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Pre-test of jail smoke system fails

Officials hopeful problems can be corrected before major test Wednesday

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Wednesday's state-mandated test of the smoke evacuation system in the Howard County Jail will have plenty to live up to, as a preliminary test of the system Monday morning failed.

"We did a smoke test in the jail this morning using what's called 'canned smoke,' which is what is used to test these alarm systems," Sheriff Dale Walker told county commissioners. "We tested it in one location and half the alarms in the jail went off, but the bell didn't ring, the fans didn't come on and the damper system that was just installed did not activate. So we went over to the other half of the jail and tested the smoke detector over there. The fans still didn't come on, the damper flipped but didn't force any air in and the bell started ringing."

Despite the grim nature of Monday's test, Walker said he believes the system can be operational for the Wednesday test, which will be observed by a representative from the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.

"I really feel like it's a mix up, like it's something the alarm company can fix," said Walker. "They most likely just have some wires crossed or something like that. I'm just glad we tested it this morning. We have the Lubbock Sound and Alarm company coming in to fix it. However, we can't even turn the fans on manually

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> —Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker

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Jail stand pipe issue remains a key problem

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

As Howard County commissioners continue to struggle with efforts to bring the county jail's smoke evacuation system into state compliance, officials say plans to install a stand pipe at the facility aren't going much better.

According to local architect and project coordinator Phil Furqueron, there's still no way to know when he or the commissioners will be able to lay their hands on a firm price for the stand pipe, which is used to deliver water to firefighters going up the jail's stairway.

"I talked with someone from Anthony Mechanical and I know they had someone verify the route that has been laid out by an engineer," said Furqueron. "I spoke with (the contractor with Anthony Mechanical) this morning and he said he hasn't heard from them, and if he heard from them he would call me. Obviously, I haven't heard anything back from him."

Furqueron

Furqueron said the reason Anthony Mechanical is having such a hard time getting the figures — as well as a timetable for completing the project — is due to a lack of qualified contractors licensed to do that type of job.

"The problem is there are only a few contractors in this area that can do that work," said Furqueron. "They have to be licensed by the state fire marshal's office. Anthony (Mechanical) is not one of those firms. If they were, it most likely wouldn't be a problem. They could just jump

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SKY ON FIRE

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

The western skies were afire with color Monday evening, illustrated by this photo, taken from the McMahon Wrinkle Airpark at sunset.

Feds overhaul citizenship exam

By MELISSA TRUJILLO
Associated Press Writer

> ***Officials will test 125 new questions on 5,000 people and eventually narrow the group of questions to 100, the same number that can be asked on the current exam. To pass, immigrants must correctly answer six of 10 questions given. If they fail, they will be given the option of taking the old test.***

BOSTON (AP) — In an effort to make the citizenship exam more meaningful, the federal government said Monday it will test an exam that relies less on trivia — such as asking the name of the president's house — and more on applicants' grasp of American democracy.

The new exam will be given to volunteers beginning this winter in Albany, N.Y.; Boston; Charleston, S.C.; Denver; El Paso, Texas; Kansas City, Mo.; Miami; San Antonio; Tucson, Ariz.; and Yakima, Wash.

The current test is heavy on historical facts, and includes questions about the colors of the U.S. flag and the name of the form used to apply for citizenship. The new exam will ask about the Bill of Rights and the meaning of democracy.

"The idea is not to toss up roadblocks, it's to make sure people who apply for citizenship and want to become citizens understand and adhere to the values we have as a society, the values that are part of the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights," said Shawn Saucier, spokesman for the Office of Citizenship and Immigration Services.

The current exam doesn't guarantee knowledge of those values, Saucier said. A person may know which state was the 49th to be added to the union, for example, but not understand voting rights, he said.

The portion of the citizenship exam used to test basic English reading and writing skills also will be changed to include civic vocabulary words, Saucier said.

"We want them to study and look at this information not toward the eye of memorizing it for a trivia exam," he said.

During the pilot, officials hope to work out any problems with the test and refine the exam. The revised test will be given to all applicants for naturalization beginning in 2008.

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STATE HOSPITAL PATIENTS IN NEED OF WINTER COATS

Big Spring State Hospital employees are collecting winter coats for hospital patients.

"Many patients arrive at the hospital with one set of clothing — the clothing they are wearing when they get here," said Mique Yarbar, hospital patient education coordinator.

Patients spend a great deal of time outdoors walking to classes, doctor appointments or campus activities and sitting outside in their dormitory courtyards.

"Coats are a huge need in the winter, especially men's coats and larger sizes" Yarbar said.

Coats and light jackets should be in good condition, clean and free of stains and holes.

Take them to the hospital's Community Relations office (take the first left when entering from the south entrance).

The donations are tax-deductible and forms can be obtained from the hospital's Community Relations office. For more information, call Amy Perez at 268-7414.

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

StarTek, 501 Birdwell Lane Suite 30, will host a Business After Hours program from 4:30 p.m. until 6 p.m. Thursday.

Business After Hours is a community program sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce specifically designed to encourage networking and to showcase sponsors.

Door prizes will be awarded; refreshments will be available.

There is no charge to attend.

Those attending are invited to tour the facilities.

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Obituaries

Roy E. Watkins

Roy E. Watkins, 83, of Big Spring died Monday, Nov. 13, 2006, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2006, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Joey Bacon, Gene Jones and Gary Bacon officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

He was born Feb. 10, 1923, in Minneapolis, Minn., and married Eloise Elizabeth Fain March 4, 1946, in Minneapolis.

Roy served in the United States Marine Corps from 1941 to 1947 and served in the South Pacific during World War II. He was a member of the Marine Raiders. Roy served on the Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees for 11 years and was the president for eight. He was a member of Local 826 Union of Operating Engineers where he served as president for six years. He coordinated the labor for the first Crippled Children's Center. He enjoyed golf and was an avid reader. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather and will be missed by everyone who knew him. He was a faithful member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Eloise Watkins of Big Spring; three daughters and sons-in-law, Lorrie and Gene Jones of Canyon, Monnie and Gary Bacon of Harlingen and Tammy and Tim Yeats of Big Spring; one brother, Frank Watkins of Minneapolis, Minn.; one sister, Patty Selton of Minneapolis, Minn.; eight grandchildren, Joey Bacon, Jeff Bacon, Kimberly Potter, Kelli Boylan, Kendra Jones, Keri Jones, Ryan Yeats and Ethan Yeats; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and one sister.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to Trinity Baptist Church Building Fund or Missions Fund, 810 11th Place, Big Spring 79720.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Pedro A. "Pete" Carrillo

Pedro A. "Pete" Carrillo, 69, of Big Spring, a loving father and "Welo" went to be with his Lord and his blessed mother Mary Saturday, Nov. 11, 2006, surrounded by his family at his residence. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2006, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. Richard Regan, pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born May 5, 1937, in Shafter to Magdalena and Florencio Carrillo. He had been a resident of Big Spring for the past 65 years. He had been employed by the Big Spring Independent School District for 25 years and had also worked for the Colorado River Municipal Water District for 25 years. He was a very active member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. He and his wife were one of the first Eucharistic Ministers at Immaculate Heart of Mary. He was a Cursillista and a member of St. Joseph's Society. He loved sports and especially enjoyed the Cowboys, Longhorns and Yankees.

He is survived by his wife, Elisa Carrillo of Big Spring; five sons, Pete P. Carrillo and wife Charlene, Ismael Carrillo and wife Charlotte, Abel Carrillo and wife Jocelyn, Martin Carrillo and wife Rebecca, and Samuel P. Carrillo and wife Shannon, all of Big Spring; 15 grandchildren, Christopher, Maria, Crystal, Anna-Marie, Danielle, Isaiah, Angela, Katie, Keegan, Megan, Matthew, Chelsea, Haley, Erin and Lucas; two great-grandchildren, Christopher and Michael; and one brother, Jesus Carrillo of Big Spring.

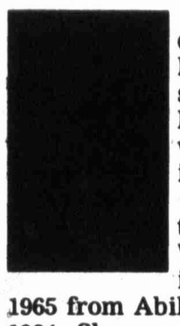
In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Maria Theresa Carrillo; two grandchildren, including Alexandria Carrillo; one great-grandson, Angel Carrillo; and one brother, Florencio Carrillo.

Pallbearers will be Pete Carrillo, Ismael Carrillo, Abel Carrillo, Martin Carrillo, Samuel Carrillo, Raul Paredez, Albert Carrillo and Dago Lozano. Honorary pallbearers will be Jesse Carrillo, Joe Carrillo, James Carrillo and Donna Daylong.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid obituary

Bobbie Alexander



Bobbie Alexander, 72, of Big Spring died Sunday, Nov. 12, 2006, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2006, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Brad Larpenteur officiating.

She was born June 11, 1934, in Burkett to Ellie and Lee Pearce. She married Walter Eugene Alexander April 14, 1956, in Abilene. They moved to Big Spring in 1965 from Abilene. He preceded her in death Dec. 3, 1984. She was retired from Big Spring Independent School District after 25 years. She was the head of the audio-visual department. Later, she was a volunteer at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. She was a Methodist.

She is survived by two sons, Lee Alexander of Hamlin and Eugene Alexander of Fort Worth; a sister, Bonita Lyght of Big Spring; a brother, Harold Pearce of Dayton; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Irma Rey Billalba

Irma Rey Billalba, 58, of Grand Prairie died Thursday, Nov. 9, 2006. Rosary and funeral services were held at St. Michael The Archangel Church in Grand Prairie Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2006. Interment immediately followed at Grand Prairie Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Irma was born in Monahans July 29, 1948, and was raised in Midland, graduating from Midland High School in 1966. She married Ruben Billalba April 16, 1966, and they lived in Big Spring until moving to Dallas in 1969. She retired from Southwestern Bell in 2001 and was employed by DFW printing. She was a member of St. Michael The Archangel Church.

Irma is survived by her husband, Ruben; children, Bonnie Reyes and Mike Schmitz of Plano, Monica Billalba of Grand Prairie and Ruben Billalba III of Des Moines, Iowa; two grandchildren; her parents, Celedonio and Rosa Urias Rey of Midland; three brothers, Jim C. Rey of Garland, Alfonso Rey of Austin, and Danny and Cecelia Rey of Albuquerque, N.M.; three sisters, Margie Rodriguez of Midland, Celia and Luis Sosa of Midland, and Melinda and George Hernandez of Grand Prairie; a mother-in-law, Rosalia Gonzalez Billalba; brothers and sisters-in-law, Tommy and Olga Billalba of Big Spring, Beatrice Stevens of Lubbock, Mary Lou and Santos Lujan of Kermit, Frances Mckiaki of Big Spring, Adelina and Albert Correa of Canyon, Nora and Peter Paul of Italy, Delia and Mike Cruz of Amarillo; and numerous nieces and nephews.

To leave a personal tribute to the Billalba/Rey family, please visit www.mem.com

Carolyn 'C.J.' Shattuck Hughes

Carolyn "C.J." Shattuck Hughes, 56, of Huntington died Thursday, Nov. 9, 2006, in Presbyterian Hospital in Kaufman.

Graveside services were held Monday, Nov. 13, 2006, in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens with Dr. Darryl Smith, pastor of First Baptist Church in Huntington, officiating. Arrangements were by Johnson's Funeral Home.

Carolyn was born March 1, 1950, in San Angelo to Thomas Lloyd and Verna Marie Barr Shattuck. She worked as an LVN for Memorial Health System in Lufkin and was a member of First Baptist Church in Huntington.

Survivors include her children, Thomas Ray Browning and wife Julie of Huntington, Melissa Mauzey and husband Michael of Coahoma, and Carol Prince and husband Lonnie of Breckenridge; her parents, Lloyd and Marie Shattuck of Sterling City; her sister, Connie Dulin; a brother-in-law, Tommy of Midland; seven grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Weather

Tonight—Mostly clear. Windy. Lows around 40. Northwest winds 20 to 30 mph.

Wednesday—Sunny. .Cooler. Highs in the upper 50s. Northwest winds 15 to 25 mph.

Wednesday night—Mostly clear. Colder. Lows in the upper 20s. Northwest winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Take Note

• **DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES** will be giving flu shots on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is $10 or no charge if you bring your Medicad or Medicare card. Flu shots will be offered to everyone. For more information, call 432-263-9775.

• **DAV AUXILIARY WILL HAVE A SILENT AUCTION** Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall. Proceeds will be used to provide Christmas for the fifth floor at the VA Medical Center.

• **ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH WILL HOLD A BAKE SALE** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 18 at the church, 810 Scurry. All proceeds will go to the Howard County Bible Class Fund. Among the items will be pies, cakes, cookies, bread and jam. Also available will be cookbooks for $10 each.

• **THE COAHOMA SENIOR CITIZENS** will have Thanksgiving dinner at the Coahoma School Cafeteria, Wednesday, Nov. 15, at 11:15 a.m. All area seniors are invited.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. today:

• **MOISES RAMIREZ,** 19, of Mexico, was arrested Monday and held for immigration.

• **MARTIN ALONSO,** 20, of Mexico, was arrested Monday and held for immigration.

• **JUAN ANTONIO TORRES,** 20, of Mexico, was arrested Monday and held for immigration.

• **JOSEPH MICHAEL COOK,** 27, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Monday on four local warrants and a Howard County warrant.

• **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE** was reported in the 1400 block of Fourth Street.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported:
- in the 700 block of Douglas.
- in the 1200 block of Lloyd.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 51 inmates at the time of this report.

• **ROBERT LEE AIKINS,** 43, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice.

• **BENITA KAY PADRON SALAZAR,** 33, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of forgery of a financial instrument (two counts), unauthorized use of a motor vehicle (four counts) and a motion to revoke probation for theft by check.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 2000 block of Allendale. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1400 block of Nolan. Service was refused.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1400 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of Benton and Third Street. Service was refused.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1300 block of Utah. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-2-12-34. Bonus Ball: 14.

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

Prize: $250,000

Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: $350,000.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-8-24-30-32.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

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Support Groups

MONDAY

• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

TUESDAY

• The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) support group meets from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main. Anyone who has a mental illness or has a friend or family with mental illness is invited to participate. Call Felicia Talley at 268-3835 for more information.

• The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.

• Dual Recovery Anonymous (DRA), 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Howard County Library Basement Community Room. DRA is a 12-step meeting for those who have a desire to stop drinking and/or using drugs and also have a mental or emotional illness.

