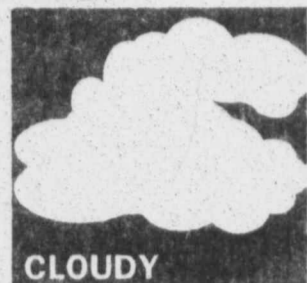


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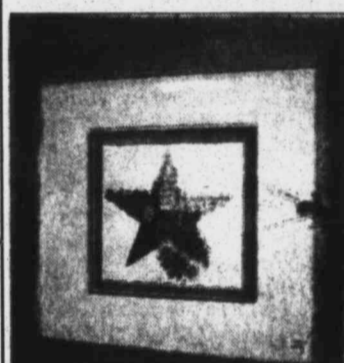
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BRIEFLY

Election returns to be on Web site

Local election returns will be posted on the Herald Web site, www.bigspringherald.com, as soon as they can be provided by election clerks.

INSIDE



Shoppin' Robin in today's issue

A new column, Shoppin' Robin, is located on Page 7A of today's Herald, featuring unusual and unique items for sale by local merchants. The art work above may be found at Displays of Splendor, 700 E. FM 700.

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THIS WEEKEND



Cover Story: Freedom isn't free in a democracy; it requires certain duties and responsibilities of its citizens, including military service.

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Election Day weather turns messy

□ Stenholm says he'll vote for Bush if the president wins in District 19.

□ See polling locations, Page 3A.

HERALD Staff Report

Crossroads area residents who waited until Election Day to cast a ballot were faced with cold, sloppy weather today — perhaps even sleet and snow, if the National Weather Service forecast holds true.

Still there is plenty of time as polls remain open until 7 p.m.

In addition to the hotly contested presidential election, there are a handful of races with local interest on the ballot in most

Crossroads communities.

A key battle for much of the area, including Howard County, is the contentious race for the 19th Congressional District seat. The race pits current District 19 Congressman Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, against Charles Stenholm, D-Abilene, and Libertarian candidate Dr. Richard Peterson.

The race, which has focused mainly on Neugebauer and Stenholm and a slew of negative ads over the past month, came as a result of recent redistricting, which placed both candidates' hometowns into the 19th District.

In a statement today, Stenholm said he will vote for the presidential candidate that wins District 19, regardless of party.

"I will vote for George Bush if he wins the

presidential race for Congressional District 19," said Stenholm. "I represent my district and West Texas and will cast my vote accordingly."

The intent is to show voters that Stenholm is willing to vote across party lines — something he charges Neugebauer seldom does.

Also up for grabs is the District 31 seat on the Texas Senate, pitting Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, who won the seat in March following an election to fill the vacant seat and a subsequent runoff election, and Elaine King Miller, D-Amarillo.

The District 85 seat in the Texas House of Representatives is contested, as former House Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale Center,

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StarTek still displays the now hiring sign even though the company laid off more than 40 employees Monday and is rumored to lay off more today due to a loss in clientele.

StarTek lays off workers

Company remains mum on number of employees let go

By KENDRA WISS

Staff Writer

More than 40 people found themselves without a job Monday, as their employer, StarTek, a support services company primarily for Fortune 1,000 businesses, reduced its payroll in response to a downturn in business experienced by one of its largest clients.

Rumors circulated this morning that the company will be laying off more than 30 employees today.

"Any questions about what's going on need to be addressed by StarTek's corporate office in Denver," Michelle Smith, human

See STARTEK, Page 6A

Committee readies for state hospital forum

By KENDRA WISS

Staff Writer

Getting all of their proverbial ducks in a row.

Officials from the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Moore Development for Big Spring Inc., the VA Medical Center and several other agencies met Monday to make final preparations before going to the Texas Health and Human Services (HHS) review of state hospitals meeting in San Angelo on Wednesday.

The forum is slated for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the San Angelo Convention Center, 500 Rio Concho Drive.

The ad hoc committee received reports con-

"We need everyone who is able to come out and talk about the importance of our state hospital and about the difficulties it would create if it were closed."



Shelley Smith, MHMR CEO

cerning the state hospital forums in other parts of Texas that have already taken place and about the meetings' impact on review board members.

According to HHS reports, during a meet-

ing in Austin about a dozen people spoke concerning the hospital there. In Houston, only five or six addressed the hospital situation. However, in San Antonio, the meeting lasted for four hours as supporters overwhelmed with emotion spoke to the board members.

"At the forum, we need to address all of our hospital's services and the needs that it meets," said Ed Moughn, CEO for the Big Spring State Hospital. "These are things such as the distance from the public to the next nearest state hospital, the economic impact the hospital has on Big Spring and the quality of care that patients receive —

See FORUM, Page 6A

Grand jury doesn't indict HC deputies

□ 28 indictments handed down, see Page 3A.

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

A Howard County grand jury has chosen not to indict sheriff's deputies involved in subduing a 37-year-old Big Spring man who died minutes later.

Miklyn Dobbs, 37, stopped breathing approximately 10 minutes after deputies spent more than 45 minutes subduing him April 27. Deputies had been called when family members reported that Dobbs was out of control at a Robinson Road residence. Dobbs was rushed to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center emergency room where efforts to revive him were unsuccessful.

He was pronounced dead by Howard County Justice of the

See DEPUTIES, Page 3A

SERVICE ROAD COLLISION



Arrel Stansel of Big Spring talks with a Department of Public Safety Trooper Monday after he failed to yield to a 18-wheeler coming onto the service road off Interstate 20. Although his truck suffered extensive damage, the semi's only losses were a bent axle and broken air lines. Stansel was wearing his seat belt and walked away from the wreck with only minor cuts and bruises. He received a citation for failure to yield right of way.

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Obituaries

Estanislada 'Tanis' Arista



Estanislada "Tanis" Arista, 72, of Big Spring died at her home Sunday, Oct. 31, 2004, following a long illness. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Thomas Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens, pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born March 29, 1932, in Gonzales, to Maurillo Garcia and Anastacia Molina Garcia. She had been a resident of Big Spring for more than 60 years, marrying Adolph Arista Sr. in 1950. He preceded her in death in 1965.

Mrs. Arista was a homemaker and a devoted Catholic, attending St. Thomas Catholic Church. She was a loving and caring mother and grandmother. She is survived by one son, Alolph Arista Jr., of San Antonio; five daughters, Hattie Hernandez of Fort Worth, Mary Jane Licon, Sarah Robles, Lynda Arrendondo and Alisa Alvarado, all of Big Spring; 17 grandchildren, including Joseph Arista, who was raised by Mrs. Arista; 20 great grandchildren; and one brother, Maurillo "Willie" Garcia.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one son, Anthony "Tony" Arista, and one brother, Bernardo Garcia.

Pallbearers will be Adolph Arista III, Salome A. Rios, Joseph Arista, Daniel Alvarado, Adam Diaz and Joshua Cook. Honorary pallbearer will be Michael Arista.

Mrs. Arista's love for her family and friends could be summed up in the following poem:

"When I come to the end of the road, and the sun has set for me, I want no rites in a "gloom filled" room; Why cry for a soul set free? Miss me a little, but not too long, and not with your head bowed low; Remember the love we once shared, Miss me, but let me go! For this is a journey we all must take, and each must go alone. It's all a part of the Master's plan, a step on the road to home. When you are lonely and sick of heart, go to the friends we know, and bury your sorrows in doing good deeds; Miss me, but let me go!

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

Paid obituary

Guadalupe Chavarria Brito

Guadalupe Chavarria Brito, 82, of Big Spring died Sunday, Oct. 31, 2004, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2004, at Templo Belen Assembly of God with the Rev. Ovidro Martinez of Seagraves and the Rev. R.T. Havener, pastor of First Assembly of God, Big Spring, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

A prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. tonight at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. She was born Oct. 3, 1922, in Pecos.

Mrs. Brito was a longtime resident of Big Spring and had also lived in Midland for 10 years and in San Angelo for two years. She enjoyed cooking and was known as a good cook.

She was a member of Templo Belen Assembly of God, where she was very active. She sponsored a young man from an Arkansas orphanage and others whom attended Bible schools. She had a compassionate heart and loved her grandchildren and all children knew her as "Welita."

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Ismael C. and Julia Bihl of Big Spring and Salvador and Gloria Bihl of San Angelo; one daughter and son-in-law, Alicia and Larry Williams of Cabot, Ark.; one sister, Maria Diaz of Big Spring; four brothers, Manuel Cervantes of Big Spring, Juan Cervantes of Midland, Rodolfo Cervantes of California and Raul Franco of San Antonio; 33 grandchildren; 74 great grandchildren and 10 great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Candelario Bihl, Manuel Chavarria and Marcelino Brito; four children, Ruben Franco, Eidolina Ruiz, Elvia Granados and Olga Bihl; one brother, Ramon Franco and one sister, Maria Martinez.

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

Paid obituary

David Wayne Sigmon

David Wayne Sigmon, 46, of Antioch, Tenn., died Friday, Oct. 29, 2004, in a hospital in Nashville, Tenn. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2004, at Gross Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in Lowe Cemetery.

Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. today, Nov. 2, 2004, at Gross Funeral Home, Hot Spring, Ark.

Born Dec. 12, 1957, in Tokyo, Japan to Dewey J. and Ann Steven Sigmon, he was a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include his parents, Dewey J.C. and Ann Sigmon of Big Spring; his partner of 23 years, Dennis Vasseau of Antioch, Tenn.; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Tracey and Tom Ruzicka of Mount Lake Terrace, Wash. and Sara Watts of North Carolina; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Scott and Kathy Sigmon of Big Spring and Steve and Bonnie Sigmon of Richmond; three nephews and seven nieces.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gross Funeral Home, Hot Spring, Ark.

Miracle Marie Hernandez-Garcia

Miracle Marie Hernandez-Garcia, infant daughter of Sandy Sheikh and Phillip Garcia of Big Spring, died Saturday, Oct. 30, 2004, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. today, Nov. 2, 2004, at Mount Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Roland Bennett, officiating.

Miracle was born Oct. 30, 2004, in Big Spring.

In addition to her mother and father she is survived by one sister, Jasmine Nicole Sheikh of Big Spring; maternal grandparents, Juanita and Jerry Walton of Big Spring; maternal great grandmother, Dominga Hernandez of Big Spring; paternal grandmother, Ninfa Moreno of Big Spring; paternal grandfather, Phillip Garcia Sr. of Big Spring; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

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

Police blotter

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

- ENRIQUEZ OLIVAS MARTINEZ, 35, of Odessa, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ZACHERY PAUL SMITH, 19, of 1405 Benton, was arrested Monday on a municipal warrant for theft.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 2600 block of Albrook.
- THEFT was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 2200 block of Cecilia.

Sheriff's report

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

- ISRAEL CORTEZ MOJICA, 23, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on motions to revoke probation for deadly conduct and criminal trespass of a habitation.
- SHANE ALLEN KNOWLTON, 18, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on motions to revoke probation for forgery of a financial instrument and credit card abuse and a charge of evading arrest or detention.
- ARIANNA ELLESE LEWIS, 19, was arrested Monday by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- TYRON DYERALLE DAVIS, 25, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less and capias pro fines.

Take note

□ FALL IN LOVE WITH READING at Washington Elementary begins at 6 p.m. Nov. 9. This is a community of heroes family reading event. All parents are invited. Call Washington Elementary at 264-4126 for more information.

□ COAHOMA BAND BOOSTERS TAIL GATE PARTY at 6 p.m. Friday. \$5 per plate for chopped barbecue sandwich, ships, drink and dessert. Call Dale Pittman at 267-9555 for more information.

□ BIG SPRING WOMAN'S CLUB HOLIDAY RUMMAGE SALE is set for 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday in the St. Paul Lutheran Annex, Ninth and Scurry streets. Donations of good holiday decorations are requested, and are being stored in the back of the United Way office, 811 Scurry. Call 267-5201 to arrange drop off of donated items. Call Lisa Brooks, organizer for the sale, after 3 p.m. at 267-1465 for more information.

□ A COMMUNITY-WIDE FLEA MARKET AND ARTS AND CRAFTS SALE to benefit a local family is set for 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Nov. 13 at the County Show Barn in Gail. Call 806756-4432 for more information.

□ THE SEVENTH ANNUAL BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR BOOSTER PANCAKE SUPPER is set for 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday in the high school cafeteria. Ticket are adults \$5 and students \$3 and are available from any high school or junior high choir student or at the door.

□ COMMUNITY WIDE PRAYER MEETING at 7 p.m. Nov. 4 in the Municipal Auditorium. Free and open to the public. Contact Everett Bender at 263-0556 for more information.

□ A BAKE SALE TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT REFLEX SYMPATHETIC DYSTROPHY is set for Nov. 6 at the west door of Wal-Mart. Contact Marilyn Miers at 267-1135 for more information.

Bulletin board

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

- TODAY**
- Voting precincts open until 7 p.m.
 - Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
 - 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.
 - VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.
 - Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse on the Andrews Highway.
 - Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.
 - Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. with special guest singers from Midland and Colorado City. Everyone is welcome.
 - Concerned Citizens for Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
 - Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Lodge, 219 Main St.

- 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.
 - Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 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.
 - Community wide prayer meeting at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium. Free and open to the public. Contact Everett Bender at 263-0556 for more information.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-9-15-23-25. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$43,061. Winning tickets sold in: Houston. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-5-30-34. Bonus Ball: 27. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$550,000.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-6-9

Weather

Tonight - Mostly cloudy. A 30 percent chance of rain and snow in the evening. Lows near 30. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday - Mostly cloudy in the morning then clearing. Highs in the mid 50s. Light and variable winds.

Wednesday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Light and variable winds.

Thursday - Partly cloudy. Highs near 60. Light and variable winds in the morning becoming north 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon.

Thursday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

Friday - Partly cloudy. Highs near 60.

Friday night - Partly cloudy. Lows near 40.

Saturday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.

Saturday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

Sunday - Partly cloudy. Highs near 70.

Sunday night - Partly cloudy. Lows near 40.

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takes on a challenge from economic development specialist Kent Sharp, R-Big Spring.

Two seats on the Howard County Commissioners Court are contested. The Precinct 1 seat, currently held by Democrat Emma Brown, is being challenged by Republican opponent Edwin Ware. The Precinct 3 seat, held by Republican candidate Bill Crooker, is being challenged by Democratic opponent James Dubose.

