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Tonight:



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Herald will help deliver Santa letters

Santa and his elves have switched into high gear to get all the toys ready for the annual midnight ride Christmas Eve.

In order to help the jolly old elf with his orders for all the good girls and boys the Herald will be accepting letters from area school children to forward to the North Pole.

The deadline is Dec. 2 and the letters can be sent to the Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721-1431, or email them to johnmoseley@bigspringherald.com. Of course they can be dropped off at the Herald at 710 Scurry.

WEEKEND TICKET

TODAY

□ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

SATURDAY

□ Howard County Scottish Rite Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 21st and Lancaster. Breakfast served.

□ Living Christmas Tree music rehearsals, 2 p.m. for children, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. adults, First United Methodist Church. Call the church at 267-6394 for more information.

□ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

□ The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens are encouraged.

□ Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

□ Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. for meal and meeting to follow, Goliad and First St.

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Leonids meteor shower to occur early Sunday morning

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

Have you ever seen the sky when it looks like the stars have come to life?

Big Spring's Bill Birrell has, and he hopes to see it again in the pre-dawn darkness this Sunday morning.

"It was just amazing. They were just pouring out," he said. "Everyone expected to see an occasional shooting



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star but they were just pouring out."

Birrell described a experience he had in November 1966 viewing the annual Leonid meteor shower.

"I read in Smithsonian magazine where they said the greatest show in 100 years would happen that night," he said. "I took my boys up on Scenic Mountain. After watching an occasional shooting star and listening to a Fort Worth radio station that said only car lights were being observed, after midnight, disappointed, I brought my boys home and we went to bed."

The next morning another radio announcer got Birrell to take another look, he said.

"I heard radio announcer Daddy Don Brooks say 'The sky is going crazy,'" he said. "I ran outside to see the meteors pouring out of the east. Some were red, some green, some meandered, others sped across the sky, some exploded."

It was a sight Birrell will never forget, he said.

The Leonids meteor storm happens every year when the Earth passes through the tail of a decaying comet. Debris from the comet is sucked into the planet's

gravity field and falls burning through the atmosphere.

The Leonids are usually fairly tame, but every 33 years or so Earth passes through the densest part of the comet's tail and the meteors fall like rain in a West Texas thunderstorm.

Birrell's 1966 experience was the last dense Leonid storm, and that was 35 years ago. Astronomers are predicting that this year's annual light show is due to be a blockbuster.

Unfortunately, Meteorologist Robert Boyd of the National Weather Service in Midland said that the weather might not coop-

erate for viewing the storm. Although the weekend is still too far away for an accurate prediction, Boyd said he thinks a rain system pushing its way through the area will keep local skies cloudy through Sunday, possibly clearing Monday.

The storm is a short one; it will probably be visible only between about 3 a.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday, weather permitting, according to a Discover magazine article.

The article warns predicting good viewing for the Leonids is difficult and the best part of the show may not be visible from all areas, regardless of weather.

Reaching out to needy children

Gift-filled boxes can make life a little easier

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

The last chance to send an enormous gift of love in the size of a shoe box to children in war-torn and impoverished countries is Saturday.

"This is a project for Samaritan's Purse," said Brenda Schwartz of Operation Christmas Child. "We collect shoe boxes filled with gifts for kids and take the boxes all over the world to war-torn and impoverished countries for Christmas."

Donors take an ordinary shoe box, pick an age and a sex of a child from age 2 to 14 years old and fill the container with gifts of clothes, practical items and toys.

"The donor should pick an age like a 4-year-old boy and fill the box with gifts like clothes, toys," she said. "For a teenager, they might want to put in toothpaste — combs are real good gifts — and school items."

"Send bits of love. Something you can use. Real practical things," she said.

For items that need batteries, Schwartz said, donors should include batteries in the box.

Schwartz said this is a great project for parents and their children to work together and she encourages those who donate to send a picture of themselves along with a return address.

Franklin Graham, the son of evangelist Billy Graham, is the president of



Brenda Schwartz of Operation Christmas Child repacks a shoe box full of Christmas gifts that will be forwarded to a child in a war-torn or impoverished country. Donors can take boxes to Wireless World and All Star Graphics until 6 p.m. today and 5 p.m. Saturday and Allan's Furniture until 7 p.m. today and Saturday. The drive ends Saturday.

TO HELP
Call Brenda Schwartz at 397-2353 or 263-7351.

