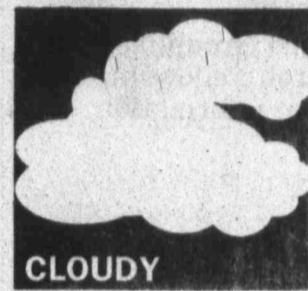


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WEATHER

Tonight:



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SMMC Relay team sets haunted house

Scenic Mountain Medical Center Relay for Life team will hold a haunted house Friday through Sunday at the Malone & Hogan Clinic (old "Texas Surgery" department).

Hours will be from 7 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5 per person with all proceeds going to Relay for Life.

Bikes for Tykes benefit planned

The Cossacks Motorcycle Club will hold a benefit for Bikes for Tykes Saturday beginning at noon at 1610 N. Birdwell Lane. Activities will include a battle of the bands, brisket cookoff, in-house bean run, and more. Food will be available, as will camping.

Brisket registration will be held from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday. For more information, call (432) 213-0654 or 267-5462.

UW restaurant feature continues

K.C. Steakhouse is the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County featured restaurant this week. A portion of Friday's proceeds at K.C. Steakhouse 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.

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Love From Home focuses on Christmas

VFWs donate to help military posted in Iraq

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Features Editor

Love From Home, an effort by local women to provide U.S. soldiers serving in Iraq with personal items and mail, is now focusing on the Christmas season.

The project recently got a boost when it received \$750 in donations from the Brownwood and Abilene Veterans of Foreign Wars ladies auxiliaries. "This whole effort is all about what is best for the soldiers and to help them realize how much we appreciate what they are doing," said Angela Lee, one of the women who organized Love From Home.

"This all started because my son wrote and told me he appreciated the packages and letters we were sending him, but that some of his friends, soldiers also serving in Iraq, didn't receive any mail at all. When we learned that, we knew we had to do something," added RoseAnn Joy, a second co-founder of the local effort.

Thus far the women have received about \$1,000 in cash, which is being used to purchase the items mailed to the soldiers in Iraq as well as pay for postage.

"We are hoping people will want to help with our holiday efforts for the soldiers who won't be home for Christmas."

—RoseAnn Joy
Love From Home co-founder



Herald photo/Marsha Sturdivant

Angela Lee, left, RoseAnn Joy and Jane Rogers select socks and underclothes to send to U.S. soldiers serving in Iraq. The Brownwood and Abilene Veterans of Foreign Wars ladies auxiliaries donated \$750 to the Love From Home project, which the women used to purchase these items, snacks, lip balm, envelopes and writing tablets.

A \$500 donation from Cooties, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Abilene VFW, specified the money be used to cover the postage of mailing the packages, which costs between \$10 and \$20 each, Joy said.

"Sometimes we send everything in one package, but for Christmas we want to send

things to individual soldiers," she said. Lee has one room in her home that is now dedicated to the Love From Home project. Donations of items are stored in the a room, waiting for packaging and mailing. The

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15-month-old gunshot victim stable, recovering from wounds to her legs

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

A 15-month-old girl who was accidentally shot by her 4-year-old sibling is in serious but stable condition this week at Lubbock Covenant Hospital's pediatric unit.

According to Howard County Chief Deputy Gary Pritchett, the girl's physician is optimistic about her condition.

"She has casts on both of her legs," said Pritchett. "The doctors were able to save both of her legs and they seem optimistic about her condition so far."

According to HCSO reports, the child was shot Oct. 14 at point-blank range with a 12-

gauge shotgun. Sheriff Dale Walker said one shot was fired, hitting the girl in both of her lower legs. The gun was wielded by her 4-year-old sibling.

"We received a 911 call and an ambulance and deputy were immediately dispatched to the home where it occurred, which is in the 300 block of Pettus Road.

"Before the ambulance and deputy could arrive on the scene the child was transported by private vehicle. The private vehicle was near the Big Spring State Hospital when the ambulance and deputy caught up and transported the girl to the emergency room."

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County commissioners OK insurance policy availability

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

As the war on health insurance rages on in Congress and on the campaign trail, many people are taking a closer look at their health care coverage and coming up short.

Howard County commissioners heard from health insurance agent Bill Holden



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during their Monday morning meeting, giving Holden their blessings to contact county employees about a stand alone policy for their dependents.

"It's been widely accepted that insurance is provided to the employees through the county," Holden told commissioners. "But a lot of the time the family has just one child or it's their spouse, and they can't afford the \$300 to \$400 premium each month.

"This plan would get them by. It only has a \$200 per year

deductible and the cost of the plan is only \$72 a month for a person, or \$144 a month for the whole family. It's a good stand alone policy, or if you have a \$1,500 deductible or something similar it makes a good supplemental policy."

Offering the program to county employees won't cost Howard County a dime, Holden explained.

"I don't see anything wrong with it if they (county employees) want to talk to

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Bush-Neugebauer Jamboree tonight

HERALD Staff Report

A Bush-Neugebauer Jamboree will be held at 5:30 p.m. today in the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Music will be provided by Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys and Michael Downes. There will be dancing, free food and door prizes.

Congressman Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, will be introduced by County Commissioner Bill Crooker. Neugebauer is facing Democrat Charlie Stenholm in a race for the 19th Congressional District seat while Crooker, Republican incumbent for Precinct 3 on the Howard County Commissioners Court, is facing a challenge from Democrat James "Dick" Dubose.

Oil field worker's hand severed in accident

By KENDRA WISS

Staff Writer

An oil field rig worker was injured Monday when a piece of equipment fell from the pulling unit he was working on, severing his right hand. The pulling unit was working at FM 821 and Mary Foster Road, the accident occurred at about 3:15 p.m.

"His arm was severed from about three inches above his right wrist," said Howard County Sheriff's Deputy Jay Fryar. "He also had a laceration to his head and was complaining of a rib injury. Fellow workers, including the man's cousin, worked quickly

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Fund-raiser

Dinner, variety show planned today in Coahoma

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Dinner and a show, anyone? Coahoma Elementary Parent Teacher Association members are asking just that question, as they get ready to have a rather unique dinner followed by a variety show this evening.

"It's going to be a really good time," said Laura Martin, PTA member and event coordinator. "The dinner, which is being put on by the PTA, is going to be baked potatoes and Frito pie with all of the fixings. And the variety show is being put on by the Coahoma Elementary teachers and should be a lot of fun for everyone."

A performance by the Coahoma Elementary Choir is also slated for the show. The dinner is set from 5:30 p.m. until 6:45 p.m. in the Coahoma Elementary cafeteria, with the show to follow at 7:15 p.m. in the Coahoma High School auditorium. Tickets are available at the door, and are \$6 for dinner and the show and \$5 for the show only.

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FCC clears Cingular deal with AT&T Wireless

By JENNIFER KERR

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Federal Communications Commission gave its approval Tuesday to Cingular Wireless LLC's \$41 billion acquisition of AT&T Wireless Services Inc., completing the federal regulatory blessing necessary for creation of the country's largest cellphone company.

Antitrust regulators at the Justice Department had cleared the way for the merger on Monday.

"Without these divestitures, wireless customers in these markets would have had

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Obituaries

Cory Hopper



Cory Hopper, 34, of Stanton, died on Sunday, Oct. 24, 2004, in Stanton. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2004, at the Evergreen Cemetery Chapel Stanton with the Rev. Bob Porterfield, pastor of West Kentucky Baptist Church, and the Rev. Rick Alkire, pastor of First Baptist Church of Tarzan, officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.

The family will receive friends today from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

He was born on April 16, 1970, in Stanton and married Traci Walker.

Cory was a lifetime resident of Stanton and a mechanic for Graves Implement Company for 18 years. He loved his job and helping his friends who were in need of a mechanic. He loved fishing, hunting, being outdoors, car racing, John Deere tractors and barbecuing. Cory was a loving husband, father, son and brother.

Survivors include his wife, Traci Hopper of Stanton; three sons, Zach Fowler, Christopher "Turk" Hopper and Dusty "Bull" Hopper and one daughter, Amber "Baby Girl" Hopper, all of Stanton; his parents, Johnny and Linda Hopper of Stanton; his mother-in-law, Stephanie Kirkham of Dallas; his sister, Candy Ulmer of Stanton; his brother, J.L. Hopper of Stanton; his paternal grandparents, Allan and Laverne Hopper of Colorado City; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and many great friends.

He was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Thomas D. Kirkham and his grandparents, Moon and Pete Mullins.

The family suggests memorials to the Cory Hopper Memorial Fund, C/O Community National Bank, Stanton, 79782.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Rachel Virginia Ford "Peggy" Marshall



Rachel Virginia Ford "Peggy" Marshall, 89, of Big Spring, died at 9:35 a.m. Monday, Oct. 25, 2004, at her residence. Family visitation will be from 5 until 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Memorial service will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2004, at First United Methodist Church, with Dr. Wayne Day, her nephew, and Dr. David Ring, her pastor, officiating.

