



BSISD teachers making grade, striving for more

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Students are not the only ones feeling the heat from state and federal school accountability guidelines.

While students undoubtedly are facing pressure from a battery of standardized tests, teachers are also expected to perform up to standard.

As part of the federal government's No Child Left Behind education guidelines, Big Spring Independent School

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DOWNES

District officials are working to ensure that all local teachers achieve "Highly Qualified" sta-

tus. The good news is that they're getting very close.

Superintendent Michael Downes told school trustees Thursday night that 96.28 percent of the district's teachers met federal Highly Qualified guidelines during the 2004-05 school year, an increase from 93.4 percent in 2003-04.

That figure exceeded the state recommended level of 90 percent.

All teachers in the district's elementary schools and middle school campus met the guidelines, while all but four instructors at both the junior high

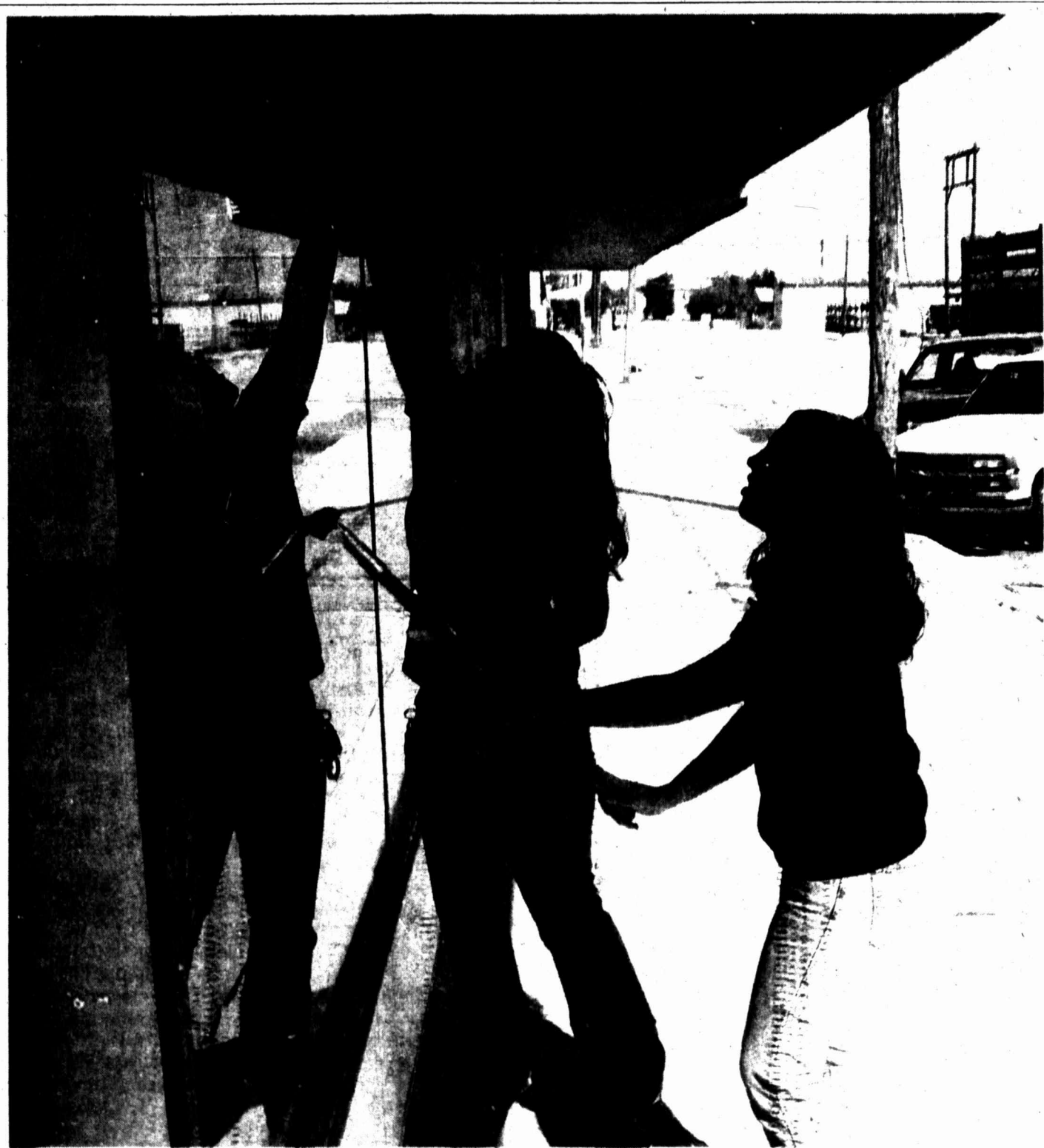
school and high school exceeded the standards, Downes said.

While pleased with the district's progress in this matter, Downes said officials are setting their goals even higher next year — at the same time admitting it won't be easy.

"Our target for next year is to have 100 percent of our teachers achieve Highly Qualified status," Downes said. "But it will be difficult to attain."

The major problem, Downes

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Howard College Diplomats Melssa Marlowe, left, and Christin Ballard, both of Big Spring, wash windows outside the Chalet Resale Shop on Second Street Friday afternoon. Several members of the college's group performed cleanup work at the shop Friday.

Rebates

Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan have sales tax revenues rise

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor

Once again, sales tax rebates were up a bit this month for the city of Big Spring, according to the Texas Comptroller's Office.

Big Spring received \$327,142.98 this month, up 5.34 percent when compared to the \$310,544.10 taken in during October of 2004. For the first 10 months of 2005, Big Spring has collected \$3,523,447.81, an amount ahead of last year's collections by 5.92 percent.

Most area communities received positive sales tax rebates when compared to a year ago, according to the Comptroller's Office.

Coahoma received \$3,643.81 for the month, up 3.43 percent when compared to the \$3,522.71 received a year ago. For 2005, Coahoma has received \$49,333.25, a pace that is 11.35 percent higher than 2004.

Forsan continued to see major fluctuations in its sales tax rebates, but positive ones.

The Howard County community received \$7,285.07 this month compared to \$4,866.13 in October 2004. That's a whopping 49.7 percent increase. For the year, Forsan has received

\$62,131.91, up 21.59 percent.

Rebates went up 10.53 percent for Abilene, comparing October 2005 rates of \$2,359,387.33 to October 2004 rates of \$2,134,566.44. For the year, Abilene has received \$24,239,711.89, up 8.66 percent.

Andrews enjoyed a double-digit increase again. The \$92,657.79 received this month is a 35.98 percent increase compared to the \$68,139.60 collected in October 2004. For the year, the city has collected \$855,760.00, up 19.77 percent.

Brownfield took in \$66,287.30 this month compared to \$60,367.13 a year ago, for an increase of 9.8 percent. For the year, Brownfield has taken in \$731,631.09, an increase of 8.74 percent.

Colorado City collected \$31,651.60 for October 2005. That's a 3.83 percent decrease when compared to the \$30,482.16 the Mitchell County seat collected in October 2004.

For the year, Colorado City has collected \$363,432.27, which is down a scant 0.45 percent.

Fort Stockton collected \$131,466.10 this month, a 21.21 percent increase over the \$108,451.17 taken in during October 2004.

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Chamber readying for 'Taste of Big Spring' showcase

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Area residents looking for a one-of-a-kind holiday gift may want to begin their shopping a little early this year, as the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce gets set to present the Taste of Big Spring Holiday Showcase. Set for Nov. 8 at the

Dora Roberts Community Center, the showcase will spotlight a number of area businesses and restaurants in an effort to start the holiday season with a bang.

"We want to encourage chamber members and non-members to come and promote their businesses," said Debbye ValVerde, director of the

local chamber. "It's a chance to show off any special items they will be selling this holiday season. Every year it's surprising how few people know what kind of special gifts we have for sale right here in the Big Spring area."

ValVerde said the showcase will highlight holiday specialty items, as

well as area restaurants.

"Everyone keeps asking when we're going to have the Taste of Home cooking school this year," said ValVerde with a laugh. "We only do that every other year. However, the showcase will also feature a number of area restaurants, who will have plenty of samples for shoppers to try during the event."

ValVerde said area business owners that would like to get in on the event still have time to register.

"The deadline to sign up is Oct. 26," said ValVerde. "We have limited booth space, so anyone that's interested needs to get signed up as soon as possible. The booths are 10 feet by 10 feet and a table will be provided. They are

\$50 for chamber members and \$100 for non-members.

"This is an excellent chance for local businesses to show off what they have for the holiday season. A lot of places will have teasers on hand and will be taking advance orders during the show."

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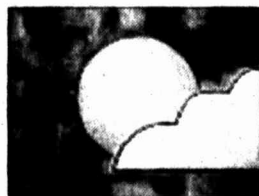
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JP orders autopsy in apparent suicide

Herald Staff Report

Suicide is suspected in the Sunday death of a Big Spring man.

David Yanez, 51, of Big Spring died at his Sixth Street residence of a gunshot wound, Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs said.

The gunshot wound appeared self-inflicted, Dobbs said, and he ordered an autopsy, which is to be performed today at Texas Tech University.

Dobbs declined to release any further information on the case.

VOTING MACHINE DEMO

Sandra Bloom, elections administrator for Howard County, will be at the Spring City Senior Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday to provide a demonstration of how the new electronic voting machines operate.

The general public is encouraged to attend and take advantage of this presentation.

Early voting begins Monday, Oct. 24, in the November amendments election.

The Spring City Senior Center is located at 1900 Simler Ave.

For more information, concerning election matters, voters can call Bloom at 264-2273.

FLU VACCINE AVAILABLE

The Big Spring Texas Department of State Health Services is offering opportunities to receive flu vaccine

Thursday, Oct. 20: DSHS office, 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28b. 8:30 a.m.-11 a.m., 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 21: Senior Center, 1901 Simler, 10 a.m.-noon for last names beginning with A-M, 12:30 p.m.-2 p.m. for names N through Z.

