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## MONDAY

November 29, 2004 Weather Tonight:


TONIGHT TOMORROW $23^{\circ}-26^{\circ} \quad 39^{\circ}-42^{\circ}$

Briefly
Angels available for adoption now
The Salvation Army Angel Tree program is in place for the holl-
day season. Angels are ready for adoption at Wal-Mart, Teen Angels
are ready for adoption at Nannie's Attic and Senior Angels are available for adoption at the Big Spring Herald.

Gingerbread House decorating contest
Gale's Sweet Shoppe and the Heritage annual Gingerbread House Decorating from Dora Roberts Community Center Assembled gingerbread houses may be decorated using a vari-
ety of confections such ety of confections
as red hots, candy as red licorice, vanilta
canes wafers and other treats. Reservations are needed and tickets are $\$ 15$, available at the bakery, 1200 E . Fourth
or by calling $263-2253$.
Red Dress Tea is slated for Dec. 12 The annual Red Dress Tea presented by the noon until 2 pm . Sunday, Dec. 12, offer family-style entertainment at the Potton House, 200 Gregg. The event honors the
tradition of a red dress tea, a turn-of-the-century event where ladies once donned their hand-made red Christmas dresses and
gathered at a home for tea and dessert. The plan this year, the fourth the Museum has held, is for families to tour the Potton House and view differ-
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## Man, Woman of Year nominations due soon

By BILL MCCLELLAN News Editor Do you know some devoted some of their free who has make the area a better place? erhaps someone who has made difference in the lives of others or the beauty of their communi
Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is accepting nomina Year, two individuals who will be recognized during the cham

## 'Oliver' coming to stage

Runs 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at the Big Spring
High School Auditorium High School Auditorium

By KENDRA WISS
Staff Writer
"Oliver!" is coming to Big Spring!
Community performers from Howard College, Coahoma High School, Big Spring
High School $\begin{array}{llr}\text { Spring Junior } & \text { High } \\ \text { and } \\ \text { various } & \text { Big }\end{array}$ Sind various Big
and
Spring elementary Spring elementary
schools will bring the musical to the stage
starting Thursday. starting Thursday.
"The cast is doing a really great job," said
co-director Tracie Lindsey. "So many
cast members are on cast members are on
stage at the same stage at the same
time and they, are doing very well."
The cast is headlined by 12 -year-old Rory Feherty playing the role of Oliver
Twist. The sixth-grader, who attends
Goliad Intermediate School quickly drew the attention of codirector Clay Grizzle. "When he auditioned we knew he was the one to play the part of
Oliver," said Grizzle. Feherty's mother, Caroline Moore said her son is enjoying the theatrical experience. "He's having a great time,"
 said Moore. "I have really are very lucky to get him," said at the Big Spring High School See oliver!, Page 3A
Museum to feature Winter's Blessings exhibit


Heritage Museum curator Tammy Schrecengost puts a finishing touch on the Winter's Blessings Christmas exhibit, which opens at the musem at 4 p.m. Saturday. This wedding gown is from 1894,
and was worm by Mrs. Joseph Weir Barnett. Other vintage wedding and christening gowns are displayed as well, and a special Hanukkah display is also part of the exhiblt.

Softer side of Christmas opens Saturday afternoon By MARSHA STURDIVANT Features Editor
Heritage Museum celebrates Christmas
this season with a special exhibit, "Winter's Blessings," that opens at 4 p.m. Saturday. "We have designed a soft, feminine, angel ic exhibit with lots of pastel pinks and blues and white. We have some old, old wedding gowns from the turn of the century that are Heritage Museum curator.
Complete with
cherub sculptures
cher stands, a blue What: Winters Blessings
and pastel wall featur- and Hanukkah exhibit. ing angels and Where: Heritage
cherubs and a Christmas tree Museum.
decorated in pas- When: 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. tel blues, white Saturday. and pinks,
Blessings" provides a seasonal inspiration of times past.
One of the gowns on display dates from 1894 and was worn by Lillian Barnett, who of Dr. Joseph Barnett, a Howard County pioneer physician, she said.
Along with the gown, which was donated by Janie Harrison, granddaughter of the

See Museum, Page 3A

## Obituaries

Jan Noyes
 Jan Noyes, 71, of Big Spring died at
12 a.m. Sunday, Nov, 12 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 28, 2004, at Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Myers \& Smith Chapel with the Rev. Dr. David Ring, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. The family will receive friends Myers \& Smith Funeral Home. She was born Oct. 17, 1933, in
She married Bob Noyes March 28, 1968, Kankakee, Ill. She married Bob Noyes March 28, 1968, Woodwork in 1971. She was active in the Evening Lions Club since 1984, and had held all of the offices
in the club. She is survived by her husband, Bob Noyes of Big Cohn of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Edward Noyes of Fort Worth; five grandchildren; and one great-grand son.
In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one sister.
The family suggests memorials to Big Spring
Evening Lions Club, Children's Vision Program, 409 E. Third, Big Spring 79720.

Arrangements are by Myers \& Smith Funeral Home.

## Pamela Kelsey

Pamela Kelsey, 40, of Big Spring died Monday, Nov 29, 2004, in a Midland Hospital. Her services are pend-
ing with Nalley-Pickle \& Welch Funeral Home \& ing with Nalley-Pickle

## Daron Ray

Daron Ray, 32, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring,
died Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004, in Midland His services died Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004, in Midland. His services Home \& Crematory of Big Spring.

## Everette Ray Spivey

Everette Ray Spivey, infant, died Saturday, Nov. 27,
2004, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle \& Welch Funeral Home \& Crematory of Big Spring.

## Take note

- CHRIS'S CROSSES WILL BE ON SALE AT THE EAST DOOR OF WAL-MART Thursday as a fund-
raiser for Home Hospice Halos relay For Life team Call Shrry or Rose Ann at 264-7599 for more information.
A BENEFIT FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED at Cosden Federal Credit Union for Jeremiah Best to help with the cost of his cancer
Contributions and prayers are appreciated.
- SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER IS SELLING KRISPY KREME DONUTS for $\$ 6$ per dozen as a Relay For Life fund-raiser. Orders are due Wednesday and may be picked up Dec. 3. Also, pink Rich at $268-4960$ for more information

L LETTERS FROM SANTA ARE AVAILABLE FROM SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER as a Relay For Life fund-raiser. Each letter will have a North Pole postmark for a $\$ 5$ donation. Contact Amber
Rich at $268-4960$ for more information.

