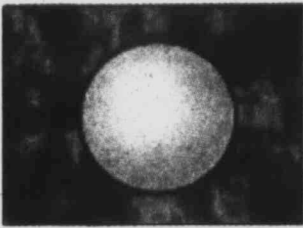


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Relay for Life meeting slated

The community startup meeting for Relay for Life which was postponed earlier this year has been set for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4 at the First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall. The meeting is open to anyone interested in Relay for Life, the annual American Cancer Society fundraiser. Underwriters, sponsors and team captains are especially urged to attend.

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Cocaine toxicity cause of death

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Donating an organ is the equivalent of giving life, or at least greatly improving the life of someone in need of a healthy kidney, liver, lung, heart and pancreas. While 85,000 Americans await life-saving transplants, at least 400,000 people have received a donated organ over the last 50 years.

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Tidal waves death toll reaches 40,000

By ANDI DJATMIKO

Associated Press Writer

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia — The death toll from epic tidal waves that rocked 11 countries rose to 40,000 people on Tuesday after Sri Lanka and Indonesia significantly increased their confirmed deaths.

Medical supplies, food aid and water purification systems poured into the region, part of what the U.N. said would be the biggest relief effort the world has ever seen. Millions remained homeless.

Rescuers struggled to

reach remote locations where thousands more were likely killed by the deadliest tsunami in 120 years. Bodies, many of them children, filled beaches and choked hospital morgues, raising fears of disease across the region.

Sri Lanka on Tuesday raised its death toll past 18,700. In Indonesia, the country closest to Sunday's 9.0 magnitude quake that sent walls of water crashing into coastlines thousands of miles away, the count rose to 15,000, a number the vice president said could rise

further.

"Thousands more cannot be reached in some isolated and remote areas," said Purnomo Sidik, the national disaster director.

Some 4,400 died in India; 1,000 perished in Thailand. The Red Cross said malaria and cholera could add to the toll.

Desperate residents on Indonesia's Sumatra Island — 100 miles from the quake's epicenter — looted stores Tuesday. "There is no help, it is each person for them-

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Howard County Deputy Sheriff Mark Hall and Dispatcher Jennifer Burger show off the awards they recently received from the sheriff's office. Hall was named Deputy of the Year, while Burger received the Civilian of the Year award.

Local peace officers recognized

Hall, Burger receive sheriff's office awards

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Recognition for hard work is one thing, but when it comes from your peers it's even sweeter.

That's exactly what Howard County Sheriff's Deputy Mark Hall recently found out, as he was named Deputy of the Year by his fellow co-workers at the sheriff's office.

"I was really shocked," said Hall after receiving the award. "I was surprised. There were a couple of other deputies that I expected to win the award, so it came as a total surprise."

Hall, who has been a deputy with the sheriff's office for eight years, said he spends the majority of his time on patrol, and with an enormous number of square miles to cover, it's anything but a 9 to 5 job.

"We're set on an eight-hour schedule, but it's pretty rare that you get to go home after eight hours," said Hall. "Just because your shift is over doesn't mean you get to go home. We're so short-handed we have to just carry over and cover the shifts."

"I handle basic patrol duties, which means we answer calls that we're dispatched to. It could be anything from a cow in

"There were a couple of other deputies that I expected to win the award, so it came as a total surprise."

—Deputy Mark Hall

the road or someone shooting at someone else. You never really know what you're going to get. I spend the majority of my time in my car driving around, driving through neighborhoods and trying to keep an eye on things."

Hall said he has been around law enforcement all his life, but it wasn't until a friend became a deputy with the Howard County agency that he realized what he wanted to do.

"My stepfather, J.D. Carter, worked for the police department here in Big Spring for 20 years, retiring in 1989," said Hall. "Then he worked with the sheriff's office for a little while as a reserve deputy. When I was real little, I went with him a lot to the firing range because he was a firearms instructor. But I really wasn't interested in it. Then a friend of

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Working together

Combined city-county law enforcement facility could be real possibility

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

More than a year after Howard County commissioners began considering a new county jail facility, it appears the process will begin anew — with a few new players involved.

Commissioners discussed the need for a new jail facility during their Monday meeting, which included a presentation from Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen, who volunteered the city's participation in the process.

"The city is extremely interested in involving itself. Not in the construction, obviously, because we want to get out of the jail business," said McEwen. "It doesn't make any sense in a county our size to have two separate jails. The police department is in a position where they

Howard County Jail Average Daily Population

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| 2000 - 41 inmates |
| 2001 - 41 inmates |
| 2002 - 54 inmates |
| 2003 - 59 inmates |
| 2004 - 66 inmates (year to date) |

Jail capacity: 49 inmates
Estimated cost of a new jail facility is between \$6.6 million (43,500 square feet) and \$7.5 million (49,020 square feet).

are currently bursting at the seams, and we're going to have to address that.

"If you would consider it, we would love to be in a position where we might consider having joint offices and have everyone under one roof," McEwen told commissioners. "It makes sense to me. If all law enforcement was under one roof, it seems to me like they would have better coordination and joint dispatch."

McEwen suggested to commissioners there is a

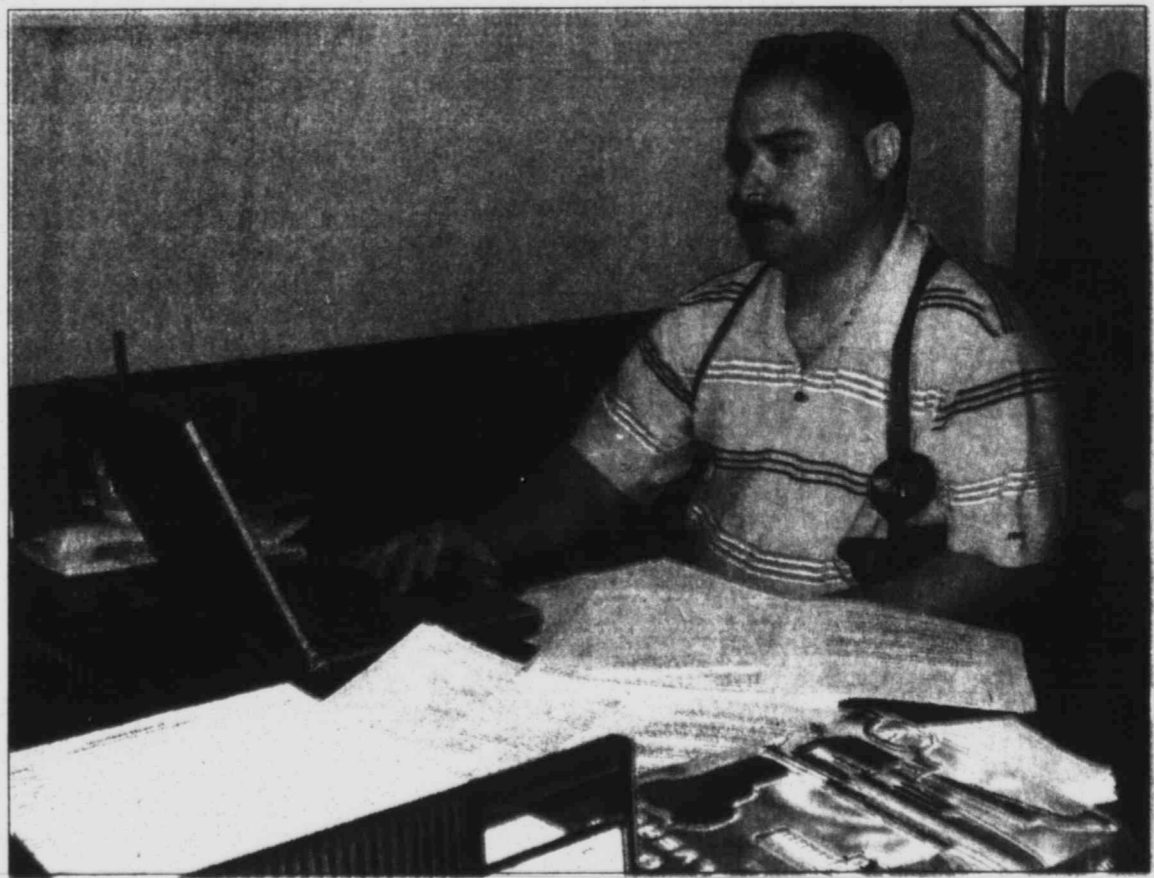
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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Cpl. Brian Gordon, who was recently appointed to the Big Spring Police Department's street crimes division, was named the Officer of the Year recently.