She was born April 2, 1915, in Fannin County to Rollie Simion Ford and Georgia May Higgins Ford. She grew up in Fannin County, graduating from Windom High School and American Business College. Peggy married J. Arnold Marshall on July 20, 1939, in Windom. They moved to Big Spring in 1940 from Stanton. Her husband preceded her in death on Feb. 22, 1997. One week after moving to Big Spring, they joined the First United Methodist Church where they were faithful and active members the rest of their lives. Her family, faith, and church were the cornerstones of her life. She and her husband were active in community and civic affairs, with Mr. Marshall serving a number of years as mayor. She worked a number of years as an associate of McDonald Realty. Until her recent illness, she served as a long time volunteer at the Chalet Store, whose proceeds benefit the Big Spring State Hospital. Peggy was an avid golfer and excelled in the sport, having won many championships in Big Spring and the Permian Basin. In her seventies and eighties she shot her age a number of times, and shot a hole in one more than once. She played in the Chip Moody Charity Golf Tournament in Dallas, with her team coming in second. She took great pleasure in the fellowship of her many golfing friends. She faced adversity with grace and optimism, inspiring others along the way.

She is survived by one daughter, Nancy Marshall of Dallas; one sister-in-law, Ruby Jo Day of Abilene; a number of nieces and nephews, including Madeline Boadle and her husband Ben of Big Spring, Georgia Griffith and her husband Orville of Colorado City, Kay Grounds and her husband David of Arlington, Nidaiah Hall, Mary Fritzer and Marilyn Parrish, all of Dallas, and Wayne Day and his wife Marta of Horseshoe Bay.

In addition to her husband of 57 years she was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and five sisters.

The family expresses appreciation to all those who helped with her care in these last months.

Memorials can be directed to the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry, Big Spring, 79720, or to the charity of your choice.

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

Paid obituary

Betty Dolloff

Betty Dolloff, 74, of Big Spring, died Monday evening, Oct. 25, 2004, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

- REBECCA LEANN DUFFER, 23, of 1710 Benton, was arrested Monday on *capias* warrants.
- MICHAEL PAUL HOGAN, 33, of 1710 Young, was arrested Tuesday on local warrants.
- ALMA WAYDEAN GRAY, 28, of 3006 Sherman, was arrested Tuesday and held for HCSO.
- RAFAEL RIVAS, 23, of 1112 Lloyd Avenue, was arrested Tuesday on two *capias* warrants.
- DOLORES HILARIO, 48, of 207 N. Nolan, was arrested Tuesday on local warrants.
- VERONICA ORTIZ, 22, of 1905 Wason #62, was arrested Tuesday on county warrants.
- CONSUELLA PONDER, 32, of 1310 Wood, was arrested Tuesday on local warrants.
- POSSESSION/CONSUMPTION OF TOBACCO BY A MINOR was reported in the 700 block of 11th Place.
- THEFT was reported:
 - in the 900 block of Willia.
 - in the 1700 block of FM 700.
 - in the 400 block of Birdwell.
 - in the 100 block of Gregg.

Sheriff's report

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

- MARCUS MARTINEZ ARMENDAREZ, 40, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of terroristic threat.
- IRMA VALERIE ORTIZ, 22, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief \$500-\$1,500.
- HENRY JOHN RAYMOND, 31, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to stop and give information.
- ALMA WAYDEAN GRAY, 28, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of burglary of a building.
- BILLY C. RAMIREZ, 33, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft by check \$20-\$500.
- MICHAEL ALLEN RICHTER, 30, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of burglary of a building.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported on Interstate Highway 20 and mile marker 194 on the bridge.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 2700 block of South Anderson Road.
- VEHICLE ACCIDENT was reported on South Anderson Road.
- OILFIELD ACCIDENT was reported at FM 821 and Mary Foster Road.

Take note

□ THE FAMILY OF MICHAEL STEADHAM is in need of help to pay for his funeral expenses.

Friends of the family say he had no insurance and died suddenly.

An account has been established at the Cosden Federal Credit Union for those wishing to help the family.

For more information, call 264-0838 or 264-2600.

□ HOUSE OF HORROR spook house, 8 p.m. until midnight Friday and Saturday at 631 Caylor. Entry fee is \$3 and all proceeds benefit Dusty Painter, who was injured in al oil field accident.

□ COLLEGE PARK CHURCH OF GOD COWBOY AND COWGIRL COSTUME EVENT from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday. Western costumes only with a prize for the best costume. Also collecting canned food and bottled water for hurricane victims. Call 267-8593 for more information. Church is located at 603 Tulane.

□ HERITAGE MUSEUM TOURS TO HISTORIC ABILENE is set for Nov. 5. Cost is \$25 to tour the Buffalo Gap Historical Village, the Perini Ranch Steakhouse for dutch treat lunch, Frontier Texas! and the Grace Museum. Make reservations by Friday. Call 267-8255.

Bulletin board

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

- TODAY**
- Intermediate Line dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-1628.
 - Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
 - A Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.
 - The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1105 Birdwell Lane. For more information, call Tracey Pounds at 268-4948.

- WEDNESDAY**
- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.
 - Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
 - Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
 - Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.
 - Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
 - Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

- 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.
 - Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.
 - Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.
 - The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340 or Doyle and Virginia McClain at 263-8407.

- FRIDAY**
- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Members bring their own lunch. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
 - AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
 - Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

Weather

Tonight - Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows near 60. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday - Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday night - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows near 60. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday - Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs near 80. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday night - Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows near 60.

Friday - Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s.

Friday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

Saturday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s.

Saturday night - Mostly clear. Lows near 50.

Sunday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s.

Sunday night - Partly cloudy. Lows near 50.

Monday - Partly cloudy. Highs near 70.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 1-5-28-32. Bonus Ball: 35.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.
Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$325,000.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 11-14-19-32-35.
Number matching five of five: 0.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-4-0

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him about it," said County Judge Ben Lockhart.

Commissioner Jerry Kilgore asked several questions about the policy during the meeting, including how far the policy would actually go before it hits its limit.

"Does this policy have a ceiling on it," asked Kilgore.

"Yes sir, it's listed in the benefits," said Holden. "There's a maximum on each item. It pays up to \$4,000 on the hospital, \$4,000 for the doctor and the same amount for an anesthesiologist. It also covers prescriptions. This policy will pay up to \$2,000 for outpatient prescriptions. It pays 80 percent after an annual \$200 deductible."

County Treasurer Teresa Thomas, who arranged to have Holden speak during the meeting,

said she's seen and heard first hand what a strain the \$450 charge for dependents can have on county employees.

"I happened to be in the county clerk's office last week just in time to hear one of the employees having a real problem," said Thomas. "She needs to have her husband on her insurance, but she doesn't really want to pay \$450. So I told her that we were going to discuss this, and she's already interested in it."

Kilgore said the policy is a good idea for those with no coverage, but seemed apprehensive about the extent of the coverage.

"It would be for the families, the dependents," said Kilgore. "We still provide insurance for our employees. It's just a cheaper policy with a much lower ceiling on it, but it gives them something — so they would have some sort of coverage — for the dependents. "If they want to look at

it, it's certainly fine with us. It will give them a lower premium. Of course, it's not going to pay as well. That's the one thing that I hope everyone understands. I hope they read it throughout because it's not as good as our present insurance on dependents, but it costs less."

Kilgore said the ballooning cost of health care in America is a very real problem, something he's had to watch get worse during his tenure as a

county commissioner. "Since I've been here, I've seen it go up 10 to 15 percent each year," said Kilgore. "When I first started, premiums were approximately \$500,000 each year, and the last time we looked at it, they were over \$1.1 million. We can't do anything with the budget each year until we find out what health insurance is going to cost. It's certainly a big issue with us, and I hope it's a major concern for the employees."

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women gather once a month or more to prepare the packages.

"Donations of items was really great right after the article appeared in the Big Spring Herald, but now they're running slow. We are hoping peo-

ple will want to help with our holiday efforts for the soldiers who won't be home for Christmas," Joy said.

Jane Rogers of the Big Spring Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW assisted Joy and Lee by coordinating the donations and contacting Wal-Mart about placing a new collection box in the store. The Big Spring chapter

donated \$100 toward the effort, and Joy credits Rogers for her work.

"We saw the article in the newspaper and the club got the \$100 to give," Rogers said.

Rogers also presented Lee and Joy with 33 letters written to soldiers by College Baptist Church, signed by the individual church members. "I know of six Marines

right now who do not receive any mail, and several in the Army, too," Joy said.

She explained that the soldiers may not have an opportunity to answer each letter, but that does not mean the letters are unimportant.

"It means a lot to them to know people are thinking of them," she said. Donation boxes are

available at the Big Spring Herald, Allan's Furniture, Home Hospice and a new donation box has just been placed at Wal-Mart, near the bank at the front of the store.

This box has tear sheets available with a list of the items the soldiers need, as well as a brief explanation about Love From Home.

Love From Home con-

tinues to seek cash donations to cover postage. An account is set up at Citizen's Federal Credit Union.

For more information about the project or to get involved through volunteering, contact Lee at 268-1705 or Joy at 268-9232.

CINGULAR

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fewer choices for their wireless telephone service and faced the risk of higher prices, lower quality service and fewer choices for the newest high-speed mobile wireless data services," said R. Hewitt Pate, assistant attorney general for the Justice Department's antitrust division. Both agencies set conditions

for the merger that would give Atlanta-based Cingular about 47.6 million subscribers. That would top Verizon Wireless, the current market leader with 40.4 million customers as of midyear, while paring the number of national cell phone providers to five.

The FCC will require the agency to divest assets in 22 markets in at least eight states. Among them: Oklahoma, Kentucky, Arkansas and Texas. Under the agreement with the

Justice Department filed in federal court in Washington, Cingular must divest itself of the new combined company's assets in 11 states. The settlement requires the merged company to divest assets in parts of Connecticut, Georgia, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Missouri, Michigan, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas. These assets include wireless services businesses and radio wave spectrum licenses. Cingular is a joint venture

between BellSouth Corp. and SBC Communications Inc. Combined, Cingular and AT&T Wireless have about 70,000 employees, although layoffs are expected.