The race for Howard County sheriff has been a hot ticket, as incumbent Democrat Dale Walker faces former Howard County Sheriff's Deputy Ronald Allen, who is running on the Republican party ticket. Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1 Place 1, Bennie Green, a

Where to vote

Polls are open until 7 p.m.

Howard County:

- 101,106,109-112, 114 and 115: Northside Fire Station, 100 NE Eighth Street.
- 102, 107, 108 and 113: Anderson Kindergarten Center, 229 Airbase Road.
- 103: Wesley Yater residence, 2206 Interstate 20 N. Service Road.
- 104: Prairie View Baptist Church, 1000 W. FM 2230.
- 105: Knott Fire Station, 7310 SW FM 846.
- 202, 203 and 204: Washington Place School, 1201 S. Birdwell Lane.
- 205: Kentwood Older Activity Center, 2805 Lynn

Street.

- 207: Coahoma Community Center, 300 North Avenue.
- 208: Forsan School.
- 302: Goliad Middle School, 2000 Goliad.
- 303 and 305: Wasson Road Fire Station, 1701 Wasson Road.
- 304: Elbow School, County Road 818 and Nichols Road.
- 401, 402 and 410: Big Spring High School Library, 707 11th Place.
- 403: Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.
- 404: Jonesboro Road Fire Station, 142 Jonesboro Road.
- 405 and 407: Salem Baptist Church, 8911 Old Colorado City Highway.
- 406: Luther Baptist Church, 5100 E. FM 846.
- 408: Vincent Baptist Church, 12101 N. FM 846.
- 409: Sand Springs Lion Club, 131 Scout Hut Road.

Martin County:

- Pct. 1 — Stanton High School gym, 707 Koonce St.
- Pct. 2 — Community Center, 301 N. St. Theresa St.
- Pct. 3 — Stanton High School auditorium, 709 Koonce St.
- Pct. 3A — Grady Independent School District, 3500 FM 829, Lenora.
- Pct. 4 — 4-H building, 105 W. Broadway.
- Pct. 41 — Flower Grove Gin, 4002 E. FM 202, Ackerly.

Glasscock County:

- Pct. 1 — St. Lawrence Hall, 2400 FM 2401, 10 miles south and five miles west of Garden City.
- Pct. 2 — Garden City Church of Christ, 200 South Main.
- Pct. 3 — Drumright Community Center, 2200 Drumright Road, Garden City.
- Pct. 4 — Garden City Senior Citizens Center, 600

Republican candidate and incumbent, is being challenged by Democrat Phillip Bustamante. Republican Constable for Pct. 1 Boyce Hale is being challenged by Democrat T.E. Junior Trevino Jr.

Important to local voters in the Stanton area is that of Martin County sheriff. Incumbent Randy Cozart, a Republican, is being challenged by Democrat Michael Adams, current Stanton chief of police.

Also on the Martin County ballot is the U.S. Representative District 11 race, featuring Republican Mike Conaway, Democrat Wayne Raasch and Libertarian Jeffrey Blunt. Voters there will also cast

ballots in the District 31 Texas Senate race between Seliger and Miller.

In Glasscock County there are no local races but voters there are also choosing between

Conaway, Raasch and Blunt for U.S. District 11 and Seliger and Miller for state senator. Also up for consideration is that Texas House seat for District 85 featuring Laney and Sharp.

Howard County grand jury hands down 28 indictments

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

A Howard County grand jury handed down 28 indictments late last week, including a true-bill on a Big Spring woman for aggravated robbery.

Courtney Felicia Ausbie, 20, currently in the Howard County Jail, was indicted on a charge of aggravated robbery, a first-degree felony, for the Sept. 1 robbery of a 7-Eleven convenience store in the 2300 block of Wasson Road.

District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson declined to comment on the details of the upcoming trial, but said his office is prepared to take the case to a jury.

According to police reports, the woman robbed the store after "casing" it for more than 20 minutes.

"She entered the store and spent around 20 minutes walking around and looking at things," said BSPD Public Information Officer Sgt. Roger Sweatt. "If you watch the tape it's pretty obvious that she was waiting for all of the

store's customers to leave. After that, she went to the counter and put some items on it after everyone else was gone, then threatened the cashier with a knife and demanded money," he said. "She left the store with an undisclosed amount of cash."

No one was injured during the course of the robbery. Although police speculated during their investigation that Ausbie may have had an accomplice in the crime, Wilkerson dismissed the idea.

The following people were also indicted by the grand jury:

- Robert William Barton, 25, of 2612 Albrook, evading arrest (state jail felony).
- Irma Bustamante, 31, of 503 N. Goliad, tampering with a governmental record (third degree felony).
- Robert Lee Crider Jr., 36, of PO Box 54341 in Kerrville, endangering a child (state jail felony).
- David Fierro, 31, of 1802 State Street, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle (state jail felony).
- William Gordon Fuller III, 33, of 113575 County Road Eight in Ira, theft of a firearm (state jail felony).
- George Gander, 40, of 3211 Highway 350, unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon (third-degree felony).
- Phillip Garcia, 27, of 1409 Oriole, evading arrest (state jail felony).
- Ben Garza, 50, currently in county jail, burglary of a building (second-degree felony enhanced).
- Sharika LaShawn Gatewood, 27, of 1102 Wall Street in Midland, two counts of forgery (third-degree felony enhanced).
- Timothy Rolland Gilliam, 18, of 3208 Cornell, two counts of forgery (state jail felony).
- Joyce Marie Jennings, 20, of 407 Dengar E in Midland, two counts of forgery (state jail felony).
- Daniel Ray Jones, 35, 2507 Peach, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).
- Keith David McDonald, 34, of 1022 13th Street in Blanco, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).
- William Dale

McMurray, 43, of 303 Robinson Road, driving while intoxicated with a child passenger (state jail felony).

• Mary Louise Mendez, 43, of 602 Second Street in Sterling City, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).

• Leo Garcia Pena, 25, currently in county jail, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle (state jail felony) and driving while intoxicated (third-degree felony).

• Micah Levi Pearson, 19, of 538 Westover Road Apt. 125, forgery (state jail felony).

• Stephanie Shea Powell, 31, of 1404 Dixie, two counts of forgery (both state jail felonies).

• Mario Hernandez Rayos, 36, of 115 S. Pecan in Pecos, robbery (second-degree felony).

• Charles Allen

Robinson, 43, of 1407 Third Street, theft - more than \$1,500 less than \$20,000 (state jail felony).

• Kay Salazar, 31, of 1300 Princeton, two counts of forgery (both state jail felonies).

• Billy Gene Shubert, 45, of 1206 E. 11th Place, possession of marijuana (second-degree felony enhanced).

• Jaime Ray Smith, 28, of 3610 Dixon, two counts of forgery (both state jail felonies).

• Ernest J. Taggart, 31, of 1614 Cardinal, driving while intoxicated (third-degree felony).

• Jimmy Doyle Trawick, 38, of 2911 Highway 80 West, assault causing bodily injury (second-degree felony enhanced).

• Johnny Trevino, 38, of 703 Lorilla, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (second-degree

felony).
• Oscar Parras Velasquez, 42, of 200 Vikki Road, driving while intoxicated with a child passenger (state jail felony).

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District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson, who presented the case to the grand jury, said the facts of the case point to a tragic culmination of circumstances.

"The grand jury found no evidence of criminal wrongdoing on the part of the deputies or the Sheriff's Office," said Wilkerson.

Wilkerson said drugs found in Dobbs' system, which included marijua-

na and drugs used to treat mental illness, were low in quantity, and while they may have played a direct role in his death, it's not in the manner expected.

"Mr. Dobbs was in the care of the state hospital in Waco prior to his death," said Wilkerson. "Allegedly, they are the ones that took him off of his medication. It's possible he was coming off the medication, and that's what caused him to lose control. That, combined with the heart condition and blockage he had, may have contributed to his

death."

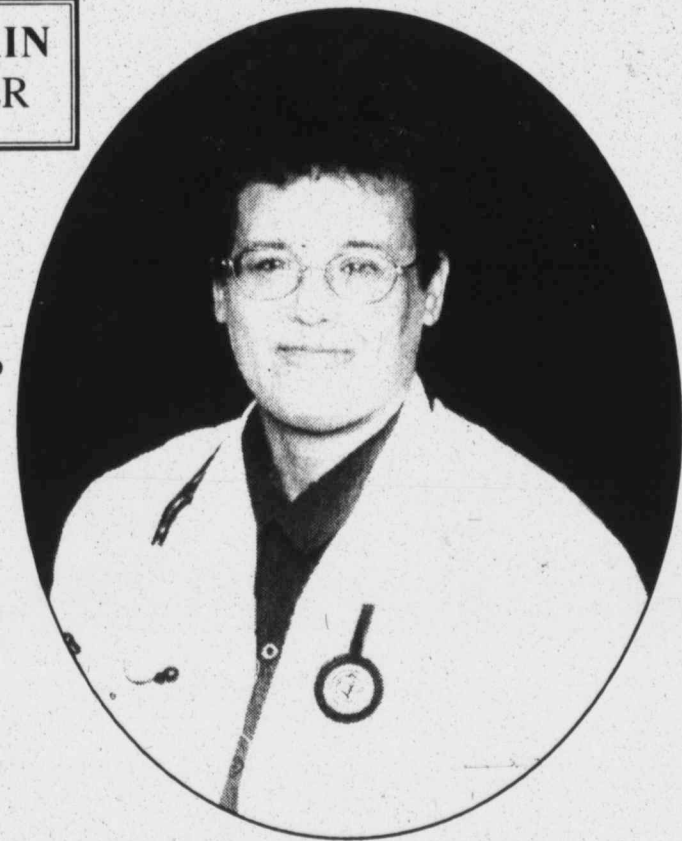
According to Sheriff Dale Walker, HCSO dispatch received a transfer call from 911 on April 27 requesting a deputy to respond to 113 W. Robinson Road in reference to a male subject with mental problems. Upon deputies' arrival, Walker said they found the man out of control and family members were attempting to subdue him at the residence.

The Sheriff's Office was later cleared of wrongdoing in the matter by the Texas Rangers.

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OUR VIEWS

Be sure to join us in community prayer service

Thursday evening, many will gather at the Municipal Auditorium for reflection and prayer in the latest quarterly Communitywide Prayer Meeting — an event that promises to bring more prayer than program to the public.

According to Everett Bender, one of the event's organizers, the focus for this quarterly meeting will be prayer itself.

"That's what the people are wanting, to spend less time on program and more time in prayer," Bender noted. "We've been building awareness; the people's appetite to pray is increasing, so now it's time to pray."

We couldn't agree more and are pleased that organizers have invited all of the community's ministers to join on the stage at the beginning of the meeting to demonstrate unity of faith.

Mayor Russ McEwen will open the meeting by sharing his vision for the community. His prayer will be followed by four individuals who will lead the audience in prayer for specific topics.

The Rev. Randy Cotton of Trinity Baptist Church will lead prayer aimed at repentance.

The Rev. Christina Segundo of Family Faith Victory Center will lead prayer for a spiritual awakening, focusing on family, relationships and finances.

The Rev. Michael Willard of Mount Bethel Baptist Church will lead prayer for special needs, such as the Big Spring State Hospital, the VA Medical Center, the economy and economic opportunity for Big Spring.

District Judge Robert H. Moore III will pray for the military and the war on terrorism as well as our national, state and local leaders.

Local churches are urged to bring their youth groups to the event, unifying them, as well.

As we noted in May prior to the National Day of Prayer, there will be plenty of room in the auditorium, so we hope you will join us. Take a little of your time to raise your heart, voice and mind to the heavens, seeking help and hope for us all.

We can't think of a better way to spend one hour.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we get the facts of life, Lord, from your word.

Amen

Inside report: Bush's slow trigger

Republican leaders are grumbling that the White House was much too slow in responding to Democratic attacks on George W. Bush about the disappearance of munitions in Iraq.

When asked by CNN about the dubious New York Times story that ran Monday, President Bush refused comment — more than a day after its publication. Not until Wednesday morning did the Republican candidate start to reply to John Kerry's attack. In the meantime, Tuesday night tracking showed Kerry picking up sharply.

A footnote: No immediate effort was made to get retired Gen. Tommy Franks, commander of the Iraq operation and now a Bush supporter, to rebut Kerry. Plans for his response were not completed until Thursday.

Pro-Kerry Web sites are pushing for free airtime on MTV in the final days of the campaign to run the video of Eminem singing "Mosh," which attacks George W. Bush, the Iraq war and the Patriot Act.

MTV's most popular music-video show is "TRL" (Total Request Live), which gives viewers the choice of what they want to hear. Bloggers are attempting a massive vote for Mosh to put it on the air in the closing days of the campaign.

Mosh contains a lot of unattractive Bush footage, uses the words "F--- Bush," calls President Bush

a "weapon of mass destruction" and concludes by telling viewers to vote for Sen. John Kerry. Eminem (real name: Marshall Mathers) is a white rapper who is notorious for misogynist and homophobic lyrics.

Although George W. Bush's campaign supposedly is concentrating on the Republican base, he spent Monday and Tuesday the week before the election in two parts of closely contested states that he lost in 2000: southwest Wisconsin and northeast Iowa. President Bush made explicit appeals to "discerning Democrats" in LaCrosse County, Wis., and Dubuque County, Iowa — socially conservative Democratic areas with low unemployment. Bush's seven-point 2000 loss in LaCrosse accounted for 80 percent of his 5,108-vote loss in Wisconsin. He lost Dubuque by 14 percentage points, totaling more than his 4,144-vote Iowa deficit four years ago.

A footnote: Bush turned off enthusiastic audiences in Wisconsin and Iowa by droning on about Subchapter S Corporations, which can benefit small businesses from what Democrats condemn as tax cuts for the rich.

Democrats eager to capitalize on failure to pass an intelligence reform bill in the final days of the campaign privately complain that their plans have been spoiled by Democratic Sen. Joseph Lieberman's nonpartisan efforts to reach agreement.

Hard-line Democrats led by Sen. Richard Durbin have been preparing to attack President Bush for not passing into law recommendations of the independent 9/11 com-

mission by putting critical family members on weekend television programs. To accomplish that, Thursday was the effective deadline for declaring an impasse in Senate-House negotiations. Instead, Lieberman, senior Senate Democrat on the Conference Committee, insisted on still trying to get a bill.