Cpl. Gordon enjoys work as an officer

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

After nearly a decade with the Big Spring Police Department, Cpl. Brian Gordon recently received the ultimate praise from his fellow officers and police department employees when he was voted BSPD Officer of the Year.

"It's something where you try to work and be the best officer you can and something like this happens — it's just overwhelming."

—Cpl. Brian Gordon

"I was extremely surprised. I wasn't expecting it at all," said Gordon, who was recently assigned to the department's street crimes division. See OFFICER, Page 5A

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lot to be gained by establishing local law enforcement — both the Big Spring Police Department and Howard County Sheriff's Office — in one central location, with one jail to serve both agencies.

"We're not saying we want to insinuate ourselves into your situation," said McEwen, "but we'd like to have some input just in asking what we can do to make it possible — to help you pay for this thing because we don't need to be in the jail business.

"If we were all under one roof and did it all together, there are some tremendous savings to the taxpayers of Howard County and the city of Big Spring. And that's what I'm looking for — to be in a position where we can do that."

Commissioner Bill Crooker agreed, saying the idea of the city and county working together on the project makes sense.

"I feel that this is definitely something both the city council and the commissioner's court need to explore together, and work our way through these ideas and thoughts that are presented," said Crooker. "It makes a lot of sense to me."

McEwen suggested the commissioners form a joint commission, which would include officials from the city and county, to explore the idea further.

"I'd love to see us form a joint commission or committee where we could get together the police chief, sheriff, a couple of commissioners and a couple of council members," said McEwen. "That way we can figure out what we need and have input into that. This is literally a once in a lifetime opportunity, and I just don't want us to pass it up."

County Judge Ben Lockhart agreed, saying commissioners are dedicated to making upcoming discussions more productive than those that began more than a year ago.

"We're going to do this right this time," said Lockhart. "We're going to have to figure out some problems as we go along, but we don't want to do it like we did last time and end up with nothing after more than a year of work."

One of the key elements in designing a new facility will be a needs analysis performed by the Texas Jail Commission, and while one was performed in 2003, Sheriff Dale Walker said his office will request a new assessment immediately.

"In 2003 we requested a needs analysis for our jail from the Jail Commission," said Walker. "It showed a projected growth and needs based on our area's statistics."

"The Jail Commission put out a report earlier this year that due to cuts to the state budget, they

are going to be forced to charge counties for reports and studies that are above and beyond the normal inspection reports. That's expected to begin Jan. 1, so we'll request another needs analysis now to try to avoid that fee."

Walker said he favors a central law enforcement facility and jail, but added careful consideration of not just present situations, but also future situations, will be vital.

"I'm all for everyone working together," said Walker. "And we're certainly doing that now. I think we've proven that. But understand also that some people believe that's sort of a double-taxation and stepping on toes in the city and we don't want to do that. I think it's clear from the mayor that they want to do this and we're willing to work with them all the way."

"By working together now and beginning with the process, we have a better understanding of everybody's needs. Right now we work well together. Twenty years from now no one can really say, but that jail or that building will still be there. So if it's built, it needs to be built with consideration to space and distance between city and county operations — so we can both run independently under the same roof."

Several presentations have been made to the commissioner's court concerning the construction of a new jail facility over the past year, including feasibility studies by architects Norris Fletcher and Phil Furqueron.

"Option 1, which is the 160-bed facility expandable to a 212-bed facility including furniture, fees, necessary testing and all of the project construction related costs, you're looking at \$6.6 million," Fletcher told the court during a meeting in October of 2003. "For the 212-bed facility, it's \$7.5 million."

"We're looking at a sheriff's office administrative area of 6,586 square feet. That involves the sheriff's offices and patrol offices, and that would stay the same with either option one or two. Inmate housing for option one is 20,550 square feet, and option two is 25,560 square feet. That includes the actual cell areas, multi-purpose rooms, all of which are necessary with the detention of inmates. We're looking at option one being 43,509 square feet overall, or option two, which is 49,020 square feet."

Commissioners requested a rough timeline for the design and construction of a new facility be drawn up by Furqueron for future meetings.

Autopsy: Wiltsie died of acute cocaine toxicity

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The September death of a 33-year-old Stanton man has been ruled an accident following the release of toxicology reports that determined the cause of death as acute cocaine toxicity.

An opinion released by a board of five forensic pathologists with the Lubbock County Medical Examiner's Office blamed ingested cocaine for the death of Robert Charles Wiltsie, who died shortly after being taken into custody by the Big Spring Police Department Sept. 2.

"Antemortem blood toxicology was positive for cocaine and cocaine metabolite," read a report issued by the examiner's

office. "The autopsy revealed portions of plastic within his (Wiltsie) stomach."

Justice of the Peace Bennie Green said he has ruled the manner of death as accidental.

"The deceased placed multiple plastic wrappers containing cocaine in his mouth and swallowed them," said Green. "I've ruled it an accidental death because it wasn't any type of suicide attempt or anything like that. It was an attempt to conceal, to hide the cocaine from officers."

Wiltsie, 33, of Stanton collapsed while he and another Stanton man were being booked into the Big Spring City Jail by a Comptroller of Public Accounts officer on a charge of use of dyed

fuel in a taxable manner.

According to police officials, reports indicated that Justin Scott, an officer with the Comptroller's Office, stopped a pickup truck at the intersection of West Fourth and San Antonio streets just before 9:30 a.m. Sept. 2, on the suspicion it was being operated on "dirty fuel."

While questioning the driver, 39-year-old Tracy Lynn Kruse of Stanton, Scott reportedly observed the passenger in the vehicle swallow something. The passenger, Wiltsie, had locked both doors to the truck in an effort to keep officers at bay.

Big Spring police officers were called for back up and transported the two men to the police department, where they

were booked at the request of Scott.

Authorities believed Wiltsie had ingested a quantity of a controlled substance during the traffic stop, but the Stanton man repeatedly denied doing so when questioned by officers.

After he collapsed, Wiltsie was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center where efforts to revive him were unsuccessful.

The Texas Rangers were immediately called in to investigate Wiltsie's death in accordance with Big Spring Police Department policy.

Ranger Jeremy Wallace, who is in charge of the investigation, was not available for comment following release of the toxicology report.

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selves here," district official Tengku Zulkarnain told el-Shinta radio station.