All meetings are non-smoking and coffee is not available but members can bring their own coffee or non-alcoholic beverage. For more information, call Deidra F. at 263-0027, ext. 236 during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

Learning to cope with stress is important

Parent's Corner

As I was standing in a grocery line the other day I overheard a lady say, "That just stresses me out! I desperately need stress management!" Everyone laughed as she picked up her grocery sack and left but it made me think that she was exactly right.

DARRELL RYAN

We all need a little stress management from time to time. But if we need stress management, what is stress? The dictionary defines stress as the physical and mental response of the body to demands made upon it. It is the result of our reaction to outside events, not necessarily the events themselves.

Now we must realize that not all stress is bad. We need some stress to get everyday things done. Too little can lead to boredom, but too much can produce "burn out." What is known as adaptive stress helps us rise to life's challenges. Adrenaline and glucose flow into our blood. We get a buzz of energy and feel alert, focused, and creative. Negative stress occurs when our ability to cope with life's demands crumbles. If we don't break down the stress chemicals they stay in the blood, preventing us from relaxing. Eventually this results in a permanent state of stress.

That initial buzz turns to worry, irritability or panic. Challenges become threats and we doubt our ability to do even simple things and problems appear insurmountable.

We all know that different things cause stress in different people. As an educator, I am quite concerned about what causes stress in our students. Some of the things students commonly cite as causes of stress include exams, deadlines, pressure of combining jobs, chores and study, difficulty in getting their work organized, poor time management, leaving assignments to the last minute, noise, adjusting to life in a new environment, difficulties with personal relationships, balancing the demands of a family with studying and problems at home.

Very often, stress results from an accumulation of many different pressures which build up gradually without us noticing. Whenever these pressures appear we must learn that the key to successfully handling our stress is to think positively; take control of our stress and anxiety by learning effective techniques to combat it. Relaxing bodily tension in order to reduce the physical sensations of stress is a good place to start. Rest, do nothing; try a relaxation technique, take a long hot bath, spend time with friends, treat yourself to something special. Taking proper breaks and eating well do help to combat stress.

If your body is free of tension, your mind tends to be relaxed. When you are relaxed, you can view each task as a positive challenge, and use stress as a stimulus to help you to carry it out.

I heard of a lecturer, when explaining stress management to an audience, raised a glass of water and asked, "How heavy is this glass of water?" Answers called out ranged from 20g to 500g. The lecturer replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long you try to hold it. If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm. If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. In each case, it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes."

He continued, "And that's the way it is with stress management. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on. As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden. So, before you return home tonight, put the burden of work down. Don't carry it home. You can pick it up tomorrow. Whatever burdens you're carrying now, let them down for a moment if you can. Relax; pick them up later after you've rested. Life is short. Enjoy it!"

And then he shared some ways of dealing with the burdens of life. Many of these you have heard all your life but they are always good to hear again.

• Accept that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.

• Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

• Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.

• Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be recalled by their maker.

• If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.

• Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time.

• Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.

• Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late and remember that the second mouse gets the cheese.

• When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

• Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.

So, if you feel that you are suffering from stress, try to identify the aspects of your life that are causing it. Sometimes you may not be able to change or avoid them, but at other times simple lifestyle adjustments can make all the difference. Keep in mind that you may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to another person and remember that a truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

Darrell Ryan is the director of federal programs for Big Spring Independent School District.

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Senior Circle
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November 2006 Activities

November 14 * Tuesday
- Mall Walking - 8:00 AM
- Supper Club "Herman's" - 5:30 PM

November 15 * Wednesday
- Sit & Be Fit - 10:30 AM
- Lunch-N-Learn - 11:30 AM
- Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 AM

November 16 * Thursday
- Mall Walking - 8:00 AM
- Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 AM
- BUNKO - 5:00 PM

November 17 * Friday
- Thanksgiving Pot Luck & Bingo - 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM
- **VOLUNTEER BAKE SALE**

November 20 * Monday
- New Mexico Casino & Horse Racing - 9:00 AM

November 21 * Tuesday
- Mall Walking - 8:00 AM
- Supper Club "Spanish Inn" - 5:30 PM

November 22 * Wednesday
- Sit & Be Fit - 10:30 AM
- Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 AM

November 23 * Thursday
- THANKSGIVING - Senior Circle Office will be closed.

November 24 * Friday
- Senior Circle Office will be closed.

November 27 * Monday
- Games - 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

November 28 * Tuesday
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- Supper Club "Cowboys" - 5:30 PM

November 29 * Wednesday
- Sit & Be Fit - 10:00 AM
- Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 AM

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OUR VIEWS

Salvation Army needs help with holiday dinner

Thanksgiving. Perhaps no other word is more effective for conjuring up visions of families gathered together, not only in prayer, thanking God for the blessings he's bestowed on them, but around an impressive larder of homemade foods.

Unfortunately for many, Thanksgiving is not such a time. Some find themselves alone and homebound. Others are too far from family and do not have the time off or money available to travel long-distance. And still others simply don't enjoy having plenty of anything and find themselves in need.

And that's why the local Salvation Army is in the process of preparing to serve up approximately 500 Thanksgiving dinners on Nov. 23.

Capts. Russ and Linda Keeney say their office is already getting calls inquiring about the local charity's annual Thanksgiving dinner — most, so far, from homebound people in the community asking for delivered meals.

And that means the Salvation Army is currently seeking local residents willing to take a little time from their holiday to volunteer and help others.

"This is a pretty frantic time of the year for us," Linda Keeney explained. "We need volunteers to come in and give a little bit of their time, especially on the morning before, because that's going to be our really big work day. On Thanksgiving Day we need people to come in at about 10 a.m. to start getting the meals ready to go and start getting the room ready for the walk-ins. We'll also need people to stay until after 1 p.m. and help us wash all of these dishes."

That's right, the Keeneys and their staff need lots of volunteers.

They are also seeking people willing to make pumpkin or pecan pies and other types of deserts.

Volunteers are an integral part of the Salvation Army's Thanksgiving feast, providing everything from kitchen help to delivering meals.

And there's nothing difficult about volunteering — you simply show up and help out.

Anyone needing additional information about how they can help, or wanting to schedule a meal delivery on Thanksgiving, should call the Salvation Army's corps office at 267-8239.

We here at the Herald encourage those who can to lend the Salvation Army a hand.

As the Keeneys noted, "the Thanksgiving meal is a wonderful way for families to realize there are those out there who are much less fortunate than they are."

In other words, what better way could there be to realize just what you have to be grateful for this Thanksgiving?

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, may we pull You into our lives through our prayers and reading of Your word.

Amen

Endangered: True scientific debate

See how the left tries to politicize science and stifle dissenting points of view in academia: Meet Thomas Bonnicksen, a Texas A&M University professor emeritus in forest science and paid advisory board member of the industry group the Forest Foundation. Bonnicksen's big sin: He supports selective cutting of trees in national forests.

DEBRA SAUNDERS

He has testified before Congress and written op-ed pieces that rankled enviros. Not content to rebut Bonnicksen's arguments, four academics wrote an "open letter to the media" last month assailing Bonnicksen's character and suggesting that editors think twice before publishing his work.

The four professors, led by Philip W. Rundel, a UCLA professor of ecology and evolutionary biology, essentially accused Bonnicksen of holding views that "fall far outside the mainstream of scientific opinion" and wrongly identifying himself as a visiting professor at UC Davis. UC, the letter noted, sent Bonnicksen a "'cease and desist' letter demanding that he not use their name."

I'll get to the mainstream-science angle later, but first a word on the personal smearing of Bonnicksen. The four-prof letter failed to mention that Bonnicksen had received an e-mail from a UC Davis faculty member that told Bonnicksen to call himself a visiting professor.

"In my naivety, I thought everything went through. I always thought it was appropriate," UC Davis professor Michael Barbour — who, according to the Los Angeles Times, is also on the Forest Foundation board — told me. Another Davis professor apologized to Bonnicksen, who no longer calls himself a UC Davis visiting professor.

The four-prof letter also argued that Bonnicksen's "academic record is weak, consisting largely of letters to the editor and op-ed articles." But, as 10 academics wrote in support of Bonnicksen, "his research in forest science spans decades and has been published widely in peer-reviewed scientific journals, reports and books." Oops. Rundel forgot to mention the peer-reviewed articles.

"If you look at the last 10 or 20 years, they're in the lowest of low journals. Peer-reviewed is pushing it," Rundel responded.

Now who is misrepresenting facts? Most galling was the Rundel letter's reference to Bonnicksen's "misrepresentation of factual material" — without a single specific fact that Bonnicksen was supposed to have fudged. You see, the four professors wrote, "there is no scientific support for Dr. Bonnicksen's ideas of forest management." They must have figured that if they say they represent the mainstream, they don't need facts.

When I asked Rundel for an example, he said that Bonnicksen was wrong to write in a September piece in the San Jose Mercury News that there are at least 896 Pacific fishers (a weasel-like animal) in the Sequoia National Monument. A U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service letter estimated their number to be fewer than 500 in a nearby larger area.

Bonnicksen's reply: "My people on the ground" — whom he would not name — "say that's a reasonable estimate." And, "In either case, they're not endangered."

In their open letter to the media taking on Rundel and company, the academics, including two professors emeritus from UC Berkeley, wrote that they were "appalled" at attacks "by four individuals who are attempting to silence debate."

Of the 10 profs, Rundel said: "If you look at who signs the letter in support of him, it's a very different group. They're all people who are forest products people or forest modeling people — with a couple of exceptions." Get it: They're all hacks, except those who aren't.

Bonnicksen's story may seem like small potatoes, but it reveals a disturbing trend in academia. Professors used to shrink from even the appearance of trying to muzzle colleagues who hold unpopular opinions. Now, scientists are working to turn places that are supposed to encourage students and professors to think for themselves into institutional echo chambers. Brilliant: They chase out skeptics from academia, and then figure they must be right because everyone they know thinks as they do.

After we spoke, Rundel sent me a note suggesting that The San Francisco Chronicle run a series on forest management policies that "would provide a venue for the discussion of all points of view." Now he wants all points of view to be heard.

But as more academics act a la Rundel, they will convince themselves that they should not have to tolerate critics. Or as Bonnicksen told me over the phone, the other side is pushing for "science by popular vote, and that's no science at all."

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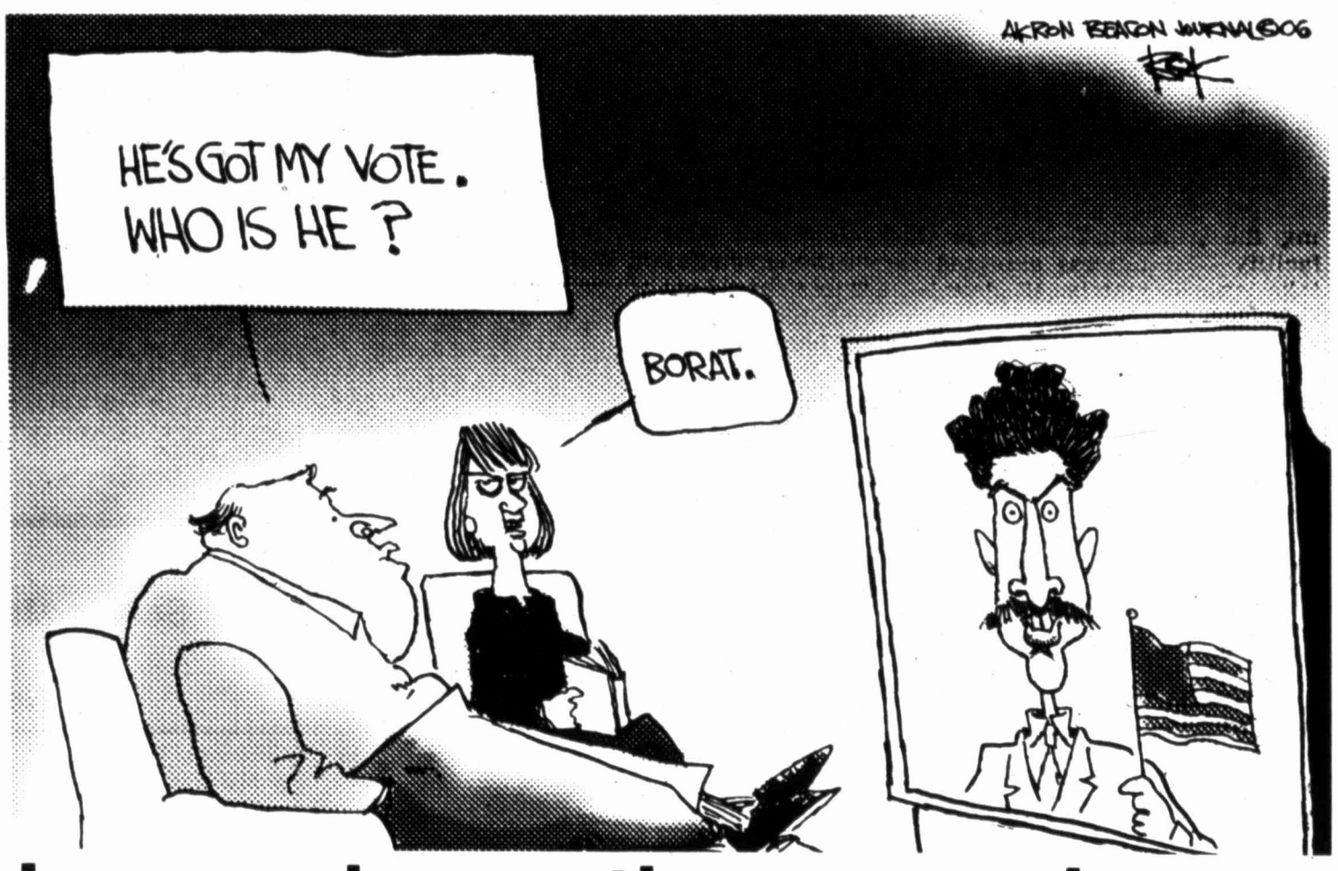

Iraq and counting on a change

Iraq. Iraq. Iraq. And corruption and hypocrisy. That's why the Democrats won. All politics is not always local. Sometimes it's national. This wasn't just a vote on members of Congress, or even on Mr. Bush, but also on his war policy. And the outcome does not depend on the recount, if any, in Virginia.

SUSAN ESTRICH

Oh, yes, and everyone who was tainted by corruption also lost. All of Jack Abramoff's buddies went down. Why shouldn't they? People are not stupid. Why do politicians keep forgetting that?

I was on television last night with one conservative commentator who said he hoped the president would take last night's defeat as an occasion to re-evaluate his Iraq war effort (so far so good) and send MORE troops to Iraq, and then reach out to moderate Democrats like Joe Lieberman and Joe Biden and make clear that he is open to any solutions they might come up with. All we need is a few new ideas.