A footnote: The Durbin scenario also was undermined when Philip Zelikow, the independent commission's executive director, unexpectedly sided with the House Republican version of the reform bill.

The South Dakota Republican Party has mailed to a national list of contributors a "pink slip" soliciting eleventh hour funds against Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle's re-election.

Labeled "Notice of Dismissal," the card lists possible contributions from \$25 to \$1,000 supporting former Republican Rep. John Thune against Daschle. "Here's your last chance to hand him the PINK SLIP he deserves," says the card.

A footnote: Rep. Charlie Rangel of New York, senior Democrat on the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, in an Oct. 13 letter asked his contributors for "an additional \$1,000 payable to Rangel for Congress" even though he faces only token opposition for re-election. The money would be sent to Democratic congressional candidates in close contests.

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Kerry wins by narrow margin-maybe?

I finally put my money down on Tuesday, a whole week out. Kerry over Bush by two to three points in every state that matters except Florida. For those who find this an appalling, Bill Bennett-like display of disrespect for both good money and Our Nation's Future, I say, hey, no guts, no glory. Besides, Ladbroke's, the English betting firm, is offering 6 to 5 on Kerry.

These things usually start locking down a week out at the latest, so by the last two to three days, nothing much can change it unless we get hit with a political meteorite. Bush is still putting much more money than Kerry into television ads, but the ad-blat factor has set in. Ad-blat is a combination of ad-fatigue, particularly afflicting the heroic citizens of our swing states, and the ubiquitous campaign ads of everyone from Joe Don Billups for county commission, precinct 2, to Mary Hannah Gonzalez-Chiu for state agriculture director. We live in a great nation.

We're in the ground war now, slog time — knock on the doors, make the calls, organize the rides, find the right polling place. The D's normally beat the R's at ground war, partly because they have a lot of union folks who know how to do it. But Karl Rove and the Republican National Committee have put a ton of money into ground war this year — starting with outsourcing the data entry of its computer information archive to India. But I think the D's still have the edge because of the intensity factor.

Without fear of contradiction, I

can say that George W. Bush has turned out to be a divider, not a uniter, for the past four years. Sheesh, if we get any madder at each other there will be fisticuffs, brethren, I say fisticuffs.

Liberals, normally gentle as little kittens — usually you can go right up to 'em and touch their soft, curly fur, they don't mind a bit — are in an alarming state of righteous anger. This time, they devoutly believe, jackbooted fascism is just around the corner. Not only do they think the Bill of Rights is being quietly dismantled, they are sentient enough to notice that our reputation around the world has gone from the instant support of Sept. 11 to disgust and fear.

Meanwhile, many evangelical Christians are convinced gay marriage is upon us and will be the end of civilization. How they convinced themselves George W. Bush is the Lord's anointed is beyond me. I've known him since high school and watched him closely as a public official for 10 years, and I have yet to see the first sign of it.

That belief is just as hard to dislodge as their touching faith that we found WMD in Iraq and that Saddam Hussein was connected to Al Qaeda. They believe both these things because the administration keeps claiming they are true. As far as I know, the only time Bush has directly claimed that God speaks through him was this summer before the Amish leaders. That startled everyone who thought God knew how to pronounce the word nuclear.

Perhaps the most unreported story of this campaign is John F. Kerry. Yeah, he is sort of a boring stiff in public. Lots of people attribute that to 20 years in the U.S. Senate, where you can talk on unchecked. Actually, if you watch

the video, he was a much better speaker in the Senate. The footage C-SPAN is showing of him during the important debates of his career is gripping. I think he's one of those pols who believes he has to behave like a Baptist preacher in public. If the man doesn't cuss, he's the only alum of the Navy on record to refrain.

The more I look into his record, the more impressed I am. One of the real shames of this campaign is the attack on Kerry's war record — outright lies, the lot of it.

Of course his first Purple Heart was for a minor wound. As Bob Dole said of one of his, "... a sliver of metal into my leg — the sort of injury the Army patched up with Mercurochrome and a Purple Heart." Typical and despicable of Rove to go after Kerry's war record. But it's the Senate record that interests me more.

Particularly three extraordinary investigations: into the connection between the Nicaraguan Contras and cocaine traffic; into BCCI, the bank used by crooks and terrorists; and the long, painful resolution of the MIA question, finally leading to resumed relations with Vietnam. Each one is remarkable — all three together show integrity, courage and an amazing capacity for sustained hard work. The number of people with power who didn't want any of those subjects touched was legion.

I am hopeful. If you have trouble on Election Day, call (866) OUR-VOTE, set up by the Election Protection Coalition.

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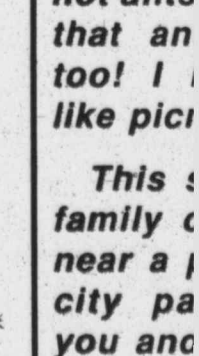
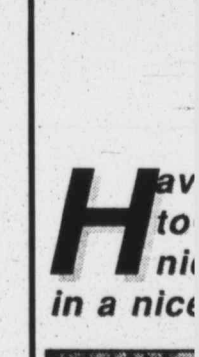
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British experts say cyberterrorism may soon be reality

Cyberterrorism could become a reality in 2006 according to leading British information security experts, a statement that is already creating a stir within particular Internet communities.

Speaking at the SC Magazine Conference in London, director of information security for Royal Mail U.K. David Lacey said that the world would witness cyberterrorism within two years.

"Cyberterrorism will be happening," said Lacey. "But it certainly won't happen until 2005 or 2006. There is a lot of consistency in research that shows many of the real risks won't come to a crescendo until then."

Lacey, who helped found the Jericho Forum — a group of 100 firms that are pushing for 'perimeterless' security — added that terrorists are currently not using the Internet for their work.

"We know a lot about some of the trends coming," said Lacey. "Real terrorists have not had the capability to carry out threats. But that will change as the stakes get higher."

Lacey also said that for the next two to three years, the IT industry would produce more of the same technology. But following this period, people would begin to see a radical change in security.

"By 2005, 2006 — could be sooner or later — we will come to a critical convergence period where we have to make a step change in security to manage risks."

Lacey said his findings were the result of talking to chief information security officers over the last six years.

Director of incident response for Cable & Wireless Richard Starnes said that cyberterrorism is an over-used term.

"Cyberterrorism is a word that the press loves because it gets people to read stories," he said. "A good portion of what we get is not terrorism. Terrorism is where you try and change the political situation of a country by using terror. Web defacements don't really count for that. Terrorists use the Internet for recruiting, fundraising and research, but not a lot else."

Other observers share his scepticism. Speaking at the CeBit technology fair last year, Bruce Schneier, security expert and chief technology officer of network-monitoring company Counterpane Internet Security, said the threat posed by cyberterrorism had been overestimated.

"The hype is coming from the US government and I don't know why. If they want to attack they

will do it with bombs like they always have," he said.

He added that rather than fostering a climate of fear, disrupting the Net and other communications networks would probably just annoy people.

Consumers have been issued guidelines on what to do if rogue-dialling software takes control of their PCs and runs up huge premium rate calling charges.

Premium-rate phone call watchdog ICSTIS (independent committee for the supervision of standards of telephone information services) has issued a consumer instruction leaflet on how to deal with Internet rogue diallers.

ICSTIS explains in its guidance how consumers can make a complaint if they feel they have been duped by a rogue dialler. The guidelines also detail how to tell the difference between regular and rogue diallers, which dupe users into making premium-rate phone calls.

A spokesman for the watchdog said, "Internet diallers have been around for five or six years, but this update takes into account the latest issues (with premium phone lines)."

Only last week we barred 11 companies because they were operating without a license. And we are looking at another 30 at the moment. But we also have a role to play in consumer education."

Rogue diallers can auto-

matically call premium-rate numbers from PCs while Internet users think they are still connected to their normal dial-up service. ICSTIS is insisting that premium-rate companies trade with a license, which can only be obtained by producing a confirmation letter from service providers. The provider is also entitled to keep 50 percent of earnings from calls each month, in case customers complain of foul play.

Earlier this year, BT blocked access to 1,000 rogue dialler numbers in a bid to stop people running up huge phone bills by inadvertently calling the numbers.

Just when you thought Monica Lewinsky was gone from the public eye for good, here come the hackers.

Hackers are offering fake photos of Lewinsky in a compromising position with a former U.S. president.

Hackers are spamming newsgroups with messages supposedly linking to photos of Lewinsky with Democrat Bill Clinton.

"The Trojan has been around for a while, and the people behind it have

used all sort of disguises," said Graham Cluley, senior technology consultant for Sophos.

"It's just a bit sad that people keep going for things like this. But when they do, it's not surprising that they keep getting thwacked on the nose."

The link leads to a Web site that automatically downloads a Trojan horse — called the hackarmy Trojan — onto PCs.

A Trojan horse opens a back door on a computer, which allows hackers to enter at their will. The misspelled message starts, "Subject: Monica Lewinsky pics. Message text."

But Cluley said there was no need to panic providing users had taken precautions: "If you've got antivirus and a firewall, you should be OK. But the message needs to go out to all computer users to think very hard about what they download."

Anyone who gets stung at work may not only be bringing a digital disease into their company, but also shaming themselves by revealing their taste for titillation."

Cluley added that he thought the messages were not connected to the

elections. Two years ago, hackers created a virus that posed as a Bill Clinton screensaver. In the screensaver, Clinton could be seen playing his saxophone, as a bra's slowly emerged from the end of his instrument.

Last week, a similar message purported to link to a movie of singer Michael Jackson performing indecent acts with a boy. David Beckham fans were also targeted by the hackarmy Trojan, when hackers posted messages supposedly linking to photos of the football player having sex with a Spanish prostitute.

BitDefender has announced that the number of computers infected by viruses has grown drastically over the past year. This is largely due to the large number of new viruses or variants released in the first half of 2004.

According to BitDefender managing director, Grayford Holton, BitDefender Labs has identified 11,650 new viruses or variants of viruses this year, almost double the number of

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Bedtime Stories

UNCLES AND ANTS

Have you ever tried to have a nice picnic on a nice day in a nice park?



Did you ever have a picnic when there were not ants visiting? I think that ants like picnics, too! I know that ants like picnics, too!

This story is about a family of ants that live near a picnic table in a city park near where you and I live. We have the father ant, Anthony, the mother ant, Antoinette, the brother ant, Antwerp; and the



sister ant, Antoole. Then there is Uncle Ant and Aunt Ant! Ant families are very big, aren't they?

One pretty summer day, when all of the flowers were in full bloom, and the big trees were full of rich green leaves, and the grass felt so good under your feet that you wanted to take your shoes off, the ant family saw another family, some people, getting ready to have a picnic on the park picnic table. Just as soon as the people had the wonderful smelling food set out on the table, the ant family came to visit. "Shoo, shoo," said the people family to the ant family! "Go have your own picnic, but leave ours alone!" This was not the first time that

the ant family was asked to leave a people picnic. It happens every time! So, the ant family had to leave the people picnic and go back to the anthill they called home. They were very sad because no one seemed to want them to come to their picnic! "I know," said Anthony Ant, "We will have a picnic of our own!" Antoinette said, "I will make the potato salad." Antwerp said, "I will make the baked beans."



"I will bring along the potato chips," said

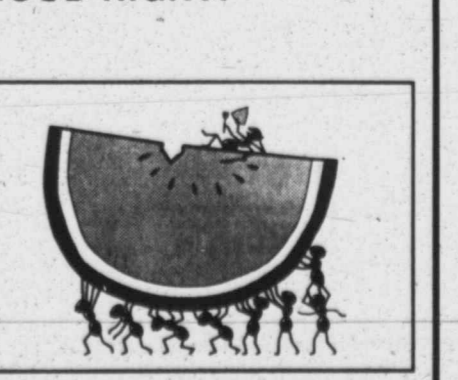
Antoole. Uncle Ant cried out, "I will bring along paper plates!" PAPER PLATES! I didn't know that ants used plates at all, did you? Well, this is going to be a very nice picnic, and if the ant family wants to use plates, I suppose it will be ok! Aunt Ant said, "I will tell all of the rest of the family to come to our picnic!"

The day finally came for the great picnic. All of the ant family came. It was a great day for a picnic! The sun was shining, the sky was blue, and even the birds in the trees seemed to be singing, "It's a nice day to have a picnic!" And no people were at that picnic table that was so close by! The ants put all of the food on the table and pretty

soon everyone was having the best picnic, EVER!

When the picnic was over, all of the ants were so happy that they decided to do this all of the time. And they did!

Now, the next time you go to the park to have a nice picnic with your family, do you think that the ants will bother you? After all, they know how to have a picnic now! Of course, they will bother you, because they just love picnics! GOOD NIGHT!



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Educators expect flood of lawsuits targeting federal No Child Left Behind Act

THERMAL, Calif. (AP).— The federal No Child Left Behind Act threatens costly penalties for schools deemed failing to meet academic standards. In response, many educators have a threat of their own: A flood of lawsuits aimed at avoiding the sanctions.

Since President Bush signed the sweeping education reforms in 2002, the law has drawn criticism from educators debating

its strict performance and test requirements. The act requires all students to be proficient in reading, writing and math by 2014.

Starting this academic year, parents of children in failing schools can demand transfers to better campuses. Over the next four years, schools must offer tutoring services, administrators and teachers can be fired, states can take over dis-

tricts, and federal funds can be withheld.

Coachella Valley Unified School District — which includes Oasis Elementary School — could be among the nation's first to challenge the law. The school board is considering suing federal and state governments, claiming the district is being held to unreachable goals.

"Coachella is the tip of the ice-

berg," John Perez, president of United Teachers Los Angeles, said, adding that the law "doesn't take into account things it needs to."

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, students at more than 27,500 schools nationwide — almost 31 percent of all U.S. public schools — are failing at math and reading.

Last December, Reading

School District in Pennsylvania sued over its low performance rating, arguing its Spanish-speaking students couldn't read the tests. About two-thirds of the district's 16,000 students are Hispanic; 15 percent have limited English proficiency.

But, judges ruled that testing in a student's native language is not mandatory, only required "to the extent that it is practicable to do so."

STARTEK

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resource manager for StarTek's Big Spring office, said in responding to questions from the media this morning.