Stan Sigman, Cingular president and chief executive officer, said the new company would provide wireless services in 49 states and the 100 top metropolitan areas. AT&T Wireless officials deferred comment to Cingular.

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Once the girl arrived at the Scenic Mountain Medical Center emergency room, Walker said she was stabilized so she could be flown to Lubbock.

According to Walker, several other children living in the home

were voluntarily placed with relatives, while CPS conducts a full investigation into the matter.

The shooting isn't the first tragic accident the infant's parents, Travis and Sarah Burch, have endured.

On Oct. 14, 2000, exactly four years from the date of the shooting, the Burch's 18-month-old child was rushed to the emergency room by private vehicle after Travis Burch

accidentally backed over the child with a car. The Burchs were living in the 1600 block of Jennings at the time of the accident.

The child was flown to Covenant Medical Center, and treated at the same pediatrics intensive care unit his sister is being treated at now.

The child suffered extensive permanent disability as a result of the accident.

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Martin said funds raised will go to purchase

new playground equipment for the school.

"The playground equipment out there is more than 30 years old, and it's pretty scary," said

Martin. "We've set an overall goal of \$50,000 to purchase all new equipment, and we're hoping tonight's fund-raiser will get us that much closer."

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faces. They looked and looked all over the countryside trying to find just



the right pumpkin. Finally, they saw a great big pumpkin patch. It had all kinds of pumpkins in it. It had tall ones, it had short ones, it had skinny ones, and it had big old round ones, too!

Now you may think that Jack is a funny name for a pumpkin. So do I! But his middle name is even funnier! It is Oliver! Do you think that is a funny name for a pumpkin? Well, wait until you hear what his last name is! It is Lantern. Those are great names for people, but I don't know how he got those names with him being a pumpkin! Do you?

It was getting close to halloween and all of the neighborhood kids were scrambling about looking for pumpkins to carve out and make ugly, spooky

Jack lived in the back of the pumpkin patch in a corner where hardly no one saw him. All of the kids picked out their favorite pumpkins and pretty soon almost all of

them were gone. All except Jack! Poor Jack sat there and sat there hoping to be picked, but no one had even seen him.

It was getting closer and closer to halloween, and Jack was still sitting there in that old pumpkin patch! Then he saw a little girl coming towards him. "Oh, I hope she



picks me," Jack cried. And she did! "Oh, my, what a pretty pumpkin you are," she said. "Just look at that wrinkle that you have on your face," "It looks

like you are smiling." "I want to take you home with me!"

The little girl took Jack home and sat him on her porch. Then she took Jacks hat off and placed a small light right in Jacks pumpkin shell. Boy, did he look pretty!

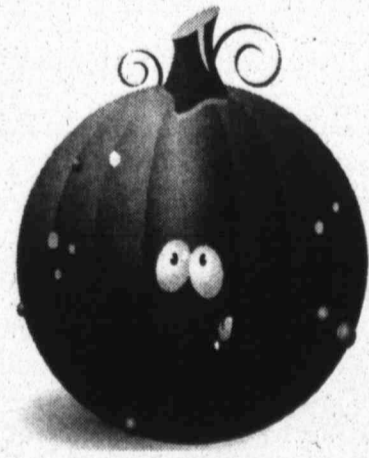
All of the other kids put scary faces on their pumpkins, and they were ugly! When the very little kids came by, they were so frightened that they wanted to go home.

And then the little kids saw Jack with that pretty smile on his face. They were not frightened of him. They even wanted to

pet him and talk to him! Pretty soon all of the

neighborhood kids had heard about Jack. And most of them came to see him. Jack was so proud!

Now, you might be won-



dering why I took all the time that I did at the beginning of this story to tell you about Jack's name. Well, think about it for a few seconds. Every year at halloween, you hear and say his name many, many times! It is Jack O. Lantern!

GOOD NIGHT!

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EDITORIAL

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OUR VIEWS

Sign-up deadline for Angel Tree program is near

Do you know a family that has fallen into tough times financially and might need help, particularly as the holiday season nears? Many of us have gone without the traditional opening of gifts during Christmas but there's really no need to.

The Salvation Army has extended through Friday the deadline to register for its annual Angel Tree program. If you aren't familiar with this beneficial program, allow us to explain. On a card, eligible applicants list items their children might want for Christmas, including clothing and shoe sizes. These cards are placed on Christmas trees in five of six places throughout Big Spring. Donors then select a card or cards from a tree and purchase gifts for the child. There is also an Angel Tree set up each year for senior citizens, who may also make application to the program.

Those who apply should do so at the Salvation Army building, 811 W. Fifth, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. They'll need to bring a picture ID for all of the adults in their household, Social Security cards for all household members, birth certificates for children 12 and under and some proof of income like a payroll check stub from work or forms provided by food stamps, AFDC, TANIF or HUD.

If you know a struggling family with children, or perhaps a grandmother who has no local relatives, why not encourage them to apply for the Angel Tree program? It's important for a community such as ours to take care of our own. And the Angel Tree program is one of the best ways to ensure happier holidays for everyone.

HOW TO CONTACT US

The Herald is always interested in our readers' opinions. In order that we might better serve your needs, we offer several ways in which you may contact us:

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Stakes high for Nov. 2 election

Garry Wills is one of America's most distinguished historians and authors. Currently adjunct professor of history at Northwestern University, he has won the National Book Critics Award and the Pulitzer Prize.



ROGER SIMON

I called him recently to ask him about this year's presidential election.

Me: Is this the most important election of our lifetimes?

Wills: That depends on what your lifetime is. I think the stakes are greater than any time since 1968.

Me: Why? Wills: The issue then was how long were we going to prolong a mistake. The incumbent party (the Democratic Party) was ready to admit Vietnam was a mistake. But Nixon and his constituency denied it was a mistake. And so we kept dying and dying there.

Me: But there is no real "peace" candidate this time around. John Kerry does not advocate an immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq.

Wills: I don't think Gene McCarthy or Bob Kennedy advocated immediate withdrawal in Vietnam. They wanted to begin a policy that admitted the war was wrong and unjust. Today, immediate withdrawal from Iraq would be cruel and unjust.

Me: Can Kerry really put together the international coalition to help us out in Iraq that he talks about?

Wills: Kerry can't say "go get 'em" to the French and Germans and others. But the rest of world does want to be on America's side and be part of an alliance with America. Bush has pretty much precluded this.

Me: Is this election a referendum on the war in Iraq?

Wills: I hope so. Elections usually are referendums on the incumbent. But once a nation is in a war, there is a great rallying to leader. These two things are tugging against each other this year.

Me: Did you ever expect this election to be about the war?

Wills: I thought it would be about Iraq, but I thought either Bush would do well in Iraq and

win in a landslide or he would do poorly in Iraq and go out in landslide. I don't know why Bush's popularity has persisted except for the rallying effect that I talked about.

Me: What will happen to the country and world in the next four years if, in your opinion, the wrong candidate wins?

Wills: I think Bush will try to forge on. The world will be even more hostile. The second term is when things catch up with you, and I think he will be in serious, serious trouble.

Me: Do you think John Kerry has been a good candidate?

Wills: He has not been good. He was crippled at the outset by his vote authorizing the war. He has always been trapped by this. He said he thought Bush would use the authority responsibly. What in Bush's record led Kerry to believe that?

To find out more about Roger Simon, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

The president's jobs and growth policies have put the economy on the road to recovery, but there is more work to be done.

The president has outlined a six-point plan to create even more job opportunities for America's workers and keep America the best place in the world to do business.

The plan includes: enabling families and businesses to plan for the future with confidence by making tax reductions permanent; making health care costs more affordable and predictable; reducing the burden of lawsuits on our economy; ensuring an affordable, reliable energy supply; streamlining regulations and paperwork requirements; and opening new markets for American products and services.

MISTI KEYS
MIDLAND

TO THE EDITOR:

As election time draws near, it is very important for everyone to vote on the candidates of their choice. I feel very strongly that the best candidate for a congressional seat is Charlie Stenholm.

People have become tired of politics and the negative political advertisements, but please look at the positives about Charlie Stenholm. The seniority that he has in congress is more important to rural American than ever before.

Charlie Stenholm is very patriotic, he is a Christian, he has good family values and casts his votes in a bipartisan manner.

Stenholm has always been physically conservative and believes we need to hold the line on spending and keep our taxes low. His knowledge and leadership in agriculture legislation is responsible for our present farm bill which helps maintain a healthy agriculture economy which is in the best interest of the American people.

Charlie Stenholm is ranked 28th in the House of Representatives and his seniority in congress gives him a place at the table on all legislation that is confederated which is discussed with the president. He is the ranking member on the agriculture committee and his position is vital to the survival of agriculture and rural America. He has 12 people on his staff because of his seniority and if he is defeated, that seniority will go to Minnesota.

Charlie voted to keep jobs in America and he is fighting to give small manufacturers and farmers the same tax relief that large multinational corporations get. He co-sponsored legislation that would

amend the Medicare prescription drug law and allow Medicare to negotiate directly with drug companies for lower prices. He also serves on the Armed Services Committee.

