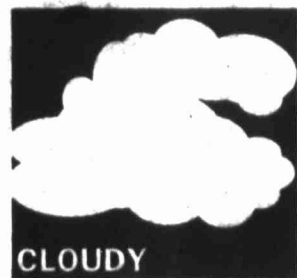


ELECTION DAY

November 7, 2000

WEATHER

Tonight:



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TONIGHT WEDNESDAY
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a new concert
season Saturday

The four-concert season of the Big Spring Symphony begins Saturday with a performance that will include the Big Spring Symphony Chorus and Big Spring High School Meistersingers.

The symphony will be conducted by Rob Hunt of Midland.

Ticket information is available by calling the Big Spring Symphony Association and Guild office, 264-7223.

Women vets
to be honored
here Thursday

Women Veterans Day is planned for Thursday from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 810 Scurry.

Programs are planned to honor and aid women who served in the armed forces.

There will be an opportunity to register in the women's primary care clinic, and information about the rights of veterans.

For information or to register, call Linda Zeigler at the Big Spring VA Medical Center, 264-4830.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ VFW Post No. 2013, VFW Hall, 7 p.m., 500 driver road.

□ Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, call Terry Hansen 264-5175.

□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park, call 398-5522 or 267-1628.

□ Eagles Lodge Ladies, 7 p.m. Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

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Election polls open until 7 p.m.

HERALD Staff Report

Wind, cold and rain weren't keeping potential voters from calling the Howard County clerk's office this morning to make sure where they needed to go to cast a ballot.

Election polls are open until 7 p.m. today across Howard County.

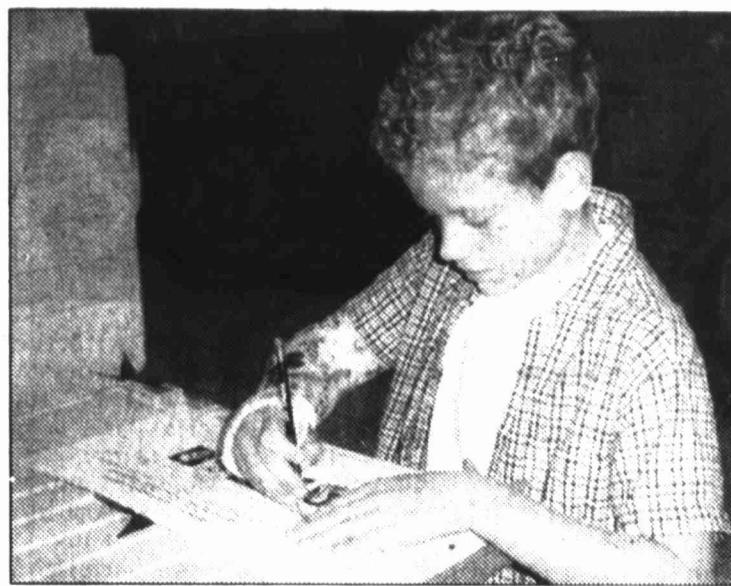
Residents should check their voter registration card for the precinct number and match it to the following list to determine where they vote.

For city residents, only the first three numbers of the four-number code are used.

101, 106, 109-112: Northside Fire Station, 100 NE Eighth, Big Spring
102, 107-108: Anderson Kindergarten Center, 229 Airbase Road, Big Spring
103: Wesley Yater residence, N. Service Road I-20, West of KC Steakhouse, Big Spring
104: Prairie View Baptist Church, 100 W. FM 2230
105: Knott Fire Station, 7310 W. FM 846, Knott
202, 204: Washington Place School, 1201 S. Birdwell, Big Spring
203: Goliad Middle School, 2000 Goliad, Big Spring
205: Kentwood Older Activity Center, 2805 Lynn

St., Big Spring
207: Coahoma Community Center, 300 N. Ave., Coahoma
208: Forsan School, Forsan
301-302, 306: 18th & Main Fire Station, 18th & Main, Big Spring
303, 305: Wasson Road Fire Station, 1701 Wasson Road, Big Spring
304: Elbow School, CR. 818 & Nichols Road
401-402, 410: Big Spring High School Library, 707 11th Place, Big Spring
403: 11th & Birdwell Fire Station, Corner of 11th Place and Birdwell, Big

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Nine-year-old Kentwood Elementary student Cameron Hughey ponders the choices before "voting" in the presidential election. The students held the mock election this morning.

Salvation Army's mission: helping others

Editor's note: The following article is one in a series of articles on the agencies supported by the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

By CARL GRAHAM

Staff Writer

The Salvation Army has one mission — to help others.

While many people think of the Salvation Army as a social service organization that makes Christmas a little brighter for those in need, it has a mission that lasts the year round.

To complete that mission, the Salvation Army relies on a number of sources, including the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

Maj. Ron Alexander said without the United Way's help each year, programs would have to curtailed considerably.

"We are certainly appreciative of the United Way and the help they give us," said Alexander. "Without them, our services would not be as effective as they are."

Our annual Thanksgiving dinner and other projects throughout the year would be affected considerably without their help and we appreciate everything they do for us."

Red Cross of Southwest is nation's largest chapter

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Being the largest American Red Cross chapter in the United States, the American Red Cross of Southwest Texas responds to disaster victims in a 26-county area.

"The primary function for the Red Cross is to assist families effected by disasters," said Janet



Maj. Ron Alexander looks over some of the dolls in the Salvation Army's annual Doll Festival — just one of numerous projects and programs the organization conducts each year to help the needy.

Along with food from its pantry, the Salvation Army provides rental and utility assistance, temporary and emergency housing, clothing, GED classes and job referrals. It provides fans

for hot summer days and heaters for cold winter nights.

Youth programs through the Salvation Army offer weekly activities and a summer camp. Then there

are the Ladies Home League and League of Mercy, which work within the community to provide assistance to those in need.

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Cross, executive director of the chapter.

According to Cross, \$8,000 from the United Way of Big Spring is donated to the American Red Cross to help the agency fund food, clothing and shelter for disaster victims.

The agency also helps in home repairs and purchasing some household furniture for disaster victims.

Last year, Red Cross assisted 149 families in the

26-county area and spent \$78,000.

"We are the largest chapter in the United States," Cross said. "We cover 43,000 square feet in West Texas. Disasters range from floods, hail storms, windstorms or tornadoes."

Currently, the Red Cross is responding to a flood disaster in five counties — Midland, Ector, Dawson, Martin and Pecos — due to damage from thunder-

storms, she said.

"We had some houses that had two to four feet of standing water," she said.

According to Cross, the agency is a volunteer-led organization with 350 volunteers in its 26-county area, including 21 in Howard County.

"We responded to Howard County residents last year for several single-family

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Good
will

College plans
activities to
help celebrate
the holidays

By MARSHA JONES

Herald Correspondent

Howard College celebrated the holidays with a variety of activities for students

and the community, including a comedy show, Homecoming 2000, music recitals, the 22nd annual Luminaria and a community Christmas play.

"We enjoy bringing these events to the Howard County community, as well as to our students in Big Spring. This is the season of good will, and Howard College welcomes the opportunity to celebrate," said Dr. Cheryl Sparks, president of Howard College.

This week, Dave Rudolph, a nationally recognized comedian, will perform in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum East Room on Tuesday. His comedy, known as silly songs for silly children and their silly parents, has been nominated 12 times for College Entertainer of the Year.