Smith was tight-lipped about any specific numbers of layoffs or about rumors concerning the rumored closure of the facility at the end of the year that was included as a part of a television

newscast Monday night.

"Our laying off employees is directly related to the downturn in our client's business," said StarTek's Vice President of Marketing Amy Claire Wild, from the company's corporate headquarters in Denver.

"We want these employees to know that these layoffs are not a reflection of a poor performance," Wild added. "They have always given quality customer service, day in and

day out."

More information will be available after the company submits its published earnings statement at the end of this week, Wild said.

While saddened by the news, local officials were taking the turn of events in stride.

"We hate the loss of jobs for employees and for Big Spring," said Kent Sharp, executive director of Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. "However,

that is the nature of the call center business. With the huge outsourcing of call center jobs, I suspect they won't have a hard time replacing that business. It wouldn't surprise me if in 30 days they have new clients and need an additional 100 employees."

Sharp said that he has heard estimates of layoff numbers ranging from 50 to 80, but has received no definite numbers.

Located in the 30,000-

square-foot office space at 501 Birdwell, StarTek employed more than 270 people prior to the layoffs.

Many employees would not comment on losing their jobs because they had accepted severance packages that required them not to criticize StarTek.

One employee wishing to remain unnamed so that she wouldn't lose her severance package, said the company's mission statement says that they

are dedicated to earning the trust of clients, employees and the communities in which they are located. However, she wonders just how trustworthy the company really is when its employees received no advance warning that their jobs would be gone.

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FORUM

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here not only from our staff, but from our many caring volunteers."

Shelley Smith, executive director of West Texas Centers for MHMR, said that it's very important to have a voice and exercise the right to tell the local side of the story.

"It's extremely important to tell the board about the patients we serve. We need everyone who is able to come out and talk about the importance of our state hospital

and about the difficulties it would create if it were closed," said Smith.

Those from Big Spring expected to speak to the board include Smith and Moughon, Russ McEwen, Terry McDaniel, Kent Sharp, Virginia Belew and Lou Ann Atkins.

All Howard County residents are invited to come to show their support. There are a few seats left on the bus chartered for the forum. Contact Debbye ValVerde, Chamber executive director, at 263-7641 for more information.

Thursday, the review

board will travel to Lubbock to attend another forum. Big Spring State Hospital supporters who are expected to address the board include Garza County Judge Giles

Dalby, Borden County Judge Van York, Yoakum County Judge Dallas Brewer and Yoakum County Sheriff Don Corzine.

Local officials are still

urging anyone interested in sending letters of support for the facility to do so by writing HHS Commissioner Albert Hawkins, c/o the Texas Health and Human

Services Commission, P.O. Box 13247, Austin, 78711-3247.

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JENKINS

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viruses or variants identified in the second half of 2003 (6,430), and over seven times more than the 1,650 identified during the first half of 2003.

BitDefender analysts have compiled a top 10 of the worst threats encountered in the first half of 2004. The top 10 largely reflects the fight between various versions of NetSky and Bagle, as well as the enormous success these strains have had.

The virus writers behind NetSky and Bagle have been very prolific, as the NetSky strain is composed now of 30 variants, and the Bagle strain is comprised of 47 variants.

A possible cause for the high rate of infections and the large number of viruses released this year is the trend towards building more dangerous viruses.

It seems social engineering — a key component in the spreading of mass mailers — has its limits, so virus writers are turning to exploits to help spread their "creations." This trend is easily explainable, since worms require no user intervention to spread.

"A significant number of exploitable holes in MS Windows were found and left unpatched by a sizeable portion of the user base in the first half of 2004, leading to the Sasser epidemic, among other things," said Holton.

The trend is easily discernible. While 75 percent of the viruses identified in 2003 were mass mailers, the proportion has declined to 65 percent, with the worms taking up the rest of the chart.

"The threats faced by internet users have grown and diversified. With the proliferation of worms, Trojans and other malware we are seeing, applying common sense rules like 'patch quickly' and 'do not open spooky attachments' is just not enough to keep systems protected. Unfortunately, it would seem that our work is more necessary than ever," he added.

Another significant trend is the increasing spread of "bots," either autonomous or networked. These make up a large part of infections lately, and are seeing wider use in illegal activities, because they include functions such as password and credit card number collection and the possibility to launch distributed denial of service attacks.

Second place in the BitDefender top 10 for the first half of 2004 goes, therefore, to Backdoor.SDBot.Gen, which does not represent a bot, but is instead the generic name under which BitDefender scanners recognise the backdoor components of an ever-increasing number of related bots.

Anti-virus manufacturers have repeatedly issued warnings to computer users worldwide to increase their awareness with regard to the danger of opening suspicious file attachments.

Nevertheless, despite the emergence of bots and high profile worms like Sasser, mass mailers thoroughly outpaced everything else in terms of sheer numbers, so first place goes to NetSky.P.

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These Milan, Ita for sale at Displ

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Susanne: Yo daughter, Les art glass vase Well, the c was in D Splendor and gorgeous one from Milan, I tell Leslie, th I might get Christmas. T don't buy one porcelain myself.

Lyndel: Nea what I found day at The Bc — Magic Sk It's a humidif can use for a py. It uses di

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By MARSHA S

Features Editi Keep Bi Beautiful f Wildflower Se 8:30 a.m. unt Saturday at Roberts Community Center.

"We're having this seminar about native wildflowers, how to plant, grow and get native wildflowers started in our area," said Barbara

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YoungLife c is seeking a teens to worl high school each Monday Volunteers church regu background c ducted.

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Call leader: Matthew Wa 1234.



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These Milan, Italy, background, and Franz crystal vases are for sale at Displays of Splendor, 700 E. FM 700.

(Editor's note: This is the first in an ongoing column about unusual items available in Big Spring found by avid shoppers Susanne Reed and Lyndel Moody, Big Spring Herald employees.)

to create an awesome-looking white mist. They're attractive and very decorative and you have several styles to choose from.

Susanne: Wow, Lyndel, I didn't know you could

Susanne: You know my daughter, Leslie, collects art glass vases.

Well, the other day I was in Displays of Splendor and saw some gorgeous ones imported from Milan, Italy. Don't tell Leslie, though, okay? I might get her one for Christmas. That is, if I don't buy one of the Franz porcelain vases for myself.

Lyndel: Neat! You know what I found the other day at The Bookworm

— Magic Sky Fountains. It's a humidifier that you can use for aroma therapy. It uses distilled water

get something like that here in Big Spring. That's cool.

Did I tell you that I was at Sierra Animal Clinic and saw that they have Yesterday's News cat litter?

It's made from recycled newspapers! Isn't that great? I'm always looking for ways to be earth-friendly especially with news print, and they say it's three times more absorbent than clay, 99.7% dust free and non-toxic.

Lyndel: I've never heard of that before. What a gem, especially for the environmentally-cautious cat owner.

Hey, talk about finding a gem. I walked into The Lady Bug Monday and found tons of neat jewelry.

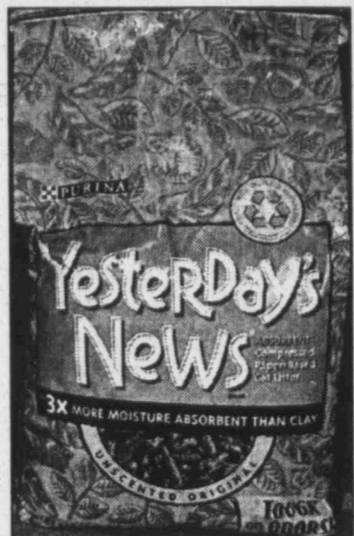
Pat Crouch, the owner, makes much of the jewelry by hand. I saw a silver coral bracelet that I just might have to add to my own collection.

Pat told me the silver comes from the mines of Mexico.

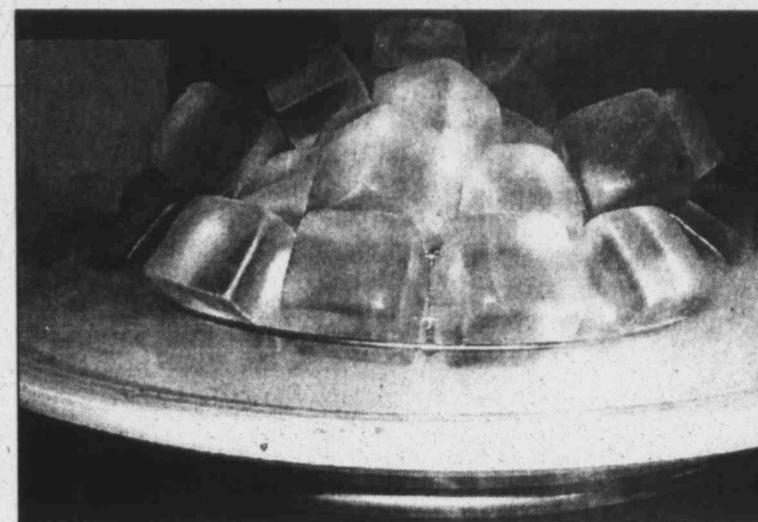
Susanne: Are you kidding me? That's awesome.

And you know, I saw a really neat chair at Save-On Office Supplies. It's a Texas chair. Of course, it is done in red, white and blue. The back rest looks like a version of the state flag. Did you even know they sell office furniture there?

Lyndel: No, I didn't know that, but now I have another place to go when I'm looking to buy office



Yesterday's News cat litter is available at Sierra Animal Clinic, 3404 E. FM 700.



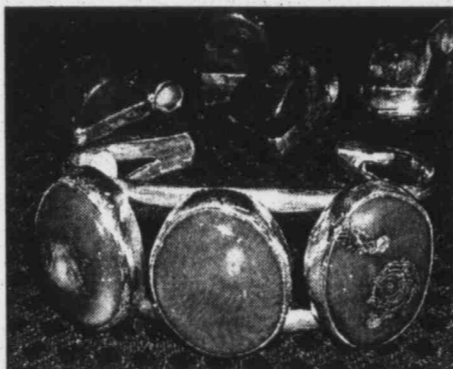
The Magic Sky Fountains are available at The Bookworm, 1001 S. Lancaster.

sells all types of western ornaments, from miniature badges to boots and even Santa Claus and snowmen, all dressed up in western clothing. You know I'm just a sucker for Christmas ornaments.

Marsha Sturdivant, features editor of the Big Spring Herald, at 263-7331 or e-mail life@bigspringherald.com.



These Texas Christmas ornaments are available at the Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry.



This jewelry made from silver found in mines in Mexico is available at The Lady Bug, 2112 Scurry.

furniture.

Hey Susanne, you know it's getting time to start thinking about Christmas and I saw the cutest gift the other day.

The Heritage Museum

To locate any of these items, visit Displays of Splendor, and Sierra Animal Clinic, located on FM 700; Save-On Office Supplies on Gregg Street; The Bookworm, located on South Lancaster and the Heritage Museum and The Lady Bug, both on Scurry Street.

Susanne Reed is the Big Spring Herald publisher, and Lyndel Moody is an advertising representative.

To submit an idea to Shoppin' Robin, contact



This Texas office chair is available at Save-On Office Supplies, 1900 Gregg.

Wildflower seminar offers start of community wildflower program

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Features Editor Keep Big Spring Beautiful presents a Wildflower Seminar from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

"We're having this seminar about native wildflowers, how to plant, grow and get native wildflowers started in our area," said Barbara Brumley,



BARBARA BRUMLEY

KBSB member. The seminar will feature Larry Wilhelm, the environmental coordinator for the city of Grapevine.

"He taught the compost school for us this summer, and is really great. He would like to see us use these wildflower seeds to develop a nature trail, maybe by the Vietnam Memorial area, on that side of Scenic Mountain that winds to the mountain," she said.

The Texas Department of Transportation is encouraging wildflower programs throughout the state, and Brumley said grants are available to establish programs.

"We're hoping to get a lot of people to attend, and then take the seeds they receive and we'll work together to plant them in strategic places around our community.

"With \$10 worth of seeds, we can plant them along highways and roads and still have seeds to take home and plant in yards are other areas," she said.

Seating for the seminar is limited, so reservations should be able as soon as possible, she said.

To reserve a seat at the seminar and the \$10 worth of wildflower seeds, call Sara at 263-0680.

Leave a message if there is not an answer.

YoungLife seeks adult volunteers

YoungLife of Big Spring is seeking adult volunteers to work with area high school teen-agers each Monday night.

Volunteers must attend church regularly and a background check is conducted.

Adult leaders meet at 7 p.m. each Monday before club and have additional training throughout the school year.

Call leaders Shelly and Matthew Warren at 264-1234.

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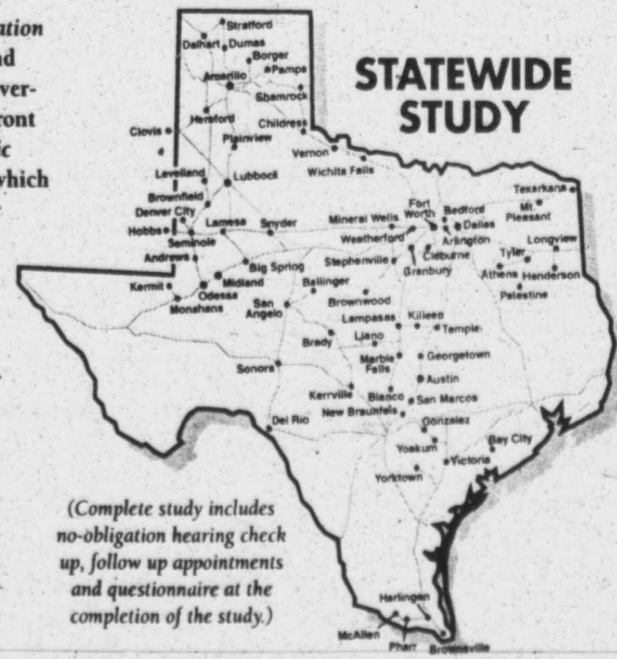


As part of a Texas research study, five of America's leading manufacturers of hearing aids are looking for 50 people in the Big Spring area that will qualify as product testers to try the new **HIGH DEFINITION - PRECISION DIRECTIONAL IMAGING** technology. Livingston Audiology & Hearing Aid Centers have been selected as the local participating center in this area. There are over 50 hearing centers across Texas involved in

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Today's election places fate of nation in voters' hands

By CALVIN WOODWARD
Associated Press

The first presidential election since the United States plunged into its epochal war on terrorism was finally handed off to voters Tuesday. President Bush declaring the "safety and prosperity of America" is at stake and Democratic challenger John Kerry saying "the hopes of our country are on the line."