This election was not a mandate to send more troops or go looking for new ideas. Isn't it a little late for that?

It was not a mandate to stay the course, finish the job, complete the mission or enforce the Bush doctrine in Iraq.

The mandate was to come up with a plan to bring our troops home.

And clean up the House.

The vote was a rejection of the president's war effort.

That means more than Donald Rumsfeld's "fresh eyes."

It means more than replacing Rummy.

Changing deck chairs on the Titanic will not do the job.

If the lesson of Vietnam was that a war cannot be sustained without public support, how can this war be sustained?

If that wasn't the lesson, what was?

If John Kerry wasn't so tarnished, he might be able to point it out. But he is. Even in an excellent wave, there are casualties; in this one, he was the Democrat who got destroyed. Does he know yet? Who will tell the candidate? Candidates and would-be candidates tend to live in bubbles surrounded by people who tell them what they want to hear — yes — men and women is what they are, and visiting yes — men — which is the easiest thing to say anyway.

A Democratic House cannot force the president to end the war, at least not without doing the kind of harm to the troops that they would not do. But they can certainly keep the focus there, particularly with presidential politics looming in the background. With the nominations of both parties up for grabs (no incumbent, no Vice President), people are going to pay attention to the machinations between Congress and the president for only so long, which is to say, not very long. If the president doesn't start moving decisively on the war during that period, it is all you will hear about during the long presidential campaign, which is about to begin.

Can we realistically expect that if you count two-plus million votes twice you're going to get the same number? No, of course not. You're going to make mistakes both times. The point of counting, dare I suggest, is not perfect accuracy, which is an impossible goal, just as it is in a trial, where a man's life may be hanging in the balance. You want the process by which the votes are counted to be fair, free of any intentional discrimination — a process where there is no intentional effort to weigh certain votes of one group differently than others, no systemic bias in the counting. But if the system of counting is fair, has been done fairly, why don't we say, as we do in criminal cases, that it's the process that should be fair? And if the process is fair, why should the result not be? Radical, yes?

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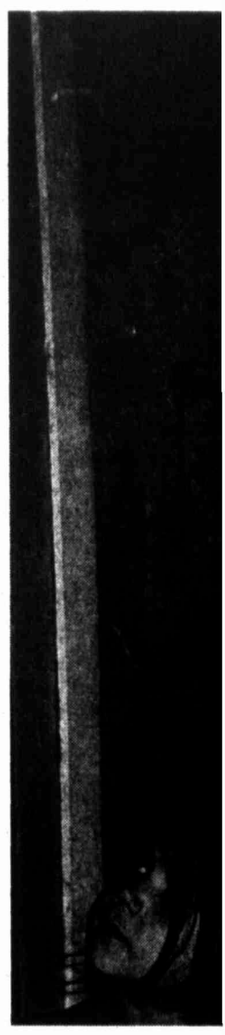

Dorothy — portraye of Oz Saturday, as Museum.

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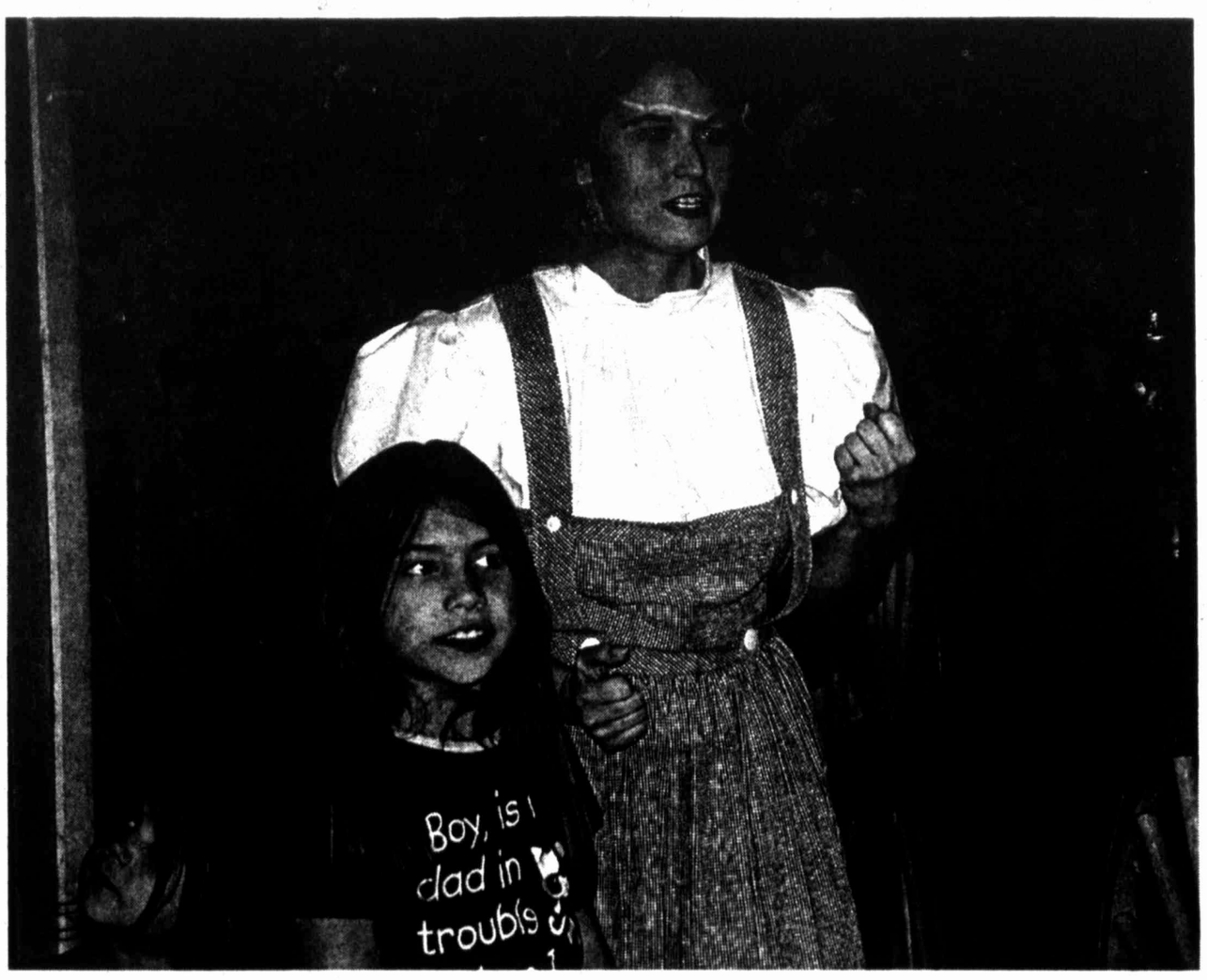

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Dorothy — portrayed by local resident Donna French — leads a number of area children through the wonderful world of Oz Saturday, as the Community Angel project held its annual "Wizard of Oz" themed fund-raiser at the Heritage Museum.

PIPE

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right on it.

"However, the three firms that are licensed — which are located in Lubbock, Abilene and San Angelo — are extremely busy right now because there is a lot of construction going on and this is a small project. They have gotten someone to come look at it, and I think they should have a price put together very soon."

Commissioner Bill Crooker said he's not particularly pleased with the amount of progress made on the project, but he understands the issues with basic supply and demand.

"We need to take a serious look at this and move it along as fast as we can," Crooker said firmly. "We need to determine what's causing the delays and see if we can't cure them. However, when the only firms that can do it are as busy as we're hearing, there's really not much you can do about it."

While the Texas Commission on Jail Standards is waiting to see the results of a test of the jail facility's smoke evacuation system on Wednesday — a test that could shut the jail down for quite some time — Crooker said the stand pipe could put a double whammy on matters if the jail is closed by the state.

"The state commission has told us that if they close the jail down because of the smoke evacuation system, they won't simply reopen it when that is working," said Crooker. "They told us they will not reopen the facility until the stand pipe is completed as well. So the lack of a stand pipe could cause us some serious problems, too."

Crooker said how long it will take to complete a stand pipe for the jail once a contractor is found is really anyone's guess.

"The only things that I've heard to this point are pure guesses, and they tell us it will take approximately four to six weeks to complete the stand pipe," said Crooker. "That's just a guess, however, so there's really no telling. We need to get some firm numbers, both on the price of the stand pipe and how long it will take to install, before we'll know what's going to happen."

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now. They are just flat not working. It's something in the programming of the system, I'm sure."

Commissioners were given the Wednesday deadline to have the smoke evacuation system operational by state officials during the Nov. 2 meeting of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.

According to Adan Munoz, executive director for the state commission, his office will begin processing the paperwork to close the facility — a process expected to take approximately 15 days — immediately if the test fails.

Despite his hopeful demeanor, Walker said his office is taking steps to prepare for the worst case scenario.

"We're beginning planning now that in the event of a jail closure — it's a nightmare situation for all of us — because it's something we have to be prepared for," said Walker.

"We'll have all of the inmates removed from the facility for the test. We'll be using actual smoke and the inmates cannot be around it. So we'll have those folks farmed out to different counties, hopefully on a temporary basis."

Walker said state officials will be grading the system based on three basic criteria.

"We will be testing to see if the alarm system activates within the required amount of time, which is one minute after the introduction of the smoke," said Walker. "The smoke should not progress or move from one cell block to the other. And the third item is whether or not the smoke evacuation system will effectively remove all of the smoke from the facility as it's required to do, which it didn't do at all during the test several months ago.

"If the jail doesn't pass on these three things, according to state requirements, they (state jail commission) are going to begin closure. They've made that very clear to us when we were in Austin."

Kilgore said the results of Monday morning's test were unsettling, but he's hopeful the issues can be resolved before Wednesday.

"It's scary, really scary," said Commissioner Jerry Kilgore. "If this fails, we'll close down... I'm really hoping the problems they had this morning were just problems with the software system. We'll have to keep our fingers crossed because we won't know anything until Wednesday, and we'll either be smiling or sad when we address it on Thursday when we meet."

Commissioners will have a followup meeting at 9 a.m. Thursday.

Walker said Wednesday's test the test is expected to begin at 5:30 p.m.

EXAM

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The changes could make the exam more difficult for some people, said America Calderon, the program manager at the Central Resource Center, a Washington, D.C., organization that offers citizenship and other programs to Latino immigrants. She guessed it also could push more people into formal classes, instead of trying to learn the information on their own.

"It's more difficult because the typical immigrant is trying to struggle with English and trying to learn the 100 questions right now," Calderon said.

But she supports the idea, because it could push new citizens to participate in their government, a goal of her organization.

"In a way, it's good they have a path to civic participation," she said.

All U.S. citizens — not just new ones — could brush up on their civic knowledge, said Roger Clegg, president of the Center for Equal Opportunity, a conservative think tank that supports the assimilation of immigrants.

"It's also good for the people who are already here, because there will be fewer problems and fewer friction if we all understand what America is all about," he said.

I AM A SNOWFLAKE AND I HAVE A SECRET

Can you keep a secret? If you can, then I will tell you my secret, later! My name is Cora. Cora Snowflake! Have you ever seen snow? Have you ever played in the snow? Did you make a 'Snow Angel'? Is it snowing where you live right now?

I have heard all of my life that there are no two snowflakes that look the same. Have you ever heard that, too? Everyone says this. Even the scientists say this. But how do they know? They cannot possibly see all the snowflakes that fall to the ground, can they? I know they can't! Are you sure there are no two snowflakes that look the same?

When I was just a very little snowflake, I remember falling from the sky, slowly floating on the air, and thinking, "I just can't wait to see what the ground looks like." I remember finally reaching the beautiful yard where I fell. Many, many of my other snowflake friends were already there, as if they were waiting for me. I also remember having a sister snowflake. She was a good sister. She was beautiful. All snowflakes are beautiful in themselves, aren't they? Are you ready for my secret? Promise not to tell?

My sister was not only my sister, but my twin sister! Do you know what that means? Do you have a twin sister or brother? Being a twin is fun! We will have so much fun. Does this mean that maybe, just maybe, there may be two snowflakes that do look alike? I won't tell, if you won't.

My twin sister fell to the ground just as I did, falling very slowly with the air and wind. She told me that she had fun falling to the ground. She loved riding the wind. She loved the yard where we fell, just as I did. Now if only some children would come out and play with us. They could make snowballs out of my sister, a few of our friends, and me. I would love to be a snowball.

There are no children out playing in this yard. Why? I hope we did not land in the wrong yard. It is dark. Maybe they will come out and play when daylight comes. I will sleep too, for now. My sister and all of our friends will sleep until tomorrow. I hope the children will be happy that we fell tonight and covered their yard.

It is getting lighter now. It is daytime again. I hear the chatter of the little children inside their warm home. I see one of them peeking through a window. I see his face light up into a big smile. I hear him say, "Look, look outside Mommy, look outside Daddy, look outside, everyone. It snowed last night! There is beautiful snow everywhere." Then I see more faces peeking through those windows. They are all happy. That makes me happy too!

The children and their parents are all coming outside. Do all of them want to play with us? I hope so! I look at my sister. She is smiling, too. I hope they make me and some of my friends into a snowball. Some of them are walking toward me. Some of them are walking toward my sister. Will they notice we are just alike? They pick me up. They pick my sister up. They pick up lots of our friends. But they are not making snowballs! They are making something that is much more fun for all of us. They are making a snowman.

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Some of our friends are turning into the snowman's big belly. Some of our friends are going to be the snowman's arms, legs, and feet and head. Where will they put me? Where will they put my sister? They still have not noticed that we are twin sisters. I am going to be one of the snowman's ears. My sister is going to be the other ear. Still, they have not noticed. They can see both of us clearly now, and they do not notice. We are all having so much fun. All of my snowflake friends and my sister and I can stay here until the sun comes out. What will happen then, if we get too warm? We played all that day. Then, as it became darker and darker, all of the little children and their parents had to go back inside where it was warm. They cannot love the cold as I do. We will all go to sleep now and when daylight comes once again, we can play.

I am awake again now. It is becoming daylight. I feel the warm sunshine on my face. I will have to go away now. My sister and all of my friends will go with me. We are melting.

But don't be sad. I will come back many times. My sister and all of our friends will come with me. If my sister and I land in your yard and you notice that we DO look just alike, please keep our secret. Will you?

It is time for both of us to go to sleep. I am tired from playing so much. "Good Night!"