Rudolph has also recorded for Disney and has appeared on the television show Bozo the Clown as well as on HBO. The children's show begins at 6:30 p.m., and an adult show has been scheduled for 8:30 p.m. Both shows are free and

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Union Pacific safety train
will stop here Wednesday

By CARL GRAHAM

Staff Writer

In an effort to promote railroad crossing safety, Union Pacific Railroad will be operating a special five-car passenger train during a five-day, 600-mile, West Texas Highway-Railroad Grade Crossing Safety Tour that will pass through Big Spring on Wednesday.

The tour began in Fort Worth Monday and will wrap up in El Paso on Friday.

Highway-railroad grade crossing safety presentations will be given to hundreds of students, law enforcement officers and community leaders along the tour route.

The Union Pacific cam-

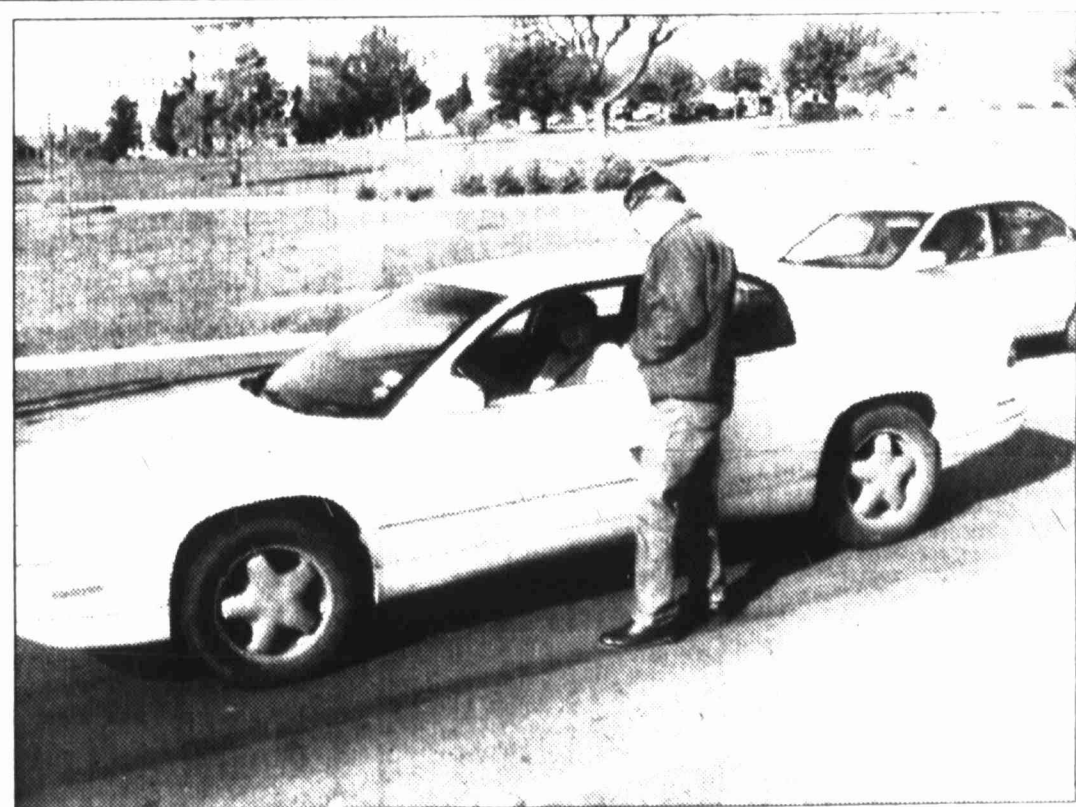
paign is a continuation of its efforts to promote driver safety near railroad tracks, officials said.

Car and train accidents have occurred in several West Texas towns, including several in Midland, of which a number were at intersections without protective crossing gates.

The train arrive in Big Spring at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday at the depot, 111 East First Street, and will depart about 1 p.m.

Some 200 Big Spring residents will board the train for a short trip to Midland. Tickets for the train ride are no longer available, city officials said.

The train is scheduled to arrive in Midland around 2 p.m. at the intersection of Carver and Front streets.



Stuart Anderson, a member of the Big Spring Disabled Veterans, Chapter 47, gets a donation from Amy Laughlin in the annual Veterans Day poppy sales. Veterans Day is Saturday.

Texans cheering Bush on at ballot box

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas voters lined up at polling places Tuesday, some in hopes of launching the state's governor into the White House, and election officials expected higher than average turnout figures.

With Gov. George W. Bush atop the ballot in his run for president, many Texas voters are energized despite few major statewide races.

In one snow-veiled Panhandle precinct, voters queued up at a motor home which was provided as an alternative polling place after election officials sought an alternative to an unheated grain elevator. A local business provided the needed shelter, with wind chills in the single digits, according to the Amarillo Globe-News.

As many as 80,000 Corpus Christi area residents could cast ballots in the general election — a record if early voting trends hold up, Nueces County Clerk Ernest Briones told the Corpus

Christi Caller-Times in Tuesday's editions.

"It has all the makings of one," said Briones. "It is a very close race and people are reacting to it."

In West Texas, one resident of Bush's home town is spurring residents to make some noise for their native son.

"Let's raise a racket and let the world know we're proud of George," Scott Long of Midland said, suggesting honking car horns and blinking lights once the election is called — if Bush is the winner.

Like him or not, Bush is motivating Texas voters to get to the polls, and officials say this year's turnout is impressive.

"I think that we are going to have a near record or record turnout in Texas," said Jane Dees, spokeswoman for the Texas Secretary of State's Office, which oversees elections.

Secretary of State Elton Bomer is predicting about 7.5 million Texans, or 61 percent of Texas' 12.3 mil-

Tiny New Hampshire towns cast first ballots in election

HART'S LOCATION, N.H. (AP) — George W. Bush has his first win — already.

While most Americans were sleeping, the few dozen voters in two tiny New Hampshire mountain hamlets cast the nation's first votes early Tuesday. They chose the Texas governor over Democrat Al Gore.

In Hart's Location, the vote was Bush 17, Gore 13 and 1 write-in for Jeffrey Peters, a perennial presidential candidate from nearby Jackson. Hart's Location has 33 registered

voters. Fifty miles to the north, all 27 registered voters in Dixville Notch went to the polls shortly after midnight. The vote tally there was Bush 21, Gore 5, and Nader 1.

By state law, polls must be open between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., but nothing prevents a town from opening the polls earlier.

Hart's Location began doing just that in 1948 because nearly everyone in town worked for the railroad and many had to be at work before normal voting hours.

Friday. It's almost certain that Bush, the Texas governor since 1995 and the Republican presidential nominee, will win the state's 32 electoral votes in his race against Vice President Al Gore.

Goodyear critics claim 'silent recall' occurring

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. has been quietly offering free replacements for thousands of tires in a practice known as a "silent recall," the Los Angeles Times reported Tuesday.

Goodyear acknowledged last month that tread separation involving its 16-inch Load Range E light-truck tires has been linked to 120 injuries and 15 deaths. Company officials have said a recall wasn't necessary because it found no defects in the tires.

The Times, citing unidentified sources, said Goodyear has received more than 3,000 claims since 1995 about its light-truck tires. Most of those claims have been settled, with consumers receiving replacement tires and reimbursements for vehicle damage.

Goodyear denied conducting a silent recall and

claims it is providing "customer satisfaction" replacements on a case-by-case basis, the newspaper reported.

Safety advocates and lawyers believe the Akron, Ohio-based tire maker is placing thousands of drivers and passengers at risk by not declaring a full public recall, the newspaper said.