Friday, Nov. 4: Dora Roberts Community Center, Whipkey Drive, during the Senior Fun Fest, 8:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m.

Bring Medicare and Medicaid information. The cost for someone not on Medicare or Medicaid is \$10.

Obituaries

Roy A. Petty

Roy A. Petty, 75, of Westbrook, died Friday, Oct. 14, 2005, in an Abilene hospital. Funeral services are 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2005, at the First Baptist Church in Colorado City with the Rev. Bob Manning and the Rev. Rhonda Greenwood officiating. Burial follows in Westbrook Cemetery.

He was born Jan. 24, 1930, in Teague to Jake and Opal Finley Petty and had been a resident of Mitchell County since 1971. He married Freda Jones in 1947 and she preceded him in death in 1986. He then married Sara Barker May 2, 1987, in Mitchell County. He farmed and ranched in Mitchell County for many years and was a former member of the Texas Army National Guard. He was a member of Westbrook First United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Sara Petty of Westbrook; daughters, Carol and her husband, Richard Northrip of South Lake, Elizabeth and her husband, Trey Leech of Abilene and Jennifer Wright of Sydney, Mont.; sons, Alan and his wife, Karen Petty of Georgetown, Bob and his wife, Sandra Petty of South Lake, David and his wife, Diane Petty of Colorado City, Jim and his wife, Melissa Petty of Snyder, Buddy Galloway of Artesia, N.M., and Coit Wright of Spokane, Wash.; sisters, Janie D'Loughy and Inez Gilbert, both of Crosby, Ona Mae White of Pecos and Hazel Smith of Dunn; 15 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Agnes Rhyne Belew

Agnes Rhyne Belew, 81, of Big Spring died Sunday, Oct. 16, 2005, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

David Yanez

David Yanez, 51, of Big Spring died Sunday, Oct. 16, 2005, at his residence. Funeral services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Delia Tello

Delia Tello, 59, of Big Spring died Sunday, Oct. 16, 2005, in Richland Hills. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take note

• **SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER VOLUNTEERS FALL AND HOLIDAY SALE** from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Wednesday in the hospital lobby. Women's and children's clothing, home decor, bedding, candles, purses and more available.

• **HOWARD-GLASSCOCK COUNTIES CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY** volunteer covered dish luncheon is set for noon Oct. 25 in Garrett Hall. The volunteer of the year will be announced. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more information.

• **DANCE GALLERY TRICK OR TREAT WITH SPOOKY PERFORMANCES** set for 8:30 p.m., 9 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Oct. 29. The Dance Gallery is located at 2303 Goliad. Call 267-3977 for more information.

• **MARCY ELEMENTARY FALL FESTIVAL** is set for 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Saturday. Chili dogs, nachos and frito pies are some of the items available to purchase. Tickets are 25 cents each and may be purchased at the door. Children may wear costumes, but frightening costumes are not allowed.

• **BSHS JUNIOR CLASS TAILGATE FUND-RAISER** set for Oct. 28 before the football game in the parking lot of Memorial Stadium. Parents are selling hamburgers or cheeseburgers, chips, drinks and cookies for \$5. All proceeds go toward the junior-senior high prom. Call Angela Phernetton at 213-3119 for more information.

• **POTTED FALL MUMS TO BENEFIT THE BSHS CARNEGIE HALL BAND TRIP** are on sale now at Johansen's Nursery for \$15 while supplies last.

• **EARLY DISMISSAL FOR BIG SPRING STUDENTS** Nov. 4 for the football game in Plainview. Bauer Elementary dismisses at 2 p.m.; all other elementary and secondary schools dismiss at 2:15 p.m. Call 264-3600 for more information.

• **PARENTS OF SIXTH AND SEVENTH GRADERS AT FORSAN** have scheduled a fund-raiser Oct. 31 to cover expenses of school dances with more than 20 items available to win. These items include gift certificates, home furnishings, a gold bracelet, candles, car maintenance and others. Contact Marie Wilson at 213-3825 or Chris Galloway at 816-3291 for tickets.

• **CANTERBURY ARTS AND CRAFTS BAZAAR** is set for 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Dec. 3 and booth space is limited. Call 263-1238 to reserve a booth.

• **A TASTE OF BIG SPRING** is set for Nov. 8 at the Dora Roberts Community Center, sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. To reserve a booth, contact the chamber at 263-7641.

• **THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM** that delivers meals to the elderly and homebound needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

• **ROAD TO RECOVERY**, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call LaWanda Hamm at 263-7827.

Police blotter

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

- **ALISHA SMITH**, 32, 4202 Old Colorado City Highway, was arrested on local warrants.
- **BLAKE LYLE**, 23, 4501 Parkway, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **MICHAEL KLEIN**, 22, 1306 E. 13th No. 13, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- **RAFAEL LOPEZ**, 61, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **BALENTIN VIGIL**, 20, 1505 Sycamore, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **FREDDIE RAMOS**, 20 4000 W. 80, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CARL CURRIE**, 28, 1104 Stanford, was arrested on a Lubbock County warrant charging possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON** was reported on the 2600 block of Dow and the 1500 block of Kentucky.
- **ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported on the 2500 block of 16th and the 800 block of FM 700.
- **ASSAULT** was reported on the 2900 block of West Highway 80 and the 500 block of Goliad.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported on the 1600 block of Stadium, the 4200 block of Parkway, the 1700 block of Purdue and the 800 block of 18th.
- **DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED** was reported on the 500 block of Westover.
- **DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED/INVALID** was reported on the 1100 block of Settles.
- **THEFT** was reported on the 1200 block of 11th Place, the 900 block of Willia and the 1700 block of FM 700.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Monday:

- NOTE: The sheriff's office arrest log was unavailable as of press time Monday.
- **BURGLARY** was reported on the 400 block of North Fourth.
 - **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported on the 100 block of West Robinson.
 - **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported on the 3700 block of Piper.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Monday:

- **MEDICAL** was reported on the 3200 block of West Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported on the 300 block of Veterans Boulevard. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported on the 100 block of Pettus. Service was refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported on the 1300 block of Mobile. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported on the 3700 block of Wright. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported on the 600 block of Abrams. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported on the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to VAMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported at an unreported address. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported on the 3200 block of Parkway.
- **MEDICAL** was reported on the 3300 block of Wright. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of Goliad and FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported on the 1500 block of Cherokee. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported on the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to VAMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported on the 900 block of Aylesford. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported on the 400 block of East Third. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported on the 500 block of North Lamesa Highway. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported on the 2500 block of March. Service was refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported on the 100 block of Val Verde. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported on the 1600 block of Virginia. Service was refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported on the 1300 block of East 11th Place. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported on the 1200 block of East Sixth. Service was refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported on the 700 block of East 11th Place. Service was refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported on the 1000 block of Howell. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported on the 600 block of State. Service was refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported on the 600 block of Craigmont. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported on the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.

Support groups

MONDAY

- **Encourager's Support Group** for all widows and widowers meets at 6 p.m. for a covered dish dinner at the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels streets. Enter through the north door. For more information, call 398-5522.

Bulletin board

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

MONDAY

- The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.
- Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the La Posada Restaurant.
- DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.
- Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Youth Hall. All singles in the community are invited for an evening of fellowship, food and table games.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.
- Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. for dinner with a meeting to follow at 1st and Goliad streets. All Masons are welcome to attend.
- Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.
- Concerned Citizens for Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.
- The Powwow committee of Big Spring meets at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Paul Lutheran Church fellowship hall, 810 Scurry. Contact Robert Downing at 263-3255 or Janice Bishop at 264-7790.

Weather

Today — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s. Southwest winds around 10 mph.

Tonight — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s. Light and variable winds.

Tuesday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds around 10 mph.

Tuesday night — Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms after midnight. Lows in the lower 60s. South winds around 10 mph. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Wednesday — Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. Southwest winds around 10 mph.

Wednesday night — Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s.

Thursday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s.

Thursday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 50s.

Friday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s.

Friday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s.

Saturday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s.

Saturday night — Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s.

Sunday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 9-15-19-28-32. Bonus Ball: 5. Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$7 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 16-18-30-31-36.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: \$35,424.

Winning tickets sold in: Bayou Vista.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 4-1-0

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City's big item pick up will target District 6 on Friday

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The city of Big Spring will wrap up its large item pick up program for 2005 on Friday, Oct. 21, closing out six months of "spring cleaning."

Director of Public Works Todd Darden said use of the program, which was revived last year to help area residents unable to transport large items to the municipal landfill, didn't quite meet the city's expectations at first, but was a success nonetheless.

"The program was as successful as we had hoped it would be," said Darden. "Things were pretty slow in the beginning, but as word got out through the media and word of mouth, we've seen a

pretty substantial increase in the use of the program since we started it again."

Darden said the program, which will target District 6, represented by Councilman Greg Biddison, on Oct. 21, is expected to begin again in April of 2006 if approved by the city council.

"We'll go to them next year and see if they want to do it again, but I expect it will begin in April and work through the same schedule as it did this year," said Darden. "We've received a lot of thanks from the public and the people that use the program."

While there is no charge to use the program, Darden said there are a few rules to keep in mind.

"Some of the more typical items we

pick up are tree branches, appliances that don't work anymore, couches and mattresses," said Darden. "Those are the kind of things that we can take to our landfill and we're allowed to pick up. We can't pick up any household hazardous waste. That means any kind of chemicals including lawn chemicals, car batteries and tires and things of that nature."

Darden said customers need to be aware of gas, water and electricity meters and lines when they put their large items out to be picked up in an effort to protect their services and the city employees helping with the program.

"The reason we need people to be cog-

nizant of where those meters are is because a lot of time we have to bring in equipment to pick those large items up," he said. "If you cover the meters up, it's hard for us to know where they are. Using the equipment makes the pick up go quicker and we want to make sure our employees are safe while they are picking these things up."

