as his shooting skill. J.J. might turn into another Robert Frost one day!

### Meet Deborah Forte

Deborah Forte helps to make movies, TV shows and Web sites for children. Her job is president of a company called Scholastic Entertainment Inc. She also works as an executive producer on movies and television shows. Her shows have won more than 100 awards.

Deborah is best known for her work producing the popular TV show "Clifford the Big Red Dog." But she has also worked on "The Magic School Bus" and the "Goosebumps" series. This fall, she helped to create a new show, "Clifford's Puppy Days." The show is about Clifford's adventures when he was growing up as a small puppy in the big city. Deborah was born in Boston. She lives in New York with her husband and two sons.

### MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

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

- Trisha:** What is a chicken's favorite vegetable?  
**Mark:** Eggplant!
- Zeke:** What do you call a hat worn by a lima bean?  
**Walter:** A lima beanie!
- Cary:** What veggies are always awarded special attention?  
**Barry:** V.I. Peas!

## Rockwell's Other Freedoms

More about the freedoms

Norman Rockwell painted the Four Freedoms from 1942 to 1943. He had planned to complete them in three months, but it took him seven months, and he worked so hard, he lost 15 pounds. They first appeared in a popular magazine, The Saturday Evening Post. Thousands of people wanted copies. The paintings were put on a tour of 16 cities and raised more than \$130 million for the war effort through sales of war bonds and posters.



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### Norman Rockwell TRY 'N FIND

Words and names that remind us of Thanksgiving 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: TURKEY, THANKSGIVING, FAMILY, FRIENDS, BLESSING, GIVE, EAT, FOOD, LOVE, HELP, REST, CARVE, GRATEFUL, GATHER, TOGETHER, SHARE, FEAST, PRAY, CARE, HARVEST, JOYOUS, REUNION, TABLE, CELEBRATION, PUMPKIN, PIE.

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### Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy has been painting a Thanksgiving turkey. See if you can find: • ice-cream cone • word MINI • number 7



- banana
- mug
- ladder
- number 3
- lima bean
- snake
- letter Z
- star
- ruler
- football
- frog
- heart
- pencil
- letter I

### Norman Rockwell

Norman Rockwell (1894-1978) was an ordinary man with an extraordinary art talent and way of seeing things. He painted ordinary people doing everyday things to express heart-warming feelings or serious ideas. While most of his painting is meant to be entertaining, he could also be serious about his subject. When he was growing up, he was not good at sports, but he was very good at art. He left high school to go to art school. By the age of 19, he became the art director for the Boy Scout magazine, Boys' Life. Norman Rockwell became very successful. He is best known for his 321 cover illustrations for The Saturday Evening Post, a magazine that your grandparents will probably remember.

**"Triple Self-Portrait" (1960)** shows Rockwell at the easel drawing himself while posing before a mirror. He also included portraits of other favorite artists.

The Mini Page thanks Melinda Georgeson, director of education, The Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge (Web address: www.nrm.org), for help with this story.

Next week read all about robots. Look through your newspaper and find a photo or story that you might like to illustrate.

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There is abundant Sagittarius energy over-  
head, and we can expect  
energy to run on the hot side —  
many a debate breaks out,  
but at least it's nothing personal. A  
battle of ideology is the sport of  
choice. Politicians have a field  
day. These are philosophical times,  
but what winds up happening is  
that everyone does what's practical  
for him or her.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). It  
breaks your heart to see a good  
friend go, but realize your loved  
one is making necessary life  
changes. You are still included in  
this person's future plans. Partners  
ask for forgiveness tonight — grant  
it.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20).  
Work alert: Remember to bring  
all the necessary paperwork with  
you to conferences. People take  
you and your ideas seriously when  
you're prepared, and when you're  
not, you'll blend in with the  
cattle.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21).  
Leadership is easier when you've  
got an enthusiastic group behind  
you. Look around to add a winner  
to your crew, and you'll be  
expanding your sphere of influence.  
Plans change this afternoon. Be  
flexible.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22).  
Unfamiliar relationship territory  
is featured — how thrilling. Risking  
with your heart is the greatest risk  
of all. For those who have been  
saving and saving, it's a fabulous  
"day for spending on something  
that changes your life."