Samaritan's Purse, Schwartz said, and last year the international project sent shoe boxes to more than 50 countries.

"The airlines we use to carry the boxes actually were bombers during World War II and now they are being used to send love around the world," she said.

Donors can decorate the box.

"Donors can wrap the boxes but make sure the lid can be separated from the box for when they go through customs," Schwartz said.

Schwartz said a \$5 donation is encouraged to help with shipping costs.

Drop-off locations in Big Spring are Allan's Furniture, 202 Scurry; Wireless World and All Star Graphics, both at 1901 Gregg.

Wireless World and All

Star Graphics will be open until 6 p.m. today and 5 p.m. Saturday while Allan's Furniture will be open 7 p.m. today and Saturday.

"One tiny box can make a difference in a child's life and it's worth the effort," Schwartz said. "Joy does good like medicine to a life that has been wracked in war and pain. You can turn someone's life around with a little tiny box of love."

For more information about the project, contact Schwartz at 397-2353 or 263-7351.

Applications for intern program now available

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Applications for the 2002 Omar Bursleson Intern Program in Washington, D.C., for U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm's office are now available to college students and educators.

The position is open to college students who are 19 years of age by the month they are chosen to serve. Applicants must be residents of the 17th Congressional district or attend a college in the district.

Elementary and secondary school teachers and administrators in the 17th district are also eligible for the internship.

Interns are selected to work in Stenholm's (D-Abilene) office for a one-month interval either in June or July and are involved in the daily operations of his office. The intern also assists the legislative staff in a variety of

projects. Two positions are available in June and two in July, said Annette Wilson of Stenholm's Stamford office.

Although Howard County has been taken out of Stenholm's district in congressional redistricting, Howard County students and educators are still eligible for the 2002 internship.

"The Congressman will continue to represent Howard County through the next year," Wilson said. "He will run for the new district in 2002 and take office in 2003."

Interns chosen will receive a \$1,000 stipend to apply towards basic living and travel expenses, Wilson said.

"We work with them getting housing arrangements," Wilson said.

Intern applications and information can be obtained by contacting Wilson at (915) 773-3623, from

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Music

Living Tree in need of singers for production

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Herald Correspondent

If you have musical talent, there's nothing like Christmas music to put a song in your heart.

The First United Methodist Church's Living Christmas Tree is still seeking adult and child singers for its holiday production. The shows, called FUMC's "gift to the community," are planned Dec. 1 and 2.

A rehearsal is planned on Saturday in Garrett Hall at the church, and those who want to sing should plan to attend, said Music Minister Jim Wright.

"Children who want to sing in it need to be there at 2 p.m.," he said. While adults will practice from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with lunch provided, attendance is a little more flexible, he added.

"Adults usually know what they can and can't do, so they just need to talk with me if they want to be part of it but can't be there Saturday," Wright said.

The next round of rehearsals begins Monday at 7 p.m., continuing each night that week.

Singers and the orchestra combine their efforts on Saturday, Dec. 1, from 9 a.m.-noon, preceding a dress rehearsal at 2 p.m.

This year's Tree is titled, "The Wonder of Christmas," created by

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Captains Russ and Linda Keeney of Big Spring's Salvation Army hang angels on a tree at the Big Spring Mall. The angels bear information about children in need of Christmas presents. Those who would like to help can pick up an angel and purchase gifts for the Salvation Army to deliver to the children. The trees will be up at area merchants including Rip Griffin's Truck Stop, Wal-Mart and Gale's Sweet Shop in addition to the Mall through Dec. 14, the Keeneyes said. An Angel Tree bearing the names of senior citizens will be placed at the Big Spring Herald office, 710 Scurry.

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OBITUARIES

Ray Adams

Funeral service for Ray Adams of Stella, Mo., formerly of Big Spring, will be 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, 2001, at Clark Funeral Chapel in Granby, Mo. with the Rev. Billy Joe Gentry officiating. Burial will be at Union Cemetery, south of Stella, Mo.

Mr. Adams died Wednesday, Nov. 14, at St. Francis Medical Center in Tulsa, Okla. following a short illness.

He was born Dec. 12, 1950, in Durant, Okla. and moved to Stella in 1992 from Big Spring. He worked as a truck driver for Praxair, Inc. of Neosho, Mo., and was a United States Army veteran. He married Debbie Croft on Oct. 12, 1979, in Big Spring.