For more information on the program and maps of the six city districts, visit the city of Big Spring Web site at <http://www.ci.big-spring.tx.us>, or call 264-2504 to arrange a pick up.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Eight-year-old Dylan Watson, a student at Moss Elementary, takes a trip down one of the many rides at the Fall Festival, held at Big Spring High School Saturday afternoon. The festival was a fundraiser for the Big Spring High School Band, which is working its way toward a performance at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Salvation Army to begin taking Angel Tree apps

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Salvation Army will begin accepting applications for its annual Angel Tree Program Oct. 24, as the charitable organization gears up to put Christmas gifts under the trees of low income families.

"Right now not a lot of people are thinking about Christmas, but we certainly are," Capt. Russ Keeney said with a laugh. "It's a very big process for us. We're going to be accepting applications Oct. 24-28, and there will be another chance to sign up Nov. 1-2. There's a lot of work to get done."

Keeney said the application process is simple, and for some area children it could be the difference between waking up with gifts under the tree Christmas morning and waking up to none.

"They need to come in and bring a picture ID for all of the adults, Social Security cards for all of the household members living there, birth certificates for children 12 and under and proof of income," said Keeney. "That means check stubs from work, food stamps, AFDC, TANIF, HUD or any of those types of income. They need to bring those in with them, because we do verify

them. They also need to bring in a copy of all of their expenses, as well as a list of what their children might want for Christmas, including clothes and shoe sizes.

"We do ask that they be reasonable in what they are asking for. If a child asks for a 60-inch television, chances aren't very good they're going to get it. If they say they want a Hot Wheels car or something like that, it's a lot more feasible."

Once the names and gift ideas are collected and put on the Angel Trees in the form of cards, area shoppers will have the opportunity to brighten a child's holiday by choosing one and purchasing items for them.

"This program is extremely special to me. Of all the programs that we do, this one is my heart because of the young people it helps," said a teary-eyed Keeney. "When we take the toys to a family and there's nothing in the house for Christmas and he gets a bike, it's just chaotic with excitement. That's what it's all about, helping a child see somebody out there cares."

The trees will soon be erected in area stores.

For more information on the Angel Tree program, call 267-8239 or stop by their office, located at 811 W Fifth Street.

TAXES

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For the year, Fort Stockton has received \$1,251,677.39, up 4.41 percent.

Kermit witnessed another strong dip in rebates, comparing the \$19,135.15 received in October 2005 to the \$28,725.98 received in October 2004. That's a decrease of 33.38 percent. The previous month, the city had a decrease of about 28 percent. For the year, Kermit has received \$279,605.85, still up 3.71 percent compared to a year ago.

Lamesa took in \$62,437.70 this month, an increase of 5.43 percent

when compared to the \$59,220.06 received in October of 2004. For the year, the Dawson County seat has received \$748,082.14, up 7.23 percent.

Lubbock, which increased its sales tax from 1.25 to 1.5 cents in November, saw rebates soar 42.59 percent this month. The city received \$3,319,936.77, compared to \$2,328,243.65 in October 2004. For the year, Lubbock has received \$33,866,437.78, up 36.7 percent.

Midland collected \$1,952,853.77 this month, up 16.77 percent compared to the \$1,672,282.70 collected a year ago. For the year, Midland has received \$20,060,846.39, up

12.17 percent. Monahans witnessed rebates go up 3.24 percent, comparing this month's collections of \$84,417.20 to October 2004's \$81,764.62. For the first 10 months of 2005, Monahans has received \$865,577.57, an increase of 12.18 percent.

Odessa received \$1,306,996.24 this month, a 16.98 percent increase when compared to the \$1,117,231.36 received in October 2004. For the year, Odessa has received \$13,893,037.46, up 12.11 percent.

Pecos collected \$81,900.68 this month, 31.9 percent more than the \$62,089.18 received in October 2004. For the year, Pecos has collected \$733,142.86, up 10.43 per-

cent. San Angelo managed \$1,260,225.21 in the year's 10th month, up 16.24 percent when compared to the \$1,084,094.42 received in October 2004. For the year, the Tom Green county seat has collected \$12,741,883.94, up 5.49 percent.

Snyder collected \$146,915.06 this month, up 19.34 percent when compared to the \$123,097.30 the Scurry County seat received in October 2004. For the year, Snyder has struggled to recover from some early deficits. The \$1,399,136.44 collected for the year is down 1.34 percent when compared to the first nine months of 2004.

Stanton, which raised

its tax from 1 cent to 1.75 cents in November, continues to experience strong increases in sales tax rebates.

The Martin County seat collected \$25,372.48 this October compared to \$12,713.20 a year ago — an increase of 99.57 percent. For the year, Stanton has received \$230,917.09, up a whopping 96.24 percent.

Sweetwater received \$172,501.65, a 16.23 percent hike when compared to the \$148,402.05 received in October 2004.

The Nolan County seat

has received \$1,847,550.26 for the year, up 13.36 percent.

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Agnes Rhyne Below, 81, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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said, is that Texas now certifies more teachers through alternative programs than through traditional college courses.

"It gets harder and harder for us to attract fully qualified teachers, because fewer and fewer of them are coming out of college programs," Downes said.

One possible avenue of help on the horizon was

the recent announcement of a partnership between University of Texas Permian Basin and Howard College to develop a program to recruit and certify teachers in the West Texas area.

"Hopefully, we'll be able

to attract more highly qualified teachers that way," Downes said.

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case. We're also encouraging the businesses to offer coupon books. It should be a lot of fun."

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OTHER VIEWS

Legislature must face issue raised in Penry decision

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals made the right move in throwing out the death sentence imposed on Johnny Paul Penry, but now what?

Penry's case has prompted an ongoing national debate on the issue of whether mentally impaired inmates should be executed.

The U.S. Supreme Court in 2002 made it clear that it is unconstitutional to execute the mentally retarded, but it left the details of defining the mental impairment to the individual states.

Unfortunately, the Texas Legislature has failed to come up with the criteria that could assist judges and juries in these types of cases. Gov. Rick Perry vetoed legislation approved by state lawmakers four years ago that would have established some guidelines for courts and juries.

Penry, 49, is not the only death row inmate whose lawyer is raising mentally retardation issues. Legislation in this area of law is long overdue.

Penry was first convicted in the rape and murder of 22-year-old Livingston housewife Pamela Carpenter in 1979. This is the third time his death sentence has been overturned. The only other option in his capital murder case is a life sentence. If Polk County prosecutors were to negotiate a life sentence, he would be eligible for immediate parole because he has already spent 29 years behind bars.

At the time the crime was committed, capital murder defendants were eligible for parole after serving 15 years. A recent law allowing life without parole as punishment for capital murder applies only to crimes committed after Sept. 1.

Penry has previously volunteered to waive his right to parole, but is such a waiver enforceable?

The only way prosecutors can keep Penry incarcerated is to bring new charges against him or keep appealing the most recent court decision.

If the case goes back to court for sentencing, it will give rise to some of the same mental retardation issues that were at the center of this case and will set off yet another round of appeals.

The Legislature needs to address the issue and give the criminal justice system a better way to resolve these types of cases.

Allowing a criminal case to remain unresolved for decades is unfair to the defendant, the families of the victims and the taxpayers footing the appellate costs.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Help us, Lord, make You our number one priority.
Amen

Miller will be small fish at the fry

A large table full of journalists. Chit-chat. Smalltalk. Issues of the day. "So," the person next to me asks, "what do you make of the Crazy Woman?"

I am baffled. Any number of candidates swirl through my head.

"Judy Miller," the person says. "What do you think?"

One would think that Miller, the New York Times reporter who went to jail for 85 days rather than reveal her source, would be a hero among her fellow journalists.

Not in Washington, D.C. A few days after the "Crazy Woman" incident, I bumped into a very respectable, very well known reporter in the green room of a TV station, and he, too, brought up Miller.

"I hear she went to jail because she needed it for her book," he said.

A few days later, there would be a report that Miller had negotiated

a seven-figure book deal and a rumor (denied) that, while in jail, she had committed to a speaking tour that lasts through 2007.

I don't know Judy Miller, but I doubt any journalist would spend 85 days in jail for money, even a lot of money.

Why exactly Miller did what she did — she ended up revealing the source she was protecting — is something we don't yet know.

But to say there are bigger targets in this case is to put it mildly.

The special prosecutor, Patrick Fitzgerald, has been investigating who leaked the name of a CIA agent to the press for two years now. The leaker, most assume, worked in the White House.

This week, Karl Rove, the president's closest adviser, was called back before the grand jury for a fourth time. Getting called before a grand jury four times officially falls into the category of "not a good sign."

One possible scenario for such a repeat appearance goes like this:

Prosecutor: "Sir, in March you said (fill in the blank). But we have testimony that the truth is to

the contrary. Would you care to change your testimony?"

At which point the witness can:

A: Change his story and open himself up to a perjury charge.

B: Refuse to change his story and open himself up to a perjury charge.

C: Take the Fifth Amendment. Rove may be innocent of any wrongdoing and may not even be a target of the probe. But it is hard to believe after all this time that the White House is going to skate on this.

If you are a young, ambitious prosecutor, you don't spend two years and millions of tax dollars, and come up empty.

And I have the feeling that when this story is over, Judy Miller is going to be one of the smaller fish to be fried.

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ROGER SIMON



Blair takes heat on global warming

Whenever a political leader speaks the truth about the Kyoto global-warming treaty, the chattering classes treat him as if he were that upstart kid who said the emperor has no clothes. So pundits and politicians have derided British Prime Minister Tony Blair for saying he had been "changing his thinking" about the global-warming pact.

On the first day of the Clinton Global Initiative in New York, a panel chaired by former President Bill Clinton held earlier this month, Blair, a longtime supporter of the global-warming pact, said of Kyoto: "We have got to start from brutal honesty about the politics of how we deal with it. The truth is, no country is going to cut its growth or consumption substantially in light of a long-term environmental problem. What countries are prepared to do is to try to work together cooperatively to deal with this problem in a way that allows us to develop the science and technology in a beneficial way." Blair also said he didn't think world leaders would "start negotiating another major treaty like Kyoto."