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You  
find yourself wondering what other  
jobs would be like. Keep letting  
these germs of ideas float in your  
head for now without making a  
move. You'll be surprised by your  
unscheduled date with destiny.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You  
know how associates could solve  
their problems, but it's advantageous  
to bite your tongue for now. Save  
your expertise for your own  
projects. You discover that you're  
really good at a game or sport.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A  
dramatic pal gets you all up in  
arms over something that really  
has nothing to do with you. Instead  
of relating his or her problem to  
your situation, use your empathy.  
You're deft at dealing with  
difficult people.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).  
You give your all to loved ones  
today, and you'll see them blossom  
under the influence of your TLC.  
On romance: It finally dawns on  
you that your friend has been  
acting so weirdly because he or  
she has a crush on you.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).  
Fame doesn't often require talent  
or genius — you just have to  
have that hunger for greatness  
churning in your belly. Tap into  
your determination, and you're  
in a prime position to increase  
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**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).  
You see opportunity where others  
see absolutely zip. From creating  
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**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).  
You have the energy to get done  
only the things that are terribly  
important to you. Singles are set  
to impress someone who probably  
doesn't need to be impressed.  
Conversation starters are fine,  
but pickup lines won't work.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20).  
The energy is very similar in  
your ambitious work environment  
and at home. You handle  
difficulties and hand out  
encouragement at each place  
very well. Others rely on your  
cheerleading. A Scorpio gets a  
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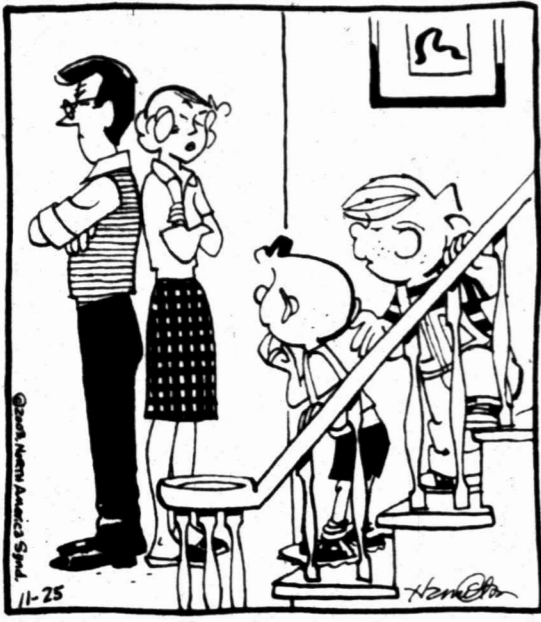
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9	News (CC) Nightline	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticias Univ.	70s Show Raymond	News Late Show	Noticias Laura	News Tonight Show (CC)	Hour of Healing	Charlie Rose (CC)	New Detectives-Forensic	Sign Off	10 Movie: The Crucible	Angel (CC)	Nightly News Grown Folks	Kim Possible Proud Family	SportsCenter (CC)	Michigan State at Kansas	Special Victims Dead Zone	Movie: Innocents (CC)
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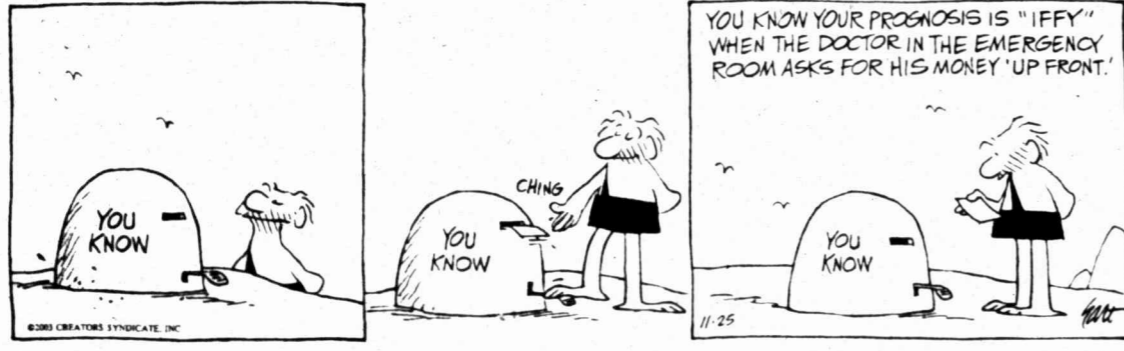
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 25, the 329th day of 2003. There are 36 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 25, 1963, the body of President Kennedy was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery.

