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Winners return to defend division championships in parade

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

All four winners of last year's *Big Spring Herald* Community Christmas Parade are back to make another run — and in some cases multiple runs — at another crown.

The parade, in its 14th year of sponsorship by the newspaper, will roll down Gregg Street beginning at 5:30 p.m. Saturday.



WALKER

Boy Scouts of America Troop 25 of Sand Springs — winner the past four years in the Civic division — will return to defend its crown. A pair of two-time winners — Sacred Heart Catholic Church in the Church/School division and Western Container in the Commercial/Manufacturing division — return with displays again this year. Also back is Ag Services, which was a first-time winner last year in the Lighted division.

"We're anxious to see all of the entries, especially those from the defending champions," said John H. Walker, *Herald* publisher.

IN FRIDAY'S PAPER

The lineup order for the more than 60 parade entrants.

"Over the years, Boy Scout Troop 25 has been very imaginative and innovative — as have all the entrants. We're looking forward to the parade."

There are several newcomers to the parade, among them the Coahoma High School marching band. The Coahoma band's participation, along with parade regular Forsan High School marching band, will

ensure that spectators are treated to a variety of music up and down the route.

Leading off the parade will be the Big Spring Police Department Color Guard, followed by Grand Marshal Carroll Jennings. More than 60 entries and 90 vehicles will follow as the participants make their way north on Gregg Street from FM 700 to Sixth Street, east to Scurry, north again to Third Street and into the downtown area.

The Community Christmas Tree at Heart of the City Park will be illuminated immediately following the parade.

Along the way, the entries will pass the judge's stand adjacent to the *Herald* warehouse at Gregg and Eighth Street. First-place plaques will be awarded after the parade.

Spectators are reminded that candy will not be thrown from floats. Some organizations will have walkers who will be handing out candy, however. Throwing candy from floats has been discontinued at the annual homecoming and Christmas parades for safety reasons.

The theme for this year's parade is "A Traditional Christmas."

Quarter-million lights to adorn park

By **CARL GRAHAM**
Staff Writer

The annual Festival of Lights is in the final stages of being completed and ready to "come alive" at Comanche Trail Park Saturday night.

According to Pat Simmons, chairperson for the event, everything is coming together well.

"After a slow start and some bad weather, everything is shaping up real well," said Simmons, who has been involved with the annual event for several years. "By the time we get all the lights up we will have over a quarter million."

Simmons said that for the most part, all the lights are already up but the trail lights still needed finishing. That will be accomplished by Saturday night.

Motorists who drive through the park will be able to see many of the lights; however, a walking tour will allow visitors to see the entire display.

Each year visitors come from all over the United States and the world.

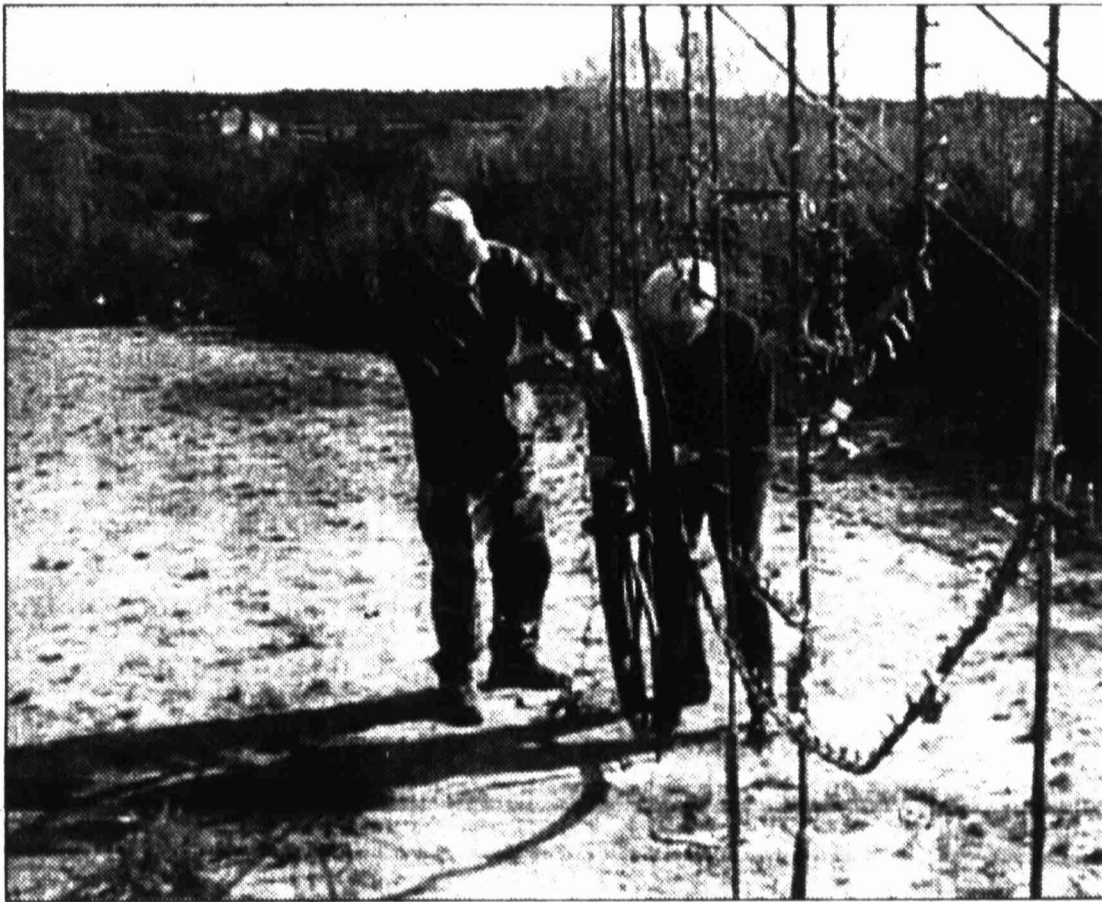
"Last year we had visitors from 25 different states and seven foreign countries," said Simmons.

"When you have visitors

VA Medical Center to hold lighting ceremony Friday

HERALD Staff Report

West Texas VA Healthcare System will host its annual Christmas lighting ceremony at 6 p.m. Friday in the main lobby of the Medical



Sam Knight and Gloria McDonald work on a stagecoach scene that will be part of the Festival of Lights at Comanche Trail Park. The scene was designed by Bobby McDonald.

from that many places, that's a testimonial in itself to our attraction."

Simmons said that marshals and troubleshooters are still needed.

"We are still in need of marshals to patrol the area each night and to watch for any vandals and such," said Simmons.

"Also, troubleshooters are needed to check for lights that go out and to replace

them as needed," she commented.

Simmons said each year the traditional event gets a little bigger and better.

"I can't wait until we are putting up a million lights," said Simmons. "It's a realistic goal but it will take a lot of work and a lot of time but people in Big Spring have always been good to respond when they are asked.

"When they heard we needed help this year, they responded, that's just the way they have always been," Simmons said.

The lights will be turned on following the *Herald* Community Christmas Parade, which gets under way at 5:30 p.m.

Anyone wishing to volunteer to help this year, should call Simmons at 263-4607.

Center.

"Make your plans now to come and join us for this special occasion Friday," said Iva Jo Hanslik, community relations coordinator.

"Help us to begin this year's countdown to

Christmas with our lighting ceremony."

Santa will be available to visit with the children and pose for photos. The Nursing Home Care Unit Choir will sing Christmas carols.

This year, the Veteran's

Canteen Service Retail Store will be open.

The canteen will be offering a 10 percent discount on all purchases made on Friday evening.

The purchases are also exempted from sales tax, Hanslik said.

Tickets going fast for 'Living Christmas Tree' performances

By **CARL GRAHAM**
Staff Writer

Tickets for this year's "Living Christmas Tree" at First United Methodist Church are going fast.

"Our Sunday performance is really filling up quick," said JoAnne Forrest, publicity chairman for the event.

"It looks as though we will have tickets available for Saturday because of all the other activities going on."

Tickets are free but are required for both the 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday performances.

A dress rehearsal will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday and no tickets will be required for that performance, according to Forrest.

"This is our 22nd annual performance of this special

Christmas tradition," said Forrest.

"We will have singers and dancers from many different churches from our surrounding community.

"Just to see the beautifully decorated sanctuary will take your breath away," she added.

All performances will take place at the church, located at 400 Scurry. Jim Wright will be directing the performances each night.

"Each year this performance typically kicks off the Christmas season," said Forrest.

"Of course the annual Christmas parade will kick off at 5:30 p.m. and then the Festival of Lights at Comanche Trail Park."

This year's production is entitled "I Have Seen the Light — The Search for Christmas" and will include an orchestra, actors, singers, and many of the outstanding dancers from this area — including Laura Churchwell's dance class, Forrest added.

"I encourage everyone



From left, Sue Bagwell, Diane Murphy and Sharon Johnston begin hanging lights on the giant Christmas tree frame in the sanctuary at First United Methodist Church. The church is preparing for its Living Christmas Tree presentation Saturday and Sunday nights.

that wants to see this year's performance to get your tickets promptly," said

Forrest. "It will be another fabulous performance."

Seating capacity at the church is around 1,000, according to Forrest.

Unrest

Cornell has no comment on reported problems at Cedar Hill

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Officials at Cornell Corrections declined to comment this morning on reports that some prisoners have been on a hunger strike at the Cedar Hill unit for the past two days.

"Some prisoners have voiced concerns over the telephone system and we are addressing that concern," said Janice Bishop, executive assistant for Cornell, who declined to say how the concern was being addressed.

A Cornell employee, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said that a few days ago, 600 inmates were in the recreational yard and refused to come in for a head count. The employee said they then went on a work/hunger strike.

Another Cornell employee, also speaking on the condition of anonymity, said prisoners refused to leave the recreation yard in protest over telephone usage and loss of recreational time.

The second employee said prisoners were complaining about the several required head counts during the day because it took away from their time on the recreational yard.

The prison Emergency Response Team was on standby during the alleged

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strike, the employee said. Bishop confirmed the Emergency Response Team had been "in and out" of the unit for the past couple of days.

The second employee said that since the prisoners refused to leave the recreational yard, food was brought to them, but they refused to eat until last night.

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• Klassic Kleaners on Gregg Street

Tour tickets available in advance

The Big Spring Symphony Guild is preparing for its annual Tour of Homes Sunday from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Five houses throughout the community will be open for tours in the event, slated to raise money for the symphony association.

Tickets are \$10 each, available in advance at Blum's, Dunlaps, the Heritage Museum, First Bank of West Texas and the symphony office at 808 Scurry. A map of the homes is on the back of each ticket.

For information, call the symphony office at 264-7223.

Hangar open house will follow parade

HERALD Staff Report

An open house at the Hangar 25 Air Museum will follow Saturday's Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade.

Hot chocolate and cookies will be made available to visitors of the museum from 6 until 8 p.m.

Museum officials said the 1999 open house was a successful one and they want to again be a part of the festivities going on Saturday.

The hangar will be lighted during the holiday season. However, Saturday will be the only opportunity for the public to experience the unusual effect of the lighted interior at night during December.

There is no fee to tour the museum. Board members and museum volunteers will be baking the cookies as a show of appreciation to the community.

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Earl Reagan, 83, died Monday. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM, Thursday at Trinity Memorial Park.
Eunice "Monie" Mellies, 87, died Monday. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM Friday at Trinity Memorial Park.

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According to committee members, almost 8,000 visitors have registered since the museum opened in May of 1999.

FAA decides US Air was right to allow pig on board

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — US Airways acted reasonably when it allowed a pig to fly first class from Philadelphia to Seattle, the Federal Aviation Administration found.

Maria Tirota Andrews brought Charlotte, her 300-pound Vietnamese potbellied pig, on the flight Oct. 17, telling the airline it was a "therapeutic companion pet." Andrews said her heart condition was so severe she needed the pig to relieve stress.

"US Airways and its personnel acted in a reasonable and thoughtful manner, based on a legitimate request to transport a qualified individual with a disability and her service animal," said FAA spokesman Jim Peters.

Under federal rules, airlines must permit a service animal to accompany passengers to their seats. The airline, embarrassed, filed an incident report with the FAA based on passenger complaints that the pig became unruly when the plane landed. The animal tried to enter the cockpit and refused to leave the galley until a passenger tossed food at her, according to the report.

FAA officials interviewed US Airways personnel and passengers after reading an account of the incident in the Philadelphia Daily News and decided Nov. 18 that the airline did nothing wrong, Peters said Wednesday.

Andrews denies that Charlotte behaved badly during the six-hour flight. "My pig did not run around the plane's aisles. My pig did not run around anywhere," Andrews said.

She told the airline ahead of time that she would have the pig on the plane, but said it only weighed 13 pounds.

"When they saw it in Philadelphia, they said it was OK to load it on the airplane," Andrews said.

The airline allowed the pig into first class for free.

Woman takes son to Cuba in reverse of Elian case

MIAMI (AP) — A Florida woman who took her 5-year-old son to Cuba against his father's wishes left the United States amid suspicions she had embezzled as much as \$150,000 from her employer.

Arlenis Blanco, 29, is suspected of stealing from McKenzie Petroleum of Key Largo, where she had been an office manager, the Monroe County Sheriff's Office said Wednesday.

Blanco failed to show up for work on Nov. 13, said Jessica McKenzie, finance manager at the oil company. Blanco gave no notice, and McKenzie hasn't heard from her since.

The Cuban-born Blanco sailed to Cuba on a fishing boat on Nov. 12 with her son, Jonathon, her boyfriend and their infant

daughter. Blanco has said she wants them to begin a new life on the island.

Her ex-husband, Jon Colombini, 31, a U.S.-born Homestead restaurant manager who has joint custody of Jonathon, has gone to the State Department and the Cuban government for help in getting the boy back.