The wonder is that the savvy Blair didn't come to his senses sooner about Kyoto. A British official, talking without attribution, as British officials do, told me Blair's "remarks were taken out of context, the British government remains firmly committed to the Kyoto protocol. The prime minister has consistently said we need to go beyond Kyoto." Europeans have been pushing a top-down regulatory approach. President Bush says science can come to the rescue. Blair prefers to walk in both worlds.

If Blair's remarks have been over-hyped, it's because they are

on the money. Fact: Britain produces more carbon dioxide now than when Blair entered No. 10 Downing Street. The Brits are far more energy-conscious than gas-guzzling Americans. How? Brits are more likely to use public transit, London charges a congestion tax for cars in the downtown, there has been a national effort to eschew the use of coal — and still the United Kingdom's greenhouse gases are up. That's what happens in a strong economy.

The government counters that, even though greenhouse gas emissions have increased, the United Kingdom is "on track" to meet its Kyoto goal of reducing emissions some 12.5 percent below 1990 levels by 2012. (When the treaty was negotiated, the United Kingdom's emissions measured at 5 percent below 1990 levels.) Meanwhile, it is clear that all but a handful of countries in Kyoto-treaty-loving Europe, which pledged a continental reduction of 8 percent below 1990 emissions, won't meet their Kyoto goals.

Here's another brutal, honest fact about Kyoto: Before then-Vice President Al Gore left for the global-warming conference in 1997, the Senate told the Clinton administration, via a 95-0 vote, not to agree to a treaty that exempted developing nations. Gore ignored the Senate, which ultimately would have to ratify the treaty. No wonder then that Clinton, who did not take the opportunity last week to disagree with Blair, never asked the Senate to vote on Kyoto ratification while he was in office.

Of course Clinton stayed mum. He said he supported Kyoto, which would have made America reduce its greenhouse gas emissions to 7 percent below 1990 levels. Lo and behold, emissions were 14 percent higher than the 1990 level when Clinton left office.

And while the left likes to fault Bush on Kyoto, even 2004 Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry said, if elected, he

would not ask the Senate to ratify Kyoto.

It should be noted that Kerry was one of the 95 senators who voted no before Gore left for the Kyoto conference. And be it noted that there are those who criticize Bush for not giving lip service to Kyoto, yet drive big SUVs. I do not write this to brand them as hypocrites — but to point out that if the folks who believe global warming is a severe threat to the planet don't ride the bus, why would anyone else?

A couple of weeks ago, The New York Times reported that polar icecaps have shrunk to their smallest size in a century (not so very long, geologically speaking), and some scientists posit human-induced global-warming must be a factor. But wait. The Houston Chronicle reported this month that NASA has observed that polar icecaps are shrinking — on Mars.

You can't blame SUVs for polar melting on Mars. The enviros say that scientists are on their side. That's easy to say, as the left ignores scientists who aren't. The fact is, this is a highly political issue, and even scientists who want to go strictly by the data get sucked into the political vortex. Pro or con, they can't help but become partisans.

So, see what happened when Blair finally got real on Kyoto? He spoke the truth — not particularly forcefully, I might add — and Our Betters in Europe dismissed him as Dubya's lapdog. After all, how dare he not fawn over the beautiful vestments on the emperor's nude body.

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James Short, 13, of Abilene takes flight at the YMCA Skate Park Saturday afternoon. Short, who is a student at Madison Middle School in Abilene, made time to try out the parks ramps during a visit to Big Spring.

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Nine-year-old Johnathan Garza, a student at Kentwood Elementary, shows off his pitching skills during the Fall Festival fundraiser at Big Spring High School Saturday afternoon.

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Jacy Sautter of Big Spring puts some fringe around a "memory board" at the Fall Arts and Crafts Show going on at the Howard County Fair Barn Saturday and Sunday. Sautter said the boards can serve as bulletin boards or a place to hang memorable photographs.

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Good news!



Members of the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club take tickets during Friday's annual tailgate party prior to the Big Spring-Andrews football game at Memorial Stadium.

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Three Coahoma High School Choir members — from left, Callie Paige, Teryn Bibb and Kaysea Spiller — earned honors at the Region II choir auditions in Wichita Falls. Spiller was named to the All-District Choir, while Bibb and Paige were named to the All-Region Choir and will advance to the pre-Area audition in Abilene on Nov. 18.

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Helping smokers become quitters

By SUSAN KREIMER

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — The will to stop puffing away has to come from within.

That's the only way respiratory therapist Cheri Duncan believes someone can kick the cigarette habit for good.

"A family member will come and say, 'My dad needs to quit smoking.' But Dad is sitting over there saying, 'I'm not gonna quit,'" explained Duncan, 41, pulmonary rehab coordinator at the Martha Foster Lung Care Center, part of Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas.

"This addiction sometimes is so strong that it's like a friend to them. If somebody gets upset, then what's the first thing they do? They smoke a cigarette."

Research indicates that smokers are more successful in quitting if they turn to cessation counselors for guidance.

And more people have been doing just that since the deaths of ABC News anchor Peter Jennings and actress Barbara Bel Geddes, best known as Miss Ellie on the TV series "Dallas."

Both were former smokers who died of lung cancer in August.

The news spiked the number of calls to the American Cancer Society's Quitline in Austin.

"Nicotine is psychologically as well as physically addicting, and the added challenge of performing this job over the telephone attracts a wide array of qualified counselors," said

Quitline account manager Doug Smith. "The most common reason that someone chooses this vocation is to further their skills in substance abuse counseling."

Counselors come from a variety of backgrounds, including social work, addiction and education. All have college degrees and previous counseling experience. Many possess advanced degrees, said vice president Angela Geiger, who helped develop Quitline, which launched in May 2000.

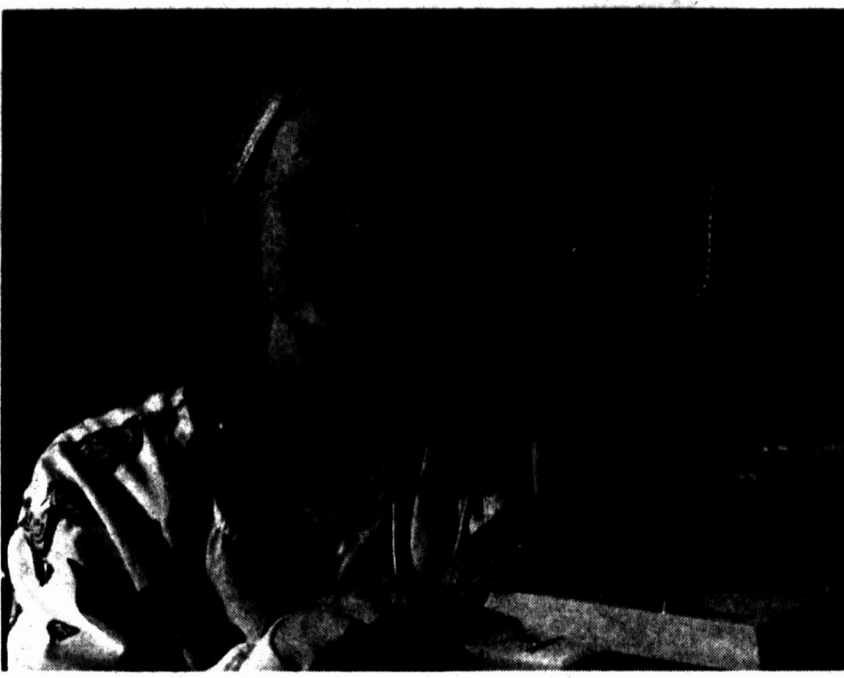
They undergo rigorous training to assist smokers with attempts to quit. Over 1121/2 hours, they focus on cognitive behavioral counseling, motivational interviewing and stages of change, Smith said.

Trainees must pass a final exam. Then they're expected to progress with weekly continuing education and mentoring by a clinical supervisor, he said.

Aside from hotlines and hospitals, smoking cessation specialists work in private practice and for community health organizations, state and federal agencies, and fitness centers.

In workplaces, employee assistance programs have become increasingly aware of the benefits that smoking cessation services can provide.

And in addiction centers, tobacco cessation recently moved to the forefront, said Richard Nongard, executive director of the Kansas-based PeachTree Professional Education Inc., which offers a home-study anti-smoking cur-



Cheri Duncan, a pulmonary rehab coordinator, poses beside a model lung at the Martha Foster Lung Care Center in Dallas. Duncan works with patients who enter pulmonary rehab but still smoke.

riculum called QuitSuccess.

"Smoking cessation specialists can lead group sessions or provide individual, one-on-one services. Some have found full-time employment working for large companies that are trying to cut health care costs," he said. "In private practice, smoking cessation specialists can earn a substantial income."

At the American Cancer Society's Quitline, salaries range from \$30,000 to \$35,000, Smith said. Counselors receive annual raises based on performance. They can move into training or managerial positions within the organization or

become advanced counselors in the field.

Increasingly, respiratory therapists also are playing a major role.

"Respiratory therapists are providing stronger leadership in smoking cessation programs and are recognizing the need to confront the causes of lung disease, not merely treating the outcomes," says the September issue of AARC Times, published by the Irving, Texas-based American Association for Respiratory Care.

"Respiratory therapy schools have begun incorporating smoking cessation into their

curriculum, and the National Board for Respiratory Care has been including smoking cessation in their examination content for more than five years."

There is substantial evidence that intensive intervention produces higher success rates than less involved approaches.

But many clinicians report feeling inadequately trained to address nicotine dependence, said Robert Gee, associate director and assistant professor at the Southwest Institute for Addictive Diseases at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock.

With the help of tobacco cessation experts, smokers nearly double their chances of quitting, Gee said.