The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration said Monday it was expanding its inquiry into the fatal accidents involving Goodyear's light-truck tires.

In August, Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. voluntarily recalled 6.5 million ATX, ATX II and Wilderness AT tires, most of which were standard equipment on the Ford Explorer. The NHTSA is investigating 3,500 complaints and 119 traffic deaths in connection with those tires.

Drug stores move to remove cold, diet drugs after FDA warning

WASHINGTON (AP) — A number of major drug store chains are pulling dozens of over-the-counter cold remedies and diet pills from their shelves after the government warned that an ingredient could cause hemorrhagic strokes, especially in young women.

The Food and Drug Administration issued an unusually strong warning Monday, telling Americans to immediately quit using drugs containing phenylpropanolamine, or PPA, which is found Dexamtrim,

Tavist-D and dozens of other over-the-counter medicines. The agency, which intends to ban the ingredient, asked manufacturers voluntarily to stop selling PPA-containing drugs immediately and to replace the ingredient with a safer alternative.

Rite Aid, with 3,800 drug stores in 30 states and the District of Columbia, soon will begin posting warning signs and removing products with PPA, spokeswoman Jody Cook said.

"We would advise our customers to check with the

pharmacist about the alternatives," she said.

CVS Pharmacy, which has 4,100 stores, and Walgreen Co., with 3,200 stores, made similar announcements.

Dr. Charles Ganley, the FDA's nonprescription drugs chief, said buyers should be alert for PPA in the ingredient list of non-prescription cold relievers — both brand names and generic or store brands — and instead choose decongestant pills with the safe alternative pseudoephedrine or use nasal

sprays.

Over-the-counter alternatives do not exist for diet pills, however, so dieters will have to consult doctors about prescription-only alternatives, Ganley said.

Whitehall-Robins Healthcare quit shipping PPA-containing Dimetapp on Monday.

New liquid Dimetapp formulas lacking PPA will head for store shelves next week, with pill versions to follow. Also, some stores are selling PPA-containing versions of its Robitussin-CF

product, and some are selling a new non-PPA formula, in boxes flagged with a yellow band.

SmithKline Beecham Consumer Healthcare said people should not use its PPA-containing Contac 12-hour Cold Capsules, but five other Contac versions contain the safe pseudoephedrine.

Even though manufacturers learned three weeks ago that the FDA was preparing to act, when the agency's scientific advisers declared PPA unsafe, many scram-

bled Monday to decide what to do.

Top-selling manufacturers that refused to reveal their plans include Novartis Corp., maker of PPA-containing Triaminic and Tavist-D; Bayer Corp., maker of Alka-Seltzer Plus cold medicines; and Chattem Inc., maker of Dexamtrim diet pills.

About 6 billion doses of PPA are sold in this country each year, mostly without prescriptions. There are a few PPA-containing prescription decongestants.

High court will view compliance costs for EPA clean-air rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nationwide clean-air standards are at stake in a major environmental case that asks the Supreme Court whether the government must consider compliance costs — and not just health benefits — in setting air-quality limits.

Industry groups are asking the justices to rule that the Environmental Protection Agency must weigh the cost of reducing harmful emissions against the benefits of improved air quality. The Clinton administration argues that the EPA is not supposed to consider costs in setting the national air-quality standard. The government wants the justices to reverse a lower court ruling that said the EPA went too far in adopting tougher clean-air standards in 1997.

The case has "profound implications for the health of the American public," government lawyers said in court papers. "Congress did not intend EPA to base (air-quality standards) on consideration of any effects except those posed by the presence of the pollutant."

Lawyers for the American Trucking Associations, U.S. Chamber of Commerce and other businesses contend the government must "engage in a commonsense weighing of benefits and costs" in setting the nationwide standard.

After hearing arguments today, the justices are expected to issue a ruling by July that could have a major impact on clean-air rules and possibly on regulatory actions by other federal agencies.

The Clean Air Act requires the EPA to adopt national air-quality standards to "protect the public health." The agency is to use criteria that "accurately reflect the latest scientific knowledge" for identifying pollution's effects on health.

In 1997, the EPA adopted air standards that imposed new limits on soot and ozone. They were challenged by industry groups, and a federal appeals court in Washington blocked the EPA from enforcing the rules in May 1999.

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15		LIMIT: You may enter only once weekly	
14		DEADLINE: 2 P.M. FRIDAY	
13		TIEBREAKER 1 ☐ Total points scored (both teams) in COWBOYS game.	
12		TIEBREAKER 2 ☐ Total offensive yards (both teams) in this game.	
11		THIS WEEK'S GAMES	
10		Arizona at Minnesota	
9		Atlanta at Detroit	
8		Baltimore at Tennessee	
7		Cincinnati at Dallas	
6		Green Bay at Tampa Bay	
5		Kansas City at San Francisco	
4		Miami at San Diego	
3		New England at Cleveland	
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		St. Louis at NY Giants	
		Seattle at Jacksonville	
		NY Jets at Indianapolis	
		Oakland at Denver	
		Oklahoma at Texas A&M	
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POWER POINTS OFFICIAL RULES

- Object of the game is to amass as many of the 136 possible points as you can. Simply review the week's schedule of games, listed on entry form, and decide which game you are SUREST of picking a winner in. Write the name of your projected winner on the 16-point line. If that team wins its game that week, you win 16 points. Write the name of your second-surest winner on the 15-point line, and so on down to the 1-point line, which game you figure to be a toss-up. Next, fill in Tiebreaker 1, the total points scored by both teams in the week's designated game. If this step fails to produce a winner, the judges will apply Tiebreaker 2, total offensive yardage from scrimmage in this game. If a winner still doesn't emerge, a drawing will be held among those contestants still tied. Decisions of the judges are final. The weekly statewide winner of the contest will receive \$1,000.
- Any entry form that does not contain a legible name, address, etc., will be disqualified.
- Entries that fail to forecast a winner from each and every game will be disqualified, as will entries that fail to distinguish between the Jets and Giants of New York and other similar teams.
- No points are awarded on tie games or in case any game is not played for any reason during its scheduled week.
- Entering POWER POINTS constitutes permission by contestant for his or her name and photograph to be used for news and reasonable promotional purposes at no charge.
- Employees of this newspaper and their immediate families are ineligible to participate.
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- Weekly deadline for entry will be 2 p.m. Fridays except when noted otherwise on weekly entry form.
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- Limit one entry per person per week. Each entry must represent the original work of one entrant, "group" entries, "systems" or other attempts to enter multiple entries will be disqualified. Filing out extra forms and putting your friends' and relatives' names on them violates this rule. Any such entries are destroyed prior to grading.
- Contestants must have reached the age of eight (8) years by the Sunday of any week's play.

EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

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OUR VIEWS

One great gift costs us nothing

It's an interesting fact that at this time of year a lot of us volunteer our time, buy an extra bag of canned food or donate that old coat to help others that we have never met. Perhaps it is the spirit of the holidays that motivates us. Maybe it is because we can imagine the twinkle in some child's eyes, or the smile on some elderly person's face that we helped put there because of our kindness.

That willingness to help others, to give even if it sometimes means making sacrifices ourselves, is very rewarding. The thoughts of children opening gifts we have supplied, the idea of helping serve a warm meal to a family that might otherwise go hungry, makes us feel good. And it should.

But let's think about this a minute. Let's think about another gift, one much more important than toys or full stomachs.