The case drew attention initially because of its apparent parallel to that of Elian Gonzalez, the Cuban boy who arrived in Florida in 1999 after surviving a boat wreck in which his mother and her boyfriend were killed. After a long court battle, Elian was returned to Cuba to be with his father.

Blanco's mother has turned over to the police audio tapes in which her daughter tells of stealing a large sum of money and leaving Florida to save her family from embarrassment, said Becky Herrin, spokeswoman for the sheriff's office.

So far, Blanco has been charged only with interfering with shared custody for taking her son out of the country. The embezzlement investigation is continuing.

"I think that's why she left," Jessica McKenzie said. "She was going to get caught. She's afraid to go to jail."

McKenzie said her accountant has begun an audit but has not come to any conclusion yet.

Blanco also wrote a check for \$5,300 at Cudjoe Key Fishing Equipment for lobster traps, said Mark Pfister, manager of the business. He said the check bounced.

Colombini and his lawyer met with the head of the Cuban Interests Section in Washington on Monday. The diplomat assured them the Cuban government would handle the matter expeditiously, said the attorney, Michael C. Berry.

Weather gives state colorful fall foliage

PALESTINE (AP) — A limited offer: Fall foliage, with a variety of colors, but only while it lasts.

Well-timed rains and cold, but not too cold, weather have sprinkled trees across East Texas with the colors of autumn, ranging from deep browns to bright oranges.

Some say it's unusual in a state not known for such seasonal changes. Trees bursting with fall colors are interspersed between evergreens and leafless, stark gray trees.

The autumn colors in East Texas begin where pastureland meets the Piney Woods in towns like Palestine, about 100 miles southeast of Dallas. The city-owned 794-acre Palestine Community Forest, northwest of the city, is alive with fall colors.

"It is as pretty as its ever been in this city," said Jim Grumbles, 72, who moved to Palestine 12 years ago after retiring from Dow Chemical Co.

Trees bearing fall-colored leaves can also be seen along Interstate Highway 20, which runs through Tyler and Longview, along State Highway 49 running from Nacogdoches through Lufkin to Houston and along State Highway 287 between Corsicana and Palestine.

Patches of trees with yellow, red and brown leaves have also been spotted north of Dallas, near College Station, and northwest of San Antonio, but East Texas has the lion's share.

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

The region is sprinkled with black gums, which change color to reds and purples; Sweetgums, which turn orange; and maples which change to yellows and oranges. The region also has Chinese tallow, sassafras and red and black oaks.

"It is out of this world over here," said Terry Nied, district forester for the Texas Forest Service in Palestine. "I have a deer stand up the road in Montalba. It's great... I almost forgot to hunt."

The leaves on trees change color when sap, carrying chlorophyll, which gives leaves its green color, is sucked back into the trees trunk. The colors come from nutrients left behind, Nied said.

Nied credits timely October rains which brought the area close to its normal annual rainfall total of 42 inches and mild freezes that dipped into the high 20s with the explosion of color in Palestine and elsewhere.

But time is running out before the region has what Nied calls "a good killing freeze," when overnight lows will dip to leaf-dropping temperatures in the lower 20s.

"Probably for the next two weeks we are going to have some really good color, then we will have some freezes and they'll all turn brown and fall off," Nied said.

Full colors are within day-trip distance from Texas' five major cities, but Nied said more ambitious people should try flying.

"If you can fly over this in an airplane, it is just gorgeous," Nied said. "You can see the whole forest rather than the trees."

On the Net:
Texas State Park List: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/parklist.htm>
East Texas Tourism Association: <http://www.easttexasguide.com>
Texas Department of Transportation's Travel Division: <http://www.travel-tex.com>
National Forests fall foliage report: <http://www.fs.fed.us/news/fall.shtml>

Armed patrols planned on border

HOUSTON (AP) — Armed patrols near the Mexican border are planned next year by a group of North Texas volunteers in the wake of an immigrant's shooting death.

Members of the group, Ranch Rescue, say they will help protect private property in Kinney County from what South Texas ranchers are calling immigrant trespassers.

However, Ranch Rescue leader Jack Foote denied that his property-rights

TEXAS LOTTERY

Pick 3: 8-5-2

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Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

group chose the sparsely populated county for patrols next spring because a Mexican immigrant was shot there last May after asking a landowner for water.

"We go where we are invited," Foote, a former U.S. Army captain, told the Houston Chronicle in Thursday's editions.

Foote said he has no sympathy for trespassers. His Arlington-based group produced a flier urging "volunteers from all over the USA" to meet in the area around Brackettville and Eagle Pass, Texas. Ranch Rescue volunteers last month ran patrols in Arizona with ranchers along the border.

"I think they ought to stay in Arlington," said Tom Lee, the district attorney in Del Rio, whose office covers Kinney County. "They don't know a damn thing about our situation down here."

BRIEFS

BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers of the children in the community who have been abused and neglected.

For more information on becoming foster/adoptive families call Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669 or 1-800-233-3405.

MARKETS

December cotton 64.61 down 75 points; January crude 34.52, down 86 points; cash hogs steady at 41 even; slaughter steers steady at 71 even; December lean hog futures 53.67, down 37 points; December live cattle futures 72.32 down 17 points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation.
Noon quotes provided by Edward Jones & Co.

AT&T	19 1/8
Archer-Daniels	12 1/2 +5/8
Atmos Energy	25 1/2 +1/16
BP AMOCO	47 1/2
Chevron Corp	81 1/2
Compaq	19.78 -2.92
Cornell	4 -3/16
Dell	20 1/2 -1 1/2
Du Pont	41 1/2 +1/4
Exxon Mobil	88 1/2 -1/2
Halliburton	34 1/2 -9/16
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IBM	95 -4 1/2
Intel Corp	38 1/2 -4
NUV	8 1/2 nc
Patterson Ener	24 1/2
Pepsico Inc	45 1/2 +3/8
Phillips Petro	58 1/2 -
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Sears Roebuck	32.15 -0.63
Texaco Inc	58 1/2 -1/8
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SUPPORT GROUPS

THURSDAY

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.

•Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

FRIDAY

•Turning Point A.A., 8:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•AA, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

•NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

•Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Wednesday until 8 a.m. today:

•JASON BROWN, 22, Todd Road, was arrested on a charge of driving while license's suspended.

•ISIDRO MELENDEZ, 64, 1002 W. Sixth, was arrested on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon.

•JUSTIN VIDMER, 20, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct — language.

•BRANDON ANDERSON, 18, 411 Muir, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell.

•THEFT OF LESS THAN \$50 was reported in the 1200 block of 11th Place.

CORRECTION!!

The Bargain Mart Ad in the Big Spring Herald, 11/29/00 incorrectly listed Sadler Precooked Ribs, 3-Lb. Pkg. Frozen for \$2.99. This should have read Sadler Precooked Ribs, 1-3/4-Lb. for \$2.99. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused our customers.

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Gore

TALLAHASSEE — Racing against a challenge of Florida election, Al Gore an urgent plea, highest court counting thousands.

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The first-of-its-kind by The National Public Policy Education, a think tank in Calif., was to Thursday in W

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Gore urges Florida Supreme Court to start counting ballots now

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Racing against the clock in their challenge of Florida's presidential election, Al Gore's attorneys filed an urgent plea with the state's highest court today to start hand-counting thousands of ballots.

With a trial court judge refusing to budge on the issue, Gore lawyers first asked the midlevel First District Court of Appeals to step aside and then filed their papers with the Florida Supreme Court just as it opened its doors.

"There is no reason to delay counting ballots even one day," they said. If there is not enough time to finish the counting before Dec. 12, the deadline for states to choose their electors, the brief

said, "the resulting controversy about the legitimacy of the presidency would be destructive for our country."

Papers were being filed as a truck filled with ballots from Palm Beach County roared across Florida highways trailed by police and press vehicles. It was due to deliver the ballots to Tallahassee Circuit Judge N. Sanders Sauls by late afternoon. Miami-Dade County plans to deliver its ballots Friday.

Meanwhile, in a show-and-tell news conference, Gore lawyer David Boies exhibited color charts in an effort to show that votes had been seriously undercounted in parts of Florida where punch-card

ballots were used. The numbers of votes undercounted in areas where "optical" ballots were used was significantly lower, according to the charts, suggesting a flaw in the punch-card system, he said.

Boies said optical ballots showed an undercount of just 0.4 per cent while the figure in areas using the punch-card ballots was 3 times higher.

An optical ballot is a paper ballot on which voters use a pencil or pen to shade a circle next to their candidate. The ballots are then fed through an optical scanner. No punching of paper is necessary.

Boies said thousands of punch-card votes were never counted. "We're getting close to the end

and we're trying to focus on the issues that can be resolved quickly and easily," Boies said. "We would like the votes to be counted as soon as they get here."

Boies also expressed concern about an expected intervention by the Florida Legislature.

"I hope the Florida Legislature is not going to try to substitute its will for the will of the people," he said.

Separately, lawyers for Gore filed a brief with the U.S. Supreme Court, arguing that the Legislature lacks authority to appoint its own slate of presidential electors — a move favored by some Republican lawmakers. Congress set Election Day as a

uniform national date for selection of electors, Gore's lawyers wrote in the U.S. Supreme Court filings.

Florida voters made their choice on Nov. 7, "although by a vote so close and under a counting process so flawed that the state's courts are still attempting to ascertain ... what the choice was," the brief said.

Today's appeal in Florida to the state Supreme Court was the best move the Gore lawyers could make "because it's the place where they have been most successful," said Loyola University Law School professor Laurie Levenson. "And right now, they need to find a way to beat the clock."

Study connects education with location

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The old real estate adage "location, location, location" turns out to be crucial to whether someone obtains a college degree, according to a new study that evaluates higher education state-by-state.

The state where you grew up and in which you live is paramount to your prospects for education past high school, followed in importance by family resources and race and ethnicity, say the authors of Measuring Up 2000.

The first-of-its kind study by The National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education, a nonpartisan think tank in San Jose, Calif., was to be released Thursday in Washington.

"Whether you're going to be prepared to go to college, whether or not you'll have the opportunity to enroll, whether or not you can afford to enroll, and whether you'll complete a degree ... depends on which state you live in, and the policies that state has on higher education," said Joni Finney, a policy analyst who directed the project.

In addition, the study found that in every state, poor people and minorities fared the worst in getting a higher education. "White folks are doing much better than other groups," Finney said.

The states were not ranked or compared. Instead, each received a grade of A through F in five areas: preparing school-

children for college; participation of residents ages 18 to 44 in college or other training; affordability of college; how promptly college students finish degrees; economic and social benefits to the state as a result of its residents' levels of education.

No state got straight A's. The ideal state, by the study's reckoning, would prepare students for college as well as Utah, reach the post-secondary enrollment rate of Delaware, offer higher education as affordable as California's, and see two- and four-year degrees completed as diligently as they are in New Hampshire.

Such a place might then match Maryland, the top state in terms of highly educated residents earning

good incomes, and displaying high levels of civic involvement and charitable giving.

Each "report card" was based on broad statistics for each state, largely from the Census Bureau and the U.S. Education Department. The most recent figures were from 1998, and included all learning after high school — vocational and technical schools as well as two- and four-year institutions. It did not look at specific schools.

Complex formulas used to arrive at the grades were derived with help from outside experts including the National Academy of Sciences.

Foundation grants paid for the \$1.5 million survey, which took more than two years.

Sources say former scientist threw tapes into garbage

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Seventeen tapes filled with nuclear science data downloaded by former Los Alamos laboratory scientist Wen Ho Lee were discarded in the trash, according to a source familiar with the investigation.

FBI agents are combing the muddy, snowy Los Alamos County landfill where the Los Alamos

National Laboratory's trash is buried, and say their search could last weeks.

Agents won't confirm they're looking for the missing tapes, but if the pocket-sized computer cartridges downloaded in the lab's top-secret X Division were thrown in the trash, the 50-acre dump is probably where they would have

ended up.

Agents have said for months that they want to find the tapes Lee swore he destroyed. A source familiar with the investigation, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press on Wednesday that Lee "disposed of the tapes in a Dumpster inside the X Division fence in January 1999."

That was just days after Lee's security clearance was revoked, according to a timetable provided last summer by federal prosecutors.

They said Lee repeatedly sought access to the division after his access card was deactivated and that he gained access on three occasions, including once in January 1999 when a fellow lab employee let him in.

Plastic surgeon will get 20 years to life for murder

NEW YORK (AP) — A plastic surgeon convicted of killing his wife 15 years ago and dropping her body into the ocean was sentenced Wednesday to 20 years to life in prison.

State Supreme Court Justice Leslie Crocker Snyder said trial evidence made it "absolutely overwhelmingly clear" that Robert Bierenbaum, 45, had killed Gail Katz Bierenbaum, 29, in 1985. Her body was never found.

"We can only tell by the circumstances after the crime how cold-blooded, brutal and vicious it was," Snyder said. She said evidence suggests "he dismembered Gail, squeezed her into a bag, and dropped her from a plane."

Bierenbaum, who says he is innocent, did not address the court. Defense lawyer Scott Greenfield said Bierenbaum was worried he might hurt his appeal chances.

Greenfield had asked Snyder to impose the minimum sentence, 15 years in prison, telling her that Bierenbaum is a good man who is "not a danger to society." He cited his client's free treatment of

impoverished children in Mexico's rural areas.

Snyder noted that the jury convicted Bierenbaum without hearing psychiatric evidence about "how much he hated Gail and how much he wanted to kill her." The judge had barred much of that evidence as prejudicial.

Prosecutors said Bierenbaum probably strangled his wife in their New York apartment after she told him she was leaving their sometimes violent marriage for another man.