A dizzying final dash across the Midwest and points south capped a campaign that found the contenders deadlocked at every vital turn and stirred expectations that Americans, for once, were highly motivated to vote.

"This election is in the hands of the people, and I feel very comfortable about that," Bush said after he and first lady Laura Bush and twin daughters Barbara and Jenna cast ballots about 8:45 a.m. EST in Crawford, Texas. "Now's the time for the people to express their will."

"Today is decision day," Kerry told cheering supporters at an airport hangar in Toledo, Ohio, early Tuesday morning. "You have an opportunity now, this day, to make fundamental change in America, and the hopes of our country are on the line."

Overnight, the Bush campaign sent an e-mail from the president exhorting people to vote — "It comes down to today" — and asking that the recipient forward the e-mail to five more people. Kerry e-mailed a similar call to arms on Monday: "When you go to the polls bring your

friends, your family, your neighbors. No one can afford to stand on the sidelines or sit this one out."

By all signs, voters were engaged.

Long lines were reported at precincts from Florida and North Carolina to West Virginia and Michigan. "We even had people waiting in line before we opened at 6:30 a.m.," said Wayne County Clerk Robert Pasley in Wayne, W.Va. "In some places, there was more than a dozen people waiting, and that's heavy."

Rain was falling in parts of the Midwest as voters lined up. Brain Fravel, a 43-year-old welder who lives in Columbus, Ohio, said he had never before had to wait to vote. When he arrived at the Northland Church of Christ at 7:30 a.m. EST, he found a long line of people and waited 45 minutes to cast a ballot. "I thought I was early enough to beat it," Fravel said.

The final pre-election polls turned up tied — 49-49 in one CNN-USA Today-Gallup survey, with Ralph Nader at 1 percent. Tight surveys in Florida and a variety of Midwestern states including Ohio deepened the mystery over who would collect the necessary 270 electoral votes.

"In all honesty, I don't think it's possible to predict what's going to happen," Democratic vice presidential candidate John Edwards said Tuesday on NBC's "Today" show. "I think we're going to see

unprecedented turnout, I think we're going to see huge voter participation. And when that happens, democracy works. So we feel very confident, very optimistic."

The nation's first votes cast and counted on Election Day, in the mountain hamlet of Hart's Location, N.H., reflected in miniature what seemed likely to be writ large across the country: a horse race in votes, not just polls.

Following a quirky tradition of post-midnight voting in New Hampshire's North Country, 16 people voted for Bush, 14 for Kerry and one for Ralph Nader. Bush beat Democrat Al Gore 17-13 in the hamlet in 2000.

The prospect of unprecedented legal challenges hung over Election Day, each side sending thousands of lawyers into motion to monitor the flood of newly registered voters and mount hair-trigger challenges against any sign of irregularity.

In an 11th-hour blow for Democrats in battleground Ohio, an appeals court in Cincinnati stayed lower court decisions and cleared the way for vote challengers to be present at polling places in the state Tuesday. Democrats had claimed Republicans were seeking to discourage minority voters by keeping party representatives out of polling stations.

The decisions were quickly appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, where Justice John Paul Stevens declined to overturn the appeals court action in an order issued little more than an hour before the polls there opened.

Bush finished his last campaign with a noisy homecoming rally late Monday night that packed an overflow crowd of 8,000 into a basketball stadium in Dallas.

Kerry stopped in Toledo en route to Wisconsin for the rest of the night. He was flying home to Boston to vote and await a verdict that no one could foretell with confidence.

"Let's go make it happen," Kerry implored a crowd in Milwaukee. Bush and Kerry came within a mile of each other in Milwaukee and the Democrat's motorcade encountered a procession of Bush campaign buses just after the president had split off for Air Force One.

Bush toned down the jabs at Kerry during his six-state, seven-stop, 19-hour finale Monday but did not abandon them completely.

"In the course of this campaign, my opponent has spent much of his time talking about the day that is gone," Bush told a Monday night rally in Albuquerque, N.M. "I'm talking about the day that is coming."

The president lost New Mexico and Wisconsin in his 2000 squeaker.

Polls found not only a sizzling contest again this time but a sense among people that this election counted more than others in the recent past. As well, untold millions took advantage of expanded opportunities to vote before Election Day in 32 states.

Altogether, those harbingers raised hopes that voter turnout, usually anemic by comparison with other democracies, would climb.

Miller, the Sept. 11 widow, described herself as a loyal Democrat but said she still had not decided who would get her vote. "I'd like to know I'm gonna live another 20 years, that I'll have grandchildren," she said.

Bush and Kerry touched on that theme until the final moments of their almost relentlessly rancorous battle, both promising steadfast leadership in the war on terrorism and a single-minded focus on the nation's security.

"I believe we can bring the world back to the side of America," Kerry said Monday, making six stops in four states — two stops each in Ohio and Wisconsin. "I believe that we can regain America's respect and influence in the world, and I believe we deserve a president who knows how to fight a more effective war on terror and make America safe."

Bush said: "The American president must

lead with clarity and purpose. As presidents from Lincoln to Roosevelt to Reagan so clearly demonstrated, a president must not shift with the wind."

There were few grace notes in the eight-month slugfest but in the final hours, Bush ad consultant Mark McKinnon, accompanying the president, offered a nod to an opponent who is known as a strong finisher as a sometimes plodding starter.

"They went through some really tough times and they never let it pull them down," he said. Kerry "ran tough and hard, and we ran tough and hard, and at the end I don't think the campaigns are going to be looking back with great regret at what they could or should have done. I think we did it all."

Legal teams were just getting started already maneuvering and ready to pounce on any sign of irregularities that could be pivotal if the election turned out to be a close as polls suggested.

The nation's terrorism-threat level remained at midrange yellow, meaning elevated, for most of the country, despite the emergence late last week of a videotape of Osama bin Laden taunting Bush.

Associated Press Writer Nedra Pickler, traveling with the Kerry campaign, contributed to this report; Calvin Woodward wrote from Washington.

National Brief

Cost of 2004 elections: \$4 billion and counting
WASHINGTON (AP) — The price of democracy in 2004: \$4 billion, and that's not even counting all the ballots, poll workers and election lawyers.

Add the expenses borne by states and local government — to be determined later — and the price tag rises anywhere from hundreds of millions of dollars to possibly upward of \$1 billion more.

Congressional and presidential candidates alone devoted at least \$1.8 billion to their primary and general election campaigns, with about one-third of that spent by Bush and Kerry.

Ad firms consumed much of the money, but other small businesses

got a piece of the action, too. Former Democratic presidential hopeful Howard Dean, for example, spent nearly \$7,000 on "thank you" chocolates for donors, bought from home state truffle maker Lake Champlain Chocolates.

The Democratic and Republican parties and the host committees helping them spent about \$162 million on their nominating convention, including about \$29 million in taxpayer money.

In all, the two parties spent at least \$957 million this election cycle. Bush and Kerry also have millions to draw on in case of a presidential recount — some \$78 million between the two politicians.

Local Briefs

Spring City Senior Citizen Center

An Open House for the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center is set for 4-6 p.m. Friday to celebrate the completed renovations of the building.

This summer, volunteers have been remodeling the interior of the building, as well as providing maintenance and renovations to various area of the facility.

The public is invited.

Heritage Museum

The Heritage Museum will hold a Christmas Art Contest for all ages. Come by the Heritage Museum to get detailed instructions and canvas. A \$10 entry fee covers

cost of matting art work. The deadline is Nov. 20. The judging will be Dec. 4. The art will be on exhibit at the museum Dec. 4-23.

For more information call 267-8255.

Big Lake Volunteer Fire Department

The Big Lake Volunteer Fire Department Running with the Dogs 5K run, 5k fun walk and 10K Run will be Nov. 20 in Big Lake. The event will be held in conjunction with the Texas State Sheepdog and Cattle Dog Finals.

For more information contact Alan Garner at (325) 884-3650 or Linda Rees at (325) 884-2854 or e m a i l lkrees@reagancounty.org



Scenic Mountain Medical Center invites you to join our... November 2004 Schedule

<p>November 1 • Monday No Sit & Be Fit Today - Sr. Office Closed</p> <p>November 2 • Tuesday • Mall Walking - 8:00 am • Coffee @ Park Place - 10:00 am</p> <p>November 3 • Wednesday • RSVP Senior Leadership - Chamber - 8:30 am • Stretch & Tone - 11:00 am • Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am • Supper Club - 5:30 pm "Herman's"</p> <p>November 4 • Thursday • Mall Walking - 8:00 am • Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am</p> <p>November 5 • Friday Open</p> <p>November 6 • Saturday • Regional Training Regional 5 Relay For Life San Angelo Holiday Inn - 10:00 am</p> <p>November 7 • Sunday • The Man Who Came To Dinner - MCT - 1:00 pm</p> <p>November 8 • Monday • Birthday Party & Lunch - 11:30 am "Gale's Bakery" • Games - 2:00 pm • Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm</p> <p>November 9 • Tuesday • Mall Walking - 8:00 am American Heart Association meets @ Noon Gale's Sweet Shoppe • American Cancer Society Howard/Glasscock Co Volunteer Luncheon Volunteer Of The Year Garrett Hall - Noon • RSVP Hank Dunn - First Presbyterian Church 6:30 pm Free To Public - Hard Choices For Loving People CEU's Offered 2.0 - Light Supper - 264-7599</p> <p>November 10 • Wednesday • Stretch & Tone - 11:00 am • Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am</p> <p>November 11 • Thursday • Mall Walking - 8:00 am • Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am • Jewelry Sale - Hospital Lobby 9 am-5:00 pm</p> <p>November 12 • Friday • Lubbock Shopping (KK's Mall) - 8:00 am • Jewelry Sale - Hospital Lobby 9 am-4:00 pm</p> <p>November 13 • Saturday Childbirth Classes - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, 268-4550 Laurie Burks, Instructor (2nd Floor Hospital)</p> <p>November 14 • Sunday Open</p>	<p>November 15 • Monday • Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm • Supper Club "KC Steakhouse" - 5:30 pm</p> <p>November 16 • Tuesday • Mall Walking - 8:00 am Kick Off Relay For Life - Garrett Hall - 6:00 pm Reading Of Mayor Proclamation - Guest Speaker Refreshments Available</p> <p>November 17 • Wednesday • RSVP Senior Leadership - Chamber - 8:30 am • Stretch & Tone - 11:00 am • Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am</p> <p>November 18 • Thursday • Mall Walking - 8:00 am • Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am • Lunch-N-Learn - 11:30 pm</p> <p>November 19 • Friday • Thanksgiving Potluck & Bingo - 11:30 am Bake Sale Hosted By SMCC Volunteers Hospital Lobby - 7:30 am</p> <p>November 20 • Saturday Open</p> <p>November 21 • Sunday Open</p> <p>November 22 • Monday • Games - 2:00 pm • Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm</p> <p>November 23 • Tuesday • Mall Walking - 8:00 am • Supper Club "Cowboys" - 5:30 pm • RSVP - 3:00 pm Polly Mays Municipal Annex Bldg.</p> <p>November 24 • Wednesday • Stretch & Tone - 11:00 am • Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am</p> <p>November 25 • Thursday Thanksgiving Holiday</p> <p>November 26 • Friday Thanksgiving Holiday</p> <p>November 27 • Saturday Open</p> <p>November 28 • Sunday Open</p> <p>November 29 • Monday • Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm</p> <p>November 30 • Tuesday • Mall Walking - 8:00 am • Supper Club "Spanish Inn" 5:30 pm</p>
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LOOK FOR DECEMBER - ANGEL TREE

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Basketball needed for

The Cross is looking for ball officials upcoming November.

For more information, contact Rodriguez at 517-0300.

The game played in such as Forsan and will junior high school level.

Ragball to set for Nov

A ragball has been set to raise money for Life.

The tour take place and Sunda Mize Field Comanche Registration place that 5 p.m.

The team up of five women and per player pate.

For more information, contact the bus at 4108.

YMCA basketball registration

The Y announced ball registration upcoming run through

Boys and five through register to one of four

The registration is \$30 and will take YMCA.

There will be fund-raiser but financial assistance.

An or meeting for would like group coordination been scheduled Tuesday, 1

Saturday, Everyone coaching one of these uled meeting

The game uled to begin Jan. 8.

For more information, call 267-8234.

Steer basketball clinic set

There will be basketball Saturday Spring YM

a.m. to 12 Registrations event will 9:45 a.m. and boys grades k through attend.

The cost more than per family price is received.

Each participant receive a gold T-shirt certificate.

The tournament sponsored Spring boosters conducted Spring staff.

For more information, call 2

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 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.

YMCA basketball registration nearing

The YMCA has announced that basketball registration for the upcoming season will run through Nov. 20.

Boys and girls age five through 12 may register to take part in one of four age groups.

The registration fee is \$30 and all sign-ups will take place at the YMCA.

There will be no fund-raiser this year, but financial assistance is available for families who require assistance.

An organizational meeting for adults who would like to be age group coordinators has been scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 30 and Saturday, Dec. 4. Everyone interested in coaching must attend one of these two scheduled meetings.

The games are scheduled to begin Saturday, Jan. 8.

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

Steer basketball clinic set for Nov. 6

There will be a Steers basketball clinic Saturday at the Big Spring YMCA from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Registration for the event will be from 9:00-9:45 a.m. at the YMCA and boys and girls in grades kindergarten through fourth can attend.

The cost is \$30 and if more than one child per family attends the price is reduced to \$20 each.

Each participant will receive a black and gold T-shirt and a gift certificate.

The tournament is sponsored by the Big Spring boys basketball boosters and will be conducted by the Big Spring Steers coaching staff.

For more information, call 267-1267.

Howard rolls through UTPB, LCU in opener

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The Howard College basketball teams opened up their regular seasons Monday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum and both the men and women rolled to victories.

The women's team defeated the UTPB junior varsity, 69-28, while the men rolled past Lubbock Christian University's junior varsity squad, 100-36, after leading 53-15 at half-time.

