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September 29, 2004

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BRIEFLY

AMBUCS group slates fund-raiser

The local AMBUCS organization is raising funds for scholarships to help therapists.

The group is giving away a 2004 Yamaha four-wheeler 4x4.

Tickets are \$10 each. The four-wheeler will be given away Oct. 15, or earlier, if the 1,000 available tickets have been distributed.

AMBUCS National is a nationwide organization that, among its other endeavors, helps children with cerebral palsy, spina bifida, poor motor coordination and other problems. For instance, AMBUCS aids in the treatment of the individuals through the AMTryke therapeutic tricycle. The cycles allow children the opportunity to ride bikes with their peers while developing strength and improving motor skills. The AmTryke was inspired by a therapist.

To obtain a ticket, contact an AMBUC member or call 264-7724.

COMING THIS WEEKEND



Finding a dentist in small towns and rural areas can be a challenge. Some communities have tackled the problem while others are confronting the challenge.

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Symphony season debut to feature child prodigy, acclaimed conductor

By KENDRA WISS  
Staff Writer

The sounds of a piano playing prodigy will fill the Municipal Auditorium at 8 p.m. Saturday.

The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra presents Peng Peng, a 12-year-old guest pianist from China.

"This will be an absolutely unforgettable opportunity," said Keith Graumann, the orchestra's conductor and artistic director. "The opportunity to hear a child prodigy doesn't come around very often." Peng Peng has won numerous competitions,



GRAUMANN

**What:** Big Spring Symphony season debut.

**Where:** Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

**When:** 8 p.m. Saturday.

including the Juilliard School's 2003-2004 Pre-college Mozart Piano Concerto Competition. In his native country, he took first prize in the 2002 China National Youth Piano Competition of Xiamen Shanghai and also won the Jiang-Su Youth Piano Competition's "Piano Prodigy Prize" at the age of 6. Peng Peng began piano lessons at the age of 5. By the time he was 8, he gave his first public recital in Nanjing.

In 2002, he made his concerto debut with the Xiamen Philharmonic Orchestra, playing Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 1. Upcoming performances include a New Jersey debut at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center with the Philharmonic Orchestra of New Jersey and a European debut at the Musee du Louvre in Paris.

Peng Peng is currently studying with Yoheved Kaplinksy in the Juilliard Pre-College Division. Thus far, he has written two works for solo piano, a cello/piano duo, a string quintet and a symphony.

On Friday, area students will be presented

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Twelve-year-old Peng Peng, piano prodigy from China, will perform for a Big Spring Symphony audience at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Municipal Auditorium. Tickets are available throughout the city.



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Motivational speaker Jerry Traylor talks about his 3,528 mile jog from the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco to the Brooklyn Bridge in New York during Tuesday's United Way Kickoff Luncheon. Traylor, who was born with cerebral palsy, has finished 28 marathons on his crutches, climbed Pikes Peak and parachuted from 12,500 feet.

Traylor urges luncheon-goers to focus on their 'best attributes'

Luncheon held to get United Way campaign off to motivated start

By KENDRA WISS  
Staff Writer

"I want Big Spring to look at who they are, find their best attributes and build on them," said Jerry Traylor, keynote speaker at the United Way kick off luncheon, Tuesday. "Big Spring needs to forget the negative things behind them and focus on growing their best attributes. That would be the best thing to ever happen."

Traylor, who jogged across America on crutches, inspired community members with his stories of a childhood filled with hope and an unbreakable spirit despite numerous obstacles.

Born two months premature with cerebral palsy, Traylor

Greg's Grill is UW restaurant of week

Greg's Grill in the Big Spring Mall is the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County's featured restaurant this week.

A portion of Friday's proceeds at Greg's Grill will be donated to United Way, which helps 15 area agencies with funding. For information about the local United Way or to make a donation, call 267-5201.

endured 14 consecutive operations and at times was more than 240 miles away from his parents. But Traylor told the crowd at Garrett Hall, "I knew I was loved and that made all the difference."

Traylor told attendees that the most important thing people can do is to look in the hearts of others and love them.

"The best thing we can do is cheer for each other," he said, "and that's what the United Way does — cheers people on to do their best with what they have."

He went on to say that as a community, everyone needs to ask, "What does that person need to achieve greatness?" and then take steps to make sure it happens.

Traylor said the keys to success as a community are to ask where we are, what we need, how to get it done, then do it.

"The most precious gift we can give is to believe in others," he added. "Making our communities better is a gift to ourselves."

"We need to know that we're not supposed to fit in. Our uniqueness is what we put on our job applications and on our resumes. This is what we should celebrate and cherish," he concluded.

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Garbage fees are going up immediately

Hold placed on proposed gate fee increase for now

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

A city ordinance raising commercial and residential solid waste collection fees received emergency approval from the Big Spring City Council Tuesday — minus the controversial \$5 landfill gate fee.

The gate fee was initially approved by the council more than a year ago and immediately suspended when it was discovered the fee violated a contract between the city and county regarding the municipal landfill.

City residential customers can expect to see a \$1 increase in their monthly bills, with the rate going up to \$13.50. Commercial customers will see a similar increase, with weekly collection of a 3/4 cubic yard container going up \$1 to \$16.80 and a 4 cubic yard container going up \$1 to \$47.80. Other size containers also went up in cost, along with the tonnage charges for commercial solid waste.

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Employee policy OK'd by council

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council voted 6-1 in favor of limiting city employees to 60 days of full pay benefits when on workman's compensation during its meeting Tuesday night, hampering possible abuse of city policy, according to officials.

All council members except Mayor Russ McEwen voted for the new ordinance, a marked contrast from the council's meeting two weeks ago when the matter squeaked by on a 4-3 vote.

The new limitation won't affect how long city employees can draw workman's compensation, which is currently rated at 70 percent of the employee's salary, but will limit full pay benefits to 60 days. Full pay benefits are paid to employees when they exchange their 70 percent workman's compensation check for a check from the city for 100 percent of salary, a practice that until now was unlimited.

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### Obituaries

#### Mary Poisall

Mary Poisall, 80, of Big Spring died Tuesday morning, Sept. 28, 2004, at her daughter's home in Houston. Funeral Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at the Coahoma Cemetery.

She was born Feb. 22, 1923, in Oklahoma City, Okla., and married Charles R. Poisall, Jan. 6, 1945, in Glendale, Calif. She was a member of the Sand Springs Church of Christ and the Preceptor Delta Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi.

She is survived by her husband, Charles R. Poisall, of Big Spring; one daughter, Lynn Biel, of Houston; one son, Charles E. Poisall, of Coleman; two grandchildren; and 11 great grandchildren.

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

#### Irene L. Hartmann

Irene L. Hartmann, 74, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2004, in an Odessa hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

### Take note

**CANDIDATES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 85** will attend receptions and forums scheduled for Thursday and Oct. 7 at Big Spring State Hospital.

The forums are being hosted by the state hospital and the Texas Public Employee Association.

Kent Sharp, R-Big Spring, will attend Thursday's session from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

State Rep. Pete Laney, D-Hale Center, will attend the Oct. 7 session, which will also be from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Both events will be held in the Allred Building Auditorium.

Question and answer sessions are scheduled.

Topics to be discussed include legislative issues, pay raises, insurance benefits, retirement and privatization.

State employees are invited to attend the forum, which is a come-and-go affair. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact TPEA President Gloria Feddersen at 267-8216.

**BENEFIT GARAGE SALE FOR CATHY KIMMAN**, a cancer survivor, is set for 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the house behind the Knott Station. Lots of good donated items. Revenue from sale will go toward covering continued expenses for cancer followup treatment and medication. Call JoAnn Peugh at 459-2220 for more information.

**GIRL SCOUT RALLY AND MOVIE DAY** to see "Shark Tale," at the Cinema 4 Theater in the Big Spring Mall from 11 a.m. until 1:45 p.m. Saturday. \$5 with a Girl Scout membership, which includes popcorn and a drink. The movie starts at noon and membership forms must be completed prior to admission into the movie. Membership is \$10 per year. Contact Connie Schooler at 263-4502 or Rachel Stinson at 816-3899 for more information.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENTS "HEAVEN'S GATE AND HELL'S FLAMES"** a dramatized, real life presentation at 7 p.m. today. Admission is free and a nursery and children's ministry is provided. Call 267-8223 for more information.

**WEST TEXAS OPPORTUNITIES IS SPONSORING COMMUNITY MEETINGS** at 10 a.m. Oct. 7 in the Howard County Library Community Room Oct. 7 featuring a program about 2-1-1 by Michael Chase. Call WTO at 267-9536 for more information.

**FORSAN SCHOOL BAND WILL PERFORM IN WASHINGTON D.C. JULY 4, 2005**, by special invitation, representing Texas. Funds are needed to cover the \$145,000 cost of the trip. Donations are being accepted at the First Bank of West Texas, account name Forsan Band Trip. Contact Forsan Superintendent Randy Johnson or band directors Jim Rhodes and Jeremy Higgenbotham at 457-2223.

**THE BIG SPRING SYMPHONY CHORUS REHEARSALS** have changed to 7 p.m. Tuesday in the First United Methodist Church choir room.

**THE BIG SPRING AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** is seeking vendors to reserve booths for the "Crossroads Cuisine and Business Expo Featuring the Taste of Home Cooking," set for Oct. 21. Contact the chamber at 263-7641 to reserve a booth or to purchase a ticket to the event.

**A FUND TO HELP DEFRAY** the funeral costs and medical bills of Johnny Darden, a Howard County man who was recently attacked and killed by a swarm of bees, has been set up at State National Bank under account no. 2007126.

**A SAVINGS ACCOUNT TO BENEFIT LOVE FROM HOME** has been established at Citizen's Federal Credit Union. Love From Home is a local effort to provide personal items needed by the soldiers serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Contact the credit union at 267-6373 to contribute funds to offset the cost of postage for the packages mailed to the soldiers.

**CHRIST'S COMMUNITY CHURCH** is looking for infant cars seats to be given to needy families. Call Karen at 263-3517 or the church at 263-5683.

**MANNA RELIEF**, a non-profit ministry that provides glyconutritional supplements to critically ill children, is accepting donations for the program. Call Gene or Robbie Froman at 263-0385.

**POTTON HOUSE**, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into Heritage Museum, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

### Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. today:

- **MICHAEL LEE WHITE**, 18, of 200 Collins, was arrested Tuesday on a local warrant.
- **AMY MONIQUE WEBBER**, 33, of 1602 S. Johnson, was arrested Tuesday on a local warrant.
- **JOHN LEE THEDFORD JR.**, 29, of 1429 E. Sixth Street, was arrested Tuesday on a capias warrant.
- **COURTNEY JO GASKIN**, 29, of 109 Shifflet Drive, was arrested Tuesday and held for the HCISO.
- **ROBERT YBARRA JR.**, 22, of 1322 Mesquite, was arrested Tuesday on four local warrants.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported:
  - in the 2200 block of Alabama.
  - in the 1300 block of Ridgeroad.
  - in the 100 block of Gregg Street.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
  - in the 1200 block of Pennsylvania.
  - in the 1400 block of Sixth Street.
  - in the 1400 block of Fourth Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 600 block of Langley.
- **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE** was reported in the 500 block of Benton.
- **EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION WITH A VEHICLE** was reported in the 200 block of E. 10th Street.

### Sheriff's report

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

- **LARRY DALE KING**, 21, was arrested Tuesday by the HCISO on a charge of writ of attachment/disobedience of a court order and a motions to revoke probation for minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage - third or more offense and possession of a controlled substance.
- **COURTNEY GASKIN**, 29, was arrested Tuesday by the HCISO on a charge of forgery of a financial instrument.
- **RICHARD VELA SALAZAR**, 52, was arrested Tuesday by the HCISO on a charge of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.
- **MELINDA ANN CANTU**, 29, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft by check.

### Support groups

**THURSDAY**

- Narcotics Anonymous, non-smoking discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30-7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m.
- The Fibromyalgia Autoimmune Disease Support Group will meet on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at noon in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. Call 263-8273 for more information.
- Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 N. Hwy 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

**FRIDAY**

- AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon open Big Book study meeting, 8-9 p.m.

**SATURDAY**

- Open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8-9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

**SUNDAY**

- Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5-6 p.m.

**MONDAY**

- All widows and widowers are invited to attend the Encourager's Support group meeting at 6 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Rannels. Enter through the north door. Covered dish dinner. Call 398-5522 for more information.

**TUESDAY**

- The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

### Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 6-9-12-24-35. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-9-7

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### Bulletin board

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**TODAY**

- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center at the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

**THURSDAY**

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
- West Texas Pachyderms will host State Senator Kel Seliger as the program speaker at their regular meeting at noon in the Big Spring Country Club. All interested persons are invited to attend.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.
- Big Spring High School theater production of "You Can't Take It With You" at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Tickets are \$3.

**FRIDAY**

- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Downtown Lions Club annual hamburger supper from 5-7 p.m. in the Big Spring High School cafeteria. \$6 per person.
- Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. All area senior citizens are invited.

**SATURDAY**

- Moss Lake Clean Up sponsored by Keep Big Spring Beautiful. begins at 8 a.m. Call 263-4607 or 213-5444 information.
- Girl Scout Rally and Movie Day, "Shark Tale," at the Cinema 4 Theater at the Big Spring Mall from 11 a.m. until 1:45 p.m. \$5 with Girl Scout membership.
- Team Rustic Circle, an amateur paintball team, meets for practice between 3 p.m. and dusk at the Moss Creek Lake paintball facility. The public is always invited, whether to participate or just spectate. For more information contact Rick Boiles at 264-2395 or 393-5246.
- Sue Bagwell Art Exhibit from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Heritage Museum. Call 267-8255.
- Big Spring High School theater production of "You Can't Take It With You" at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Tickets are \$3.
- Big Spring Symphony and Choral performance at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

**SUNDAY**

- Big Spring High School theater production of "You Can't Take It With You" at 2 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Tickets are \$3.

**MONDAY**

- District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.
- Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La Posada Restaurant.

### Weather

Tonight - Some clouds. Low near 60. Winds SE at 5 to 10 mph.  
 Thursday - Partly to mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. High around 80. Winds SSE at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 40 percent.  
 Thursday night - Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms possible. Low 62. Winds SSE at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 30 percent.  
 Friday - Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 50s.  
 Saturday - Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 50s.

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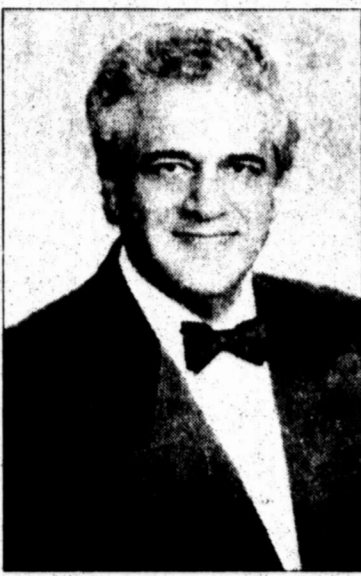
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with an opportunity to meet Peng Peng from 9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the auditorium.

"This should not be missed. I am very pleased that his contemporaries will be able to meet him," said Grauman. "Fourth, fifth and sixth graders will be in awe of this musical talent who has been compared to a young Mozart.

"We are also proud to present our long time friend guest conductor John Giordano, who is among the world's top conductors," Graumann added.