They said Bierenbaum put his wife's corpse in a duffel bag, took it up in a small plane and dropped it into the ocean off New Jersey or Long Island.

Bierenbaum, who waited 30 hours before reporting his wife missing, told detectives that after he and his wife argued the morning of July 7, 1985, she went to Central Park to cool off and never came home.

Bierenbaum remarried, moved to Grand Forks, N.D., and has a 2-year-old daughter. His new wife was in court for most of the trial.

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OUR VIEWS

Weekend filled with holiday cheer

Big Spring rings in the holiday season this weekend with a host of events sure to bring a smile to your face and put warmth in your heart.

The activities get started at 6 p.m. Friday when the VA Medical Center holds its annual lighting ceremony in the main lobby. Santa will be here and visitors can join in the caroling.

Saturday's numerous activities begin with Canterbury North and South holding their annual Christmas Bazaar. This is the 19th year the retirement homes will sponsor the event, which runs from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Booths will offer baked goods, handmade items, decorations, quilts and more.

Also that afternoon, First United Methodist Church will hold a dress rehearsal of its "Living Christmas Tree," the traditional Christmas story in narration, drama and song. The performance is set for 2 p.m.

Getting the big night under way will be the Herald Community Christmas Parade, set to roll down Gregg Street at 5:30 p.m. Some 65 entries, more than 80 vehicles and 1,500 participants have registered to participate.

The parade, witnessed by thousands of spectators, will travel north on Gregg to Sixth, where it will turn east to Main. At Main and Sixth, the parade will turn north to Third, where it will turn west and proceed again to Scurry and the new Heart of the City Park.

The Community Christmas Tree will be illuminated immediately following the parade.

From there, the festivities continue at three other locations. A quarter of a million lights will adorn bridges, walking paths and special exhibits at Comanche Trail Park for the annual Festival of Lights. Last year, the display drew visitors from 25 states and seven foreign countries.

For a second year, Hangar 25 Air Museum will open its doors to the public following the parade. Hot chocolate and cookies will be made available to visitors from 6 until 8 p.m. The outside of the hangar will be lit during the holiday season; however, Saturday will be the only opportunity the general public will have to see the unusual effect of the lighted interior at night.

From there, the activities continue with the evening performance of the "Living Christmas Tree" at First United Methodist Church. Tickets for that event are free, but necessary. They can be picked up at the church office through Friday. Saturday's evening performance begins at 8.

Holiday festivities continue Sunday with the Big Spring Symphony Guild's Tour of Homes from 1:30 until 4:30 p.m. and with a second evening performance of the "Living Christmas Tree" at 8.

Plan to join in as many of the festivities as you can this weekend. It is a true community celebration of this wonderful time of the year.

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She's turning pain into a real prize

Tessa Matthews, Miss Troup County, Ga., carefully watches the faces in her audience whenever she speaks.

At a local high school, the trim and confident beauty queen studies the countenances of girls who look a lot like she once looked.

Tessa tells them that not so long ago she herself was a high-school student, a popular cheerleader, a member of the homecoming court.

The rapt faces look back at the beauty with blanket approval, recognition. Everyone loves pretty stories; everyone loves success.

Then, still watching those faces, Tessa tells her admirers that while she was in high school, she also spent time in mental hospitals. She tells them she was diagnosed at age 14 with bipolar disorder and tri-

chotillomania, a compulsion to pull out one's own hair.

Jaws drop. The faces that were smiling now look confused.

Tessa tells her story again and again, at different venues, shocking and then explaining, slowly chipping away at the muddled thinking.

The most common misconception, Tessa says, is that those suffering from a mental illness are "droopy, dangerous or violent." That's just not so, she says. "We're not all walking around in black with our heads down."

Tessa is living, breathing, beautiful proof.

The decision to become a vocal advocate of mental health wasn't easy. She made it after pageant organizers urged their Miss Troup County contestants to adopt a platform involving something they felt strongly about.

"In high school I had this image I thought I had to uphold," Tessa says. "I was petrified my peers were going to find out. I'd be cheery on the outside, then rush into the bathroom and cry."

At 21 — bolstered by maturity, strong parents and an intensely personal understanding of an illness held in check by medication — "I realized that I could really help people who might have the same or some other mental illness."

So she played her cello and told her tale in pursuit of a Miss Georgia scholarship and crown.

She didn't win the title, but Tessa scored big with the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Georgia. The group awarded Tessa its 2000 Achievements in Advocacy Award.

On a recent Saturday night, with most of the world watching football, the group met over banquet food to talk about recovery, survival and stigma.

Tessa was unable to attend; she was with a friend at the Miss America pageant the same night. But her parents, Katie and Daniel Matthews, were there, visibly proud of their daughter.

Ruth Hughes of Maryland, head of the International Association of Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services, said in the

keynote address that the stigma against those suffering from mental illness is alive and well. In movies and music, even our conversation.

As always, Webster's is edifying.

Stigma: "1 (archaic) a: A scar left by a hot iron: brand; b: a mark of shame or discredit: stain ..."

That hot iron of the old meaning is still branding the mentally ill.

It is rare when you look in the face of total honesty. Tessa, a psychology major, sits relaxed among the stacks in the stately old library at LaGrange College.

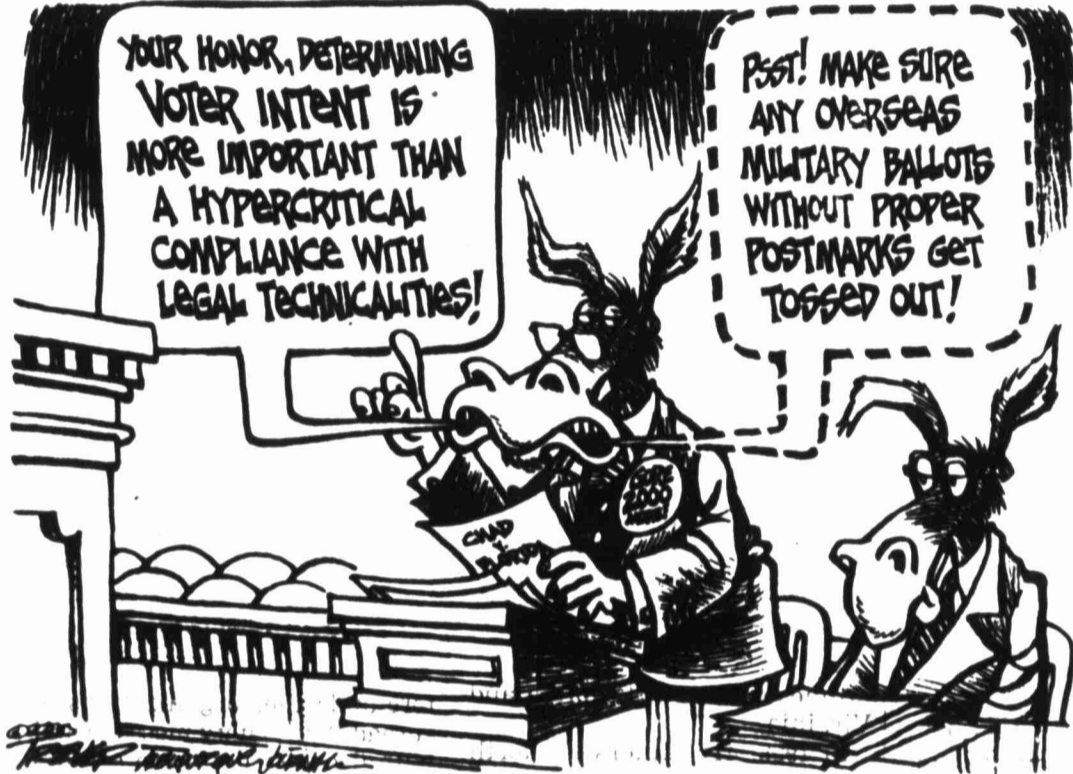
Fellow students rush in and out. Tessa enrolled after giving up a music scholarship to pursue an education and career in adolescent clinical psychology.

She's completely satisfied with her decision to tell her story. She wants to keep making speeches, with or without a title and crown.

The award she won for detailing her pain is prize enough, Tessa says. She sees proof of that in the faces of others.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON



Did U.S. help attack water supply?

Most Americans don't realize how heinous our own government has been in its foreign policy.

The Sunday Herald, a Scottish newspaper, last September reported that the United States and its allies deliberately destroyed Iraq's water supply and, in the nine years since, have prevented it from being repaired by keeping out the equipment and chemicals necessary.

A Georgetown University professor has obtained a seven-page document prepared by the Defense Intelligence Agency that pointed out the vulnerability of the water system, its dependence on imported equipment and chemicals, and the likely consequences of its destruction.

The report was dead-accurate. The United States and its allies destroyed the system.

The Sunday Herald reported that eight multipurpose dams were repeatedly bombed, smashing the infrastructure for flood control, municipal and industrial water storage, irrigation and hydroelectric power. Four of Iraq's seven major pumping stations

were destroyed, as were 31 municipal water and sewage facilities.

The result: Waterborne diseases — typhoid, dysentery, hepatitis, cholera and polio — have killed thousands of civilians in Iraq. There is always a rough justice in the universe, however. The Sunday Times has reported that tens of thousands of American and British troops are suffering from radiation poisoning from the depleted uranium shells fired during the Gulf War. No wonder both governments are trying to deny that Gulf War Syndrome even exists.

The water-supply system, which we attacked, had absolutely nothing to do with supplying or supporting the Iraqi troops in Kuwait. It was a deliberate, coldblooded attack, intended to kill and sicken Iraqi civilians. It was a war crime.

People who like to yap about the rule of law should see to it that their own government obeys the law.

The new president of Yugoslavia has our number when it comes to the rule of law. He said, "Washington introduced into the rule of law everything that is opposed to the rule of law: voluntarism, insecurity and arbitrariness."

It's one thing to knock out communications towers, bridges and ammunition dumps, but a city's

sewer and water system has nothing to do with the military. Taking those out seems more malicious than any American would be capable of — unless you've met some of the unthinking automatons and some of the heartless sharks that infect the Beltway. They fit around like wraiths, whispering their poisonous malice in the ears of the officeholders.

It would be comforting to imagine that one day the American people will elect to public office men and women who make clear to the world that we do not make war on women and children.

Unfortunately, I fear the cruelty and disregard for human life and human rights is a reflection of the American people's own attitudes. So long as the victims are "the others" — foreigners — most Americans don't seem to give a flip what is done to them.

One hates to keep returning to the universal wisdom of religion, but what one sows, one reaps. Our government has, in our name, been sowing hate, and one day we will reap the fruit of that hate. It will be bitter fruit.

If one day someone poisons our water supply, it will not be much consolation to know that the idea came from the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency.

We need a new, more benign emperor in our Rome on the Potomac.

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Mallard Fillmore
by BRUCE TINSLEY

People who want to appear smart without actually knowing anything are fond of saying "Most wars started over religion..."

"Which, as anyone with even a basic knowledge of history knows, isn't really true..."



UNLESS YOU COUNT Christmas shopping...

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Clubs, church groups assist with Salvation Army kettles

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

During the holiday rush, there are many opportunities for civic clubs and church groups to offer their services to help others.

One of those is ringing bells at the Salvation Army kettles, where much of the group's holiday funding is collected.

They request volunteers for the task, but if those numbers don't meet the need, paid workers must be used to man the kettles.

"Having the clubs and organizations volunteer for this task is a great help to us," said Maj. Ron Alexander.

Several local clubs have already come to the Salvation Army's aid: While

Kiwanis are working the bells at the post office for the next two weeks, the Big Spring Rotary Club starts on Dec. 11 with evening shifts at Wal-Mart.

Alexander said the times and dates they work can be up to the club or group. Bells are rung from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Wal-Mart is the location of heaviest traffic, and is covered during as many of those hours as possible.

The post office kettle is staffed from about 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Friday, and the Big Spring Mall has a kettle on the weekends.

"We are willing to work with them in setting times and dates," Alexander said. The final day for bell ringing is Dec. 23.

Already, several church youth groups have shown an interest in helping. Youth workers can be used as long as there is an adult contact person, Alexander said.

Alexander said paying workers to man the kettles is not his first choice, because it takes away from the charitable help the Army is able to give each year. But the program tries to use workers who themselves are clients, or in need of some income.

"We might use someone who recently lost their job, or just a person we come in contact with who needs the help," Alexander said.

Anyone who can help with the kettle program is asked to call Deloris Albert, kettle coordinator, or Alexander at 267-8239.



HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen
Roy Hobbs of the Kiwanis Club rings the bell at the Salvation Army Kettle Wednesday as Drew Lopez leaves the building. The club is volunteering to man the kettles this week and next during this busy season of giving.

Charleston, S.C. retains title of 'most mannerly'

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Charleston, S.C., has earned another title as the nation's most mannerly city, followed by the Illinois and Iowa communities known as the Quad Cities.

Charleston has been on the list all 24 years it has been compiled by etiquette expert Marjabelle Young Stewart, and the ranking she issued Friday was the seventh that rates the city No. 1.

"Charleston is the role model for the rest of the country," said Stewart from her home in Kewanee, Ill. "One woman said, 'I make sure I visit there once a year to see a gentleman in action.'"

Stewart, author of "Common Sense Etiquette," bases her list on thousands of letters and faxes, many of them from people who have taken her etiquette courses.

Following the Quad Cities area — Davenport and Bettendorf, Iowa, and Moline and Rock Island, Ill. — Milwaukee ranked third this year and Las Vegas was fourth.

The Quad Cities have "instructed taxi drivers how to greet guests and make guests feel welcomed," Stewart said, adding that people who sent her letters about the area "loved to do business there."