The disaster could be the costliest in history, with "many billions of dollars" of damage, said U.N. Undersecretary Jan Egeland, who is in charge of emergency relief coordination. Hundreds of thousands lost all they owned, he said.

In Galle, Sri Lanka, officials used a loudspeaker atop a fire engine to tell residents to place bodies on the road for collection. Muslim families used cooking utensils and even their bare hands to dig graves. Hindus in India, abandoning their tradition of burning bodies, held mass burials.

Soldiers and volunteers in Indonesia combed through destroyed houses to try to find survivors — or bodies. The toll in Thailand included at least 700 foreign tourists.

Stories of survival emerged amid the devastation.

A blond-haired 2-year-old found sitting alone on a road in Thailand and taken to a hospital was reunited with his uncle, who saw the boy's picture on the hospital's Web site.

"When I saw Hannes on the Internet, I booked an air ticket to come here in less than five hours," said a man who identified himself only as Jim. Hannes Bergstroem's mother died in the tsunami; his father was in another hospital, the Swedish paper Aftonbladet reported.

In Malaysia, a 20-day-

old baby was found floating on a mattress soon after the waves hit Sunday. She and her family were reunited.

The geographic scope of the disaster was unparalleled. Relief organizations used to dealing with a centralized crisis had to distribute resources over 11 countries on two continents.

Helicopters in India rushed medicine to stricken areas. In Sri Lanka, the Health Ministry dispatched 300 physicians to the disaster zone by helicopter.

Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Lakshman Kadirgamar said the United States was sending helicopters. An airborne surgical hospital from Finland arrived, and a German aircraft was en route with a water purification plant.

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Cleta Plew, 96, died Sunday. Funeral Services will be at 11:00 AM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Conny Wade, 81, died Monday. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 8:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Milini Turner, 51, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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sion. "It's an honor. It's something where you try to work and be the best officer you can and something like this happens — it's just overwhelming."

Gordon said he made the decision to become a peace officer in high school, trying to avoid what he describes as a "desk job."

"I've been with the Big Spring Police Department since May of 1995," said Gordon, who graduated from South Plains College with an associate's degree in law enforcement.

"It was something I had always wanted to do. I had a great-grandfather that was in law enforcement, but my interest in the field was really what made me want to be a police officer."

Gordon said the face of law enforcement has changed immensely over the past 10 years, and while the idea of catching criminals was what

drew him to the occupation, there's still a lot of "desk work" involved.

"In just the amount of time that I've been here (with the Big Spring Police Department), there has been a really dramatic change between the way I started out doing things and the way we do them now," said Gordon. "There have been a tremendous number of changes just in the way the paperwork is handled, going from hand-written reports to computer-generated reports. The new racial profiling laws have also brought about a lot of changes. With all of the updates to the laws just since I started, it's represented a very dramatic change."

"The paperwork involved in our job is amazing. A lot of people think we go out and write tickets all day and throw people in jail and that's the end of it — but it's not. That's only about 10 percent of our job, while the other 90 percent is time spent typing reports, doing paperwork or testifying in court."

Gordon said several recent

attacks on fellow police officers are a major concern for the police department, but for the most part, it's all in a day's work.

"You have to take it a day at a time," said Gordon. "You're always watching out for potential threats. Unfortunately there are people out there that want to attack officers or just don't want to go to jail or play by the rules. But we have to go on with our daily routines knowing the threat exists and continue on with our jobs."

Also receiving awards from the BSPD were Sgt. Tony Everett for supervisor of the year; Ann Reed, civilian of the year; and Lt. Robert Fitzgibbons, Jerry G. Edwards Award for Professionalism. Officer Scott Knight received a letter of commendation for saving the life of a motorist trapped in a burning car.

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Lawmakers propose cell phone limits

HOUSTON (AP) — Several lawmakers have filed bills for the upcoming legislative session that would restrict the use of cell phones by drivers.

Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, and Rep. Jose Menendez, D-San Antonio, have proposed legislation that would allow only handsfree cell phones while driving, except for calls to emergency responders.

Under Menendez's bill, violators could pay fines ranging from \$25 to \$200.

Similar laws have been enacted in New Jersey, the District of Columbia and New York, although complaints arose after New Yorkers began ignoring the law shortly after enactment as law enforcement grew lax, said David Strayer, a member of the University of Utah's psychology faculty.

Ellis admitted talking on the cell phone was a distraction for him a few years ago when he nearly crashed into another vehicle.

"I almost hit somebody when I was on the phone," Ellis said. "I think that driving with a cell phone to your ear sometimes can be as hazardous as driving while you're drunk. This phone can be as mind-altering as alcohol."

Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, took a different approach with his cell phone bill. He is seeking to ban the use of all telephones while driving for those under 18 with restricted licenses for novice drivers.

Seliger's approach shows promise, since similar restrictions regarding operating hours and number of passengers have reduced fatalities for beginning drivers by as much as 50 percent, Strayer said.

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mine went to work here at the sheriff's office, and I got to ride with him a little bit and I got interested in it. So I made the decision to go to the academy."

While the decision to become a deputy may have only taken a few minutes to make, Hall said the reality of attending police academy classes in Midland while working a full-time job was anything but easy.

"I was working a full time job while I was going to the academy because I couldn't afford to just take three months," said Hall. "It was pretty tough. When I first started, it was pretty easy to do because I wanted to do it

so badly. I really enjoyed it, but I was only getting two or three hours of sleep each night and having to drive to Midland every day.

"I was working for a construction company at the time. I would go to work at about 6 a.m. and then work through lunch. After about eight hours I would have to go straight to the academy in Midland, where I would get out of class at about 11 p.m. That put me back in Big Spring at about midnight, and I would get up the next morning and do it all over again. It was great, but toward the end I was getting pretty cranky," he said with a laugh.

Hall said the job itself hasn't changed much over the past eight years, but the sheer volume of

calls he and other deputies respond to certainly has.

"We're a lot busier now," said Hall. "We get a lot more calls than we did when I first started. It seems like we get a call for every little thing. People expect us to be miracle workers, and if there's even the slightest problem they call us. A lot of calls are from people who are mad at one another and just want to try to use us as a tool for revenge."

"We have a lot of fun though. We have a really good bunch of people here at the sheriff's office and there have been a lot of changes made. Being so short-handed can make it tough at times."

Add increased calls to the enormous area the sheriff's office covers, and

Hall said you have a recipe for tough situations for deputies in need of help.

"We have such a big area to cover," said Hall. "With the police department, if they need assistance for anything their help is maybe a minute or two away. If we need help and call for backup out there, it may be 20 to 30 minutes before someone can get there. And with the rural areas, a lot of times our radios don't work. So when you're out there, you may be by

yourself. That makes it a challenge."

In addition to naming the Deputy of the Year, the Howard County Sheriff's Office also awarded its annual Civilian of the Year to Dispatcher Jennifer Burger, who said she was shocked to receive the prestigious award.

"I was shocked. It's such a big award," said Burger. "I was so shocked I cried in front of everyone. It's a great honor."

Burger said being the eyes and ears for deputies

in the field can be very tough at times, but it offers its own kind of reward.

"At times it's nerve-racking — knowing that you're responsible for their safety out there — and in an emergency-type situation it can be very frustrating," said Burger. "It's also very rewarding."

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Sewing implements bring on a case of hives

It comes from the generation that breaks out into hives at the sight of a sewing implement.

During my formative years, VELCRO was discovered and hotglue, as well as iron-ons, were really getting popular.