Survivors include his wife, Debbie Croft of Stella, Mo.; two children, Krystal Adams and Chance Adams of Stella, Mo.; his parents, Virgil and Wanda Adams of Burnet; three brothers, Johnny Adams of Arlington, Jerry Winnett of Austin and Jim Winnett of San Angelo; one sister, Joyce Adams of San Angelo; and one grandson.

Friends may call at Clark Funeral Home, Granby, until 7 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cerebral Palsy of Carthage in care of the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Clark Funeral Home in Granby, Mo.

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Congressman Stenholm's Web page www.house.gov/stenholm or by writing the Omar Burleson Intern Foundation, P.O. Box 1057, Stamford, 79553.

Applications must be post-marked by Jan. 4 and will then be forwarded to the Selection Committee. Finalists will be notified by Feb. 15.

Interviews will be held in Abilene on March 16 and selections will be announced following a luncheon hosted by the Omar Burleson Foundation with Stenholm in attendance.

The Omar Burleson Intern Program is named after former 17th Congressional District's 32-year representative and Stenholm's predecessor.

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NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331 www.npwelch.com

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288 Ignacio "Nash" Cano, Sr., 42, died Thursday. A prayer service will be 7:00 PM, Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be 2:00 PM, Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel and burial will follow in Mount Olive Cemetery.

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Dave Hamilton with narration by Karla Worley.

"This is so well-written, people will be blown away," Wright said. "This is a choral work with wonderful instrumental accompaniment. The orchestra is larger than life."

Songs included in the production include "Sing We Now of Christmas," "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day," and "Go Tell It On the Mountain," along with "The Wexford Carol" and "O Come, All Ye Faithful."

Tickets to the show, which are provided free, will be available starting Monday at the church office. Tickets are made available on a first-come, first-served basis until they are gone.

No ticket is needed for the dress rehearsal, and the public is invited to attend it as well.

First United Methodist's Living Christmas Tree, which involves more than 250 people — singers, musicians, and many behind the scenes — has been a Christmas tradition in Big Spring for 22 years. Workers will assemble the giant tree frame in the sanctuary on Sunday, Nov. 25, and then spend the next week decorating, hanging thousands of lights and dozens of yards of greenery.

Call the church at 267-6394 for more information.

Man a who killed bride on wedding day must pay family \$4.25 million

HACKENSACK, N.J. (AP) — A man who shot his ex-girlfriend to death on her wedding day must pay \$4.25 million to her family, a judge ruled.

Superior Court Judge Daniel P. Mecca awarded the money Wednesday to the family of Gladys Ricart.

Ricart was posing for pictures in her wedding dress at her Ridgefield home on Sept. 26, 1999, when Garcia shot her to death in front of friends and relatives. Prosecutors said Garcia was driven by jealous rage.

Garcia was convicted of murder last month, and faces at least 30 years in prison when he's sentenced in February.

The money will go to Ricart's 22-year-old son, her brother and her sister.

The judge awarded \$1 million for economic losses, \$250,000 for pain and suffering, and \$3 million in punitive damages.

Garcia filed a response to the lawsuit last year, acting as his own attorney. He never complied with the Ricart family's request for information.

That enabled the family's attorney to make his case to the judge and receive an immediate decision Wednesday.

But the family may have a hard time collecting. Edward Jerejian, one of Garcia's lawyers during the criminal trial, said his client lost ownership of a travel agency, hair salon and accounting service since being arrested.

The Dead Sea Scrolls finally published after 54 years

NEW YORK (AP) — Half a century after the first of the Dead Sea Scrolls were found desert caves, archaeologists celebrated the publication of nearly all of the ancient texts.

"It's a very happy moment that we can say today that all this is com-

pleted," Emmanuel Tov, the project's editor in chief, said Thursday at the New York Public Library.

"After 54 years of excitement, expectation, tribulation, much criticism and a little praise, with the help of much inspiration and even more perspiration, the publication has been finalized."

The scrolls, which date from 250 B.C. to A.D. 70, were between 1947 and 1956 in 11 caves overlooking the western shores of the Dead Sea.

For decades, access to the complete scrolls was tightly guarded by a small group of international scholars. After the release of bootlegged copies of some of the texts and an archive of scroll photographs, a new group of nearly 100 scholars took charge of the scrolls in 1991. Tov, a professor at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, was named to head the project, pledging to expedite its publication.