Randy Neugebauer is ranked 434th in the House of Representatives and votes entirely with his party leadership on every issue. He is a freshman who has no stroke on any legislation or any earned respect to have the ear of other legislators.

Neugebauer voted against West Texas Senior Citizens when he denied Medicare the ability to negotiate directly with drug companies for lower prices. He voted against public schools when voted to set up a \$10 million school voucher program. He voted to give tax breaks to corporations that export jobs and he also supports a 30 percent sales tax that would make everything you buy 30 percent more expensive.

If Charlie Stenholm loses this election in Congress, we, rural America, will also lose and the agriculture committee will then have a congressman from Minnesota with the most seniority. No cotton is grown in Minnesota.

Stenholm has earned my vote and respect and yours too. He is an independent voice for West Texas. He will continue to fight for farmers, small businesses, our senior citizens, our children and their education. He has earned the respect of the Democratic and Republican parties and as a result, they often vote as he does because they know he will always vote for what is right and best for West Texas and America.

Please vote for Charlie Stenholm. We cannot afford to lose him as our congressman.

DONNIE REID
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Trustees for the Big Spring Independent School District Board seem to think that random drug testing will give students an excuse to stay away from drugs.

But randomly testing students who want to participate in after-school activities only gives young people who've used drugs an excuse to avoid trying out for sports teams or joining other activities.

School officials should welcome these at-risk students into after-school learning environments during the crucial hours between the end of the school day and the time their parents come home from work. Instead, the proposed drug-

testing policy simply turns these students toward the streets, where they'll be more likely to further experiment with drugs.

Officials should reconsider their drug testing plan which surely won't be a quick fix for drug problems.

TOM ANGELL
COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR
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WASHINGTON, D.C.

TO THE EDITOR:

I am encouraging and asking everyone to vote for George W. Bush.

President Bush is a strong leader and a good man. He is a man of strong character, conviction, principle and integrity. He does not waver or flip-flop on issues or on what he believes.

We can count on President Bush and on what he says. The president does not base his decisions on changing polls. He has been honest with the American people during his presidency.

He is a man of simple words and speech. He is not a smooth talker or a skilled debater like Sen. Kerry. If being a smooth talker and a skilled debater qualifies Kerry as the winner of the presidential debates, then I agree, Mr. Kerry wins the debate contest.

However, being a smooth talker and a skilled debater does not qualify anyone to be president. Substance, "backbone," integrity, honesty, strong principles, strong character, strong convictions and strong leadership mean more than merely words and empty promises without substance.

Please remember that President Bush has been strong in defending the United States against terrorism, especially after the World Trade Center and the Pentagon were attacked Sept. 11, 2001. Remember that he was given the same "wrong intelligence information" that was given to all of the senators and congressmen. Remember and know that President Bush and Sen. Kerry based their decision to go to war on that same "wrong intelligence information."

It is wrong and unfair for Kerry to accuse and blame President Bush of making a "wrong decision" to go to war with Iraq when he himself also voted to go to war with Iraq based on the same information.

BETTY ABALOS TERRELL
MIDLAND

Moore De discuss s

By THOMAS JEN
Staff Writer

The Development Spring Board of will meet Wednesday afternoon with expected to be upcoming hearing concerning the Big State Hospital.

Moore Development Executive Director Sharp is expected to be on the board meeting ongoing effort being spearheaded by Big Spring Chamber of Commerce to in feasibility study could shut down agency down.

Officials from different local including the Big Area Chamber of Commerce and Development Spring Inc., met to discuss the plan which the Texas and Human Commission will recommend the fate of the which is due December.

The study is a Rider 55, part General Appropriation Act passed during

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and placed a tourniquet around the man's arm to stop the bleeding. He was conscious and talking at the time he was transported.

The 33-year-old Spanish-speaker whose name has not been released, was taken to Lubbock hospital.



Moore Development board to discuss state hospital hearings

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The Moore Development for Big Spring Board of Directors will meet Wednesday afternoon with the focus expected to be on the upcoming hearings concerning the Big Spring State Hospital.

Moore Development Executive Director Kent Sharp is expected to brief the board members on the ongoing effort currently being spearheaded by the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce to influence a feasibility study that could shut the local agency down.

Officials from several different local agencies, including the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and Moore Development for Big Spring Inc., met last week to discuss the process by which the Texas Health and Human Services Commission will make its recommendations as to the fate of the facility, which is due Dec. 31.

The study is a result of Rider 55, part of the General Appropriations Act passed during the last

legislative session, which called for the examination of facilities all over the state.

Forums concerning West Texas' stake in the possible closures and consolidations will be held in San Angelo and Lubbock. Moughon said he and his staff are concentrating on the Nov. 3 meeting in San Angelo, slated for 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the San Angelo Convention Center, located at 500 Rio Concho Drive.

Chamber Director Debbye ValVerde said her office is solidifying plans to offer bus rides for area residents wanting to attend the San Angelo meeting.

"We should have all of the times and the cost to those wanting to travel by then," said ValVerde.

Also on the meeting agenda, board members will enter into an executive session to discuss ongoing efforts to bring a large, unnamed company to Big Spring.

The meeting will begin at 5:15 p.m. in the Moore Development Board Room, located at 215 W. Third Street.

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TEXAS BRIEFS

Two Aryan Circle members get life

MIDLAND (AP) — Two members of the Aryan Circle — a prison gang known as white supremacists — have received life sentences on charges of continuing criminal enterprise involving methamphetamine after being convicted in July.

Thomas Charles Samson and Michael Curtis Lewis were each given life sentences Monday.

Samson proclaimed his innocence to the court in a prepared statement before sentencing.

"First and foremost, I apologize to my family on behalf of the court for the injustice that has been done so far," Samson said. "I apologize on behalf of the court for the injustice that is about to be done here today."

U.S. Attorney Mark Roomberg responded, "The only injustice done was Mr. Samson trying to run the methamphetamine trade in Odessa. He tried to sell his poison."

Also Monday, two other members of the Aryan Circle — Leonard Duane Griffith and Michael Norris Martin — were sentenced on methamphetamine charges.

Griffith was sentenced to 30 years in prison and given 10 years probation. Martin was sentenced to 17 years and six months in federal prison and five years probation on release.

Man fatally shot at drive-through

DALLAS (AP) — Police are looking for a man who fatally shot another man at a drive-through restaurant Monday after being asked to move his car to keep the flow of traffic going.

Billy Dushun Robinson, 24, was riding in the passenger side of his friend's sport utility vehicle at the drive-through of a Williams Chicken restaurant around 4 a.m. A blue sedan in front of the SUV wasn't moving, so he got out on the passenger's side and asked the driver to move.

Police said Robinson was shot repeatedly by the sedan's driver.

Robinson was taken to Parkland Memorial Hospital, where he later died.

"It's puzzling how something as trivial as this can be involved in a murder," said Dallas police homicide Sgt. Larry Lewis.

Marvin Phillips, a manager at Williams Chicken, said horseplay and minor scuffles are common in the 24-hour restaurant business.

"But I think a person who goes off like that is probably already upset about something, and he just took it out on (Mr. Robinson)," Phillips said in a story in Monday's online edition of The Dallas Morning News.

He said much of the late-night clientele comes in from clubs and bars, and some are intoxicated, but he said he had never seen a shooting at a drive-through.

"I guess you could call it 'drive-through rage,'" Phillips said.

Reports said the gunman might have been holding up the line to look at the menu.

Employees, however, also told Phillips they thought the man and his friends in the car were flirting with women in a vehicle next to the drive-through lane.

Judge throws party, sends man to prison

DALLAS (AP) — Amid a party atmosphere that included balloons, streamers and a cake, a judge welcomed a fugitive back to her court Monday before pronouncing his life sentence.

"You just made my day when I heard you had finally come home," Criminal Courts Judge Faith Johnson told Billy Wayne Williams, who was captured Thursday after nearly a year on the run.

Johnson sentenced Williams to life in prison for aggravated assault.

"It seems like everyone wants to have a party, and it's fun for you people, but not for me," Williams told Dallas-Fort Worth television station KDFW as he was led away in handcuffs. He was being held Monday night in the Lew Sterrett Justice Center in Dallas.

Williams, accused of choking his girlfriend until she was unconscious, failed to appear for his November trial and was convicted and sentenced in absentia.

Williams, 53, whose previous convictions include murder, was arrested last week in Arlington by a fugitive task force. His criminal record dates to the 1980s. He escaped from prison in 1985, according to a release from the U.S. Marshals Service.

Williams has used disguises, posed as an attorney and used aliases such as "Justin Burroughs" and "Bubba Lee Williams," authorities said.

Before he was brought into the courtroom on Monday, Johnson directed gleeful courtroom staff members as they placed balloons and streamers around the courtroom. A colorful cake was decorated with "Welcome Home Billy Ray Williams."

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and placed a tourniquet around the man's arm to stop the bleeding. He was conscious and talking at the time he was transported."

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Kerry rips into opponent's competence as pace quickens

By MARY DALRYMPLE

The Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Democrat John Kerry appealed to voters to elect a president — namely, him — who will “trust you with the truth,” and quickened the pace of a campaign now in its final week. President Bush tailored an economic pitch to conservative Democrats in Wisconsin, investing crucial hours in a state Republicans think they can nudge their way.

A three-stop western Wisconsin bus tour Tuesday offered Bush a chance to peel away soft supporters of the Democrat, the president's

aides said, citing Bill Clinton's star turn in the campaign a day earlier as a sign Kerry lacks luster of his own with his party's base.

