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50 CENTS DAILY/\$1.25 WEEKEND

Forsan ISD projects moving along, board told

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Apparently, Joe Grimes is as good as his word.

Grimes, the architectural consultant for Forsan school district construction projects, promised trustees last month that the behind-schedule program would get up to speed.

Monday night, he had some good news to deliver.

Grimes was able to report many improvements in the pace of the lagging construction

projects authorized by last year's \$4.9 million bond election.

Grimes had plenty of good news to pass along to trustees:

- Projects at Elbow Elementary, which were supposed to be done before Labor Day, are now complete except for some minor finishing touches.

- The high school/junior high science labs, also badly behind schedule, will be ready for student use by the end of the week.

- Rapid progress has been



Johnson

made on the practice gym in the last month. The roof is now on the building and officials hope to begin interior work within the next few weeks.

- Remodeling of the high school auditorium should be completed by Nov. 30, with the exception of a lighting system to be installed early next year.

- Exterior construction of the high school band hall remains

on hold while school officials decide what to do with a communications tower guide wire that is too close to the site.

All in all, Grimes' report was enough to put some smiles on the faces of Forsan school officials.

"We've had a bunch of progress in the last month," admitted Forsan Superintendent Randy Johnson. "There's lots of excitement now."

In other business Monday, trustees:

- Approved the district's

annual audit from the Stanton accounting firm of Stallings and Herm.

- Learned that the district's enrollment as of Oct. 31 is 697 students, up two from the same time last year.

- Discussed personnel matters in a closed session, but took no action.

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Property ceded for trades students

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners voted to cede property to Crossroads Housing Development Corporation during their regular meeting Monday morning.

The property, located in the North Belvue Addition in Big Spring, will be refurbished by construction trade students at SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf students, then sold as low-cost housing, said Paul Pryor, head of the corporation.

Since the program's inception, nine properties have been refurbished and sold, returning those sites to the county tax rolls, he added.

"Once the property is transferred to us, it goes off the tax rolls," Pryor told commissioners. "But once it's sold, it goes back on the tax rolls at increased value ... It's actually a major benefit to you. For a few months, you have nothing, but then it comes back on the rolls at a higher value than before."

Other Howard County taxing entities have to sign off on the agreement before refurbishing can begin.

In other business Monday, commissioners:

- Agreed to the purchase of a dump truck for the road and bridge department for \$40,000.

- Gave approval to the Texas A&M Extension Service to advertise for 4-H and FCS agents for the county.

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BOUND FOR JAPAN



President Bush and first lady Laura Bush leave the White House in Washington for an eight-day trip to Asia to attend the annual Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum in South Korea. See story, Page 5A.

Existing firms to get Moore focus

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

To use a baseball analogy, Moore Development of Big Spring is going to try to hit for average instead of swinging for the fences.

Moore's board of directors met for a workshop Monday to develop goals and strategies for the next year, and tentatively agreed to somewhat lessen the scope of the organization's efforts.

Instead of concentrating on attracting medium to large-scale businesses to this area, the agency instead will shift its focus efforts on encouraging existing businesses to expand their efforts and workforce.

"We need to grow Big Spring methodically instead of 'Boom,' all at once," said director Mike Niklasch. "We tried that before, and it hasn't

"We need to grow Big Spring methodically instead of 'Boom,' all at once. We tried that before, and it hasn't worked."



Niklasch

worked." The agency will not stop trying to attract outside businesses, the directors agreed, but efforts to help existing industries in Howard County will increase.

"If you take the existing industries here in Big Spring — both public and private — you've probably got more than 2,000 employees," said Kent Sharp, Moore's executive

See MOORE Page 3A

College Fair planned Wednesday at coliseum

Herald Staff Report

More than 40 colleges and universities in Texas and New Mexico will put their best foot forward to Howard County high school students Wednesday.

The annual College Fair, hosted by Howard College, will attract more than 300 area high school students to Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Wednesday.

Some of the institutions that will have representatives present at the fair include: Angelo State University; Baylor University; College of the Southwest; Eastern New Mexico State University; Hardin-Simmons; Howard Payne; Texas Tech; University of Texas-Austin; Wayland Baptist; and University of Texas-Permian Basin.

In addition to attracting high school students, the fair will also provide Howard College students information on transferring to other colleges or universities later in their academic careers, officials said.

The fair will run 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the coliseum.

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BATTLE OF BANDS SET

The Permian Basin Chapter Cossacks will host its annual Battle of the Bands Saturday, joined with a chili and brisket cookoff.

The event, which is expected to begin at noon Saturday, is a fund-raiser for the Cossack's "Bykes for Tykes" Christmas program.

Admission is \$10 per person. However, the equivalent of \$10 in non-perishable food items or a new, unwrapped toy will also be accepted.

For more information or to enter one of the three competitions, contact Chapter Vice President Mike Lindsey at 432-517-0368.

TURNER TO BE HONORED

Hangar 25 Air Museum will hold a reception for Buck Turner in the hangar at 6 p.m. today.

Turner is the museum's November Veteran of the Month. The museum selects a veteran to honor monthly.

Turner will share his memories of World War II and the Girl Scouts of Troop 126 will hold a short performance for those in attendance.

Refreshments will be served. The public is invited to attend the reception in honor of Turner and all U.S. veterans.

For more information, call the hangar at 264-1999.

KATRINA RECEPTION

A reception honoring some of Big Spring's newest citizens and the volunteers who assisted in the effort to aid Hurricane Katrina evacuees will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

The public is invited to attend. About 75 people left homeless by the devastating Gulf Coast hurricane were housed in Big Spring in the days following the disaster.

Hundreds of local residents donated time, money and materials to help the evacuees, many of whom have decided to relocate permanently to Big Spring.

For more information, contact 264-2597.

Obituaries

Jose Rivas

Jose Rivas, 50, of Galveston died Sunday, Nov. 13, 2005. His services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Romell Morrison Saunders

Romell Morrison Saunders, 79, of Stanton died Monday, Nov. 14, 2005, at her residence. Her services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Georgann Waller

Georgann Waller, 73, died Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2005, at a local hospital. Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Fire/EMS

SUNDAY

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2000 block of Virginia. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 300 block of Owens. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of Interstate Highway 20 and FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 300 block of N.E. 10th Street. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 600 block of Sgt. Paredez. One person was transported to SMMC.

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Around Town

• **RAILROAD MUSEUM** at the corner of Second Street and Main Street is open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. every Saturday. Free admission. Call 432-559-3409 for more information.

• **POTTON HOUSE**, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into Heritage Museum, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

• **HERITAGE MUSEUM**, 510 Scurry, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into the Potton House, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

• **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM** is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday.

Take Note

• **HOWARD COLLEGE PRESENTS 'SNOOPY'** at 8 p.m. today in the Practical Arts building. Admission is free and donations are accepted.

• **BUSINESS BEFORE HOURS**, sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, is set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Western National Bank.

• **HOWARD COLLEGE DEDICATION** of the P.W. Malone Plaza at 11:30 a.m. Thursday in front of the administration building.

• **BOOK SIGNING AND RECEPTION** for Faye Stallings, author of the cookbook, "Mama Faye's Kitchen" from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday at Heritage Museum.

• **SMMC VOLUNTEER ANNUAL BAKE SALE** Friday in the hospital lobby. All proceeds benefit the hospital. Call 263-1211 for more information.

• **THE COAHOMA SENIOR CITIZENS** will meet for Thanksgiving dinner at 11:30 a.m. Friday in the Coahoma school cafeteria. For more information, call 393-5380.

• **HOWARD COLLEGE LUMINARIA** at 7 p.m. Dec. 1 in the Student Union Building.

• **HOWARD COLLEGE JURIED STUDENT ART SHOW COMPETITION** Dec. 1 in the Howard College library.

• **BENEFIT FOR GARY DANIELS** is set for Dec. 10 beginning at noon at the Ice House, 1612 E. Third St. Daniels has been diagnosed with cancer and proceeds are to help with medical expenses. The benefit features barbecue plates for \$6, live music, a chance to win a 12-gauge pump shotgun, an auction and a 50/50 drawing. For more information, call Danya James at 816-6141 or Tom Cox at 393-5888.

• **HERITAGE MUSEUM IS HAVING A WREATH DECORATING EVENT**. Any theme is acceptable and wreaths will be displayed at the museum during the Christmas season. Wreaths should be turned into the museum by Nov. 29. For more information, call 267-8255.

• **HOME HOSPICE HAS COOKBOOKS** with nearly 500 recipes on sale for \$18 with proceeds to benefit Hospice House. Recipes submitted by volunteers, coordinators and owners of Home Hospice. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 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.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department in investigating a break-in at Gale's Sweet Shoppe that's believed to have occurred sometime Monday night or early Tuesday morning. According to business owner Gale Pittman, the alleged thieves made away with only a few handful of change and a radio. Police officials were unavailable for comment at press time.