John Graham Altman, a legislator who represents Charleston in the South Carolina House, said he wasn't surprised his city was atop the list again.

"It's a whole Southern custom to be polite to folks, even though you disagree with them," Altman said. "It doesn't cost anything to say please, excuse me and thank you. There are so many bad manners in the world. If we can be an oasis of decent manners, so be it."

Falls and fires

Program aims to keep elderly safe from common hazards

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Elva Godwin was playing ping-pong in the senior center one day when she fell and broke her shoulder. Some time later, at a friend's house, she tripped on a step in a dimly lit room and broke the other one.

"I have two artificial shoulders," said Godwin, of Walnut Ridge.

Godwin, 82, is just the type of person who would benefit most from a program developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to eliminate falls and fire injuries among people aged 65 and older while making their surroundings safer.

The CDC recently announced \$350,000 in grants for programs in Arkansas, Maryland, Minnesota, North Carolina and Virginia.

In 1998, 411 seniors in North Carolina, 341 from Virginia, 186 in Maryland, 127 Arkansas seniors and 101 Minnesotans died as a result of falls, according to those states' health departments.

That same year, the state agencies said fire claimed the lives of 30 senior citizens in Arkansas, 30 in Virginia, 23 in North Carolina, 20 in Maryland and 12 in Minnesota.

"Many older adults are at

'Many older adults are at risk. They are frailer. Their reflexes are slower.'

Bettye Watts

risk. They are frailer. Their reflexes are slower," said Bettye Watts, fire and fall prevention coordinator for the Arkansas Health Department.

She said a \$70,000 CDC grant will allow the state to implement the program, called "Remembering When," in three communities: Mena, Mountain Home and southeast Pulaski County.

Watts said community volunteers who teach the program will work through senior centers and other organizations to spread their safety message and will also instruct some seniors in their homes. Volunteers should begin teaching in late spring.

The program, developed by the CDC and the National Fire Protection Association, will provide some participants with smoke alarms, grab bars or nonskid bath mats. "Whatever their needs are," Watts said.

Godwin, who lives alone, has bars in her bathrooms to keep herself balanced. She said she is

limited by how much she can walk although she tries to walk a little every day for exercise.

To limit the possibility of tripping, she said, there are no throw rugs or a coffee table in her home.

For those 65 and older, falls are the leading cause of death from unintentional injury in the home, according to the CDC.

Watts suggests that seniors be made independent in their homes if they are to avoid falls and fires.

To prevent falls, the program advises seniors to exercise regularly to build strength and improve their balance and coordination, take their time getting out of chairs and keep clear pathways in their homes. It is also recommended seniors see an eye doctor once a year and use night lights. Non-slip mats and grab bars can make bathrooms safer.

Minnesota's community leaders are even being encouraged to look for hazards such as uneven sidewalks.

Watts said the messages for fire and fall safety are the same: Avoid clutter.

Older adults have decreased physical capabilities, making tasks such as cooking more dif-

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PEOPLE

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Talk show host Oprah Winfrey will interview Jean Carnahan, the widow of Gov. Mel Carnahan who is set to be appointed to the U.S. Senate, for a show set to air in December.

"One of the premises of the show is to highlight people who have overcome loss and have showed great personal strength in very difficult times," said Carnahan, spokesman Tom Wyche.

Mrs. Carnahan's husband died in a plane crash Oct. 16 while running for the U.S. Senate. Also killed were their son, Roger, and longtime aide Chris Sifford.

Carnahan, a Democrat, posthumously won a Senate seat in the Nov. 7 election and Missouri's new governor, Roger Wilson, pledged to appoint Mrs. Carnahan to the seat.

Mrs. Carnahan, 66, has said she will accept the appointment and plans to travel to Washington to attend Senate orientation and find a home.

NEW YORK (AP) — CNN analyst Jeff Greenfield, one of many in the media to prematurely call George W. Bush the next president, is taking his embarrassment all the way to the bank.

The publisher Putnam confirmed Tuesday that Greenfield will write "Oh, Waiter! One Order of Crow! Inside the Strangest Presidential Election Finish in American History."

The book is scheduled to come out in May.

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — The inspiration for the late cartoonist Jeff MacNelly's "Shoe" comic strip is battling cancer.

Jim Shumaker, a journalism professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, is receiving radiation at UNC Hospitals for cancer of the brain. He also has cancer in his liver, lungs, shoulder blade and thighbone, said his son, Karl.

Shumaker checked into the hospital more than a week ago after complaining of pain in his arm.

The younger Shumaker said his father is in pain, but medication seemed to help.

Hershey School alumni battling managers over mission

HERSHEY, Pa. (AP) — Chris Ortiz was growing up poor in New York City when he was sent to the Milton Hershey School in 1993. His mother was on welfare. Dad was gone.

Six years later, Ortiz graduated as co-valedictorian, and now attends the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

"That school is the greatest thing in my life," Ortiz said of his alma mater, founded by chocolate baron Milton S. Hershey in 1909 as an orphans' home.

That's why, Ortiz said, he supports a group of older alumni in a bitter battle against the school's managers, who double as overseers of its \$5 billion trust fund — one of the largest in the world.

The struggle, alumni say, is over Hershey's legacy, and his vision of nurturing

needy children by raising them in a rural, roll-up-your-sleeves atmosphere — a vision they say is being betrayed.

Administrators counter the complaints, saying the school needs to keep up with the times.

Ortiz said he began to understand why the leaders of the Milton Hershey School Alumni Association are so upset when he got word that the school had hired an outside company to mow its lawns — instead of teaching students to do it.

"Cutting grass was one of my chores, and it added something to me," said Ortiz, who graduated last year. "I don't know why. Maybe because I'm a city kid."

The 1,163 students in grades K-12 who live at the school are provided free room, board and clothing; juniors and seniors are also

given laptop computers. They all are still required to do chores, including helping prepare and clean up after meals.

Yet changes — among them a reduced emphasis on vocational programs, a huge campus construction project and the moving of children from charming old farm homes into new brick ranch houses clustered around a central campus — have prompted questions.

School officials say the \$230 million campus consolidation project is necessary because they intend to increase enrollment to 1,500 students by 2006. They also note that changes to the school's deed of trust are first approved by the county orphans' court.

But that hasn't assuaged some of the school's 7,000 living alumni.

"There has been a move to take the school away from

its roots and make it into a prep school," said Ralph Carfagno, 45, a 1973 alum who works in Hershey.

"Mr. Hershey designed it so kids would live all over the place," he said. "He put us on farms for a reason, where there was some semblance of a home life. You became a little more confident, a little stronger."

Alumni leaders are calling for the state attorney general to investigate.

The school's administrators and managers — several of whom are alumni — acknowledge making changes and exploring new ways to spend the cash they have accumulated from the trust's stock holdings in Hershey Foods Co. and Hershey Entertainment and Resorts.

But they brush aside other criticism as coming from a few alumni leaders who hold blindly to tradition,

and who do not speak for the majority of graduates.

Differences aside, there is little doubt much has changed at the children's home since Hershey and his wife, who were childless, opened what was originally the Hershey Industrial School on 500 acres.

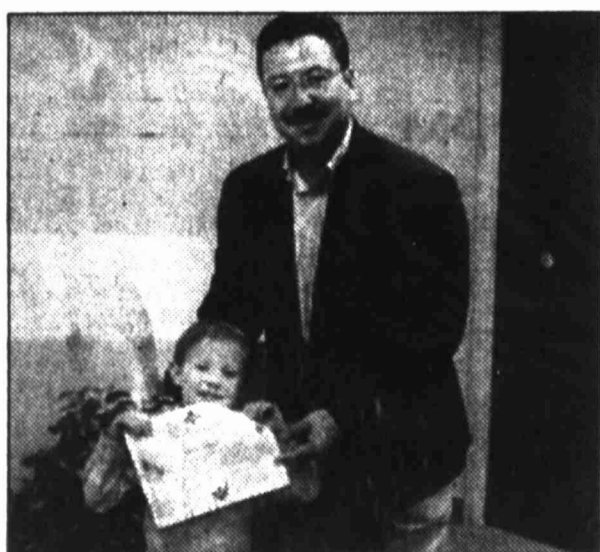
Hershey first helped only poor white boys in his or neighboring towns, but as the trust grew, the school began accepting orphans from other parts of Pennsylvania, and eventually from out of state.

The school expanded as Hershey bought dozens of farms and homes surrounding his chocolate works. Before his death in 1945, the trust had acquired 10,000 acres. Nonwhites were admitted in 1970, and female students and "social orphans" children with limited means — were admitted six years later.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Jordan Whetsel of Elbow Elementary received a \$100 savings bond for his perfect attendance during the second six weeks. Presenting him with the award, shown at right, is Joel DelaGarza of Wells Fargo Bank. Jordan is a student in Mrs. Thompson's kindergarten class.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

THE BIG SPRING SYMPHONY Guild's Tour of Homes event is planned Sunday from 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Both brand-new and historic homes will be part of this year's tour, which for the first time showcases five residences, and includes a come-and-go reception for ticketholders.

Tickets are \$10 each, available in advance at Blum's, Dunlaps, First Bank of West Texas, the Heritage Museum and the symphony office at 808 Scurry.

On Sunday, tour-goers can buy their tickets at any house on the tour during the stated hours.

Tour homes are: the Tony and Deanne Lester home at 1801 Donley, the Jerry and Denise Iden home at 5000 Birdwell, the Robert and Mary Miller home at 300 B'Bob's Trail, the Cleo and Bernard Young home at 702 Belvedere, and the Richard and Jeanie Knocke home at 720 Colgate.

For more information, call the symphony office at 264-7223.

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Downey back at work after drug arrest

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Robert Downey Jr. was back on the "Ally McBeal" set Tuesday with possible drug charges facing him after a weekend arrest but resolved to keep fighting addiction, his publicist said.

"He's concentrating on work and himself," said spokesman Alan Nierob. "He's a recovering addict. Recovering addicts have relapses. He's working hard at his sobriety as he has for the last 18 months."

Downey was arrested Saturday in Palm Springs for investigation of drug possession, being under the influence of a controlled substance and committing a felony while free on bail. He is scheduled to be arraigned in a Riverside County court Dec. 27.

An anonymous 911 call led police investigators to a room at the Merv Griffin's Resort Hotel and Givenchy Spa where they allegedly found Downey with cocaine and methamphetamine.

The 35-year-old actor, who has admitted to a continuing fight against addiction, was released on bail in August after serving a year in prison in connection

with a previous drug case. Downey made a quick and successful comeback in Fox's "Ally McBeal," signed for the film "American Sweethearts" and agreed to play Hamlet on stage in January in a Mel Gibson-directed Los Angeles production.

As the new love interest for "Ally McBeal" star Calista Flockhart, Downey had completed eight planned episodes and was signed to do two more after viewers and television critics agreed he was a boost to the 4-year-old series.

Fox and series producer David E. Kelley fully backed Downey's return to the series following his arrest, Nierob said.

The network was supportive — but pragmatic — in addressing the issue.

"We certainly hope he'll be part of it (the show) and if he is that will be wonderful, and if not we have Anne Heche coming in for three episodes" as a guest star, said Gail Berman, Fox's programming chief.

"We certainly have our wishes and prayers with him but we have a television show to produce,"

Berman told a telephone news conference.

Downey's commitment to begin filming "American Sweethearts" in January would prevent him from continuing with "Ally McBeal" at this time, Nierob said, but declined to predict whether Downey's legal problems would interfere with the film or with "Hamlet."

The actor, who was released on \$15,000 bail Sunday, was staying at an undisclosed location, Nierob said. "Ally McBeal" is filmed at a studio in Manhattan Beach, southwest of downtown Los Angeles.

Palm Springs police were trying to discover who made the 911 call from a pay phone in nearby Cathedral City, said police Sgt. Patrick Williams.

"They're considered a witness," he said. "As with any witness to a crime, we like to have as much information of their knowledge of whatever the issue was."

Police also were trying to locate a woman seen outside Downey's hotel room, he said.

HAZARDS

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ficult and dangerous.

To avoid fires, the program recommends that seniors use large, deep ashtrays if they smoke and give space heaters lots of room. If clothes catch on fire, stop, drop to the ground, cover your face with your hands and roll over. Seniors should also have their smoke alarms once a month by pushing the test button.

Sarah Olson of the CDC's home and leisure injury

prevention unit said that one out of every three people over age 65 will fall each year, with the most serious injury being hip fractures. By age 90, one out of every three people will have suffered a hip fracture, she said.

Half of older adults hospitalized for hip fractures cannot return home or live independently afterward, Olson said.

Many of the tips that pro-

gram participants get for staying safe may seem obvious, but Watts said that is just the point.

"We all need reminders," she said, adding that people often don't think of safety until they suffer a fall or experience a fire.

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PEOPLE

HYDE PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Own a piece of history for less than \$600,000.

An 18-room mansion overlooking the Hudson River that once belonged to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt is up for sale.

The nearby homes known as Springwood, where FDR was born, and Val-Kill, which was Eleanor Roosevelt's retreat, are preserved as historic sites by the National Park Service.

But the park service cannot afford the \$599,500 asking price, said Sarah Olson, park superintendent for the Roosevelt National Historic Site.

Preservation groups have had little time to raise the money to buy the mansion, according to The New York Times, which reported on the pending sale Tuesday.

Originally painted dark red and known as the Red House, the 1833 mansion reflects the privileged life of the Roosevelt family.

It was acquired by James Roosevelt Roosevelt, his son from his first marriage. The son, nicknamed Rosy, died in 1927 and left the Red House to his only sibling — his half brother, Franklin.

Other relatives occupied the house until 1962. In 1963, the president's estate sold the mansion, along with two servants' cottages and 145 acres of land, for \$195,000.