We've all had a loved one who has been badly injured in an accident or had to have some type of major surgery. It was crucial that a supply of blood was available to meet their needs, wasn't it?

Across this nation, our state, here in the Crossroads Area, situations develop where people we don't know, people we have never met — families nonetheless, just like ours — have a loved one who needs blood. Without it, the chances of their loved one surviving might be bleak.

Why is it then, that we are far less prone to give blood than we are to wrap a gift for a child or an elderly person we don't know at all? Blood is a gift that costs us nothing — a little of our time, maybe, nothing else.

Somewhere this holiday season, there will be a person who needs your help. That person's life may hang in the balance. Without blood, he or she might not be around to take part in fundraisers, food drives, or even enjoy the simple but so important love that a family's presence can mean.

This Friday, from 1 until 4 p.m., the Big Spring Herald will sponsor a blood drive at its offices, 710 Scurry. Donors are encouraged to make an appointment by calling Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 238; however, walk-ins are also encouraged. This holiday season, we encourage you to reach out to others. Volunteer where you can. Ring a bell for charity. Wrap an extra gift for a child. Set aside a can of vegetables or a sack of flour for the food pantry.

But don't forget the simplest of gifts — the gift of life. Please, consider giving blood.

How To CONTACT Us

In order that we might better serve your needs, we offer several ways in which you may contact us:

- In person at 710 Scurry St.
- By telephone at 263-7331
- By fax at 264-7205
- By e-mail at either bsherald@xroadstx.com or jwalker@xroadstx.com.
- By mail at P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721

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Letters should be submitted to Editor, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721.

Colonel touts Bush's leadership abilities

Thought you might like to read what George W. Bush's flight instructor thinks of him. Retired U.S. Air Force Col. Thomas G. Lockhart expressed himself in a letter posted on a veterans-for-Bush Internet site.



CHARLEY REESE

He declined to get into any kind of comparison game and then wrote: "I can, however, give you some personal observations upon which I base my opinion of Governor Bush."

George W. Bush arrived at Moody AFB, Georgia, for undergraduate pilot training in 1968 as a member of the Texas Air National Guard. I was assigned as one of his instructor pilots. The atmosphere at this training base was somber and dead serious, as the student pilots were all either going to Vietnam or subject to being called up

for combat duty as a member of a guard or reserve unit.

"George W. Bush put himself totally into the task of becoming the best aviator in the class. His unit flew Century Series jet fighters, which required the best pilots. There was no room for error as these airplanes were unforgiving and the price for a mistake was often the pilot's life."

"George W. Bush appeared to have that fighter-pilot attitude from our first meeting. ... He was extremely competitive and eager to learn everything about his machine and the enemy's tactics. He was quick to pick up the flying skills necessary to maneuver an aircraft into a position to shoot down an enemy aircraft."

"Being a fighter pilot is truly like being a modern-day gladiator. When two jet fighters meet in combat, there is usually only one survivor. The traits which, I believe, made George W. Bush a good fighter pilot and would also make a good president are: leadership, stamina, sincerity and integrity. My personal bot-

tom line used to be, 'Would you follow this person into combat?' Well, I'm a bit old now for combat, but I respect George W. Bush's leadership abilities, and I would follow him anywhere."

I would rather have the endorsement of a combat veteran than of Whoopi Goldberg or Alec Baldwin. By the way, Baldwin, an obnoxious brat in a man's body, has threatened to leave the country if George W. is elected. There's another good reason to vote for Bush.

I'd also like to clear up some confusion: People who in those days joined the Guard or Reserve were not draft dodgers. Every male had a six-year military obligation that the government allowed you to meet with any combination of active and reserve duty. Once you raised your hand to join a Guard or Reserve unit, your destiny was out of your control. If the Pentagon decided to activate your unit, you went active duty, and there was no choice in the matter. These men were not evading military service. They

were doing their duty in an honorable manner that least disrupted their private lives.

Draft dodgers, like Bill Clinton, never served one day and evaded their military obligation entirely.

The American military is fast approaching a crisis situation. The Washington Times recently reported that large numbers of lieutenant colonels and colonels are declining offers of command.

This is unheard of, as command is a prize every professional in the officer corps seeks. In addition, far too many men in the middle ranks are resigning their commissions. People in close touch with friends still on active duty say that if Al Gore is elected, there will be huge numbers of young officers resigning their commissions.

They are fed up with cutbacks, with shortages of ammunition and spare parts, and with ridiculous deployments on peacekeeping missions. They need a commander in chief like Bush whom they will follow anywhere.



Government's role inflated

By JOHN CUNIFF
AP Business Analyst

After a year of listening to candidates, it may dismay many people to learn that government didn't create the boom or the budget surplus and had less to do with containing inflation than claimed.

Its policies perhaps laid some of the groundwork for events and then aided and abetted the expansion, but to take full credit would mean ignoring the enormous contributions of the private sector.

Those contributions are so myriad as to be incalculable, but include the spirit of consumers, the effort of immigrants, the discipline of labor, the new skills of corporate management, the daring of entrepreneurs, the creative efforts of educational institutions, and the genius and persistence of thinkers and tinkers.

Government, broadly viewed, failed to comprehend the size of budget surpluses, was greatly surprised to realize the jobless rate could fall under 5 percent, and failed for several years to comprehend the enormous impact of technology in raising the level of productivity.

This isn't to say government didn't do its part, but it is very likely that over the past year of political claims and promises, the government's role in the expansion, versus that of the people themselves, became vastly inflated.

Historians now are looking for the key factor, but the odds are far more in favor of finding a dozen or more keys, each unlocking a different factor, making the challenge one of finding how they unlocked together.

Awaiting that synthesis, the various reasons may all seem to have some credibility.

Some even seek the explanation in the deregulation of certain industries, which of course means that government's role shrank.

Others who have studied the phenomenon of the 1990s trace it all the way back to World War II, and even extend it beyond to the deprivations of the Great Depression of the 1930s.

From these events, they say, emerged the great baby boom, in which government, of course, was only indirectly involved. Making up for lost time, parents in the 1950s created families and sought oppor-

tunities, and the effect can be traced through every economic spasm since then. Government's role was to nurture the natural events, and to its credit, it did so. Educational opportunities and other benefits flowed: The number of students rose to record numbers, creating a new educated class that vowed not to submit to the economic travails of their parents.

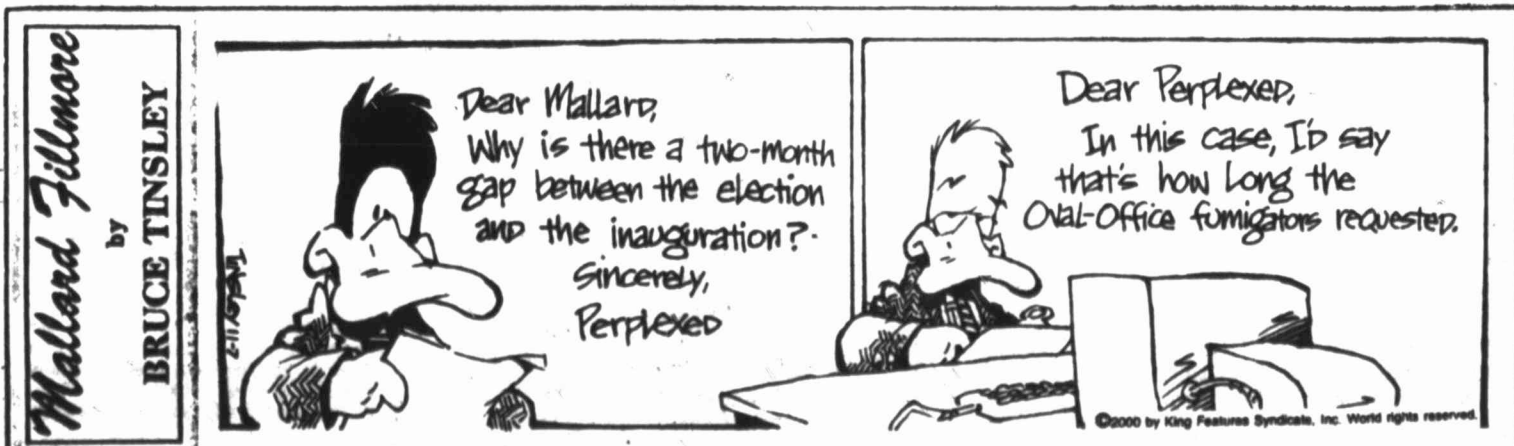
That's one way to search for the origins of the economic boom of the past decade, but only one. Republicans sometimes claim it all goes back to the Reagan tax cuts. And Democrats contend that their social policies gave Americans the security they needed to take chances.