On this date:

In 1758, in the French and Indian War, the British captured Fort Duquesne in present-day Pittsburgh.

In 1783, the British evacuated New York, their last military position in the United States during the Revolutionary War.

In 1835, American industrialist Andrew Carnegie was born in Dunfermline, Scotland.

In 1881, Pope John XXIII was born Angelo Roncalli

near Bergamo, Italy.

In 1957, President Eisenhower suffered a slight stroke.

In 1973, Greek President George Papadopoulos was ousted in a bloodless military coup.

In 1974, former U.N. Secretary-General U Thant died in New York at age 65.

In 1986, the Iran-Contra affair erupted as President Reagan and Attorney General Edwin Meese revealed that profits from secret arms sales to Iran had been diverted to Nicaraguan rebels.

In 1987, Harold Washington, the first black mayor of Chicago, died in office at age 65.

In 1990, Poland held its first popular presidential election. (Solidarity founder Lech Walesa, who received a plurality of votes, won a runoff the following month.)

Birthdays: Former Chilean dictator General Augusto Pinochet is 88. Actor Ricardo Montalban is 83. Actress Kathryn Crosby is 70. Actor Matt Clark is 67. Singer Percy Sledge is 63. Actor Tracey Walter is 61. Author, actor and game show host Ben Stein is 59. Singer Bob Lind is 59. Actor John Larroquette is 56. Movie director Jonathan Kaplan is 56. Singer Amy Grant is 43. Football player Bernie Kosar is 40. Rock musician Eric Grossman (K's Choice) is 39. Rock singer Mark Lanegan is 39. Singer Stacy Lattisaw is 37. Rock musician Rodney Sheppard (Sugar Ray) is 37. Rapper-producer Erick Sermon is 35. Actress Jill Hennessy is 34. Actress Christina Applegate is 32.

Answer to previous puzzle

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  - 15 Soccer great
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  - 17 Ste. Jeanne
  - 18 Summon, as a cab
  - 19 Store events
  - 20 Actor's makeup
  - 23 Computer monitor: Abbr.
  - 24 Disney CEO
  - 25 Finished
  - 27 French auto race
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  - 34 Michael Caine role
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  - 39 Future D.A.'s exam
  - 40 Goes first
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  - 51 Avon rival
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  - 58 Piece of silverware
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  - 7 Director Kazan
  - 8 Sandwich shop
  - 9 Where to find 60 Minutes
  - 10 Mauna
  - 11 Cause of '73 gas lines
  - 12 Software buyer
  - 13 Term-ending event
  - 21 Monica of tennis
  - 22 Rudolph's red feature
  - 26 Singer Fitzgerald et al.
  - 28 Indian corn
  - 29 Wide awake
  - 30 Singer Jones
  - 32 Remove the peel
  - 33 Underworld's river
  - 34 Actor Alan
  - 35 All in the Family creator
  - 36 "It'll never happen!"
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  - 50 Does as told
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  - 53 Like ballet dancers
  - 54 All the time
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