Howard women's basketball coach Lorin Miller was happy with the victory and the defensive performance.

"We played pretty well," said Miller. "It was a pretty good effort regardless of who we played."

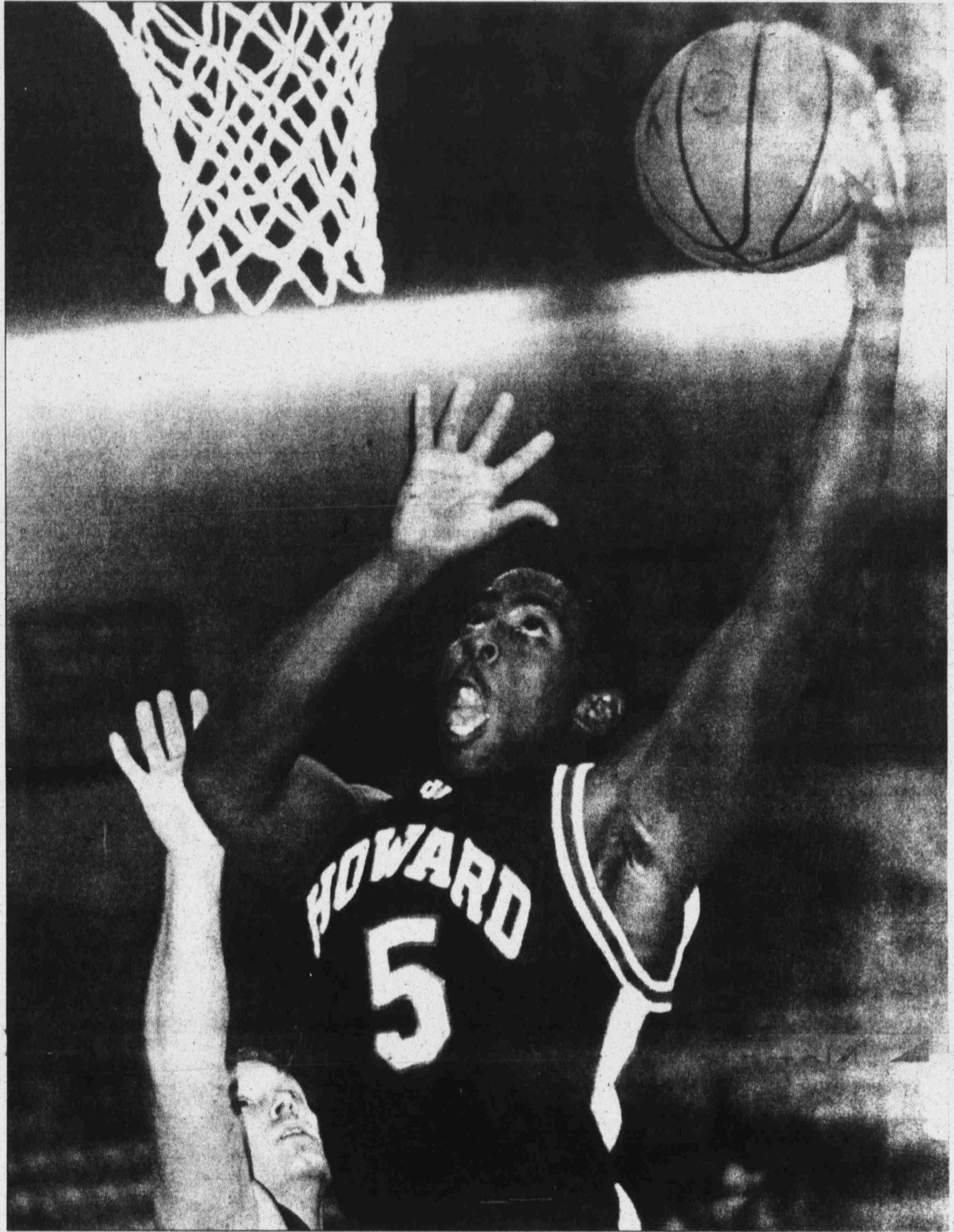
The Lady Hawks held UTPB to 28 points and 14 of those came from the foul line.

"We held them to only seven field goals which was impressive, I think," said Miller.

Freshman Latoya Fairley led the Hawks with 15 points, while sophomore Ciara Tidwell and freshman Charmaine Callahan scored 13 and 10 points, respectively, as well.

Freshman Jennifer Pena and sophomore Jessica Shusteric added nine and eight points, respectively, as every Hawk player who saw the floor scored at least one point.

"We need to put this game behind us and prepare for Cisco," said Miller. "They are a very good team and we are going to have to play up another level and I think we can do that."



Howard College's James Barrett goes up strong inside for two points during the Hawks dominating win over Lubbock Christian's junior varsity squad. The Hawks won the game 100-36 after leading 53-15 at halftime.

"We are on a mission to continue this." The Howard College women return to the floor

Wednesday to take on Cisco at 6 p.m., while the men and women play Thursday, as well.

Head coach Mark Adams and the Hawk men will host Monterrey Tech of Mexico Thursday

at 8 p.m., while the women will challenge Lubbock Christian University at 6 p.m.

Three third-place finishes lead Sidewinders at district contest

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The YMCA Sidewinders gymnastics team finished out its fall season strong as the team traveled to Lubbock Oct. 16 to compete in the district meet.

Julianna Rodriguez and Karina Alvarado, who both compete at level four, scored 34.80 and 34.60, respectively, in the all-around.

The team's level five competitors are Vanessa Alvarado and Abigail Fierro. Alvarado took third in her nine-year-old age group with an all-around score of 34.35, while Fierro scored third place in her 11-year-old age group after scoring a 32.75.

Jodi Jones competes in level six and she came away with a third place finish in her 10-year-old age group after recording a 32.90 in her all-around.

The newest member of the Sidewinders team is Aimee Anastasio. However, she was able to compete in two events and took fourth in the all-around.

The compulsory season is winding down for the team, but Caitlyn Jones is due to start an optional season soon.



The YMCA Sidewinders gymnastics team finished its fall season in Lubbock Oct. 16. Front row, from left to right: Alvarado and Julianna Rodriguez. Middle: Jodi Jones and Aimee Anastasio. Top: Abigail Fierro, Caitlyn Jones and Vanessa Alvarado.

Astros general manager resigns

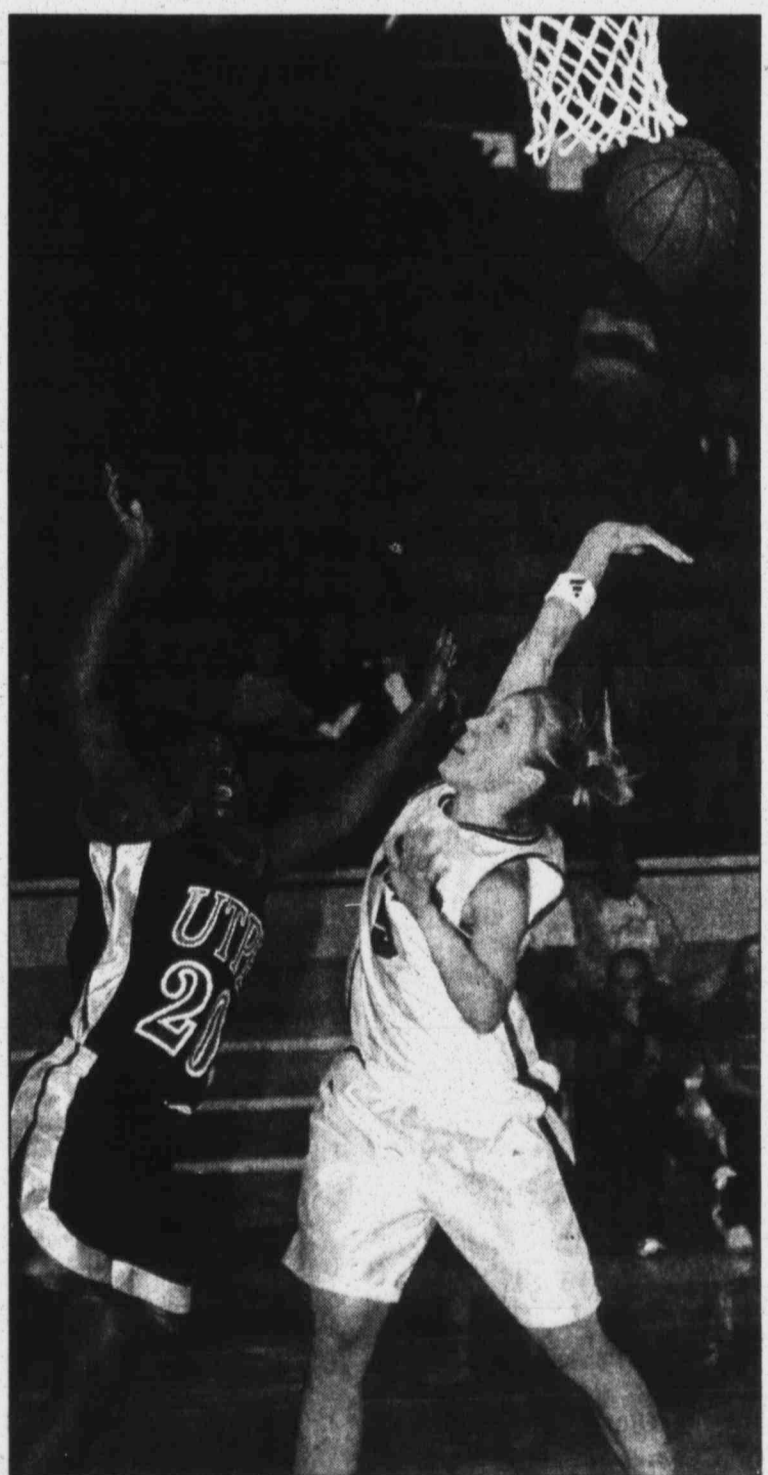
HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Astros general manager Gerry Hunsicker resigned, less than two weeks after the team came within one win of reaching the World Series for the first time.

Hunsicker, 53, said he will remain with the Astros as an adviser through next season. He became general manager in 1995, and had one year remaining on his contract. During his tenure, the Astros won four NL

Central titles, including second three times, including the past season.

Tim Lincecum, Purpura, Hunsicker's assistant and the team's director of player development, will succeed him immediately.

The Astros lost to the St. Louis Cardinals in seven games in this year's NL championship series. The Cards then lost to the Red Sox in the world series as Boston swept St. Louis.



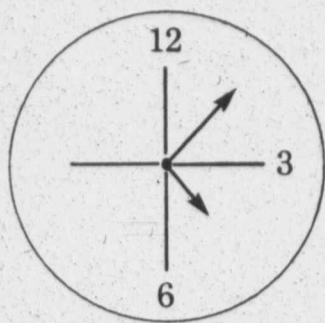
Howard College freshman Julie Gorski scores on a layup during the Lady Hawks 69-28 victory over the UTPB JV Monday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

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ARROWHEAD: Water muddy in upper end of lake; 68 degrees; 8-foot low. Black bass are fair on shallow running crankbaits and big jigs near rocky areas and flooded vegetation line. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows suspended 12- to 14-foot near derricks. White bass are good on shallow flats 3- to 8-foot on shad-imitation crankbaits and larger jigs with inline spinners. Blue and channel catfish are fair on cut shad and prepared baits in shallow water and vegetation line. Deer Creek Ramp closed due to low water.

COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 75 degrees; 5.2-foot low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Redfish are slow. Catfish are slow.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 73 degrees; 9.4-foot low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on live bait. White bass are fair. Catfish are fair.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water lightly stained; 74 degrees; 17.62-foot low. Black bass are fair on shad-colored crankbaits and slow-rolling spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass and hybrid striper are fair on jigs and live bait. Catfish are fair on live baits.

NASWORTHY: Water lightly stained; 74 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Redfish are fair. White bass and striped bass are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair on live bait.

OAK CREEK: Water lightly stained; 74 degrees; 27.2-foot low. Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair. No boat ramps open. 4x4 vehicles can unload on the dirt road near the dam.

O.H. IVIE: Water lightly stained; 73 degrees; 29.3-foot low. Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits and dark jigs. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live bait. Smallmouth bass are fair. Channel catfish are good on live bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 70 degrees; 1-foot low. Black bass are fair at 5 to 10-foot depth along vegetation line. Crappie are fair. White bass are fair. Striped bass are fair on live shad or sunfish fished vertically. Channel and blue, catfish are good in river just above reservoir on trotlines.

SPENCE: Water lightly stained; 75 degrees; 60-foot low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are fair. Striped bass and hybrid striper are slow. Catfish are slow.

STAMFORD: Water lightly stained; 76 degrees; 5.26-foot low. Black bass are fair on live bait and shad-colored jigs or spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White and striped bass are fair. Catfish are fair.

SWEETWATER: Water lightly stained; 76 degrees; 31.25-foot low. Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on small crankbaits. Catfish are good on live baits.

WHITE RIVER: Water lightly stained; 74 degrees; 22.5-foot low. Black bass are fair on crankbaits and live baits. Crappie are fair on jigs and live bait. Walleye are fair on live baits. Channel catfish are fair on prepared baits.

WICHITA: Water clearing; 67 degrees; 4-foot low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass and Hybrid stripers are fair on large minnows and Roadrunner jigs along dam. Channel catfish are good on trotlines baited with whole shad or drifting using shrimp or punch bait.

Spurs make few changes, improve shooting

By T.A. BADGER

Associated Press Writer
SAN ANTONIO — Another season for the San Antonio Spurs, another tension headache followed by relief for Tony Parker.

Last year the headache was brought on by the Spurs' zeal to bring Jason Kidd to San Antonio to replace Parker at point guard. This time, it was the Spurs' hesitation to sign him to a long-term contract before Wednesday's opener at home against Sacramento.

But late Monday, just before the league's signing deadline, the sides agreed to a long-term deal that will keep Parker, one of the NBA's best young point guards, with the Spurs.

The team would not reveal terms of the contract, but previous reports had Parker (14.6 points, 5.5 assists per game last season) willing to accept \$66 million over six years while the Spurs were dug in at \$64 million.

Parker, going into his

fourth NBA season at age 22, and Spurs management were scheduled to discuss the deal at a Tuesday news conference. Nearly all of San Antonio's key players are back from last year's team that won 57 games during the regular season before being eliminated by the Los Angeles Lakers in the Western Conference semifinals.