A Grammy Award nominated conductor,



**GIORDANO**

Giordano is internationally acclaimed as a conductor, composer, educator and performer, having just recently completed a 27-season tenure as music director of the Fort Worth

Symphony Orchestra. During his time with the Fort Worth Symphony, Giordano founded the Fort Worth Chamber Orchestra and conducted an ensemble in several successful tours across the world.

The Fort Worth Symphony named him "Music Director Emeritus" in 2001. He is also a "Distinguished Fellow in Music" at Texas Christian University, where he serves as ambassador at large for the School of Music and the College of Fine Arts.

Giordano has conducted a number of critically acclaimed recordings with both the Fort Worth Chamber Orchestra and the Fort Worth Symphony, including "Prairie Portrait" and

"Carmina Burana" which were both nominated for Grammy Awards. The versatile artist has a background encompassing many styles and disciplines. He has recorded with the English Chamber Orchestra, the BBC Chamber Orchestra in London and the National Radio and Television Orchestra of Belgium.

Music director of the Youth Orchestra of Greater Fort Worth from 1968 to 1976, Giordano has served on the music faculties of Tarleton State University, the University of North Texas and Texas Christian University. He founded the Colorado College Summer Music Festival for young artists in Colorado Springs. In 1995,

the trustees of the university recognized Giordano's lifelong contribution to Texas Christian University and the community of Fort Worth by naming the piano wing of the university's new Mary D. and F. Howard Walsh Performing Arts Center in his honor.

A native of Dunkirk, N.Y., Giordano earned a bachelor of music education degree and a master of music degree in composition and theory from Texas Christian University. A Fulbright Scholar, he studied at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Brussels, where he earned the Premier Prix with distinction and the Diplôme Supérieur.

"Saturday's concert will include selections

from Dvorak's Symphony No. 8, which the audience will love and Peng Peng will highlight playing Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2, which is the most popular piano piece right now," explained Graumann.

Tickets are still available at the Big Spring Symphony and Guild Office, 808 Scurry Street or by calling 264-7223. Tickets are also available at the Heritage Museum; Blum's Jewelers; First Bank of West Texas, both locations; Faye's Flowers; and the *Big Spring Herald*.

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**LANDFILL**

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Mayor Russ McEwen said the gate fee was left out of the city ordinance designed to cover the cost of closing the existing landfill and opening a new one because an agreement has yet to be reached between the city and county.

Despite the lack of a completed contract, which Howard County Commissioners were expected to approve Monday but instead tabled, McEwen said the matter between the two entities is moving forward in a positive manner.

"The communications have gone excellent," said McEwen. "As with any contract, you have meetings that take place and each side thinks they understand what the other side wants — you try to codify that and send

something over, and there are always questions. There was a little bit of a communication problem in that respect, and we just need to get that straightened out over the next month or so. Once that's done, I'm sure we won't have a problem with it."

Howard County Commissioner Jerry Kilgore said although the overall contract is acceptable to him and the rest of the court, there are still some numbers involved, specifically the amount the county is expected to contribute each year, that has him and others uneasy.

"I don't see any problems with the overall contract or the spirit of the contract. There were just some numbers we don't agree with," said Kilgore. "We'll be able to work it out with the city. We just need to be able to sit down with them and see what happens." Kilgore said tabling the

contract wasn't done to stop the city council from passing the ordinance or gate fee.

"It will give them a contract with us that will allow them to set some of these fees," Kilgore said of the commissioners' impending approval of the document. "That has nothing to do with why we tabled this contract today (Monday). We feel like some figures in it are wrong and we just want to go over them and check them."

While the gate fee didn't make its way into the city law books Tuesday, McEwen said he fully expects to see it approved by the council.

"It should go into effect in the next couple of months," said McEwen. "I'm not sure exactly when it will take place, but it will happen after we answer their questions. I think there's going to be a give and take — they're going to say what they would like

to see and we'll say what we'd like to see.

"They will need to approve the contract and sign it before we'll be in a position to go ahead and start implementing the gate fee."

Councilman Woody Jumper said he hopes to see the matter come to a close soon.

"We have to do something now," Jumper said emphatically. "We can't wait and let this turn into a catastrophe. We can't close the landfill without having some type of ongoing situation we've set up and accrued some money to so we can open a new landfill."

"We just can't put this on a future council to handle when we're gone. So we're trying to be proactive instead of reactive in this situation."

While rate increases for city customers, including increased tonnage fees for commercial customers, did find approval with the council, the council is

currently waiting on approval of its own.

City officials made a trip to Austin several months ago in an effort to get a one-time "variance" for the existing landfill which would allow the facility to raise its height limit, buying the facility additional time before it reaches its capacity.

McEwen said the meeting went well, and despite encouraging conversations with state officials, is still tied up in bureaucratic red tape.

"We've gone to Austin and got it submitted, and now we're waiting on them," said McEwen. "And waiting, and waiting... It's in the process. We feel comfortable because of the meetings that we've had, but beyond that, we're just waiting on them. Sometimes the bureaucracy moves extremely slow."

"It's extremely important to us. I won't say that we're counting on it, because we'll live with it

if we don't get it. Obviously, however, if we get a variance it extends the life of the landfill where we are right now, so we're able to put things off, giving us more time to come up with the money it takes to close the landfill. We're certainly hoping we get the variance, but there's no guarantees."

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**POLICY**

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The 60-day limit drew fire two weeks ago when the council compared it to the one year limit placed on civil service employees, which includes city employed firefighters.

Councilman Woody Jumper said the difference between one year and 60 days is an unfair gap for city employees, no matter what position they hold, but a limitation is a necessity.

"I don't think it's fair at all," said Jumper. "All city employees are worthwhile, and they should be treated the same."

However, when you have the fire department, which is on civil service, that's something we have to adhere to. It would be nice if we could get it to where all city employees would have 12 months off with full pay as well. But as it is now, we had to put something in place, and I think 60 days is probably fair. That's what it is at most larger entities anyway."

McEwen, who staunchly opposed creating a 10-month gap between employees two weeks ago and during Tuesday's meeting, said the shift from a 4-3 vote to a 6-1 vote surprised him, but didn't sway him to change his mind on the

matter.

"I didn't change my mind, but obviously two people that voted one way last meeting voted the other way today," said McEwen. "I didn't make my decision based on how the employees are going to take it. I based my decision on the fact that I don't think it's fair to treat one set of employees one way, and another set differently."

Councilwoman Stephanie Horton, who made the motion to accept the 60-day limitation, said she doesn't feel the difference between civil service and other city employees is fair at all, but setting the limit at one year wasn't the answer either.

"It's not fair. It's really not fair," said Horton. "Employees covered by civil service have 365 days, and you can't even compare that to 60 days. It's not fair, but we can't afford for everyone to have the same as civil service. That would just rake the taxpayers over the coals."

"My wish is that civil service be taken out and they (city employees) get under the same umbrella. Then everyone would have the same thing. That would be fair, but if I were to vote tonight to give all city employees 365 days, I would be doing the taxpayers wrong." The council also approved the city's tax

rate for 2004-2005 by a unanimous vote during the meeting.

The tax rate of 71.787 cents per \$100 valuation found unanimous approval during its final reading by the council, a figure 3 cents higher than the 2004 effective rate of 68.787. It's slightly more than 3 cents above the current-year tax rate, which is 68.63 cents.

**UNITED WAY**

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In the 58-plus years the United Way has served Howard County, the organization has raised more than \$8 million.

"This is the measure of the heart and soul of Howard County," said 2004 Campaign Chairman John Weeks. "Our success isn't measured by how many agencies we serve or how many partners we unite with. It's measured by how many lives we change."

The United Way's goal for the year is \$275,000.

"These dollars will help to fund programs that shape the community and will result in impacting lives in our own neigh-

borhoods," Weeks added. H.E.B. and Cornell Corrections were recognized at the event for their generous giving and overwhelming support of the organization.

Traylor ended his remarks with a summation of the United Way's fund-raising season. "Every great journey begins with a single step."

For more information or to make a donation to the United Way, contact United Way of Big Spring and Howard County at 267-5201.

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**Rising fuel prices could pose Election Day liability for Bush**

WASHINGTON (AP) — If fuel prices keep rising or even stay at their present high levels through Election Day, they could serve as a potent reminder to voters that the U.S. economy is not in such great shape.

And that could pose problems for President Bush just as polls show him narrowing the gap with rival John Kerry on his weakest issue, handling the economy.

Political analysts sug-

gest any sustained oil price shock could undercut those gains and work against Bush's fragile lead in polls over the Massachusetts senator. In the extreme, it could trigger a recession.

Crude oil topped the psychological milestone of \$50 per barrel Tuesday. Instability in Iraq, political unrest in Nigeria and damage to U.S. production from hurricanes were all blamed.

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Aaron Michael Saucedo, died Sunday. Graveside services will be at 10:00 AM Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mary Poissall, 80, died Tuesday. Funeral Service will be at 2:30 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.

Sylvia Ann Hernandez, 37, died Saturday. Vigil Services will be at 7:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Saturday at St. Thomas Catholic Church with burial at Coahoma.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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## OUR VIEWS

# Let's go trash fishing at our city park lake

It takes all of us working together to keep our community looking its best. While we're all responsible for cleaning up around our homes and businesses, other areas often don't get such good treatment.

That's the case with Comanche Trail Park Lake, which has become the unfortunate victim of too many people throwing their empty drink cans and food wrappers on the ground rather than taking time to find a trash can.

On Saturday, Keep Big Spring Beautiful will be hosting "Love Our Lake," a group effort to clean up litter around the shoreline. The endeavor is supported by the Lake and River Cleanup Program, a partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful and the Texas Commission on Environment Quality.

Individuals, families, clubs, groups and organizations are encouraged to meet at the lake between 8 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. and bring gloves, rakes and poles. The more adventurous can bring wading boots. Trash bags will be provided.

If 100 or more people lend their time Saturday morning, the cleanup won't take long at all.

Comanche Trail Park and the lake are assets of which we can all be proud — if we put a little effort into ensuring they remain clean and beautiful. Please, take time to help if you can.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we not miss out on your attempts to get our attention, Lord.

Amen

# Lost and found in a corn maze

The Church of God in Sulphur Springs has built a corn maze the last two years and it has brought a lot of visitors to the town.

"A lot of people find it interesting," says pastor Kurt Routon. "It's planted like a regular corn field. As far as watering, we just depend on nature. We let the corn reach a certain height, then a maze is cut into it. We just take a small garden tractor and turn under the corn to make a path."



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

He says the maze serves a couple of purposes.

"One is we want to spread the word of the church, about being lost in a maze and found in the love of God. The second thing we want to do with the maze is raise money to pay for the church's indebtedness and do it in a fun way."

When the church decided to do the maze, a committee looked into what would be involved.

"The seven members on the corn field maze committee did a lot of work, including creating the design and actually cutting the walkways into the corn. They did an outstanding job."

The maze is big. It covers eleven acres right by the church.

"It's a little bit larger than most of the mazes I've read about. In fact, we advertise it as one of the largest corn field mazes in Texas."

Some areas of the maze have corn fourteen feet tall.

"Last year's design actually had John 3:16 cut into the corn, then across, and a sunburst, a Christian symbol of a fish and it was all tied together with dead ends and different things."

The Sulphur Springs News Telegram ran pictures of the maze.

"You can go on the internet and type in corn field maze or Sulphur Springs Church of God or my name and it will bring up that article from the paper and show a

picture of it."

The group rate admission price to the maze is five dollars. People go through at their own pace. It has lots of paths.

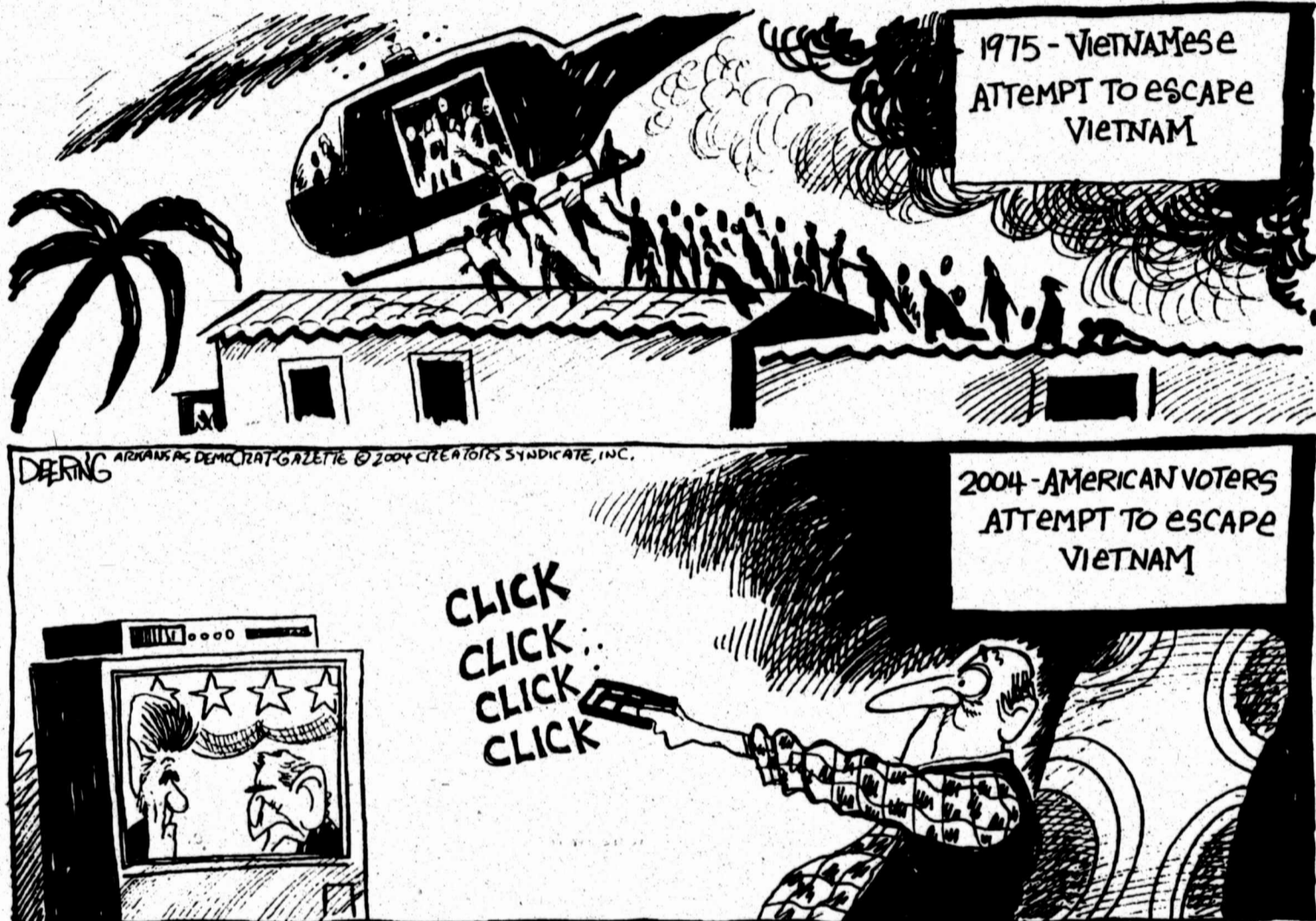
"If you went down every trail, including all the dead ends, you'd walk anywhere from a mile and a half to three miles."

Kurt got the idea for the maze from a magazine article about a farmer in Indiana who built a corn maze.

"In a two or three months' period on his farm, he was able to raise over a hundred thousand dollars with his corn field maze. I thought if he can do it, we can give it a try."