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Bird Poop:

Helping a woodpecker recover from a cat attack

Warmed by the afternoon sun, the old cat slept peacefully on a layer of leaves. Suddenly its autumn snooze was interrupted by a rustling sound on the other side of a clump of iris. Raising its head, the cat peered through the leaves.

BEBE McCASLAND

As it approached the half green, half brown growth of the plant, a bird was tossing leaves from side to side with its long beak. It quickly ate the treasures hiding below the spent foliage. With the shower the previous evening, a variety of food had surfaced from the ground.

To the aged cat, the bird tempted its once lithe body. A jump over the iris offered a treat the feline had not enjoyed in a long time. The best he had done for more than a year was to clean his food dish and scare the sparrows from the bird bath.

Slowly he raised himself into a crouching position. When the bird was close enough, he pounced. Little did he expect what happened next.

With one of the cat's front paws placed firmly on his tail, the large woodpecker fanned his wings in an effort to escape. Realizing this bird just might pull free and fly away, the cat leaned forward to put his other foot on one of the bird's wings. The strength of the woodpecker startled the cat so much he was unaware of his owner until she grabbed his tail and pulled him off the bird.

Fortunately for the woodpecker, the lady was coming around a corner of the house as the cat's misadventure began. Putting the pet indoors, she rushed back to the bird that lay on the grass. With both hands around its body, the lady returned to the house to make a call.

When I saw the woman clutching a yellow-shafted flicker, I knew we would have to be innovative in keeping it for any period of time. "Don't let it die," she begged. Trying to reassure her that we would do everything we could for the bird, I added, "If there are no puncture wounds, the woodpecker has a good chance at survival."

Notable for the yellow under-surfaces of its wings and tail, the flicker had come south for fall and winter. Even when West Texas had frigid weather, the bird would be able to find insect larvae under tree bark and in dead, rotted wood. The warm days during winter would provide emerging grasshoppers, flies, and other insects. Our hackberry trees were filled with tempting berries.

As with any "cat caught" bird, we needed to observe it for a while. Being a cross between hyperactive and perpetual motion, the flicker required a large cage with upright, rough bark limbs. The mesquite we had stacked for firewood was perfect when wired to the sides of the cage. The bird could cling vertically. Since this woodpecker often fed on the ground, crickets, bugs, mealworms, and agave grubs were offered, along with suet and fruit. What we could not provide were ants that comprise almost half of its diet.

At first, the flicker detested his new environment. Shielded from any activities, the bird finally calmed down and accepted his new home. Loving the large, rough wood, he used it constantly.

This was an opportunity for us to observe and learn from a specie we never expected to have.

About 14 inches long, with a wingspan of 20 inches, the flicker was brown, his back barred with black. Adorning his upper breast was a black crescent that appeared as if he were wearing a pendant. Round black spots on his sides, lower breast, and belly were pronounced. Adding to his costume was a small red crescent on the back of his head and a black streak on his cheek. In flight, the woodpecker's white rump and yellowish underparts would be evident.

After a week, it was obvious that there were no life threatening injuries. Along with the indignity of being stepped on by a cat, the woodpecker had only suffered soreness in its wing, stress and shock. Days of rest encouraged it to try and find a way out of the cage. It was time to release the bird.

In our back yard, we gave the flicker its freedom. Clearing the six foot fence, the bird settled in our back lot. As we glanced over the fence, we saw it readily feasting at the red ant bed. With its penchant for aerating the ground in search of insects, the woodpecker would continue its winter sojourn well fed.

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With its pointed bill, the yellow-shafted flicker can easily pick insects off trees or the ground. In severe cold weather, the bird roosts at night in tree cavities or holes created by other flickers.

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South dealer.
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NORTH
♠K 7
♥A 10 9 8
♦J
♣K Q J 7 6 5

WEST
♠A 6 5 4 3 2
♥5
♦10 7 6
♣10 8 2

EAST
♠Q J 10 9 8
♥7
♦A 4 3 2
♣A 4 3

SOUTH
♠—
♥K Q J 6 4 3 2
♦K Q 9 8 5
♣9

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
4♥	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Dble

Opening lead — ace of spades.

This deal was played in a national pair championship in 1932. The hand itself was not especially remarkable, but when one considers the setting in which it occurred, there emerges a poignant human-interest story.

East-West had already played more than half the afternoon session when they encountered this deal. During that time, they had achieved the unenviable record of having lost seven aces during the play, mostly on defense.

They were naturally disheartened by the time this deal came along. North-South quickly arrived at six hearts (there was no Blackwood convention in those days), and East doubled. He was hoping to recover some of the points his side had lost earlier in the afternoon. His two aces looked colossal to him.

West promptly plunked down the ace of spades, announcing jubilantly: "Well, here's one ace we won't lose."

West was mistaken, of course. South trumped the ace, led a low heart to the eight and discarded his singleton club on dummy's king of spades. Declarer next led the king of clubs, covered by East with the ace. South ruffed, entered dummy with a trump and cashed the Q-J of clubs, discarding two of his five diamonds.

When the adverse clubs turned out to be divided 3-3, declarer was able to discard his remaining three diamonds, so he wound up making six hearts doubled with an overtrick!

If West had led anything but a spade originally, the contract would have gone down one, and West's comment would not have achieved immortality.

As it was, though, East-West, who started the hand having had seven aces go up in smoke, managed in this deal to increase their total loss to 10!

Tomorrow: A stitch in time saves nine.

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Baptists OK controls in mission money case

By MATT CURRY
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS — Texas Baptist leaders said Monday they will take concrete steps to solve problems that led to thousands of dollars in mission money being misused, but they stopped short of turning over an independent investigator's report to law enforcement authorities.

The Baptist General Convention of Texas' executive board said it would increase accountability and implement better internal controls for funding church-startups. The recommendations were adopted from a 42-page report commissioned by the convention.

The new measures were announced during the annual meeting of the convention in Dallas. About 1,900 delegates, called messengers, also elected a West Texas pastor as its new president and placed a denominational leader in line to be the organization's first woman president the following year.

The investigative report, made public last month, found that more than $1.3 million contributed by Texas Baptists over a six-year period was supposed to help fund 258 new churches in the Rio Grande Valley. But, the report showed, only a few churches were opened.

The probe found that some monthly new church reports, which were used to obtain funding, were fabricated. In some cases, the money was used to enhance other mission projects unrelated to the "new churches"; in other cases, where the money eventually went remains unknown.

The Baptist convention's executive board, meeting privately, authorized Executive Director Charles Wade to consider action to recover the money and to consult with legal counsel on referring the report "to any appropriate government investigatory agency."

Some, including Baptist blogger David Montoya, want the investigation turned over to the FBI.

"There are people in our convention who believe, just because we refer it, that people will be indicted. We know that's not necessarily the case," said Bob Fowler, president of the executive board.

Wade said he is dedicated to resolving issues that led to misuse.

"I am committed to making sure we get to a place where we know what the best recommendation will be," he said.

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— World Almanac for Kids

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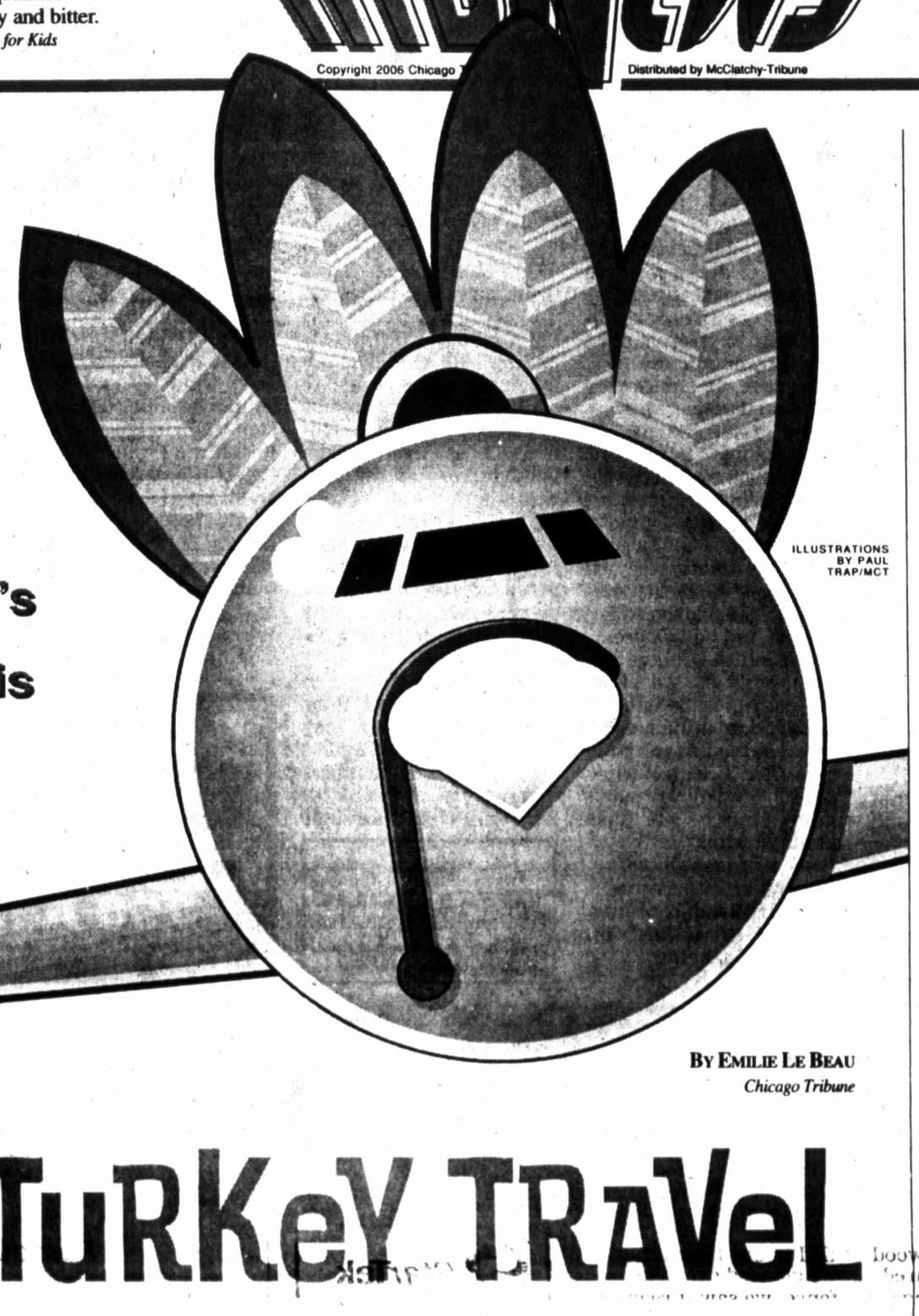
Pack a sense of humor if you're flying to grandma's house this holiday season



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TuRKeY TRAVeL

BY EMILIE LE BEAU
Chicago Tribune

Slow lines, long waits and snippy people. Happy holidays.

Traveling to visit family or friends for the holidays is exciting, but crowded airports and packed planes can make flying far from fun.

The holidays are a hectic time to fly, and some days are worse than others. Expect the airport to be jammed on Dec. 23 and Dec. 26, says Michele Perry of TripAdvisor.com. And Thanksgiving is the most traveled holday in the United States.

Even off-days may be extra busy this year. Airlines have cut flights to save money because fuel prices are high. That means more people on fewer flights.

"I think everyone is crankier when it's crowded," Perry says. "Approach it knowing that and try to maintain your sense of humor."

There are plenty of ways kids can keep their sense of humor and maybe have some fun. First, Perry recommends wearing comfy clothes like sweats or slip-on shoes. That way it's easier to curl up and get comfortable in your seat.

The seats might be small, but kids still can sleep. Bring a small pillow. Stores at the mall — or even the airport — also sell special travel pillows that wrap around a passenger's neck and make snoozing easier, Perry says.

Packing snacks also can help keep away a case of crabbiness. "Think about food for both the airport and on the plane," Perry says.

Airport grub can be expensive and, she says, is "not the most desirable food." And most airlines offer only an in-flight snack. Pretzels, peanuts and cheese sticks can help you stay full without feeling sick, Perry says.

Keeping busy also can help kids ward off grumpiness. Perry recommends bringing a GameBoy, iPod or Walkman to pass the time. A portable DVD player and a funny movie also is a great way to go.

Hannah S., 8, turns plane time into playtime. She travels twice a year to Florida to visit her grandparents, and has been on even longer flights to places such as Barbados. "I usually draw with my brothers," she says. "And we play some card games with my dad."

Hannah also tries to sit in the window seat so she can watch the miles pass. "It's just really cool to see all the things below you. It looks so small from there," she says.

Like Hannah, most kids who are flying usually have seats next to their siblings or parents. But a packed flight can mean kids have to sit by other passengers they don't know.

If you're stuck next to a stranger and uncomfortable about it, Perry recommends listening to music with headphones. "People are unlikely to talk to someone with headphones on," she says.

Being squished in a seat next to someone you don't know also can present new olfactory sensations. Stuck next to someone with bad B.O.? Try putting on flavored or scented lip balm to help mask the odor, Perry says.

In The News

Mickey and friends shape up

No more junk food for Mickey Mouse, Mr. Incredible, Elastigirl, Buzz Lightyear and their friends. The Walt Disney Co. has announced a plan to take its beloved characters off packages of sugary cereals, high-calorie snacks and other unhealthful foods. Company officials do not want their characters to draw kids to snacks that are bad for them. So Disney developed nutrition guidelines that will make it tougher for food companies to get Mickey's seal of approval.

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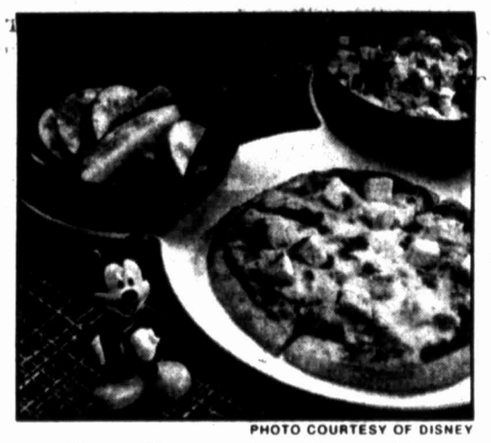
The new rules will limit sugar, fat and calories in foods that bear a Disney character or logo. Snacks that get more than 35 percent of their calories from fat will be off limits. So, too, will snacks in which added sugar accounts for more than 25 percent of the total calories. The rules also apply to main dishes and side dishes. Such foods cannot get more than 30 percent of their calories from fat or more than 10 percent of their calories from added sugar. These changes will hit supermarket shelves at the end of 2008 when Disney's current contracts with food and beverage makers expire.