The 900 scrolls and commentaries in 37 volumes were primarily written in Hebrew and Aramaic on more than 15,000 leather and papyrus documents. They were found near the ruins of the ancient settlement Hirtbet Qumran, nine miles south of Jericho in the West Bank.

They are believed to have been written by the Essenes, an austere and insular Hebrew sect.

Scholars consider the scrolls a treasure of Jewish history and religion. They provide insights into what the Hebrew Bible looked like more than 2,000 years ago. They also contain prayer texts, biblical interpretations, fragments of poetry, compositions in wisdom and various sectarian documents.

Tov and his colleagues said that nothing in the scrolls is likely to shed a negative light on Judaism or early Christianity as once was thought possible.

Tov said Jesus was not mentioned in any of the scrolls, noting that most of the scrolls were written before Jesus was born.

The work "leads us to believe that the Bible went through many stages of changes," Tov said. "It gives us the opportunity to chart the development of the biblical books."

Tov's team, overseen by the Israel Antiquities Authority, has issued 28 volumes; two more are in their final stages. They are published by Oxford University Press under the general title "Discoveries in the Judean Desert."

An introductory volume is to be published early next year with a history of the project and a list of all the texts in the various volumes.

One of the scrolls contains a Hebrew song of thanksgiving that Tov and his colleagues dedicated to New York City in honor of its steadfastness following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. "Bless the one who wonderfully does majestic deeds, and makes known his strong hand."

BRIEFS

REGISTRATION FOR THE SPRING semester at Howard College begins Nov.

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A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

26-30 for returning students with assigned times. Registration Dec. 3-7 is set for all students with assigned times. Jan. 7-8, is open registration. Classes begin Jan. 14. Call 264-5083 to receive an assigned time.

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

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

WANTED—ALL GIRLS AND adults interested in Girl Scouts to join other girls and have some fun. We will have crafts and Girl Scout cookies to eat. Come join us on Thursday form 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

We will hold it at the Big Spring Mall across from Sears. Girls ages are kindergarten through 12th grade.

Call Laurie Petersen at 267-9773 or Karla Cervantez at 264-7651 for more information.

HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM, located at the McMahon Wrinkle Airpark, will be open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday 1:30 to 4 p.m. The museum will be closed on all city holidays.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

THE WIC PROGRAM THROUGH the Texas Department of Health has variable hours to accommodate those who work or go to school during the day. The Women, Infants and Children program offers food, nutrition and child health services.

WIC is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. One Saturday each month, the office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Call the office at 263-9777, or go by 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28-B, for more information.

SUPPORT GROUPS

TODAY •Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•AA, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

SATURDAY •Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly. Reflections Unit of

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Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon, 8 p.m., 10 p.m. open meetings, 615 Settles.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

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

SUNDAY

•Living Through Grief Family Growth starts at 6 p.m. at Midway Baptist Church.

•AA, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

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

MARKETS

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Table with market data including AT&T (17.12 +14), Archer-Daniels (15.21 +15), Atmos Energy (20.75 -3), BP PLC ADR (43.3 -2), ChevronTexaco (83.05 -75), Citigroup (48.8 -1.29), Compaq (10.42 -28), Cornell (15.05 -95), Dell (26.75 -94), Du Pont (43.92 -19), Exxon Mobil (36.98 -23), Halliburton (20.06 +01), IFCO Systems (.86 -0.00), IBM (113.66 -1.09), Intel Corp (30.67 -11), NUV (9.35 nc), Patterson Ener (17.46 -14), Pepsico Inc (50.26 +.04), Phillips Petro (50.85 -55), SBC Comms (39.67 +.67), Sears Roebuck (45.23 +.84), TXU Corp (27.88 -1.13), Texas Instruments (20.06 +.31), Total Fina (62.43 +.69), Unocal Corp (30.18 -22), Wal-Mart (55.58 -42), Wal-Mart/Mexico (24.37-24.98), AMCAP (16.07 -02), Europacific (27.08 +15), Prime Rate (5 %), Gold (272.25 -275.85), Silver (4.07 -4.15)

POLICE

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

•PATRICIA MCINTIRE, 45, of 1608 Avion was arrested on charges of theft less than \$50 and public intoxication.

•TAMMY LEVETTE LANG, 24, of 2700 Midland Drive in Midland was arrested to hold for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

•ANGELA LASHAWN LANG, 26, of 2700 Midland Drive in Midland was arrested to hold for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

•MICHAEL ALLEN GARZA, 18, of 1110 Johnson was arrested for two local warrants.