G GARAGE AND BAKE SALE TO BENEFIT CIRCLE SIX RANCH IN STANTON is set for Friday and Saturday at the ranch, which is located six miles
north of Stanton on Highway 137 . Call $432-458-3467$ for north of Stanton on

AN ACCOUNT TO BENEFIT TRISTIN RANGEL, son of Ione and Tim Rangel, has been set up at the Big Spring Government Employees Federa
Credit Union, 2204 Gregg St., account No. 529903, to help with medical expenses. He has been diagnosed
with acute lymphocytic leukemia and is in a Lubbock with acute
hospital.

BUFFALO COUNTRY FINA is giving away an autographed photograph of Michael Jordan, along with two other Jordan magazine covers, to help with
medical costs of 12 -year-old Sage Gibson, son of Big medical costs of 12 -year-old Sage Gibson, son of Big Spring Junior High School assistant principal Tommy update on Gibson's condition visit www.carepages.com/ServeCarePage?cpn=Sagepage\&u niq $=923947$. For more information about the Buffal Fina fund-raiser call 267-5050.

- THE FAMILY OF MICHAEL STEADHAM is in need of help to pay for his funeral expenses. Friend of the family say he had no insurance and died sud Federal Credit Union for those wishing to help the
family. For more information, call $264-0838$ or $264-2600$.
- THE BIG SPRING WEST TEXAS GIRL SCOUTS COUNCIL SENIOR TROOP 266 is collecting stuffed animals for Scenic Mountain Medical Center's emerbe at Seams-So-Nice in the Big Spring Mall. Or call Laurie Peterson at 432-267-9773.
I A FUND TO HELP WITH EXPENSES FOR THE FAMILY OF MICKEY EMERSON OF FORSAN has been set up at State National Bank, 901 Main St.
Mickey was involved in a motorcycle accident Sept. 23 Mickey was involved in a motorcycle accident Sept. 23 his mother, Carolyn Winbush, at $263-1178$ with any questions.


## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the fol owing activity between $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. Saturday and $8 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$ Monday: arrested Sunday on charges of possession of marijua na in a school/drug free zone, minor in consumption and possession or delivery of drug paraphernalia. KIMBERLY KILLCREASE, 24, of 1322 Harding - CHANCE RAY LANG, 18 , of 4200 Hamilton was filure to identify wa - CHAD LEE PUGA, 20, of 7200 Kyle Road, wa rested Sunday on local and capias warrants.

- ADAM MARTINEZ VIERA, 20, of 1907 Main Street, was arrested Sunday on charges of minor in - ERMENIA CHAVERA, 43, of 705 Willia, was rrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxi
- SHAWNA DAWN CRENSHAW, 33, of 3811 Old Colorado Highway, was arrested Saturday on a loca - ROBERT BOBBY PEREZ

ROBERT BOBBY PEREZ, 18, 109 Pettus Road - PAUL ROSTUN RAMIREZ 39 , of 110 Care was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxica

- LARRY TEPERA, 46, transient, was arrested Saturday on a charge of disorderly conduct for urinat ing in public
Note: A police activity log for Thursday afternoon hrough Monday morning was not available at press


## Sheriff's report

## The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the fol

owing activity
ROMANA ALVAREZ, 28, was transferred to the ounty jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of failur ang false, fictitious information

- MARIA KAY STANDISH, 31, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of - COURTNEY FELICIA AUSBIE, 20 , was trans ferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on
- JOHN CORBETT WILLIFORD, 31, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of public intoxication and possession of a controlled substance.
- TYRONE DEION SMITH, 24, was transferred to he county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge o - PAMELA HENRY
- PAMELA HENRY, 26, was arrested Saturday by - KRYSTLE MARIE MARTINEZ ferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of controlled substance.


## Support groups

## MONDAY

IEncourager's Support Group for widows and widowers begins at 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church Seventh and Runnels streets. Enter through the north more information.

## TUESDAY

The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month in the College Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.
THURSDAY
Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noòn to 1 p.m women's meeting; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking

The Fibromyalgia Autoimmune Disease Support Group will meet on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at noon in the Dora Robert Rehabilitation Center. Call 263-8273 for more informa

Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas Stat Veterans Home, 1809 N. Hwy 87 . For more informa tion call Orand Carroll 268-8387.
FRIDAY
AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon open Big Book study meeting, 8 to

## SATURDAY

Open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 to 9 last Saturday of each month at $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.

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

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## Bulletin board

Hyou have hems tor the Bullo or boand Herald news room at 263-7
editorebigspringherald.com
TODAY

- Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Cal
$268-4721$. 268-4721.
- Take
5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at $5: 30$ p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at $5: 30$ p.m. Monday in the 11 th and Birdwel offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the north west door. Call 263-2786 for more information. - Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La
Posada Restaurant. Posada Restaurant.

TUESDAY

- Intermediate Line dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in - Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is 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
WEDNESDAY
- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in th
College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.

- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. - Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. at the Spring City
Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or $267-1628$.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at $1 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. in the Big - Duplicate Bridge 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 $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. in Gale's Sweet
and Shoppe. - Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard Colle

6479. 

in the Gealogy Society of Big Spring meets in the Howard County Library, 500 S . Main. begins at $7: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. in the Big Spring High Schoo aưditorium". Tlickets' are"\$5'dt the door

- Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaste
Third St. The public is in meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For
more information contact Lola Lamb at $263-3340$ Doyle and Virginia McClain at 263-8407.
FRIDAY
- Greater Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in the - Greater Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in the
Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.


## Weather

Today - Cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain. Temperatures steady or slowly falling with highs near 50. North winds 15 to 20 mph

Tonight - Cloudy with a chance of rain or snow in the evening. Chance of snow after midnight. Lows in the mid 20s. North winds 10 to 20 mph . Chance of precipitation 50 percent.
Tuesday - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow in the morning, then partly cloudy in the mph. West winds near 10 mph . Wednesday - Partly cloudy. Highs near 50. Light and variable winds.
Wednesday night - Mostly clear. Lows in the mid
Thursday - Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 50 s. Thursday night - Partly cloudy. Lows near 30 . Friday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Friday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30 s Saturday - Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50 s . Saturday night - Partly cloudy. Lows near 30.
Sunday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50 s.