And as usual, the notoriously slow-starting Spurs expect the regular season to serve as an extended training camp for the playoffs.

"We're going to use 82 games to get where we want to get to, so we'll progress along the season," said forward Tim Duncan, the team's leading scorer, rebounder and inside defender. "We'll go through some highs and lows, and we'll enjoy it."

Duncan (22.3 points, 12.4 rebounds) is coming off a relative low this summer in Athens, when the heavily favored American team he led had to settle for Olympic bronze.

A gold medal came back to San Antonio draped

around the neck of Spurs guard Manu Ginobili, who led Argentina to a semifinal victory over the United States and the championship win over Italy.

Ginobili (12.8 points, 4.5 rebounds) says he expects his Olympic success to give him some lift in his third NBA season.

"Winning such a big and important tournament against many of the best players in this league gives you a lot of confidence and the feeling that you're doing things right," said Ginobili, who will return to the starting lineup after Hedo Turkoglu signed with Orlando in the offseason.

San Antonio addressed two of its most glaring weaknesses — reliable perimeter scoring and free-throw shooting — by signing free agent guard Brent Barry in July. Barry's career 3-point accuracy tops 40 percent and he's an 82 percent foul shooter.

"He's a player that knows how to play the game," Ginobili said. "Very smart overall play-

er because he knows how to pass, he also rebounds strong and handles the ball, so he is going to be backing everybody up."

Barry (10.8 points, 5.8 assists for Seattle) should get playing time at both guard positions and at small forward. He is still learning the Spurs' defense-first system and waiting to see how and where he will fit in.

While Duncan and Ginobili were playing in Athens, center Rasha Nesterovic was adding weight and strength to his slender 7-foot frame and losing some of his inhibitions on the court.

Nesterovic (8.7 points, 7.7 rebounds) was signed before last season to take some pressure off Duncan, but he had trouble holding his ground against other big men.

Small forward Bruce Bowen, named to the All-Defensive first team last season, is back, as are a large group of reserves: forwards Robert Horry and Malik Rose

Behind Parker at the point will be rookie Beno Udrih.

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The Big Spring Independent School District shall receive sealed proposals until 4:00 P.M., November 9, 2004, for the following area:

Extracurricular Student Drug Testing Services

Specifications and proposal documents may be secured from the school district's Business Office, 708 East 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720-4648, phone number (432)264-3640. Proposals will be received in the Business Office of the Big Spring Independent School District until the above listed date and time. Proposals received after the above deadline will be returned unopened. Proposals will be presented for consideration to the Board of Trustees on November 11, 2004, at 6:30 P.M. at their regularly scheduled board meeting. The Big Spring Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. #4367 October 26, & November 2, 2004.

Legals

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN A WATER QUALITY PERMIT RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0010069001

APPLICATION. City of Big Spring, 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0010069001 (EPA I.D. No. TX0047023) to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed an annual average flow of 3,800,000 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located on the north side of Eleventh Street, approximately 1,000 feet east of the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 700 and Eleventh Street in Howard County, Texas. The discharge route is from the plant site to Beals Creek; thence to the Colorado River Below Lake J. B. Thomas. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on October 7, 2004. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at City Hall, City of Big Spring, 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After completion of a technical review, the TCEQ will issue a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision.

PUBLIC COMMENT/ PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. The TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

Written public comments or requests for public meeting must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087.

ADDITIONAL NOTICE. After technical review of the application is complete, the executive director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list or the mailing list for this application.**

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
This Election Day, the moon is in the most patriotic placement as it transits through

Cancer, the birth sign of America. **Voter turnout** should be up and spirits high, with flags aplenty waving proudly. The Scorpio sun is compatible with the Cancer moon, and we'll ask questions, use our intuition and seek the truth until the last ballot is cast.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). What you want from others is conflicting with what they need for themselves. Try not to take it personally if your sweetie or a friend doesn't seem to have time for you right now. Hang in there, and the situation will clear up.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A new challenge will force you to see a different side of yourself than you normally face. Don't be surprised if you find yourself speaking in public to a large group - nerve-racking sure, but nothing you can't handle.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've been spinning your wheels, feeling stalled while the rest of the world is on fast-forward. What you need is a fresh perspective to shake the cobwebs out of your eyes. Go someplace different, and get a change of scenery.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A certain difficult co-worker loves to push your buttons. He or she always knows exactly what to say to make you feel insecure, especially if it's about your personal

life. Try compassion rather than getting defensive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your enthusiasm revives everyone around you by providing a much-needed energy boost. One word of caution: Someone higher up is trying to take all the credit for your work. Back up all your drives, and keep detailed notes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A female friend or co-worker who is younger and less educated than you will be able to offer you startling insights into a personal problem. Sometimes, your book smarts blind you to the simplest, most obvious answers.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Belief always trumps doubt. Sure, it's easy to keep your faith in the divine order of the universe when everything's coming up roses for you. It's much harder, and much more important, to keep it when the going gets tough.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Keep things moving in the right direction by communicating information clearly. This is especially true if you don't think what you're saying is particularly important. Your words are much more powerful than you realize.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The big picture is coming into sharp focus, enabling you to discern recurring patterns and themes. Use this opportunity to correct your course of direction if necessary. Tie up any loose ends.

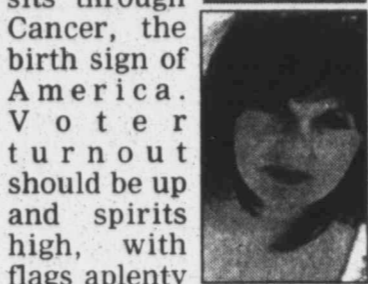
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The physics behind chaos theory says nothing happens by chance. Everything is cyclical - and the cycles are so long that sometimes events appear to us short-lived mortals as bizarre flukes. Trust in life's process.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Be very clear about what you hope to achieve. When faced with an overly critical family member or friend, smile and tell that person you love him or her. Nothing else you tell them today will be understood, so don't even try.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). That special someone in your life is pulling away from you now because he or she is afraid of loving you too much and getting hurt. Your first instinct will be to hold on tight. Resist this urge.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Sean "P. Diddy" Combs loves to take the unexpected route to getting what he wants, and for the most part, that's been very successful for him. From his critically acclaimed stint on Broadway in "A Raisin in the Sun" to his multimillion-dollar retail business, this Scorpio has his hands in many pies and his finger on the pulse of the trend. I see an ocean voyager in this water sign's future.

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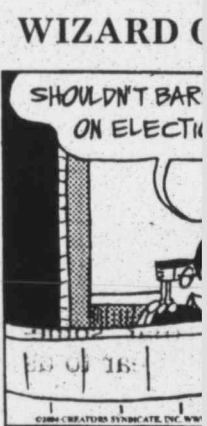
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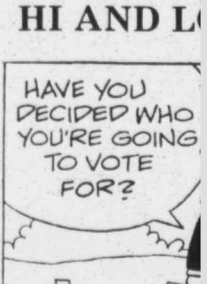
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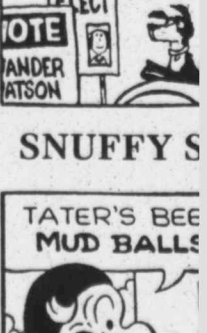
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10 :PM	News (CC)	Vote 2004 (CC)	Primer Impacto Noticiero Univ.	70s Show Raymond	News Election 2004 (CC)	Noticias Decision 2004		10 Movie: The Mask of Zorro (CC)	Joe McGee Rabbi Richman	Sign Off	Monster Nation	45 Movie: Serpico (CC)	Widest Police Videos	Nuggets at Los Angeles Lakers	Midnight Love	Proud Family That's-Raven	NFL Live	Dream Job (CC)	Sand (CC)
11 :PM	Ent. Tonight Oprah Winfrey	Extra (CC) Paid Program	Mujeres Enganadas	Spin City Dharma-Greg		Al Rojo Vivo-Maria Celeste Corte-Familia		40 Movie: The Hour of Healing			Monster Nation		Blind Date Shipmates	Inside the NBA	Comicview	Kim Possible Lizzie McGuire	NFL's Greatest NFL's Greatest	SportsCenter (CC)	12:15 Movie: Intimate

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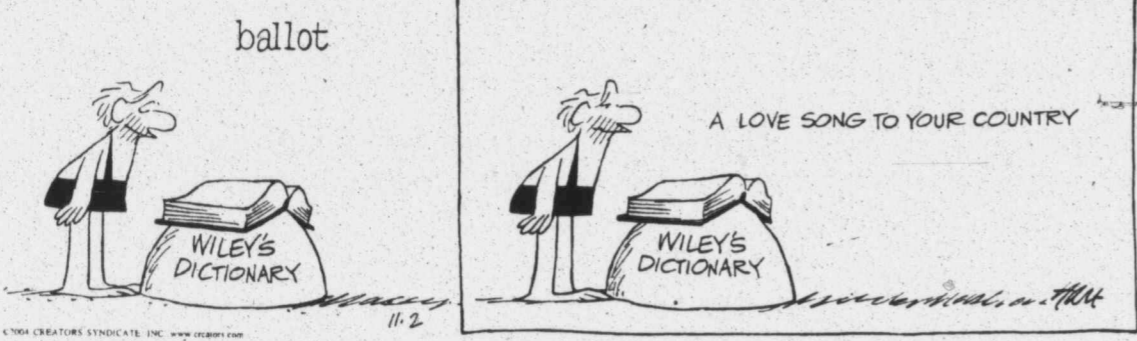
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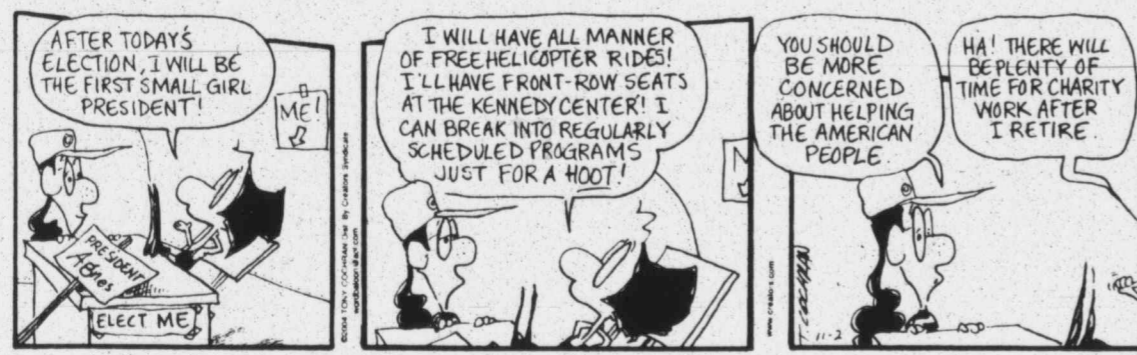
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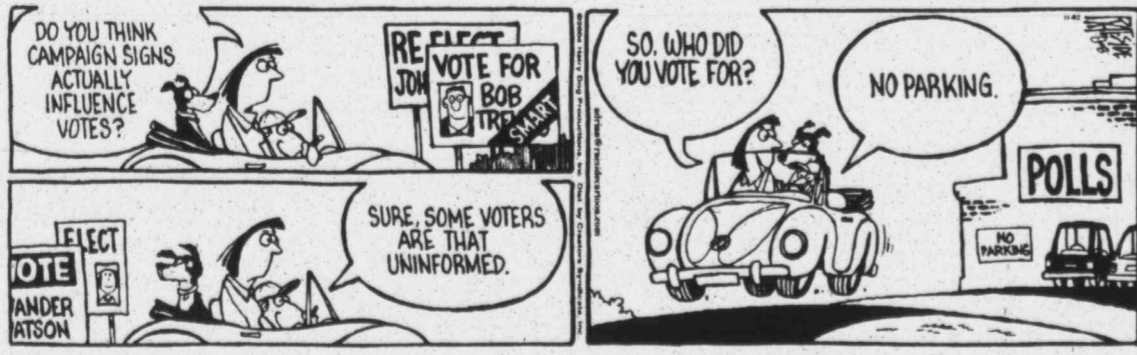
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 2, the 307th day of 2004. There are 59 days left in the year. This is Election Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 2, 1948, President Truman surprised the experts by being re-elected in a narrow upset over Republican challenger Thomas E. Dewey.

On this date:

In 1783, Gen. George Washington issued his "Farewell Address to the Army" near Princeton, N.J.

In 1795, the 11th president of the United States, James Knox Polk, was born in Mecklenburg County, N.C.

In 1865, the 29th president of the United States, Warren Gamaliel Harding, was born near Corsica, Ohio.

In 1889, North Dakota and

South Dakota became the 39th and 40th states.

In 1930, Haile Selassie was crowned emperor of Ethiopia.

In 1947, Howard Hughes piloted his huge wooden airplane, known as the "Spruce Goose," on its only flight, which lasted about a minute over Long Beach Harbor in California.

In 1959, game show contestant Charles Van Doren admitted to a House subcommittee that he'd been given questions and answers in advance when he appeared on the NBC TV program "Twenty-One."

In 1976, former Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter became the first candidate from the Deep South since the Civil War to be elected president as he defeated incumbent Gerald R. Ford.

In 1979, black militant Joanne Chesimard escaped from a New Jersey prison, where she'd been serving a life sentence for the 1973 slaying of a New Jersey state trooper. (Chesimard, who has since taken the name Assata Shakur, now

lives in Cuba.)