•THEFT was reported at Wal-Mart. A shoplifter reportedly stole \$24 worth of merchandise, which was

AVON Local Independent Sales Representative ALLISON ESPINOSA 556-6470 • 556-4770

recovered when the shoplifter was arrested.

•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1500 block of East 17th Street. About \$150 worth of jewelry was reported stolen from the home, which was left unlocked.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1500 block of East Sixth Street.

•MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in person at the Big Spring Police Station. Another minor accident reportedly occurred near the American Little League field.

•LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.

•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 2900 block of East Interstate 20.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:

- In the 900 block of East 16th Street. About \$30 worth of damage was reported at the location.

- In the 2000 block of Rickabaugh. A blue 1994 Ford Taurus at the location reportedly received \$125 worth of damage.

SHERIFF

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

•FIGHT was reported at Sunset Tavern in the 1800 block of North Birdwell.

•MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported on Interstate 20 eastbound near mile marker 196. The accident was a one-vehicle rollover.

•MINOR ACCIDENT was reported on Interstate 20 near mile marker 196 at Rattlesnake Gap. An 18-wheeler had jackknifed on the highway.

•WRECKLESS DRIVING was reported on Interstate 20 near mile marker 160. A truck driver was reportedly running people off the road, making obscene gestures and using vulgar language to other truck drivers.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1800 block of Old Colorado City Highway and in the 3800 block of Gail Highway.

RITE Children's Club 491 S. State 263-7499 THE RITE... offers a new playing list now includes 13 Ghosts (R) Daily: 4:20, 7:30 & 9:00 Harry Potter (PG) Daily: 4:00 & 7:30 The One (PG-13) Daily: 4:20, 7:30 & 9:30

CINEMA 4 The Last Castle (R) Daily: 2:30, 4:30 & 7:30 PG & 9:30 Monsters Inc. (G) Daily: 2:30, 4:30 & 7:30 PG & 9:30 "Shallow Hal" (PG-13) Daily: 2:30, 4:30 & 7:30 PG & 9:30 Domestic Disturbance (PG-13) Daily: 2:30, 4:30 & 7:30 PG & 9:30

STAR Rush Hour 2 (PG-13) Daily: 5:00, 7:15 & 9:30 American Outlaws (PG-13) Daily: 4:45, 7:00 & 9:15 ADULTS: \$6.00 \$3.50 ALL MATINEES, CHILDREN & SENIOR CITIZENS *PARK RESTRICTED

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Pentagon says military is closing in on terror suspect bin Laden

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States is "tightening the noose" around Osama bin Laden's terrorist network with selective air attacks and clandestine "direct action" on the ground, the general leading the Afghanistan campaign says.

Army Gen. Tommy Franks, commander of U.S. forces in the region, plans to present his updated war plan to President Bush on Friday. The sudden retreat of Taliban forces from northern Afghanistan this week has prompted Franks to focus more intensely on rooting out leaders of the Taliban and bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist network.

"The bombing will become more and more and more focused" on al-Qaida and Taliban leaders, Franks said Thursday. Anti-Taliban forces in the north are consolidating their territorial gains and U.S. special operations forces in the south are working with other opposition forces in the hunt for the terrorists.

Those special forces in the south also have been blocking roads to try to intercept Taliban and al-Qaida leaders. Asked when the special forces would begin conducting "shoot-'em-up, ambush

Credible evidence top aide, Atef, killed by airstrike

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mohammed Atef, a top deputy of Osama bin Laden, is believed to have been killed by a U.S. airstrike in the last two days, a U.S. official said Friday.

"This guy was bin Laden's military specialist since the early 1990s, widely thought to be bin Laden's successor in the event of his death," said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The airstrike took place near Kabul, the Afghan capital, said the official, who added there is credible evidence Atef was killed.

Atef, an Egyptian, was believed to have been involved in the planning of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, U.S. officials said. He has also been indicted for

involvement in the U.S. embassy bombings in Africa in 1998.

Earlier this year, Atef's daughter married bin Laden's son, demonstrating the closeness of the Egyptian to bin Laden.

The death of bin Laden's heir apparent would be a serious blow to the al-Qaida terrorist network, whose members are being pursued in Afghanistan by U.S. special forces and rebels opposed to the Taliban regime.