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

- **JOSE VIDANA**, 24, of Ackerly, was arrested Monday on two local warrants.
- **RANDELL ESTON HOLLIS**, 25, of 1425 E. Sixth Street, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **PRISCILLA LOVE**, 23, of Lubbock, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **JOE MIKE CANALES**, 25, of 1226 E. 15th Street, was arrested Tuesday on two local warrants.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 900 block of Willia.
- **TERRORISTIC THREAT** was reported in the 1700 block of Third Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1800 block of Mittel.

Sheriff's report

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

- **WILLIAM DALE MCMURRAY**, 44, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of assault - family violence.
- **JOSUE LOPEZ VIDANA**, 24, was arrested Monday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **HEIDI GRETCHEN-KIMBERLY DOTEY**, 23, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of theft.
- **LAURA LEUNA YANEZ**, 26, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated.
- **ELADIO ZUBIATE**, 29, was transferred to the county jail Monday on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction.
- **EMZIE WOODARD**, 85, was transferred to the county jail Monday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **EUGENE MORENO ZAPATA**, 29, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for theft bondsman off bond for no driver's license and driving while intoxicated.

Support group

SATURDAY

• **Alcoholics Anonymous** open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

• **THE HOWARD COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD** seeks Christmas help for the 69 children in foster care. To 'adopt' a child or family for the holidays, contact Patti Richard at 432-559-6953 or 268-4550.

• **ODYSSEY HOSPICE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS** to work in the office and perform patient services. For more information or to volunteer call 263-5999.

• **INFORMATION MEETING ABOUT FOSTER CARE** is set for 7 p.m. today at the Midland office of the Department of Family and Protective Services, 901 W. Wall on the second floor. For more information, call 1-800-233-3405.

• **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.

• **LEGAL AID OF NORTHWEST TEXAS** is accepting appointments for 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

• **A SAVINGS ACCOUNT TO BENEFIT LOVE FROM HOME** has been established at Citizen's Federal Credit Union. Love From Home is a local effort to provide personal items needed by the soldiers serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Contact the credit union at 267-6373 to contribute funds to offset the cost of postage for the packages mailed to the soldiers.

• **CHRIST'S COMMUNITY CHURCH** is looking for infant cars seats to be given to needy families. Call Karen at 263-3517 or the church at 263-5683.

• **BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING** counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

- Blood drive, VA Hospital, Room 219, until 3:30 p.m.
- 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.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.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.
- Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Business Before Hours from 7:30 a.m. until 9 a.m. at the Western National Bank, 607 S. Scurry, sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.
- Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
- Howard College 60th anniversary celebration with a dedication of the P.W. Malone Plaza Arboretum and new carillon bells at 11:30 a.m. in front of the administration building.

Weather

Freeze warning in effect from 6 p.m. this evening to 8 a.m. est Wednesday. Wind advisory in effect until 6 p.m. est this afternoon.

Tonight—Clear. Colder. Lows in the mid 20s. North winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday—Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 50s. Light and variable winds.

Wednesday night—Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s. Light and variable winds.

Thursday—Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night—Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 30s.

Friday—Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s.

Friday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.

Saturday—Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s.

Saturday night—Partly cloudy. Lows around 40.

Sunday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s.

Sunday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.

Monday—Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 4-18-27-35 (numerical order). Bonus Ball: 19.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$225,000.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 6-13-14-22-33.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-9-5

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Texas briefs

State Baptist group elects first black president

AUSTIN (AP) — The Baptist General Convention of Texas elected its first black president Monday and announced plans to increase minority representation on its executive board.

The Rev. Michael Bell, the 54-year-old senior pastor at Greater St. Stephen Baptist Church in Fort Worth, overwhelmingly defeated the Rev. Rick Davis, a Brownwood pastor, in a ballot vote.

Davis was nominated to challenge Bell at the last-minute, a move that deviated from the expected election by acclamation.

Bell succeeds Albert Reyes, the organization's first Hispanic president.

His election brought tears and cheers from black delegates and encouraged pastors.

"It will get more African-American churches involved because they will see someone who looks like them involved in the process," the Rev. Timothy Brown, pastor of New El Bethel Church in Dallas, told the Houston Chronicle.

Convention officials want to increase minority representation on its executive board from 15 percent to 30 percent. About 12 percent of the convention's 2.5 million members are black.

In a story in Tuesday's Austin American-Statesman, Bell said that the goals to increase diversity in the organization send a message to Texans "that the Baptist General Convention of Texas is the place to be."

Bell said he will focus on helping churches communicate with each other, baptizing more people, sharpening the convention's focus and building on changes made to the executive board.

UGA, Department of Education to partner on Hispanic initiative

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — The University of Georgia and the University of Texas at Austin will serve as test cases in a new initiative aimed at getting more

Hispanic students to go to college.

The U.S. Department of Education is expected to announce the project Wednesday at the 30th anniversary of the Hispanic Scholarship Fund luncheon. The fund, along with UGA and UT, will study the needs of Hispanic students to design programs that will get more of them into higher education.

The five-year project will be financed with a \$12.3-million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. The grant will also support the Hispanic Scholarship Fund's work in Atlanta and other regional offices in the agency.

Nationally, Hispanics have the highest high school dropout rate of any major racial or ethnic group, according to U.S. Census data — 30 percent. Only 36 percent of those who do graduate from high school go on to college, and in 2000, Hispanics were only 7 percent of the students enrolled in U.S. colleges and universities.

At UGA, Hispanic students made up 1.8 percent of this year's total enrollment last fall. At UT-Austin, Hispanics were 13.3 percent of total enrollment.

Man wanted in trooper's wounding arrested

CORSICANA (AP) — An Arkansas man wanted in last week's wounding of a Department of Public Safety trooper was arrested Monday in Texas City, the DPS said.

Sgt. Kenneth Authier said three police officers working an accident in Texas City about 3 a.m. saw Danyell D. Daniels, 19, of El Dorado riding a bicycle that had been reported stolen. Authier said that when officers ran Daniels' name, the system showed an arrest warrant for attempted capital murder of a peace officer in Navarro County. He was being returned to Corsicana.

Trooper Thomas McGinnis was shot in the right wrist Friday night after stopping Daniels' car on Interstate 45 south of Corsicana for speeding and equipment violations. Daniels was accused of firing at McGinnis with a .22-caliber handgun before running away.

Authier said McGinnis was back at home after surgery.

"He's lucky, and we're glad he's back," Authier said in a story in Tuesday's Corsicana Daily Sun.

A passenger in Daniels' car was arrested Friday night.

Killer in Houston crack house shooting set to die tonight

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Robert Dale Rowell was in prison when authorities said he committed his first slaying, the fatal stabbing of a fellow inmate.

Eventually released into the free world to be under mandatory supervision, Rowell wound up back in prison — this time on death row — for the fatal shooting of two people at a Houston crack house.

Rowell, 50, faced lethal injection this evening for the 1993 shooting spree that killed Raymond Mata, 38, and Irvin Wright, 52. Mata's wife, Angie Perez, was seriously wounded in the shooting.

Rowell would be the 18th Texas prisoner executed this year and the first of two on consecutive nights this week. Condemned inmate Shannon Thomas was to follow him to the death chamber Wednesday night for a triple slaying in Baytown on Christmas Eve in 1993.

The U.S. Supreme Court last month refused to review Rowell's case.

Evidence showed Rowell arrived at Wright's north Houston house about 4 a.m. May 10, 1993, complaining he'd paid too much for some crack cocaine. Mata and Perez, who answered the door, also were living there.

Wright was beaten with a claw hammer and led into the couple's room, then all three were herded into a bathroom where they were shot in a bathtub. Perez later told authorities. Rowell then took a shower.

He was arrested a short time later at an auto repair shop where he worked. Police found a .22-caliber revolver with six spent cartridge casings and a bank bag belonging to Wright.

Dallas County grand jury declines to indict bus driver

DALLAS (AP) — A bus driver accused in the deaths of 23 nursing home residents who died as they tried to flee Hurricane Rita in September was expected to be released Tuesday, a day after a Dallas County grand jury declined to indict him.

The Dallas County Sheriff's Office had forwarded to the district attorney 23 cases of criminally negligent homicide to consider against Juan Robles Gutierrez, 37, an illegal immigrant from Mexico. The grand jury did not issue a statement with its decision Monday not to return an indictment against Robles.

"We feel happy for him. We'll keep supporting him until this process ends," Adhemir Olguin, a spokesman for Mexican Consulate in Houston, told *The Associated Press* late Monday.

Robles was taken into federal custody on an immigration violation five days after the Sept. 23 explosion near Dallas and has remained detained as a material witness in the investigation.

An agreement was reached to have him released on a \$50,000 bond until legal matters involving the bus fire are resolved, said Robles' attorney, George Shaffer. Consular officials expect

Robles to be released Tuesday.

The grand jury's decision would not setback the investigation into the bus fire, said Sgt. Don Peritz, a spokesman for the sheriff.

"There are still many aspects of the investigation to look at," he said in a story in Monday's online edition of *The Dallas Morning News*. "You've got the people that leased the bus, the people that owned the bus, the people that maintained the bus."