Disney has also promised to improve the nutritional value of meals served at its U.S. theme parks. Kids' meals now will include such healthful offerings as low-fat milk or 100 percent fruit juice and applesauce or carrots in place of soda and french fries. Trans fats, which are used to increase the shelf-life of some foods, are especially dangerous. Disney will cut trans fats out of the theme-park meals by the end of next year.

The new meal plan comes as concerns about childhood obesity continue to grow. "It was the right thing to do," says Disney boss Robert Iger. Health officials and nutritionists praised the new plan. But many said Disney should also pull junk-food ads from its television networks, including ABC and Toon Disney.



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Disney theme parks will now offer healthier kids' meals.

WEIGHING IN ON SHAPING UP

According to the American Obesity Association, 15.3 percent of children ages 6 to 11 are obese, as are 15.5 percent of 12- to 19-year-olds. Many health experts say that popular cartoon characters are partially to blame. In a report last December, the Institute of Medicine said that television advertising has a big impact on the way kids eat. It recommended that characters be used to market more healthful foods, such as fruits and vegetables.

Disney joins Nickelodeon Networks, Kraft Foods Inc. and other food and beverage companies in recent efforts to encourage kids to make better choices. For example, Nickelodeon's SpongeBob SquarePants now appears on packages of spinach. And earlier this month, Kraft joined several snack food makers in an effort to sell more healthful treats in schools. Health officials hope that Disney's latest move will pressure the company's competitors to shape up. *— Kathryn Satterfield*

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Sweet scarecrows

These autumn treats are so adorable and easy to assemble, they won't scare anyone away. In fact, set out a batch, and your friends and family are sure to flock to them.

Ingredients:

- Cookies (ours were about 2½ inches in diameter)
- White frosting
- Assorted sugar wafers
- Candy corn
- Mini chocolate chips
- Bran cereal (we used Kellogg's All-Bran Extra Fiber)
- Chocolate sprinkles

Directions:

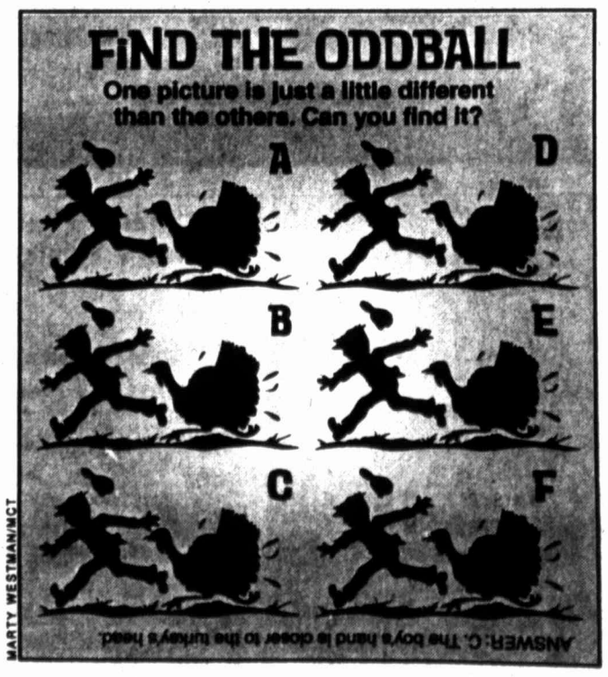
1. Frost the top of each cookie.

2. Cut a sugar wafer in half. Add a dollop of frosting to the top edge of the cookie and stick a wafer half to it for a hat top.

3. Place a whole sugar wafer just below the hat top for a brim. Use a little more frosting to decorate it with slices of candy corn or mini chocolate chips.

4. Press pieces of bran cereal "hair" into the frosting around the hat.

5. For the face, press on candy corn nose, mini chocolate chip eyes and a chocolate sprinkle stitched mouth. *— FamilyFun magazine*



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Council OKs tough anti-immigration measures

FARMERS BRANCH (AP) — Council members in this Dallas suburb unanimously approved tough new anti-immigration measures Monday evening, including one that makes English the official language.

In a series of 6-0 votes, the council members without discussion approved fines for landlords who rent to illegal immigrants, and allowed local authorities to screen suspects in police custody to see if they are in the country illegally.

The votes were made in a room in City Hall packed with people who clapped as the votes were tallied in favor of the measures. In a parking lot outside, hundreds of protesters against the rules waved American flags and recited the Pledge of Allegiance in English before the votes were taken.

The vote came up in a public meeting Monday evening after a closed meeting with the city attorney where council members discussed the legal ramifications of the proposals, intended to keep illegal immigrants away from the city.

Supporters say the ordinances are necessary because the federal government has failed to address the issue.

But critics argued the proposals could lead to sanctioned discrimination and racism.

Opinions were divided during public comments taken after the council's votes had already been cast.

Buffett wants Web site shut down

GALVESTON (AP) — Jimmy Buffet has filed a lawsuit charging that a Galveston merchant is unlawfully using Buffett's trademark to sell goods at an online store.

The lawsuit filed Monday in federal court seeks to shut down Robert Akard's Web site, http://www.underonehut.com. The suit claims the Web site falsely represents itself as "Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville Online Store for Merchandise."

A lawyer for Buffett said part of the problem is that some items on the Web site, which sells clothing and beach-themed novelties, are overpriced.

"Many of these products are ones (Akard is) not even authorized to sell, but primarily, the problem is that, in some cases, the markup on items is as high as 50 percent," lawyer Anthony Buzbee said. "Jimmy Buffett's not in business to make money, certainly not anymore, and he doesn't appreciate what this guy's been doing."

Akard's attorney, Darrell Apffel, said he would "vigorously oppose" Buffett's efforts to drive his client out of business.

He said Buffett is a financial empire trying to shut down a small business, calling the complaint "a classic case of David versus Goliath."

Akard had already modified his Web site in response to complaints from Buffett's lawyers regarding what they said were implied ties between the site and the singer, Apffel said.

"After taking these steps, in good faith, to comply with these requests, Jimmy Buffett then sought a restraining order to shut down the site, without any warning to Mr. Akard or myself, as his attorney," Apffel said.

The site remained online Monday. Apffel said neither he nor Akard had been given notice of a restraining order.

A federal judge in Nevada shut down Akard's last Web site related to Jimmy Buffett, which was called parrotsofthecaribbean.com.

Man sought in family deaths arrested in Texas

HOUSTON (AP) — Federal marshals and Houston police on Monday captured a 34-year-old man accused of killing three people and wounding another in a family argument over a grandmother's inheritance.

Felton Bernard, 34, was arrested at an apartment of a relative about 6 p.m., U.S. Marshals spokeswoman Marianne Matus said in a news release.

The shootings occurred Nov. 4 in New Orleans.

Authorities say Felton shot and killed an uncle, an aunt and her partner and seriously wounded another uncle.

Their bodies were found in their FEMA trailer.

Investigators said they believe the dispute goes back to property willed by Bernard's grandmother more than two years ago.

A marshals task force received word from New Orleans police that Bernard was in Houston.

Matus said Felton Bernard and Corey Bernard, an alleged accomplice, were arrested at the apartment and were being held at the Harris County Jail pending extradition.

Iraq panel offers hope, but unlikely to end debate on controversial war

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bitterly divided on Iraq, lawmakers in both parties are eagerly awaiting recommendations from an advisory group led by Republican and Bush family friend James A. Baker III and former Democratic Rep. Lee Hamilton.

But even if the bipartisan Iraq Study Group is able to forge a consensus on how to deal with Iraq — a prospect that remains unclear — the panel is unlikely to offer a solution so groundbreaking it will stave off a brewing partisan feud.

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., who is in line to be the chairman next year of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said Monday the Bush administration didn't see that "we're getting deeper and deeper into a hole" in Iraq.

Two options under discussion at one point by the study group — greater cooperation with Iran and Syria, and a phased withdrawal of U.S. troops — would require a major policy shift by the Bush administration.

Republicans oppose setting any type of timetable for withdrawal from Iraq, and the United States has no diplomatic ties with Iran.

The Iraq study panel, established by Congress in March, is not expected to unveil its findings until some time after Thanksgiving, if at all. According to a Democratic aide, Baker told a senator he won't issue any plan unless the group finds consensus.

That would be a tall order for a panel comprising five Democrats and five Republicans, each prominent members in their political camps and holding their own ideas on how Iraq should be settled.

Yet Baker's group has become the beacon of hope for lawmakers who want to resolve the Iraq war before the 2008 presidential elections. Polls of voters in last week's midterm elections, which returned Democrats to power in the next Congress, found a majority — about six in 10 — disapproved of the war in Iraq. Two-thirds of independent voters said they disapproved of the war.

The panel's 10 members planned to speak with British Prime Minister Tony Blair on Tuesday by teleconference from the White House.

Later Tuesday, the study group was to meet at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington with foreign policy advisers from the Clinton administration, including Sandy Berger, Clinton's national security adviser; Richard Holbrooke, former ambassador to the U.N.; and Warren Christopher, former secretary of state.

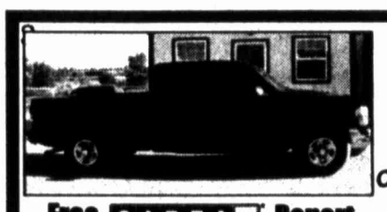
On Monday, Blair said Iran and Syria's aid should be solicited to help stem the violence in Iraq. Resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and stabilizing Lebanon also would help to unite the region behind peace, he said.

Bush's chief of staff, Josh Bolten, said the White House would consider opening talks with Syria and Iran if Baker and Hamilton recommended it.

Baker's group also has been briefed by Democrats on their plan to begin pulling out some troops right away. Levin and other Democrats agree this is a necessary first step to put political pressure on the Iraqis.

Aside from that initial step, Democrats remain divided on what should happen next, how many troops should leave and how many should stay.

Several Republicans staunchly oppose setting any timetable because they say Iraq could collapse into chaos. Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said shortly before the Nov. 7 elections that the Bush administration had led Iraq to the verge of chaos. Monday, Graham reiterated his position that more troops, not fewer troops, are needed.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6. Notre Dame
7. Rutgers
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9. LSU
10. Louisville
11. Texas
12. Wisconsin
13. Boise St.
14. Wake Forest
15. Auburn
16. Oklahoma
17. California
18. Ga. Tech
19. Va. Tech
20. Boston C.
21. Maryland
22. Tennessee.
23. BYU
24. Nebraska
25. Clemson

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IN BRIEF

Class 4A,Division II playoff schedule

EP Chapin (10-0) vs. EP Riverside (9-1), 8 p.m. Friday, El Paso's Sun Bowl Stadium.

Hereford (9-1) vs. Big Spring (3-7), 2 p.m. Saturday, Lubbock's Lowery Field.

W.F. Rider (6-4) vs. Saginaw Boswell (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Boswell.

FW Southwest (9-1) vs. Stephenville (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Saginaw.

EP Burges (4-6) vs. EP Parkland (10-0), 4 p.m. Saturday, El Paso's Sun Bowl Stadium.

Canyon Randall (4-5) vs. Wolfforth Frenship (8-2), 8p.m. Friday, Lubbock's Lowrey Field.

Wichita Falls (5-5) at NRH Birdville (8-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Birdville Stadium.

Powder Puff football fund raiser slated

The Powder Puff Football Game will be played this Thursday at 7 p.m.

Admission is $2 for students and $4 for adults.

Freshmen will face off against the sophomore class, followed by the Junior vs. Senior Championship Game.

The fund raiser is sponsored by the junior class.

All Steer fans, and parents of BSISD students are asked to come out and support the Big Spring High School fund raiser.

College football poll; voted on by AP

The Top 25 teams in the Associated Press College Football Poll. In parenthesis is the number of first place votes. Poll is based on results through Nov. 4

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3. Florida	9-1
4. USC	8-1
5. Arkansas	9-1
6. Notre Dame	9-1
7. Rutgers	9-0
8. W. Virginia	8-1
9. LSU	8-2
10. Louisville	8-1
11. Texas	**9-2**
12. Wisconsin	10-0
13. Boise St.	10-0
14. Wake Forest	10-0
15. Auburn	9-2
16. Oklahoma	**8-2**
17. California	8-2
18. Ga. Tech	8-2
19. Va. Tech	8-2
20. Boston C.	8-2
21. Maryland	8-2
22. Tennessee.	7-3
23. BYU	8-2
24. Nebraska	**8-3**
25. Clemson	8-3

Other teams receiving votes: Hawaii 39, Oregon 36, **Kansas St. 8, TCU 7, Texas A&M 6**, Georgia 3.

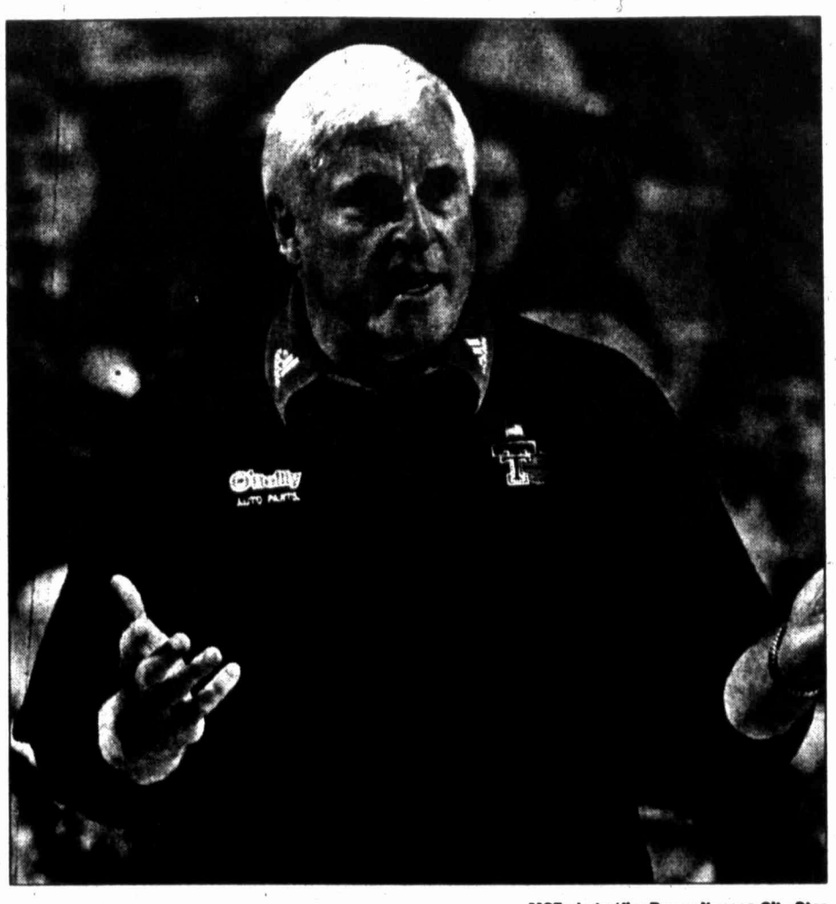
Howard Hawks start Basketball Program

Howard College is offering a basketball program for girls in the first through sixth grades.