Kerry, opening his day across the same state in the east, is pressing his case that Bush bungled and misled on the Iraq war and national security crises generally.

“When the president is faced with the consequences of his own bad decisions, he doesn't confront them, he tries to hide them,” Kerry said in a speech prepared for delivery Tuesday in Green Bay. “The truth is, President Bush isn't level-

ing with the American people about why we went to war, how the war is going, or what he is doing to put Iraq on track.”

And Kerry broadened the attack to declare, “Just as he has been warned about his mistakes in Iraq, George Bush has been warned time and time again about the vulnerability of our homeland security.”

Kerry said he would spend an additional \$60 billion over 10 years on homeland security, using the money to screen cargo for nuclear materials at ports and borders, add border patrol agents and more.

Bush lost Wisconsin and its 10 electoral votes by only 5,708 ballots in 2000 and focused his efforts Tuesday in Democratic-leaning reaches of the state.

Warming up for that task in his last stop Monday, in Davenport, Iowa, Bush ditched his single-focus, national security speech of earlier events in favor of a broader pitch praising the traditions of the Democratic Party.

“The party of Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman and John Kennedy is rightly remembered for confidence and resolve in

times of war and in hours of crisis,” Bush said. “Senator Kerry has turned his back on ‘pay any price’ and ‘bear any burden.’”

“And he has replaced those commitments with ‘wait and see’ and ‘cut and run.’ Many Democrats in this country do not recognize their party anymore. And today, I want to speak to every one of them: If you believe that America should lead with strength and purpose and confidence in our ideals, I would be honored to have your support, and I'm asking for your vote.”

Karl Rove, Bush's chief

political adviser, spoke dismissively of Clinton's scene-stealing pairing with Kerry. Seven weeks after quadruple bypass heart surgery, Clinton joined Kerry at a Philadelphia rally that packed cheering supporters shoulder-to-shoulder along three city blocks.

“They had to roll Clinton out of the operating room and onto the campaign trail in order to basically help Kerry with the weaknesses he has among core Democratic constituencies,” Rove said, taking liberties with his depiction of the former president as a near-invalid.

U.S. airstrike in Fallujah kills al-Zarqawi aide

By TINI TRAN

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A U.S. airstrike in Fallujah on Tuesday killed an aide to Jordanian terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the military said, while Iraqi officials investigated whether insurgents got inside information that helped them kill about 50 U.S.-trained soldiers.

The U.S. military said the early-morning raid struck a safe house used by al-Zarqawi's group. U.S. forces have stepped up aerial and artillery assaults on Fallujah in recent weeks in an attempt to root out insurgents.

Fallujah, 40 miles west of Baghdad, fell under rebel control after the Bush administration ordered Marines to lift their three-week siege of

the city in April. The United States has offered a \$25 million bounty for the capture or killing of al-Zarqawi, whose group has claimed responsibility in numerous suicide bombings and beheadings of foreign hostages, including three Americans.

“Recent strikes and raids targeting the Abu Musab al-Zarqawi network have severely degraded its ability to conduct attacks,” the U.S. statement said. It did not identify the slain al-Zarqawi aide.

In London, Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari said the interim government is working to achieve a political solution to the military stand-off around Fallujah.

“We are trying to exhaust all political channels and avenues before

any final decision is made,” Zebari told British Broadcasting Corp. radio. “Fallujah is one hot spot that we need really to resolve before getting to elections” scheduled for January.

Iraqi officials said an investigation was launched into the deadly ambush of about 50 U.S.-trained Iraqi soldiers Saturday.

“The investigation is under way and we are still collecting information. ... The investigation is mainly to know whether there was any information leakage,” Defense Ministry spokesman Salih Sarhan said.

The attack on the soldiers, who were returning home on leave, occurred on a remote eastern highway when their buses were stopped by insur-

gents at a fake checkpoint, police and defense officials said.

Some of the bodies were found in rows at a site about 95 miles east of

Baghdad, the Defense Ministry said.

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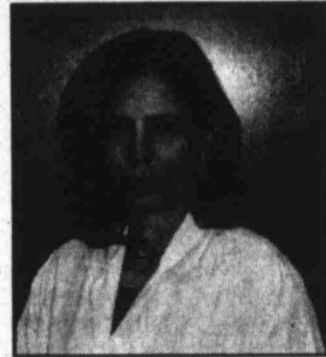
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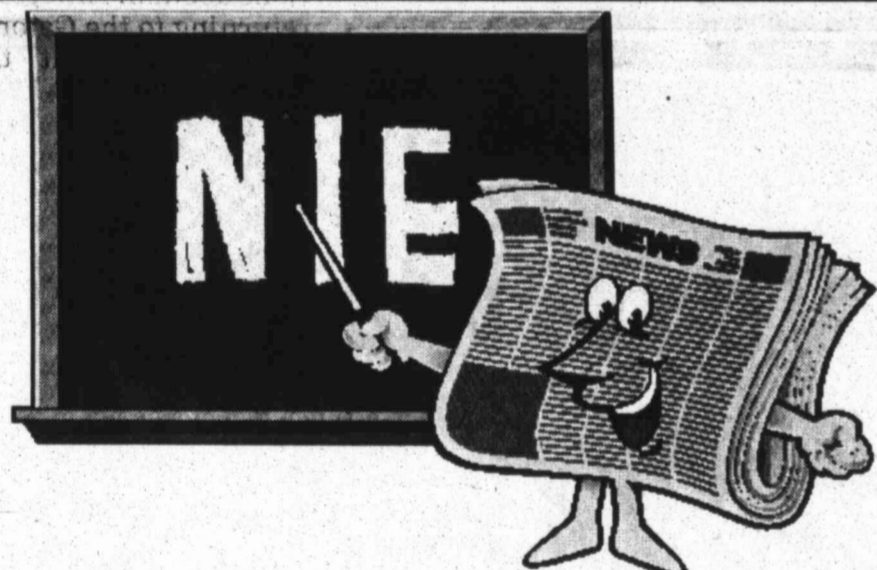
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IN BRIEF

Basketball referees needed for season

The Crossroads area is looking for basketball officials for the upcoming season in November.

For more information, contact Adam Rodriguez at 263-8731 or 517-0300.

The games will be played in local areas such as Big Spring, Forsan and Coahoma and will be for the junior high and high school levels.

Ragball tournament set for November

A ragball tournament has been set up to help raise money for Relay for Life.

The tournament will take place Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 6-7, at Cotton Mize Field inside of Comanche Trail Park. Registration will take place that Saturday at 1 p.m.

The teams are made up of five men and five women and it costs \$10 per player to participate.

For more information, contact Angel at the bus barn at 264-4108.

Longhorns' Young honored for efforts

DALLAS (AP) — Vince Young of Texas, Iowa State's Brandon Brown and Todd Pegram of Texas A&M were named Big 12 players of the week Monday.

Young ran for 158 yards and four touchdowns and threw for 142 yards and another score in the Longhorns' 51-21 win over Texas Tech. His four rushing touchdowns is a Texas quarterback record.

Brown had 13 tackles, forced one fumble, recovered two fumbles and had a sack in Iowa State's 26-25 win over Baylor. He had eight unassisted tackles to help Iowa State to its first Big 12 conference road win since 2001.

Pegram made five field goals, including one of 19 yards in overtime, to give Texas A&M a 29-26 win over Colorado. He hit a 20-yard field goal at the end of regulation to force overtime and connected from 23, 25 and 34 yards.

Glenn out two weeks after right foot sprain

IRVING (AP) — Dallas Cowboys receiver Terry Glenn will be out at least two weeks because of a sprained right foot.

Coach Bill Parcells said Monday that the injury won't require surgery but is "pretty severe."

Glenn aggravated his foot in the first quarter of Sunday's 41-20 loss at Green Bay. He had just one catch for 6 yards in that game, and has 24 for 400 yards this season.

Receiver Quincy Morgan, acquired in a trade from Cleveland for Antonio Bryant last week, strained his hamstring against Green Bay. Parcells said Morgan is day-to-day with his injury.

Morgan would be the likely replacement for Glenn in the starting lineup.



Big Spring's varsity volleyball team huddles up during a timeout against Frenship Tuesday, Oct. 12. The Lady Steers will start postseason play Saturday against Canyon Randal at 2 p.m. at the Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock. The team plays tonight at home in a warm up match against Class 1A Plains High School at 6 p.m. inside the Steer Gym.

Coahoma harriers win district title

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Coahoma's girls cross country team edged out rival Stamford Saturday at the District 4-2A cross country meet in Colorado City as two top-10 Bulldogette finishes propelled the team to the championship.

Coahoma scored 56 points, while Stamford finished second with 58 points. The third and final regional qualifying team was Anson, which finished 12 points off second. Hawley, Stanton and Colorado City also had teams in the race.

The two top-10 finishes and a consistency the rest of the way enabled Coahoma to take the title.

Sarah Bartlett led the Bulldogettes with a fourth place finish, while Sini Laurikkala came across in sixth.

Monica Morelion and Brittnee Nix came away with top-20 finishes as Morelion took 13th and Nix came across in 19th.

The final two placings on the day went to Chelsea Gonzales and Callie Paige, who finished 21st and 22nd, respectively.

Sarah Collom took 23rd overall, as well.

Coahoma's only boy runner — Stephen Ewing — qualified for the regional tournament as individual with a ninth place finish.