The company that owned the bus, Pharr-based Global Limo Inc., was shut down by federal regulators Oct. 7 as a haz-

ard to the public.

The bus was carrying residents of the Brighton Gardens nursing home in Houston, who were fleeing the approaching hurricane. It caught fire from a malfunctioning back wheel on Interstate 45 and oxygen tanks used by the residents began exploding. Nineteen people survived.

The sheriff's department had said Robles did not inspect the bus periodically on the 16-hour trip and didn't help people when the fire broke out.

"I believe there is video showing my client getting on and off the bus helping people escape," Shaffer

said in a story in Tuesday's *Houston Chronicle*. "He remembers going back and helping with three or four before it came to a point where the (oxygen) tanks began exploding and he could do no more.

"He did everything within his power to minimize the damage and loss of life. He did everything any human would have done."

On Monday, Peritz said investigators were following policy when they referred criminal charges for possible prosecution.

"It's not that it's a solid case or not a solid case," he said. "The policy is that we refer all cases

involving deaths to a grand jury. It was a policy issue."

Carlos Robles Gutierrez said he was glad to hear that his brother was cleared

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Charles W. Prichard, 88, died Thursday. Military Graveside Rites will be at 2:15 PM today at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery.
Georgann Waller, 73, died Tuesday. Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Mixed results for high-dose Lipitor vs. regular-dose Zocor

CHICAGO (AP) — High doses of the cholesterol-lowering drug Lipitor were no better at preventing recurrent heart attacks and heart-related deaths than regular doses of the competing drug Zocor, according to the latest study on efforts to aggressively treat heart conditions.

The study, funded and conducted by Lipitor's maker Pfizer Inc., was prepared for presentation Tuesday at an American

Heart Association meeting in Dallas. It also appears in Wednesday's *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

Many heart specialists recommend aggressively lowering LDL cholesterol levels, the bad kind, to help heart patients avoid future cardiovascular problems. So Pfizer tried that with a much higher dose of its statin drug, Lipitor.

Lipitor patients did appear to fare better

when the researchers grouped together any cardiovascular problem including strokes and heart surgery, results that echo findings in previous research on aggressively lowering cholesterol.

The latest study involved 8,888 mostly male Scandinavian patients aged 61 on average who had previous heart attacks and were given either a high dose of Lipitor or a standard dose of Merck's Zocor.

The researchers didn't find the main difference they were looking for — fewer "major coronary events" in the Lipitor group during an average follow-up of almost five years. That category lumped together cardiovascular deaths, nonfatal heart attacks and nonfatal cardiac arrest. These events totaled 463 in the Zocor patients and 411 in the Lipitor patients, a difference that was not sta-

tistically significant.

The results can't be considered a direct comparison because different doses of the competing drugs were used.

Dr. Terje Pedersen of Ulleval University Hospital in Oslo, Norway was the study's lead author. Two Pfizer employees were among the co-authors.

On the Net:
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MOORE

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director. "If we had just a 10 percent increase in their workforce, that's 200 employees right there."

Board President Richard Steel said the agency also needs to do a better job of producing a database categorizing the existing labor pool and infrastructure.

"It's important for us to try to quantify what we can do (to attract businesses)," he said. "Board members come and go, but the staff is more or less constant. Hopefully, we can give them some direction ... on what we want them to do so they can execute."

Niklasch picked up on Steel's comments.

"One of the particular problems we've had is that we don't know what we have," he said. "We need to get a list of existing, available facilities ... We need to be able to tell people, 'We have a building almost perfect for you right here.'"

To Director Joyce Crooker, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark is a great tool for recruiting businesses.

"The airpark is one

thing we have that few other places do," she said. "We know its strengths and weaknesses ... We need to let people know it."

The board of directors will formalize goals and strategies at their next meeting later this month.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Remember our loved ones with Memorial Trees

"Strong and growing" ... what more could one hope for in describing The Living Memorial Tree Program that is just now entering its second year of existence.

But those are the terms city officials are using to describe the project which provides the planting of trees throughout the city as living memorials to the loved ones of local residents.

Initiated by City Councilwoman Gloria McDonald a year ago, the program is generating funds and growing, amazing even the person who brainstormed the effort.

However, McDonald admits there is still some confusion about the "price" of the living memorial trees that are planted at area parks.

"It's strictly a memorial program," she said, trying to explain there is no set donation required. "We still have people ask us how much it costs and there's really no set cost. It's a memorial, so it's whatever they want to give. They will get the same certificate and letter with a \$5 donation as they will if they give \$2,000."

Perhaps some of the best news about the program is that all the trees from the first planting are doing well, and it's fast approaching time for a second planting. The areas that will be planted this year are the Comanche Trail Golf Course, the spring at Comanche Trail Park and the area in front to the VA Medical Center.

McDonald said the program is open to anyone who would like to participate. For more information contact Lesa Gamble at Big Spring City Hall by calling 264-2401.

"I want to stress that this program is for everyone," said McDonald. "This isn't just for city employees or any other group. This is for anybody that wants to memorialize someone."

The program, which planted \$600 worth of trees in its first year, began out of the grief of a daughter who wanted to memorialize her mother with something that lasted longer than a week.

"When my mother passed away, I received a memorial for a tree in a national forest," explained McDonald. "It got me to thinking. Big Spring is in need of this type of program and we need to underplant our trees. We have so many parks that are losing trees to disease."

"My saying is to plant a tree under which you'll never sit. I'm planning and planting for 40 years from now, and that's the basic idea behind this program. It's for our children and grandchildren."

To our way of thinking, that says it all.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, You can run our lives better than we can. Help us turn our lives over to You.

Amen

Wait a minute, what are we doing?

I can't get over this feeling of unreality, that I am actually sitting here writing about our country having a gulag of secret prisons in which it tortures people. I have loved America all my life, even though I have often disagreed with the government. But this seems to me so preposterous, so monstrous. My mind is a little bent and my heart is a little broken this morning.

Maybe I should try to get a grip — after all, it's just this one administration that I had more cause than most to realize was full of inadequate people going in. And even at that, it seems to be mostly Vice President Cheney. And after all, we were badly frightened by 9-11, which was a horrible event. "Only" nine senators voted against the prohibition of "cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment of persons under custody or control the United States." Nine out of 100. Should we be proud? Should we cry?

"We do not torture," said our pitifully inarticulate president, straining through emphasis and repetition to erase the obvious.

A string of prisons in Eastern Europe in which suspects are held and tortured indefinitely, without trial, without lawyers, without the right to confront their accusers, without knowing the evidence or the charges against them, if any. Forever. It's "One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich." Another secret prison in the midst of a military camp on an island run by an infamous dictator. Prisoner without a name, cell without a number.



MOLLY IVINS

Who are we? What have we become? The shining city on a hill, the beacon and bastion of refuge and freedom, a country born amidst the most magnificent ideals of freedom and justice, the greatest political heritage ever given to any people anywhere.

I am baffled by these "arguments": But we're talking about really awful people, cries the harassed press secretary. People like X and Y and Z (after a time, one forgets all the names of the No. 2's after bin Laden we have captured). The SS and the Gestapo and the NKVD weren't all that nice, either.

Then I hear the familiar tinniness of the fake machismo I know so well from George W. Bush and all the other frat boys who never went to Vietnam and never got over the guilt.

"Sometimes you gotta play rough," said Dick Cheney. No kidding, Dick? Now why don't you tell that to John McCain?

I have known George W. Bush since we were both in high school — we have dozens of mutual friends. I have written two books about him and so have interviewed many dozens more who know him well in one way or another. Spare me the tough talk. He didn't play football — he was a cheerleader. "He is really competitive," said one friend. "You wouldn't believe how tough he is on a tennis court!" Just cut the macho — I don't want to hear it.

If you are dead to all sense of morality (please let me not go off on the stinking sanctimony of this crowd), let us still reason together on the famous American common ground of practicality. Torture. Does. Not. Work.

Torture does not work. Ask the United States military. Ask the Israelis.

There seems to be some fantastic scenario floating around — if Osama bin Laden had an atomic bomb hidden in a locker at Grand Central Station, and it was due to go off in 12 hours, and we had him in prison I seem to have missed some important television program on this theme. I am told it was fiction, but it must have been really scary — it certainly seems to have unbalanced the minds of some of our fellow citizens.

Torture does not work. It is not productive. It does not yield important, timely information. That is in the movies. This is reality.

I grew up with all this pathetic Texas tough: Everybody here knows you can't make an omelet without breaking eggs; and this ain't beanbag; and I'll knock your jaw so far back, you'll scratch your throat with your front teeth; and I'm gonna cloud up and rain all over you; and I'm gonna open me a can of whip-ass ...

And that'll show 'em, won't it? Take some miserable human being alone and helpless in a cell, completely under your control, and torture him. Boy, that is some kind of manly, ain't it?

"The CIA is holding an unknown number of prisoners in secret detention centers abroad. In violation of the Geneva Conventions, it has refused to register those detainees with the International Red Cross or to allow visits by its inspectors. Its prisoners have 'disappeared,' like the victims of some dictators' ips."