"Relapse usually occurs when the person experiences some type of crisis event," he noted, alluding to job loss, grief or stress. "A specialist can help the individual recognize personal danger situations."

Tessie Holloway, Dallas-Fort Worth regional executive director of the American Lung Association of Texas, said the group has received numerous calls from people who want to quit smoking.

The association offers an online "Freedom From Smoking" program and refers smokers to local clinics and its Lung HelpLine, staffed by respiratory therapists, nurses and other cessation specialists.

"When celebrities die from lung cancer ... people pay attention to the seriousness of the disease," Holloway said.

Diet to get it off, exercise to keep it off!

Most people understand that in order to lose weight, you have to use more calories than you're taking in. It's the principle of energy balance: if you consume more than you burn, you'll gain weight; if you burn more than you consume, you'll lose weight.

Of course, there are a lot of factors that complicate that very distilled explanation, but that's the core of the matter. So in an increasingly overweight world, billions of dollars are spent trying to find a painless, magic combination for the two-pronged prescription for weight loss: diet and exercise. Some of us devote our lives to the search for the most painless way to eat less and move more so that we can lose weight, improve our health and feel good.

For many people, it could actually be much easier than the awful challenge they've anticipated, but it would help to understand the two parts of the weight-loss prescription and the roles they play. Research shows that for most overweight people, the prospect of exercising is the most daunting obstacle in any weight-loss attempt. That's not surprising. Starting a workout regimen can make a person feel quite vulnerable. Most of us feel a little uneasy starting something new, even when it doesn't involve something as personal as our body image. And for most overweight people, physical activity is a pretty unfamiliar experience, or at least a long-lost one.

On the other hand, we're all familiar with the dietary side of the equation. Everybody eats. And mentally, it's less of a challenge to contemplate changing what you're already doing, than it is to imagine starting something that's not already part of your life, like working out. So of the diet/exercise duo,

the dietary changes usually seem less threatening to people.

And the good news is that the way to start losing weight just happens to be in the diet, not in the daunting exercise component.

Here's why: Most people understand the energy balance principle in theory, but they don't understand how much activity it actually takes to burn off say, a hamburger and fries. And they don't realize that the main purpose of exercise in a weight management program is not really to burn off the lunch you're eating today, but to retool and train your body's systems so that they're better at burning up the lunches you'll be eating a month, a year, or two years from now.

Consider: Exercise alone won't take off 50 pounds of excess weight. That would demand a phenomenal caloric output, one that would literally be impossible for most of us. That's because the majority of the energy we burn is used up not in our physical movement and activities, but in simply metabolizing our fuel and supporting essential systems. For instance, you'll burn about 100 calories in an hour of good walking. But you'll burn about 60 calories in an hour of good sitting around!

If you're trying to take weight off, you've got to adjust the diet, and as we've noted, most people really find that an easier place to start. I often have patients start with a dietary approach alone. Once their dietary changes have easily taken off a few pounds—without exercise—increasing their activity level doesn't seem so intimidating. In fact, most people are raring to

go, excited to see what a difference it will make to increase their energy expenditure.

And what researchers have found is that when people add 30 minutes of moderate intensity activity each day—taking three 10-minute walks, for instance—the biggest difference shows up for people who had been unfit and sedentary. Their cardiovascular fitness levels were twice as good as folks who did not undertake the 30 minutes of activity, and their death rates were half those of their inactive counterparts.

But there is a point of diminishing returns with the exercise. Health effects improve commensurate with the amount of activity, up to about that 30-minute point. But increase the time to 40 minutes, and researchers found that measures of fitness on average people only improved about 10 to 15 percent for that 25 percent more activity.

And interestingly, the exercise effect doesn't show up much in initial weight loss results at all, with the data indicating that the added exercise only accounted for about a one- to two-pound additional loss over a six-month period.

But before you decide that it's not worth the effort, remember what we said about the purpose of exercise in a weight management program. It's not to burn up your lunch, it's to train your body to burn all your lunches better. This is borne out in study after study showing that while exercise doesn't make much difference in initial weight loss, it's absolutely essential to maintaining a loss.

That's because along with the improvements in cardiovascular health, pulmonary function, immune health, reduced risk of diabetes and hypertension and all the other health benefits, remember that the exercise is making your body burn more calories in general, ramping up the

metabolic rate so that your body is naturally burning more, even during those minutes of good sitting around.

While I encourage everyone to become more physically active eventually, it's actually not a good way to begin for

those whose bodies are extremely stressed by their excess weight.

When people have started to have improved health and better mobility just from their dietary changes, it will be both safer and more appealing to start a gentle exercise

regimen.

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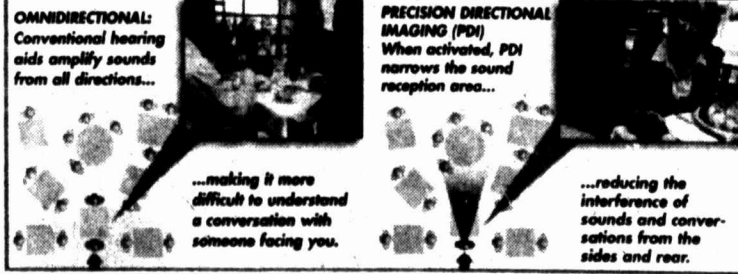
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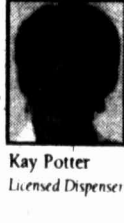
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Holmes leads Chiefs to win over 'Skins

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Maybe age isn't catching up with Priest Holmes as quickly as everyone thought. Nine days after his 32nd birthday, Holmes ran for a touchdown and caught five passes for 100 yards, including a 60-yard catch-and-run for the go-ahead score as the Chiefs defeated the Redskins 28-21.

Santana Moss caught 10 passes for 173 yards and two touchdowns for the Redskins, who lost their second in a row after a 3-0 start.

Safety Sammy Knight, who had an 80-yard fumble return for a touchdown, got a fingertip on a potential game-tying pass from Mark Brunell to Santana Moss to clinch it for Kansas City.

Crayton breaks ankle in Dallas win

IRVING — Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Patrick Crayton could be out indefinitely after he was injured in Sunday's overtime win against the New York Giants, which may allow Peerless Price to finally break into the lineup.

"I think he might have broken his ankle," Cowboys head coach Bill Parcells said.

Crayton was injured on the first play of overtime after catching a 10-yard pass from Drew Bledsoe. He returned to the bench but was carted off the field moments before Jose Cortez's 45-yard field goal clinched the 16-13 victory.

In the locker room after the game, Crayton was seen walking on crutches and wearing a heavy cast on his right leg that extended almost to his knee.

His absence would open the door for Price, who was inactive Sunday for the fourth time this season. Price has struggled to secure a role because he doesn't play special teams, unlike Crayton and fourth receiver Terrace Copper.

Price has just one catch this season.

Price signed a one-year contract with the Cowboys in September, picking Dallas over Miami, New England and New Orleans.

Price chose the Cowboys for the chance to be reunited with Bledsoe. With Bledsoe as his quarterback in Buffalo in 2002, Price had 94 catches for 1,252 yards.

Houston takes two-game lead on Cardinals

By R.B. FALLSTROM
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Not only are the St. Louis Cardinals losing the NL championship series 3-1, they're losing their cool.

Manager Tony La Russa and Jim Edmonds were ejected for arguing pitch calls in the seventh and eighth innings of Sunday's 2-1 loss to the Houston Astros, another frustrating game for them in an increasingly frustrating series.

Nothing has gone right the last three games, all Astros victories, for the team that led the major leagues with 100 victories, swept the Padres in the first round and went 11-5 against the Astros in the regular season.

Before losing the manager who's third on the career victory list behind only Connie Mack and John McGraw, plus their second-best run producer, the Cardinals had already been short-handed. They were down to their third choice at third base, John Mabry, given that Scott Rolen had season-ending shoulder surgery in August and Abraham Nunez sustained a deep left thigh bruise in a collision with Astros baserunner Jason Lane in Game 3.

They also went with a Reggie Sanders that was from the player who leads the playoffs with 12 RBIs, going a quiet 0-for-4 with two strikeouts and no balls out of the infield

after missing Game 3 with neck and lower back injuries.