CHRISTY ALTON

This is why I believe in safety pins.

These little things serve a boatload of purposes.

If a person actually does sew these days, I think they are very accomplished indeed.

Of course, since I have a bad attitude toward the whole needle/thread thing,

I say pish posh and buy everything ready made.

Unfortunately, buttons still fall off of clothing, and rips and tears do occur. I have tried, in vain, to put a safety pin

in the holes of a button. Safety pins are awesome, but they aren't magic.

Rips and tears can sometimes benefit from the pin, but then there are those other times when only a sewing machine will suffice.

In high school, I took Home Ec as an elective. Our assignment for the semester was to pick out a pattern and materials, bring them to school and sew our project.

Knowing that I wasn't a seamstress, my mom helped me pick out a very simple vest.

I bought trim and thread and straight pins and I was set.

Without too much stress, I cut out the vest. Days later, I had it all sewn together.

Trim time. I had picked out the tiniest of trim and it was sheer torture trying to sew it around each edge.

My deadline of six weeks was fast approaching and I still hadn't finished my vest.

With only about two weeks to go, I asked my teacher if I could start

all over. She very kindly said I could and I tossed it in the trash can.

There was one guy in our class, (the best tailor of all of us) and he found my garment in the trash and picked it up. He took it to the teacher and said, in his slow drawl, "Mrs. Hensley, someone threw their bonnet in the trash."

I was humiliated. Not only was my vest a complete failure, it looked like a bonnet!

I made another stab at it and bought thicker trimming and I finished up my project on time. She gave me an 80 because I had worked so hard.

I made a couple of attempts to sew later in life, but all were equally as stressful.

That is why I'll stick with safety pins.

Christy Alton is mother of two, works full time and is married to her park ranger, Ron. She writes this column for her friends and family and for the Big Spring Herald.

Satellite broadband improves productivity for small businesses

(NAPSA) — There's a big myth that many small business owners come up against: "If I can't get cable or DSL, I can't get high-speed Internet (also known as broadband)."

If that were true, it would mean that some businesses could not get the broadband Internet access they need to remain competitive in today's marketplace.

According to the Small Business Association, 73 percent of small businesses have some type of Internet access, with 58 percent of them subscribing to high-speed Internet.

Small and medium businesses use high-speed Internet to improve customer communications, grow their sales revenue and improve overall pro-

ductivity. Businesses can receive and quickly respond to orders online, conduct research, purchase inventory, access electronic documents from suppliers, and receive large e-mail attachments.

As these applications become more prevalent and customers become increasingly reliant on the Internet for purchasing and communications, experts say businesses without broadband access will struggle to compete.

"Fortunately, there are other affordable and reliable alternatives—such as satellite—to get business-quality broadband," says David Shiff, vice president of Hughes Network Systems.

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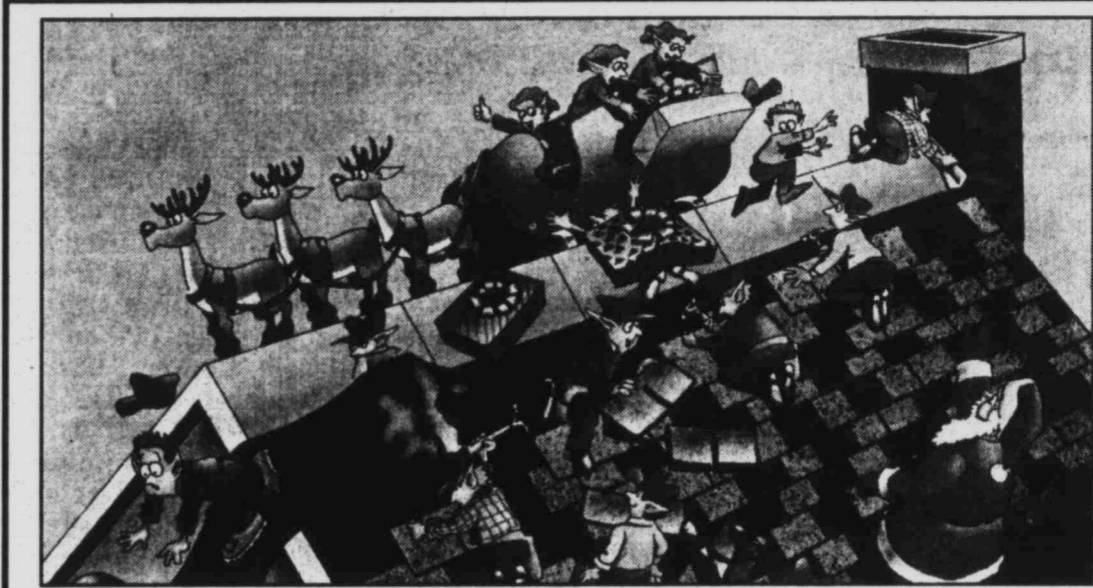
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Lady Steers drop journey opener

ABILENE — Big Spring's Lady Steers saw their record drop to 2-10 on the season Monday night with a 61-35 loss to Abilene's host Lady Eagles in the opening round of the Abilene Invitational Basketball Tournament.

The Lady Steers' only double-digit scorer in the fray was Raegan Ritchey, who finished the game with 11 points. Carmen Lewis added eight points for Big Spring, while Valerie Dunn had seven.

The Lady Steers were scheduled to take on Burnett in a consolation bracket game at 10:30 a.m. today.

Brown gets new contract, raise

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — With Texas preparing for its first Rose Bowl appearance, university officials are working up a new contract with a raise for coach Mack Brown.

"We like what we've got," Texas Athletic Director DeLoss Dodds told the Associated Press on Monday. "He's done a wonderful job with the program."

Dodds said details would be announced later in the week but Brown would get a raise on a salary that currently pays him slightly more than \$2 million per year. He is one of the highest paid coaches in college football. Brown's assistants also could get a raise.

Brown declined to discuss details of his pending contract extension but said he was "excited about the talks."

"We haven't yet accomplished everything we've wanted to here," Brown said at a Rose Bowl ceremony for the two teams at Disneyland. "There's no better place to coach than the University of Texas."

Although Brown has been criticized for a five-game losing streak to Big 12 South rival Oklahoma, Texas (10-1) has won at least 10 games the last four seasons and has become a regular fixture among the Top 10 in the Associated Press rankings during his seven-year tenure.

Vols' QBs out for Cotton Bowl?

IRVING — Both of Tennessee's freshman quarterbacks may be out for the Cotton Bowl. Junior Rick Clausen will start as planned in Saturday's game against Texas A&M (7-4).

The Vols (9-3) had hoped freshman Brent Schaeffer would be able to play some after returning for the first time since breaking his collarbone Oct. 30 at South Carolina.

But Schaeffer has been unable to practice in Texas because he is sick with flu-like symptoms.

The Vols' other freshman QB — Erik Ainge — hasn't played since separating his shoulder against Notre Dame on Nov. 6. He will not play in the Cotton Bowl.

Parcells ready for changes, not necessarily at QB

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — With the Dallas Cowboys eliminated from the playoffs, coach Bill Parcells said Monday he's going into the last game ready to take a look at some players who haven't played much this season.

Even at quarterback? "I'm going to think that over," Parcells said. "I'll let you know Wednesday what I'm going to do exactly."

Parcells said "there's a chance"

Vinny Testaverde will remain the starter, which means there's also a chance Tony Romo or Drew Henson will play Sunday night on the road against the New York Giants.