Why did we bother to beat the Soviet Union if we were just going to become it? Shame. Shame.

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A high price for a bitter banana

I have sinned. I bought a banana ... at Wal-Mart. For this, I am doomed.

My late stepfather, bless his soul, warned early and often of the evil of out-of-town (-state, -country) conglomerates descending on our small Virginia town and putting his pharmacy and other locally owned businesses out of business.

He was prescient. The conglomerates did come (out on the main drag, not downtown), and now our little town is struggling.

His was a sermon I've tried to follow as much as possible ... until recently. In a strange town and in need of a breakfast banana, I could find no other grocery store open at night except that behemoth best known for low wages and few benefits. Desperate, I walked in and bought a banana ... thus violating a family commandment: Thou shalt not aid those who seek to take away your bread and butter.

Of course, this was not the first time I'd broken that commandment. Fact is, it is impossible to live in a large city today and not patronize a CVS or RiteAid, a Sears or Home Depot, a McDonald's or Burger King. There are no alternatives. I'd come to grips years ago with the fact that, like it or not, I had to deal with these businesses.

But Wal-Mart is something else: A company known for low wages and part-time hours; that foists its workers' family health-care costs on taxpayers (Medicaid); that makes warm-and-fuzzy, flag-waving, we-love-America TV commercials while exploiting cheap labor in China to the tune of \$15 billion in goods shipped the United States in 2003. (Woe unto any Chinese worker who protests labor practices.)

Low prices are good; the more,

the better. It's the shifting of Wal-Mart's labor costs onto taxpayers that doesn't sit well. Wal-Mart acknowledges that 46 percent of the children of its employees are uninsured or on Medicaid. So when they need medical care, guess who picks up the tab? All businesses could lower their prices if they could dump their costs of business onto someone else.

Concerned that its public image needs some serious polishing, Wal-Mart sponsored a conference Nov. 4 in Washington to discuss the company's effect on the economy and individual communities. Not surprising, the economic research firm hired by Wal-Mart issued a report claiming that the company "has been economically positive for the U.S. economy." That report went on to assert that Wal-Mart saved each American household an average of \$2,329 in 2004.

That's a lot of bananas! At that same conference, however, other studies were presented that offered a different view. In fairness, these studies were offered after Global Insight, Wal-Mart's hired economic research firm, called for further studies from the academic and business community.

Said David Neumark, an economist with Public Policy Institute in California and who with Junfu Zhang and Stephen Ciccarella wrote a report titled "The Effects of Wal-Mart on Local Labor Markets," "Residents of a local labor market do indeed earn less following the opening of Wal-Mart stores." That report went on to say that Wal-Mart's low pay pushed down total payroll wages per person by almost 5 percent in areas that have its stores.

More damning news came from another report presented at the conference. A study by Michael Hicks of the Air Force Institute of Technology in Ohio and Marshall University, showed that Wal-Mart increased Medicaid (read "taxpayer") costs an average of \$898 per

worker and that a 1 percent increase in Wal-Mart's market share in a state is accompanied by a 1.5 percent increase in Medicaid spending.

And so it goes. Always low prices, always low wages, always low benefits.

Which brings us to the memo by M. Susan Chambers, Wal-Mart's executive vice president for benefits. In her memo to the company's board of directors and reported in the New York Times on ways to hold down spending on health care, Chambers suggests one way to discourage unhealthy job applicants is to make all jobs involve some physical activity. For example, a door-greeter "associate" (Wal-Mart's term for its workers) or cashier "associate" might be required to help stock shelves or gather shopping carts. The thinking is that this physical fitness requirement will lead to healthier, younger job applicants.

So, Grandma, where will you be doing your holiday shopping? But there is one element of hope in Wal-Mart's image-improvement campaign. Company chief executive H. Lee Scott has decided to push for an increase in the U.S. minimum-wage law. (Some might suggest this is merely an effort to give its "associates" more money so they can turn around and spend it at Wal-Mart stores, but I would never think of saying that.)

Attention, Mr. Scott: If you want to give your employees a raise, go ahead and do so. No one is stopping you. You do not have to wait until the feds make it the law of the land ... if they ever choose to do so.

The more I think about it, that banana I bought did leave a bitter aftertaste.

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Despite beef ban, Bush on friendly terrain in Japan

By JENNIFER LOVEN

Associated Press Writer

KYOTO, Japan — The mood will be celebratory when President Bush takes center stage in this ancient capital with Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, his closest ally in Asia.

The two leaders meet Wednesday amid apparent progress toward ending the two-year-old Japanese ban on U.S. beef imports that has been an irritant on the American side. And the two countries just announced an agreement to realign and reduce U.S. military forces in Japan, resolving an issue that had caused concern in Tokyo.

Bush and Koizumi were expected to keep under wraps a host of trickier matters, such as a growing trade deficit with Japan, Tokyo's reluctance to reduce the kind of farm subsidies that are holding up

progress on a U.S.-backed global free-trade pact, and a recent Koizumi visit to a controversial shrine that has roiled relations between Japan and neighbors South Korea and China.

Koizumi earned Bush's steadfast loyalty by staunchly backing the invasion of Iraq and making the unpopular decision to send non-combat troops there in January 2004. That mission is expected to expire next month, but Bush indicated before the trip that he wouldn't press his friend for a decision on whether to extend it.

It is a sign of how highly regarded Koizumi is in the Bush White House that Japan is the only country the United States has specifically supported for a permanent seat on an expanded U.N. Security Council — something Tokyo badly wants.

Another indication came from Mike Green, the White House's

top Asia expert, who told reporters in a pre-trip briefing that the president is "best friends" with Koizumi. "I should say 'close friends,'" Green said after a pause — but the message was loud and clear.

The feeling is mutual. Though Bush is often greeted in foreign cities by large, boisterous protests, only small demonstrations were expected in Japan.

There are problems, however. The country that traditionally has been American ranchers' best customer banned U.S. beef two years ago after mad cow disease was discovered in Washington state. Some members of Congress say the United States should hit Japan back with trade sanctions.

Now, Japan's Food Safety Commission has approved a report that says the health risks from American beef are little different than from Japanese — a move that brings Japan a step

closer to resuming U.S. beef imports.

U.S. officials are confident the matter is moving in the right direction, though Bush's national security adviser, Stephen Hadley, said "it's not going to get worked out while we're there."

Under the troop realignment plan, Tokyo will get greater responsibility for security in the Pacific and 7,000 Marines will go from Okinawa to the U.S. Pacific territory of Guam over six years. The Futenma Marine Corps Air Station on Okinawa would be closed and its functions moved to Camp Schwab, also on Okinawa.

About half of the 50,000 U.S. military personnel in Japan are based on Okinawa, and many locals who complain about crime and crowding are unhappy with the agreement. But Bush seemed to brush aside those concerns, saying last

week that "it's hard to satisfy all the people all the time."

Ed Lincoln, senior fellow in Asia and economic studies at the Council on Foreign Relations, said Bush is rewarding Koizumi by not being tougher on him to end agricultural subsidies and to address the anger in other parts of Asia generated when Koizumi visited a shrine in Tokyo closely associated with pre-1945 militarism.

World Trade Organization talks to create a global trade accord have been deadlocked over the demand that the United States, Europe and Japan cut farm subsidies that make it hard for farmers in developing nations to compete.

Bush arrived in Kyoto aboard Air Force One today, with no public appearances scheduled until Wednesday morning local time — this evening in Washington.

With a shove from Rice, deal reached on Gaza border crossings

By ANNE GEARAN

AP Diplomatic Writer

JERUSALEM — Israel and the Palestinians agreed Tuesday on a detailed arrangement for opening the borders of the Gaza Strip and allowing freer movement for Palestinians elsewhere, a significant step toward an eventual peace deal between historic enemies.

It took all-night negotiations and a strong diplomatic shove from Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to get a deal whose basic elements had been in the works for weeks.

"I have to say as a football fan, sometimes the last yard is the hardest, and I think we experienced that today," Rice told a news conference where she announced the agreement.

She praised the deal at a news conference as a "big step forward" in Israeli-Palestinian relations, bruised by nearly five years of bloody fighting.

"This agreement is intended to give Palestinian people the freedom to move, to trade, to live ordinary lives," Rice said.

While important in and of itself, the broader sig-

nificance of the deal to free up Palestinian movement while satisfying Israeli concerns about terrorism is that it makes a statement of progress that goes beyond the technical details.

Rice oversaw the marathon negotiations in a Jerusalem hotel, huddling alternately with Israeli and Palestinian negotiators in her suite. She had postponed a planned departure for Asia by a day to shepherd the deal to a conclusion.

On Tuesday morning, she met with Israeli Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz to finalize the

details.

The agreement gives the Palestinians control over a border for the first time and provides a much-needed boost to the shattered Gaza economy. The deal also strengthens Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas ahead of Jan. 25 parliament elections and could help him fend off a strong challenge by the Islamic militant group Hamas.

Rice and international Mideast envoy James Wolfensohn badly wanted Israel and the Palestinian leadership to use Israel's unilateral withdrawal from the Gaza Strip last

summer as traction for tougher peace negotiations down the road.