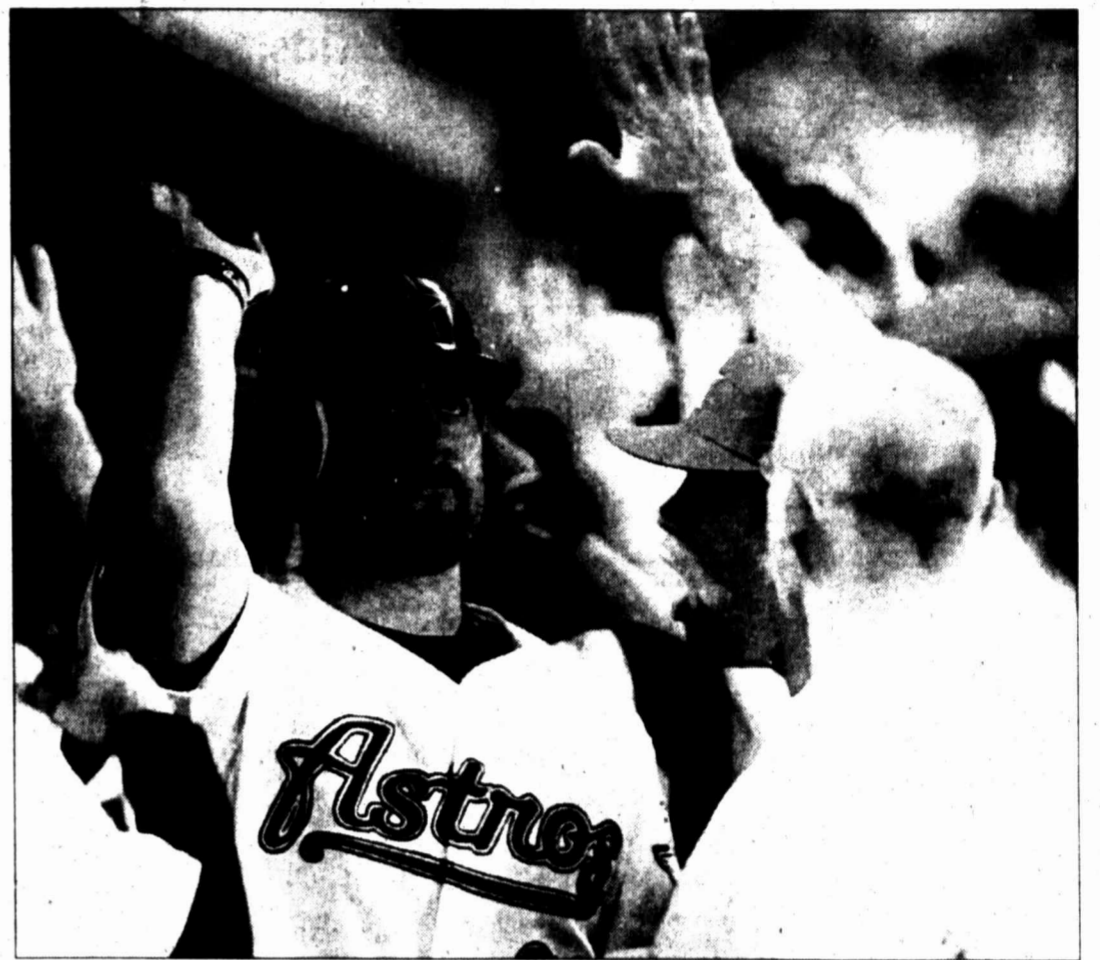
With runners on first and third and none out in the ninth, Sanders missed a chance to tie it in when third baseman Morgan Ensberg fielded his chopper and then threw to the plate in time to get Albert Pujols in a tag play.

Mabry, who played well in the field, was 0-for-4 and grounded into a game-ending double play against Brad Lidge with runners on first and third.

La Russa became accustomed to playing without a full lineup during the season, when he managed for a long stretch without four regulars and made out 139 different lineups. Now, perhaps, it's getting to him.

La Russa was tossed apparently for arguing pitch calls by home plate umpire Phil Cuzzi, storming onto the field after reliever Jason Marquis walked Lance Berkman on four pitches to load the bases with none out. He carried out lengthy arguments with both Cuzzi and then crew chief Tim McClelland, the third base umpire.

McClelland shielded La Russa from Cuzzi for several minutes, towering over him as the pair moved in lock step, before the manager finally walked off the field. After a delay of four or five minutes, the next batter, Morgan Ensberg, hit a



KRT photo/J.B. Forbes, St. Louis Post Dispatch
Houston Astros' Mike Lamb, center, is congratulated in the dugout after hitting a two-run home run in the fourth inning of Game 3 Saturday. The Astros defeated the Cardinals, 2-1, in Game 4 Sunday and now lead the best-of-seven series 3-1.

sacrifice fly to give the Astros a 2-1 lead.

La Russa's argument appeared to be a cumulative matter given that none of the pitches to Berkman appeared to be close calls. La Russa approached Cuzzi after the first inning, apparently to discuss low strikes that were called, and throughout the game he had been yelling at the umpire from the dugout.

Edmonds was batting with a 3-1 count and a man on in the eighth when he disagreed with a high, somewhat tight pitch that was called a strike. John Rodriguez, his replacement, hit a drive to deep center that was tracked down by Willy Taveras on Tal's Hill.

Before Game 3, La Russa cast a pre-emptive strike at Wally Bell, the

plate umpire in Game 3 Saturday, when during his pregame interview session he said he hoped that Roger Clemens wouldn't get any breaks.

After the game, La Russa made certain to compliment Bell for an evenhanded effort and in his media interview session before Sunday's game the manager made certain the media knew about it.

Cowboys win ugly game against rival

By JAIME ARON
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — The Dallas Cowboys did all they could to lose Sunday. Except, the New York Giants didn't let them.

Despite four turnovers, two missed field goals and allowing a tying touchdown with 19 seconds left, the Cowboys overcame it all with a 45-yard field goal by Jose Cortez on the opening drive of overtime for a 16-13 victory over the Giants.

Both teams came in playing well, with Dallas' Drew Bledsoe and New York's Eli Manning the top-rated passers in the NFC. But instead of a nice early season test between two NFC East rivals, the Cowboys (4-2) gave the ball away on three of their first four drives and the sloppest was on.

The Giants (3-2) dragged the quality down by getting only two long field goals off those turnovers. They also blocked a field goal right before halftime, yet went into the break trailing 7-6.

Then the roles reversed. New York became the sloppy team — an interception and three fumbles on its first five drives of the second half — and Dallas failed to capitalize, getting only two field goals off them.

The Cowboys led 13-6 with 4:40 left, yet were dominating the Giants in all other areas.

New York had only 92 yards through three quarters and didn't convert a third down until its 10th try, with under four minutes to play in regulation.

Dallas appeared to have escaped when safety Roy Williams forced New

York rookie running back Brandon Jacobs to fumble at the 1-yard line. Problem was, the Cowboys took over a few feet from the goal line and Bledsoe couldn't easily run out the clock.

Manning got the ball back with 52 yards and 52 seconds to go.

He didn't even need that long, hitting Plaxico Burress for 28 yards, then Jeremy Shockey for a 24-yard touchdown on the next snap. The extra point tied it, then Dallas took a knee, opting to take its chances in overtime.

The Cowboys won the coin toss and Bledsoe took it from there, completing passes of 10, 13 and 26 yards right away. A pass interference penalty on Antonio Pierce gave Dallas another first down, then a third-down incompleteness to Keyshawn Johnson left it up to Cortez.

He nailed the kick and the Cowboys walked off celebrating their first consecutive victories of the season, made even more important because they came against division foes Philadelphia and New York.

Bledsoe finished 26-of-37 for 312 yards, with a touchdown, an interception and two lost fumbles. Johnson caught eight passes for 120 yards, his most since 2002, but also had a fumble.

Anthony Thomas started in place of injured Julius Jones and ran 21 times for 47 yards.

Rookie Marion Barber III was Dallas' most effective running back in the second half.

Manning was 14-of-30 for 215 yards and a touchdown.



KRT photo/Darrell Bayers, Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson makes his 700th career catch with a fingertip effort in front of Gibril Wilson (25) and Will Allen (28) of the New York Giants in the third quarter. The Cowboys defeated the Giants, 16-13, at Texas Stadium in Irving Sunday.

Texas Tech moves into AP top-10

By RALPH D. RUSSO
AP Sports Writer

Notre Dame's loss to Southern California didn't hurt the Fighting Irish in The Associated Press Top 25. Nor did the Trojans take a hit from voters for needing a dramatic comeback to win their 28th straight game.

The Irish lost some points but remained No. 9 in The Associated Press Top 25 on Sunday, a day after losing 34-31 to USC in a game that will go down as one of the best in the history of the storied rivalry.

The Trojans needed Matt Leinart's 1-yard TD sneak with 3 seconds left to finally subdue the Kelly green-clad Irish in South Bend, Ind. But USC wasn't punished for the close victory.

The Trojans received 57 first-place votes in the media poll, one fewer than last week. USC has been No. 1 for a record 26 straight polls.

No. 2 Texas, a 42-17 winner over Colorado, picked up that extra first-place,

giving the Longhorns eight. The first three was unchanged with No. 3 Virginia Tech having the week off.

No. 4 Georgia, No. 5 Alabama and No. 6 Miami all moved up one spot after Florida State lost for the first time.

The Seminoles fell seven spots to No. 11 after losing to Virginia, 26-21.

No. 7 is LSU, followed by unbeaten UCLA, Notre Dame and Texas Tech, which is also 6-0.

There are seven unbeaten teams left in Division I-A and all of them are now ranked in the top 10 in the AP poll.

In the USA Today coaches' poll, the top five is the same as in the AP poll with USC, Texas, Virginia Tech, Georgia and Alabama.

The Hokies did receive a first-place vote in the latest coaches' poll.

Penn State, the other team to fall out of the ranks of the unbeaten on Saturday, dropped four spots to No. 12 after losing 27-25 at Michigan on the

last play of the game. Boston College is No. 13, followed by Ohio State and No. 15 Oregon.

Southeastern Conference teams hold down the next three spots with Auburn at No. 16, followed by Tennessee and Florida.

The Gators' dropped seven spots to 18th after losing 21-17 to LSU.

The SEC has six ranked teams, the Atlantic Coast Conference has five and the Pac-10 and Big Ten have four each.

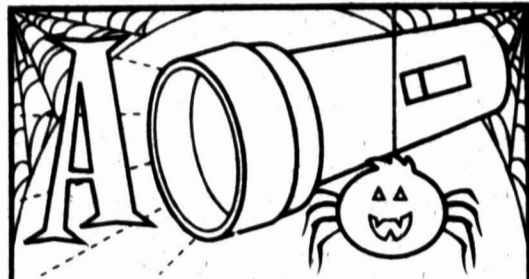
Wisconsin is No. 19 and No. 20 West Virginia is in the Top 25 for the first time this season after beating Louisville 46-44 in triple overtime.

No. 21 TCU moved up four spots and No. 22 Michigan State dropped six spots after losing 35-24 to Ohio State. No. 23 Virginia moved back into the rankings after upsetting the Seminoles. No. 24 Fresno State also reentered the Top 25.

No. 25 California fell seven spots after losing its second straight game.