The regional meet will take place in Lubbock Saturday, Nov. 9. The girls will run at 9 a.m. and the boys will start around 9:30 a.m.

The junior varsity team also took first place at the district meet as the Bulldogettes scored 28 points. Stamford took second with 34 points, while Stanton's JV took third with 94 points.

Coahoma's JV was led by four top-10 finishes. Krista Kerby won the race, while Tiffany Reid, Sterling Gee and Caylea Wood took third, sixth and eighth, respectively. Jessica Pittman wasn't

too far behind with an 11th place finish and Liz Conley, Drew Wells, Teryn Bibb and Tana Bradley finished one after another with 14, 15, 16 and 17th place finishes, respectively.

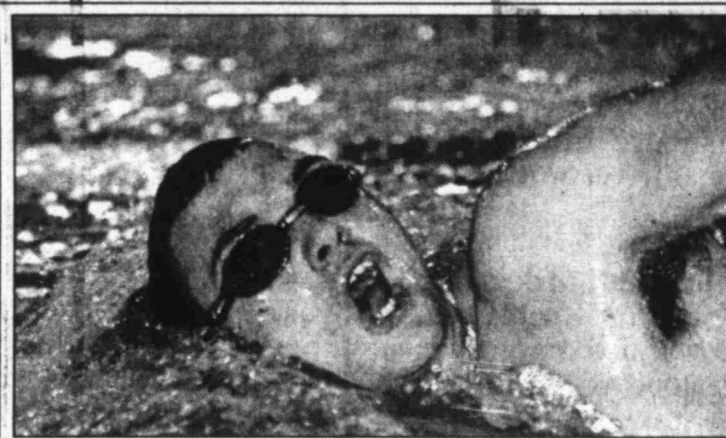
The eighth-grade team was led by Alex Moore's seventh place finish. Megan Conley and Berkley Iden came across in 11th and 13th, respectively, while Melanie Gutierrez and Devin Adamson took 16th and 17th.

K'Leigh Fowler won the seventh-grade race and Ashley Buske and Hayli McCullough finished sec-

ond and fourth, respectively.

Ashleigh McFadden, Kourtney McAdams, Lauren Ruiz and Kalea Neff all finished in the top-20, as well.

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Big Spring's Steven Lucas competes in a relay during Saturday's Big Spring Invitational at the YMCA. Both the boys and girls teams took fourth overall.

South continues dominance in Big 12

By CHUCK SCHOFFNER

AP Sports Writer

DES MOINES, Iowa — If Gary Barnett is right, it's no wonder the South has been so dominant in Big 12 football.

While some shrug it off as merely the cyclical nature of the sport, the Colorado coach thinks the teams in the South have a head start.

"I don't think there's any question the resources, the traditions of those programs are such that it pays off," Barnett said Monday.

"We all go to Texas to recruit. The resources and facilities there are second to none in the country, so they have all of that."

Teams from the South have won 11 of the 14 games between the two divisions, with Baylor having all three losses. All of the Big 12 teams in the Top 25 are from the South — No. 2 Oklahoma, No. 8 Texas, No. 16 Texas A&M and No. 20 Oklahoma State.

North teams have won four of the eight Big 12 championship games, but the best record in that division now is the 2-2 mark shared by Missouri and Nebraska.

Contrast that to the South, where Oklahoma and Texas A&M are 4-0, while Oklahoma State and Texas are 3-1.

Barnett did say he thought some other factors were at work in the

disparity. He said his program will always go in cycles and Nebraska is adjusting to new coach Bill Callahan and a different offensive system.

"Kansas State has been on such a high for so long, every once in a while you have a bump in the road. It's going to cycle through," Barnett said. "But I think there is a natural sort of advantage that exists in the South part of our league."

Kansas coach Mark Mangino subscribes to the cycle theory. The Jayhawks are coming off a 41-10 loss to Oklahoma, but in their other game against a South team, they lost to Texas Tech 31-30 on a late touchdown.

"I'm not sure there is a

scientific reason for it, frankly," said Mangino, a former Oklahoma assistant. "It's just things going in cycles."

Kansas State coach Bill Snyder said the disparity tells him nothing other than what he always believed: from top to bottom, the Big 12 is as good as it gets.

"Even though the South has some very talented football teams, I think you see some of the scores between the North and South teams are very close," Snyder said.

"The records between the two divisions, will it remain that way? I have no way of knowing. The tide turns sooner or later."

BIG SPRING'S POSTSEASON UPDATES	
<p>Lady Steers Volleyball BI-District Big Spring vs. Canyon Randal in Lubbock</p> <p>The first-round match will be played Saturday at the Rip Griffin Center at 2 p.m.</p> <p>The winner of Big Spring/Canyon Randal meets El Paso Burgess Tuesday, Nov. 2. The site is undetermined, but Alpine, Monahans, Fort Stockton and Pecos are possibilities</p>	<p>Big Spring Tennis Regional Tournament</p> <p>The Big Spring tennis team will participate in their regional tournament Friday and Saturday in Wichita Falls.</p> <p>The region will be holding a coaches meeting Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Wichita Falls to determine seedings and match-ups. Check out the Herald later in the week for finalized information.</p> <p>Big Spring's first match will take place at 8 a.m. Friday.</p>

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Johnson outplays Bailey in Bengals' win

By JOE KAY

AP Sports Writer
CINCINNATI — The ball was in the air and Champ Bailey was on the ground, watching Chad Johnson pull away with no one between him and the end zone.

Would the chastened receiver drop the ball the way he did so many times a week ago?

Not a chance. Not with his reputation on the line. Not with a city's hopes on his fingertips.

Johnson's 50-yard touchdown catch gave the Cincinnati Bengals the gumption they needed to beat the Denver Broncos 23-10 in their long-awaited and somewhat dreaded return to "Monday Night Football."

"This was what we needed," said Johnson, who had seven catches for 149 yards.

Rarely has a franchise and a city needed so much from one game.

The Bengals (2-4) hadn't hosted a Monday night game in 15 years and hadn't even played in one since 1992, an exile that reflected their ineptitude.

No other team had gone so long without appearing in the Monday night lineup.

As this one approached, a sense of dread festered. The crowd of 65,806 — the largest ever at Paul Brown Stadium — was hoping the last-place team wouldn't become another national embarrassment. Quite the opposite.

The Broncos (5-2) played the role of bumbling, failing to get what it needed out of the league's top running game and one of its very best defenses.

"We just didn't have it," said Reuben Droughns, who ran for 110 yards but fumbled and failed to convert short-yardage plays. "It seemed like they had more fight than us."

One play got the Bengals hyped for the upset.

Johnson ran right past Bailey, who stumbled and fell while the receiver pulled away for his 50-yard touchdown play midway through the first quarter.

All it took was one play to get the Bengals believing.

"They believe in covering man-to-man and loading up to stop the run," said quarterback Carson Palmer, who was 12-of-21 for 198 yards. "We were counting on Chad, leaning on Chad to get open and catch balls downfield."

He did it all night, winning the marquee matchup of Pro Bowl receiver vs. Pro Bowl cornerback.

"I'm not afraid of any challenge," said Bailey, who has rarely been beaten so often. "I feel like I am the best. I don't care who is out there."

He had trouble covering a receiver who was fighting self-doubt.

Johnson was coming off his most embarrassing game, a 34-17 loss in Cleveland that left the focus on him. Johnson had sent the Browns' defensive backs bottles of Pepto-Bismol in advance, teasing that they'd get sick trying to cover him. Instead, he had three harmless catches, three drops and a sick feeling himself.

He was low-key all

week, wondering how he could have such a bad game. On Monday, he made amends.

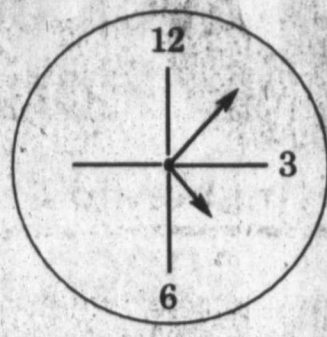
"I expect to do it," said Johnson, who had two 50-yard catches in the first half to set the tone. "That's why I was so bothered by last week. I'm glad I was able to bounce back after the horrible game I played last week."

The Broncos will be doing some soul-searching after this one.

The Bengals repeatedly gave them openings to rally, managing only three field goals out of five drives inside the 20-yard line. Denver simply wasn't up to it.

Jake Plummer threw two interceptions and was sacked three times, matching his total for the first six games. And a defense that ranked among the league's best in every category allowed Johnson to get open and Rudi Johnson to run for 119 yards and a touchdown.

"They were ready for a big game," said Plummer, 23-of-40 for 221 yards.



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ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 72 degrees; 6-foot low. Black bass are fair on shad-colored soft plastics spinnerbaits and black/blue jigs along structure. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs.

ARROWHEAD: Water muddy (upper end of lake); 71 degrees; 7.8-foot low. Black bass are fair on shallow running crankbaits and big jigs in 5 - 10 feet near rocky areas and flooded vegetation lines. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows suspended in 12 - 14 feet near derrick. White bass are good on shallow flats in 3 - 8 feet on shad-imitation crankbaits and jigs with inline spinners. Blue and channel catfish are good on cut shad and prepared baits in shallow water and flooded vegetation.

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STAMFORD: Water lightly stained; 81 degrees; 5.4-foot low. Black bass are fair on live bait, shad-colored jigs, and spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White and striped bass are fair. Catfish are fair.