There's no chance of a Romo-Henson rotation.

"I couldn't practice both of them enough," he said. "That wouldn't be fair. I think what I'll do is practice one of them and then decide what we'll try to do."

Henson has taken snaps in three games, even starting on Thanksgiving. Two weeks ago he

was dropped to No. 3, a move Parcells insisted was merely rotating the backups, not a demotion.

Once Romo became No. 2, Parcells said he was looking for the right situation for the second-year quarterback to make his NFL debut. That hasn't happened and now his window of opportunity may have closed.

Parcells could go back to Henson, saying it is his turn in the rotation. He noted Monday that "Henson had a really good week of practice on the scout

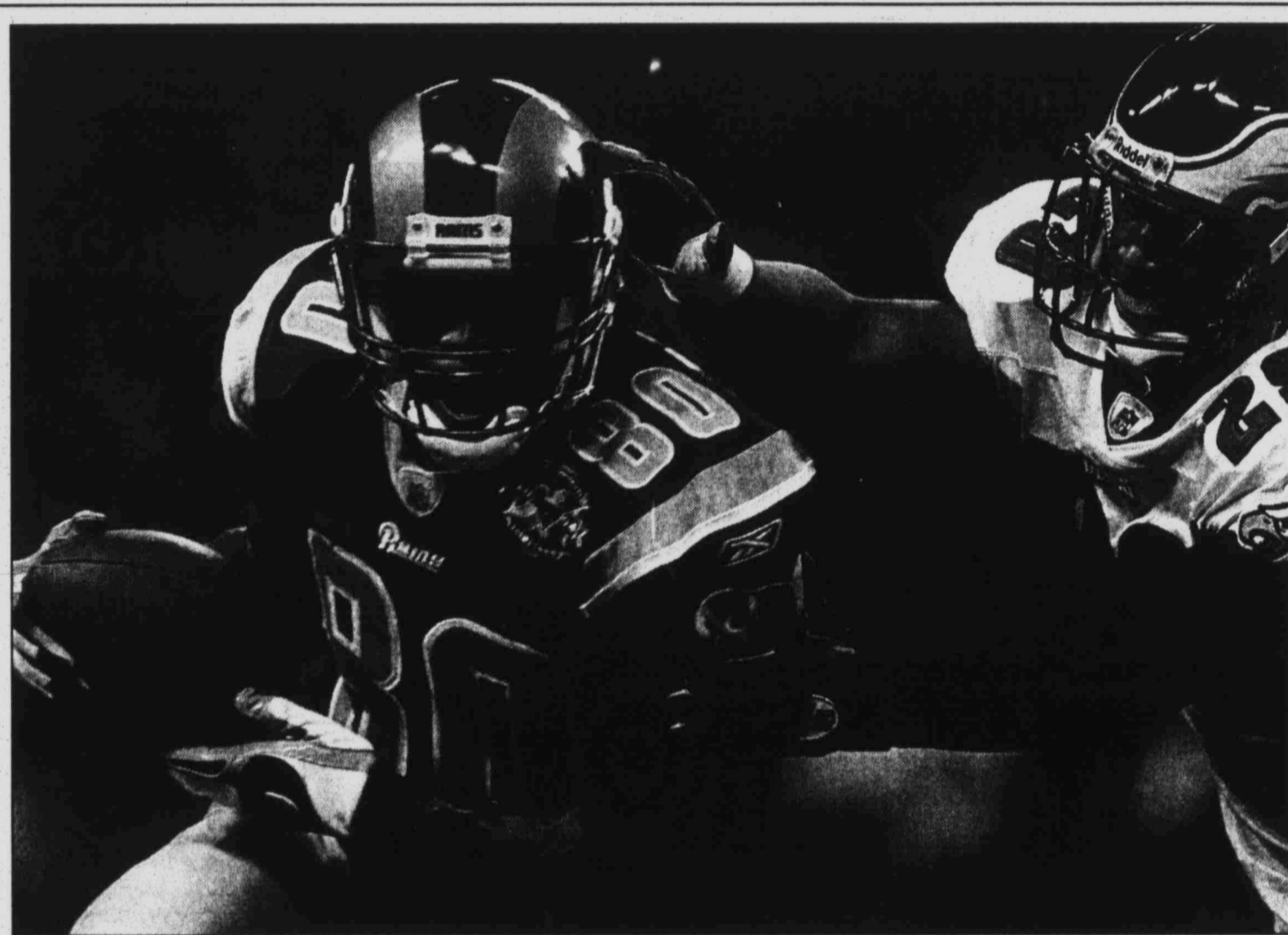
team last week, probably his best of the season."

Then again, Parcells also said that Romo "was well-prepared."

"Tony was mentally ready to play if he had to," Parcells said. "So we'll see."

Parcells has started breaking in different players on the offensive line, at linebacker and in the secondary. He's considering more this week, but those moves can't match the attention paid to the quarterback depth chart.

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The Eagles' Roderick Hood tries to stop the Rams' Isaac Bruce after Bruce caught a pass in the second quarter of their game in St. Louis on Monday night.

KRT photo/Eric Mencher/Philadelphia Inquirer

Rams keep playoff hopes alive topping punchless Eagles, 20-7

By BARRY WILNER

AP Football Writer

ST. LOUIS — The St. Louis Rams still have high playoff hopes. The Philadelphia Eagles just hope the playoffs get here before anyone else goes down.

By beating the Eagles' junior varsity 20-7 Monday night, the Rams (7-8) ensured their season finale against the New York Jets wouldn't just be meaningful for the opponent. Behind rookie Steven Jackson's best performance of his brief pro career, St. Louis stayed alive for the NFC West crown or for a wild-card berth.

"It was a statement game for me," Jackson said after rushing for 148 yards and a 5-yard touchdown before bruising his right knee in the fourth quarter. "It was a must-win game. I wanted to come out and run the ball pretty hard when I had the opportunities. I wanted to make up for lost time."

Jackson, a first-round draft choice and the first running back selected last April, missed the last two losses that dropped the Rams to the edge of elimination. A previous knee injury sidelined him two weeks ago, then coach Mike Martz

didn't use him last week.

But Martz turned to the younger immediately against Philadelphia (13-2), and it paid off.

In a stark departure from his passing persona, Martz — perhaps sensing it would be Jackson's night — called 10 running plays on the opening drive that covered 73 yards. Jackson ran for 46 yards and Marshall Faulk for 27 on the march.

Jackson also had a 43-yard run in the second period on a drive that ended with Jeff Wilkins missing a 44-yard field goal.

"That first series, we were handing the ball to him and he's running through them, around them, every which way you can," Martz said. "He's a terrific back and it afforded us the ability to go down and not throw the ball one time. When you've got a guy playing like that — spectacular."

If the Rams (7-8) beat the Jets on Sunday and Seattle loses to Atlanta, St. Louis will win the NFC West. If the Seahawks win and take the division, St. Louis can make the playoffs by winning and having Minnesota lose at Washington, or by Carolina and New Orleans tying.

A win for the Jets would put them into the AFC playoffs.

"After all the drama we've been through this year, to be in position to potentially get into the playoffs, how awesome is that?" Martz said. "We will show up next week and lay it all out there."

The Eagles, who own home-field advantage for the NFC playoffs, didn't lay it out Monday night because they didn't need to. Perhaps spooked by the ankle and leg injury that has sidelined star receiver Terrell Owens, they weren't about to jeopardize other stars in a game that meant nothing to them.