But the belief that the determination and commitment that emerged after World War II had a great deal to do with it is supported by some very credible evidence: It's their kids who are the technological brainpower in the vast entrepreneurial and corporate effort that produced the productivity gains that deflated inflation and raised incomes.

In short, it was you and your neighbors, the people of America.

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2. Kaycee, Wyo., \$76,845
3. Garrett, Belle Fourche, S.C., \$76,845
4. Jeff Redfield, Kan., \$76,845
5. Darren Clarke, Wyo., \$76,845
6. Kelly Bellevue, Idaho, \$76,845
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6. Eagle Butte, S.D. \$76,867
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1. Charmayne, Tex., \$97,016
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5. Gid Calhoun, Ga., \$97,016
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1. Tyler Fowlie, \$80,107
2. St. Weatherford, Ok. \$68,158
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Bareback Riding

1. James Boudreaux, Cuero, Tex., \$76,845. 2. Larry Sandvick, Kaycee, Wyo., \$74,956. 3. Marvin Garrett, Belle Fourche, S.D., \$72,610. 4. Jeffrey Collins, Redfield, Kan., \$72,382. 5. Darren Clarke, Weatherford, Tex., \$70,626. 6. Kelly Wardell, Bellevue, Idaho, \$65,217. 7. Mark Garrett, Nisland, S.D., \$60,057. 8. Sean Culver, Grandview, Wash., \$59,470. 9. William Pittman II, Florence, Miss., \$58,708. 10. Lan Lajeunesse, Morgan, Utah, \$57,479.

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Calf Roping

1. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Tex., \$129,516. 2. Blair Burk, Durant, Okla., \$126,777. 3. Brent Lewis, Pinon, N.M., \$88,658. 4. Ty Hays, Weatherford, Okla., \$84,555. 5. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Tex., \$75,462. 6. Mike Johnson, Henryetta, Okla., \$71,919. 7. Herbert Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., \$71,578. 8. Clay Cerny, Eagle Lake, Tex., \$68,538. 9. Cody Ohi, Orchard, Tex., \$66,039. 10. Justin Maass, Giddings, Tex., \$65,524.

Team Roping (Healers)

1. Speed Williams, Jacksonville, Fla., \$110,626. 2. Wade Wheatley, Hughson, Calif., \$61,131. 3. Kevin Stewart, Glen Rose, Tex., \$60,574. 4. Matt Tyler, Weatherford, Tex., \$59,911. 5. Charles Pogue, Ringling, Okla., \$59,508. 6. Daniel Green, Oakdale, Calif., \$58,573. 7. Steve Purcell, Hereford, Tex., \$56,420. 8. Jason Stewart, Royal City, Wash., \$52,180. 9. Bobby Hurley, Ceres, Calif., \$48,408. 10. Tee Woolman, Llano, Tex., \$47,108.

Team Roping (Healers)

1. Rich Skelton, Llano, Tex., \$110,626. 2. Kyle Lockett, Ivanhoe, Calif., \$63,031. 3. Martin Lucero, Stephenville, Tex., \$60,574. 4. Britt Bockius, Claremore, Okla., \$60,356. 5. Clay O'Brien Cooper, Glen Rose, Tex., \$59,811. 6. Kory Koontz, Sudan, Tex., \$55,572. 7. Monty Joe Petska, Turlock, Calif., \$52,240. 8. Allen Bach, Valley Home, Calif., \$48,307. 9. Tyler Magnus, Llano, Tex., \$45,823. 10. John Paul Lucero, Villanueva, N.M., \$45,123.

Barrel Racing

1. Charmayne James, Gustine, Tex., \$97,016. 2. Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz., \$85,482. 3. Kelly Yates, Pueblo, Colo., \$71,703. 4. Kristie Peterson, Elbert, Colo., \$67,494. 5. Gloria Freeman, Calhoun, Ga., \$61,242. 6. Tona Wright, Moriarty, N.M., \$54,526. 7. Kay Blandford, Lathrop, Ore., \$53,984. 8. Sherry Lynn Adams, Marshall, Tex., \$52,572. 9. Kappy Allen, Austin, Tex., \$50,101. 10. Rachael Myllmaki-Sproul, \$47,979.

Bull Riding

1. Tyler Fowler, Theodore, Ala., \$80,107. 2. Shane Drury, Weatherford, Okla., \$71,751. 3. Jesse Ball, Camp Crook, S.D., \$68,158. 4. Danell Tipton, Spencer, Okla., \$65,846. 5. Dan Wolfe, Redmond, Ore., \$64,916. 6. Rob Bell, Water Valley, Alberta, \$63,008. 7. Fred Boettcher, Potter, Wis., \$61,855. 8. Gregory Tomer, Whitt, Tex., \$62,668. 9. Philip Elkins, Keller, Tex., \$62,240. 10. Kagan Sirett, Bozeman, Mont., \$61,322.

Steer Roping (final/official)

1. Guy Allen, Livingston, N.M., \$98,578. 2. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Tex., \$45,849. 3. Buster Record Jr., Buffalo, Okla., \$38,790. 4. Rocky Patterson, Pratt, Kan., \$38,167. 5. Tee Woolman, Llano, Tex., \$37,933. 6. Jim Davis, Abilene, Tex., \$36,793. 7. Rod Hartness, Pawhuska, Okla., \$35,469. 8. Kelly Casebolt, Newkirk, Okla., \$33,083. 9. Cody Ohi, Orchard, Tex., \$29,957. 10. Todd Casebolt, Ryan, Okla., \$28,789.

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Freeman's catch lifts Pack past Minnesota 26-20 in overtime

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Mitch Berger's ball was all wet, and Brett Favre's was dry enough when it finally got to Antonio Freeman for one of the most spectacular touchdowns in NFL history.

That was the difference in Green Bay's 26-20 overtime victory over the Minnesota Vikings on a cold, wet and windy Monday night at Lambeau Field.

The Vikings (7-2) botched a 33-yard field goal on the last play of the fourth quarter when Mitch Palmer's

poor snap slipped out of Berger's hands.

"The ball was soaking wet," Berger said. "We asked for a dry ball, but didn't get one."

Favre did. After the Packers won the coin toss and reached the Minnesota 43, center Frank Winters asked for a drier ball on third-and-4.

When the officials obliged, Favre changed the call from a short crossing route to a long "slant-and-go."