The program is limited to the first 200 applicants and includes a season pass to all home games, a T-shirt and a courtside pizza party with the Hawks.

Date of the clinic is Nov. 18, at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

For registration information, contact Head Coach Earl Diddle at 264-5043 or assistant coach Eric Rodewald at 264-5043.



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Texas Tech head coad Bob Knight stands at mid-court while the officials discuss a call during the Big 12 semifinals. Texas Tech defeated Oklahoma, 69-63, in Missouri, on Saturday, Mar. 12, 2005. Coach Knight needs nine more wins to have the most victories in Division I history.

Bob Knight wins No. 871; Tech defeats Gardner-Webb, 86-74

LUBBOCK, (AP) — As Bob Knight moved one win closer to catching Dean Smith, his temper flared once again, when he used his hand to push a player's chin during a timeout, as if to make him look the coach in the eye.

With more than 4 minutes to go in Texas Tech's 86-74 victory over Gardner-Webb on Monday night, Red Raiders forward Michael Prince was called for a foul. During the ensuing timeout, Knight approached Prince, and as the player lowered his head, the coach made contact with his chin.

Knight gave a brief statement at the postgame news conference then answered one question before exiting the room. The incident with Prince was never addressed.

It was win No. 871 for Knight, who is five away from passing Adolph Rupp for second place on the all-time list. He needs nine more victories to surpass Smith for the most wins in Division I history.

Knight's career has featured three national championships, all at Indiana, and plenty of temper outbursts, including run-ins with players.

In 1992, Knight kicked a chair on the bench while son Pat, then a player for him at Indiana and now his assistant and successor — to — be at Texas Tech, was sitting in it. When fans behind the team bench booed, Knight turned and responded with an obscenity.

He was accused of grabbing a player by the throat during a practice in 1997, an episode that was caught on videotape

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Energy high when Wolverines, Buckeyes meet

By RUSTY MILLER
AP Sports Writer

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Archie Griffin has a guess why Michigan-Ohio State is the last game on each team's schedule.

"I knew that after some of those games I probably wouldn't be able to play the next week because the games were so physical," said the former Ohio State tailback and only two-time Heisman Trophy winner.

Another Michigan-Ohio State game arrives on Saturday. In a series where fans from the losing side walk around in a funk for days or weeks, this year's game could be particularly painful for those whose team ends up losing.

When the No. 1-ranked Buckeyes host No. 2 Michigan, all the teams are playing for is the inside track to a national championship, the top spot in the country and an outright Big Ten title — not to mention bragging rights for a whole year.

"You can feel the electricity and the energy," Ohio State coach Jim Tressel said on Monday.

Players and coaches on both sides expressed relief that the big game - anticipated for so long - was now at hand and that the teams had not had a misstep along the way.

"We've played this game now, Michigan vs. Ohio State, for 102 years," Wolverines coach Lloyd Carr said. "To have this be the first time in over a century that both teams are ranked 1-2 ... It's a dream to not only coach in this rivalry, but to be able to play in a game like this certainly is very, very special."

Ohio State offensive guard T.J. Downing is the son of Walt Downing, a Michigan All-American lineman who went on to play in the NFL. T.J. grew up a Michigan fan and used to pretend he was Wolverines scatback Tim Biakabutuka - which must have been a sight, considering Downing is now a strapping 6-foot-4 and 305 pounds.

"Obviously, we always wanted to see the Buckeyes lose," said Downing, who grew up in the football hotbed of Canton, Ohio. "It was always cool following the Wolverines. They were a huge part of my growing up. I loved the success that they had in the '90s."

Since arriving at Ohio State, however, Downing has seen the Buckeyes dominate the series by winning four of the last five meetings.

"I'm glad that I've been able to bring an end to that (Michigan) success here in the 2000s, because this is my team," he

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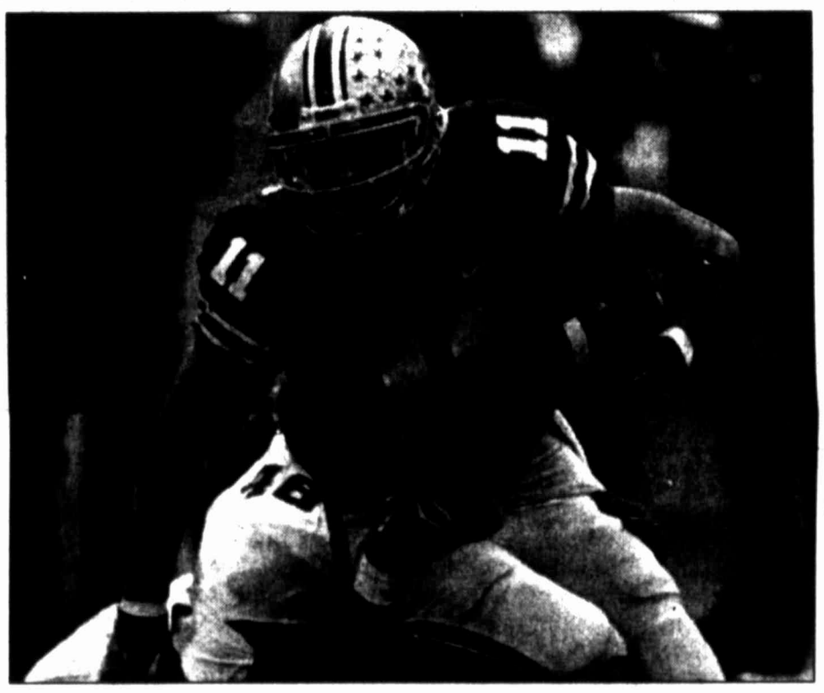

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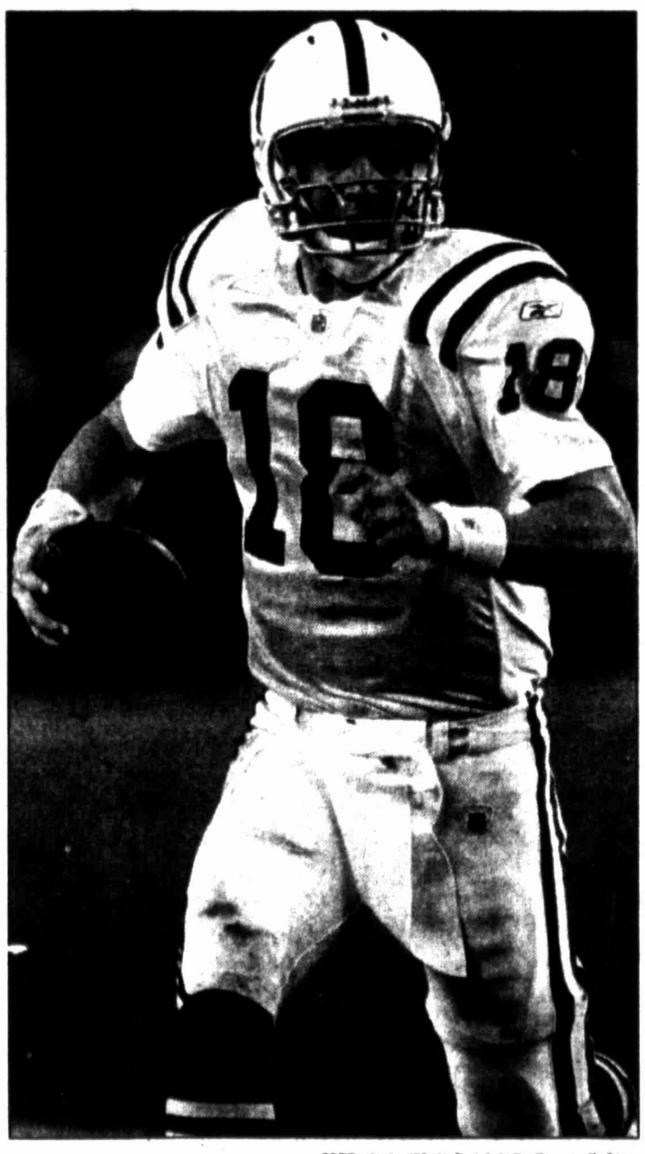
Ohio State receiver Anthony Gonzalez tries to break free from Minnesota's Mario Reese during first half action. Ohio State defeated Minnesota, 44-0, at Ohio Stadium in Ohio, Saturday, Oct. 28, 2006.



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Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning scrambles out of bounds against the New England Patriots defense in Foxboro, Mass. Monday, Nov. 7, 2005.

Quarterbacking is better in NFL; Colt's Manning is top performer

By DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

— Peyton Manning already has done enough this season to win the MVP award, unless he and the Colts stumble badly.

Or unless Philip Rivers, Steve McNair or Drew Brees repeats Sunday's performance for the next seven games. Hey, even 37-year-old Brett Favre finally had a Favre-ian game in the Metrodome, where he had been 4-10 before throwing for 347 yards and two touchdowns.

In any case, this week demonstrated again that the NFL is all about quarterbacks. It also proved that there quite a few good ones out there, including enough up-and-comers to provide an ample supply for the near future.

Exhibit A this week is Rivers, who entered this season No. 3 among the three quarterbacks taken in the first round of the 2004 draft, simply because he'd been sitting behind Brees in San Diego. Off this week's (and this season's) performance, he looks like No. 1 now, ahead of Eli Manning and Ben Roethlisberger - both as a thrower and a leader.

"As he grows as a player, he's unbelievable," Antonio Gates, the Chargers' tight end, said after Rivers, with a lot of help from the dazzling LaDainian Tomlinson, led his team from a 28-7 halftime hole to a 49-41 win in Cincinnati.

"He's doing a tremendous job leading this team. He was on the sideline saying they were going to need to score more than 28 points to beat us. What more could you ask for in a leader?"

In this case, Rivers is more relevant than the aging McNair and Favre because he's part of a very promising new generation of quarterbacks to join the guys in their prime: Peyton Manning, Tom Brady, Donovan McNabb, Matt Hasselbeck, Jake Delhomme, Marc Bulger and Brees, who was allowed to leave for New Orleans to give the youngster his shot.

You could even include the Jets' Chad Pennington, making a remarkable recovery from two rotator cuff operations.

But consider the up-and-coming generation, led this week by Rivers, who threw for 337 yards and two touchdowns in the San Diego comeback.

— Carson Palmer, Cincinnati, fourth year. Written off in this "what have you done for me lately" media environment by people who forget that 10 months ago he had the most serious of knee injuries. Sunday's stats: 31-of-42 for 440 yards and three touchdowns, making it hardly his fault the Chargers came back. OK, he was sacked and fumbled to set up one of San Diego's scores, but that's more on his banged-up offensive line than on him. He was second in the league in passer rating last season, but is only eighth this season even after Sunday's performance, primarily because the injury cost him some mobility.

— Ben Roethlisberger,

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Follow-up to banner season falls short for Roush Racing

By JENNA FRYER
AP Auto Racing Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Roush Racing was at the top of NASCAR a year ago, the most celebrated team for winning 15 races and putting all five of its cars in the Chase for the championship.

This season has been nothing short of disappointment.

Only two Roush cars made the Chase this year, and only Matt Kenseth had a realistic chance to win the Nextel Cup. But his team fell apart the moment the postseason began, and he's practically conceded the title to Jimmie Johnson as the series heads into Miami for the season finale.

And after a flurry of companywide personnel changes, Kenseth pronounced the powerful Roush organization in "somewhat of a mess."

So what went wrong so quickly for the team that didn't everything right last year? Too many things to count. When it's all added up, though, Roush Racing became a victim of its own success.

"The trick bag that you get into in this business that will teach you very quickly is, if it's not broken, don't fix it," Roush said. "We were clearly disadvantaged last year from having such a great year ... and we really didn't change much over the winter."

That initial complacency led Roush to make the first of many changes just seven races into the season, when newcomer Jamie McMurray couldn't get up to speed with the rest of the program. So Roush ousted veteran crew chief Jimmy Fennig, who had won a championship just two years earlier.

Then he replaced him with Bob Osborne, who had engineered a dream season the year before by leading Carl Edwards to a third-place finish in their inaugural Cup campaign.

Only that didn't help, either.

Not only did McMurray not improve, but Edwards' team suffered and he failed to race his way back into the Chase.

"I didn't think it could get worse, and it did," McMurray said.

Much worse, in fact.

Greg Biffle, last season's runner-up in the Chase standings, also failed to make the Chase. Edwards and Mark Martin haven't won a race all year, and no Roush team has been to Victory Lane since Kenseth's last trip at Bristol in August.

"I don't know what the heck is going on at Roush Racing," Kenseth said. "Right now, it seems in somewhat of a mess. We'll see what happens. As a group, Roush Racing hasn't been nearly as strong as it was last year."

So Roush is again trying new things, assigning Biffle a new crew chief and reuniting Edwards with Osborne (it apparently clicked, they finished fifth Sunday in their first race back together).

Roush also started a tryout process to find someone to lead McMurray's team, and he's bringing Fennig back to the Cup garage to work with 20-year-old David Ragan next season.

So will it help? Roush certainly hopes so, and figures the shake-up can only improve team unity after communication seemingly broke down this year.

"A year ago all five of our teams were carrying any idea that they had, everything they had seen on somebody else's car, every curiosity they had, they carried it into a forum where it could be analyzed by the entire group and they were absolutely unselfish to that," Roush said. "This year, as things went bad, things were a little chilly in meetings.

"We hope to get through this with keeping everybody on staff, just shuffling around to try to find chemistry interactions that will be effective and timely for what we need."

Chances are Roush will figure it out because recent NASCAR history has shown that more than ever, the sport is cyclical.

Teams that seem to be on top suddenly can't do anything right (see Ryan Newman), and teams that appear to be in disarray quickly turn it all around (see all of Richard Childress Racing).

Roush is far from the rock-bottom place that Childress was two years ago and Robert Yates Racing is now. But to avoid falling all the way down, he'll need to figure things out with McMurray's team -and quickly.