KINSHASA, Congo (AP) — Two decades after being jailed for assaulting a young woman, pop star Papa Wemba was back in Congo's Makala prison — but this time it was for a concert.

Wearing a blue inmate's uniform, the Congolese singer and his band of male musicians and female dancers held a concert for about 3,000 inmates crowded into the dingy jail.

Wemba reflected on the five days he spent in the jail in the mid-1970's after being charged with sexually abusing an 18-year-old woman.

"Prison was not nice," he said. Wemba is one of Africa's most well-known musicians.

sor asked. Martindell's hand shot up.

She had read his essay, "Civil Disobedience." It was, she explained, "when I was into civil disobedience."

The 1968 Democratic Convention, and seeing her 17-year-old son and his friends chased by Chicago police, propelled Martindell into politics. She became one of the chief fund-raisers for Eugene McCarthy's presidential campaign.

A liberal Democrat who had scandalized her first Smith roommate by tacking up campaign posters for Franklin Roosevelt, she moved to New Jersey politics and served as vice chairwoman of the state Democratic party.

A scant 36 hours before the filing deadline for the state Senate seat in the heavily conservative Republican district including her Princeton home, the party approached her.

"They told me, 'You can't possibly win, but you might enjoy campaigning,'" she said. "Well, I loved campaigning. And I won."

During her first term, Martindell was an early backer of Jimmy Carter, and he rewarded her first with an appointment as head of the Office of Foreign Disaster Relief and then named her U.S. ambassador to New Zealand.

Martindell is enrolled in Smith's Ada Comstock program, which is designed for older women returning to classes. This time, she's majoring in American Studies.

Her 80s, she says, is no time for a woman to stop using her mind. "When all you do is sit around and play golf or bridge you get bored and forgetful."

Senior student

86-year-old returns to finish college degree

NORTHAMPTON, Mass. (AP) — When Anne Martindell was 18, her father made her quit college for fear she would become too educated to find a husband.

Now, at the age of 86, the former U.S. ambassador to New Zealand and New Jersey state senator is back at Smith College, completing the degree that was interrupted nearly seven decades ago.

"I believe in finishing what you start," the most senior member of Smith's junior class says with just a hint of a grin.

Then she speaks more quietly about a lack of perspective, a void, that a lifetime of voracious reading could not completely fill.

"I did a lot of things, but I was always learning on the job," she said. "I didn't do badly, because I was good at picking my staff and asking their advice."

Martindell said she had to lean on her staff more than she would have liked, because she didn't have the benefit of the theoretical experience they gained in college.

"Even now, one of the criticisms my professors have is that I don't analyze enough," she said. "Analyzing is probably true. All my life, I've always relied on my instincts. Many politicians do."

It was a very different time in the fall of 1932, when the 17-year-old girl arrived at Smith in a chauffeur-driven car with her trunks packed by a French maid.

Her father, a federal judge in New Jersey, had been reluctant from the beginning. Her mother, another self-educated woman and voracious reader, had per-

"I believe in finishing what you start, the most senior member of Smith's junior class says with just a hint of a grin."

suaded him to let her try the women's college.

"When I came home for vacation I was so excited. I told him I planned to major in government and then go to law school," she said. "I thought he would be pleased. After all, he was a judge."

He was appalled. "He said: 'No one will ever marry her. She will become overeducated, too serious,'" Martindell recalled. And despite her tears, she was forced to withdraw after her freshman year and trade her books for debutante parties.

At 19, she married the first of her two husbands, a stockbroker with whom she had three children. She had a fourth child with her second husband, the late Jackson Martindell, publisher of "Who's Who."

Now it's decades later, and Martindell, a great-grandmother in neat wool slacks and jacket who never had a paid job until she was 50, is pulling her desk into a circle with a dozen young Smith students in jeans for a class on the environment in American politics.

Her younger classmates have welcomed her. "It's so cool what's she's doing," said student Katherine McMullin.

The day's subject was Henry David Thoreau. Had any one read anything by Thoreau before the assignment on Walden, the profes-

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IN BRIEF

Ashlie Simmons earns All-America selection

Former Big Spring Lady Steers golfer star Ashlie Simmons has been named a second-team preseason All-America pick at McLennan Community College.

Simmons finished sixth in the individual national rankings in fall tournaments.

She finished fourth at the Midland College Invitational and was 18th at Lamar University's Lady Cardinal Invitational.

Simmons and her teammates that include Kelli McKandless, a first-team preseason All-America pick, and Kandace Burnett, an honorable mention selection, are ranked No. 2 nationally behind Midland College.

CGA organizational meeting is tonight

The Chicano Golf Association of Big Spring has scheduled its annual organizational meeting for 7:30 tonight at the Sacred Heart Church's youth center.

All members are urged to attend and discuss the upcoming season.

For more information, call Willie Mendoza at 267-7977.

Community pep rally scheduled for Friday

A community pep rally to show support for Big Spring's Steers in their Class 4A, Division II regional semifinal playoff game against Wichita Falls has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday at Steer Gym.

Big Spring Quarterback Club officials are encouraging all Steers fans to turn out for the event which will not only feature the football team, but cheerleaders and the Steer Marching Band, as well.

Hawk Flight Boosters slate lunch meeting

The Howard College Hawk Flight Booster Club will have a luncheon meeting at Noon Monday in the Tumbleweed Room of the Student Union Building.

Tickets for the meal are \$5.25 per person.

Those planning to attend should RSVP by calling Betty Reed at 264-5040.

Baseball boosters set meeting for Tuesday

The Big Spring High School Baseball Booster Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

Members will discuss the upcoming season and select new officers.

Parents of all high school baseball players are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Jim Clements after 6 p.m. at 267-1069.

Softball boosters will meet on Thursday

The Big Spring High School Softball Booster Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, at the BSHS Athletic Training Center to discuss the upcoming season.

Parents of all Lady Steers softball players are encouraged to attend.

ON THE AIR

Television

PRO FOOTBALL
7:30 p.m. — Detroit Lions at Minnesota Vikings, ESPN, Ch. 30.

NBA
9 p.m. — Dallas Mavericks at Portland Trail Blazers, FXS, Ch. 29.

GOLF
4 p.m. — PGA Williams World Challenge, first round, TNT, Ch. 28.

Longhorns accept invitation to play in Holiday Bowl

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The Holiday Bowl has hooked the Texas Longhorns for its game Dec. 29.

Or, as Texas coach Mack Brown sees it, the 'Horns hooked the Holiday Bowl.

"I feel the Holiday Bowl is really excited about this team, but they can't be more excited about us than we are about going," Brown said after the Longhorns accepted the Holiday Bowl's invitation Wednesday.

The No. 12 Longhorns (9-2) have a lot to look forward to on their first trip to San Diego, which happens to be the hometown of Ricky Williams, who won the Heisman Trophy at Texas in 1998.

The Longhorns wanted to play in this game not only for the chance to play a top 10 team from the Pacific-10 Conference and hopefully finish in the top 10 themselves, but also for recruiting exposure in Southern California.

"They really, really want to be here," Holiday Bowl executive director John Reid said.

The Holiday Bowl would like to bring in No. 5 Oregon State (10-1), but the Beavers remain in the Bowl Championship Series picture.

If the Beavers receive an invitation to a BCS game on Sunday, the Holiday Bowl will invite No. 9 Oregon (9-2).

Regardless of the opponent,

Brown got a head start on scouting. "I got the Oregon-Oregon State film out today and star ed watching it," he said during a conference call. "I figured that's about all we can do between now and Sunday."

The Longhorns are on a six-game winning streak going into their third straight bowl game under Brown, and their 40th overall.

"We are so excited about this trip because I think it fits our year," Brown said. "The opponent fits our need to play somebody really good in the end to continue to get better because we've talked about fighting to get in the top 10 the last three years."

Texas is coming off a 43-17 win

over Texas A&M in which sophomore quarterback Chris Simms, the son of former New York Giants quarterback Phil Simms, had a breakout game with 383 yards passing and three touchdowns.

Simms started the last two games in place of Major Applewhite, who has a sprained right knee. Brown said the Longhorns will know more about Applewhite's status next week when they start running some passing drills around study sessions for final exams.

The Longhorns are the first team from the Big 12 South to play in the Holiday Bowl, which is sponsored by Culligan. Each team receives \$1.9 million.

Lady Hawks face stern test

JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

Howard College's Lady Hawks have their work cut out for them this weekend as they prepare for back-to-back games against defending national champion Tyler Junior College's Lady Apaches and Trinity Valley Community College's Lady Cardinals, the 1999 national champs.

While Lady Hawks head coach Ron Mayberry clearly has concerns of preparing his team for the Friday-Saturday doubleheader, he quickly notes the weekend's schedule affords local basketball fans a rare opportunity to see two nationally-ranked teams in as any nights.

"This is going to be something you won't see at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum again in 30 years," Mayberry said after putting his team through workout paces in preparation for an early-season test or the sort most teams would only face at the national tournament.

"You just don't see two teams of this quality coming in back-to-back like this as a general rule," Mayberry said, noting that the Lady Apaches and Lady Cardinals will also be playing Midland College's Lady Chaparrals this weekend. — Trinity Valley taking on Midland on Friday night, while Tyler will travel to Midland while the Lady Hawks host the Lady Cards on Saturday.

"This is going to be a tremendous challenge for us," Mayberry noted, "but it's kind of competition we want to be able to play. We've got to be ready to play hard every minute we're on the floor."

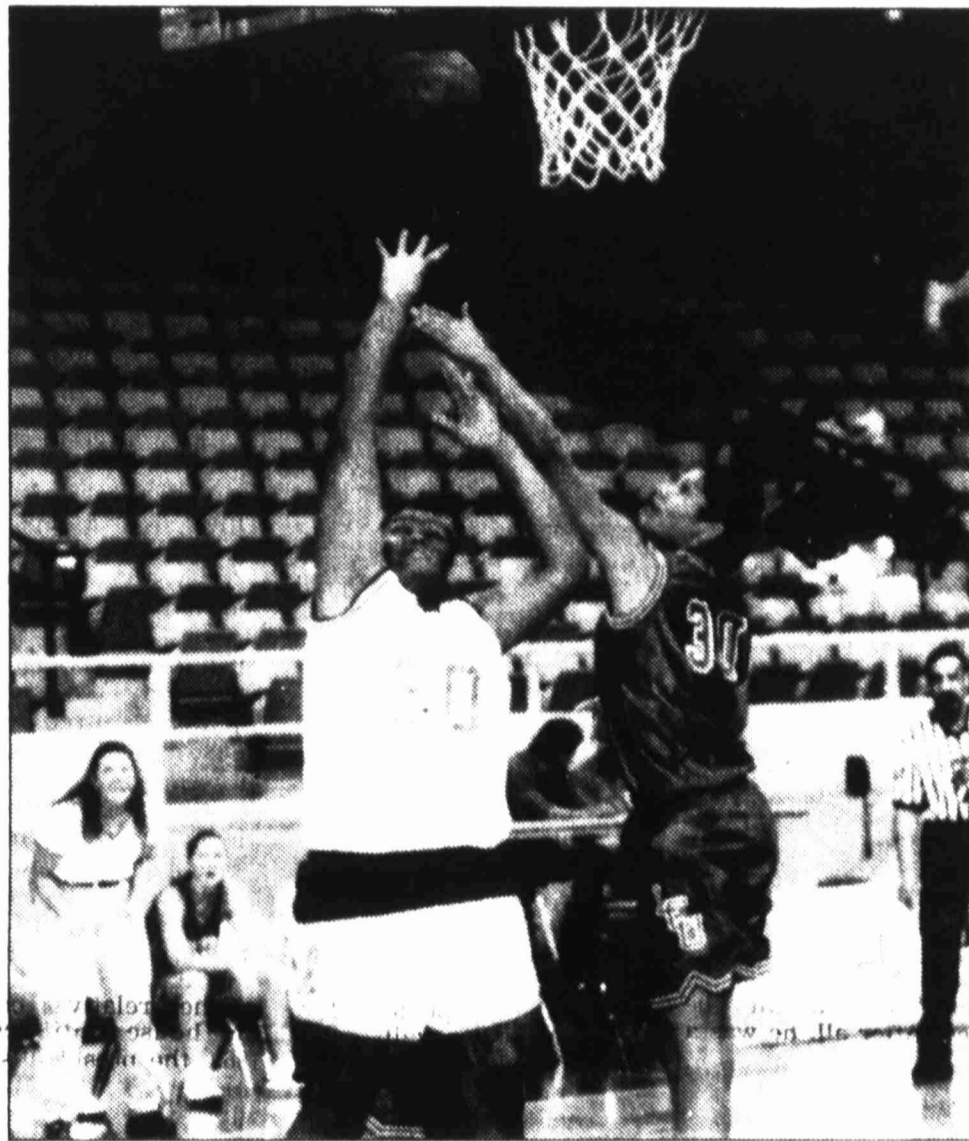
Playing with intensity is the key to being able to play with the Lady Apaches and Lady Cardinals, Mayberry said, noting that the Lady Hawks are the only team of the four involved in this weekend's showdown of Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) and Texas Eastern Conference (TEC) powerhouses.

"Midland, Tyler and Trinity Valley are all three ranked in the Top 10 and we're not," he explained. "And to be honest, we shouldn't be ranked with them, but that doesn't mean we aren't capable of playing with them."

"Basically it comes down to whether or not we walk out on the floor ready to play hard," Mayberry added. "We've got to be ready to play with the same kind of intensity that I guarantee you Tyler and Trinity Valley are going to have."

"Of course, we ought to be aware by now that we've got to play that way against everybody we face," he continued. "We have to do that because that's the way everyone is going to play us. We bring out the best in everyone. We're going to get everyone's best game ... they're all going to step it up a notch when they play us."