That led to one of the most

thrilling finishes in the history of Monday Night Football.

"Had it not been for the wet ball (being replaced), we probably would have stuck with the slant," Favre said.

After sending a drenched football to the sideline, Favre launched a deep pass to Freeman, who slipped on the wet grass as cornerback Chris Dishman deflected the ball at the 20.

The ball bounced off the back of Freeman's left shoulder as he rolled over,

and he tipped it into his chest with his right hand before it could hit the ground.

Freeman grabbed the ball, jumped up, juked safety Robert Griffith and rumbled into the end zone.

"Who says football is all skill?" Freeman said. It was the first time the Packers (4-5) had the lead against the stunned Vikings, who lost their second straight.

"I wouldn't call it a miracle. I'd call it a happy

moment," Packers coach Mike Sherman said.

Safety Darren Sharper, who intercepted two passes, said nothing came close to comparing with this.

"I've seen a lot of endings, but nothing can really measure up to that," he said.

Despite five turnovers to none for Green Bay and 11 penalties for 129 yards, the Vikings were in position to win it on Gary Anderson's 33-yard field-goal attempt in a driving rain on the final play of regulation.



Big Spring junior Kyland Wegner goes down after receiving a pass from quarterback Jason Choate during last Friday's loss to Snyder. The Steers face Frenship in a 7:30 game Friday at Memorial Stadium with playoff seedings on the line.

No. 1 hoops pick goes to Arizona

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Coaches often deflect talk of No. 1 rankings, especially in the preseason.

Arizona's Lute Olson and his players haven't been shying away from being widely considered the country's best team. And on Monday, they edged Duke for the top spot in the Associated Press' preseason college basketball poll.

"I think people have to be confident in their capabilities. They have high expectations, the staff has high expectations and the community has high expectations. But I think we should have high expectations," Olson said. "But we also have to understand there has to be a strong focus and a willingness to work hard for that to happen."

Arizona has all five starters back from a team that was a top seed in the NCAA tournament — the sophomore backcourt of Jason Gardner and Gilbert Arenas, junior forwards Richard Jefferson and Michael Wright and senior center Loren Woods, who missed the end of last season with a back injury and has been impressive in returning from offseason surgery.

"We've got everything," Gardner said. "We've got an inside game. We've got an outside game. We've got quickness. We've got strength. It's going to be hard for anybody to match up with us."

Olson puts this team at the top of his others at this stage in his 17 seasons at Arizona.

"This one has fewer question marks than probably any team that we've had," he said.

The Wildcats, preseason No. 1 in 1997 after they won the national championship, had a sizable lead in first-place votes from the national media panel, but finished with just four more points than Duke.

Arizona, which finished 25-7 last season after losing to Wisconsin in the second round of the NCAA tournament, had 37 first-place votes and 1,753 points.

Duke, which has four starters back from the team that was No. 1 in the final poll and lost in the round of

16, was No. 1 on 27 ballots, and its 1,749 points were 260 more than the defending national champion.

Michigan State, which lost three starters from the team that won it all, received five first-place votes and was just two points in front of Stanford.

Maryland received the other first-place vote and was followed in the Top Ten by North Carolina, Kansas, Illinois, Tennessee and Seton Hall.

Florida, which lost to Michigan State in the championship game, was 11th, followed by No. 12 Kentucky, No. 13 Utah, No. 14 Connecticut and Arkansas and Notre Dame, which were tied for 15th.

UCLA was 17th and was followed by Cincinnati, Wisconsin, Wake Forest, DePaul, Oklahoma, Southern California, Virginia and Iowa State.

Last year's preseason No. 1 was Connecticut, while eventual champion Michigan State was third in the opening poll. The only teams to be ranked in the Top Ten all last season were Arizona, which got as high as No. 2, and Cincinnati, which was No. 1 for 12 weeks.

Arizona continues the longest run of Top 25 appearances, having been in each one since the preseason vote of 1995-96, 90 consecutive polls. Stanford and Duke are tied for second at 73, a run that started with the preseason poll of 1996-97.

Four of the schools in the preseason poll weren't ranked at any point last season.

Arkansas and Wisconsin were both in the Top 25 during the 1998-99 season, while Virginia was last ranked on Dec. 2, 1996.

Notre Dame was out of the rankings the longest. The last time the Fighting Irish were in the Top 25 was the first regular-season poll of 1989-90.

The big conferences dominated the voting, with eight leagues supplying all 25 teams. Six conferences had at least three teams each with the Atlantic Coast Conference's five — Duke, Maryland, North Carolina, Wake Forest and Virginia — leading the way.

Prosecutors must tell why blacks are excluded from Carruth jury

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — A judge ruled Monday that prosecutors in the Rae Carruth murder trial must explain why they are excluding blacks as jurors.

"The court wants rebuttal evidence from the state," Superior Court Judge Charles Lamm said after defense attorney David Rudolf renewed his claim that the jury selection process has been biased against blacks, particularly black men.

Rudolf objected after lead prosecutor Gentry Caudill used the state's 12th pre-emptory challenge to excuse a middle-aged black man who works as a detention officer in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

No new jury members were selected Monday. So far, 11 jurors have been selected; one more juror and

four alternates must be seated before testimony can begin.

Carruth, 26, a former wide receiver for the Carolina Panthers, is charged with first-degree murder in the death of Cherica Adams, 24. She was eight months pregnant with his child when she was shot Nov. 16 as she sat in her car. She died a month later, but the baby boy survived.

If convicted, Carruth, who is charged with masterminding a plot to kill Adams, faces life in prison or the death penalty.

Rudolf said prosecutors have challenged eight of the 11 blacks in the jury pool who said they could impose the death penalty. Four of those eight are men.

Of the 11 jurors already chosen, eight are white and three are black women.

Sasaki named AL Rookie of the Year

SEATTLE (AP) — Kazuhiro Sasaki's forkball dazzled American League hitters. It also caught the attention of the Rookie of the Year voters.

After helping pitch Seattle within two victories of what would have been the city's first World Series, the Mariners' closer became the second-oldest winner of the award in baseball history.

The 32-year-old Sasaki went from Yokohama of Japan's Central League to become the AL Rookie of the Year in voting by the Baseball Writers Association of America. The award was announced Monday.

The only older player than Sasaki to win a rookie award was former Negro leagues star Sam Jethroe, who was 33 days older in 1950 when he won the NL

honor playing for the Boston Braves.

With 37 saves in 40 chances, Sasaki was a key player in the Mariners' third postseason appearance in six seasons. The right-hander helped the Mariners beat the Chicago White Sox in their AL division series and go to six games in the ALCS against the Yankees.

Sasaki's outstanding season for Seattle proved to be another shot in the arm for Japan's baseball reputation. Japan's Hideo Nomo was the NL Rookie of the Year for the Dodgers in 1995.

"America is definitely higher," Sasaki said of the level of play. "The level in Japan is coming along."

Sasaki took a gamble after pitching 10 seasons in Yokohama, where he was a six-year All-Star and his nation's career saves leader.

He decided to see if he was good enough to pitch effectively in the majors and signed as a free agent with the Mariners in December.

Sasaki was more than effective, principally because of his forkball.

"I'm very confident if it drops, it won't get hit," Sasaki said during the season.

Sasaki did not expect to win because he didn't think enough of the voters would recognize him as a rookie.

Instead, he overwhelmingly finished first in the voting, ahead of outfielders Terrence Long of Oakland and Mark Quinn of KC.