The Sulphur Springs Church is located on Interstate 30. The maze will be open through October, or early November depending on the weather.

Last year the maze was open during the hottest parts of the summer. The corn was planted a little later this year so it'll be ready for visitors in September when it's cooler.



# Left or right — Stick to the facts

Last week, a capable radio talk-show host had me on to comment about CBS News anchor Dan Rather's credibility meltdown. I had noted that CBS and "60 Minutes" acted more like participants in the presidential campaign — and incompetent ones at that — than reporters of ever's.



DEBRA SAUNDERS

At the end of a brief interview, the host thanked me for being on "Top of this story." Sorry, but all I did was write a column that piggybacked off the hard work of reporters at The Washington Post and The Dallas Morning News, and after watching Fox News and CNN dissect the story. While bloggers uncovered technical holes in the "60 Minutes" story, the reason Rather fell so quickly was that mainstream media nailed this story.

With CBS now admitting it screwed up big time, watch conservatives use this sorry episode as an excuse to boycott mainstream media and ignore news they don't like. As those on the far left do in their way these partisans also will seize the exception and call it the rule.

So I am bracing myself for the next avalanche of e-mail from readers who pat themselves on the back because they don't subscribe to newspapers and prefer to get their news from the Internet or talk radio or Fox News only. They stick with the little news shops that sell only what they want to hear in the firm belief that they should not be exposed to news they don't like.

I am awestruck. Do people actually think I am happy they are boycotting vetted news, which is the industry that pays my salary? Do they understand that bragging about not reading a newspaper is

analogous to bragging that you speak only one language?

Let me stipulate. The news business attracts liberals. I work in a building where those of us who will vote for President Bush probably could fit in the paper's two elevators. New York Times writer John Tierney informally polled political journalists last month and found that journalists outside the Beltway preferred Sen. John Kerry to Bush 3 to 1, but 12 to 1 inside the Beltway. The informal poll was in keeping, Tierney wrote, with surveys that find "more than 80 percent of the Beltway press corps votes Democratic."

Every day, this work force nonetheless goes out in the world, talks to sources, reads documents, attends meetings and talks to people going about their daily business just to get the whole story. They learn layers of a story, find facts that surprise them, and then write about what they learn.

Sure, some reporters — a minority in my experience — put their agenda before their craft, just as some editors are oblivious to the bias that is the spine of many a political story. Still, most reporters work hard to play it down the middle.

CBS tarnished the name of those good newsmen when it ran a story based on bogus documents. And Rather's denials and excuses made the profession look worse.

CBS apparently is about to investigate where it went wrong. No mystery there: There was no editor at "60 Minutes" with the sense to understand that this obsession to get Bush for not serving every month the Democrats believe Bush should have served in the National Guard could only end up confirming what conservatives know about left-leaning media bias. Not to mention that the scoop documents were too good to be true.

It doesn't help that top editors value diversity in hiring based on skin color or sexual identity, but

are content to preside over a staff that is 80 percent-plus liberal, while the country is pretty much evenly divided. So it is no wonder that the ratings for Fox News soar. Fox provides relief from stories that are balanced in their presentation but left-leaning in concept. Meanwhile, execs at Fox's ailing competitors scratch their heads as conservative viewers, after years of complaining, take their remotes and go elsewhere.

Lucky me. I get the e-mails from voters who don't read newspapers but defiantly rely on Fox only or Web sites (which I use all the time, too, as a supplement to mainstream news) to tell them just things they want to hear. I hear the same chorus from lefties who proclaim that they find the truth on the sites that tell them only what they want to hear.

Folks in newspapers are doing it, too. Some columnists even refer readers to un-vetted blogs as good places to learn "facts." Go to the Web sites, and you, too, can learn about "Bush lies." And more "Bush lies." With an expose on journalists who won't tell you "Bush lies." One "Bush lies" site even touts a letter by David Brock (who called Anita Hill "a little bit nutty, a little bit slutty" and then later said he lied about her) — so you know how that site is.

Left or right, readers of such sites actually are proud that they read this propaganda, secure in the knowledge that what they are reading must be true, because it includes no information that would make them question their deeply cherished prejudices. It's like being proud you enjoyed a bad "60 Minutes" segment.

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## Library News

The book sale continues. The Friend's of the Library Book Sale will continue for another month. Prices have been cut in half. The book sale is in the basement and hours are regular library hours.

Effective Oct. 1, fines for books and books on tape/CD will be 25 cents per day, with a cap of \$10. We are still taking canned food in lieu of fines for the month of September. For every 50 cents in fines, bring in a can of food.

I would like to thank reference librarians Vera Hyer and Johnny Schafer for putting together the display of challenged and banned books and for contributing to last week's column.

Please come see the dis-

play; you will be awfully surprised at some of the books that are considered to be controversial. The display has a brief explanation about why each book was banned or challenged. The display continues all of this week.

On Oct. 2, a display from the local Prospector's Club will be available for viewing.

My dad was a small-time cowman. He would go to the sale every week, either looking, selling or buying.

He read the "West Texas Livestock Weekly" each week and always got a chuckle out of Ace Reid's cartoons. The library has received "Ace Reid and the Cowpokes Cartoons" (741.597 REI A) by Ace Reid. Elmer Kelton waxes eloquent on Ace and his life in the forward, and each cartoon is a gem.

This is an awkward segue, but the library has also received (as a donation) "The Complete Encyclopedia of Vegetables and

Vegetarian Cooking" (641.563 DEN R) by Roz Denney and Christine Ingram.

Filled with more than 300 recipes on how to cook vegetable, this is also a guide to every type of vegetable (including some I have never heard of). Do you know what a cardoon is?

The political season is upon us.

"Red White and Liberal: How Left is Right and Right is Wrong" (320.513 COL A) is written by Alan Colmes, co-host of the Fox News Channel Hannity and Colmes talk show.

Colmes is one of the foremost liberal voices in television and talk radio today and he isn't afraid to voice his opinions.

In his book, he addresses the fundamental question — how can we protect our freedoms without diminishing our liberties? Do read his book; he brings up some important points that sometimes get lost in the ranting and raving of

politics.

Remember Dan Quayle? We have recently acquired his autobiography, "Standing Firm" (B QUA D). Once the star of the Republican Party, read how he crashes in the political firmament. Dan Quayle, for those of you who have short memories, was George Walker Bush's running mate.

Another donated book to come in is "Without a Doubt" (345.730 CLA M) by Marcia Clark. There must be at least 100 books on the O.J. Simpson case available.

Clark was the lead prosecutor for the Simpson case, and also became one of the most recognized people in America. During the analysis of the Simpson case she takes on her critics, telling how she knew she could never win.

She notes the errors made by the police and as well as those made by her co-counsel Chris Darden. She expresses frustration with "The

Dream Team," but she is most angry with Judge Lance Ito, whom she says let celebrity get in the way of justice and made it impossible to get a fair hearing.

Clark lets us see behind the scenes as she dealt with the tabloid stories, the custody fight over her children, and the stress of trying to deal with her own celebrity. This may be one of the best books on the Simpson case available.

Some new audio books have come in. Titles include "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil" by John Berendt; "Mistaken Identity" by Lisa Scottoline; "The Pelican Brief" by John Grisham; "Scimitar SL-2" by Patrick Robinson; "Day of the Dead" by J.A. Jance; "Absent Friends" by S. J. Rozan and "Miracle Cure" by Michael Palmer.

New books on CD are "Death Match" by Lincoln Child; "Timeline" by Michael Crichton and "R is for

Ricochet" by Sue Grafton.

Some "newish" fiction has come in by one way or another includes "Crossing the River" by Fenton Johnson; "Top 10" by Ryne Douglas Pearson (on the order of Thomas Harris and James Patterson). Some new Sci-Fi paperbacks have made their way to the shelves, too.

Howard County Library is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The internet/video room closes 12 hour before the library and Saturdays it is closed from noon-1 p.m. The library is located at 500 S. Main St. The phone number is 264-2260; the Website is www.howardcounty.lib.tx.us; the online catalog should be working; e-mail address is howardcountylibrary@hotmail.com.

Hollis McCright is the Howard County librarian.



HOLLIS MCCRIGHT

## More than 100 ex-students attend Garden City homecoming

Special to the Herald

More than 100 ex-students attended the Garden City homecoming Sept. 25 at the school and a catered dinner prepared by Kenny Blanick of San Angelo.

Several door prizes were won by the ex-students, including Jenny and William Shumake of Corpus Christi, who won the prize for coming the longest distance.

Also, Mary Joyce Sparkman Wilkerson, class of 1934, received the prize for being the oldest graduate in attendance.

Shirley Hansen, who purchased 12 tickets for the event, received the

door prize for bringing the most guests.

Marion Carter received the prize for being the most loyal member of the class of 1954, which was also honored for its 50th anniversary.

Steve Long, Glasscock County Independent School District superintendent, gave an up-date on the school.

Ken Hoskins, athletic director, spoke about the six-man football program that was implemented this year.

Marion Wilkerson, class of 1949, won the drawing for a dinner for four at Cattleman's Steakhouse in Midland.

The 2004 homecoming

was coordinated by Garden City residents Barbara Currie Ratliff, class of 1950, who served as co-chairman; Emma Cline Schafer, class of 1949, who served as co-chairman; Bonnetta Cox Bednar, class of 1952; and Wanda Wilkerson Moore, class of 1951.

Judge Wilburn Bednar, class of 1953, gave the invocation prior to the meal.

A homecoming dance was held after the football game, where the Garden City Bearkats beat El Paso Jesus Chapel 77-32.

During halftime Krystal Sullivan was crowned homecoming queen, and was also crowned band sweetheart.



The Garden City 2004 homecoming brought about 100 ex-students to the event Sept. 25. The women who organized the activities include, from left, Bonnetta Cox Bednar, Emma Cline Schafer, Barbara Currie Ratliff and Wanda Wilkerson Moore.

## News Briefs

### Yemeni judge sentences two men to death

SAN'A, Yemen (AP) — A Yemeni judge sentenced two men to death and four others to prison terms ranging from five to 10 years Wednesday for orchestrating the 2000 suicide bombing of the USS Cole, an attack blamed on Osama bin Laden's terror network.

Saudi-born Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri, who is in U.S. custody at an undisclosed location, and Jamal al-Badawi, a 35-year-old Yemeni, were both sentenced to death for plotting, preparing and involvement in the bombing, which killed 17 U.S. sailors as their destroyer refueled in the southern Yemeni port of

Aden.

Al-Nashiri, believed to be the mastermind of the Oct. 12, 2000, bombing, was the only one of the six defendants not in the heavily guarded court to hear the sentences. The other five defendants are all Yemenis.

### Car bomb wounds six U.S. soldiers

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A car bombing in the northern city of Mosul wounded six American soldiers, the military said Wednesday, while one of two Italian women released from captivity the day before said their captors had promised they would not be killed.

Simona Torretta and Simona Pari were

released with five other hostages Tuesday, encouraging relatives of foreigners still being held. Hours after gaining freedom, the two were back in Italy with their families.

There was no letup in violence inside Iraq. U.S. and Iraqi forces clashed with insurgents on a main Baghdad thoroughfare on Wednesday.

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# Health food store serves to empower customers

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Features Editor

Mindy Sedberry, manager of Big Spring Health Food Store, credits the vision of the store's founder, the late Eva Nall, and Big Spring customers with keeping the store in business for nearly 40 years.

"Mrs. Nall was the key to keeping this business going for so many years."

"She had the vision to see this for what it could be and was one of the first women to have her own business in Big Spring," Sedberry said.

Specializing in nutritional supplements and specialty foods, Sedberry said she has learned as much from her customers during her nine years with the company as she has by reading and researching products.

"The best part of my job is when the customers tell me they are feeling better or doing better."

"Educating the public on how they can improve their health is empowering for them and is one aspect of my job that I really enjoy," she said.

Sedberry said she reads everything she can about the products the store sells.

She also spends time applying her knowledge to her own life.

For example, she read the book and adopted the



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Mindy Sedberry, right, manager of Big Spring Health Food Store, and store employee Morgan Broyles read the label of ingredients on a nutritional supplement. The health food store has been operating in Big Spring since 1965, and its creator, the late Eva Nall, was one of the first women in Big Spring to have her own business.

eat right for your type diet, and while she admits staying completely with a diet that restricts certain food groups is tough, she enjoys being involved in managing her own health.

"There's a time to see the doctor, but many people want alternatives and they want to feel they have some sort of control."

"We try to give them information and education about what to do. I really hate to see someone

who just doesn't feel well, and education can change how they perceive themselves and boost their self confidence," she said.

Customer satisfaction is the primary focus for Sedberry and her two full time employees.

The store offers iridology, a study of the iris of the eye, nearly every week, she said.

And Thursday, a special low-cost screening program will be offered to

customers as well. Plans are to offer this screening once a year, although if the demand is great, Sedberry said that may increase to twice a year.

"We've had customers ask, so we are providing a facility for low-cost testing such as cholesterol tests."

"We also try to take part in community events too, like the health fair every year."

"And we enjoy speaking

to groups, providing information and we hand out free magazines and information flyers, too," she said.

The Big Spring Health Food Store, located at 1305 Scurry, is open from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday.

The store offers a variety of nutritional supplements, health foods such as gluten free and wheat

free breads, water, vitamins, herbal teas, books and even a small-line of cosmetics.

"Being in a business, as a woman, takes confidence. It took me about three or four years to build up my confidence."

"For a woman to be successful in business, it's about having the confidence to know you can do it, because you can," she said.

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**The Bookworm owner credits customers for 16 years of success**

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**  
Features Editor

Donna Love, owner of The Bookworm, believes women succeed in business with a little know-how and a lot of drive.

"Anyone can do it. If you think you can, you can," said Love, who has owned The Bookworm for the past 16 years.

Located at 1001 S. Lancaster, The Bookworm specializes in good, quality used books, mostly paperbacks, she said.

With more than 100,000 books in the store's inventory, Love said that while she doesn't know every title she has, she is often able to assist her customers when searching for a specific title.

"If they have the title, I can usually tell them the author, and if they have the author, I can usually tell them the title," she said.

Customer satisfaction is a top priority for Love and she often gets requests for specific items a customer may seek.