Now 5-3 on the season, the Lady Hawks will be returning to action following a 10-day layoff, their last game



Howard College's Shameka Buckley (50) goes up and scores on a layup, as Lubbock Christian's Sara Gonzales tries to stop the play during their game last week at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Lady Hawks face more formidable foes this weekend in games from Tyler and Trinity Valley.

having been a lopsided 103-50 win over Lubbock Christian University's junior varsity.

"We came back from the Thanksgiving holiday a little rusty, but we've been working hard this week," Mayberry said. "This weekend is going to be a real test for us. It's sure going to give us an idea of what we're going to have to do if we want to be playing at the national tournament in the spring."

The Lady Hawks' win over Lubbock Christian helped calm worries Mayberry had concerning his team's intensity in a lackluster 4-3 start.

"We gave a good effort against Lubbock Christian, and that's hard to do when you're playing a team you're that much better than," Mayberry said. "The girls wanted to play a good game and they did."

Howard literally did whatever it wanted against Lubbock Christian — rattling off 16 straight point to open the game and then closing the first half with another string of 16 unanswered points to take a 53-15 lead at intermission.

Grace Gantt, a sophomore from San Marcos, keyed the Lady Hawks' opening run, scoring eight of her 18 points

on the night in that early spurt.

Howard's stretch run in the first half featured freshmen Latasha Mathiew and Shameka Buckley. Mathiew, a 5-foot-10 Houston product, and Buckley, a 6-footer from Fort Worth, scored six points apiece during the run.

Mathiew would finish the night with 18 points, while Buckley would add 15 more.

But the Lady Hawks' leading scorer on the night wound up being guard Taneshia Harris, another San Marcos sophomore, who had 19 points splitting time at the point with classmate Tashean Thomas.

Harris did most of her damage in the second half, scoring 14 of her points in the final 20 minutes of play.

The Lady Hawks had five in double figures in that game, as Sweetwater sophomore Vanessa Lehrmann scored 12 points to join Harris, Gantt, Mathiew and Buckley.

"We're not going to score like that against Tyler and Trinity Valley," Mayberry acknowledged, "but if we play that hard, we're capable beating both of them ... we really are. It's all going to come down to how bad we want it and how well we play."

Davis says he'll stay at Miami

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — Offensive tackle Joaquin Gonzalez never doubted that coach Butch Davis would stay at Miami.

"He hasn't gotten the job done that he wanted to yet. We haven't won the national championship here," Gonzalez said.

Even if the No. 2 Hurricanes (10-1) win the national title, Davis plans to remain in Miami. He ruled out taking any other college or pro coaching position Wednesday and continued negotiations that could keep him at Miami for several more years.

"I'm not going to any other job," said Davis, who is 50-20 in six seasons with the Hurricanes. "I took this job with the idea that this would be the last coaching job that I would take and nothing has changed today, in the last 48 hours or the last six years."

Just days after leaving Miami to its ninth consecutive win and first Big East title in four years, Davis met with Houston Texans owner Bob McNair and talked to Alabama athletic director Mal Moore about their respective coaching vacancies.

But Davis said neither job would lure him away from Miami, which has offered him a new five-year contract worth about \$1.3 million annually. Davis, 49, is in his fourth year of a seven-year deal that pays him about \$900,000 annually.

"I hope to get something done with Miami in the very near immediate future," Davis said. "This isn't going to be a deal for one year and then jump ship. Ten years from now, maybe, I don't know. Maybe if I get tired from college coaching. Who knows?"

Davis, selected the Big East coach of the year, turned around Miami's program after it was hit with numerous NCAA violations that resulted in 31 lost scholarships during a three-year period.

His success provided him with several coaching opportunities in recent years, including LSU, South Carolina, Oklahoma and Arkansas. He also had been mentioned as a candidate for several NFL jobs.

Michigan State shows impressive balance beating Tar Heels

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

On the way to the national championship last season, a victory by Michigan State usually meant the offense came from Morris Peterson and Mateen Cleaves.

With those two now in the NBA, the Spartans have a lot of different ways to score. And they were all on view Wednesday night.

Jason Richardson had 16 points, Charlie Bell added 15 and Andre Hutson had 14 as the third-ranked Spartans beat No. 6 North Carolina 77-64.

"Last year, if you stopped Pete, we could be in trouble," said Bell, referring to Peterson. "Now, we just have so many weapons. If you try to stop one guy or one part of our game, you're going to be out of luck because so many guys can score."

Michigan State showed that early as five players scored the first five baskets.

"We got a lot of play out of a lot of people," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said. "We had moments where we looked real good and moments when we looked kind of sloppy."

Four other Spartans scored six or more points and a fifth player, Mike Chappell, made a key 3-pointer midway through the second half.

"It's tough to really focus in and say what you are going to take away," North Carolina coach Matt Doherty said. "They run so many sets. Against a zone, most teams don't have as many zone offenses as they do man offenses. Coach Izzo must have about 50 set plays."

Kris Lang had a career-high 22 points on 11-of-16 shooting for North Carolina.

In other games involving ranked teams Wednesday, it was No. 4 Stanford 84, UC Riverside 41; No. 5 Arizona 101, Gonzaga 87; No. 23 Wisconsin 78, No. 13 Maryland 75, OT; No. 21 Virginia 98, Purdue 79,

and No. 22 Cincinnati 82, No. 24 Dayton 75.

Michigan State extended the nation's longest winning streak to 15 games and won its 32nd straight home game, second only to Utah's 54 in a row at home.

The Spartans went on a 14-2 run late in the first half and led by 13 at halftime.

Michigan State outrebounded North Carolina 43-29.

No. 4 Stanford 84, UC Riverside 41

Jason Collins had 19 points and 11 rebounds and his twin brother Jarron added 12 points and 12 rebounds as the Cardinal (5-0) cruised at home. It was the second time the brothers had double doubles in the same game.

Stanford took a 14-3 lead in the first five minutes, led by 20 points a few minutes later and didn't let the lead drop below 28 points in the sec-

ond half.

Jason Labagh and Aaron Hands each had six points to lead Riverside (1-4).

No. 5 Arizona 101, Gonzaga 87

Gilbert Arenas scored 12 of his 21 points in a late 20-6 run and the Wildcats made 34 of 39 free throws in their home opener.

Arizona (4-1), coming off a 72-69 loss to Purdue in Indianapolis on Saturday, was down 76-71 with 7:42 left. But Casey Calvary, the only starter back from the Gonzaga team that made it to the NCAA tournament's regional semifinals last season, fouled out with 5:31 remaining and the 'Zags (3-1) ran out of steam.

Michael Wright scored 25 points for the Wildcats and Richard Jefferson added 20.

Freshman Blake Stepp was 6-for-10 from 3-point range and scored 21 points for Gonzaga.

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SPORTS EXTRA

TOP 25 - FOOTBALL

Table listing the top 25 college football teams in the Associated Press poll, including Oklahoma (64), Miami (6), Florida St. (1), Washington, Oregon St., Virginia Tech, Florida, Kansas St., Oregon, Nebraska, Notre Dame, Texas, TCU, Purdue, Clemson, Michigan, Georgia Tech, Auburn, Northwestern, Ohio St., Tennessee, Louisville, Colorado St., Georgia, and Toledo.

TOP 25 - WOMEN

Table listing the top 25 women's college basketball teams in the Associated Press poll, including Connecticut (40), Tennessee, Duke, Notre Dame, Rutgers, Purdue, Georgia, Iowa St., Louisiana Tech, Texas, Penn St., Oregon, SW Missouri St., Auburn, LSU, Mississippi St., Stanford, Wisconsin, Oklahoma, Virginia, Xavier, N.C. State, Vanderbilt, Illinois, and Boston College.

TOP 25 - MEN

Table listing the top 25 men's college basketball teams in the Associated Press poll, including Duke (40), Kansas (1), Michigan St. (8), Stanford, Arizona (1), North Carolina, Tennessee, Seton Hall, Illinois, Florida, Notre Dame, Wake Forest, Maryland, Oklahoma, Southern Cal, Georgetown, Temple, Utah, St. John's, Syracuse, Virginia, Connecticut, Wisconsin, Dayton, and Arkansas.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL: National League - CHICAGO CUBS - Named Brad Mills major league advance scout. FLORIDA MARLINS - Assigned Brad Nelson (L) to Calgary of the PCL. MILWAUKEE BREWERS - Named Wendell Kim manager of Indianapolis of the International League. PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES - Agreed to terms with LHP Rehab Corner on a three-year contract. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS - Announced Fred Stanley will return as manager of Salem-Keizer of the Northwest League. Named Steve Decker hitting instructor for Salem-Keizer. BASKETBALL: National Basketball Association - NBA - Extended their agreement with the CBA through the 2003-04 season. Suspended Miami Heat F Don McLean for five games for testing positive for steroids. DETROIT PISTONS - Acquired D. Williams from the injured list. OKLAHOMA CLIPPERS - Viewed D. Johnson as a trade candidate. Soccer - MARYLAND - Named Ralph

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Table showing NFL American Conference standings for AFC East, AFC Central, AFC North, AFC South, and AFC West.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Table showing NFL National Conference standings for NFC East, NFC North, NFC South, and NFC West.

Monday's Game

Carolina 31, Green Bay 14

Sunday's Games

Seattle at Atlanta, Noon. Miami at Buffalo, Noon. Pittsburgh at Carolina, Noon. NY Giants at Wash., Noon. Arizona at Cincinnati, Noon.

Today's Game

Denver at New Orleans, Noon. Dallas at Tampa Bay, 3 p.m. Oakland at Pittsburgh, 3 p.m. Tennessee at Philly, Noon. San Fran at San Diego, 3 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Philly 93, Washington 87. Tampa Bay 17, Oakland 16. Charlotte 103, Toronto 79. Detroit 97, New Jersey 76. Miami 84, New York 81. Denver 107, Minnesota 100. S. Antonio 82, Sacramento 79. LA Clippers 106, G. State 83. Vancouver 109, Phoenix 106.

Today's Games

Chicago at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m. Houston at Denver, 8 p.m. Dallas at Portland, 9 p.m. LA Lakers at Seattle, 9 p.m. Indiana at G. State, 9:30 p.m.

Friday's Games

LA Clippers at Toronto, 6 p.m. Charlotte at Philly, 6 p.m. Utah at Miami, 6:30 p.m. Minn. at Boston, 6:30 p.m. Jersey at Orlando, 6:30 p.m. Cleveland at Detroit, 7 p.m. New York at Chicago, 7:30 p.m. Indiana at Vancouver, 9 p.m. Philadelphia at Philadelphia, 9 p.m. S. Antonio at Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Today's Games

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BUCHANAN: Water murky; 61 degrees; 1012.85; black bass are fair to good on camo Scoundrel worms, 1/8 oz. white titanium spinnerbait, 1 inch LIT Flashie Shads and watermelon Curbs jigs with matching Jig Claw trailers in clear creeks and pockets in 3 to 8 feet along flooded brush. Striped bass are fair to good drifting live bait over humps in 18 to 24 feet at the mouth of Morgan and Beaver creeks. White bass are fair vertically jigging Horizon Pink Minnows and casting Spin Traps in the mouth of larger creeks. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are fair on minnows and cut bait. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines in upper lake on live goldfish.

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WEST: ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 56 degrees; black bass to 5.10 pounds are fair to good on crankbaits and black/blue jigs fished in Gobbler and Grape Creeks.

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BRADY: No report available.

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9 years to put man on the moon. 9 seconds to put your child there. As Neil Armstrong stepped off that ladder and onto the surface of the moon, a look came over my father that I have never been able to express in words. When he leaned forward on the edge of his old recliner, I could see his face fill with wonder, pride and awe. As I grew older, I often thought of how younger generations would never have an appreciation for what that moment meant, simply because they never experienced it. But last summer, as my family toured the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, I caught a glimpse of my 10-year-old's face. As she stood at the base of the monstrous 365-foot Saturn V rocket, I saw the same look in her eyes that I had seen in my father's 30 years earlier. The U.S. Space and Rocket Center - One of the many things that makes Alabama what it is. Call 1-800-ALABAMA for a free vacation guide or hit our website at www.touralabama.org

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Our Top Technology The Century's Big Changes

It's hard to imagine what life would be like without such things as cars, planes, radios and computers. What would it be like without

technology or inventions that have made our lives so much safer, healthier, more convenient and fun? What are the top inventions that have brought great changes? Engineers are the people behind these inventions. Leading engineers from across the country made up a list of what they think are the great engineering achievements during the 20th century, from 1900 to 2000.

The changes are listed in the order of their importance. With the help of an expert, Dr. Henry Petroski, we added a little something about what life was like:

- before these changes took place (before 1900);
- and what we might expect in the future.

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This issue is based on the project, "Greatest Engineering Achievements of the 20th Century," by the National Academy of Engineering, with the American Association of Engineering Societies, National Engineers Week, and other engineering groups.

1. The spread of electricity

Before 1900
In the city, well-to-do people might have been connected to electric power sources, but most people still used gas lighting. In rural areas, most people used candles, kerosene or whale-oil lamps.

The 20th century
Connecting the world with electricity was the top change of the last 100 years. Without electrical power, much of our modern life would not be possible.

The future
Better batteries will enable our cars to travel long distances and our computers to work for long periods.

2. The automobile

Before 1900
Most people used horses and buggies or they walked. The automobile, or "horseless carriage," was usually thought of as a toy for the wealthy.