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Texas News Briefs
First trial related to smuggling deaths to begin HOUSTON (AP) - Defendants in the first trial stemming from the nation's deadliest human smugglin attempt include the son of a South Texas couple accused of running one of the operation's cells. Jury selection was set to begin Monday afternoon in federal court. Victor Jesus Rodriguez, Claudia each face a total of 58 counts of harboring and transporting illegal immigrants. If convicted, each could get up to life in prison
Prosecutors say the three were part of a smuggling ring that tried to transport a group of more than 70 immigrants inside a tractor trailer during a trip from May 13,2003 .
Packed inside the trailer, which had little ventilaion, the immigrants began succumbing to stifling temperat
degrees.
degrees. Early the next morning, the trailer was abandoned at of Houston. Authorities found 17 immigrants dead inside the trailer. Two others later died.

Wharton residents starting to return home
$\qquad$ loodwaters invaded Wharton, residents have started returning ho
ings.
The Colorado River dipped below the flood stage of 39 friday.
About 150 Wharton residents were sent packing when floodwaters ravaged the area last week. They the water receded, said officials.
They said a dusk-to-dawn curfew that Wharton Mayor Bryce Kocian issued Friday has been rescind-
ed. Vioiators had been subject to arrest and a $\$ 1,000$ fine.
Homes that were in the flood's path were inspected by city workers to determine if the buildings were hab CenterPoint Energy workers will also check for gas eaks

Plans pit Rio Grande Valley against l-35 cities route that will carry vilinons of dollars in merchandise for trade with Mexico ha
The fear is that thousands of trucks will stop rollin through Laredo, Cotulla and Pearsall, instead taking an alternate path proposed by the state from Oklahoma to the Rio Grande Valley. The route was included by tate transportation officials in their proposals for the new Trans-Texas Corridor
Pearsall officials have passed resolutions in support of the River of Trade Corridor Coalition's effort to keep
the Trans-Texas Corridor as close to the existing Interstate 35 as possible. They're also urging state legislators to halt the corridor proposal.
The plans should be delayed until more studies can be done on its economic effect, said Dallas City woman of the coalition
"Laredo would like to
she told the San Antonio Express-News in Monday' editions, adding that towns along I-35 would suffer eco-

Corps of Cadets seeking to increase numbers COLLEGE STATION (AP) - Being a member of Texas A\&M University's Corps of Cadets is tougher remain focused on beefing up membership.

## MUSEUM

Barnetts, is a display of
various memorabilia
from their wedding and
marriage.
"They had a deep, grand
love and there are pieces
of their love and their life
on display," she said.
Love letters written by
the couple compliment
the wedding gown, which
is made of "beautiful
handiwork with lace,"
she said.
Another gown on dis-
play was worn by Mrs.
Charnell
Hightower, and is an an
example of an old world,


The nation's largest uniformed body of students out side U.S. service academies last reached 2,600 mem-
bers more than 30 years ago. This fall membership fell ers more than 30 years ago. This fall membership fel fill 10 of the dozest in 12 years, which isn't enough to 10 of the dozen dormitories for cadets. membership to its former heights.
"I think the foundation is being laid for significant growth in the period ahead," he told the Bryan-College Station Eagle in Sunday's editions. "I'm very upbea and grow the Corps again
Corps of Cadets Commandant John Van Alstyn began implementing more rigorous academic and physical standards two years ago and he anticipated a dip in membership, he said. Corps membership has dropped by 150 students in that time.
Val Alstyne said he warned Gates that higher mem Currently, cadets must maintain a minimum 2 grade-point average and pass newly implemented height and weight tests. This year, 51 students wer dismissed from the Corps for failure to meet the acad for failing to meet the physical standards, Van Alstyn said.

## Indian campground may be excavated

FORT WORTH (AP) - An ancient Indian camphave to be excavated before the roadway can be built, a state archaeologist said.
"We may have a site that is intact and isn't badly disfederal review section of the Texas Historical Commission's archaeology division.
Tests conducted during the 1990s found two layers of artifacts at the site, both within four feet from the sur Offici
Officials said the campground is on private property along the Clear Fork
The Texas Department of Transportation released its environmental study of the parkway two weeks ago. Local Native
"We want to see that everything that is humanly pos sible is done to identify what tribe it is and that that director director of the American Indian Chamber of
Commerce of Texas, said in Sunday's editions of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.
Native American representatives want to identify the tribe that used the campground and get assurances that tribal
excavation.
The campground is between 500 to 2,000 years old, older than most existing tribes, Denton said. Unless human remains are found, the tribes won't have jurisThe artifacts should said.
dants, Woodward said

## Biologists set traps for endangered wildcat

LAGUNA ATASCOSA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE (AP) - After the third report in a manth of gist Linda Laack took action.
She hid sensory cameras in the grasses of this Gulf wildcats would trip a self-portrait during its hert fo widents would trip a self-portrait during the hunt for wild jaguarundi in the United States since 1986, when one of the animals was found dead outside of Brownsville.
The endangered animal, about the size of a house cat, usually roams land stretching from southern Brazil through Central America and Mexico. At one time the
animals reached north along Mexico's Gulf Coast into the subtropical scrub of the Rio Grande Valley - the
only place they have been documented in the United


OLIVER!
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at the door.
For more than 40 years, audiences have enjoyed "Oliver!"
Lionel Bart was 28 when he wrote the music and yrics to "Oliver!" based
on the 1838 Charles on the 1838 Charles
Dickens classic "Oliver Twist."
He had started out writing pop tunes for Tommy
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2-3 Bedroom States - but their range is "They're development. They're such a mysterious animal that we really we would like to document them."