Running back Brian Westbrook, their prime offensive threat with Owens out, was scratched, along with starting tackle Tra Thomas. Donovan McNabb played one series, when the Eagles got their only points. Defensive end Jevon Kearse never got onto the field and most of the starters were gone by halftime, if not sooner.

"You have to make a decision and there have been some good ones that have gone this route and there have been some bad ones that have

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Top 25 for men a repeat

By JIM O'CONNELL

AP Basketball Writer

Illinois and Kansas were 1-2 in The Associated Press' college basketball poll for a fourth straight week Monday, and the 25 teams in the rankings were the same for the third consecutive week.

The Illini (11-0) beat Missouri in their only game last week and received 55 first-place votes and 1,779 points from the national media panel. This is Illinois' third appearance at No. 1 and the others — in 1952 and 1989 — each lasted only one week, though the Illini did reach the Final Four both years.

Kansas (8-0) played its first game since preseason All-America Wayne Simien underwent surgery on his left thumb and Deaf Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The Jayhawks, who were the preseason No. 1, don't expect to have the senior power forward back for at least a month. Kansas received 13 first-place votes and 1,699 points.

The top 11 teams stayed the same from last week.

Oklahoma State (9-0), which received the other four first-place votes, was third and was followed by North Carolina, Wake Forest, Duke, Syracuse, Kentucky, Georgia Tech and Pittsburgh.

Connecticut was No. 11 for the third straight week and was followed by Gonzaga, Washington, Arizona, Texas, Iowa, North Carolina State, Alabama, Louisville and George Washington.

The last five ranked teams were Mississippi State, Cincinnati, Michigan State, Maryland and Virginia.

No one in the Top 25 lost last week but that won't be the case this week with four ranked matchups on the schedule.

On Tuesday, No. 12

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A record even Manning can't touch until February

The big question won't be answered until the playoffs begin and even the NFL's biggest control

freak is helpless to do anything about that at the moment.

But the record came exactly the way Peyton Manning wanted it — in the flow of a game, with the clock ticking down, and something left to play for. And by now, you're probably familiar, too, with a few of the details in what sounded like a harmonic convergence Sunday under the big top in

Indianapolis.

How Colts owner Jim Irsay dispatched his private jet to pick up Manning's snowbound parents in Memphis and whisk them back to Indy in time to see the final 9 minutes of the game and overtime. And how Archie and Olivia Manning's middle son sidled over to wide receiver Brandon Stokley with a minute left in regulation, called a play the Colts had never used in a game, then called a dummy audible at the line to confuse the Chargers and almost everyone else in the building, and then threw the ball toward the end zone even before Stokley made his final cut at the 5.

"The ball was on me so quick, I'm just glad I was able to get my hands up," Stokley said. "I

didn't have time to think about it.

"It would have been embarrassing, to turn around and get hit with it in the face."

The best thing from Manning's standpoint, however, wasn't the perfect timing, even though he conceded, "I was afraid I might have thrown it too early."

No, the best part was that touchdown pass No. 49 of the season, the one that put Dan Marino in Manning's rearview mirror, came with the Colts still needing a 2-point conversion to force the extra period, putting off the celebrations until later. Those didn't commence until Manning had engineered a 61-yard drive in overtime to set up Mike Vanderjagt's field goal that secured Indianapolis' eighth

straight win and the No. 3 seed in the AFC for the playoffs.

"I think Johnny Unitas would have been proud of that drive," Manning said afterward, which is as much celebrating as he allowed himself.

Just seven seasons into a career, Manning's link to some of the greatest quarterbacks ever is already secure. By just about any measure, he's off to the best start of any passer in history. What remains to be seen, though, is whether Manning winds up linked with prolific Hall of Famers like Marino, Fran Tarkenton and Jim Kelly or consistent Super Bowl winners like Joe Montana. Championships are an

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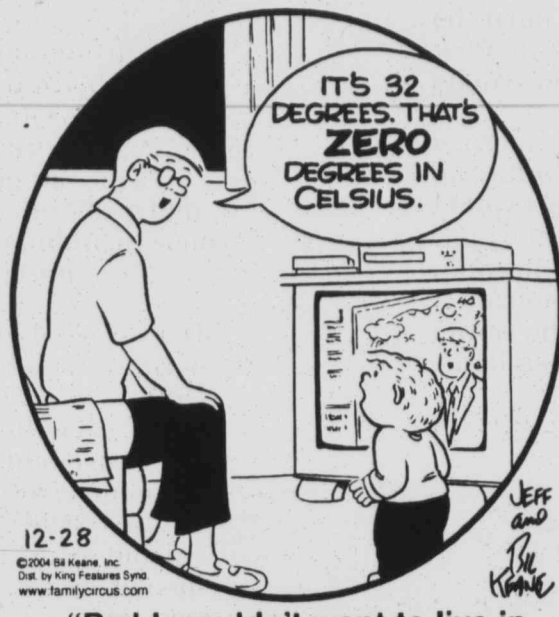
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DENNIS THE MENACE



"Yeah, Mom really loved your gift, but not as much as what she exchanged it for."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