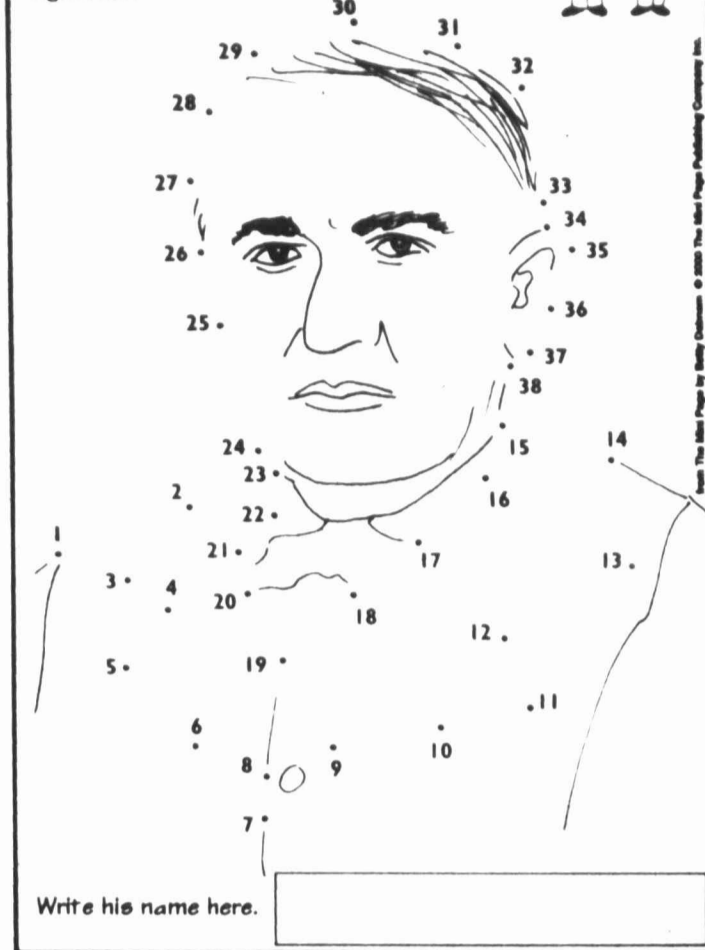
Travelers took the train or boats for longer distances. The average person did not travel far from home.

The 20th century
Cars have given us the freedom to move from place to place. Today the average adult travels by car about 10,000 miles each year.

The future
Cars will be much safer. The entire car will protect the driver as if it were a giant air bag.

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Go dot to dot and color this famous inventor of the lightbulb.



Write his name here.

MIGHTY FUNNY'S Funny Phonics

It's fun to learn phonics, or the way letters sound. This week's target sound is the one made by the ST blend, as in stick.

Q: What is a mountain range?
A: A cooking stove for use at high altitudes!

Mom: What does this O on your paper mean?
Bob: It think it's a moon. The teacher must have run out of stars!

Q: What is the difference between a postage stamp and a woman?
A: One is a mail fee and the other is a female!

Go on an ST word hunt. What other words can you find that use the ST blend? What sound do your hear?

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- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 carrot, diced
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1/2 cup wild rice, uncooked
- 1 bouillon cube
- 1 1/4 cups water
- 1/3 cup peanuts

What to do:

1. Cook oil, carrot and onion in a medium saucepan over medium-high heat for 5 minutes or until vegetables are soft. Stir often.
2. Add wild rice. Cook 1 minute, stirring constantly.
3. Add water and bouillon cube. Bring to a boil. Stir often. Add more water if necessary.
4. Cover and reduce heat to low. Simmer 45 to 55 minutes or until water is absorbed.
5. Stir in peanuts. Mix well. Serves 2.

ENGINEERING TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of engineering accomplishments are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find: ELECTRICITY, AUTOMOBILE, AIRPLANE, CHANGE, COMPUTERS, WATER, RADIO, TELEVISION, FARMS, SPACE, MACHINES, TELEPHONE, TRAVEL, SAFE, ELECTRONICS.

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- funny face
- letter J
- bell
- safety pin
- letter W
- fish
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- word MINI
- letter D
- pencil
- lima bean
- letter E
- letter H

• man in the moon

More Big Changes of the 1900s

3. The airplane

Before 1900
Few people traveled by hot-air balloons but had to go the way the wind blew.

The 20th century
In 1903, Wilbur and Orville Wright made their historic flight and changed travel forever. Today we can fly anywhere in the world, and receive goods from all over.

The future
Air travel will be so fast and cheap that many of us will be able to afford to hop to another continent for a weekend.

4. Safe and abundant water

Before 1900
Water-caused diseases such as typhoid fever and diarrhea were the third-biggest cause of death in the U.S.

The 20th century
Today we can turn on the faucet and get safe drinking water. However, about one-sixth of the world's people still do not have a safe water supply.

The future
Many experts worry that there will not be enough safe water for everyone as the world's population keeps growing.

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Look through your newspaper for ads about three things invented after 1900.

Site to see:
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Next week The Mini Page is about more top engineering achievements.

5. Electronics

Electronics are the equipment or parts that make electrical products work, such as vacuum tubes, transistors and microchips.

Before 1900
Electronics did not even exist. Human, horse or water power operated many machines. For example, adding machines had to be cranked by hand.

The 20th century
Today microchips operate clocks, calculators, CD players and hundreds of other products.

The future
Machines will get smaller and faster.

6. Radio and television

Before 1900
A few people had gramophones, which would play music when they were cranked.

The 20th century
We can watch events as they happen thousands of miles away. We can hear music or watch shows with the click of a button.

The future
TV pictures will be very sharp and there will be many more choices of shows.

7. Farm machinery

Before 1900
Horses and mules were used to plow fields. It took four farmers to feed about 10 people.

The 20th century
Today a single farmer can feed about 130 people!

The future
There will be better control of the climate. Big domes over fields might let farmers control the weather.

8. The computer

Before 1900
A "computer" was a word used to describe a person who solved math problems using a pencil and paper.

The 20th century
In the last 50 years, computers have changed our lives. Today, thanks to the computer, we can solve math problems very quickly and can communicate quickly and cheaply.

The future
Computers will be so small we will wear them. Information and commands will be given by voice.

9. The telephone

Before 1900
Only about 1 in 13 homes in the United States had a phone. Calls were often hard to hear. To contact others far away, people wrote letters or sent telegrams.

The 20th century
We can talk to someone clear across the world as easily as we can talk to our neighbors.

The future
Phones will be even smaller and clearer.

10. Air conditioning and refrigeration

Before 1900
People put blocks of ice in ice boxes to keep food fresh. They often carved these blocks of ice out of frozen lakes.

The 20th century
Today, fresh food, cool rooms, computer manufacturing, space travel and a lot of medical research would not be possible without proper cooling.

The future
Different parts of a room will automatically adjust to temperature, humidity and drafts.

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Coahoma ISD will be accepting bids for the following vehicles: Van, maximum capacity of 10 or suburban. Bids will be received in the Business Office or at P.O. Box 110 Coahoma, Texas 79511 until 2:00 p.m. December 14, 2000. The bids will be opened publicly at 2:00 p.m. December 14, 2000, and read aloud. The Board of Trustees will take action regarding any and all bids on December 18, 2000 in its regular meeting. The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids 3014 November 30 & December 1, 2000

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Dec. 1:

You are unusually skilled at making what you want and need happen. Do not sell yourself short when dealing with others this year. Your people skills are excellent. Use the element of surprise to gain others' attention. You get what you want because you are relentless in your pursuit. If you are single, relationships have unique abilities to transform and grow. If you are attached, your relationship becomes more dynamic and exciting, especially if you work together for a common goal. AQUARIUS is full of surprises. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult. ARIES (March 21-April 19) Insecurity and upsets mark finances and dealings with others. Investigate possibilities. An associate's high energy level helps you seek answers that will bring results. Aim for what you want. Others will act unpredictably. Tonight, Where your friends are. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You could be tired. Take a long lunch hour to revitalize yourself. Don't allow negativity to affect your work or relationships. Surprises pop up in the work sector. An associate teams up with you, seeking solutions. Tonight: Work late. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Extend yourself. Reach out for someone at a distance who has the expertise and knowledge that you seek.

Clarify and respond to another's comments rather than taking them personally. Let creativity mix with good humor. Work with surprises. Tonight: Try a new spot. CANCER (June 21-July 22) Work closely with an associate. A project benefits from different points of view. You might need to spend more than you want, if you zero in on the basics. Choose to do nothing halfway right now. Avoid someone who exudes negativity. Tonight: Go for closeness. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Listen carefully to a boss who simply doesn't agree with you. Make an adjustment if need be. Do whatever you need to do to come up with a better idea that might be more workable. Allow your imagination to come forth. A partner continues to behave in an unexpected manner. Tonight: Say yes. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Reach out for another, and don't hesitate to ask questions. A family member comes up with a great idea after you hit a communication obstacle. Do not allow anyone's opinions to affect your work performance. Spending money is sometimes necessary in order to make money. Tonight: Go with the unexpected. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Friend's boogie on the beach raises couple's suspicions

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have just returned from a week-long vacation at an ocean resort. Another couple, "Al and Gloria," went with us. We booked separate rooms, and for the most part enjoyed each other's company. However, I observed one thing that disturbed me. As I sat on the balcony one night waiting for my wife to dress for dinner, I saw Gloria walking on the beach. I watched as she picked up a child's boogie board that was lying at the edge of the surf. When we were loading the trunk of the rental car to go home, she attempted to conceal the boogie board with their luggage. My wife and I were astonished at Gloria's behavior. We didn't know whether or not we should confront her. On the trip home, I made some jokes about surfing, but I don't think she got the hint. Abby, should we keep quiet and preserve our friendship, or ask her why she stole a child's toy? — PERPLEXED IN NEW CASTLE, DEL. DEAR PERPLEXED: Much depends upon how close your friendship is with "Al and Gloria." If you feel the friendship is worth preserving, ask Gloria why she concealed the boogie board instead of turning it in to lost-and-found at the hotel. It's possible she thought the board had been abandoned. If you're not close and do not wish to risk a confrontation, perhaps the time has come to distance yourselves. DEAR ABBY: I am writing in response to "Sherri in Cincinnati," who wrote that as a lonely teen-ager she was welcomed into her best friend's family. I agree with your answer, Abby — sometimes it does "take a village" to raise a child. I left my husband when my son, "Kenny," was 2. I had to work, and Kenny

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You feel as if another has thrown you a financial curveball. A strong sense of what is going on takes you in a new direction. Ask questions and allow yourself to use your charm and creativity. You amaze others because of how you seem to be able to pull rabbits out of hats. Tonight: Get into the weekend spirit. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Build, rather than pulling down. Another feels as if he is being squeezed out. Eye solutions and positive interactions. Use your finances to increase your security or your family's well-being. You get unexpected reactions where you least expect. Scrap a bad idea. Tonight: Order in. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You reverse your position until you carefully think through a decision. Information blindsides you. Regroup and work with others. Work drags you down, but don't let it get to you. Remember why you work and what you want to achieve. Don't back off. Tonight: Browse through a favorite store. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Deal with your finances head-on. Your instincts lead you in another direction. Take charge at work. Recognize that you might need to depend on others for ideas, as you could be in an off cycle. When unexpected developments occur, use your instincts and you'll land on

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not exclude Kenny's friends — we simply expand our "village." Abby, I would like to thank all of these wonderful souls who took an interest in my son. I never could have done it without them. — LISA IN ILLINOIS DEAR LISA: There is nothing as important in the life of a young person as the involvement of caring adults. Your son seems to have incorporated the talents and finest qualities of everyone with whom he has had contact. Strong role models and unconditional love can heal even the most emotionally impoverished person — and that goes for adults, too. For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.) © 2000 UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Huge solar wings will take flight Thursday

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The biggest, most powerful, most expensive set of solar wings ever built for a spacecraft is about to take flight. Late Thursday night, space shuttle Endeavour is due to lift off with the \$600 million solar panels, which will provide much-needed electrical power for the international space station. The pair of glimmering, gold-colored panels will stretch 240 feet from tip to tip and 38 feet across, and cover half an acre, once they are unfurled on the newly occupied space station, Alpha. That's longer than the wingspan of a Boeing 777, longer than even the space station itself. Attaching and spreading the wings, which are folded like an accordion for launch, make this NASA's toughest construction mission yet. The job falls to five shuttle astronauts who have been training for this flight for more than three years. Two of them will go outside to help install the panels. The five shuttle crewmen — plus the three men who have been living on Alpha for the past month — expect the unfolding wings to be a breathtaking sight. It will be the largest structure ever deployed in space and will make the station one of the brightest "stars" in the sky. "I think there's going to be a very sudden shift in people's perception of the international space station, because suddenly it's going to look much, much bigger than it already is," said Canadian astronaut Marc Garneau. The space station cannot grow without the extra elec-

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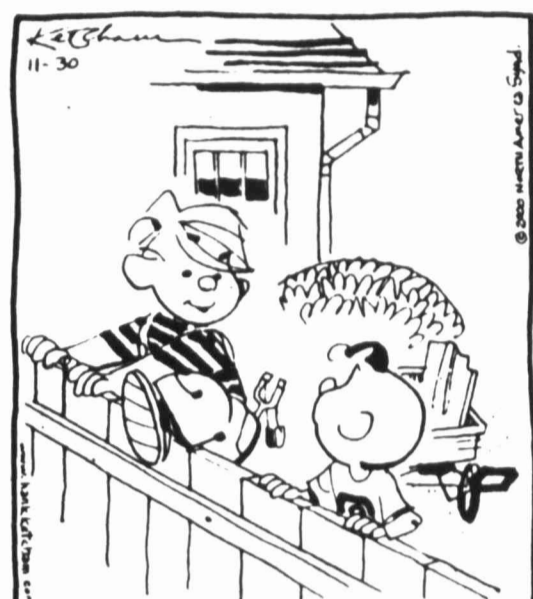
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NOV. 30