## The evolutionary line of the jaguarundi most resem-

 bles pumas and cheetahs, though they are usually compared to weasels for their gait and otters for their long, short-legged bodies. Their name means "weasel cat" in German.The animals have no spots or stripes and conie in They have long, wide tails and weigh between 8 and 15 pounds.
Police say pair was in missing teacher's house SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Two people being held in the
disappearance of an Alamo Heights teacher were in disappearance of an Alamo Heights teacher were in her house
Diane Tilly probably opened the door Tuesday night o Ronnie Joe Neal, 33, and his 15 -year-old daughter, of the Bexar County Sheriff's Office
"She was in the house, someone knocked on the door and that's how they got in," Damiani said in Sunday's
editions of the San Antonio Express-News. "He was in the house by 9 p.m. We believe the daughter was also there."
Friends reported Tilly missing late Tuesday when she failed to deliver turkeys for a Thanksgiving luncheon at the Robbins Academy, where she is lead teacher
Neal and his daughter were arrested Wednesday; Theral of Tilly's belongings were in their possession. They used Tilly's ATM card at several convenience
stores, officials aid. An arrest affidavit shows that receipts found in Tilly's house showed someone tried to use the card between 9 and 10 p.m. Monday Neal is charged with aggravated robbery. He has an extensive criminal record including convictions for is charged with delinquent conduct by reason of aggravated robbery. She lived with her grandmother in a

Poker's popularity with teens increases worry AUSTIN (AP) - Now that his high school football season is over, Zak Coppinger has been playing poker
every chance he can get.
With his mom's blessing, he's turned the family din-
ing room, complete with green walls and a chandelier into a poker parlor for himself and his buddies. He also keeps a wech of cards at school so he can play
impromptu games during class or lunch impromptu games during class or lunch.
"It's better than homework, I can tell you t
18-year-old from Austin says with a chuckle.
He's just one of the many young people w
He's just one of the many young people who have
become avid players of Texas Hold 'Em and other poker games - a trend sparked, in part, by TV shows that feature tournaments for celebrities and professional poker players. But gambling opponents wonder if some teens, and the adults who let them play, are
taking it too far. "It's fun. It's exciting. It's glamorized on TV and in Keith Whyte, executive director of the National Council on Problem Gambling. "There's the impres sion that through skill you can beat the odds. But randomness is always going to have a bige
determining the outcome than your skill.

## "And unfortunately, that's not the message these kids

get." on casino nights at after-prom parties and other And officials at a growing number of schools - from New Trier High School, north of Chicago, to Apple recently started banning poker-playing on their cam



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-First Amendment


## Our Views

## Don't miss your chance to see 'Oliver' on stage

Nthing is quite as impressive as a com ned effort. We ve show it over and ver again here in Howard County and another example will be on display beginning Thursday when "Oliver!" premieres in Big Spring.
Community performers from Howard College, Coahoma High School, Big Spring High School, Big Spring Junior High and the county's several elementary schools will bring the musical to the tage.
The cast is headlined by 12 -year-old Rory Feherty playing the role of Oliver Twist and Eric Barton playing the role of Fagin. Feherty is a Barton is a student at Coahoma Elementary Barton
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The musical will be presented at $7: 30$ p.m Thursday through Saturday and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Big Spring High Schoo Auditorium. Tickets are
For more than 40 years, audiences have enjoyed Oliver!"
Lionel Bart, who is widely recognized as the father of the modern British musical, was 28 when he wrote the music and lyrics to the show which is based on the 1838 Charles Dickens classic "Oliver Twist."
It is a story most of us remember from our studby Bart turn the somewhat melancholy tale into a lively theater experience.
We hope you'll take the time this later this week to put one of the performances of "Oliver!" on your schedule.
We think you'll find you're better off for the experience.

## How To Contact Us

## The ons.

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## A Small Prayer

by K. Rae Anderson

## Inside report: Greenspan and the dollar

Alan crengan had actea aild during the peresiden: tial election campaign, doing nothing by word or deed
that would impede George W . that would impede Geor
Bush achieving a second term as he had impeded the president's father's re-eles tion 12 years earlier. But in Germany last
week, the Federal Reserve chairman sounded like a Democrat on the U.S.
Senate floor inveigh. Senate floor inveigh
ing against Bush ing against Bush
deficits.
Greenspan's speech last Friday at the European Banking Congress in Frankfurt could just as easily have been written for Sen. Ke Conrad of North Dakota, the
deficit-obsessed Democrat. Fre deficit-obsessed Democrat. Free-
market conservative Greenspan warned that the U.S. current accounts deficit (largely the trade deficit) is unsupportable and that sooner or later foreign investors will either stop buying American That outcome, he warned, pointed to a further decline in the dollar against the euro, to the dismay of Europeans.
Greenspan, at age 78 nearing the end in 2006 of his long tenure as
Fed chairman, in Frankfurt was performing his unofficial functio as central banker for the world. What he said, however, was anything but reassuring. While his comments did not appear to seriously roil financial markets; his
underlying message was that the world's financial problems were not his fault and there was noth
ing he could do about them. He
confirmed this on Saturday in Berlin at the meeting of the Group
of 20 (industrialized plus emerging of 20 (industrialized plus emerging nations) when he rejected any
intervention in the decline of the dollar.
Nearly all Fed-watchers are loath to criticize the iconic Greenspan, or do so only in guarded language In his Monday report to clients, Bear Stearns economist David ly concerned about U.S. policy on the dollar." "He noted that Greenspan "seemed to link the dollar's value to the trade deficit He indicated that "acceptance of
dollar weakness" is cause for "concern." What supply-sider Malpass did not address is whether the current accounts deficit is really unsupportable for the foreseeable future. He probably does not think so. neer Jude Wanniski, who does no mince words, in his Monday report to clients declared that Greenspan has "run out of reasons why Fed policy is not stabilizing blaming activity outside his jur diction. Wanniski continued: "The most worrisome aspect of Greenspan's European remarks is that he is in denial, and as long as
the most powerful central banker the most powerful central banke
in the world is kidding himself in the world is kidding himself
that he knows what he is doing, we all have to fasten our seatbelts."
The chairman's Frankfurt remarks came as a surprise to ers, and may be traced to deep distress in Europe over the U.S. presidential election returns. The European financial communit was confident that Sen. John Kerry would be president and, as
he promised, would force through