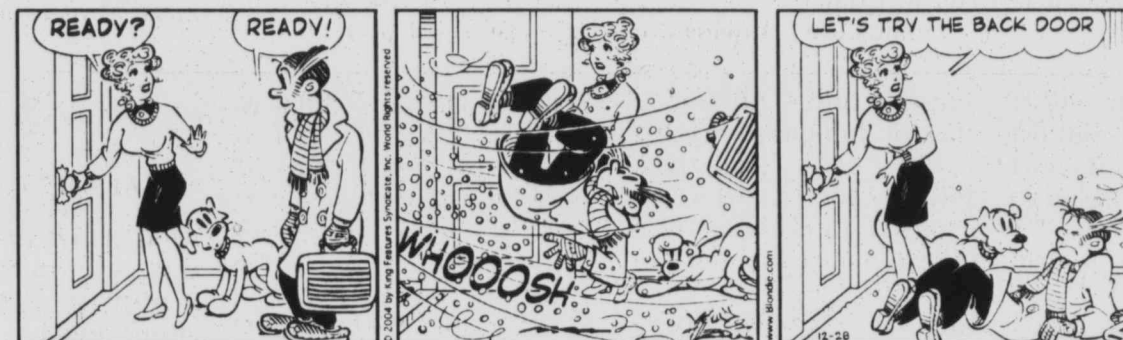


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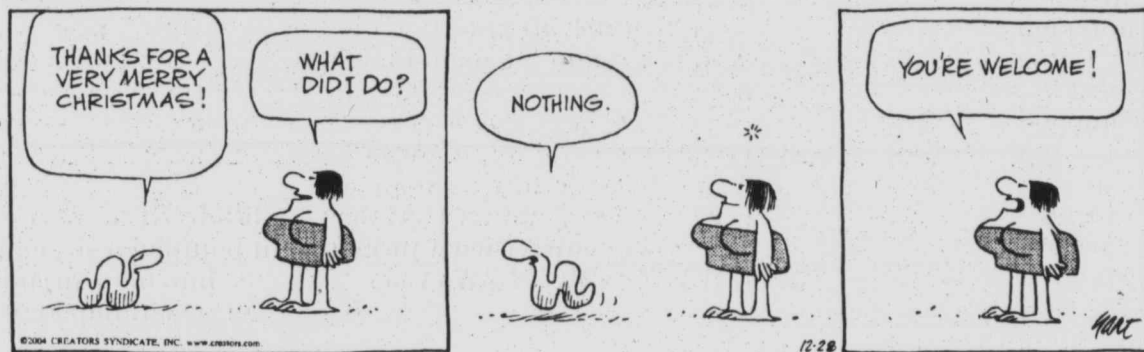
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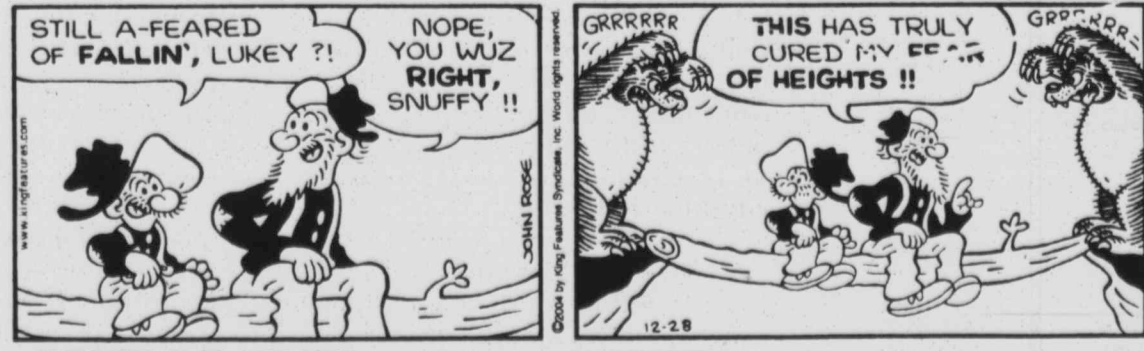
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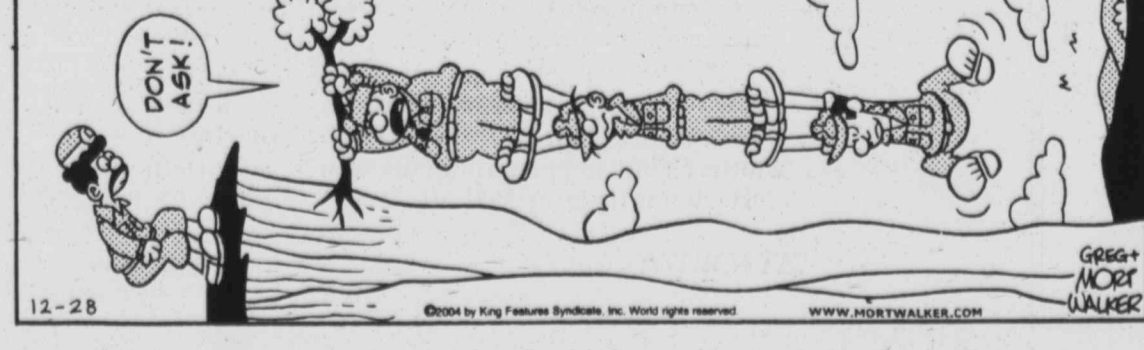
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BEETLE BAILEY



This Date In History

By the Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 28, the 363rd day of 2004. There are three days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 28, 1945, Congress officially recognized the Pledge of Allegiance.

On this date: In 1694, Queen Mary II of England died after five years of joint rule with her husband, King William III. In 1832, John C. Calhoun became the first vice president of the United States to resign, stepping down over differences with President Jackson.

In 1846, Iowa became the 29th state to be admitted to the Union.

In 1856, the 28th president of the United States, Thomas Woodrow Wilson, was born in Staunton, Va.

In 1897, the play "Cyrano de Bergerac," by Edmond Rostand, premiered in Paris.

In 1917, the New York Evening Mail published a facetious essay by H.L. Mencken on the history of bathtubs in America.

In 1937, composer Maurice Ravel died in Paris.

In 1944, the musical "On the Town" opened on Broadway.

In 1973, Alexander Solzhenitsyn published "Gulag Archipelago," an expose of the Soviet prison system.

In 1982, Nevell Johnson Jr., a black man, was mortally wounded by a police officer in a Miami video arcade, setting off three days of race-related disturbances that left another man dead.

Ten years ago: CIA Director R. James Woolsey resigned, ending a tenure that was shadowed by the Aldrich Ames spy scandal. President Clinton nominated Dan Glickman to be agri-

culture secretary, succeeding Mike Espy.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Lou Jacobi is 91. Bandleader Johnny Otis is 83. Former United Auto Workers union president Owen Bieber is 75. Actress Dame Maggie Smith is 70. Rock singer-musician Charles Neville is 66. Rock singer-musician Edgar Winter is 58. Rock singer-musician Alex Chilton (The Box Tops; Big Star) is 54. Actor Denzel Washington is 50. Country singer Joe Diffie is 46. Country musician Mike McGuire (Shenandoah) is 46. Actor Chad McQueen is 44.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

ON THE JOB by Shirley Soloway
Edited by Stanley Newman
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- ACROSS
- 1 Church service
- 5 Gaudy trinket
- 11 Common article
- 14 In the matter of
- 15 New York lake
- 16 Vote in favor
- 17 Campfire reciter
- 19 Cherry seed
- 20 Italian isle
- 21 1550
- 22 Stockholm resident
- 24 Gives approval
- 26 Evolution advocate
- 27 Respond
- 30 Not so many
- 31 They convened in NYC in 2004
- 32 Thrill ride offerings
- 35 Singer Simone
- 38 Devastate
- 40 Lessen in intensity
- 41 Attempt
- 42 Teacher in Siam
- 43 Discourages
- 45 CBS logo
- 46 Carpenter's pin
- 48 Need for water
- 50 Cooking enticements
- 52 Flaming felony
- 54 Permissible
- 55 To and
- 56 Make a choice
- 60 Choose, with "for"
- 61 Vodka plus orange juice
- 64 Prefix meaning "recent"
- 65 Act that precedes the headliner
- 66 Cairo's waterway
- 67 Make a goof
- 68 Contract certifier
- 69 Model Macpherson
- DOWN
- 1 Not fem. or neut.
- 2 Hammett hound
- 3 "Quit that!"
- 4 The blues
- 5 "I ___ Rhythm"
- 6 Foe
- 7 Joins, as metal
- 8 Fish feature
- 9 Summer quaff
- 10 Capital of Poland
- 11 Obsolete office machine
- 12 Fictional Alpine girl
- 13 "Thanks, I've already ___"
- 18 "Uh-oh!"
- 23 Small songbirds
- 25 Video game parlors
- 26 Sahara and Gobi
- 27 Taj Mahal town
- 28 Person, place, or thing
- 29 Image consultant
- 30 Big party
- 33 Biblical brother
- 34 Sinking ship deserter
- 36 Votes opposite
- 16 Across
- 37 Help a hoodlum
- 39 Ashley Judd's mom
- 44 Blacksmith, at times
- 47 Holmes cohort
- 49 Like some skates
- 50 Sans company
- 51 Less green, as fruit
- 52 Sports site
- 53 Oarsman
- 55 Worry
- 57 Nefarious
- 58 Alcatraz unit
- 59 Beech or birch
- 62 Naval noncom: Abbr.
- 63 Not at all humid

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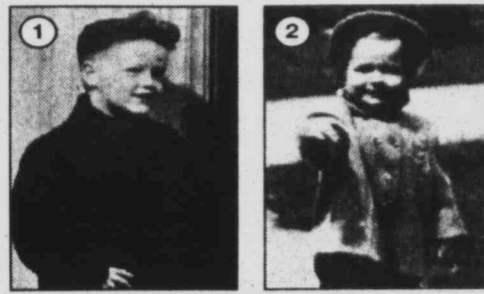
By BETTY DEBNAM

Presidents and First Ladies ...