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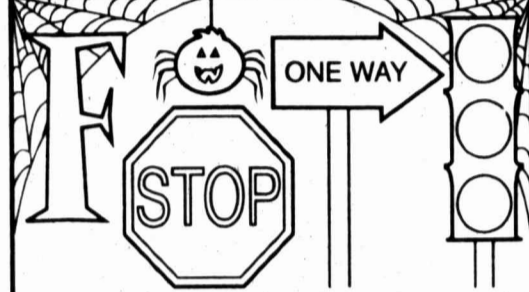
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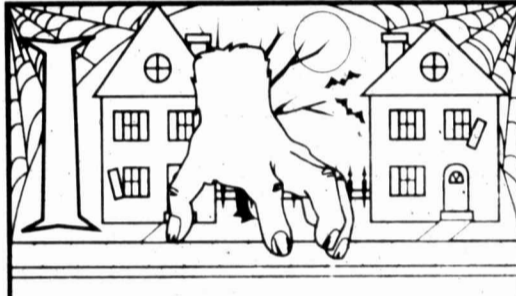
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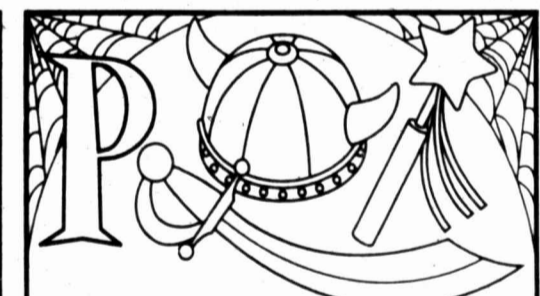
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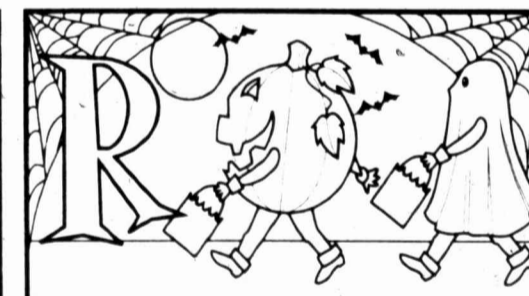
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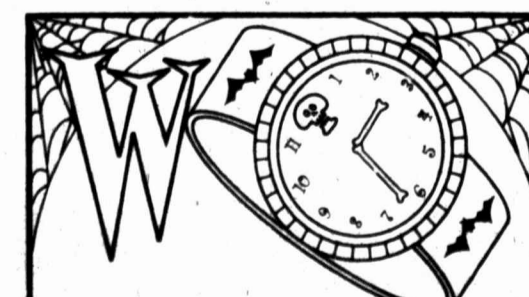
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Wildlife Department for a general
permit to remove less than 100 cu-
bic yards of sand and gravel from
the bed of the Colorado River in
Borden County to replace the exist-
ing corrugated pipe and establish a
foundation to prevent any further
washout. This material will be used
to maintain roads. The location of
the removal operation will be near
Lamesa, TX, approximately 5 miles
downstream from the Highway 87
crossing and approximately 10
miles upstream from the FM 180
crossing. Written comments on this
application may be made by mail to
the Texas Parks & Wildlife Depart-
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Mr. Bob Sweeney, 4200 Smith
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The full moon is in
Aries, and there's also a
lunar eclipse, so hold on
to your holster — there's
going to be a showdown.
On a personal level, you
could find yourself
ideologically at odds with
people who, for some
reason, are very angry
when you disagree. On a
global level, there's
even more reasons to
ask, "What is war good
for?"



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ARIES
(March 21-
April 19).
It's not that
you're old,
but you are
in a rather mellow mood.
With all the stress in
your life lately, you look
forward to being "chilled
out." Dining in and
watching a movie might
be all the excitement you
need right now.

TAURUS (April 20-May
20). Something you
thought was so over is
really just beginning.
Surprises like this make
you doubt your intuition.
Don't worry. Your
intuition hasn't failed
you — you were only
thinking too small.

GEMINI (May 21-June
21). Seriousness is
(seriously) overrated.
What you need is a bit of
ridiculousness to put
everything back in the
proper perspective. Listen
to the score from a
musical, or dance around
in your funny-foot
pajamas.

CANCER (June 22-July
22). You can't close your
heart — not even if you
try. You're so sensitive to

Tomorrow's Horoscope

what people need and
how they feel now. It's
nearly impossible for you
not to do something to try
to make the situation
better.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).
It's not so wrong to
dream about a thriving
business, the big house
and the expensive car.
But it's not about what
you acquire through this
lifetime. It's about who
you become along the
way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.
22). You're hardwired to
believe that you must
always be moving in
order to be productive,
but it's not true. In-
spiration comes when
you are most relaxed. By
the way, there's an art to
idleness. If you're going
to relax, do it right!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.
23). Influential people
have an agenda and wish
that you would fall in
line with it. However, if
you don't think for
yourself, then you're
thinking in vain. Take a
stand.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.
21). A rebellious activity
is featured today —
perhaps it's you rebelling
against yourself. Still,
you must fight the battle!
You could overturn a
habit that was considered
just another regular part
of your routine up until
now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov.
22-Dec. 21). Suddenly,
the potential of a situation
crystallizes in your mind.
Envisioning is halfway to
making it so. Hold the
image in your head as
you go through your
daily activities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-
Jan. 19). When you hear

people talking around the
proverbial water cooler,
you'll wonder what
happened to good old-
fashioned compassion. Be
the example. Lost souls
will be enlightened by
your point of view.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-
Feb. 18). Pull out that list
of places you'd like to go
"someday." Your
someday is coming, and
this is the ideal time to
find a decent price for
transportation.

Exceptional luck with the
opposite sex is also
featured.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March
20). Your faith has been
strong, but you need to
see tangible results now.
Ask for a sign, and the
stars deliver one right
away. You'll not only be
inspired by it, but you'll
also inspire people
around you.

**ASTROLOGICAL
QUESTIONS:** "I am a
Gemini and in love with
a Leo, who keeps
breaking up and coming
back to me. I feel
confused, because I like
him so much. Do we have
a chance? And if not with
him, will I ever be happy
in a relationship? It
seems that a lot of women
of my sign have trouble
with love. Will love ever
work for us Gems?"

No. Just kidding. Now
I'm being silly, but not
quite as silly as you,
right? All strengths
possess a weakness, and
all weaknesses possess a
strength. Your strength
as a Gemini is to be very
in the moment like
children are. Being
"present" is something
that takes others years of
meditation to achieve, so
embrace it as a gift.

However, the downfall to
being very in the moment
is that sometimes you're
like a child who cries
when Mother walks out
of the room. All
probability is that Mom
is coming back, but try to
explain this to a 1-year-
old who can't think in
terms of past and future
under the stress of
Mother's leaving. Love,
like a busy mother, will
return to you — probably
not in the form of this
particular Leo, but it will
come. You can be sure.
So relax, sweet Gemini!

**CELEBRITY
PROFILES:** Professional
success means nothing to
bold Libras like superstar
rapper Marshall Mathers
(a.k.a. Eminem) if their
families cannot share in
the joy. Mathers has
spent the better part of
his career being vocal
about his No. 1 priority
— young daughter Haley
— and he will work on
being a doting father
some more this upcoming
year. Furthermore,
Mathers will again try to
make amends with his
ex-wife, Kim. A younger
brother or sister for
Haley is in the stars.

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Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I've been
married to "Joe" for 47
years, and we dated
exclusively for two years
before that. Thirty years
ago, at the age of 43, Joe
had a heart attack that left
him with severe heart
damage. Since then, he has
had several heart
surgeries.
I recently asked Joe why,
in all our years of being
together, he'd never taken
me out for New Year's Eve.
He went bonkers and
spilled the news that while
we were dating, he not
only had taken out an ex-
girlfriend who was
married, but they had an
adulterous relationship for
over nine months. Even
though he was telling me
he loved me, he spent New
Year's Eve with her 49
years ago, because he
wanted sex and she was
better looking than I was.
He apparently still has
fond memories of it.

Annie, had I learned
about this when we were
dating, I would have
broken up with him.
Certainly, I never would
have married him. I've
been lied to for 50 years
and can't help thinking my
entire life might have been
different. Since his first
heart attack, we've had no
social life. I feel stupid,
used, hurt and angry for
not being mature enough
to see the signs of his
cheating and getting out
while I could.
I've lost all trust in my
husband. Of course, Joe
thinks I'm trying to hurt
him and says if I insist on

discussing it, he will leave.
He has yet to tell me he's
sorry for betraying my
trust. Neither one of us
will go for counseling, so
tell me, what should I do?
— Deceived

Dear Deceived: Joe
thinks his betrayal is 49
years old, get over it, but
for you, it happened
yesterday. You also are
mourning the more active
married life you might
have had — the one with a
husband who didn't have a
heart condition. You need
a little time to work
through your anger, and
Joe should understand
that.

Still, after all is said and
done, you can't go back
and do it over, and your
life isn't going to be better
if you hold a grudge. Joe
apparently has been
faithful since you married.
Now you need to forgive,
and he needs to let go of
the old "fond memories."
Make plans for New Year's
Eve so you can create
some new ones.

Dear Annie: I am a
normal 15-year-old girl. I
get good grades in school,
have some good friends
and a wonderful family,
and am athletic.
Everything in my life is
great, except for one thing.
The ones I think of as
possible boyfriend material
may flirt a bit, but it never
goes anywhere. I don't
want to lose their
attention, but how do I get
some of these guys to see
me as a potential love



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

interest? — Probably Not
the Only One

Dear Probably: Those
boys may like you plenty,
but they fear being rejected
and losing the friendship.
Girls don't always
appreciate how much
courage it takes for boys to
ask someone out.

You can make the first
move and invite one of
them to meet you at the
mall or the movies with a
bunch of friends. You also
can ask your girlfriends
for tips on attracting guys,
but we wouldn't push too
hard. The best dating
scenarios tend to happen
naturally over time. Hang
in there.