Cooperation flagged in recent weeks, and Rice's two days of meetings in Jerusalem and the West Bank were meant to push the two sides to settle nitty-gritty disputes over Palestinian movement in and out of the territory they now control. "Underneath what may seem like very small details there are hard issues," Rice told reporter.

She said she had about two hours of sleep.

Wolfensohn said the deal cleared the way for

the international community to assist the Palestinians and help revive Gaza's economy. Donor countries have pledged hundreds of millions of dollars, but they money was held up by the lack of a border deal.

Under the agreement, the Gaza-Egypt border would tentatively open Nov. 25, under the supervision of European monitors. Israel had demanded veto powers, but in the end conceded on the issue, said Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat.

Israel will receive live transmissions via closed circuit TV.

Pa. teen accused of double slaying and his girlfriend face questions

By ASHLEY M. HEHER

Associated Press Writer

BELLEVILLE, Ind. — An 18-year-old Pennsylvania youth accused of killing his girlfriend's parents has been captured after a high-speed chase, ending a manhunt without making clear whether the 14-year-old girl beside him during the getaway was abducted or went voluntarily.

David Ludwig was taken into custody Monday after he crashed his parents' car head-on into a tree in Belleville, 20 miles west of Indianapolis, and some 600 miles from where the killings took place.

His girlfriend, Kara Beth Borden, was unhurt. It was still unclear whether Ludwig kidnapped her or if she left with him willingly after her parents, Michael F. and Cathryn Lee Borden, were shot to death early Sunday.

Police say Ludwig killed them after they and their

daughter argued about her curfew when she came home late. The shootings happened at the family's home near Lititz, Pa., about 60 miles west of Philadelphia.

Ludwig could waive extradition, clearing the way for authorities to take him back to Pennsylvania to face charges. Otherwise, an extradition hearing would be held Tuesday or Wednesday, said Hendricks County Prosecutor Patricia Baldwin.

He faces preliminary charges in Indiana of criminal recklessness and resisting law enforcement, authorities said. Police in Pennsylvania issued an arrest warrant for Ludwig on charges of criminal homicide and kidnapping.

Few details were known about the pair's trip. Authorities said they don't know the route they traveled, if they had family or friends in Indiana or

if they were simply passing through the state.

The Bordens, both 50, were apparently shot once each in the head, authorities said. Mike Borden worked for a printing company, and his children were home-schooled, said neighbor Tod Sherman. Sherman said the family knew Ludwig through a home-schooling network.

Kara's 13-year-old sister, Katelyn, told investigators her parents were shot after they argued with Ludwig for about an hour, according to court papers.

Katelyn said she saw Ludwig shoot her father, and then ran into the bathroom, where she heard a second shot, presumably the one that killed her mother, court papers said. Ludwig then ran through the house calling for Kara, she told investigators.

The couple's 9-year-old son ran to the neighbors, who called 911.

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Tammy Green waits to grant the wishes of children making their way through the Heritage Museum's presentation of The Wizard of Oz Saturday afternoon.



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Pat Hardison portrays the Scarecrow during Saturday afternoon's Heritage Museum presentation of The Wizard of Oz.



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Kyle Coker strikes a "rusty" pose during Saturday's Heritage Museum presentation of The Wizard of Oz.



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Alvis Maynard, a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, looks over the map of Vietnam at the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial during Friday morning's Veterans Day presentation. Maynard was just one of many veterans that turned out for the local gathering.

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Courtesy photo
The cast of "Snoopy," a musical based on the popular Charles Schulz cartoon strip "Peanuts," performs during opening night Thursday. The Howard College Drama Department production has its final performance tonight at 8.



Courtesy photo
The Coahoma Middle School Math team recently won fifth place at the Big Country Council of Teachers of Math and Science meet held at Abilene Christian University. Team members are, back row, left to right: Casey Roberts, Kirk Hahn, Kirstyn Pullis, Josh Castilaw and Ashley Buske; front row, left to right: Jared Ringener, Reagan Reid, Machele Barr, Sergio Calixto and Alex Cordes. Not pictured is Erik Nino.

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November 13 • Sunday

• Beau Jest Comedy
Midland Community Theatre - 1:00 pm

November 14 • Monday

• Lunch-N-Learn
"Medicare Part D" - 11:30 am
Senior Circle Activity Room

November 15 • Tuesday

• Mall Walking - 8:00 am
(Meet at the Mall & walk together)
• Supper Club - "Red Mesa"
5:30 pm

November 16 • Wednesday

• Sit & Be Fit - 10:30 am
(Chair Exercise)
Senior Circle Activity Room
• Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am
Senior Circle Member Eat In The
Hospital Cafeteria For \$2.00

November 17 • Thursday

• Mall Walking - 8:00 am
(Meet at the Mall & walk together)
• Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am

November 18 • Friday

• Volunteer Bake Sale
7:00 am - till gone - SMMC Lobby
• Pot Luck & Bingo - 11:30-2:00

November 21 • Monday

• Lunch Bunch Birthdays
@ Gale's - 11:30 am

November 17 • Thursday

• Mall Walking - 8:00 am
(Meet at the Mall & walk together)
• Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am

November 18 • Friday

• Volunteer Bake Sale
7:00 am - till gone - SMMC Lobby
• Pot Luck & Bingo - 11:30-2:00

November 21 • Monday

• Lunch Bunch Birthdays
@ Gale's - 11:30 am

• GAMES - 2:00 pm

November 22 • Tuesday

• Mall Walking - 8:00 am
(Meet at the Mall & walk together)
• Supper Club - "La Posada" - 5:30 pm

November 23 • Wednesday

• Sit & Be Fit - 10:30 am
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• Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am
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• Supper Club @ "Cowboys" - 5:30 pm

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IN BRIEF

Basketball officials needed for new year

Basketball officials are needed for the 2005-2006 basketball season involving junior high, freshman and junior varsity games in Coahoma, Forsan, Garden City and Sterling City.

If interested in officiating, contact Adam or Mandi Rodriguez at 263-8731 (after 6 p.m.), 517-0300 or 816-1963.

Sign ups for YMCA basketball underway

Registration for the Big Spring YMCA youth basketball league is taking place now until Dec. 3. The league is for boys and girls ages 5-12. Some 13-year-olds may play depending on their date of birth.

Practices are scheduled to begin Dec. 19. Kids who played last season may play on the same team from last year.

All games are scheduled to be played Saturdays beginning Jan. 7.

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

Flag football touney benefit announced

A flag football tournament to benefit Templo Belen A/G has been announced for Nov. 19 at 10 a.m.

For more information, contact Chris Enriquez at 432-213-0697, 264-0924 or 816-6115.

A-Rod edges Ortiz in AL MVP competition

NEW YORK (AP) — Alex Rodriguez won his second American League Most Valuable Player award in three seasons by defeating David Ortiz in a vote that rewarded an all-around player over a designated hitter.

Rodriguez, in his second season as the New York Yankees' third baseman, received 16 first-place votes, 11 seconds and one third for 331 points from the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Ortiz, the DH for the Boston Red Sox, got 11 firsts and 17 seconds for 307 points. Los Angeles Angels outfielder and last year's winner Vladimir Guerrero was third.

Rodriguez hit .321 with an AL-high 48 homers, 130 RBIs and 21 steals.

Niners' Parrish out for rest of season

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — The San Francisco 49ers put safety Tony Parrish on injured reserve with a broken left leg, ending the eight-year veteran's streak of 121 consecutive starts.

Parrish, hurt in Sunday's 17-9 loss at Chicago, has never missed a game or a start since joining the league with the Bears in 1998. His lower leg was broken in two places last week.

Solid effort leaves Lady Steers with moral win



Big Spring junior Mallory Dunn scores two points Monday during the Lady Steers' narrow loss to Class 5A Odessa Permian at the Steer Gym. Big Spring lost the game 76-72. Dunn finished with eight points.

• Costly turnovers hurt Big Spring in defeat

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

The Big Spring girl's basketball team took a big step in the right direction Monday at home against Class 5A Odessa Permian. The Lady Steers battled a full court press all night, found themselves down by double digits more than one time in the game, but continued to battle and walked away with a moral victory, losing 76-72.

"We fought back and didn't die," said Big Spring head coach Sherman Chew. "I am proud of the girls for the way they played (Monday)."

Big Spring got off to a slow start as it trailed 7-0 to start the game and eventually trailed 23-13 after the opening period.

The second quarter was a much different story for the Lady Steers as seniors Jalaeza Terrell and Carmen Davis began to take over offensively. Davis started the period with an old fashioned three-point play to cut the deficit to eight.

Permian pushed the



advantage back to 12 later in the quarter, but two 3-pointers from Terrell and two free throws from Chalesa Johnson cut the Lady Panthers' margin to just seven. Then a jumper from senior Raegan Ritchey and five straight points from Davis made the score 43-32 in favor of Permian.

"Our offensive movement was good tonight and I thought we rebounded well at both ends of the floor," said Chew.