Today's Birthdays:

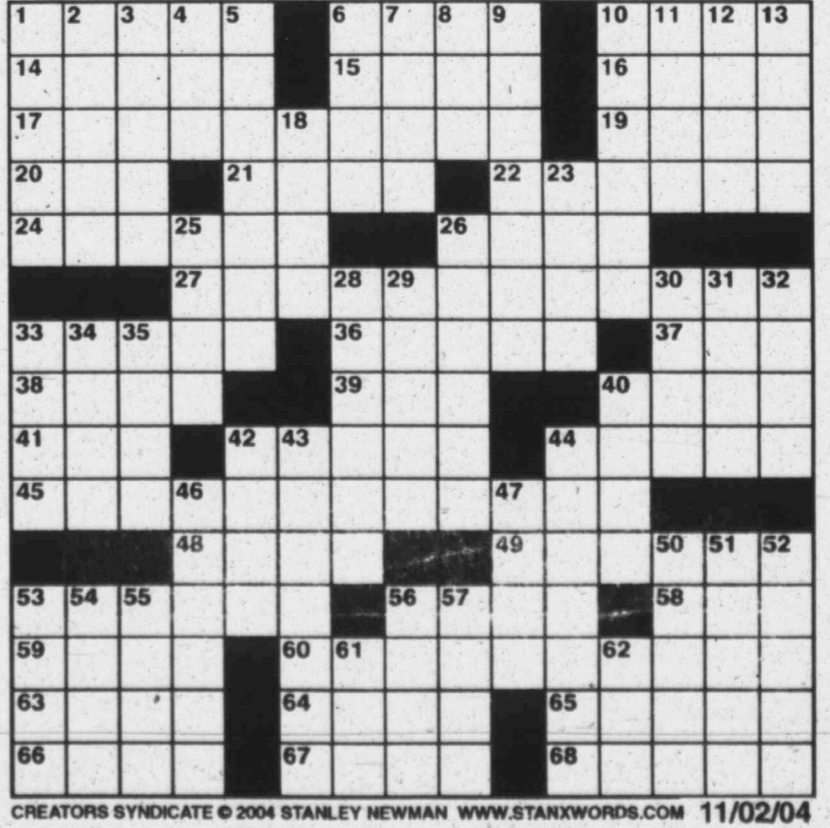
Country singer Charlie Kountry is 78. R&B singer Earl "Speedo" Carroll (The Cadillac; The Coasters) is 67. Singer Jay Black (Jay and the Americans) is 66. Commentator Patrick J. Buchanan is 66. Actress Stefania Powers is 62. Author Shere Hite is 62. Rock musician Keith Emerson (Emerson, Lake and Palmer) is 60. Singer-songwriter k.d. lang is 43. Rock musician Bobby Dall (Poison) is 41. Actor David Schwimmer is 38. R&B singer Alvin Chea (Take 6) is 37.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword SOMETHING'S FISHY by Gail Grabowski Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS
- 1 G sharp's equivalent
- 6 Move rapidly
- 10 Close loudly
- 14 Don't match, as colors
- 15 Vietnam's continent
- 16 Metered vehicle
- 17 Misleading clue
- 19 Prayer end
- 20 Slippery fish
- 21 Butter portions
- 22 Take a risk
- 24 Become involved
- 26 Rate of speed
- 27 Threaded feature of some shoes
- 33 Sanctify
- 36 Scarlet of Tara
- 37 Use an oar
- 38 Light tune
- 39 Play on words
- 40 Sculpture support
- 41 Physician's org.
- 42 Cake cover
- 44 Emir or emperor
- 45 "That's a surprise!"
- 48 Long periods of time
- 49 Okays
- 53 Playful
- 56 Computer info
- 58 Lanka
- 59 Paper purchase
- 60 Patti Page song of '57
- 63 Border
- 64 Uncluttered
- 65 Maine or Michigan
- 66 Roger Rabbit, e.g.
- 67 Utters
- 68 Dog__ (worn)
- DOWN
- 1 Farm measures
- 2 Group of ships
- 3 Soup utensil
- 4 Shade of blonde
- 5 Awful, slangily
- 6 Pub projectile
- 7 Auction advisory
- 8 Biblical wrong
- 9 Hard bargainer
- 10 Post-office purchases
- 11 Young sheep
- 12 Rink leap
- 13 Extract, as ore
- 18 Rajah's wife
- 23 Verdi work
- 25 Subtle "Hey!"
- 26 Pocket money
- 28 Debate subjects
- 29 Thick piece
- 30 Verbal exam
- 31 Succeed on a diet
- 32 Antique pitcher
- 33 Unexciting
- 34 Wedding-day vehicle
- 35 Carrier to Tel Aviv
- 40 Male moose
- 42 "How are you doing?" response
- 43 Where echoes echo
- 44 Backslide
- 46 Overly agreeable ones
- 47 Pro__ (proportionally)
- 50 Tinseltown trophy
- 51 Composed, as a letter
- 52 Placed vinyl on a house
- 53 Worry
- 54 Start over with
- 55 Shakespearean villain
- 56 WWII turning point
- 57 Emulates Halle Berry
- 61 Grassland
- 62 Pilot's announcement: Abbr.



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By BETTY DEBNAM

Be a State Detective...

Where Can a Sound Be Found?

Stop, look and listen! What sounds do you hear? Sounds can tell us so much about a place and what goes on there.

The week of Nov. 15-19 is Geography Awareness Week. The theme is: Culture: The Sound of Place.

Here we have just one sound you might hear in each state. There are thousands of other sounds.

Study this issue, then give it to a friend and ask him or her to tell you a sound. See if you can identify the state we have in mind. Other states might have these sounds, too.



Alabama
The blast of a rocket going up. Huntsville is a space flight center.



Alaska
Dogs barking in the famous Iditarod race from Anchorage to Nome.



Arizona
The clop, clop, clop of mules going up and down a steep Grand Canyon trail.



Arkansas
A chicken clucking. The state produces more broiler chickens than any other state.



California
Applause for Hollywood. It is a top entertainment center.



Colorado
Swish, swish. A skier zips down a trail at Aspen.



Connecticut
"Can I sell you a policy?" Hartford, known as the insurance city, has about 50 insurance companies.



Delaware
Bubble, bubble, the brewing of chemicals. Several chemical companies have headquarters there.



District of Columbia
"Cast Your Vote." Members of Congress meet in our capital, Washington. (D.C. is not a state, but a district.)



Florida
Waves splashing against the shore of many seaside resorts.



Georgia
The opening of a Coca-Cola bottle. The headquarters is in Atlanta.



Hawaii
The strumming of a guitar as hula dancers sway to music.



Idaho
The chopping, mashing or boiling of potatoes. The state grows more than any other state.



Illinois
Wind whistling around the buildings of Chicago on Lake Michigan.



Indiana
A race car zooming around the track at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.



Iowa
A hog oinking. The state is a leading pork producer.



Kansas
The whoosh of wind through the tall grasses of the prairie.



Kentucky
Horses galloping around the Kentucky Derby race track in Louisville.



Louisiana
New Orleans jazz music, such as "When the Saints Go Marching In."

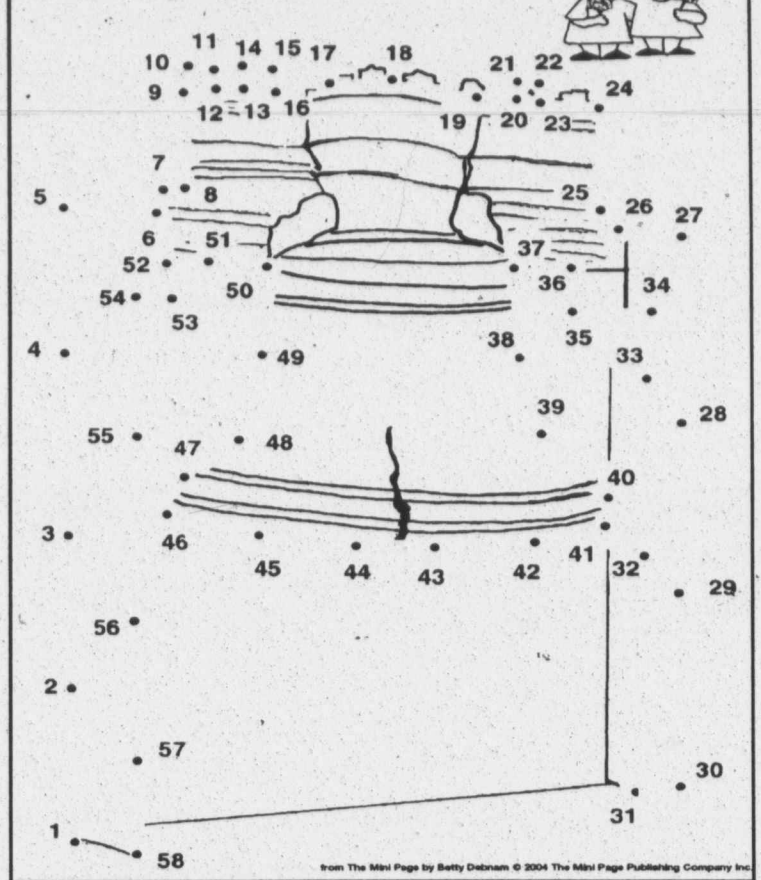


Maine
The warning of a fog horn. The sea coast is often foggy.



Maryland
"Anchors Aweigh," the Navy's song. The U.S. Naval Academy is in Annapolis.

Go dot to dot and color this source of a patriotic sound.



Rookie Cookie's Recipe Tuna Noodle Casserole

You'll need:

- 1 (6-ounce) can of tuna fish, drained
- 1 (16-ounce) box of spaghetti or egg noodles
- 1 (10-ounce) can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 cup potato chips, crushed
- pinch of salt and pepper

What to do:

- Butter a casserole dish and set aside.
- Cook noodles according to package directions and then drain.
- Place half the noodles on the bottom of the casserole dish.
- Spread a layer of tuna fish and then mushroom soup over noodles.
- Cover with remaining noodles. Sprinkle with crushed potato chips, salt and pepper.
- Bake in a preheated 325-degree oven for 30 minutes. Serves 6.

Note: You will need an adult's help with this recipe.

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Gus Goodsport's Report Supersport: Cael Sanderson

Height: 6-0 Birthdate: 6-20-79
Home: Ames, Iowa

There were always at least two things folks in Iowa could count on seeing every year: crops growing and Cael Sanderson winning wrestling matches.

In four years at Iowa State, Sanderson made winning look as easy as shucking an ear of corn. He won four NCAA championships and posted a perfect 159-0 record. And this past summer he added an Olympic gold medal to his collection of honors.

Sanderson was also an academic All-American who majored in art and design. Today, the 25-year-old icon lives with his wife, Kelly, in Ames and serves as assistant wrestling coach at Iowa State.

He can teach the Iowa State grapplers the art of his sport, but there may never be another ISU wrestler as successful as Sanderson. It's hard to top perfection!

Meet Scarlett Johansson

When Scarlett Johansson was growing up, she remembers her mother taking her to auditions. It was after her performance in a play in New York that her acting career began.

Scarlett has appeared in several movies, including "Home Alone 3" and "The Horse Whisperer." She is the voice of the mermaid Mandy in the new film "The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie."

She has won several awards for her acting talent. She was presented the Hollywood Reporter Young Star award for her role in "The Horse Whisperer." She graduated from the Professional Children's School in New York City in 2002.

Scarlett, who turns 21 on Nov. 22, has a twin brother and an older sister and brother. She enjoys spending time with her dad in New York and her mother in Los Angeles.

Mighty Funny's Mini Jokes

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

Mary: Why don't lions eat clowns?
Stan: Because they taste funny!

Lisa: How do lions like their meat cooked?
Gary: Medium-roar!

Zeke: What do you get when you cross a lion and a woodpecker?
Jeremy: An animal that knocks before it eats you!

SOUNDS TRY 'N FIND

Words relating to sounds you might hear in various states are listed in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: OINK, APPLAUSE, MUSIC, BARK, HONK, BUBBLE, BLAST, HUM, GALLOP, CHEER, GURGLE, CHOP, CLUCK, CLOP, WHOOSH, SONG, SPLASH, ROAR, OPENING, STRUM, WHISTLE, ZOOM, WARNING, SWISH.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy is traveling through a noisy city. See if you can find:

- spool of thread
- horse's head
- word MINI
- lion
- bell
- basket
- arrow
- hammer
- key
- fish
- turtle
- number 3
- squirrel
- toothbrush
- ruler
- hairbrush
- letter H
- doughnut

Be a State Sound Detective

Look through your newspaper for pictures that might give sounds native to your area. Next week read all about the Newbery and Caldecott winners.

Massachusetts
"The British are coming!" This was Paul Revere's warning in 1775 as he rode from Boston to Lexington.

Michigan
Horns honking. Detroit is known as the automobile capital of the world.

Minnesota
Water lapping against the shore of one of the state's 15,000 lakes.

Mississippi
The churning of water as a paddle boat cruises down the Mississippi River.

Missouri
The gurgle of one of the 10,000 springs in the mountains and hills of the Ozark Plateau.

Montana
The rustle of cattle grazing on one of the state's many ranches.

Nebraska
"Go Huskers," the cheer for the University of Nebraska's football team. The stadium is in Lincoln.

Nevada
The clang of the slot machines. Las Vegas and Reno are big gaming cities.

New Hampshire
"We are the first to vote." The state is proud to be the first to hold presidential primaries.

New Jersey
Factory whistles blowing. The state has lots of manufacturing.

New Mexico
The music of a Spanish fiesta. Many people in the state are Hispanic.

New York
"Wow" and other amazed expressions. New York is one of the most exciting cities in the world.

North Carolina
Turkeys gobbling. The state raises more turkeys than any other state.

North Dakota
The grunting of a herd of buffalo at Jamestown, the site of the National Buffalo Museum.

Ohio
The hum of a farm tractor. Farms cover half the state.

Oklahoma
The whoosh of oil shooting up from one of the state's many oil wells.

Oregon
Drip, drip. There is a lot of rain along the state's coastal areas.

Pennsylvania
The ringing of the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia.

Rhode Island
The blowing of a whale off the coast. Whale-watching attracts many visitors.

South Carolina
The boom of a cannon at Fort Sumter, the site of the first shot fired in the Civil War.

South Dakota
A sound from history: Stone being chipped as four presidents' faces are carved on Mount Rushmore.

Tennessee
The country music from the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville.

Texas
The hum of oil being pumped out of an oil well. Texas is a leader in oil production.

Utah
The music of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir in Salt Lake City.

Vermont
A horse trotting through a covered wooden bridge. The state has more than 100 still standing.

Virginia
"Give me liberty or give me death," the words of one of the state's many historical patriots, Patrick Henry.

Washington
The rumble of the volcano Mount St. Helens.

West Virginia
The splash of whitewater rafting, a popular sport in the state.

Wisconsin
A dairy cow mooing. The state is famous for its dairy products.

Wyoming
Old Faithful geyser gushing in Yellowstone National Park.

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