Congress a series of U.S. tax increases that supposedly wou end the decline of the dolla
against the euro. To the Europeans then, Bush's ed survival means more of what European Central Bank Presiden "ban-Claude Trichet has called a "brutal" rise of the euro. Thus, Greenspan's speech sounded as though he was trying to get edging that Europe's economic plight was America's fault. But his placing the blame on the U.S. trade deficit did not cheer his colleagues in Berlin. As one
American analyst puts it, American analyst puts it, it is
Europe rather than the U.S. that has the dollar problem. Part of the problemt is that China's and other Asian currencies are pegged to the dollar. Just
as Asia depends on exports to the U.S., Europe depends on exports to Asia. At the heart of this equation is global reliance on the American economy's dynamism and prosperity.
Since Greenspan often strays far from the conventional jurisdiction
of a central banker, he might well have lectured his European listeners about the need for structural reform of their own economies to
cut away the socialistic under cut away the socialistic under-
growth. Instead, he did his imit tion of Sen. Conrad fantasizing about the revenge of America's creditors. His speech's minimal negative impact on financial markets may suggest a new awarenes that the chairman wears no clothes. To find out more about Robert D. Novak and read his past
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RICK PERRY

## Failing to pace oneself

Dan Green of New York results, "You can't be depressed now, the wo is yet to come." Following that indignation dry and save the out rage for when it is really needed, kind of
like saving room for the pumpkin pie after Thanksgiving dinner. If we're going to get
through the next four through the next fo
years, we have to years, we have to pace our
But here it is, not even three weeks into the new Bush regime dropped, you've-got-to-be-kidding mad. Here's the ecord so far:

- Republicans somehow managed to squirrel an obscure little provision into the appropriations heir "agents" the right to look your IRS return and make what use of it they will. This perverse item was apparently the brainchild of Rep. Ernie Istook of. Oklahoma, who is such a hopeless im seriously as a menace. He's chair of the transportation subcommittee of the appropriations committee, and in that position learly needs to see your tax or light rail in Salt Lake City (he's Mormon), but against light rail funding for Oklahoma City. What is it with Oklahoma? Even Istook is likely to be out-dumbed by Oklahoma's new senator, Tom is so rampant in some of the schools in southeast Oklahoma that they'll only let one girl go the bathroom" at a time. No evidence could be found for this peculiar claim. He also described state legWhile I do not agree, I am sympa-
thetic to the perspective.
- Sen. Ted Stevens, who as
usual has larded the usual has larded the appropriations bill with an outsize package
of goodies for Alaska, assured the of goodies for Alaska, assured the
Senate that Istook's amendment would be deleted before the bill was sent to the president. He begged, he pleaded. "Do I have to get on my knees?" he asked. Quick, someone check just how
much more in federal spending much more in federal spending
the 250,000 citizens of Alaska getting than the rest of us. - Also stashed away inside the appropriations bill was a provi-
sion imposing a domestic gag rule sion imposing a domestic gag rule on abortion: no federal money to agencies that require doctors, hostions, cover them OR give referrals to abortion providers. Sailed right through the House. Hey, why not put a new abortion restriction in the appropriations bill, along
- Republican House rejected the 9-11 commission's bill on intelligence reform. Eighty per cent of Americans want the intelli gence reforms, and our safety is irectly at stake. But hey, we're just chopped liver: The reforms
would take power away from the would take power away from the
Pent as we all know, we ust can't have that.
- The Senate voted 65 to 30 to set funds aside for a special cate ory of "priorities," including a
- It's really fascinating to watch the Republican slime machine at work on Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle. Earle is ne of the longest-serving district attorneys in the entire country electing him since 1976. He was one of the first prosecutors in Texas to create a victim assistanc program and helped start the Austin Children's Advocacy He's pretty much a kids around here, and no D.A. gets tha way by being "soft on crime."
Earle is death penalty advocate

He is also noted for going after corrupt Democratic politicians in his state, even though he's a Democrat himself. He was willing ot only to take on the slam-dunk just to remind everybody that the aw is to be obeyed.
Earle is such a careful craftsman of prosecution that Time magazine ple for a major 2003 article to explain how DAs like Earle might bring some resolution to the death penalty debate. Earle has experienced both the good and bad of the death penalty - consequently, he has a special review procedure fo capital punishment
He is widely admired among his peers, and his innovations are often copied. This is the guy the Republicans are blithely dismiss has been in office almost 30 year and has a fine national reputation t's ludicrous to dismiss him as a "runaway district attorney"." Does anyone at Fox News ever do any As tho
As though things on the leg slative side weren't bad enough, make the executive branch allpowerful. You can already see se eral of the unfortunate characteristics of the first term being inten-
sified in the second. The emphasis sified in the second. The emph
on secrecy is already more pronounced, as is the selection of pe ple for loyalty rather than compeence.
But we
But we have to save some room or when it gets worse, so I'd like ing the Bush administration, a swell Thanksgiving.
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Jesse James Partlow, back left, Dominic Ortiz, Cutter Atkins, Dylan Smith and Malakah Kressil show their Thanksgiving spirit at Proffitt Daycare Wednesday morning, donning Native American-style costumes for the daycare center's holiday meal.


Iva Jo Hansilik and Liz Lowrey scoop Ice cream for Gollad Intermediate choir members. Veterans Administratlon personnel brought the ice cream to thank the choir for performing at the Veterans Day service at the VA.