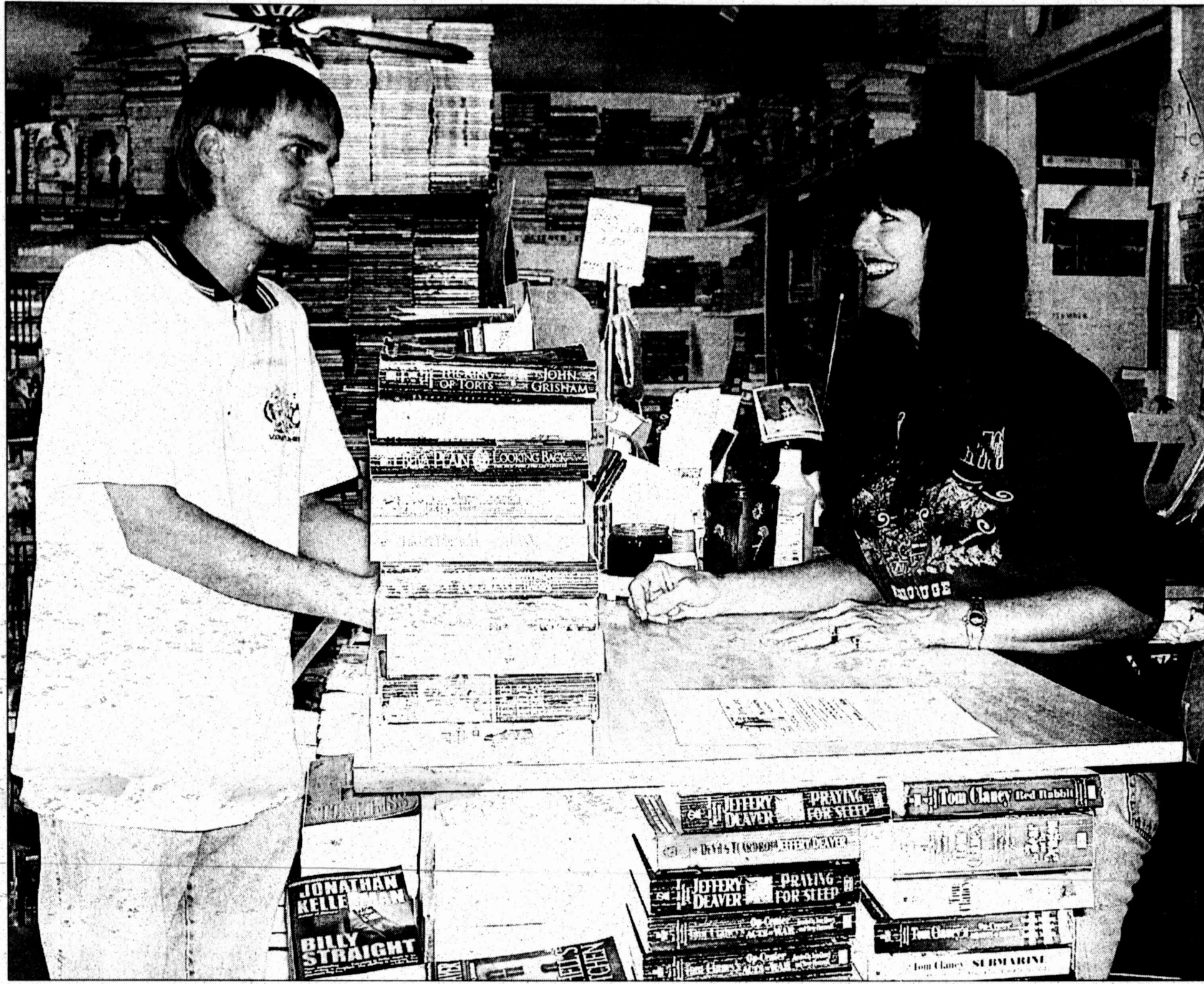
"For me this is all about the customer. And I love the people, the customers I have. I have some customers looking for specific items, but I have others who come in just to see what books are here," she said.

She said the common bond between herself and her customers, a love for reading, brought her into the business and has kept her going.

"I was a customer here and when The Bookworm came up for sale, I bought it.

"It was an owner finance and I was able to step right in," she said.

Love encourages other women to go into busi-



The Bookworm owner Donna Love assists customer John Burger III with his selection of used books. Burger said he is not just looking for books, he is looking for the adventure books provide. Love has been owner of The Bookworm for 16 years. She buys and sells good, quality used books, mostly paperback, and offers a large variety of topics, subjects and categories of books for her customers. She is also offering wickless candles and Magic Sky Fountains.

ness. She enjoys being her own boss and making her own decisions.

"Owning your own business is really not so complicated that nearly anyone can get it.

"There is a freedom in

owning my own business that I wouldn't find working for someone else. While the public does rule me, and my customers come first, if for any reason I need to take off, I can.

"That's real freedom," she said.

Open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., Love recently included wickless candles and Magic Sky Fountains into her inventory. A

wickless candle with a burner costs \$20, while the Magic Sky Fountains that may be used as aromatherapy with scented oils, retail beginning at \$40-\$50, much less than the \$89 retail in store in

Lubbock, she said. "I'm planning on putting one in the store so customers can see them in time for Christmas gifts. They are really neat and fun to watch," she said.




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# Hall of Famer Woodard shows she can go home again — to Kansas

By Adam Knapp

Knights Ridder Newspapers  
WICHITA, Kan. — Lynette Woodard can do many things that don't involve a basketball. It's just impossible to imagine her without one.

The sport has made her not only famous, but a trendsetter, a world traveler, a celebrity who crosses ethnic and geographical barriers.

It has made her a member of several Halls of Fame, including the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass., where she was inducted this year.

Which was only a matter of time. Her induction was an absolute layup. Nobody has scored more points in women's college basketball. She captained a gold-medal Olympic team. She played for the Harlem Globetrotters, for heaven's sake. Then the WNBA came along.

Woodard also coached for awhile, but no longer.

A bachelorette at 45, she's out of the game altogether for the first time since shooting sock balls in her house as a 5-year-old.

Now what?

Would you believe she's back living with her mother, in that same house?

This summer, Woodard returned to make Wichita home again after leaving here for college at the University of Kansas in 1977. She's sharing a modest house on North 17th Street with her widowed mother, Dorothy, who has called it home for nearly five decades.

"I really don't know what Lynette's future holds," said her mother, 75. "I guess you could say basketball's on a standstill." But it's nice to have

her here." Woodard regularly shows up unannounced for various pickup games around Wichita, much to the delight of the surprised vagabonds of the hardwood.

Other than that, though, basketball is no longer her livelihood. Money is.

She's always had a gift for that, too. Even while she was playing in the WNBA, Woodard was a registered stockbroker in New York.

When Woodard did not land the coaching job at Kansas last spring, after serving as an assistant there for five years, Wichita investment firm A.G. Edwards snatched her up as a financial consultant.

"Now I coach people in the investment world, and there's a passion there," Woodard said. "It's not about making anybody a millionaire. It's very rewarding for me to help someone set up an emergency fund, or a rainy day fund."

"I'm living each day to the fullest, just doing what I'm supposed to do, trying not to look too far ahead. I do play a lot of basketball and I do work out to stay in shape. You have to be ready for that big moment."

Woodard laughs after saying that, but she means it. Basketball has offered her a great opportunity to be working with youth. That's what Timna Jackson hints at. No one was more excited by Woodard's return than her best friend from Isely Elementary School, who later played on two state championship teams with her at North Hills School.

Jackson, who also

remains in the neighborhood, said having Woodard back as a Christian role model has already been a lift to the entire city.

"God has a way of bringing you home when you're needed," Jackson said. "This is her proper calling. Lynette probably doesn't even know what's ahead of her, but God does. That's why she's always been at peace with herself. She's always had an inner comfort."

"It's beautiful that she's always known what to do because of that. She hasn't changed a bit since we were jumping rope and playing jacks. She'd tell me there would be a pro women's basketball league someday, and that she was going to play in it. I was like, 'Go for it, Wood.'"

She went for it, all right. But what's next?

Once Woodard returned from Springfield, Mass., her aim was to dive head-first into her business. That's going to mean earlier mornings — she already rises at 6 a.m. to get her workout in — and late evenings.

Eventually, Woodard wants to get her "little project" of producing and marketing a line of Christian sportswear off the ground.

She bears no ill will toward KU for passing her over for the coaching job.

"It's my alma mater," Woodard said. "Rock, bank Jayhawk."

She refuses to speculate whether coaching basketball is still on her radar.

"A.G. Edwards is on my radar," she said. "The first years are critical. I'll be working a lot."

Woodard has prepared for life after basketball, and makes it sound like Wichita will be part of

that. But not necessarily. After all, tomorrow is

come home," Woodard said. "I've gotten closer to my mother. All these peo-

"But nobody knows what the future holds. I've completely embraced



Kansas City Star photo/John Sleezer  
University of Kansas head women's basketball coach Marian Washington announced she was taking a medical leave of absence effective immediately during a press conference in Lawrence, Kan., on Thursday, Jan. 29. Athletic director Lew Perkins is at left.

another day. She has to be ready for that big moment, whether it involves a basketball or not.

"It's been a blessing to

ple I've been hearing about over the years, I'm finally meeting them for the first time. It's almost like I'm living my childhood again.

God's plan for me in life. One thing I know for sure: If he wants me to go this way, I'm going that way. Right now, that way is here."



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**Elrod's Furniture**

Elrod's Furniture employee Stacy assists customer Barr, along with Linda Elrod, to choose fabric and pieces for her bedroom. Elrod's Furniture is a third-generation owned business. William Elrod started the business with his father in Slaton, and Linda Elrod and her husband Dee became owners in the 1980s. Linda has worked more than 20 years for Elrod's, "Big Spring's finest, largest store" reflects a third-generation heritage business with a large selection of furniture available in and in the warehouse.


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**Elrod's Furniture**

Elrod's Furniture Store employee Stacy Barr, left, assists customer Kellie Barr, along with co-owner Linda Elrod, to select colors, fabric and furniture pieces for Barr's living room. Elrod's Furniture is a third-generation family-owned business. John William Elrod started the business with the first store in Slaton, and the store in Big Spring opened in 1937. Linda Elrod and her husband Dee became owners of the store in the 1980s, and Linda has worked there for more than 20 years. The slogan, "Big Spring's oldest, finest, largest furniture store" reflects the three-generation heritage of the business as well as the large selection of furnishings available in the store and in the warehouse.

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# Grief gives life to gifts and provides ways to express sympathy move beyond flowers

By Susan Chandler

CHICAGO — As a social worker in a neonatal intensive-care unit, Renee Wood became adept at comforting people in the throes of grief. She often would sit with families while their babies were being taken off life support.

But when her sister-in-law's father died unexpectedly, Wood was at a loss. She wanted to send something more than flowers but she couldn't find a gift that seemed appropriate and lasting.

That started her thinking. If she was struggling to find a meaningful sympathy gift, others must be having the same problem.

"I was literally awake for four straight days when I started thinking about the possibilities. I couldn't sleep. I was pumped with adrenaline," Wood said.

From the basement of her west suburban home in Geneva, Wood launched The Comfort Co., an Internet-based retailer that sells everything from garden stepping stones to holiday remembrance ornaments.

She has now been in business for four years, and Comfort Co. is still a one-woman show. By the standards of big retailers, her sales are tiny, on target to exceed \$100,000 this year.

Yet the heartfelt response Wood has received from customers has convinced her that she is on the right track. And the trend lines are promising. Last August she received 64 orders; this August she got more than 250 — all with no advertising.

"I get up every morning and can't wait to get started," said the 39-year-old mother of four daughters.

Americans often have been criticized for their impatience with grief.

Many people get only a handful of paid days off to deal with the death of a spouse, child or parent and are expected to be back in top form after that.

But it takes much longer than a week to get over a serious loss, grief experts say.

"We, as a society, want to solve problems. Grief can't be fixed. It is a process that a person needs to go through," explains Pat Loder, executive director of Compassionate Friends, an Oak Brook, Ill.,-based non-profit that helps families who have lost children.

"People are really very uncomfortable talking about grief. They'd rather talk about sex."

There certainly is no sign of a wholesale change in attitude about death and dying. But Wood and others believe many people are becoming more interested in expressing sympathy and remembering those

who have died, a trend accelerated by the aging of the Baby Boom generation and, perhaps, U.S. casualties in Iraq and the Sept. 11 attacks.

In Hinsdale, Ill., artist Phyllis Janik makes and markets hand-blown glass sculptures that can be used to store cremation ashes. The ashes can even be embedded in the molten glass.

LifeGem, an Elk Grove Village, Ill., firm, will make a diamond out of cremation ashes for prices starting around \$2,500. And other companies are marketing urns shaped like pool tables or golf bags.

But the more traditional way of acknowledging someone's death continues to be sending a card and flowers.

Americans send about 122 million sympathy cards annually, which represents about 6 percent of cards sent for non-holiday related reasons, according to the Greeting Card Association.

Similarly, about 5 percent of flowers purchased outside the holidays are for funerals or memorials.

Hallmark, the largest greeting card company in America, also believes the sympathy industry is gaining ground. Sales of its sympathy cards rose 3 percent from 2002 to 2003, a trend the company expects to continue, said Jennifer McKenzie, a Hallmark product manager.

That would seem to augur well for Comfort Co., which is focused on a relatively new market: gifts that others can buy and send to show support for a grieving friend or relative.

"She is creating a market and, I would say, meeting what most people consider an unmet need," says Neil Stern, a retail consultant with Chicago's McMillan/Doolittle.

"But like all good marketing, there are things we didn't think of as important that become important when someone shows you the opportunity."

"Fifty years ago, we didn't think we needed to wear deodorant," Stern said.

The Comfort Co.'s Web site (www.thecomfortcompany.net) is divided into a variety of categories including "miscarriage and infant loss," "pet loss" and "sympathy gifts for kids."

For those who have lost an unborn child or infant, there is an assortment of 16 items, including a \$37 hand-embroidered pillow with the phrase "Planted on earth to bloom in heaven" and several memorial garden stones ranging in price from \$35 to \$85. The \$85 stone includes a metal plaque to be engraved with a name and dates.

Memorial stones and markers make up the gift assortment for grieving

pet owners.

For children who have lost a family member, Comfort Co. offers a \$25 kit to make their own memorial stone, a \$40 chamois Teddy bear or a \$16 "Angel Catcher" journal that encourages them to record their memories of the person who died.

There are plenty of general gifts as well, including \$23 windsocks with pockets for photos and the silver forget-me-not pendant in the shape of a tear that she ended up creating for her sister-in-law. It retails for \$49 and comes with a verse Wood wrote about treasuring "the tears of remembrance."

The most popular item on the site is a silver bracelet that says "Always in my mind; forever in my heart."

The Comfort Co. filled a void for Sandy Rumpler who was looking for some kind of gift to send a niece whose baby girl died a day before the due date.

"It was such a tragic circumstance. We just didn't know what to do," said Rumpler who lives in Fairfield, Ohio.