It's easy to point to the No. 26 team as a major source of the problems, because what was a winning operation the past two years with Kurt Busch behind the wheel isn't even competitive with McMurray in the driver's seat.

When that team began to struggle, it had a domino effect on the entire organization.

Yes, Roush had his issues with Busch during their time together. But the guy still won races -and the 2004 championship -and the information his team brought to the table helped everyone in the organization.

But when Busch begged out of his deal, it turned everything upside down. McMurray suddenly had to replace him instead of Martin, and Martin couldn't retire as planned because Roush was still short one driver.

So McMurray went to a team he wasn't expected to join, with a crew that wasn't meant for him. And when it didn't work, a disappointing season was set in motion.

"Kurt Busch was the catalyst to all that," said Martin, who is leaving at the end of the season. "If you scoot way back, the whole world could have been different by one decision -the whole Roush world could have been different by one decision.

"Our tools maybe haven't been quite as sharp as they were last year. The effort has been the same, and I think Roush Racing hopes that next year they'll be back with the tools as sharp as they were. But last year was a very special year for us."

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Pittsburgh, third year. Motorcycle accident, appendectomy, a league-leading 14 interceptions in his first seven games. But Willie Parker ran for 213 yards Sunday, allowing Big Ben to be as efficient in a 38-31 win over the Saints as he was in his first two seasons, including last year's Super Bowl-winning year. He threw for 264 yards with no INTs against New Orleans.

— Eli Manning, New York Giants, third year. Still inconsistent and sometimes inaccurate, as he was in Sunday night's showcase against the Bears. He'll never be his brother, and is still learning to play in his windy home stadium. But he engineered two of the better late-game comebacks of the last two seasons, against Denver (down 13 in the fourth quarter) and Philadelphia (down 17) and seems to have the knack of performing well under pressure. Still, he throws too often into double coverage and his 11 interceptions are tied for third most in the league, a bad stat on a team that runs so well

— Rex Grossman, Chicago, fourth year. Remember that because of injuries, he's started only 16 games. That makes his turnover problems at Arizona and against the Dolphins almost excusable. He was just as bad in the first half against the Giants, then outplayed Manning, albeit against an injury-ravaged New York defense. The verdict still is pending, but he doesn't have to do much on a team that is carried by its defense and special teams.

— Tony Romo, Dallas, fourth year. Yes, fourth year, even though he never got off the bench for three-plus. He's played three pretty good games, but still has to get by the "three-tape rule" - opponents with three game tapes of a new QB sometimes can find the weaknesses.

Then there are the youngsters.

Matt Leinart and Vince Young have been predictably erratic starting as rookies on bad teams.

Young was pretty impressive Sunday as Tennessee ran up a 26-7 lead before losing 27-26 to Baltimore. He demonstrated his improvisational skills when he was trapped and lateraled the ball to tight end Bo Scaife for a 13-yard touchdown. He also scrambled for 17 yards in a drive that led to what could have been a game-winning field goal by Rob Bironas, but it was blocked by the Ravens' Trevor Pryce.

Another rookie, sixth-round pick Bruce Gradkowski. Going into Monday night's game with Carolina, he had started five games for Tampa in place of the injured Chris Simms and shown enough to indicate he might be a keeper, too.

Which leads to two more young QBs.

One is Jason Campbell, who was finally chosen as Washington's starter Monday after not taking a snap in 25 games as a third stringer. With the Redskins at 3-6, it's about time, considering the team surrendered three draft picks to move into the first round and take him in 2005.

"We're going to give Jason his opportunity and see if we can be more productive and see if we can get some more answers," coach Joe Gibbs said Monday in announcing that Campbell will replace Mark Brunell this week against Tampa and Gradkowski.

The other is Jay Cutler. Quarterbacks-savvy Denver coach Mike Shanahan traded up to get him with the 11th overall pick in April's draft, right after Leinart went to Arizona. Cutler is the Rivers of this year, sitting on a good team while the other two first-rounders play on bad ones. But he might emerge as the better for it.

That is, if he continues to sit.

The Broncos are contenders despite Jake Plummer's play, not because of it. His three interceptions Sunday almost allowed dismal Oakland to beat the Broncos. Could Cutler be any worse on a team that is carried by its defense and running game?

Probably not this week or next — Denver plays San Diego and Kansas City, the teams chasing it in the AFC West, the next two Sundays and Shanahan may opt for experience.

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said. "I bleed scarlet and gray and I would die for these guys in this locker room."

Tressel was the son of Baldwin-Wallace College football coach Lee Tressel and said he always looked forward to the Michigan-Ohio State game because his father's Division III team was usually done playing and the two could finally spend some time together.

"That used to be about the first time I saw my dad in the light of day," Tressel said.

Michigan offensive lineman Jake Long said he once attended an Ohio State game at Michigan Stadium.

"I went with one of my buddies, I think it was sophomore year in high school, and he actually wore a red coat," he said. "We were getting booed at and yelled at the whole game, so that wasn't cool."

Tressel said he and his staff almost go into a coccoon this week. But he said he recently heard from a fan who was using the game as an excuse to reconnect with his son.

"It's just a tremendous feeling to be a part of something that so many people are excited about and so many people count special," Tressel stated.

"I got an e-mail from a guy who said he is flying to Las Vegas to watch the game with his son because he couldn't get tickets to the game. He is flying home that night, but he just wants to be with his son. I can relate to that and it's special."

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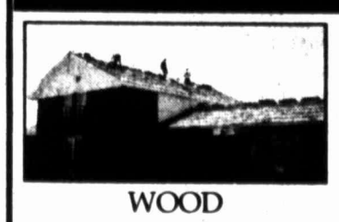
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Texas national title chase dumped by dismal defense

By JIM VERTUNO
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — Kansas State beating Texas was an upset. What it shouldn't be is a surprise.

For two months, it was easy to get caught up in the fun of watching freshman quarterback Colt McCoy lead the Longhorns back into national title contention.

But one didn't have to dig very deep to start peeling back the layers and expose a struggling defense.

Way, way, waaaaay back on Oct. 7, Texas shut out Oklahoma in the second half of a 28-10 win and the defense looked dominant.

Since then, the No. 11 Longhorns (9-2, 6-1 Big 12) have given up 300 or more yards passing in four of the last five games and 13 touchdowns through the air.

Those kind of numbers end national championship dreams. Defensive co-coordinators Gene Chizik and Duane Akina had better start working some magic to turn things around because that Big 12 title is looking pretty iffy now, too.

Remember Nebraska?

The Cornhuskers have already won the Big 12 North and were one of the first teams to expose Texas' weakness. If Texas beats Texas A&M next week, the conference title game in Kansas City on Dec. 2 would be a rematch of a 22-20 Texas win over Nebraska last month.

The Cornhuskers threw a desperation pass into the end zone on the final play. It's kind of surprising now they didn't catch it.

It would be too easy to say Texas lost at Kansas State because McCoy got hurt scoring a touchdown on the first drive. He didn't play again, leaving freshman Jevan Snead to run the offense.

Snead wasn't as sharp passing and didn't have the pocket presence McCoy has developed with experience. But this loss isn't on Snead.

Texas scored 35 points with Snead under center. The Longhorns' 42 points would have been good enough to win the previous 42 games.

In fact, the 42 points were the most Texas has ever scored in a loss.

No, this one is on a defense that couldn't rattle K-State freshman quarterback Josh Freeman, got badly burned by his wide receivers and got suckered on trick plays.

Even Aaron Ross, the defense's best and most dynamic player this season, had his worst game of the season.

Ross' individual play through the first 10 games was so good his coaches were pumping him for the Thorpe Award given to the nation's top defensive back. His highlight film this season is unmatched.

But will award voters shy away from a player in a secondary that ranks 108th nationally against the pass?

The Longhorns had made a habit out of rallying to win. Oklahoma, Nebraska and Texas Tech all were victories earned in the third and fourth quarters.

They nearly did it again. Down 42-21 in the third, Texas pulled within three points of the biggest rally in school history.

This time, they ran into a team that could keep piling on the points.

The Wildcats handled the blitzes Chizik threw at them, then torched the Longhorns with a pair of trick plays for touchdowns in the third quarter. Three touchdowns in three minutes.

"They ran two or three trick plays and some of them we were just standing there and some we weren't," coach Mack Brown said.

Actually, they weren't that tricky. A fumble-rooskie, fake punt or onside kick in the first quarter are trick plays.

K-State hit a halfback and wide receiver pass, something Nebraska and Baylor had exposed weeks earlier. The Aggies hit one against Texas last season, so the Longhorns should expect a few in the game plan next week, too.

Texas has tried to spin the trick plays and dismal pass defense as positives.

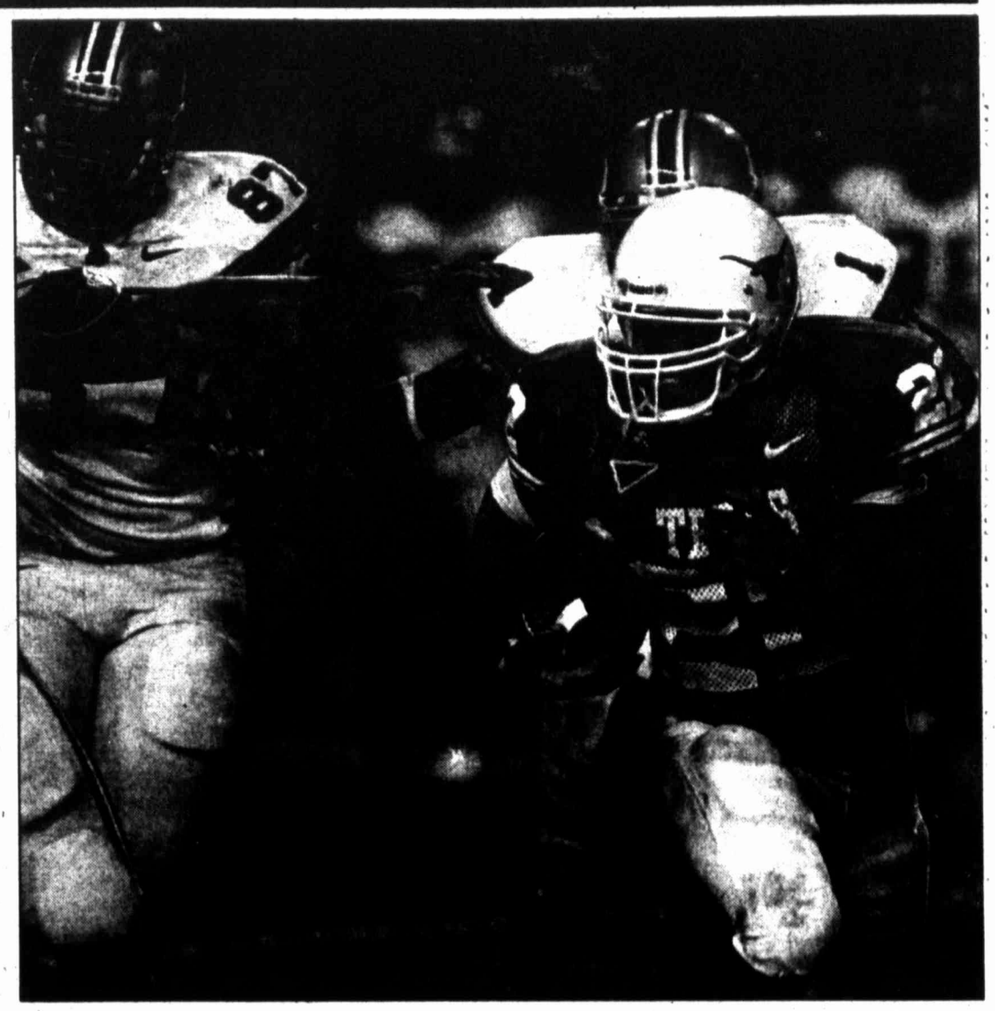
After the game, safety Michael Griffin said trick plays show respect because teams know they can't score any other way. Maybe once. But not twice on consecutive possessions.

The Longhorns also point out that teams pile up passing yards because they can't run against one of the country's top rush defenses.

You can turn that argument on its head when you consider teams don't try to run because Texas can't stop the pass.

At halftime, Brown told a television sideline reporter than Kansas State had played as well as it possibly could. It was the same thing against Texas Tech, when the Red Raiders put up 31 points by halftime.

Over the last half of the season it seems opposing QBs are having career days against the Longhorns.



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Texas' Selvin Young (22) tries to run around Ohio State defenders Lawrence Wilson (87) and Marcus Freeman (1) in the third quarter of the loss to the Buckeyes. Ohio State defeated Texas, 24-7, at Royal Memorial Stadium in Austin, Saturday, Sept. 9, 2006.

San Francisco abandons 2016 Olympic proposal

By MARCUS WOHLSEN
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SAN FRANCISCO — The Golden Gate Bridge and famed cable cars won't serve as a backdrop for the 2016 Olympics. San Francisco dropped out of the running for the Summer Games, leaving Los Angeles and Chicago as the only possible American candidates.

San Francisco abandoned its Olympic bid Monday after plans for a new bayfront stadium collapsed when the city's NFL team said it intended to move to Silicon Valley.

John York, owner of the San Francisco 49ers, told city officials last week he was breaking off negotiations for a new stadium at Candlestick Point and was considering a move to Santa Clara.

"There's been a tremendous amount of uncertainty created around the stadium process which has made our bid untenable," said Peter Ragone, spokesman for San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom.

Scott Givens, managing director and chief executive officer of the San Francisco 2016 Bid Committee, said the 49ers' decision created a "perceptual gap" that hurt the city's reputation in the eyes of the Olympic committee.

"The damage has been done and the damage can't be pulled back," he said.

The International Olympic Committee will select the host city in 2009. Madrid, Spain; New Delhi; Prague, Czech Republic; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Rome; and Tokyo are among those to have expressed interest. The Summer Olympics will be in Beijing in 2008 and London in 2012.

The 49ers said Monday they had encouraged the bid committee not to build its entire proposal around a new 49ers stadium at Candlestick Point.

Still, members of the city's Olympic organizing panel were jolted by the team's decision.

"We're numb and we're very disappointed at the recent turn of events," said Anne Cribbs, a committee member who won a swimming gold medal in the 1960 Games.

Following last week's announcement, the committee said it would try to find a new location for marquee events, including the opening and closing ceremonies and track and field competition.

But the options they considered- including modifying At&T Park, home of baseball's San Francisco Giants; expanding Kezar Stadium in Golden Gate Park; or building a new stadium at Candlestick Point without the 49ers' help- all proved unworkable, Givens said.