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are considered eradicated
or preventable today,
thanks to immunizations.
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ents or caregivers can
take to keep their chil-
dren safe from some of
the most deadly diseases
in history, according to
Robert Gunby, MD, TMA
presidentelect and chair
of the Joint Committee
on Health Improvement
Initiatives. "Diseases
such as smallpox and
polio once devastated mil-
lions," says Dr. Gunby,
an obstetrician in Dallas.
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## Millions still taking risky heart drug without warnings promised by FDA

By AlISON YOUNG Knight Ridder Newspapers
WASHINGTON - A WASHINGTON - A
highly toxic heart drug
continues to be pre continues to be pre
scribed to millions of out the detailed consumer Warnings promised by the
E.S? Food and Drug Administration Each bottle of the drug, to include a new advisory
that warns of its many risks and symptoms of fatal side effects and
explains how the medication is supposed to be
used. But the advisory,
planned since October planned since October
2003, remains in draft form, bouncing back and
forth between the FDA and the drug maker The delay comes as the
FDA is being questioned about its slowness in pro-
tecting Americans from tecting Americans from
deadly drugs, including the arthritis drug Vioxx,
which was pulled off the market this fall.
dying right now as we speak as a result of their procrastination? asked Alamitos, Canif., whose
father died Feb. 20 of lung damage caused by amio ing as an obstetrician, realized his dry cough was a symptom of a poten-
tially fatal side effect, Muccino said. She said she's livid that the FDA didn't immediately issue the patient
warnings last fall. "He would have been taken off the drug three months earlier and his life would
have been saved," she have
said.
said. Charles Grassley,
Sen. chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, said Tuesday that he will look into the delays in the amiodarone warnings. "What's happening with
of questions about how approved to treat. A
long it takes the EFA to Knight Ridder investigalong it takes the FDA to Kight Ridder investiga-
act when known risks or
tion last year found that dangers exist,", said those prescriptions repredangers, exist, said
Grassley, R-Iowa. "The
FDA and drug companies might know about risks, if doctors and patients don't know about them Like most patients,
Muccino's father was takMuccino's father was tak-
ing miodarone for atrial fibrillation, a common heart beats out of rhythm.
The FDA never approved the drug to treat that condition.
Patients taking amio Parone have died from
lung and liver damage gone blind or sumffered
from other side effects. Yet it's routinely pre. scribed for common heart
chythm problems despite the availability of saferer alternatives. The FDA has
approved
amiodarone only for more severe disorders, called ventricular
arrnythmias, and then arrhythmias, and then
only as a treatment of last Aesort.
Atcording to recent
data, doctors wrote more Aata, doctors wrote more
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tions in a single year fo tions in a single year for
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other heart conditions - amiodarone wasn't company to sell the drug.


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## miodarone currently is

 sold by several generic manufacturers, as well asunder another brand name, Pacerone.
When the FDA approved amiodarone for sale in the
United States, it recog United States, it recog.
nized that it was a dangerous drug and told doctors to be careful about its
 guidelines committee for atrial fibrillation, said amiodarone shouldn't be the first drug a doctor
tries when treating the tries when
disorder.
darone as a drug for this except after everything else fails," said Fuster,
who's also director of the cardiovascular institute
at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York City. "Amiodarone carries a
higher risk than other drugs." Rhight Ridder found that patients routinely got its risks or alternative the FDA has cited various
manufacturers for downmanufacturers for down-
playing the drug's risks and for promoting it as
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B.S. footba set for Dec. The Big SI set for Mon
13, at $6: 30 \mathrm{p}$. Big Spring Cafetorium $\$ 10$. For mor 3662.


## In Brief

Baskethall referees needed for season The Crossroads area is looking for basketball officials for the For more information, contact Adam Rodriguez at 263-8731
or 517-0300.
The games will be played in local areas Forsan and Coahoma and will be for the junior high and high
school levels.

YMCA extends youth registration The YMCA has announced that youth basketball registration for the upcoming season will extend The organizational meeting for adults who would like to be age group coordinators is still scheduled for Tuesday and Saturday. coaching must attend one of these two sched-
uled meetings
The teams will be formed Saturday, as well.
The games are schedJan. 8
For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234
B.S. football banquet set for Dec. 13
The Big Spring football banquet has been set for Monday, Dec.
13, at $6: 30$ p.m. in the Big Spring Junior High Cafetorium
The meal will cost $\$ 10$. For more information, call the Athletic
Training Center at 264
3662 .

Sign ups now set for Coahoma 'dribblers' The sign-ups for the Dribblers League will take place Tuesday through Thursday Coahoma Junior High Gym. The Tuesday ses-
sion will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., while the other days begin at 6 p.m. and end at 8 p.m. The league is for boys and girls ages fourthgrade. The cost is only

Iowa, Duke get wins at Bahamas toumey FREEPORT, FRE E
Bahamas (AP) - Jamié, Cavey scored seven of
her 12 points in the last her 12 points in the last eight minutes to lead Division championship Jam. Crystal Smith, who earned MVP honors,
added 11 points and seven rebounds for Monique Currie had 25 points and eight past Kansas State in the Freeport Division
championship game at the Junkanoo Jam. Auson Bales added 11
points and 13 rebounds
for Duke $(6-1)$
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## Heffington, Garza, Hilario earn first-team honors

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor Seniors Steven Heffington and Daven members of the team Garza and junior Matt able mention selections. Hilario were all named Big Spring's biggest to the all-District $4-4 \mathrm{~A}$ player - J.R. Rodriguez first-team recently. - earned a spot on the Heffington made the second-team as a guard, \begin{tabular}{l|l}
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while the defensive MVP receiver and defensive was shared by Andrews back, respectively. Chris Stephens, The Steers also landed Frenship's Zach Morman several players to the and Lake View's Tyler
second-team and honor. Hayes second-team and honor Hayes.
able mention squad.
Lake View, Andrews able mentionsquad.
Big Spring's defense and Frenship representplaced three players on ed the district in the the second-team defen- playoffs this season. sive unit as senior line- Lake View and Andrews backers Quentin were both defeated in the Vanderbilt and Daniel first round, while Castillo and senior defen- Frenship got beat in the earned spots. this past Saturday by The Steers landed four Sherman.



Hawk men take two in Arizona, women fall twice in Kansas By TROY HYDE Sports Editor
Two wins in Arizona
pushed the pushed the Howard
College men's basketball team's overall record to 9 1, while the Hawk women fell to $7-5$ overall after losing twice in the Dodge City Classic Friday and
Saturday. The Harday The Hawk men took
part in the Eastern Arizona Classic over the weekend. The team needed overtime to take out the host school as the Hawks defeated Eastern
Arizona University, 64-63, Arizona University, 64-63, and then they took out
Central Arizona Saturday by a score of 74-68. The women took on Dodge City, the host of the tournament, which was also known as the epsi Classic, Friday, but lost to the Jayhawk Abilene men host the Conference powerhouse University JV team by a score of $109-50$. Then Wednesday at $7 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. at the Hawk women took on the Dorothy Garrett Pratt Community College, Coliseum, while the which also plays in the women's next game will $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Jayhawk Conference, } & \begin{array}{l}\text { take place Friday a } \\ \text { Saturday and fell } 93-80 \text {. }\end{array} \\ \text { Cisco. }\end{array}$ $2 \pi$
$\Rightarrow$ Big Spring Junior Matt Hilario distributes the ball to a $\begin{gathered}\text { MERLD }\end{gathered}$ teammate against Snyder last Tuesday at the Big Spring
junior high. The Steers will host Lamesa at the Steer Gym Tuesday beginning at 7:30 p.m.