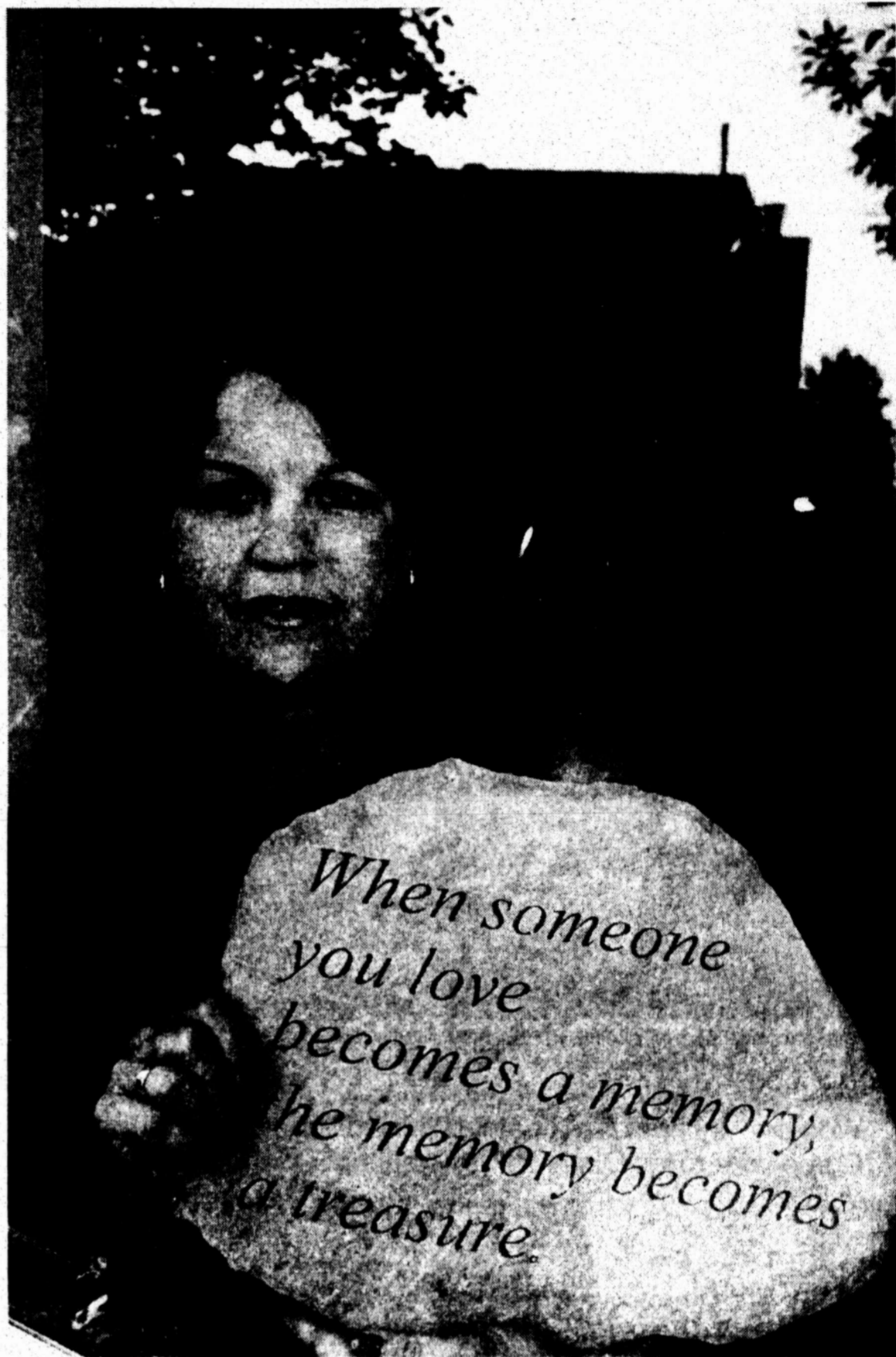
She heard her niece was planning a memorial garden so she thought about a memorial stone she had seen inside a funeral home's florist shop. She typed "sympathy gift" into Google's search engine and soon was browsing Comfort Co.'s site. When she came across a stone-cast concrete bench on the site, she knew she had found a fitting tribute.

Rumpler and her three sisters went in together on the \$130 bench.

"I was very lucky I found this," said Rumpler, who wrote a note to Wood thanking her for creating Comfort Co.

Although there always have been sources for memorial statues, Wood has had to work hard to expand her offerings. As she did at the beginning, she is coming up with some of them herself and commissioning others from crafts people.

A stay-at-home mom in Utah hand-stitches pillows for her. A woman



Memorial stepping stones are popular gift choices at Renee Wood's online store, The Comfort Co., which she founded four years ago.

artist in Washington state now makes two candles with comforting messages exclusively for Wood.

Currently, Wood is creating a line of five holiday remembrance ornaments because she has found the holidays are a particularly tough period for those who are grieving. One of the ornaments will be a limited edition of 500 carrying this year's date. She already has a waiting list of more than 500

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### Small-town dental practices

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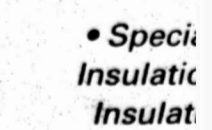
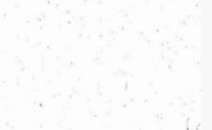
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PHILADELPHIA — Sure, you probably think it's easy to sell Mexican horror movies. Or how "The Devil's Own" or "Attack on Pearl Harbor" or "Dog Day Afternoon" or how widescreen versions of "800 Bullets," western about misfit stunt "Convent of St. German nun" film about a girl of demonic possession. Well, it isn't. It's a niche market. In fact, it's a no-niche niche.

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**For some, eBay is more than a marketplace — it's a new career**

By **JEFF GAMMAGE**

Knight Ridder Newspapers PHILADELPHIA — Oh sure, you probably think it's easy to sell copies of Mexican horror films like "The Devil's Backbone" or "Attack the Gas Station," a kind of Korean "Dog Day Afternoon." Or how about a widescreen version of "800 Bullets," a Spanish western about a group of misfit stuntmen, or "Convent of Sinners," a German nunsploitation film about a girl accused of demonic possession?

Well, it isn't. It's a niche market. In fact, it's a nook within a niche.

So when the owners of Diabolik DVD decided they had to raise their

profile, sell more slow-moving stock, and lure more guys, girls and ghouls to their online store, they moved to create a new presence on an infinitely mainstream entity.

And with that, Joseph Gervasi, a former punk-rock music promoter in Philadelphia, and Jesse Nelson, a phone company manager in Oaklyn, N.J., joined an increasing and ingenious league of Internet entrepreneurs: people who are using eBay to make a living.

Nine years after it began, the giant on-line auctioneer continues to be a place to buy and sell practically anything — beads, bayonets, old toys, vintage clothing, movie-

star autographs, rubber ducks, sailboats, cars, coffins, cameras and kaleidoscopes, to name but a few items. But more and more, eBay is becoming a place to earn a livelihood.

The company estimates that 430,000 people now run a full- or part-time business through the Web site, nearly triple the 150,000 of a few years ago. Some have exchanged brick-and-mortar shops for virtual storefronts, while others are running small businesses from converted bedrooms and dens.

"Not everyone knows about Diabolik DVD," Nelson says, but "millions of people are looking at eBay. It's like taking

out an ad, almost."

Diabolik specializes in hard-to-find foreign films and small-label releases, the stuff you're never going to see in your local shopping mall. People who are browsing through eBay frequently e-mail to ask if Diabolik has other titles in stock. Or they go right to the main site, www.diabolikdvd.com, named for an Italian James Bond-style thriller called Danger Diabolik.

Gervasi and Nelson, both 33, began selling stuff on eBay several years ago, haunting garage sales to find cheap stock. Nelson sold out-of-print videotapes and old Atari games; Gervasi sold punk record albums and

has hit \$18,000.

"There goes the profit right there," she laughs.

But eventually, she knows the business will have to become profitable



Philadelphia Inquirer photo/April Saul  
**At Elephant Cents in Philadelphia, Pa., Carolinn Woody and Steven Duchovnay are the go-betweens for people who want to unload stuff on eBay, but don't want the hassle of running the auction.**

laser discs. As their flea-market finds started to dwindle, they began importing a few foreign movies and posting them for sale online. That grew into a part-time operation, then into Diabolik DVD. Today they're redesigning their

Web site to accommodate sales that can number several hundred a week. In fact, Gervasi works at the business full-time from his home in the Roxborough of

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names. Wood is a little con-

cerned about what customers might think about Comfort Co. earning a profit. So far, that hasn't been an issue because Wood hasn't taken a

salary, choosing to plow excess revenue into buying equipment and creating new products. The cost of producing the holiday ornaments, for exam-

ple, has hit \$18,000.


"There goes the profit right there," she laughs.

But eventually, she knows the business will have to become profitable

if it is to continue, something she very much wants so her daughters will have the option of taking it over someday.

The pressure to make

money has become more intense in recent years as her husband's job prospects as a pilot for United Airlines have become more rocky.



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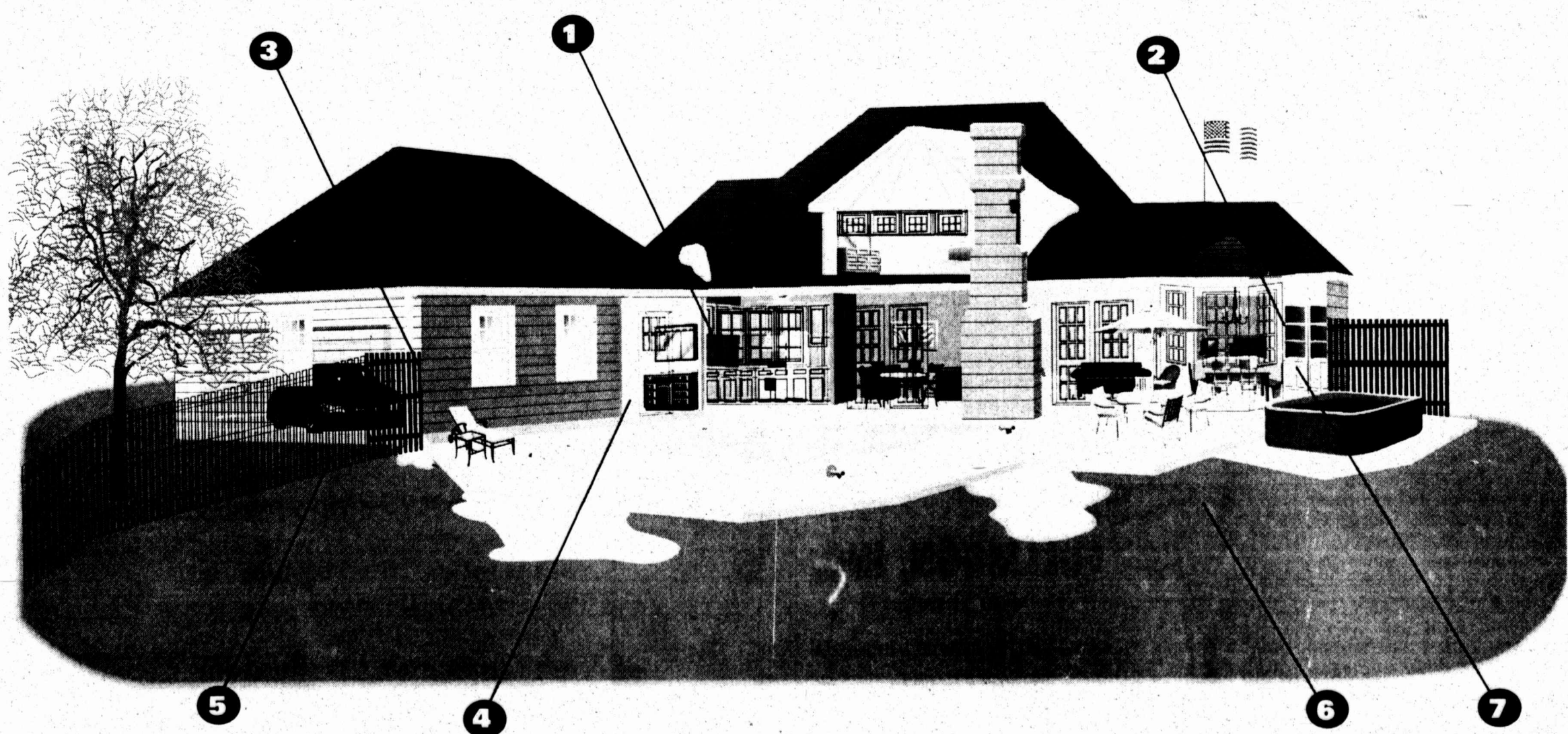
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Philadelphia, mailing off movies like "Acacia," a Korean horror film about a possessed tree, and "Full Metal Yakuza," a sort of Japanese "Robocop."

"eBay is just one part of a whole," Gervasi says of the company's sales strategy. "But it's been a very effective part."

For people who hunger to start a business, eBay offers several huge advantages and a couple of drawbacks.

One asset: The Internet marketplace has effectively leveled the playing field between giant, multi-million-dollar corporations and small, cash-poor businesspeople.

"The benefit of eBay is it's a huge and very efficient marketplace," says company spokesman Hani Durzy. "If you're somebody who is running your business out of your home in suburban Philadelphia, you have access to a worldwide market."

Here's another big attraction for at-home entrepreneurs: No start-up cost. Or very little. You don't need to shell out for a quaint Main Street locale or a shiny shopping-mall storefront. If you have a computer, you can start today.

And many have. On any given day, more than 29 million items are for sale on eBay, and last year 40 million users bought about \$24 billion worth of goods — up 60 percent since 2002.

The disadvantages of trying to earn a living online? Some people are reluctant to buy goods over the Internet.

Active eBay traders say there's no more fraud in the virtual world than in the bricks-and-mortar one, though it does occur. One tells of a man who was browsing eBay when he came across an auction for a boat. His boat. His stolen boat.

One last hitch: Some items are too nice to sell on eBay.

That's strange to say about a marketplace where people routinely buy sparkling \$7,000 Rolexes and sleek \$35,000 Audis. But veteran traders say that in the transfer to the digital world, some goods lose their pizzazz.

One tells of an artist friend who sews beautiful velvet-and-silk quilts. At crafts shows, where customers can caress the folds of the fabric and see the luster of the colors, the quilts sell for hundreds of dollars. On eBay, they didn't draw a bid.

The good news? You don't have to caress a blue cotton blazer to know if you want to buy it.

Leisa Paraday's office isn't bad, as offices go, but it probably doesn't look much like yours.

It's smallish, maybe 10 feet across. Two windows. No curtains. A corner is piled high with post-office mailers and shipping labels. The desk is clear except for essentials: a computer, a cordless phone, and a two-liter bottle of Diet Coke.

Paraday shares her office with Mabel — Mabel the dress dummy — and a half-mannequin called Belly Button Betty. There's usually a cat or two or three slinking

through. Most days, Paraday will settle in for a five-hour shift — but not until nightfall, after she's finished a hectic day of managing real estate. She's starting her own business, selling new plus-sized women's clothes from a bedroom in her home.

The northeast Michigan woman first logged onto eBay 18 months ago, amazed by the prices people were willing to pay. She'd long frequented garage sales and thrift shops, seeking older goods possessed of that certain something, and she began putting items up for sale.

A set of yard sale coffee cups — they'd cost her 25 cents — sold for \$15. Her \$2 Wilton cake pans sold for \$60.

"It blew my mind to find out what people are interested in," she says.

After logging on in the evening, Paraday, 38, will roam eBay auctions and stores, scrutinizing sales, comparing prices, checking inventories. Call it market research, call it preparation for a job change, or call it, as she does, an eBay obsession — Paraday is using the site to change her life and how she lives it.

In a typical month she'll bring in \$500, and that can jump to \$1,500 if she pushes herself. She expects her new clothing business, Northern Delights, to grow well beyond that. Soon, she hopes, it won't be her second job; it will be her only job.

"Other entrepreneurs are splitting the difference, using eBay to bring in a second income while maintaining their day jobs."

Steve Metterle of Bordentown, N.J., runs his own eBay comics store. Out of the Closet Collectibles, with an inventory of more than 1,400 items.

"It's a great forum for someone who wants to open a store but can't afford the overhead, or who wants to work at their own pace," he says. "It's not just records or comics or lights. It's anything. Clothes. Tickets. There's somebody out there who is looking for what you have."

It's true. Just ask Valli Hammer, known to customers by her eBay moniker, "Duckarama." A few years ago, if you had searched "Rubber Duck" on eBay, you would have found perhaps two or three pages of listings. Today there are 18 — a duck for every bathtub.

There are new ducks and old ducks. There are doctor ducks, pirate ducks, hippie ducks and devil ducks. Ducks with flowers, ducks with books, ducks dressed up like kitchen cooks. There

are celebduck: Allen Iverson, Mae West, Kobe Bryant, the Lone Ranger.

In the last three years, Hammer has sold about 3,100 ducks — top price \$125 — to collectors all over the world.

Her personal collection has grown to more than a thousand.