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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS- The Aries moon lends extra energy, especially for beginning long, potentially arduous tasks. Venus and Saturn come to an understanding, and so might we, especially when the subject is romance and the past. Our mistakes and misjudgments taught us much, and we're better



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for the experience. In that light, let go of old grudges. ARIES (March 21-April 19). You may be feeling uncharacteristically shy. Social situations can be stressful, even when you know everyone involved. Don't allow your mind to go down paranoid, winding paths that you know will lead you nowhere.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're a hard worker, and your hard work is paying off, too - though you probably won't know this in any tangible way until about 30 days from now. It's time to make those reminder calls about all the little loose ends in your life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Being culturally attuned is your thing. You know what's hip, hot and newsy. And people less clued in can't help but be attracted to you or even a little afraid of you. After all, you could expose them as being square and out of it!

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Job opportunities are featured, even if you're not currently looking. It's anything but a waste of time to investigate your options. The smallest thread of information will contribute to the way you work in the future.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're unconsciously looking to bond with people who can parent you in some way. Role models will seem bigger than life, and you could find yourself imitating them. It's a healthy thing to do because you're growing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're in a creative mood and will be further inspired by friends in a similar pursuit to yours. A little competition is healthy, but being overly competitive could cause a blowout. Read the signals so you will know when to back off.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Solitude and quiet help you fill your well. But finding them is difficult with so many people around you, each following his or her own quest. Many try to involve you, and some try to fool you into taking on their problems.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your emotional warmth is infectious, which is why so many get close to you. Since you know what you want, you may as well ask everyone. You're only three degrees away from the very person who will solve your problem.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People who live under the same roof still have much to learn about one another. Your nearest and dearest may have a value system that's different from yours. That doesn't make it wrong, just inconvenient.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Getting into a new partnership isn't favored, but improving the partnership you're already in is an excellent use of your energy. Have a candid conversation, and agree ahead of time to work things out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll have profound feelings and then possibly forget about them an hour later. It doesn't mean those thoughts are any less true or insightful; it's just that kind of day. New developments take you on silly tangents.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You've got a very specific vision of how this day should go, and hopefully, the people around you are on the same page. If not, there are many challenges. Cash talks. Throwing money at a problem makes it go away.

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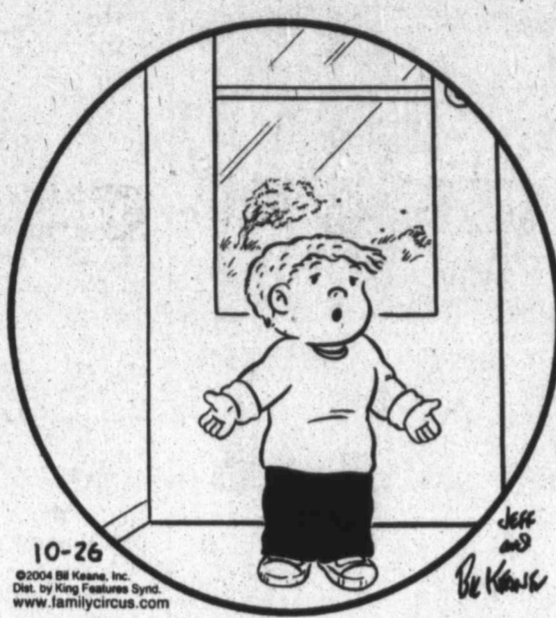
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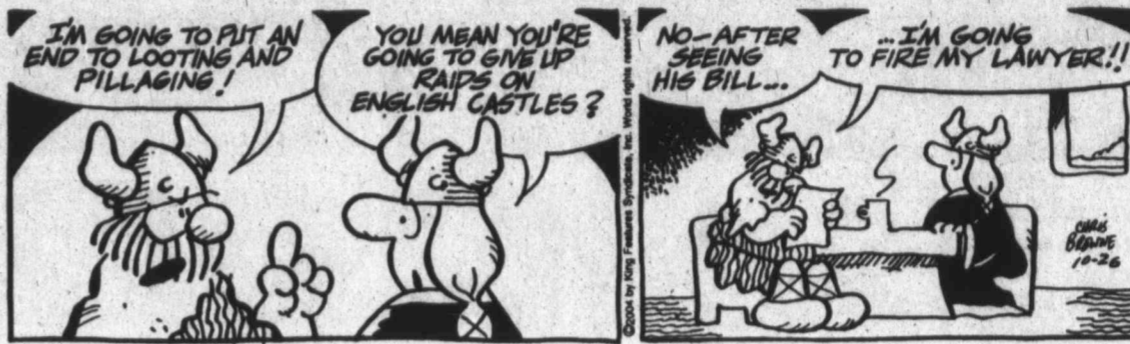
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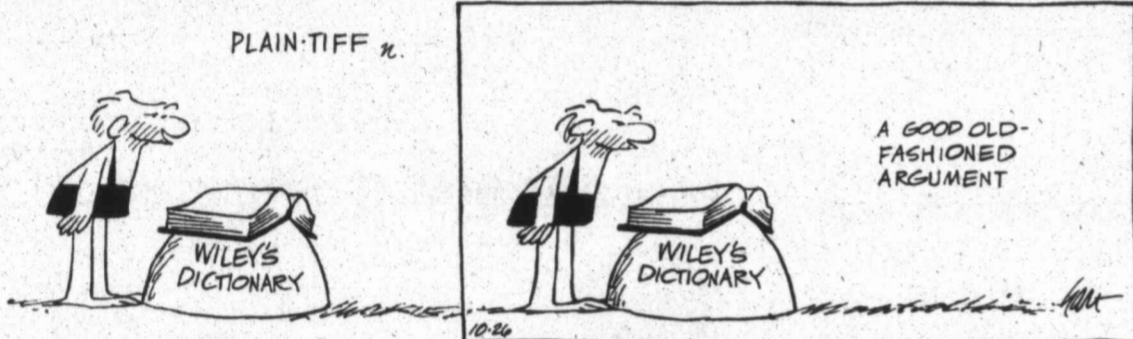
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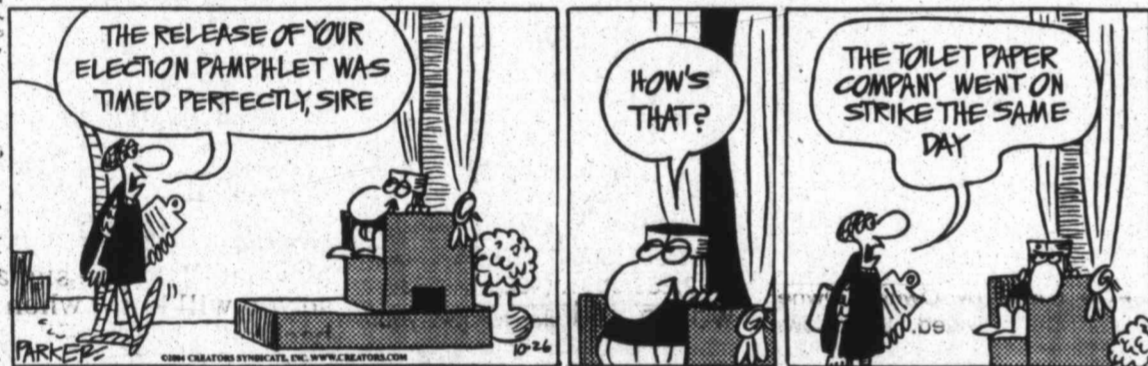
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(Baby Fae lived 21 days with the animal heart.)
Today's Birthdays:
Actress Shelley Morrison ("Will and Grace") is 68. Actor Bob Hoskins is 62. Author Pat Conroy is 59. TV host Pat Sajak is 58. Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., is 57. Actress Jaclyn Smith is 57. Singer Maggie Roche (The Roches) is 53. Musician Bootsy Collins is 53. Rock musician Keith Strickland (The B-52's) is 51. Actor D.W. Moffett is 50. Actress Rita Wilson is 46. Actor Dylan McDermott is 43. Actor Cary Elwes is 42. Singer Natalie Merchant is 41.