Big Spring's first lead of the game came away through the quarter as Terrell got a steal on defense and then scored on a fastbreak layup at the other end.

Permian regained the lead and scored nine straight points to go back up by eight. Desiree Yanez hit two free throws late in the quarter and junior Mallory Dunn added a layup. Big Spring trailed 41-37 at halftime.

Another slow start by Big Spring left the Lady Steers down by eight early in the second half. Ritchey cut the lead to five points with a free throw and a jumper. Both



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Area Playoff Football

Friday
Garden City (10-1) vs. Grandfalls-Royalty (10-1)
@ Big Lake, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday
Big Spring (4-7) vs. El Paso Chapin (10-1)
@ El Paso Address, 3 p.m. MST

Eagles hand Dallas first place in division

By ROB MAADDI

AP Sports Writer
PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Roy Williams' eyes lit up when he saw the ball coming. Somewhere, Terrell Owens probably was smiling, too.

Williams intercepted Donovan McNabb's pass and ran it back 46 yards for a touchdown with 2:43 left, leading the Dallas Cowboys to a 21-20 comeback victory over Philadelphia on Monday night in the Eagles' first game since Owens was told he's no longer welcome.

"I'm tired of answering T.O. questions," McNabb said. "T.O. is not here."

For 55 minutes, it didn't matter. Philadelphia was in control most of the game, showing poise, running the ball well and playing with the team-oriented balance they talked about all week.

Then, Drew Bledsoe connected with Terry Glenn on a 20-yard TD pass with 3:04 left that cut it to 20-14. On the second play after the ensuing kickoff, McNabb's poorly thrown pass was picked off by Williams, who outran McNabb as the quarterback tried to tackle him.

"I was like, 'I can't believe he threw this ball,' and it was coming

to me," Williams said. "I was thinking in my head, 'Don't drop this.'"

McNabb was hobbling badly after that play with a groin injury, and was scheduled for an MRI exam Tuesday. McNabb, playing with a sports hernia that will require surgery, played one more series after the interception before giving way to Mike McMahon for the Eagles' final possession.

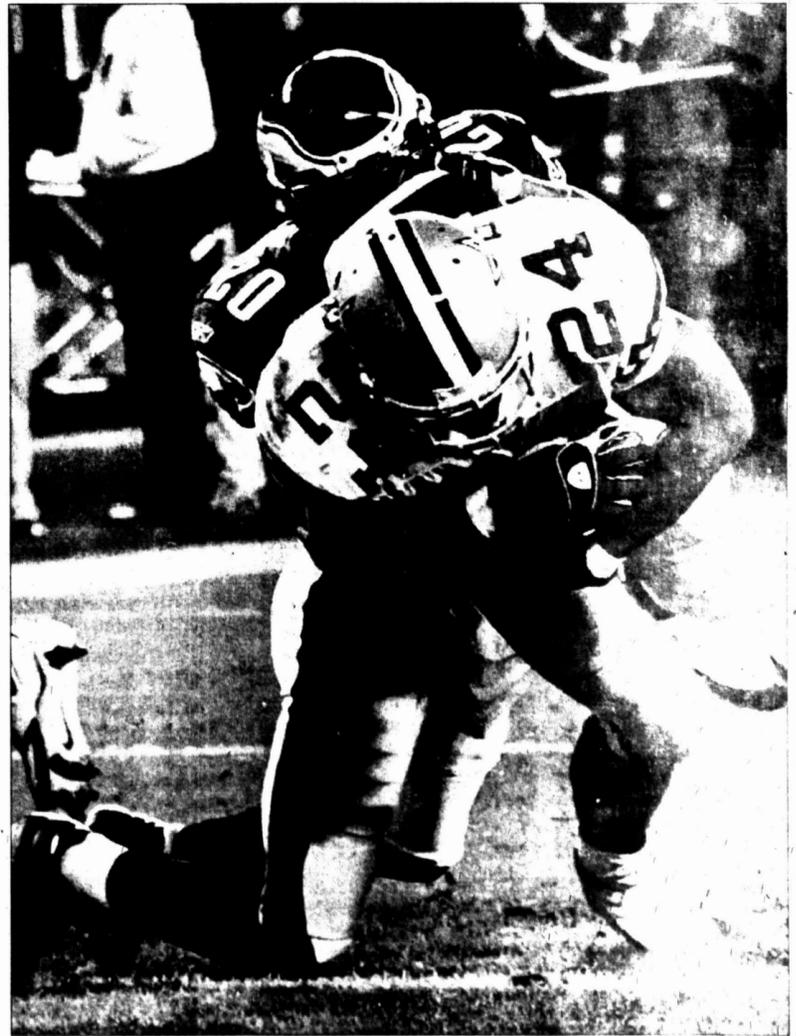
"It never should have happened," McNabb said. "I was trying to get the ball to Reggie (Brown) and Roy just did an excellent job coming from underneath."

The Eagles had a final chance, but David Akers' 60-yard field-goal attempt failed miserably.

The reigning NFC champion Eagles (4-5) lost their third straight game for the first time since 1999 and fell further behind in the NFC East standings. Dallas (6-3) is tied with the New York Giants for first place, one game ahead of Washington.

When it was over, Dallas coach Bill Parcells shook his head in disbelief as he approached Andy Reid, whose Eagles outplayed the Cowboys until Dallas' two touch

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Dallas Cowboys running back Marion Barber (24) carries Philadelphia Eagles defensive back Brian Dawkins into the end zone for a touchdown in the first quarter at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia, Penn., Monday. The Cowboys trailed 20-7 with less than four minutes left in the game, but scored two touchdowns late to get the victory.

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teams went cold from that point on, but Permian scored enough to take a 10-point lead into the final frame. The Lady Steers scored just seven points in the third quarter.

The fourth quarter mirrored the second for the Lady Steers as they began to score points at will.

Ritchey hit back-to-back baskets with just under five minutes to go in the game, but Big Spring still trailed 61-54.

Permian again pushed the lead to 12, but again Big Spring didn't stop fighting.

Johnson connected inside to cut the lead to 10 and another 3-pointer from Terrell cut the margin to seven.

The two teams exchanged baskets after that before two costly turnovers from the Lady Steers helped Permian go back up by 10.

"If we don't make a few crucial turnovers in crucial parts of the game we might have walked out of here with the win," said Chew.

Terrell added another 3-pointer, Johnson added two free throws and Davis added a free throw with 13 seconds to play and connected on a tough 3-point basket at the buzzer for Big Spring, but Permian escaped town with a tough four-point win.

"Our focus was so much better than it was last Friday during our last game," said Chew. "I think the girls are hungry. If that continues we'll win some games this year."

Perhaps the game was



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Big Spring junior Katy Abner fights for a loose ball during action at the Steer Gym Monday night. The Lady Steers lost to Odessa Permian 76-72.

decided at the charity stripe, as Permian attempted 47 free throws and made 29 of them. Big Spring made just 14 shots from line in 26 attempts.

"We have to work on keeping teams off the line," said Chew. "That was the difference tonight."

Terrell and Davis each scored 20 points to lead Big Spring. Terrell added four 3-pointers.

"JT hit some big shots for us, but that's her

game," said Chew. "She was able to knock them down (Monday)."

Ritchey also added 14 points for the Lady Steers and Dunn added eight.

Megan Bell and Pasha Cornish led Permian with 20 points apiece, while Jaci Drennan and Callie Smith scored 14 and 12 points, respectively.

Big Spring will try to get its first win of the season Friday when they take on Lubbock High in Lubbock.

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downs 21 seconds apart. The Cowboys lost a Monday night game in similar fashion to Washington in the second week of the season, giving up two long touchdown passes to Santana Moss in the waning minutes.

Hours before the game, Parcells attended his younger brother's funeral in New Jersey. Don Parcells died of brain cancer last week. He was 62.

"There was a lot of emotion for me today," Bill Parcells said. "I don't mean to dwell on that. I got a message today that said, 'Don't have a troubled heart.' And I don't. I've got those guys in there."

For a while, it seemed the Eagles had overcome the distractions caused by Owens' departure and were headed toward an important victory. But McNabb made one of the costliest mistakes of his seven-year career.

Owens was suspended one day before Philadelphia's 17-10 loss to Washington last Sunday. He was told not to return to the team a day later following a series of incidents, including harsh criticism of the organization and McNabb.

A grievance hearing for Owens' four-game suspension is scheduled for Friday, but the Eagles plan to deactivate the All-Pro wideout the rest of the season no matter the outcome.

Brian Westbrook had 86 yards rushing and one TD and Lamar Gordon ran for 57 yards as Philadelphia's pass-heavy



KRT photo/Jerry Lodriguss, Philadelphia Inquirer
Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson (19) makes a diving catch against the Philadelphia Eagles in the second quarter at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia, Penn., Monday.

offense tried to offset the loss of its best receiver by keeping it on the ground.

But Philly's wideouts — Brown and Greg Lewis — combined for just six catches for 57 yards. Owens had 47 catches for 763 yards and six TDs in seven games.

A big play by Philly's struggling defense set up the go-ahead score in the second quarter.