Impressive win keeps Trojans on top of rankings, Sooners still No. 2

By RALPH D. RUSSO AP Sports Writer A week after losing
some support as the No. 1 team, Southern California got it right back. USC
Top-ranked Top-ranked
received
52 USC received 52 first-place
votes, four more than last votes, four more the points in The Associated Press Top 25 Sunday. With No. 2 Oklahoma
and No. 3 Auburn idle, the Trojans pounded Notre Dame 41-10
Saturday night, persuadSaturday night, persuad-
ing some more media voters that they are the best team in the country. Irish coach Tyrone Willingham sure was convinced.
"They are No. 1 for a
reason," he said.
The Snoners and Tigers
prace votēs than last
week, but Oklahoma week, but Oklahoma
extended its lead over

Auburn by five points.
Oklahoma
received Oken first-place received seven first-place votes by 4 California was followed points. Auburn Louisville, Georgia and and 1,530 points. When the Bowl Virginia Tech moved up When the Bowl a spot to No. 10, flip-flopChampionship Series ping w
standings are released Monday, no changes are Three teams moved into expected at the very top. the poll, including two for Last week, USC was first, the first time this season. Oklahoma second and Pittsburgh vaulted in at Auburn third. All three play Saturday,
trying to stay unbeaten trying to stay unbeaten.
USC plays at UCLA: Oklahoma at UCLA; Colorado in the Big 12 title game; and Auburn
faces Tennessee for the faces Tennessee for the
Southeastern Conference Championship. Oklahoma and Auburn, in that order, Today coaches poll. The top nine teams in in school history, fell out
the latest AP poll were after losing $37-35$ to Tulsa. No. 19 after beating West Virginia $16-13$ last Thursday. The Panthers
are in line for a BCS bid if they can beat South Florida Saturday. first time this in for the No. 23 this season at Oklahoma State $31-15$ The Cowboys dropped out of the rankings. ranked for the first time in school history, fell out The top nine teams in in school history, fell out
the latest AP poll were after losing 37-35 to Tulsa,

Texans battle back to claim victory over McNair, Titans
By JOEL ANDERSON win total from last season completed all nine of his AP Sports Writer win total from last season
in its 11 th game, a clear improvement for the in the quarter HOUSTON - David
Carr put together a huge Carr put together a huge Brett Favre showed him how to do it last week. Carr threw for 201 yards and two touchdowns and Domanick Davis rushed
for a season-high 129 for a season-high 129
yards and.a score to help yards and. a score to help
the Houston Texans rally from an 18-point deficit in a $31-21$ win over the Tennessee Titans on Sunday.
After allowing Favre and the Green Bay from a 10-point deficit in the fourth quarter for win last week, Carr and the Texans staged an impressive imitation in rallying from the larges deficit in franch
ry for a victory
The Texans ( $5-6$ ) ended a three-game losing streak and, perhaps most importantly to their fans, swept the season series from the team they replaced in
Houston. Titans ownèr Bud Adams, who moved the Houston Oilers to Tennessee in 1996, took in the defeat from a luxury suite in the stadium
Houston wouldn't build Houston wouldn't build Houston also tied it

## Couples captures record fifth Skins title

By The Assoclated Press money on Sunday, start- Although the Silly LA QUINTA, Calif. - ing with a birdie putt Season tournament Mr. Skins Fred Couples worth $\$ 300,000$ and eight turned serious - Woods
prevailed in four playoff skins on the first hole. He hit the ground with an prevailed in four playoff finally won after Woods' iron and both players claim the final three tee shot went into the looked tight after missing skins worth $\$ 340,000$ and water on the last playoff putts that would have wip hiereoord fiftheskins hale, the par 3,204 yard won it - Couples and Game with a total wof -17 th at Trilogy Golficlub Woods jokingly walked $\$ 640,000$.
Couples won all his on a cold, windy day in
the desert. arm-in-arm

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Twain repli申d, "Finding a spider in your paper is neither good nor bad luck. The spider was merely looking onver our paper to see which merchant was not advertising so that he could eo to that store, spinkis wet across the door and lead a life of undisturbed peace

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## Tomorrow's Horoscope


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you can do is refuse to be embarrassed by other sure to call things in the moment, and you won't have to blow up later. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). What's on your mind? You've riches, booty! hard, and still, it's just out of reach. Get creative. A brainstorming session will open windows of financial possibility financial possibility worth investigating. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Despite your efforts, a relationship is still less than perfect. Perhaps it's lovely in its flaws! Anyway, you can still feel bad about a mistake and feel good about yourself. A Sagittarius helps you find compassion for yourself. 21). Maybe you're blowing things out of proportion.


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worked out in your head but the question is whether everyone else can duplicate your plan Too bad reality dictate
that not everything will go your way Communicate to the best of your ability.
Jan. 19). Big responsibili Jan. 19). Big responsibiliis the fear of doing it all wrong -- it's a healthy fear, though, and one that will keep you honest. Your brainchild is beginnext best thing to bein immortal!