Answer to previous puzzle

TONGS	ELITE	ESPN
SPARE	RUMT	TABE
PAPER	PUNCH	AFAR
SLEEVE	GAIN	END
NAT	ESCORTS	
EDASNER	STAY	
GRR	TRIED	ATBAP
GAGS	TRIA	SERA
STVES	TEARNS	LIEN
LESLAB	RAM	MEITAG
SIS	EURO	CREDIT
TAOS	RENT	STRIKE
ARCH	ASEA	EGRET
RAKE	LORD	REESE

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ACROSS

- In a trance
- Walk through mud
- One against
- Singer Fitzgerald
- Part of a long poem
- Lunch time
- Make vacation reservations
- Tennis star Lendl
- Info from spies
- Of sound mind
- Prescriptions, for short
- Explorer of Florida
- Of the U.S. Mail
- Duck or turkey
- Wonderland visitor
- 50%
- Usual
- ___ Jones
- Average
- Function
- Leading lady
- Before, poetically
- Ignited
- Impassioned
- Without: Fr.
- Door closer
- Audition
- Very happy
- Bamboo stems
- Human Resources transaction
- Stratford's river

DOWN

- Persist at an auction
- How solitary is played
- Story lines
- Start of a flight
- Acad.
- Vietnam neighbor
- Ready to pour
- Choir voice
- Deed holder
- Long story
- Member of the peerage
- Hokey humor
- Lamb mamas
- Boat's body
- Where India is
- Alternative to Leno
- Fish eggs
- Coin factory
- Poker-game starters
- "That's funny!"
- Rubbernecking
- Golf-shoe attachments
- Recipe instruction
- Brings under control
- '70s tennis star
- Charitable person
- Flood blocker
- Gnuclect
- Mails off
- "Be quiet!"
- The ___ of Wight
- Type of painting
- Moisture on blossoms

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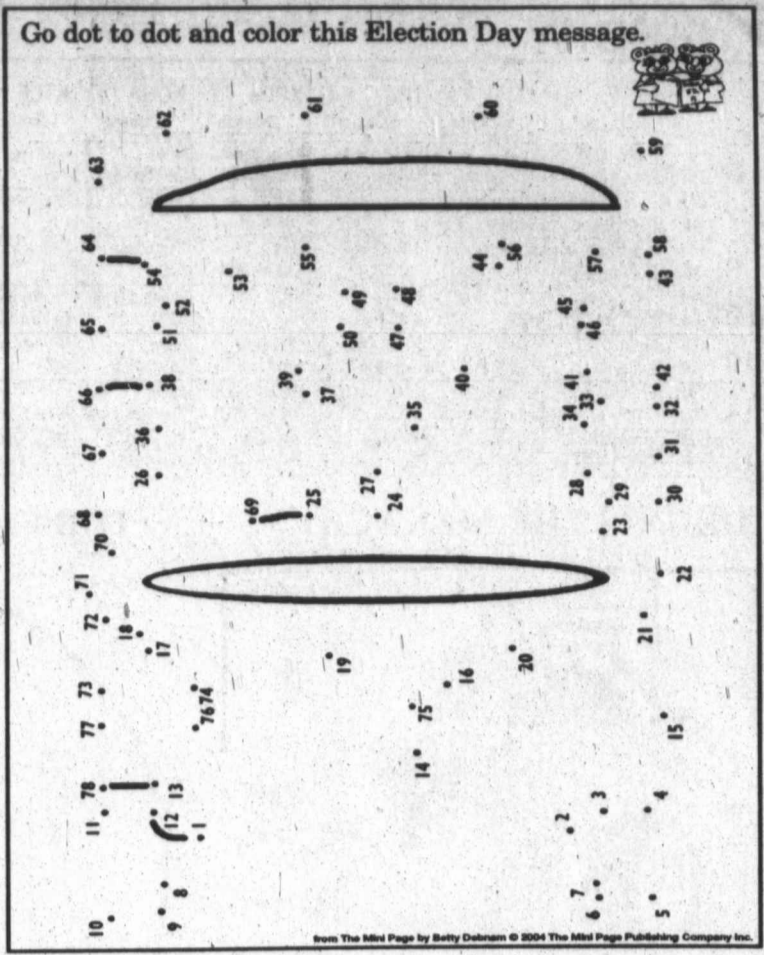
By BETTY DEBNAM

The Next U.S. President

1. George Washington	2. John Adams	3. Thomas Jefferson	4. James Madison	5. James Monroe	6. John Quincy Adams	7. Andrew Jackson	8. Martin Van Buren
9. William Henry Harrison	10. John Tyler	11. James K. Polk	12. Zachary Taylor	13. Millard Fillmore	14. Franklin Pierce	15. James Buchanan	16. Abraham Lincoln
17. Andrew Johnson	18. Ulysses S. Grant	19. Rutherford B. Hayes	20. James A. Garfield	21. Chester A. Arthur	22. Grover Cleveland	23. Benjamin Harrison	24. Grover Cleveland
25. William McKinley	26. Theodore Roosevelt	27. William Howard Taft	28. Woodrow Wilson	29. Warren G. Harding	30. Calvin Coolidge	31. Herbert C. Hoover	32. Franklin D. Roosevelt
33. Harry S. Truman	34. Dwight D. Eisenhower	35. John F. Kennedy	36. Lyndon B. Johnson	37. Richard M. Nixon	38. Gerald R. Ford	39. Jimmy Carter	40. Ronald Reagan
41. George W. Bush	42. Bill Clinton	43. George W. Bush				George W. Bush	John Kerry

Paste the 2004 winner in the block to the left.

Who Will He Be?



Rookie Cookie's Recipe Fall Apple Dip

You'll need:

- 1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 4 washed apples, sliced
- 1 cup orange juice

What to do:

- Let cream cheese sit out at room temperature until soft.
- In a medium bowl, mix cream cheese, sugar and vanilla.
- Place mixture in a small serving bowl and sprinkle top with cinnamon.
- Put cream cheese mixture in the center of a big plate, along with a spreading knife.
- Dunk apple slices in the orange juice and place around the dip. Serves 4.

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Gus Goodsport's Report Supersport: Daunte Culpepper

Height: 6-4 Weight: 260
Hometown: Ocala, Fla.

Daunte Culpepper isn't just the biggest quarterback ever to play in the National Football League. The Minnesota Vikings star also is one of the best. Last season he passed for 3,479 yards and was selected to play in the Pro Bowl for the second time in his four-year pro career.

Culpepper, also a record-breaking performer at Central Florida University, was born in prison and raised by a foster mother, Emma Culpepper, who gave him lots of love.

Now a man of fame and fortune, Daunte is giving back by helping support foster children and other charities. He's a big man in more ways than one.

Meet Ralph Covert

From the back seat of the car, when Ralph Covert was 8 years old, he sang to his family the first song he ever wrote. It was his favorite song in the first-grade band he started called The Termites. Today at concerts and on CDs, Ralph, 42, sings and strums his guitar for parents and their kids.

Ralph became interested in the guitar in high school. His dad gave him money to buy a book on how to play one. Ralph grew up listening to the Beatles and wanted to become a singer.

He was teaching a class on songwriting at a folk music school in Chicago in the 1990s when a record company asked him to make a record. Since that time he has made five CDs. The latest one is called "The Amazing Adventures of Kid Astro."

Ralph loves to read in his free time. He is also a playwright.

Mighty Funny's Mini Jokes

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

Wanda: What should you ask a camel when you're serving him tea at a tea party?
Chuck: "One hump or two?"

Chris: What is brown, has two humps and lives at the South Pole?
Karen: A lost camel!

Ned: Where do baby camels play?
Anton: In sandboxes!

Basett Brown The News Hound's U.S. Presidents TRY 'N FIND

Names that remind us of the U.S. presidents are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used more than once. See if you can find: WASHINGTON, KENNEDY, JEFFERSON, ADAMS, JOHNSON, LINCOLN, FORD, MADISON, REAGAN, ROOSEVELT, TRUMAN, TYLER, CARTER, POLK, TAFT, CLINTON, NIXON, BUSH.

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G L A D A M S M F N N O O U I
Y D E N N E K U Q E Z O F R E
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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are visiting the White House. See if you can find:

- man in the moon
- coat hanger
- sailboat
- umbrella
- letter A
- number 3
- heart
- book
- man's face
- ladder
- muffin
- letter W
- ear of corn
- caterpillar
- dog's face
- ice-cream cone
- question mark
- work MINI

Meet the Candidates

The Republican ticket

For president: **George W. Bush (1946-)**

- elected our 43rd president.
- father George H.W. Bush was the 41st U.S. president.
- elected governor of Texas in 1994 and re-elected in 1998.
- has a bachelor's degree from Yale University and a master's degree from Harvard Business School.
- was a pilot in the Texas Air National Guard.
- worked in the oil and gas business and was part owner of the Texas Rangers baseball team.

For vice president: **Dick Cheney (1941-)**

- Nixon was president.
- also served as chief of staff for President Gerald Ford.
- was elected in 1978 to the U.S. House of Representatives from Wyoming.
- later served as U.S. secretary of defense during the Gulf War.
- left his job as head of a big oil-industry company to run for vice president.

Republican candidates' wives and families:

George W. Bush's wife, Laura, has served as first lady for four years. She was an elementary school librarian. She is very interested in reading. The Bushes have twin daughters.

Dick Cheney's wife, Lynne, is an author. She served as chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities (1986-1993). She is very interested in history. The Cheneys have two daughters.

The Democratic ticket

For president: **John Kerry (1943-)**

- elected U.S. senator from Massachusetts in 1984, and won re-election for three more terms.
- served in Vietnam and was a decorated war veteran.
- father was a Foreign Service officer in the Eisenhower administration.
- graduated from Yale University and earned his law degree from Boston University.
- served as prosecutor for Middlesex County, Mass.
- elected lieutenant governor of Massachusetts in 1982.

For vice president: **John Edwards (1953-)**

- was the first person in his family to attend college.
- graduated from N.C. State University with honors.
- later earned a law degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- was a personal injury lawyer for 20 years.

Democratic candidates' wives and families:

John Kerry's wife, Teresa, was the widow of Sen. John Heinz. They had three sons. She married Kerry in 1995. He has two daughters by his first marriage. She is in charge of the Heinz Family Foundation, which donates money to worthy causes.

John Edwards' wife, Elizabeth, is the daughter of a decorated Navy pilot. She graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a law degree. They had four children: two daughters, a son, and another son who died in 1996.

Next week, The Mini Page celebrates National Geography Awareness Week with a story about sounds in specific places.

Look through your newspaper for news about the candidates and their wives.

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