But Hammer, who lives in central Illinois, doesn't sell as many ducks as she used to.

If eBay has leveled the marketplace for sellers, it has also leveled — as in demolished — the sales prices of many collectibles.

Why? Two reasons.

One is simple supply and demand. On eBay, the sale of a particular collectible tends to bring more out of attics and closets and onto the market, lowering values.

The other is the nature of online competition. In Hammer's case, oversupply has shot down duck prices. A rubber duck that used to bring \$15 now may reap \$4.99.

What hasn't changed, she says, is the sheer fun of trading on eBay, the enjoyment of new and different finds. She still sells to her regular customers and is always on the lookout for a special duck for herself.

"It's very addictive," she says. "I've had a lot of buyers say, 'I've bought a new duck, and now I'm checking all the time.'"

Carolinn Woody is breathless from repeated trips up the stairs, her arms clutching boxes of treasure.

Or at least, somebody's treasure. An old microscope. A carousel for rubber stamps. A battery-operated toy monkey, brass cymbals at the ready.

She arranges the boxes on the floor, where her business partner, Steven Duchovnay, begins a preliminary sorting. Their two-year-old Philadelphia company is called Elephant Cents. It's a spawn of the eBay marketplace, an online version of a trade that has prospered since the Parthians first helped the Chinese and Romans trade silk and silver: the middleman.

If you want to sell your stuff on eBay but don't want the hassle of running an auction, Elephant Cents will do it for you. For a fee, of course: \$8 per listing and 30 percent of the final sales price.

"There's no doubt this is the future of eBay selling," Duchovnay says.

He's not the only one who thinks so. In Florida, there's EZ Auctions; in California, AuctionDrop; in South Carolina, Just Drop It. California-based iSold It has more than 100 stores and expects to have 300 by year's end.

All earn money by charging commissions, generally 20 percent to 40

percent of the top bid.

It takes effort to sell an item on eBay. A seller has to photograph his prize, write up a description, post it online, then stand by to answer questions from prospective bidders. When the auction ends, he has to pack up the item — carefully — and ship it off.

For somebody who conducts only an occasional sale, it can seem daunting.

Elephant Cents is located on the second floor of an old Front Street building, its shelves and tables brimming with ready-to-auction inventory, from an Art Deco lamp shade to an Al Hirschfeld drawing of Liza Minnelli.

Woody and Duchovnay have auctioned a pen collection, a diamond ring, a welding torch, a Jimmy Webb songbook, an espresso machine, and all types of designer handbags, dresses and shoes.

Their general rule: If you can carry it up the stairs, they'll try to sell it.

During six years of trading, Donna Klein has learned many valuable lessons about eBay.

One is, there are lots of ways to make money off the site. She's developed one herself: teaching people how to use eBay more efficiently and effectively. The former Chicago bank analyst drew up her own curriculum, and in the last year more than 1,200 people have taken her classes, priced from \$22 to \$96. Along the way she's developed a local reputation as "The eBay Lady."

What does she teach her students? Many things. Here's

one: Timing isn't important. It's crucial.

She paid \$3 at a yard sale for a big metal wall relief of Dwight Eisenhower, a piece that her husband christened, "The Ugliest Piece of Junk I've Ever Seen."

Klein offered it on eBay. It didn't draw flies.

In June, with the 60th anniversary of the Normandy invasion dominating the news, she again auctioned the portrait, this time describing it in stirring terms of heroic D-Day victory. It sold for \$229.

More advice: Spelling doesn't just count, it counts for everything. Klein recalls one woman who created beautiful American Indian artworks, and who in describing her wares on eBay managed to misspell almost every word, including Indian and cactus. She got no bids. Likewise, if you're selling concert tickets, advertising "isle seats" won't draw bids from people who actually want to sit on the aisle.

One other thing: Don't be a dummy. Klein doesn't say it like that. She's too polite. But that's the message. If someone in Russia is selling a motorcycle, and they're offering to ship it here free, and they want payment through an untraceable wire transfer, well, perhaps you should reconsider.

She follows that advice in her own eBay trading, a lengthy career in which she's bought and sold about 2,500 items. Her favorite purchase? An antique oboe she got for her daughter.

She bought it for \$650 — cheap for the quality of the piece — and paid an additional \$350 to have it restored. She was pleasantly surprised when an appraiser estimated its worth at \$3,000.

But recently, Klein's daughter announced that she never again wants to play in the band, much less pick up an oboe. Klein figures there's only one thing to do with the instrument.

"I'm getting ready to put it back on eBay."

**SAVVY SELLING ONLINE** The beauty of eBay is its simplicity. A chimpanzee could figure it out.

If you think it's time to auction that Snow White snow globe or your stash of Sports Illustrated, here's how to do it:

Go to eBay's "Sell" section and write out a description of the item. You want to be scrupulously honest. If there's corner rust on that Beatles lunchbox, say so.

Decide whether to set a minimum price for your item. eBay will charge you a listing fee, from 30 cents to \$4.80, based on this opening price. (Real estate and cars have separate fee schedules.) Additional fees are added if you want extras.

Along with the listing fee, eBay charges the seller a percentage of the final sales price, based on a sliding scale. For the first \$25 of the sales price, eBay takes 5.25 percent. It takes an additional 2.75 percent of the price between \$25 and \$1,000, and 1.5 percent of the price from \$1,000 on up.

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### DiscOver tournament set at Birdwell Park

The 12th annual DiscOver Big Spring Golf Tournament has been set for Oct. 3 at Birdwell Park.

Registration for the event begins at 8 a.m.

A players meeting and tee times start at 9 a.m.

There will be an ace pot, CTP's, \$100 added to the purse and 100 percent payout in all divisions.

Entry fees — depending on level — range from \$15-\$35.

Juniors get a free disc and each division must have four players.

For more information, call Greg Brooks at 267-6335 or 267-1465.

### Fan sues another fan for Bonds' 700 ball

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The San Francisco Giants fan who caught Barry Bonds' 700th homer is being sued by another man who says he was the rightful owner of the prized ball, which he maintains was stolen from him during a mad scramble.

According to a restraining order to be filed in state court Tuesday, Timothy Murphy said Steve Williams stole the historic blast from him during a melee in the left-center field bleachers at SBC Park Sept. 17.

Williams said in an interview that he did not steal the ball but found it at the bottom of the heap of people.

It's not the first time fans headed to court over the fate of a Bonds homer.

### Browns' Winslow done for season

CLEVELAND (AP) — Browns rookie tight end Kellen Winslow Jr. needs a second operation on his right leg and will miss the remainder of this season.

Winslow, who broke his fibula during a loss Sept. 19 in Dallas and had it operated on last week, will have surgery to stabilize ligaments.

Winslow, the No. 6 overall pick in this year's draft, was initially expected to be out for at least eight to 10 weeks but will now need longer to recover.

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# Spikers slam Frenship, move into second place

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

The Lady Steers volleyball team kept their winning streak alive and moved into a second place tie in District 4-4A Tuesday after blasting district rival Frenship in Wolfforth. Big Spring took the match in four games by scores of 25-22/25-12/23-25/26-24.

"Coming into Frenship on a school night and getting out in four is great," said Big Spring head coach Revis Daggett. "This was a big win and I am proud of our girls."

The opening game was close early on as neither team got ahead by more than two points. However, the Lady Steers took a 12-8 lead midway through the game on a five-point service set by sophomore Katy Abner.

After another three-point run, Big Spring found itself up 15-9 before Frenship made a surge. Five points later, the Lady Steers only trailed 15-14, triggering a timeout by Big Spring head coach Revis Daggett.

The Lady Steers scored four consecutive points out of the timeout and regained their five-point advantage on route to a three-point game one win. Frenship put together another four-point run to cut the margin to two points, but Big Spring was able to hold them off.

The second game was never in doubt for the Lady Steers. Senior Kendal Adams began the game with four straight points on her serve. Then, assisted by a few Frenship errors and a devastating kill by junior Raegan Ritchey, Big Spring led 7-2.

Game two featured two three-point runs and two five-point runs, including the final five points of the game.

"We never had a mental breakdown in games one and two, but we did in game three," said Daggett. "I also thought we had good communication in games one and two."

The breakdown was noticed early in game

three as the Lady Steers fell behind by eight points.

After a Big Spring timeout, senior Shannon Higgins got the Lady Steers back into the match with eight consecutive points on her serve. The consecutive points tied the game at 11-11.

It was nip and tuck the rest of the way for both teams. The game was tied at 13 and again at 14 before the Lady Steers regained a three-point lead, which triggered a Daggett timeout. The Lady Steers were able to keep the game close and even tied the game up at 23-23 before Frenship scored the final two points and earned the game three win.

Junior Brenn Swinney served three consecutive points early in game four to give the Lady Steers a 5-2 lead. The game saw ties at five, six, nine and 12 before Big Spring took a steady lead. Then Frenship battled back.

The Lady Steers held a 24-20 lead before the Lady Steers rolled off four straight points to tie the game. However, the run was broken after Big Spring scored the final two points of the game, which sealed the match win for Big Spring (18-15). The victory was the Lady Steers' third straight.

Junior Carmen Lewis led the Lady Steers with 13.5 points on 11 kills and five assisted blocks, while senior Stefani Scott added 11.5 points on 10 kills and three assisted blocks.

"Stefani's blocks came late in the match during crunch time and they were just huge for us," said Daggett.

Higgins finished with eight kills, one ace, one solo block, one assisted block and 20 set assists, while Adams contributed four aces and 21 set assists.

Ritchey had six kills and five total blocks, while Swinney pitched in with five block assists and four kills, as well. Junior Krista Chesworth also added seven kills.

Big Spring, which is now 3-1 in district play, returns home Saturday to take on Plainview in District 4-4A action. The match concludes the first round of district play. The second round of district play begins Tuesday



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Big Spring senior co-captain Kendal Adams bumps the ball to her opposition Tuesday during the Lady Steers' District 4-4A victory over rival Frenship in Wolfforth. Big Spring knocked off the Lady Steers in four games and moved into a second place tie in the district.

in San Angelo against district rival and leader Lake View. However, Daggett doesn't want to look ahead.

"We can't take Plainview lightly because they are the type of team

that could surprise us," she said. "We need to take it one match at a time and I don't think the girls will take them for granted."

Lake View is 4-0 this season in district play and defeated Andrews

Tuesday in five games. They also defeated Big Spring at the Steer Gym in straight sets Sept. 18. The Frenship loss drops the Lady Steers to 3-1 in the district, while Andrews sits at 1-3.

## Rainfall postpones tennis duel

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

Another heavy rainfall postponed Big Spring's tennis match against Abilene Wylie in Sweetwater Tuesday. The two teams were in the middle of the doubles competition when the match was delayed.

Wylie, which won the Class 3A title last year, had won three matches when play was stopped.

The Steers and Lady Steers will face off against district rival Frenship Saturday at the Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park. Both teams come into the contest undefeated in

District 4-4A action. Big Spring has defeated Lake View and is leading Plainview in the middle of a rain delay, while Frenship defeated Plainview and received a forfeit win from Lubbock Estacado.

The match Saturday in Big Spring will begin at 9:30 a.m.

## Pending approval, Expos move to D.C.

By JOSEPH WHITE  
AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON — Major League Baseball will announce Wednesday that Washington will be the new home of the Montreal Expos, bringing the national pastime back to the nation's capital for the first time in 33 years. The Associated Press has learned.

A city official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Washington has been notified by Major League Baseball of the announcement.

The city is planning its own news conference at a downtown location Wednesday, the official said.

"I think we'll be in a position where we can have a celebration tomorrow," Mayor Anthony Williams told WUSA-TV.

The announcement will come one day before the 33rd anniversary of the Washington Senators' final game. The Senators moved to Texas after the 1971 season.

Las Vegas; Norfolk, Va.; Monterrey, Mexico;

Portland, Ore.; and Northern Virginia also made bids, but Washington clearly took the lead during negotiations over recent weeks, strengthened by its wealthy population base and a financial package that would build a new stadium with taxpayers' money.

Plans call for a \$440 million package that would include a new ballpark to be built along the Anacostia River about a dozen blocks south of the Capitol.

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# Houston closes to one-half game as WC race heats up

By JOEL ANDERSON  
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Reggie Sanders slid into home plate, kicking up a cloud of dirt and chalk.

When the dust cleared, the Houston Astros had stopped St. Louis from scoring and were on their way to a critical 2-1 win over the Cardinals on Tuesday night.

Houston moved within a half game of Chicago and San Francisco for the NL wild-card lead.

Carlos Beltran threw out Sanders from center field, completing a fifth-inning double play before scoring the go-ahead run in the bottom of the inning.

"I knew it was a do-or-die play," Beltran said. The throw "was a little bit off-time, but Brad did a good job of bringing it back. I don't know if (Sanders) was out or not."

Sanders and Cardinals manager Tony La Russa vigorously protested the call to no avail.

"I couldn't tell whether he scored or not," Houston catcher Brad Ausmus said. "The dirt and the chalk was coming up in my face. It was flying everywhere. I haven't seen a replay and I couldn't tell whether the call was right."

Replays appeared to show Sanders was safe.

"The umpire was right on top of it," La Russa said. "You play nine innings, that's just one

out. It looked to me like Reggie beat it."

Beltran led off the bottom of the fifth with a triple to deep center — the ball landed on the uphill slope near the wall — and scored on Jeff Bagwell's fly.

Bagwell also drove in Houston's other run, and Brandon Backe pitched five solid innings to send the Astros to their fifth win in six games.

"After a game like tonight," Backe said, "you can't help but think we're on fire and things are going our way."

St. Louis third baseman Scott Rolen went 0-for-3 in his return after missing 16 games with a strained upper left calf and bruised left shin.