With Jeremiah Trotter coming hard on a blitz, Bledsoe foolishly dumped a pass to Marion Barber rather than take a sack. Lito Sheppard intercepted it and the Eagles started at the Dallas 19.

Three plays later, McNabb ran in from the 2 for his first rushing TD this season as the Eagles took a 14-7 lead at half-time.

McNabb did his part to replace Owens' end zone theatrics. He spiked the ball and moonwalked, far less exciting than any of Owens' innovative TD celebrations.

Westbrook ran in from

the 15 — the team's first rushing TD since Week 3 — to cap the opening drive and give the Eagles a 7-0 lead. Philadelphia came in throwing the ball almost 75 percent of the time, the most in the NFL, but ran it seven of the first 11 plays.

A 58-yard pass from Bledsoe to Peerless Price put Dallas at the Eagles 3, and Barber ran it in from the 1 on his third try to tie it at 7.

Akers kicked field goals of 48 and 20 yards in the second half for the Eagles to make it 20-7.

The notoriously boorish Philly fans were just as eager to move on without Owens as the team.

Before the game, radio station WIP-AM held a mock funeral for Owens in which fans put their No. 81 jerseys — and even some money — in a casket.

One of the talk-show hosts, Howard Eskin, cremated one of the jerseys and sprinkled the ashes in the end zone.

Sam Houston State gets 'Bright' effort as Bearkats record upset against Missouri

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Ryan Bright picked the perfect time to have a career night.

The Sam Houston State sophomore made a pair of crucial 3-pointers late in the second half and finished

with 28 points Monday night as Bearkats beat Missouri 80-77 in the opening round of the Preseason NIT.

It's the third straight season the Tigers have lost to a lower-tier

Division I school. In 2003 it was Belmont. Last season it was Davidson.

Sam Houston State will face either Drexel in the second round of the tournament.

Bright's biggest basket

was a 3-pointer with 30 seconds left that put the Bearkats up 76-71.

He also hit a 3-pointer with 1:52 left that gave the Bearkats the lead for good.

Bright was 4-for-5 from

behind the arc in the second half and 6-for-7 on the game.

He also had seven rebounds and four assists.

John Gardiner had 11 points, 14 rebounds and four blocked shots for the

Bearkats, who outrebounded Missouri 39-34.

Gardiner finished with 23, and Marshall Brown added 20 for the Tigers.

The Bearkats led by as many as 10 in the first half behind Bright.



ALLY MEETS GERT AND BERT AND KROK

While you and I are sleeping, funny things happen in the wilderness. This is a story about one of those funny things. It might have happened last night. I really don't know. I just heard the story myself only today! Do you have your pajamas on? Are you ready for bed? Are you sleepy yet? Will you stay awake until I finish my story? If you do fall asleep before we finish, we can read the rest of it tomorrow. Okay?

Ally Gator, lives in a swamp, with lots of water



everywhere. Out of the water stands great big cypress trees, reaching up

towards the sky, as if to grab onto a cloud and pull themselves out of the water and dry their roots.

And Gert is another gator that you have probably read about before. Everyone knows her as "Gert, The Good Gator." Gert lives in a very nice pond, near a golf course.

Then, there is Bert Bird. Bert lives in one of those cypress trees that lives in the swamp where Ally Gator also lives. Bert loved to fly down into the water and grab fish to eat. He was very good at it, too! He always had lots of fish to eat.

And then, last of all, there is Krok! Krok O. Dile is his name! He loves to live near water too. He also loves to eat fish, just as Gert, Bert, and Ally do. The trouble, started right here! Krok was not a very good fisherman, or I mean fisherKrok! He tried and tried to catch fish, but he just was not very good at this fishing

thing. He even found a cane pole once, dug some worms, and tried to catch fish that way! He sure looked funny! And

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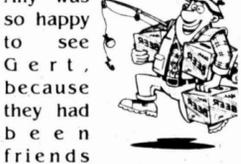
still did not catch any fish! All of the other crocodiles laughed at him. He even laughed at himself because he thought about



how funny it looked with him being a big crocodile who could not catch fish, even with a cane pole!

Gert gator had heard about Krok and wanted to help him, if she could. Gert sure was a nice gator! She wanted to help Krok so much that she decided to visit Ally Gator

and ask if there was anything they could do to help poor Krok. Ally was so happy to see Gert, because they had been friends for a very long time. And Gert was very happy to see Ally again!



Gert and Ally were talking about how they could help Krok, when Bert Bird just happened to be flying

and thought, and then thought even more. "I know, I can catch some fish for Krok, but I can't possibly travel fast enough to take the fish to his home, because he lives so far away," said Gert. "I can catch fish for Krok too, and I cannot get them to him fast enough, either," said Ally. "I am very good at catching enough fish for myself, but I cannot possibly catch enough for Krok. He is such a large crocodile and he needs more fish than I could ever catch," said Bert.

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by and heard them talking. "May I help, too?" Bert asked, "Krok is a good friend of mine, and I would love to help him! What can I do?"

All three of them thought

time for dinner!" And indeed, Ally and Gert caught the fish, and Bert had them on Krok's dinner plate well before dinner!

This story has a happy ending, as all bedtime stories do. Because of all the nice things Gert, Bert,



and Ally did for Krok, he wanted to repay them for their kindness. And he did, many years later! But, that's another bedtime story for another night!

Gert, Bert, Ally, and Krok said to tell you, "Good Night!"

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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
The full Taurus moon brings an overflow of financial activity — there's so much we want, and the resources necessary to make it happen are now showing up. Also Uranus, Lord of the Unexpected, goes direct. Wishes could be fulfilled in an instant. So look closely at your wants. Discern whether having them will actually improve your life.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your creativity is aight. Now, if you only had time to dedicate yourself exclusively to your project. Steal time! Sandwich your art in between the cracks in your full life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Spiritual unrest, if not addressed, becomes bodily unrest. So if you're having a crisis in the ethereal realm — the realm of your mind — pay attention. Solve it before it manifests physically.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're a fan. Don't feel you must act cool to cover it up. Gush — be impressed, even foolish. Your genuine enthusiasm is a gift that the right people will greatly appreciate.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your ego wants to be served, but you also hear a higher calling — to serve your soul instead. Give up what others think, want and need to pursue the work that makes you buzz with excitement.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be tempted to go off in trendy directions, but stay the original path. Financial tip: If you can't pay more than the minimum payment, it's time to increase your income or lower your expenses.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Loved ones have their own ideas about how to show you affection. Lighten your expectation of others, gratefully accepting the contributions that are offered. Money tip: Your gut-level

financial instinct is dead-on.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're the catalyst for change in others. Being in your vicinity makes others talk, walk and work differently. Whether it's a positive or negative change depends on your focus. Be a very contagious happy virus.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The world can transform in an instant for you. You could meet the love of your life while waiting for your car to get an oil change. So go out with optimism, an open heart and an eye for opportunity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). In order compete in the big leagues — and your sign wants nothing to do with the minor ones — you practically have to crackle and spark with hot excitement. It's your sizzle that will get you the job/date/client.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The planets align to help everyone (and that includes you) see how utterly unique you are. Loved ones and colleagues alike find that being with you is a totally new experience.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Remember that you're important and should take up space, make noise and leave your imprint on the world. Consider a personal debt paid in full. You are not beholden to parents, a bank or your buddies.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You love helping, but doing everything for everyone gets tiresome real fast — set boundaries upfront. The adage is true — all work and no play will make you dull. Spend the evening doing what YOU think is fun.

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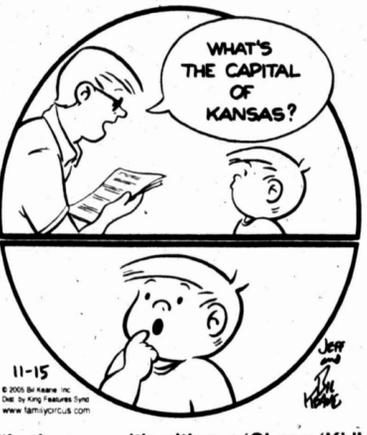
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Today is Tuesday, Nov. 15, the 319th day of 2005. There are 46 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 15, 1777, the Continental Congress approved the Articles of Confederation, a precursor to the Constitution of the United States. On this date: In 1806, explorer Zebulon Pike sighted the mountain now known as "Pikes Peak." In 1889, Brazil's monarchy was overthrown. In 1926, the National Broadcasting Company debuted with a radio network of 24 stations. In 1939, President Roosevelt laid the cornerstone of the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C. In 1940, the first 75,000 men were called to armed forces duty under peacetime conscription. In 1948, William Lyon Mackenzie King retired as