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7:PM	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Britney Spears-Home	How to Get What You Really Want	Movie: Air Bud	48 Hours (CC)	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Friends (CC) Friends (CC)	Movie: Striptease	Mujeres Enganradas	Movie: A Zany's Bride (CC)	18 Wheels of Justice (CC)	Movie: Sex, Lies, and Queer as Folk (CC)	Movie: The Story of Us (CC)	Inside the NFL: Light of the Southwest (CC)	Half Past Autumn: Life of...	G-String Divine: Gordon Parks, Chris Rock	Hour of Healing	Murder One (CC)	UFOs Over Illinois	Movie: The Man Who Knew Too Little (CC)
8:PM	Be a Millionaire	NSYNC Ni-male Holiday	(15) Improve Your Life	Early Edition (CC) (DVS)	Diagnosis Murder (CC)	PrimeTime Thursday	ER (CC)	Movie: El Gran Bubbazo	Simple Wish (CC)	Holidays in Concert (CC)	Married... with Children (CC)	Movie: The Blair Witch Project (CC)	City: Justice With a Bullet (CC)	G-String Divine: Inside the NFL	News Nathan Knight (CC)	Law & Order (CC)	Justice Files	Movie: The Man Who Knew Too Little (CC)	Outbreak in New York	
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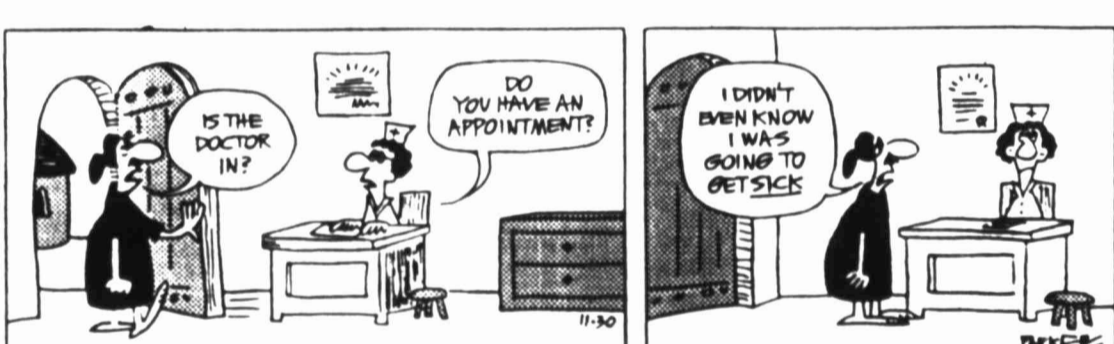
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Thursday, Nov. 30, the 335th day of 2000. There are 31 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 30, 1900, Irish writer Oscar Wilde died in Paris at age 46.

On this date: In 1782, the United States and Britain signed preliminary peace articles in Paris, ending the Revolutionary War.

In 1804, Supreme Court Justice Samuel Chase went on trial, accused of political bias. (He was acquitted by the Senate.)

In 1835, Samuel Langhorne Clemens, better known as Mark Twain, was

born in Florida, Mo.

In 1874, British statesman Winston Churchill was born at Blenheim Palace.

In 1936, London's Crystal Palace, constructed for the International Exhibition of 1851, was destroyed in a fire.

In 1939, the Russo-Finnish War began as Soviet troops invaded Finland.

In 1949, Chinese Communists captured Chungking.

In 1962, U Thant of Burma was elected Secretary-General of the United Nations, succeeding the late Dag Hammarskjold.

In 1966, the former British colony of Barbados became independent.

In 1993, President Clinton signed into law the Brady gun control bill.

Ten years ago: President Bush announced that Secretary of State James

Baker III would go to Iraq in a last-ditch diplomatic peace effort. President Bush named outgoing Florida Gov. Bob Martinez to head the nation's war on drugs. Author Norman Cousins died in Los Angeles at age 75.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Gordon Parks is 88.

Actor Efrem Zimbalist Jr. is 82. Actress Virginia Mayo is 80. Former New York Rep. Shirley Chisholm is 76. Actor Richard Crenna is 73.

Actor Robert Guillaume is 73. TV personality Dick Clark is 71. Radio talk show host G. Gordon Liddy is 70.

Country singer Teddy Wilburn is 69. Country singer-recording executive Jimmy Bowen is 63. Singer Luthy Ingram is 56. Singer Rob Grill (The Grassroots) is 56. Rock musician Roger Glover (Deep Purple) is 55.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- Eurasian vipers
- Until now
- "Lucy Crown" author Irwin
- Fellow
- Astound
- Forum wear
- Actress Garr
- Firmly fixed
- Mongols' tent
- Start of Evan Esar quote
- Born in Brest
- Bowlers' milieu
- Church leader
- Jots
- Crossbeam
- Lofty
- Part 2 of quote
- Explorer Johnson
- Theater projection
- Assistance
- Part 3 of quote
- Domini
- Really angry
- Moneytender
- Requirements
- Italian noble
- Along in years
- End of quote
- Gymnast Korbust
- Looks suggestively
- Amusement park thrill
- Germ
- Tenant's contract
- Cruising
- Make/meet connector
- French after
- Marvel superhero group

DOWN

- Proceedings
- Noah's eldest son
- Law office assistant
- Poppy's power source
- Mouths off
- Portents
- Fatal bacterial disease
- CEOs
- Even one
- Hangman's loop
- Actress Barkin
- Advanced gradually
- Blaspheme
- Earthen crock
- Cry
- Grizzly
- fixe (obsession)
- Connery or Lennon
- Want

By Alan P. Olchwang
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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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Clerical

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Our Top Technology

The Century's Big Changes

It's hard to imagine what life would be like without such things as cars, planes, radios and computers.

What would it be like without technology or inventions that have made our lives so much safer, healthier, more convenient and fun? What are the top inventions that have brought great changes? Engineers are the people behind these inventions. Leading engineers from across the country made up a list of what they think are the great engineering achievements during the 20th century, from 1900 to 2000.

The changes are listed in the order of their importance. With the help of an expert, Dr. Henry Petrocki, we added a little something about what life was like:

- before these changes took place (before 1900);
- and what we might expect in the future.



Without electricity there would be no modern cities. Here Times Square in New York City is lighted for a New Year's Eve celebration.

This issue is based on the project, "Greatest Engineering Achievements of the 20th Century," by the National Academy of Engineering, with the American Association of Engineering Societies, National Engineers Week, and other engineering groups.

1. The spread of electricity

Before 1900
In the city, well-to-do people might have been connected to electric power sources, but most people still used gas lighting. In rural areas, most people used candles, kerosene or whale-oil lamps.

The 20th century
Connecting the world with electricity was the top change of the last 100 years. Without electrical power, much of our modern life would not be possible.

The future
Better batteries will enable our cars to travel long distances and our computers to work for long periods.

2. The automobile

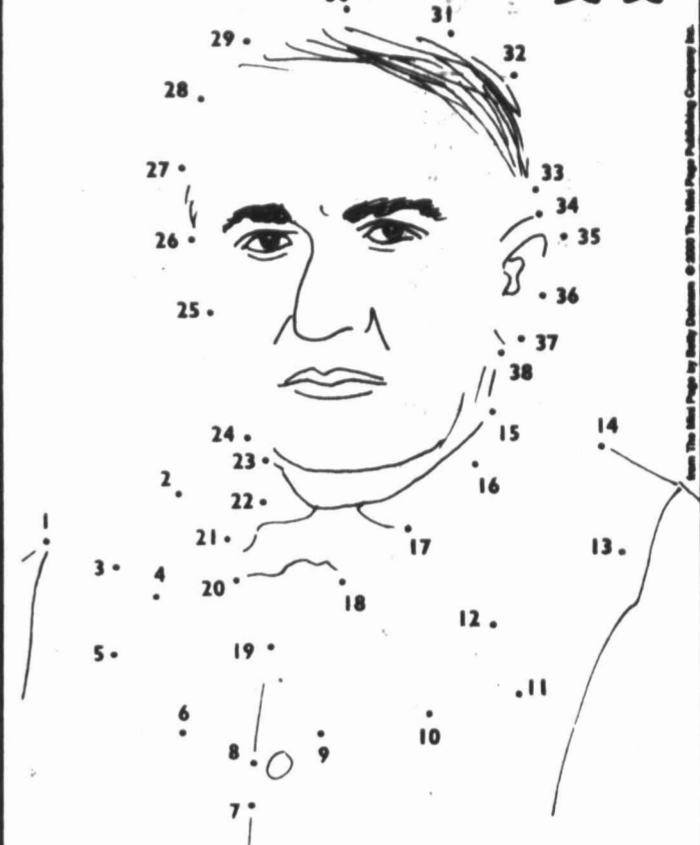
Before 1900
Most people used horses and buggies or they walked. The automobile, or "horseless carriage," was usually thought of as a toy for the wealthy.

The 20th century
Travelers took the train or boats for longer distances. The average person did not travel far from home. Cars have given us the freedom to move from place to place. Today the average adult travels by car about 10,000 miles each year.

The future
Cars will be much safer. The entire car will protect the driver as if it were a giant air bag.

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Go dot to dot and color this famous inventor of the lightbulb.



Write his name here.

MIGHTY FUNNY'S FUNNY PHONICS

It's fun to learn phonics, or the way letters sound. This week's target sound is the one made by the **ST** blend, as in **stick**.

Q: What is a mountain range?
A: A cooking stove for use at high altitudes!

Mom: What does this O on your paper mean?
Bob: It think it's a moon. The teacher must have run out of stars!

Q: What is the difference between a postage stamp and a woman?
A: One is a mail fee and the other is a female!

Go on an ST word hunt. What other words can you find that use the ST blend? What sound do your hear?



Thomas Edison invented the first practical electrical lightbulb in 1879. Later he invented the first electric power plant, electrical wiring, fuses, meters and lightbulb sockets. Here he is in his Menlo Park, N.J., research lab in 1929.

Rookie Cookies Recipe

Nutty Wild Rice

You'll need:

- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 carrot, diced
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1/2 cup wild rice, uncooked
- 1 bouillon cube
- 1 1/4 cups water
- 1/3 cup peanuts

What to do:

1. Cook oil, carrot and onion in a medium saucepan over medium-high heat for 5 minutes or until vegetables are soft. Stir often.
2. Add wild rice. Cook 1 minute, stirring constantly.
3. Add water and bouillon cube. Bring to a boil. Stir often. Add more water if necessary.
4. Cover and reduce heat to low. Simmer 45 to 55 minutes or until water is absorbed.
5. Stir in peanuts. Mix well. Serves 2.

THE NEWS HOUND'S ENGINEERING TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of engineering accomplishments are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find: ELECTRICITY, AUTOMOBILE, AIRPLANE, CHANGE, COMPUTERS, WATER, RADIO, TELEVISION, FARMS, SPACE, MACHINES, TELEPHONE, TRAVEL, SAFE, ELECTRONICS.

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- funny face
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- bell
- safety pin
- letter W
- fish
- two sailboats
- word MINI
- letter D
- pencil
- lima bean
- letter E
- letter H
- man in the moon

More Big Changes of the 1900s

3. The airplane

Before 1900
A few people traveled by hot-air balloons but had to go the way the wind blew.

The 20th century
In 1903, Wilbur and Orville Wright made their historic flight and changed travel forever. Today we can fly anywhere in the world, and receive goods from all over.

The future
Air travel will be so fast and cheap that many of us will be able to afford to hop to another continent for a weekend.

5. Electronics

Electronics are the equipment or parts that make electrical products work, such as vacuum tubes, transistors and microchips.

Before 1900
Electronics did not even exist. Human, horse or water power operated many machines. For example, adding machines had to be cranked by hand.

The 20th century
Today microchips operate clocks, calculators, CD players and hundreds of other products.

The future
Machines will get smaller and faster.

8. The computer

Before 1900
A "computer" was a word used to describe a person who solved math problems using a pencil and paper.

The 20th century
In the last 50 years, computers have changed our lives. Today, thanks to the computer, we can solve math problems very quickly and can communicate quickly and cheaply.

The future
Computers will be so small we will wear them. Information and commands will be given by voice.

4. Safe and abundant water

Before 1900
Water-caused diseases such as typhoid fever and diarrhea were the third-biggest cause of death in the U.S.

The 20th century
Today we can turn on the faucet and get safe drinking water. However, about one-sixth of the world's people still do not have a safe water supply.

The future
Many experts worry that there will not be enough safe water for everyone as the world's population keeps growing.

6. Radio and television

Before 1900
A few people had gramophones, which would play music when they were cranked.

The 20th century
We can watch events as they happen thousands of miles away. We can hear music or watch shows with the click of a button.

The future
TV pictures will be very sharp and there will be many more choices of shows.

9. The telephone

Before 1900
Only about 1 in 13 homes in the United States had a phone. Calls were often hard to hear. To contact others far away, people wrote letters or sent telegrams.

The 20th century
We can talk to someone clear across the world as easily as we can talk to our neighbors.

The future
Phones will be even smaller and clearer.

7. Farm machinery

Before 1900
Horses and mules were used to plow fields. It took four farmers to feed about 10 people.

The 20th century
Today a single farmer can feed about 130 people!

The future
There will be better control of the climate. Big domes over fields might let farmers control the weather.

10. Air conditioning and refrigeration

Before 1900
People put blocks of ice in ice boxes to keep food fresh. They often carved these blocks of ice out of frozen lakes.

The 20th century
Today, fresh food, cool rooms, computer manufacturing, space travel and a lot of medical research would not be possible without proper cooling.

The future
Different parts of a room will automatically adjust to temperature, humidity and drafts.

The Mini Page thanks Dr. Henry Petrocki, civil engineering professor, Duke University, for help with this series. We also thank Chuck Blue, American Association of Engineering Societies.

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