Sasaki, who received 17 first-place votes, five seconds and four thirds for 104 points, was in Fukuoka, Japan, with a major league All-Star team, when he learned the news.

Defending hoops champion UConn unanimous women's preseason pick

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

UConn was unanimous at No. 1 Tuesday in the Associated Press women's basketball poll, the third time since 1995 the Huskies have started the season on top.

The defending national champions, ranked No. 1 from beginning to end last season, return all five starters and all but two reserves from a 36-1 team that romped through the NCAA tournament, winning every game by at least 15 points.

Two years ago, when the Huskies were No. 1 for seven weeks, coach Geno Auriemma said his players weren't ready for the pressure that followed. Now, he said, they thrive on it.

"I think if we weren't preseason No. 1 and people didn't expect us to win the whole thing, our kids would be disappointed," Auriemma said. "That's just the way they feel."

Connecticut's power-packed lineup includes two first-team All-Americans from last season, Shea Ralph and Svetlana Abrosimova. The supporting cast is deep and talented, and Auriemma brought in a top-notch recruiting class headed by Naismith player of the year Diana

Taurasi.

Last season, the Huskies had an average victory margin of nearly 31 points and overwhelmed Tennessee 71-52 in the national championship game. Only a one-point loss to Tennessee on Feb. 2 kept UConn from being undefeated.

"I think there's a feeling that hey, that was last year's team, this is last year's team," Auriemma said, "and we're going to be even better than we were last year."

Connecticut received all 42 first-place votes from the national media panel and had 1,050 points. Tennessee, which also returns its entire starting lineup, was a solid No. 2 with 1,002 points — 48 more than No. 3 Georgia, which has 'wins Kelly and Coco Miller for one more season.

Georgia and Connecticut meet Sunday in the Tip-Off Classic at Hartford.

Tennessee, 33-4 last season, will rely on its senior trio of Tamika Catchings, Semeka Randall and Kristen Clement. Catchings was the national player of the year.

Purdue, the 1999 national champion, was fourth, Duke was fifth, Notre Dame sixth, LSU seventh and Rutgers, coming off its first NCAA Final Four appearance, is eighth. Louisiana Tech and

Iowa State complete the Top Ten.

At No. 11, Stanford is the highest-ranked team that did not appear in the final poll last season. Old Dominion was 12th and Penn State 13th, followed by Oklahoma, Virginia, Texas Tech, Mississippi State, Wisconsin, North Carolina State and Vanderbilt.

The final five were Southwest Missouri State, North Carolina, Oregon, Auburn and UC Santa Barbara.

Wisconsin, Vanderbilt, Southwest Missouri State and North Carolina also were not in the final poll last season. Vanderbilt and Southwest Missouri State were not ranked at all during the season.

Vanderbilt was last ranked the week of Nov. 30, 1999. Southwest Missouri State last appeared in the poll the week of Feb. 17, 1998.

Among the conferences, the Southeastern leads with six teams in the Top 25 — Tennessee, Georgia, LSU, Mississippi State, Vanderbilt and Auburn.

The Atlantic Coast Conference has Duke, Virginia, North Carolina State and North Carolina. The Big East, Big Ten and Big 12 each has three ranked teams.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wednesday, Nov. 8:

Focus on the quality of your personal and professional lives. Try to eliminate problems in your day-to-day life. Work on efficiency. Work on clear communication. Structure more of what you like into your day-to-day life. By assuming responsibility for your life, you can also change its direction. If you are single, romance blooms, but you might not want to make a live-in situation out of your bond this year.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**** Keep communication flowing, even if you are wondering where another is coming from. You will learn, if you keep talking. Tension surrounds a project and a friendship. Make strong decisions. A partner could be difficult and testy. Tonight: Do your thing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Assume a low profile. A partner or associate could be having difficulty with pressure. Stay on target and maintain understanding. Meanwhile, you do need to follow your instincts financially. It might not be important for another to understand you right now. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** Be positive and forthright. Pitch in with a friend and don't undermine a situation. Reach out for someone at a distance. Carefully check out an idea. Not everyone needs to agree with you. A trusted friend does a great job of playing devil's advocate. Review a decision. Tonight: Where your friends are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** All eyes turn to you. You have many ideas that you don't often share. Your instincts help with a professional concern. You find answers where others don't. Reorganize your work to be more efficient. Tonight: In the limelight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** Do needed research, which includes making calls and seeking out experts, if need be. You gain through your contacts and affable manner. An associate, though confusing an issue, does indirectly help out. Use care with family and building foundations. Step back from a reactive person. Tonight: Escape to a good movie.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** One-on-one relating takes you to a new level. Understand more of what

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motivates a key partner. A misunderstanding with a co-worker could be a problem. Try to maintain communication. Express your concerns. A boss sides with you. Tonight: Talk turkey with a loved one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Someone has a nice way of expressing himself. Be sensitive to what another suggests, even if you disagree. Financial risk-taking proves to be difficult and most disconcerting in the long run. Reach out for another at a distance for advice. Try another style of communication with a loved one. Tonight: Say yes to a loved one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Pace yourself and stay even. A loved one tests your limits. You need to keep expressing what is on your mind. One-on-one relating brings greater financial security. Listen to the advice of a proven associate. You might want to reorganize your finances. Tonight: Work late.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Your fiery nature encourages another to speak out. Do nothing halfway. Visualize what you want. Another might be unusually difficult or touchy. You also might be misreading this person's behavior. You want answers. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** Friends and money do not mix well. You might learn this the hard way. Carefully rethink a decision. You might not see eye to eye with a friend right now. Make it OK to have different ideas. Your strength lies in your work. Focus on what is positive. Tonight: Mosey on home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** Keep talking, even though a boss could be upset by something you do or do not do. Maintain humor with others. Another might be having a difficult time counting on you; this could be a problem. Discuss communication and what you expect from each other. Tonight: Continue to clear the air.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** Deal with finances. You could be stunned when you see recent trends. Do needed research, but don't back down when you feel you are right. Your insights could make all the difference to another. A boss comes through for you. Your work provides answers. Tonight: Clear out stress.

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Heart patient wants good life more than a long life

DEAR ABBY: I'm in my 50s, have a serious heart condition - I almost died twice - and am living on borrowed time. My doctors know it, my family knows it, and I know it. We have talked about it, as well as my living will and organ donation. We have also discussed at length the QUALITY of life, as opposed to QUANTITY of life.

Some well-meaning people, out of a mistaken sense of kindness, would like me to do nothing but vegetate. I remind them I am still alive and able to do quite a few things. Perhaps vegetating would extend my life, but what would the "cost" be? Right now I can travel, do most of my own housework, putter in the flower garden and help my husband. While I cannot lift my grandchild or run in the yard with her, I can read to her and help her

with the dishes. It is demoralizing when people refuse to listen as I try to explain quality vs. quantity of life. I know they want me to be cautious because they fear losing me. I am afraid much of the time, and am in no hurry to "meet my Maker," but when that day does come, I'll die knowing I made the best of the most precious gift there is - life.

Abby, please ask your readers to encourage and help those with limitations to live life to the fullest. And urge your readers who are blessed with good health not to waste it, but to use this gift of life for the good of all. - LIVING LIFE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR LIVING LIFE: I'm pleased to pass along your message. Our time on Earth is not infinite; therefore, our days should be spent the way we invest our money - wisely.

You're a pragmatic woman. I admire your determination to suck as much of the juice out of the fruit of life as you can. Bon appetit!