Dear Annie: I read the
letter from "Had Enough
Sadness," about widows
who obsess about their
grief. She hasn't a clue
what it is like to lose a
spouse. I am a widow of 14
months. You will not know
what the grief is like until
you are there, and then
you will be so sorry for the
way you have judged
others. One of the partners
in every marriage will
experience grief, and it
will bring you to your
knees. You will be
humbled. — Been There,
Done That, Know Better
Now

Dear Know Better: No
one is judging the depth of
your grief, but those who
repeatedly reach out want
to see that you are making
an effort to move forward.
You cannot expect them to
remain an unending well
of comfort. Those who can
speak of nothing but their
misery truly may benefit
from some professional

guidance.

Dear Annie: Is there
really life after a badly
broken heart? I've simply
been going through the
motions for more than 10
years since a relationship
ended. "Jeff" was, and still
is, the love of my life, and
no matter what I do —
therapy, volunteer work,
developing new hobbies,
working two jobs and
spending time with my
senior parents — he is the
only man I want.

I've gone out with other
men, and all I see when I
look at them is that they're
not my former love. And
there's no chance of
rekindling a romance with
Jeff because he is married
and has a family.

I fear I'll spend the rest
of my life alone. I have no
love to give to another
man, and part of me truly
feels dead inside.
Therapists (and I've seen
several) tell me to "get
over it," but I haven't been
able to. I've worked at it,
but the more I try to force
him out of my mind, the
stronger he comes back.

There's a constant aching
hole in my heart, and I
don't know what else to do.
Any advice? — Loveless
Lady

Dear Loveless: Therapy
only works if you truly
want it to succeed, and you
don't. You are hanging
onto this burning torch
because it's your last
connection to Jeff and you
don't want to let it go. It's
actually a little self-
indulgent.

We don't care how many
therapists you've seen, if
you are still mourning
after 10 years, it's time to
find another one —
preferably someone who
will push you a little
harder. Happiness doesn't
fall into your lap. You
must open your arms and
your heart.

Dear Annie: We have a
52-year-old married son. He
and his wife didn't
acknowledge our 55th
wedding anniversary.
When I asked him why, he
said, "What's the big
deal?" That hurt. I know
it was his wife's parents,
it would have been a very
big deal.

My son no longer contacts
us in any way. Last
Christmas we sent them a
check, which they gave to
a charity. We know,
because the charity sent us
a letter.

We live in the same
town, and through the
years, the only times they
ever call is if they want
something. They have
never once asked us how
we are or if we need
anything. My daughter-in-
law's parents always come
first. They go to her folks'
for every occasion. I gave
up on holiday meals long
ago.

This bothers us to no
end. I've talked to my
doctor because my blood
pressure has been very
high lately. We also spoke
to our pastor. Both said we
should write a letter
expressing our feelings. Is
this the right thing to do?
— No Respect

Dear No Respect: If you
can write the letter
without complaining or
making accusations, it can
be a good way to re-
establish communication.
The letter should state that
you love your son and his
family, and you miss them.
If you want to add general
family news, by all means
include it, but don't turn
the letter into a diatribe
about how unfair or
neglectful they are. Keep it
simple, and see how it
goes.

Dear Annie: I am the
author of "Hold Fast the
Summer." I wrote it nearly
30 years ago, in September
of 1976, and it was first
published the following
year.

My son now has three
teenage daughters who will
be heading off to college in
a few short years, so it was
great to see it in print once
again. Thanks. — Mary W.
Abel in Guilford, Conn.

Dear Mary Abel: We
like to give credit where
it's due. Your poem is
lovely and touching, and
we are happy to let our
readers know that you are
the author.

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"It Pays To Read
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Classifieds"

MONDAY

Table with 14 columns (WFAA, KMID, UNI, KPEJ, KOSA, KTLT, KWES, WTBS, KMLM, KOCV, DISC, AMC, SPIKE, TNT, BET, DISN, ESPN2, ESPN, SCIFI) and 12 rows (6:30 PM to 12:30 AM) listing various TV programs and their channels.

DENNIS THE MENACE comic strip panel showing Dennis in bed. Caption: "I'LL TALK TO YOU TOMORROW NIGHT, SAME TIME, SAME PLACE... AMEN."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS comic strip panel showing a boy looking at a drawing. Caption: "I could've made it look more like you but you moved."

HAGAR comic strip panel showing a man at a castle. Captions: "THEY'VE RUN OUT OF ARROWS AND SPEARS, BUT THEY JUST WON'T SURRENDER THE CASTLE!", "WE HAVE TO BE PATIENT...", "BEFORE LONG THEY'LL RUN OUT OF PEAS!"

BLONDIE comic strip panel showing Blondie at a computer. Captions: "WELCOME TO BESEL PLUMBING SERVICE AND SUPPLY SHOP", "PLEASE CHOOSE FROM THE FOLLOWING 143 MENU OPTIONS", "PRESS #1 FOR", "BOY, I'M SURE GLAD I'M MAKING THIS CALL ON COMPANY TIME"

BC comic strip panel showing a schoolhouse. Captions: "WHO CAN TELL ME WHAT AN ABACUS IS?", "JOHNNY?", "A CALCULATOR USED BY THE EARLY GEEKS."

This Date In History

Today is Monday, Oct. 17, the 290th day of 2005. There are 75 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 17, 1777, British forces under Gen. John Burgoyne surrendered to American troops in Saratoga, N.Y., in a turning point of the Revolutionary War.

In 1965, the musical "On a Clear Day You Can See Forever," with a score by Burton Lane and book and lyrics by Alan Jay Lerner, opened on Broadway. In 1973, Arab oil-producing nations announced they would begin cutting back on oil exports to Western nations and Japan; the result was a total embargo that lasted until March 1974.

Margot Kidder is 57. Actor George Wendt is 57. Astronaut Mae Jemison is 49. Country singer Alan Jackson is 47. Movie director Rob Marshall ("Chicago") is 45. Animator Mike Judge is 43. Actor-comedian Norm Macdonald is 42. Reggae singer Ziggy Marley is 37. Singer Chris Kirkpatrick ("N Sync") is 33. Rapper Eminem is 33. Singer Wyckliffe Jean is 33. Actress Sharon Leal is 33. Rock musician Sergio Andrade is 28.

WIZARD OF ID comic strip panel showing a fortune teller. Captions: "FORTUNES TOLD", "CLOSED", "SEE WHAT IT SAYS", "HER BALL IS DOWN"

AGNES comic strip panel showing Agnes talking. Captions: "I HAVE TO CHANGE MY SQUEAKY CLEAN IMAGE. MOST PEOPLE AREN'T ATTRACTED TO A GOODY-GOODY.", "HAH! WHO WANTS TO ATTRACT PEOPLE?", "IT'S A BASIC NATURE OF PEOPLE TO WANT TO ATTRACT OTHER PEOPLE... YOU KNOW, FOR PARTIES, PHONE CALLS, SHARING SHOPPING TIPS.", "WELL, I'M A GOODY-GOODY, AND I DON'T CARE IF THAT REPULSES THE WHOLE DARN STINKIN' WORLD!", "YOU'D BETTER GET USED TO CUTTING YOUR OWN COUPONS, HONEY"

Newsday Crossword

FACE INVADERS by Sally R. Stein

- ACROSS: 1 Not quite shut, 5 Coconut tree, 9 Takes chances, 14 Traditional knowledge, 15 Margarine, 16 Loosen, as shoelaces, 17 Courtroom statement, 18 Something prohibited, 19 Blackboard material, 20 Idealistic frame of mind, 23 Golf platform, 24 Ignited, 25 College grounds, 29 India's continent, 31 Chatter, 34 Dined at home, 35 Slightly, 36 Marching-band instrument, 37 Poor judgment, 40 ___ upon a time, 41 Burden, 42 Take a sip of, 43 Meadow, 44 Go after a gnat, 45 Apple core, e.g., 46 Fitness center, 47 Squeezing snake, 48 Result of an embarrassing statement, 57 Small songbird, 58 Shrivel

- DOWN: 1 Austrian mountains, 2 Shake up severely, 3 Vicinity, 4 Caboose's place, 5 Small horses, 6 Without company, 7 Tonight Show host, 8 Project Apollo destination, 9 Moscow's country, 10 Arm of the sea, 11 Remain, 12 Toy with a tail, 13 Looks at, 21 Appalls, 22 Privileged group, 25 Yuletide song, 26 Make up for, 27 Tourist draw, 28 Toll road, 29 Approximately, 30 Sermon topics, 31 Party attendee, 32 Ease up, 33 Supreme Court justice Ruth Ginsburg, 35 Fictional Karenina, 36 As compared to, 38 Dubuque native, 39 Water vapor, 44 Parts of books, 45 Expensive, 46 Tour of duty, 47 Underneath, 48 Gift-card word, 49 Flow slowly, 50 Bassoon relative, 51 Was indebted to, 52 Pleasant, 53 Clumsy people, 54 West Coast sch., 55 Serving platter, 56 Chops down

HI AND LOIS comic strip panel showing Lois talking. Captions: "DOT IS FLIRTING WITH MY FRIEND!", "SIBLING RIVALRY JUST ENTERED A WHOLE NEW PHASE"

THE OTHER COAST comic strip panel showing a woman talking. Captions: "I BOUGHT BITSY A DESIGNER FALL COAT FOR THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS.", "IT GOES PERFECTLY WITH HER FUR BOOTIES AND GOLD COLLAR.", "IT COSTS A SMALL FORTUNE JUST FOR DOG ACCESSORIES.", "YOU COULD HAVE THE WHOLE DOG FOR JUST A FEW LOUSY BUICKS."

SNUFFY SMITH comic strip panel showing a man talking. Captions: "LOWEEZY, IT SAYS TO USE 'ONLY IN A WELL-VENTILATED AREA.'", "GREAT!!", "I CAN DO EV'RY ROOM IN TH' HOUSE!!"

BEETLE BAILEY comic strip panel showing a man talking. Captions: "IT'S SO NICE AND QUIET UP HERE IN THE MOUNTAINS", "YEAH... YOU CAN HEAR YOURSELF THINK", "FUNNY... I DON'T HEAR ANYTHING"

Crossword grid with numbers 1-63 indicating starting positions for words.

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