White House Couples as Kids

Hey, kids! You or one of your classmates might become president of the United States someday!

Here are mini facts about some of our country's presidents and first ladies when they were growing up. Can you match the childhood pictures with the adults?



He played Little League baseball and took part in Cub Scouts. She liked teaching her dolls to read. She was a Girl Scout.



He liked marbles and baseball. Her real name was Claudia, but everyone called her by her nickname.

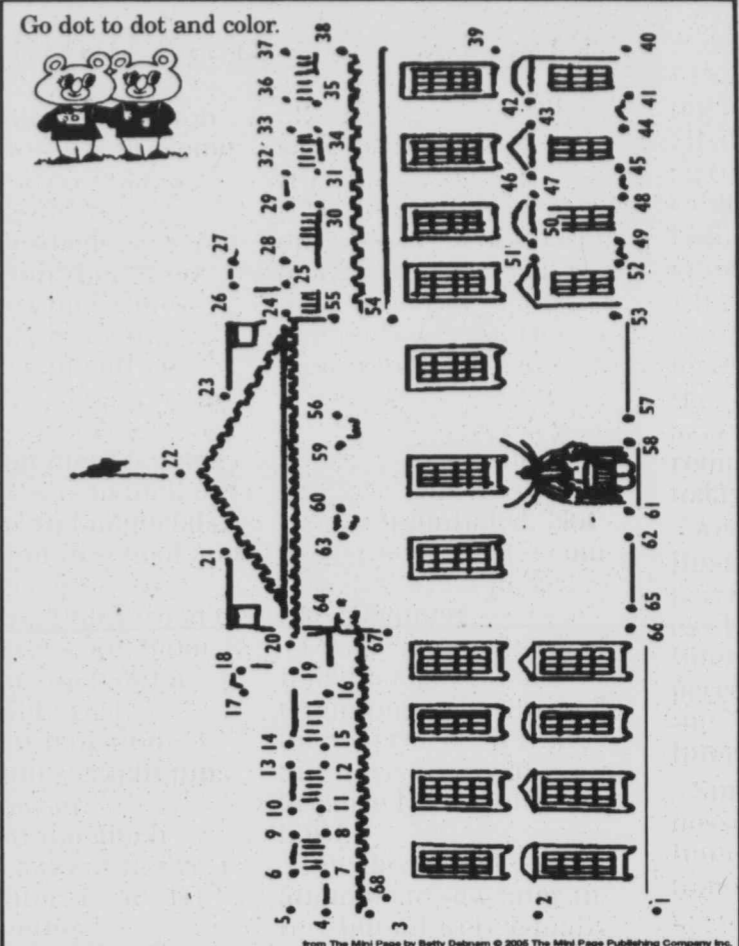


He liked football. He worked in a circus and was a lifeguard. She loved acting, dancing, tennis and swimming.

The Mini Page thanks Lee Ann Potter, head of education and volunteer programs at the National Archives, and Ben Irwin of the staff of the Office of Presidential Libraries, National Archives.

Site to see: www.archives.gov

Answers: 1. Nancy Reagan; 2. Hillary Clinton; 3. George W. Bush; 4. Laura Bush; 5. Lyndon Johnson; 6. Lady Bird Johnson; 7. Bill Clinton; 8. Hillary Clinton.



Rookie Cookie's Recipe
Pineapple Cheese Casserole

You'll need:

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 2 (20-ounce) cans pineapple chunks, drained (save juice)
- 2 cups cheddar cheese, grated
- 1/2 cup Ritz crackers, crushed
- 1/4 cup butter, melted

What to do:

1. Combine the sugar and flour in a large bowl.
2. Add 6 tablespoons of pineapple juice and then the cheese. Mix well.
3. Stir in pineapple chunks.
4. Pour into a greased 9-by-13 casserole dish.
5. Top with crushed crackers and pour butter on top.
6. Bake uncovered in a preheated 375-degree oven for 25 minutes. Serves 8.

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

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Gus Goodsport's Report
Supersport: Alonzo Mourning

Height: 6-10 Birthdate: 2-8-70 Weight: 261

Alonzo Mourning is back, making baskets, grabbing rebounds and blocking shots. That's amazing, considering the New Jersey Nets center had a kidney transplant last December and wasn't expected to play pro basketball again. The courageous "Zo" wears a specially designed device to protect his kidney area.

Mourning, 34, naturally isn't the same dominating player who made the NBA All-Star Team seven times and twice was named NBA Defensive Player of the Year. But he's making a solid contribution while playing a little more than half of each game.

"Zo," who is married and the father of two children, has made contributions off the court as well. He has helped raise several million dollars for various charities, including those that benefit children. His wife, Tracy, also started a mentoring program for youth. Every NBA team and town needs a Mourning — on and off the court.

Meet Stephen Hillenburg

Stephen Hillenburg, 43, is a cartoonist and creator of the popular cartoon character "SpongeBob SquarePants." When he was a boy, he loved watching movies about the adventures of undersea explorer Jacques Cousteau. This sparked his interest in ocean life.

At 15, Stephen liked to dive off the coast of California. He studied marine science at Humboldt State University. Later he taught marine biology to children at the Orange County Marine Institute. His young students especially liked learning about undersea creatures.

Stephen also enjoys art and got a master's degree in experimental animation. Then he got a job with the Nickelodeon show "Rocko's Modern World." One day, for fun, he drew a square, funny-looking sponge cartoon character — and created Nickelodeon's "SpongeBob SquarePants!"

Mighty Funny's Mini Jokes

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

Ralph: What did the baby corn say to the mama corn?
Dave: "Where's my popcorn?"

Gretchen: How do you fix a broken tomato?
Francesca: With tomato paste!

Alvin: What would you get if you crossed an onion and a potato?
Diane: A potato with watery eyes!

Be a Matchmaker

He worked in his family's peanut fields. He loved to hunt and fish and read. She sewed with her mother and helped support the family.

He grew up in a wealthy family. The kids grew up discussing politics with their dad. She loved to ride horses, write and draw.

When he was 15, a scrape on his knee gave him blood poisoning. Doctors wanted to cut off his leg, but he fought them. He won, and his leg got better. As a young girl, she loved dancing.

Answers: 1. Jimmy Carter; 2. Rosalynn Carter; 3. Harry Truman; 4. Bess Truman; 5. Franklin Roosevelt; 6. Eleanor Roosevelt; 7. Dwight Eisenhower; 8. Mamie Eisenhower; 9. John Kennedy; 10. Jacqueline Kennedy; 11. George H.W. Bush; 12. Barbara Bush.

White House Kids TRY 'N FIND

Words and names that remind us of some presidents are hidden in the block below. Some names are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find: BENJAMIN, FRANKLIN, RUTHERFORD, GROVER, ANDREW, WILLIAM, ZACHARY, JIMMY, RICHARD, MILLARD, MARTIN, ULYSSES, JOHN, RONALD, GEORGE, JAMES, THOMAS, THEODORE, BILL.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are visiting George Washington's birthplace. See if you can find:

- question mark
- whale
- letter D
- cat
- pencil
- horseshoe
- seahorse
- ruler
- word MINI
- exclamation mark
- funny face
- number 7
- caterpillar

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