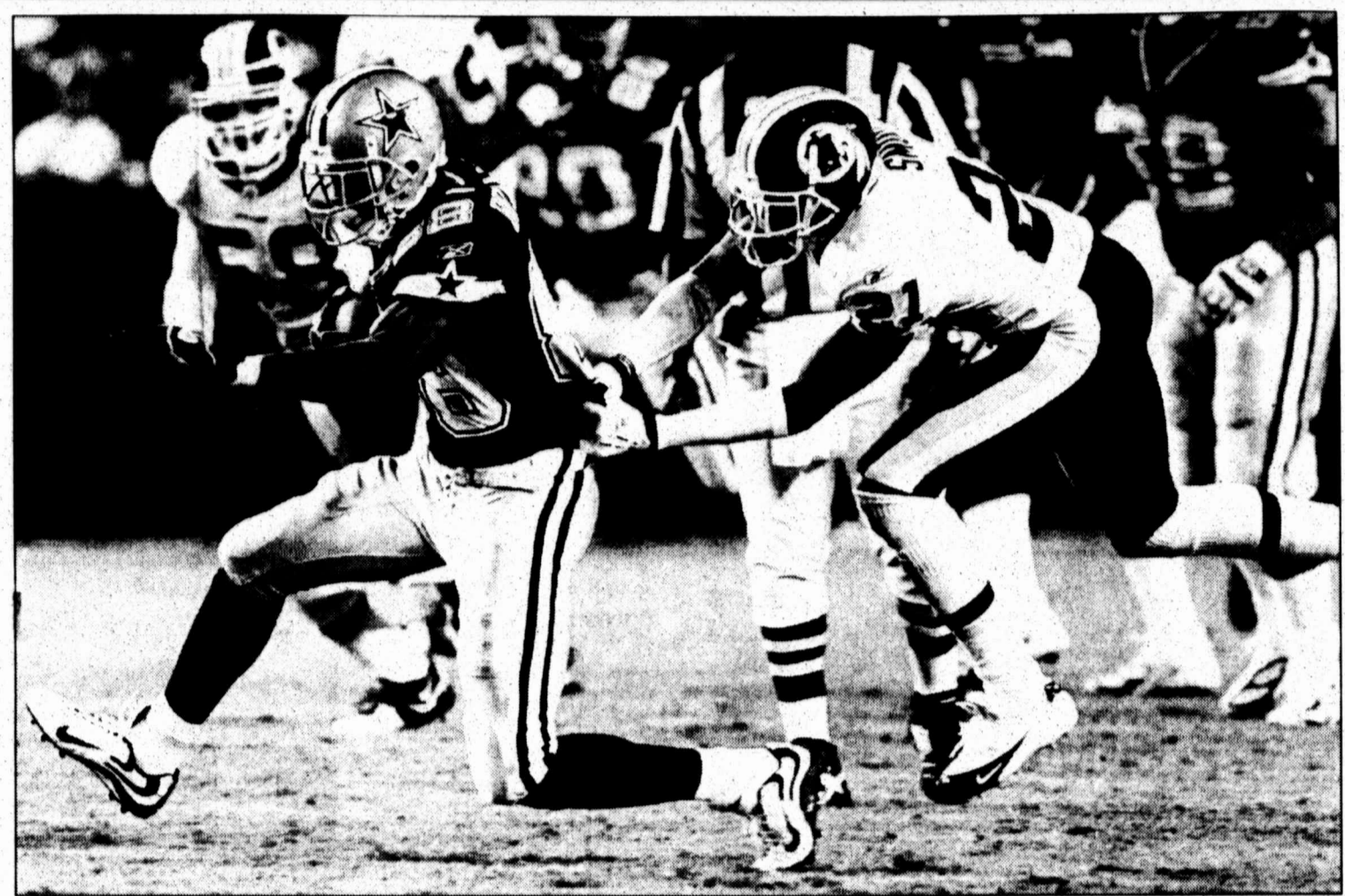
Backe (4-3), used primarily as a reliever this season, gave up a homer to Larry Walker in the second.

He allowed five hits, struck out three and walked three — and also singled in the third, raising his batting average to .286.

Brad Lidge got four outs for his 26th save in 30 chances.

Lidge spent much of the night staring at the scoreboard in left field before taking the mound and retiring St. Louis' 3-4-5-6 hitters to finish the game.

"Sitting in the bullpen, you can't help but see the scores," Lidge said. "We're so close now, we can taste it."



Dallas wide receiver Antonio Bryant (88) is snagged by his jersey as Washington's Fred Smoot (21) brings him down in the second quarter of the Cowboys game against the Redskins Monday night at FedEx Field in Landover, Maryland.

# Guerrero doubles his pleasure against Texas

By STEPHEN HAWKINS  
AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — Vladimir Guerrero is hitting the ball hard and proving himself as the MVP of the Anaheim Angels in his first real pennant chase.

Guerrero homered twice and drove in five runs while going 4-for-5 Tuesday night to lead the Angels to an 8-2 win over the Texas Rangers. The fourth straight win got Anaheim back into first place.

Anaheim (89-68) returned to top of the AL West in a tie with Oakland for the first time

since June 8 after the Athletics lost 7-4 later Tuesday night to Seattle. The Rangers (86-71) are three games back with five to play.

"This thing can change momentum in a heartbeat. There's no reason to put too much stock in where we are," manager Mike Scioscia said. "The challenge is in front of us, and the opportunity is in front of us also."

The Angels never trailed Texas after Guerrero's two-out solo homer in the first. It was 8-0 after his 36th homer, a three-run shot in the sixth.

"I'm not trying to win the MVP. I'm trying to play every day to win a championship," Guerrero said.

Guerrero also had a homer and a double in the Angels' 5-3 win on Monday night to start the series at Texas.

Garret Anderson and Dallas McPherson also homered for the Angels, who have two games left in Texas before a season-ending three-game series in Oakland.

Texas, the surprise contender after four straight last-place finishes, has lost four of five since sweeping three games

from the Athletics last week.

Guerrero, hitting .333 in his first Anaheim season after spending his first seven seasons in Montreal, has 121 RBIs and 120 runs. Don Baylor is the only other Angel with 120 RBIs and 120 runs.

The Angels led 1-0 after Guerrero homered in the first off Chan Ho Park (3-7).

After Troy Glaus drew a two-out walk in the third, Guerrero drove him home with a double.

It was the third multi-homer game this season for Guerrero.

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BY JOYCE JILLSON  
During yesterday's full moon, our communication planet, Mercury, entered the realm of Libra. This transit, which lasts until Oct. 15, brings intellectual energy to the decision-making process. We're smart enough and mature enough to look at our problems as others might see them, able to argue their points as well as our own.



JOYCE JILLSON

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Don't let up now — you're almost over the hump. Though you may feel like slacking off, once you get going, your super-productive afternoon should help you see things through to completion.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). If you've been feeling sluggish, you'll get a little boost of energy to help lighten the load now. And it just gets better and better over the next few days. Tonight, give a sweetie a call. Your self-confidence will wow him or her.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Your brain and your mouth are running a million miles a minute. If it helps you with multitasking, more power to you. If not, you can put a lid on it by sweating it out via exercise, sauna or some other creative way.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Feeling a little restless? Moon-ruled crabs enjoy change and even thrive on it. So if being a homebody and screening all your calls isn't doing it for you anymore, it's time to shed your shell of shyness and face the world again.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). When your love life is kicking, you feel invincible. And when it's not, you feel compelled to heal that area of your life. Practice being balanced. Center your sense of self-worth on yourself instead of on how your love life is doing.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're operating on a highly creative and productive level, and you'll soon see results. Diet and exercise must be examined with care, as health is an important piece of the "new you." An idea of huge proportions comes to you.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're filled with optimism. Just remember: It's more important to have peace of mind than to have happiness. With

peace of mind, you can weather any storm. Spend time with a loved one who needs a shot in the arm.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your slogan of the day is "Let freedom ring!" You should be able to feel the excitement build even in your most mundane activities. There's just a glimmer of something new to give everything a different perspective.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Relax. This prevents you from wasting your time and energy going down the wrong path. No matter how strong your opinions, you profit by extending compassion. Love has highs and lows, but don't dwell on either.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Everything you do makes good sense. You'll receive an enthusiastic response to the project you've been working on. Don't let that stop you from doing what you need to do to improve your work and keep moving forward.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your main opponent is boredom. Though work may be tedious, finding ways to amuse yourself should not be too difficult. Just don't let the boss catch you surfing the Internet or text-messaging your friends on company time.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Friends embark on unusual adventures. If you pursue a conversation, you'll get an earful, and it's wildly entertaining. This will inspire you to take a road less traveled yourself. In general, you are able to do your own thing.

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Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My husband, "Lenny," was laid off from his job nearly three years ago. He decided to return to school, but he attends classes in another city. I will be living with some friends while he is in school for the next two years, and we'll see each other every other weekend.

Lenny and I will celebrate our third anniversary this year, and sometimes I'm not sure I want to be married anymore. I'm having a hard time coping with his absence. I have started to find other men attractive and did something I never thought I'd do: I made a pass at a friend. I always have been faithful, yet this one time I came so close to throwing everything away. I have no intention of telling Lenny, because it only would cause him pain that he doesn't deserve.

This is not what I signed on for when we married. How long do I have to wait before I call it quits? — Washington Wife

Dear Wife: Why are you so willing to give up? Two years may seem like an eternity, but it isn't really that long. If you are committed to Lenny, and you see him every other weekend, you should not find this arrangement so impossible.

Can you find a job where Lenny is attending school and perhaps live in student housing to save money? Is there a town midway between your current place and Lenny's school where you both could live together and commute? Explore these options and see if they can work. Of course, if you don't WANT to be married anymore, that's a different story, and one that Lenny deserves to know about in advance.

Dear Annie: My friend, "Jake," has lived with me on and off for the last 16 years. I love him like a brother, and my kids call him Uncle Jake.

In the last two years, Jake has become less of a friend and more of a burden. He has no job, pays no bills and doesn't offer to help around the house. All he does is eat, sleep and play on our computer.

Jake has had only two



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jobs in his entire life, and neither lasted more than six months. He has two kids and recently stopped contact with them. The children and his ex moved 200 miles away so she could get work, because he is not able to pay child support.

I cannot understand how any parent won't fight to see his children and why Jake will not take responsibility for what he has helped create. I don't want to lose him as a friend, but he's wearing on me. If I kick him out, he will move in with his mother. This would solve my problem, but not his. Any ideas? — Illinois Friend

Dear Friend: You are not responsible for Jake's immaturity, but you certainly are enabling him to continue freeloading. It's time to cut the cord. If Mom lets him move in with her, too bad, but it doesn't help the situation for you to be the patsy. Tell him you love him but he needs to grow up — preferably somewhere else.

Dear Annie: I'm writing about the letter from "Worried in Wyoming," who fears her 14-year-old stepson, "Warren," may be a potential pedophile.

As a psychologist specifically trained in this area, it seems that the teenager is very troubled. If the boy's current therapist is not specifically trained to deal with such children, he or she is probably out of their professional expertise. I cannot stress enough how critical it is that Warren seek help from properly trained professionals. Please suggest the parents contact the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers ([atsa.com](http://atsa.com)), 4900 S.W. Griffith Dr., Suite 274, Beaverton, OR 97005.

— James Manley, Ph.D., Kona, Hawaii.

Dear Dr. Manley: Thank you so much for your excellent suggestion. A few readers also recommended STOP IT NOW!, an organization with a confidential help-line at 1-888-PREVENT (1-888-773-8368). We hope the parents will follow through.

Dear Annie: I am a recovering alcoholic who stopped drinking five years ago. Life was great until I realized that I could get a buzz from cough medicine. The hardest part is that I'm convinced the abuse is making me more creative.

I'm a professional living alone, so I have no one to answer to. I don't want the "high" to sound too appealing. The downside is becoming more obvious, and now, three years later, I can barely keep my head above water. I'm sure I am messing myself up physically as well. Can you tell me more about the damage I am doing? I need help. — Addicted in South Carolina

Dear Addicted: Some cough medicines contain a drug that, in high doses, acts as a hallucinogen or dissociative agent. As you build up a tolerance, you will need more and more of it to get the same high.

Here's the downside: Common effects include confusion, dizziness, blurred vision, slurred speech, abdominal pain, nausea, irregular heartbeat, itchy skin, dry mouth, headaches, drowsiness, impaired coordination, disorientation and numbness in the fingers. Higher doses can lead to auditory and visual hallucinations, vomiting, loss of muscle control, seizures and loss of consciousness. Although long-term effects are just now being studied, there is some evidence linking abuse to dental decay, memory loss, speech problems, hand tremors and personality changes.

If you were once addicted to alcohol and have moved on to cough medicine, you need help before you find something else to abuse. Please try Narcotics Anonymous ([www.na.org](http://www.na.org)), P.O. Box 9999, Van Nuys, CA 91409.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Cambridge, Mass.," who said her husband told his mother personal things about their life together, including every medication she was taking. My husband did the same thing. He'd tell his mother, who then blabbed to the entire family.

When I needed a biopsy done, I made my husband promise he would tell no one, and he said, "Sure, yeah." Two months later, my mother-in-law asked me how the biopsy went. I became quite angry and said to the man I'd been married to for over 30 years, "I trusted you, and you crushed my soul. I won't repeat that mistake."

My husband never understood my pain at his betrayal, but I never confided in him again. Thank you for saying that trust is the bottom line in a marriage. — Better Now in Worcester, Mass.

Dear Worcester: Some people cannot keep their mouths closed. They don't necessarily mean any harm, but it hurts nonetheless. Thanks for writing.

Dear Annie: I am writing in response to "Perplexed" in

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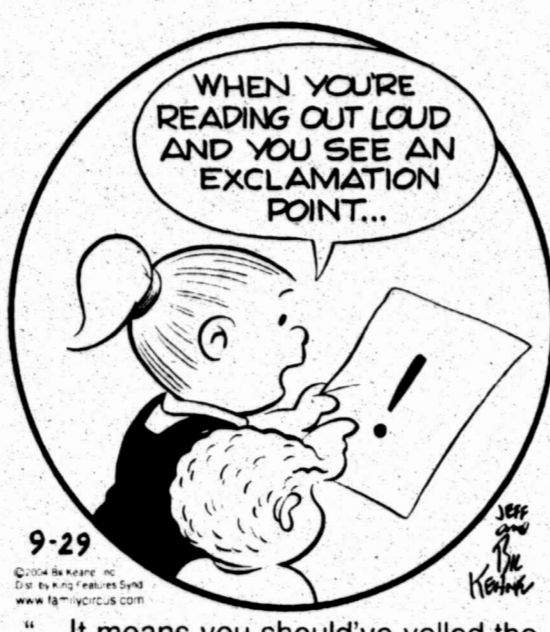
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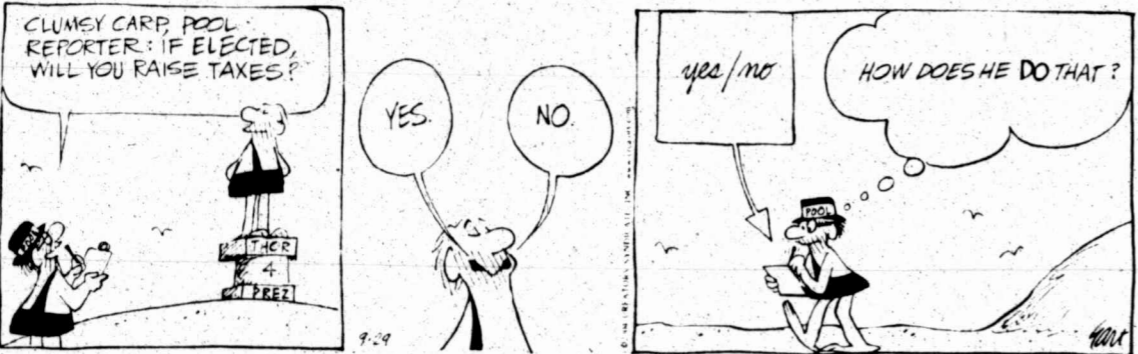
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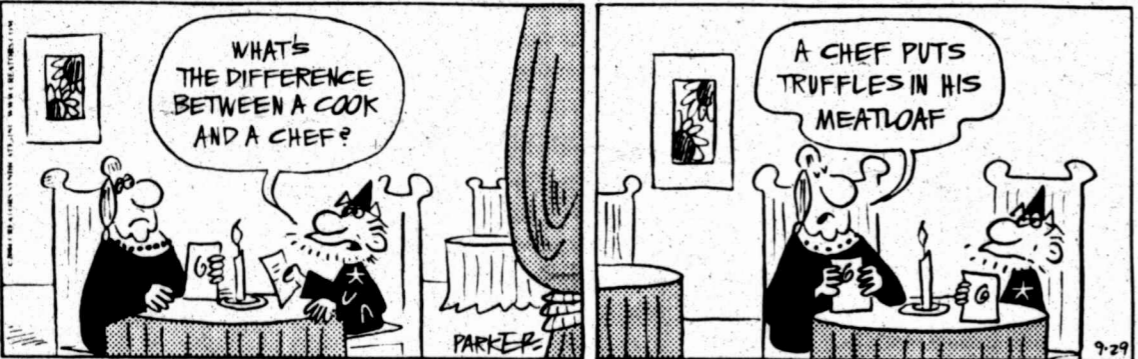
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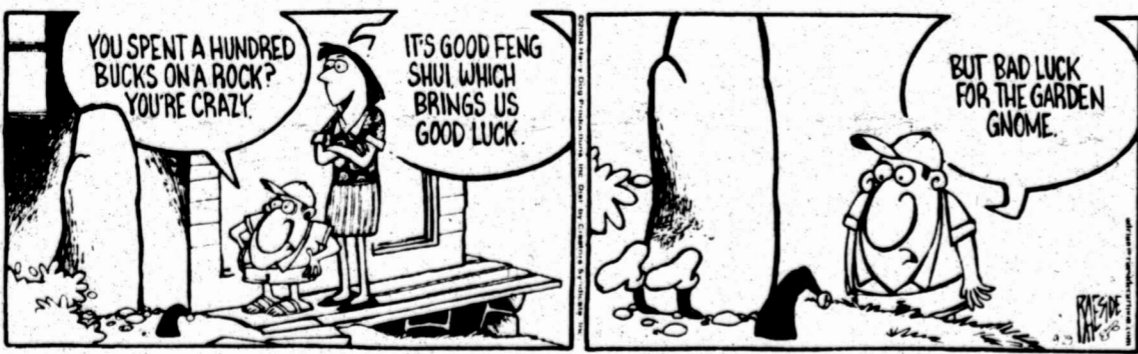
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 29, the 273rd day of 2004. There are 93 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 29, 1789, Pope John Paul I was found dead in his Vatican apartment just over a month after becoming head of the Roman Catholic Church.