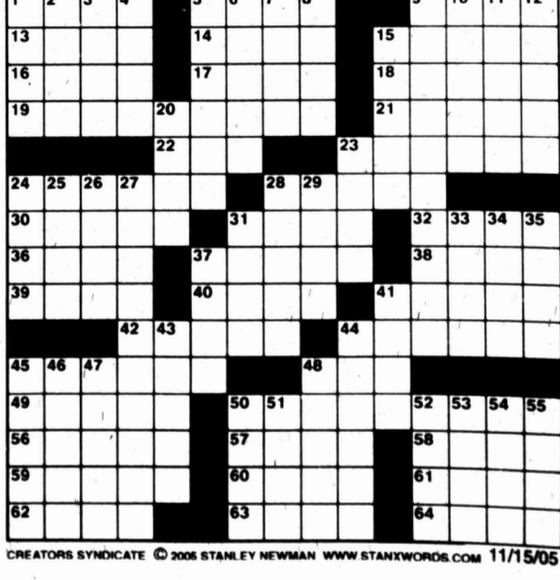
prime minister of Canada after 21 years; he was succeeded by Louis St. Laurent. In 1966, the flight of Gemini 12 ended successfully as astronauts James A. Lovell and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin Jr. splashed down safely in the Atlantic. In 1969, 250,000 protesters staged a peaceful demonstration in Washington against the Vietnam War. In 1982, funeral services were held in Moscow's Red Square for the late Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev. In 1985, Britain and Ireland signed an accord giving Dublin an official consultative role in governing Northern Ireland. Five years ago: Al Gore made a surprise proposal for a statewide hand recount of Florida's 6 million ballots — an idea immediately rejected by George W. Bush. One year ago: The U.N. Security Council imposed an arms embargo on Ivory Coast's hard-line government after its violent confrontation with France. Today's Birthdays: Judge Joseph Wapner is 86. Statesman Howard H. Baker Jr. is 80. Actor Ed Asner is 76. Actor John Kerr is 74.

Singer Petula Clark is 73. Comedian Jack Burns is 72. Actress Joanna Barnes is 71. Actor Sam Waterston is 65. Pop singer Frida (ABBA) is 60. Rock singer-producer Mitch Easter is 51. Actress Beverly D'Angelo is 51. CBS News anchor-reporter John Roberts is 49. "Tonight Show" bandleader Kevin Eubanks is 48. Rapper E-40 is 38. Country singer Jack Ingram is 35. Christian rock musician David Carr (Third Day) is 31. Actress Virginia Ledoyen is 29. Thought for Today: "In seeking wisdom thou art wise; in imagining that thou has attained it thou art a fool." — Simon Ben Azzai, second century (A.D.) Jewish scholar. * 2005 The Associated Press

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Wacky Facts

John Montagu, the fourth Earl of Sandwich (in England) in the 1700s, wanted something he could easily eat while playing games. The tasty, easy-to-hold "sandwich" fit the bill.
— World Almanac for Kids

Chatter Box

"Tomatoes are weird. The only way I can eat ketchup is to (convince myself) that it doesn't come from tomatoes."
— Dakota Lanning
on what grosses her out
in People magazine

KID NEWS



In The News

Unique illustrator paints our past

Illustrator Bryan Collier, below, uses a unique style of painting that combines watercolors with collage, a picture made by sticking cloth, pieces of paper, photographs and other objects onto a surface. His artwork brings to life the story of Dr. Martin Luther King in "Martin's Big Words" and of the African-American poet Langston Hughes in "Visiting Langston." Collier's most recent work, "Rosa," tells the story of civil rights leader Rosa Parks, who died in October.

Could you briefly describe the process of creating the collage illustrations for Rosa?

COLLIER: I first went to visit Rosa's hometown, Montgomery, Ala. I talked to her childhood friends and took pictures of the neighborhood. When I got back to New York City, I started sketching. I then did the watercolor-collage. Montgomery is about 100 degrees. So if you notice all the images in the book are painted yellow and dark, muted colors; even the sky is always troubled, depicting an uneasy quiet before the storm. Rosa Parks' image is treated with bright colors because she is the beam of light throughout the book.



Why did you feel that collage was an appropriate medium to tell Rosa Parks' story?

COLLIER: Collage is a perfect medium because it's about bringing different pieces of materials together to make one image — just like it took a lot of different people (black, white and children) to create a successful civil rights movement.

In some of the illustrations for Rosa there are pieces of paper flying around. Could you explain the idea behind that?

COLLIER: The paper represents the rhythm and movement of the color and the rhythm and movement of the era as well.

Why do you think Rosa Parks' story is still relevant today because there is a lot of poverty around us and a lot of rights being violated?

COLLIER: This book celebrates Rosa Parks for her courage and love of the world, but it is also a reflection of a community, both African-American and white, who said enough is enough. They marched and protested and sang for justice. This is still relevant today because there is a lot of poverty around us and a lot of rights being violated.

What inspired you to become an illustrator?
COLLIER: I'm inspired by family and talking and listening to kids.

What do you like best about illustrating children's books?

COLLIER: I like trying to figure out the best way to tell a story using pictures.

Who is one of your favorite artists? What do you like best about his or her work?

COLLIER: My favorite artist is a self-taught artist named Thornton Dial. He taught himself how to paint at the age of 45. He's great because he paints with a lot of honesty.

Any advice for aspiring illustrators?

COLLIER: Be brave; I hope you enjoy "Rosa."

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A HARVEST THING

The harvest feast in 1621 was stuffed with foods most Americans don't eat. Passenger pigeons, venison, goose and duck were most likely on the menu, says food historian Kathleen Curtain. Modern favorites, such as pies and cranberry sauce, probably weren't served.

"I don't think they had pies because I don't think they had an oven," she says. And cranberries are so tart. Curtain says the settlers probably just used the fruit in place of vinegar while cooking.

Curtain says the typical modern-day Thanksgiving menu with pumpkin pie, corn and stuffing is the result of New England's harvest celebrations of the 1880s. And since the meal celebrates the autumn harvest, people serve foods grown locally. "In Indiana, people make persimmon pies because that's when persimmons are ripe," Curtain says. "In Oregon, they use a lot of hazelnuts because that's when they are in season."

Banishing the bird

BY EMILIE LE BEAU
Chicago Tribune

This Thanksgiving, dinner may be a bit different for some kids. They'll be passing the sweet potatoes, the stuffing and the tofurkey.

Huh? That's right — the tofu take on turkey. It's what Megan H., 14, and lots of other vegetarian kids eat on Thanksgiving instead of the big bird.

Megan says her family "usually serves turkey, but my mom made my own separate thing for me to eat. I eat a lot of vegetables on Thanksgiving."

Eating meat substitutes like "fake turkey sandwiches and fake ham" helps Megan keep meat-free even on days like Thanksgiving. But eating vegetarian all year is gaining ground with kids. According to at least one survey, 25 percent of kids say it's "cool" to be vegetarian.

Americans avoiding meat is a pretty new phenomenon, especially at the Thanksgiving. Early Americans preferred eating meat, says Kathleen Curtain, a food historian with the Plimoth Plantation Museum in Plymouth, Mass.

"English culture always thought meat was the best thing to eat," she says. "I think we became a vegetable-eating nation in this century only because [doctors said] we had to."

Meat from animals such as deer, pigeon, goose, duck and turkey were

most likely the main munchies at the feast the Pilgrims shared with the Wampanoag Native Americans in 1621.

But that feast really wasn't the first Thanksgiving, Curtain says.

The 1621 feast was just a harvest celebration that lasted for three days. No one remembered the event "until well into the 1800s" when a historian found a journal entry written by one of the Pilgrims, Curtain says.

Americans linked the idea of giving thanks with the 1621 harvest

feast. Thanks-givings in the 1800s featured freshly picked foods like pumpkins, corn and potatoes. And the menu hasn't changed much for more than a century, Curtain says.

But for Anders B., 13, those foods are off limits if they are mixed with milk or butter. He is a vegan and doesn't eat any meat or dairy products. That means no buttered squash, cheese potatoes or ice cream.

His parents supported his choice, and Anders says his younger sister and grandma also are vegetarians. Thanksgiving at his house means a serving of tofurkey and lots of vegetables.

But when Joan S., 15, shares the holiday meal with certain friends, she misses the meat. She thinks the tofu turkey as the veggie version of Thanksgiving "isn't a good substitute." But, she says, "I know the other food will be delicious."

FLESHING OUT? DON'T GO HUNGRY

Going veggie means no more burgers, bacon and eggs, or chicken tacos. Here are some tips if you're quitting cold turkey:

■ Try meat-free substitutes like bean burgers, soy-based bacon, tofu hotdogs and gluten-based sandwich slices.

■ Check with the school cafeteria or school board to find out which foods served are vegetarian and vegan.

■ Create cool recipes. The "rents refuse to cook a meatless dinner? Make your own meals with books like "Honest Pretzels and 64 Other Amazing Recipes for Cooks Ages 8 and Up" by Mollie Katzen (Tricycle Press, \$19.95) and "The Vegetarian Family Cookbook" by Nava Atlas (Broadway Books, \$17.95).

■ Learn more about the vegan lifestyle by visiting Web sites such as www.vegsoc.org, www.vrg.org/family/kidsindex.htm, www.vegansociety.com or www.vegan.org.

As more kids go meatless, holiday feasts focus on veggies and tofu turkeys

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