Another backup plan might have been the refurbishing of an aging Monster Park, the 49ers' current home. In a September letter to Newsom that was made public by the team on Monday, York said it would "seem prudent" for the bid committee to further explore the Monster Park option.

"This could provide a backup plan," York wrote.

"The bid committee showed no signs of listening to the team's repeated requests that they consider other plans," 49ers spokeswoman Katherine Madariaga said.

But city officials said the bid was a long shot at best without a new stadium.

"We, like everyone else in San Francisco, were under the impression the backup plan wasn't required," Ragone said. "We were under the impression the 49ers were committed to staying in San Francisco."

The U.S. Olympic Committee is eager to avoid a repeat of New York's failed 2012 Olympics bid. Financing for the New York stadium fell apart about a month before the final vote, and the city didn't get nearly the votes it needed to host the games.

Now, only Los Angeles or Chicago will be the American candidate if the USOC decides in December to nominate a city. The candidates must give a detailed presentation of their plan to the USOC by March 31. The USOC would choose its candidate in April.

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and created the whirlwind that eventually led to his firing from Indiana in September 2000.

Knight was fired for what Indiana officials called a violation of a zero-tolerance behavior policy shortly after he grabbed the arm of a student who greeted him on campus by saying "Hey, what's up, Knight?"

His most infamous moment came in a game against Purdue in 1985, when he threw a chair across the court after being assessed a technical foul.

Jarrius Jackson led Texas Tech with 22 points in the first-round victory over Gardner-Webb in the College Basketball Experience Classic. The Red Raiders (2-0) will play Arkansas-Little Rock, an 81-79 winner over Akron, in the second round on Tuesday night.

Texas Tech led throughout after taking a 13-0 lead. Martin Zeno had 19 points and Esmir Rizvic notched 17 in his first start for the Red Raiders. Prince, a 6-foot-7 sophomore who averaged 2.7 points per game last season, finished with two points.

Texas Tech led 34-27 at halftime, then hit 11 of its first 16 shots to open the second half, extending the lead to 61-48 with more than 9 minutes to go.

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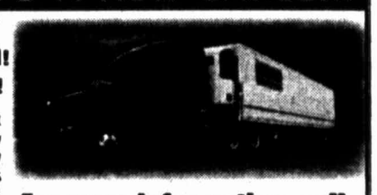
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). By thinking things should be different from what they are, you're causing yourself undue stress. It's true they should be different, though — and they will be when you focus on what's right about the situation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There's both safety and strength in numbers. The trick is getting the whole group to agree to stand for the same thing. If anyone can do this, you can. You relate to all kinds now.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're a social marvel. You manage to follow the rules and defy them all at the same time. You maintain a healthy relationship with dignity by being brave enough to look foolish.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Tumultuous feelings are brought on by a change in someone close to you. This affects your decisions, perhaps more than you should let it. Know that you're still loved. You're safe.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Yours is a solitary path now, but not a lonely one. You could have a deep conversation with yourself this afternoon. You even make plans to spend more time just you and you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Talk about your strengths to the ones who are in a position to use them. You're so productive when you know that you're filling a need. You'll soon find the perfect placement for your talent.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Contrary to what many people think, struggling isn't honorable. Today it's not necessary either. If you feel yourself exerting more energy than the situation really calls for, pull back, calm down and enjoy your own breathing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your open mind is a magnet that attracts the best for you. Fascinating info comes streaming in. Something you learn might be uncomfortable to assimilate at first, but you're better for the knowledge.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A change in your living arrangement may save you some money or improve your life in another way. Check it out, even if you don't think you're ready to move. Ideas are sparked.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's time to reckon with the dominating forces in your life. You are, after all, capable of thinking for yourself, though you may have been temporarily hoodwinked into believing otherwise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're losing weight as the stress and burdens of life get lighter. You've resolved not to take on more than your own responsibility. Why expend your precious strength holding up walls that already stand up on their own?

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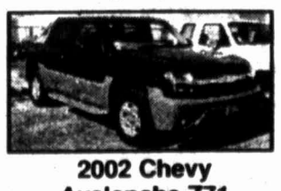

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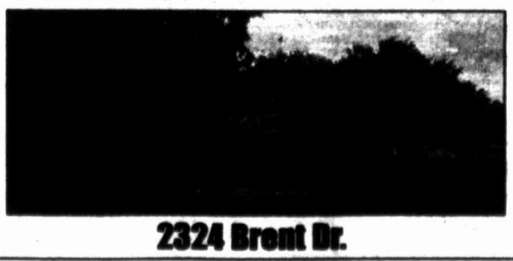

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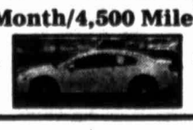

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8	:PM :30	(CC) Show Me the	(CC) Show Me the	Mundo de Fieras	House (CC)	The Unit (CC)	Amor Mio Amores	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Sex and City Sex and City	Light of the Southwest	Frontline (CC) (DVS)	Dirty Jobs: Jobs That Bite	the Sundance Kid (CC)	Movie: For Your Eyes			(CC)		College Basketball:	Eureka (CC)
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"Is this YOU? Gee, Grandma, what happened?"

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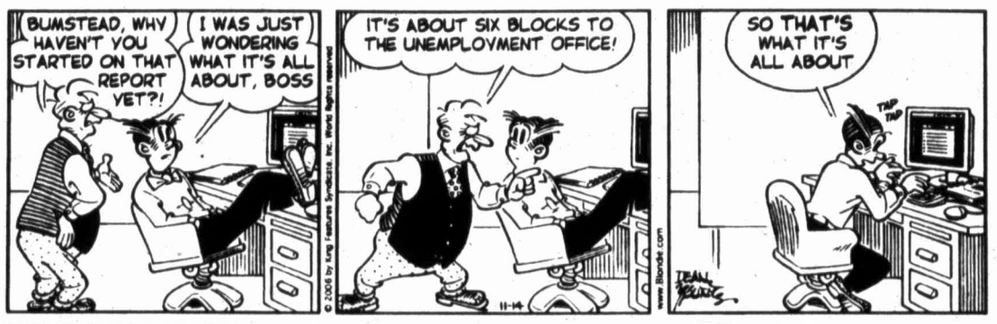

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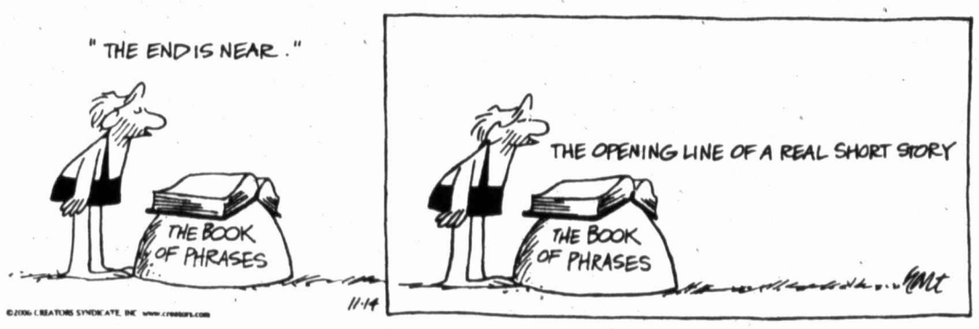

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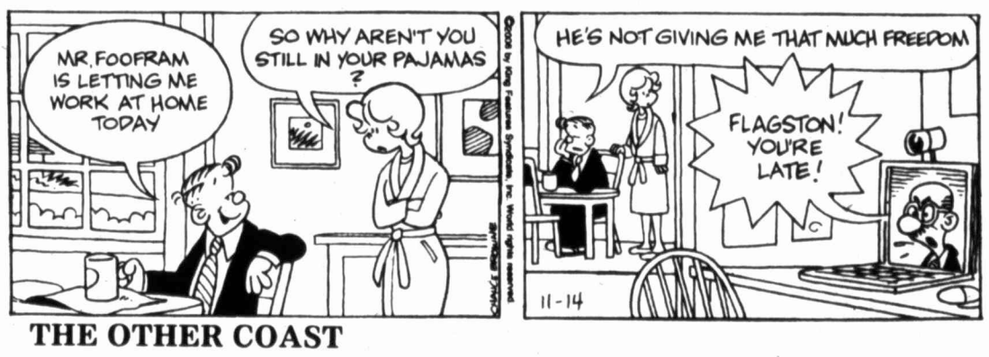

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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 14, the 318th day of 2006. There are 47 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 14, 1889, inspired by Jules Verne, New York World reporter Nellie Bly (Elizabeth Cochrane) set out to travel around the world in less than 80 days. (She made the trip in 72 days.)

On this date:

In 1851, Herman Melville's novel "Moby-Dick" was first published.

In 1881, Charles J. Guiteau went on trial for assassinating President Garfield. (Guiteau was convicted and hanged the following year.)

In 1906, 100 years ago, actress and dancer Louise Brooks was born in Cherryvale, Kan.

In 1935, President Roosevelt proclaimed the Philippine Islands a free commonwealth.

In 1940, during World War II, German planes destroyed most of the English town of Coventry.

In 1943, Leonard Bernstein, the 25-year-old assistant conductor of the New York Philharmonic, made his debut with the orchestra as he filled in for the ailing Bruno Walter during a nationally broadcast concert.

In 1969, Apollo 12 blasted off for the moon.

In 1972, the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed above 1,000 for the first time, ending the day at 1,003.16.

In 1986, the Securities and Exchange Commission imposed a record $100 million penalty against insider-trader Ivan F. Boesky and barred him from working again in the securities industry.

Today's Birthdays: Former U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali is 84. Actress Kathleen Hughes is 78. Jazz musician Ellis Marsalis is 72. Blues singer Carey Bell is 70. Writer P.J. O'Rourke is 59. Zydeco singer-musician Buckwheat Zydeco is 59. Britain's Prince Charles is 58. Actor Robert Ginty is 58. Rock singer-musician James Young (Styx) is 57. Singer Stephen Bishop is 55. Pianist Yanni is 52. Actor D.B. Sweeney is 45. Rapper Reverend Run (Run-DMC) is 42. Actor Patrick Warburton is 42. Rock musician Nic Dalton (The Lemonheads) is 42. Pop singer Jeanette Jurado (Expose) is 41. Actor Josh Duhamel is 35. Rock musician Travis Barker is 31. Contemporary Christian musician Robby Shaffer is 31. Rapper Shyheim is 29.

Thought for Today: "The happiest women, like the happiest nations, have no history." — George Eliot, English author (1819-1880).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

ON THE SET by Sally R. Stein
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ACROSS
1 Blackjack player's demand
6 Twangy sounding
11 Sweet potato
14 Hoops star Shaquille
15 Puccini genre
16 Have to pay
17 Unrealistic hope
20 Fried-rice add-in
21 Salespeople, for short
22 Walk though a puddle
23 Hit, as a fly
25 Environmental sci.
27 Get sustenance from
30 Misfortunes
31 Stew cooker
34 Knight's suit
35 Region
36 Office note
37 Winter garb
40 Unable to decide
41 Highest cards
42 What a bloodhound follows
43 Shrewd
44 Took advantage of
45 Thinly distributed
46 Aardvark's meal
47 Repair
48 Curly-tailed dog
51 Onion covering
53 Tax expert: Abbr.
57 Competitive eater's asset
60 Era
61 France's capital, humorously
62 Shrink back
63 Golf platform
64 Less outgoing
65 Language of ancient Rome

DOWN
1 ER locale
2 Enthusiastic about
3 Sign of sorrow
4 Offers at a discount
5 Overhead trains
6 Nine-performer work
7 Each
8 Ridiculous
9 "__ you sleeping?"
10 Cowboy ropes
11 Toy on a string
12 Amazes
13 Netting material
18 Where Tehran is
19 Kay follower
24 Eroded
26 Cat's weapon
27 Trivia answers
28 Actor Flynn
29 Abrasive substance
30 Annoyed
31 Wane, with "out"
32 Signs of the future
33 Rich cake
35 Supplementary part
36 Hawaiian nut
38 Toward sunrise
39 Sports cable network
44 Opens, as a ski jacket
45 Shipped away
46 Legal advisor: Abbr.
47 Skinflint
48 "Get away!"
49 Book leaf
50 "Understood!"
52 Shin neighbor
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55 301, to Caesar
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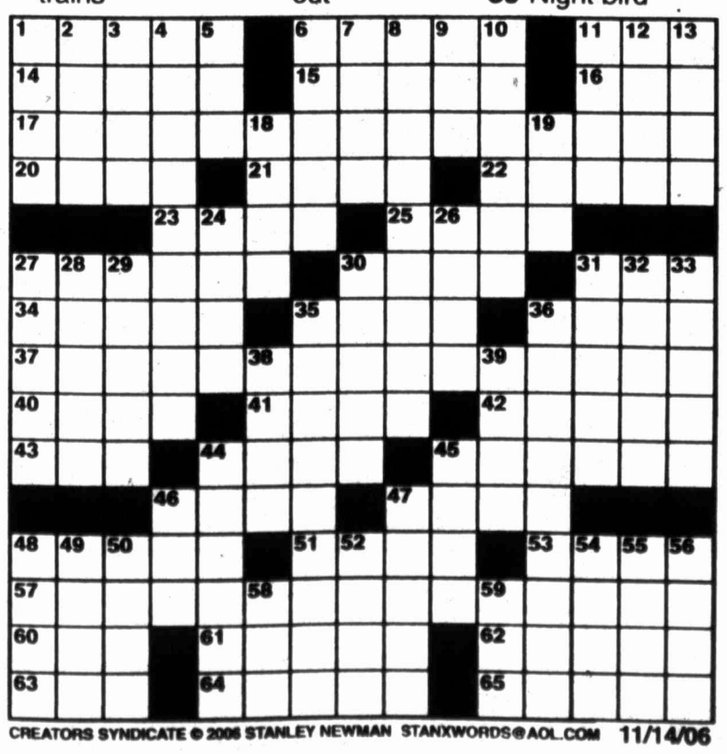
58 College cheer
59 Night bird



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Counc Settles

By THOMAS JEN
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Bids and a ments will take stage during Th meeting of the Bi City Council, as t is expected to loo on the Settles H consider advertis full-time city atto

The council request bids on toric Settles Hot a special mee October, opening for would-be and renovators.

Mayor Russ said the counci pared to award sale during the but that certainl mean it's going pen.

"Right now w had any bids su said McEwen afternoon. "How request for bid end until the e

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By STEVE REAG
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — hasn't quite p reality of renov struction pro Coahoma scho beginning to set

School trustee first steps towa struction plans

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