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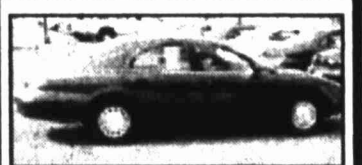
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7:30 PM	"	Election Returns (CC)	Nova (CC)	Freaks and Geeks (CC)	Election Returns (CC)	Returns (CC)	Returns (CC)	NBA Basketball: Lakers vs. Bulls	Mujeres Enganadas	(CC)	Movie: Ultimate	Movie: Lethal Weapon (CC)	Movie: Dick (CC)		Light of the Southwest	Biography (CC)	On the Inside	Movie: Vegas Vacation	Trauma: Life in the ER										
8:30 PM	"	"	"	Freaks and Geeks (CC)	"	"	"	York Knicks at Milwaukee	Laboratorio de Pasion	Movie: Mom's Got a Dilemma	Movie: Betrayal (CC)	"	Extras	Movie: Three to Tango	"	American Justice (CC)	New Detectives	"	Science of Sex										
9:30 PM	Election Returns (CC)	"	Election Returns (CC)	Early Edition	Election Returns (CC)	Election Returns (CC)	Election Returns (CC)	Bucks Inside NBA	Noche de Elecciones	Dale With a Vampire	Championship Rodeo	Movie: Election (CC)	Beggars and Choosers	Men of Honor	Hour of Healing	Investigative Reports (CC)	FBI Files	Bull (CC)	Human Sexes										
10:30 PM	News (CC) Nightline	Election Returns (CC)	"	700 Club (CC)	News (35) Election	News (35) Election	News Election	Movie: Boyz n the Hood	P. Impacto Noche de Elecciones	Daimelton Jack Jackson	Marital Law (CC)	(45) Movie:	Movie: The Last Debate	Curb-Entham G-String Band	News Dr. Massey	Law & Order (CC)	Justice Files	ER (CC)	Trauma: Life in the ER										
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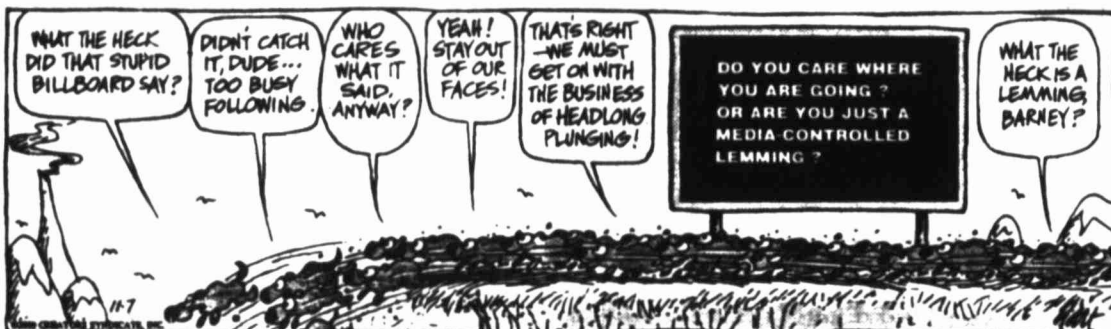
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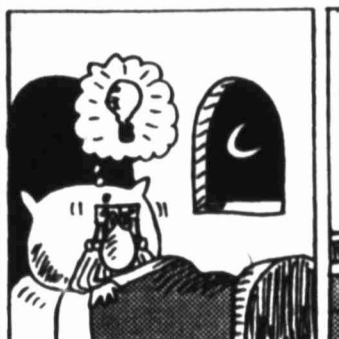
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THIS DATE
IN HISTORY

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Today is Tuesday, Nov. 7, the 312th day of 2000. There are 54 days left in the year. This is Election Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 7, 1917, Russia's Bolshevik Revolution took place as forces led by Vladimir Ilyich Lenin overthrew the provisional government of Alexander Kerensky.

On this date: In 1893, the state of Colorado granted its women the right to vote.

In 1916, Republican Jeannette Rankin of Montana became the first woman elected to Congress.

In 1929, the Museum of Modern Art in New York

City opened to the public.

In 1940, the middle section of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge in Washington state collapsed during a windstorm.

In 1944, President Franklin Roosevelt won an unprecedented fourth term in office, defeating Thomas E. Dewey.

In 1962, Richard M. Nixon, having lost California's gubernatorial race, held what he called his "last press conference," telling reporters, "You won't have Nixon to kick around anymore."

In 1972, President Nixon was re-elected in a landslide over Democrat George McGovern.

In 1973, Congress overrode President Nixon's veto of the War Powers Act, which limits a chief executive's power to wage war without congressional approval.

In 1980, actor Steve McQueen died in Juarez, Mexico, at age 50.

In 1989, L. Douglas Wilder won the governor's race in Virginia, becoming the first elected black governor in U.S. history; David N. Dinkins was elected New York City's first black mayor.

Ten years ago: In some of her strongest remarks during the Persian Gulf crisis, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher warned Iraqi President Saddam Hussein that time was "running out" for a peaceful solution.

Today's Birthdays: Evangelist Billy Graham is 82. Opera singer Dame Joan Sutherland is 74. Singer Mary Travers is 63. Actor Barry Newman is 62. Singer Johnny Rivers is 58. Singer-songwriter Joni Mitchell is 57. Singer Nick Gilder is 49.

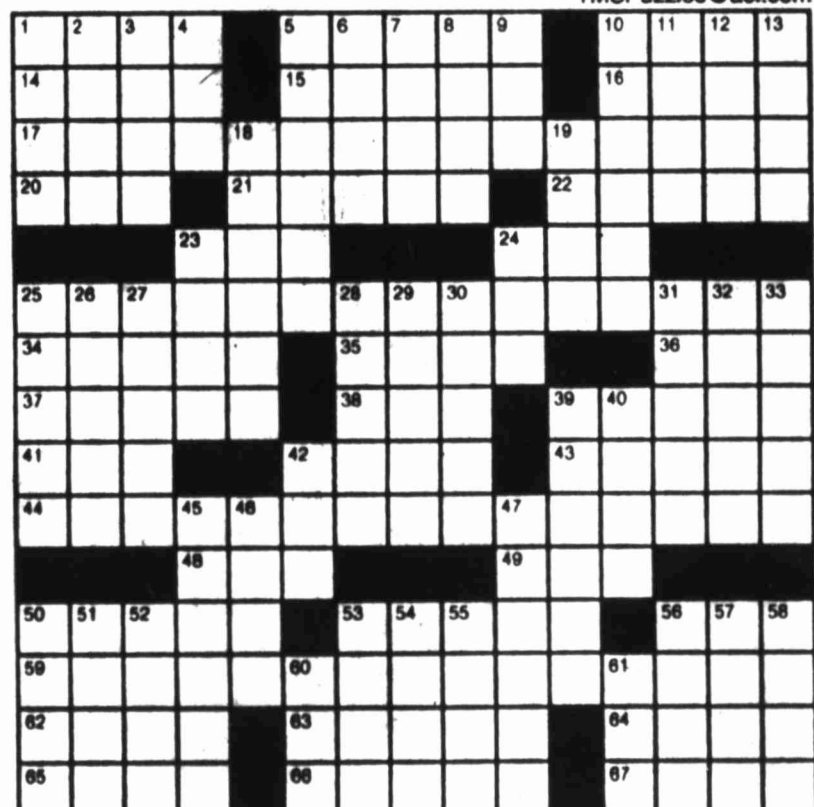
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Monday's Puzzle Solved



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