On this date: In 1789, the U.S. War Department established a regular army with a strength of several hundred men.

In 1829, London's reorganized police force, which became known as Scotland Yard, went on duty.

In 1918, Allied forces scored a decisive breakthrough of the Hindenburg Line during World War I.

In 1943, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Italian

Marshal Pietro Badoglio signed an armistice aboard the British ship Nelson off Malta.

In 1954, the movie musical "A Star Is Born," starring Judy Garland and James Mason, had its world premiere at the Pantages Theater in Hollywood.

In 1963, "The Judy Garland Show" premiered on CBS.

In 1963, the second session of Second Vatican Council opened in Rome.

In 1979, Pope John Paul II became the first pope to visit Ireland as he arrived for a three-day tour.

In 1982, seven people in the Chicago area died after unwittingly taking Extra-Strength Tylenol capsules laced with cyanide.

In 1988, the space shuttle "Discovery" blasted off from Cape Canaveral marking America's return to manned space flight following the "Challenger" disaster.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Michelangelo Antonioni is 92. Actress Lizbeth Scott is 82. Actor

Steve Forrest is 80. Actress Anita Ekberg is 73. Actor Eddie Barth is 73. Singer Jerry Lee Lewis is 69. Actor Ian McShane is 62. Jazz musician Jean-Luc Ponty is 62. Lech Walesa, the former president of Poland, is 61. Television-film composer Mike Post is 60. Actress Patricia Hodge is 58. TV personality Bryant Gumbel is 56. Rock singer-musician Mark Farner is 56. Rock musician Mike Pinera is 56. Country singer Alvin Crow is 54. Actor Drake Hogestyn is 51. Singer Suzzy Roche (The Roches) is 48. Actor-comedian Andrew "Dice" Clay is 46. Singer-musician Les Claypool is 41.

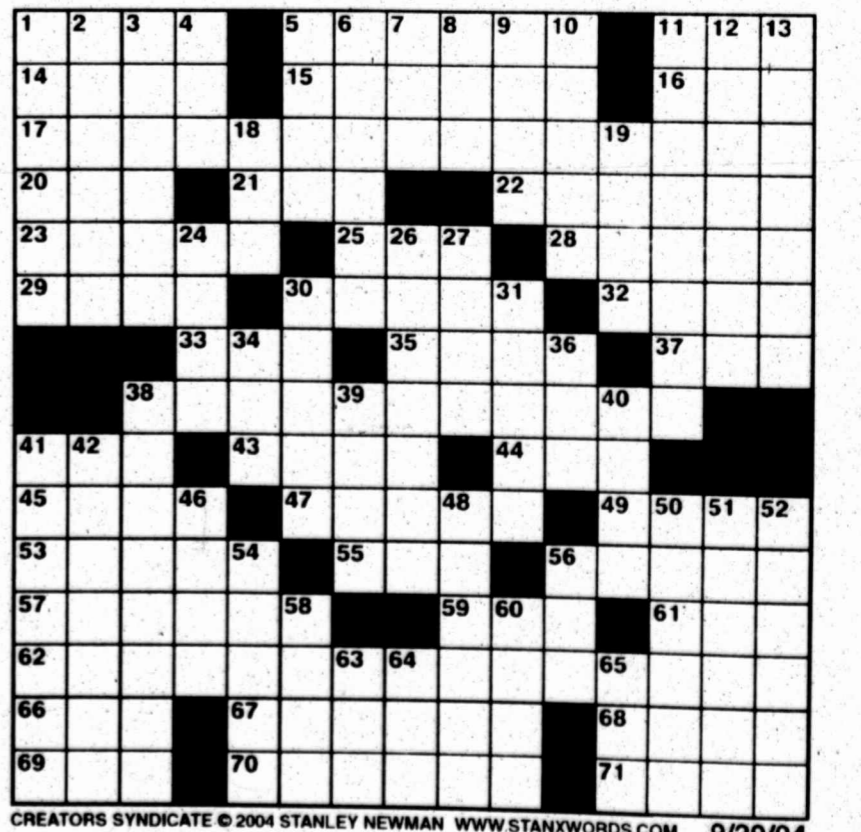
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MEAL TIME by Fred Piscop  
Edited by Stanley Newman  
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- 1 Irene of Fame
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  - 25 Scot's refusal
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  - 29 "Toodle-oo!"
  - 30 Bleachers seating
  - 32 Management level
  - 33 Deadlock
  - 35 Horn sound
  - 37 Radical '60s grp.
  - 38 Informal invitation
  - 41 \_\_\_ Paulo, Brazil
  - 43 "As \_\_\_ on TV"
  - 44 Genetic initials
  - 45 Limburger quality
  - 47 Coin-toss call
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  - 53 \_\_\_ it out (fought)
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  - 59 President pro \_\_\_
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  - 38 Investigate
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  - 40 Gumshoe's job
  - 41 Recyclable item
  - 42 Praise to the skies
  - 46 Shipping dept. stamp
  - 48 Varsity award
  - 50 Strut like a pony
  - 51 New physician
  - 52 Closed in on
  - 54 Perry's aide
  - 56 Keydets' sch.
  - 58 Palm reader
  - 60 Water swirl
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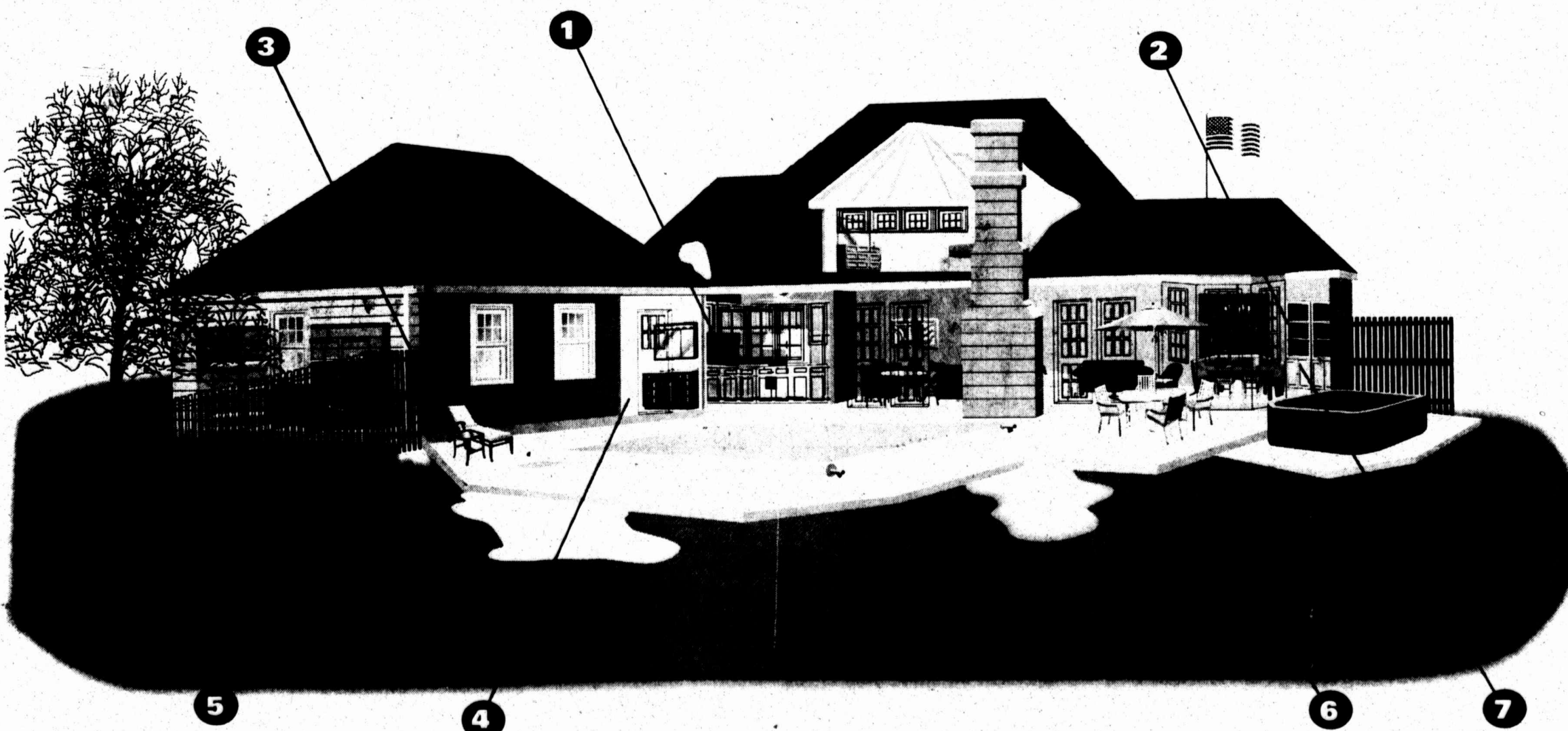
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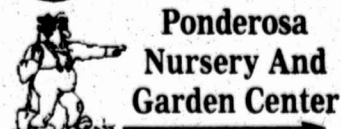
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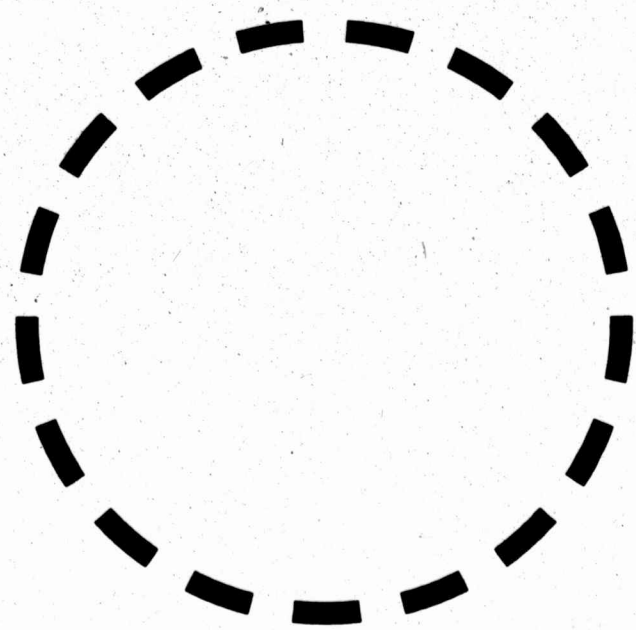
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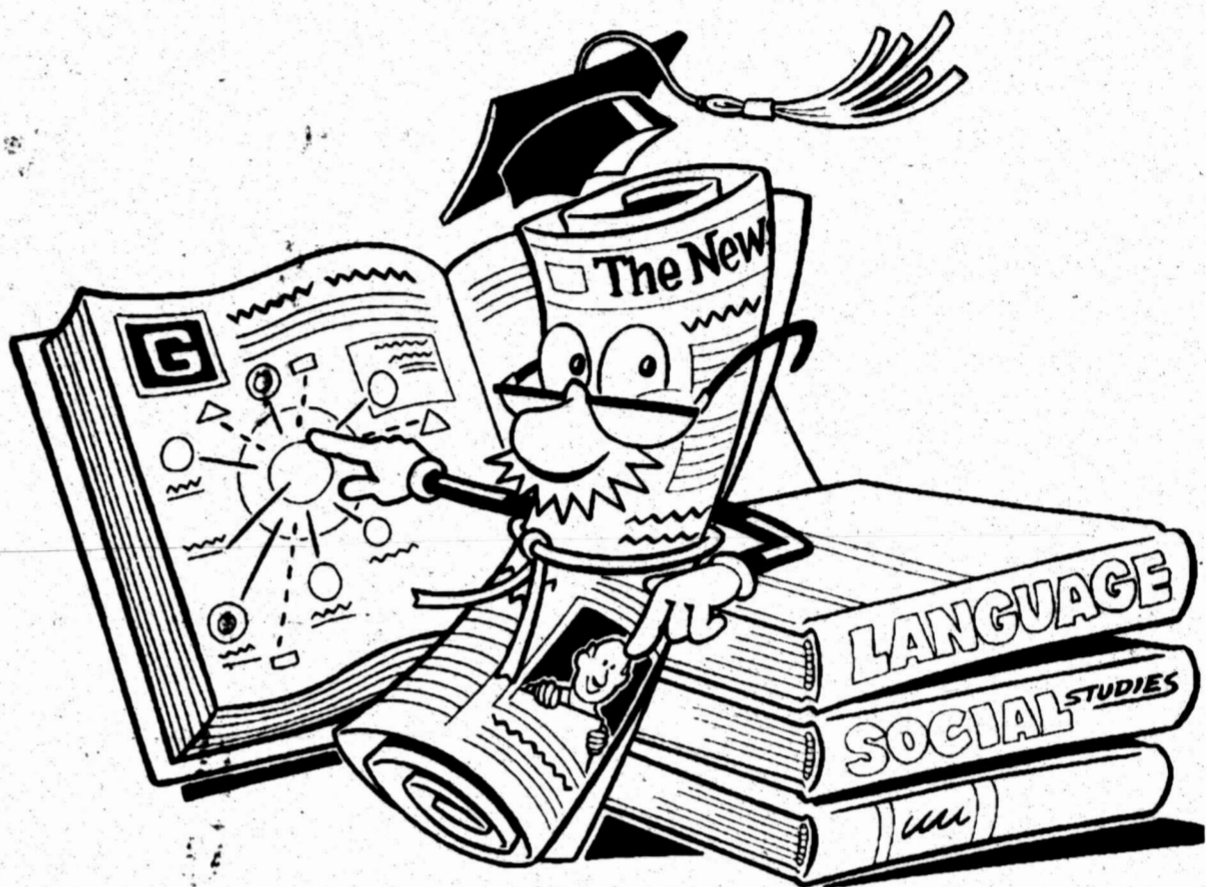
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