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practice of volunteering with a couple of organizatruly whole, happy and healthy person. I am, however, missing a relationship. I feel if I were involved with someone, I'd have the balance that I so crave in my life. Will I ever meet him? My date of birth is Oct. 15, 1962." You're a Libra with Mars in Leo and Venus in Scorpio, which tells me Scorpio, which tells me that you're a rare breed of woman to whom the Rules -- and by Rules, I mean the advice laid out "The Rest-selling book apply. You can risk being more forward, and it actually works for you. In fact, the initiative rests with you. When you're with you. When you're ready (and May of 2005 is the perfect time to start) I suggest you join an online service, put the word out through friends, and join a singles club. teer work is noble, bu there are no single men in the organizations!) The question is, are you wil your heart broken and your ego bruised? Because that's the raw part of this deal and what part of this deal and what you embrace this big you love. CEL CELEBRITY PROFILES: Actor Ed 'Harris enjoys going out on the edg his acting. His eerily accurate rendition of Jackson Pollock is an example how Sagittarius, the sign of travel, can cally Whereas Pisces actors aim to embody a character by "being" that character, Sagittarian actors experiencing the choices of that character If you would like to write to Holiday Mathis, please go to www.cre"Write the Author" on the Holiday Mathis page, or you may send her a postcard in the mail. To find out more about Holiday Mathis and read her past Creators, $\begin{aligned} & \text { visit the the } \\ & \text { cole }\end{aligned}$ page ow.creators.com - 2004 CREATORS SYN-


## Annie's Mailbox .

Dear Annie: I have a
son, "Chris," age 23, who son, "Chris," age 23, who ment to Iraq. He has an adorable wife of three years but no children. This girl is unbelievably sweet and absolutely
crazy about my son. crazy about my son.
When he left, seemed so in love. However, while in training before he deployed, he went to a club with
his buds and ended up going home with a young woman for the night. I raised Chris to have good morals, and he has never done anything like this
before. Now he says he is in love with this new girl and wants a divorce. I am heartbroken over his poor decision. I emailed Chris, telling him disappointed I am, and how his decision has hurt so many people, not just his wife. Chris won write back or call me,
but he is writing and calling his dad, who by the way, did the same thing to me before our divorce.
My ex-husband thinks I am horrible for judging thing to tell him how felt and let him know the pain this has caused? know this hy brough up a lot of my own past,
so I can't be sure I am really seeing things straight. Please tell me what to do. -- Heartsick
Dear Heartsick: It's understandable that you are upset, and there's no
reason to hide it from Chris. It's painful when a child's marriage break up, especially since you
are obviously fond of your daughter-in-law However, Chris sounds rather immature. It's also possible that, facing deployment to Iraq, his previous entanglements You cannot fix these things. Chris must deal with them in his own way, right or wrong. and tell him you love him and hope he returns home safely. Say nothing about his marriage or his current girlfriend take advantage of the counseling services offered through the military, and be a limited, not-too-attached source of support for her, what
Dear Annie: I enjoy going to my women's gym, where everyone is friendly. Last week however, two of the loudly, began a rather
 Marcy Sugar
personal conversation about a third woman, "Jean." heard, and I wonder if they found this conversation as inappropriate as did. Perhaps you could remind folks that such conversations are in poor taste in public. Dear Exerciser: People don't always realize they can be heard or that oth ers are listening (similar tions). Bystanders should try their best not to notice. However, if other gym regulars know Jean such gossip could find its way back to her. It would creetly point that out to these women.
Dear Annie: You often recommend counseling This is good advice, bu cannot afford to pay for counseling, which is often expensive? This is not a problem for the rich, and the poor can get public assistance, bu the middle? How do we get the help we n South Bend, Ind.
Dear South Bend: An excellent question. Here's book or online for the YMCA; United Way; Catholic Charities Jewish Federation; th Recovery Inc Army Alliance for Children and Families; local hospitals; university graduate school departments o social work and psycholo my; churches, synagogues counseling centers; and your family physician. Annie's Mailbox is writ ten by Kathy Mitchel and Marcy Sugar, long Landers column. Please e mail your questions to anniesmailbox@com cast.net, or write to Annie's Mallbox, P.O ${ }^{6} 0611.2004$ CREATORS SYN O2004 CREA
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"Somebody should tell that guy
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This Date In History

By the Associated Press
Today is Monday, Nov. 29 ,
the 334th day of 2004. There are 32 days left in the yeare Today's Highlight in On Nov. 29, 1964, the U.S. Roman Catholic Church
instituted instituted
changes in the liturgy changes in the liturgy,
including the use of English instead of Latin.
On this date:
In 1864, a Colorado militia killed at least 150 peaceful
Cheyenne Indians in the Sand Creek Massacre. In 1924, Italian composer Giacomo Puccini died in
Brussels before he could Brussels before he could
complete his opera "Turandot." It was finished by Franco Alfano. In 1929, Navy Lt. Cmdr. In 1929, Navy Lt. Cmdr. that he'd made the first airplane flight over the South Pole.
In 1947, the U.N. General
capital of Chechnya and its airport hours after Russian
President Boris Yeltsin demanded the breakaway republic end its civil war. Today's Birthdays: Hall-of-Fame sportscaster Vin
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musician John Mayall is 71 Composer-musician Chuck Mangione is 64 . Pop singer Denny Doherty (The Mamas \& the Papas) is Mi. Country singer Jody Ladd is 61 . Pop singer-musi Ladd is 61 . Pop singer-musi-
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Rascals) is 60 . Olympic gold medal skier Suzy Chaffee is 58. Comedian Garry
Shandling is 55.


| ACROSS <br> 1 Synagogue leader <br> 6 Former Russian ruler <br> 10 Repertory group <br> 14 Fictitious name <br> 15 Farmland unit <br> 16 Succulent houseplant <br> 17 Dessert that Bugs Bunny might like <br> 19 Impolite <br> 20 Deadstreet <br> 21 Weaver's machine <br> 22 Andes pack animals <br> 24 Baseball hats <br> 25 Appear <br> 26 Monastery leaders <br> 29 All amazed <br> 33 Angry <br> 34 Dress of Írdia <br> 35 Strauss <br> \& Co. <br> 36 Pretzel topping <br> 37 One of Santa's reindeer <br> 38 James of <br> The Godfather <br> 39 Chauffeured vehicle <br> 40 Paradise <br> 41 Large crowd <br> 42 Tangles up <br> 44 See 44 Down <br> 45 Refer to <br> 46 Sawyer's pal <br> Huck <br> 47 Bologna alternative <br> 50 Transmit | ros | ssword | SEE SWEETS by Gail Grabowski Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com |  |  |  |  |  |
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    Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night Winning numbers drawn: 1-3-11-17-36.
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