The focus of the U.S. campaign in Afghanistan has shifted more toward tracking down bin Laden and al-Qaida leaders, who are thought to be hiding in southern Afghanistan where the Taliban still retains some control.

type" missions, Franks said they already were.

"We have that sort of activity ongoing as we speak," Franks said. "And so we'll continue with the business of this liaison and advice (to opposition groups), as well as with the direct action and armed reconnaissance which we're undertaking now."

Forces from the opposition northern alliance have captured some senior Taliban military officials, a U.S. official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. Other top Taliban officers have defected,

the official said.

Those officers, as well as documents and other material fleeing Taliban forces left behind, could provide key information to finding bin Laden, Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar and other leaders.

At a news conference with Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, Franks said the Taliban's collapse was not yet complete. He said that from the start of the U.S. bombing on Oct. 7, the goal has been to destroy al-Qaida.

Bush has referred to the anti-terrorism fight as "draining the swamp." With the success of U.S. bombing in diminishing the Taliban's power, "we simply have more capability to focus on the alligators," Franks said, referring to the terrorists and their supporters.

Two reports from special forces soldiers give an idea of the combat in Afghanistan: One described how northern alliance fighters charged into combat on horseback; the second referred to an incident in which U.S. comman-

dos were nearly overrun by Taliban troops.

The second dispatch, dated Saturday from the northern Afghan town of Mazar-e-Sharif, said that on Nov. 6 a group of American soldiers called for airstrikes that prevented their rebel element from being defeated. It said two other American soldiers called in airstrikes while under fire on Nov. 9.

"These two examples are typical of the performance of your soldiers and airmen," the Saturday report said. "Truly uncommon valor has been a common virtue amongst these men."

The first report, dated Oct. 25, said alliance fighters on horseback had attacked Taliban armored positions "every day we have been on the ground." The cavalry charges were under artillery and sniper fire for as much as a mile or more, by soldiers with "little water and less food."

"There is little medical care if injured, only a donkey ride to the aid station, which is a dirt hut," the October report said.

That report said the soldier's rebel group had killed more than 125 Taliban while losing eight of their own fighters.

House and Senate poised to send aviation security bill to the president

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress was poised to overwhelmingly pass legislation to permanently strengthen airport and airline security and give a holiday lift to an aviation industry devastated by the Sept. 11 attacks.

President Bush lauded the compromise plan forged after weeks of difficult negotiations, saying that by putting the federal government in charge of aviation security Congress was "making airline travel safer for the American people."

Both the House and the Senate planned to vote on the measure Friday, their last major act before leaving for the Thanksgiving holiday. "At long last we can declare victory," said Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D. "The American people are going to win because they are going to fly more securely."

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control with a federal work force, the legislation moves toward inspection of all checked bags, requires fortified cockpit doors, increases the use of air marshals on flights and law enforcement in all areas of airports, and increases coordination between the Transportation Department and law enforcement agencies to cross-check passengers.

A new agency is created in the Transportation Department to oversee all transportation security matters. A \$2.50 passenger fee per flight, with a maximum of \$5 per trip, is levied to pay for the added security.

Some of the provisions, such as required use of explosives detection machines, could take months or years to put in place, but lawmakers said the psychological effects of enacting the legislation could be instant.

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will have a very important impact," said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., one of the key sponsors of the Senate-passed legislation along with Senate Commerce Committee Chairman Ernest Hollings, D-S.C. "That ends hijackings," Hollings said of the requirement that cockpit doors be

fortified and locked during flights.

With the peak holiday travel season approaching, the airline industry desperately needs such assurances that it is safe to fly. Passenger loads have decreased significantly since the Sept. 11 suicide hijackings of four jetliners,

pushing some airlines to the edge of bankruptcy. The crash of the American Airlines jetliner in New York City on Monday, while apparently not linked to terrorism, was another blow to the industry's image.

The Senate passed its bill by 100-0 on Oct. 11, but action in the House was delayed because some Republicans objected to provisions in the Senate bill that put all 28,000 airport screeners, now the employees of private security firms contracted by airlines, on the federal payroll. The House eventually passed legislation to put the federal government in control of screening operations but let the administration decide whether they should be private or public employees.

The compromise on the screening issue, crafted by Senate Republican leader Trent Lott of Mississippi, requires that within a year all airport screening be

under the supervision of the government with federal U.S. citizen workers and that this system will be in effect for three years.

However, during that period five airports of differing sizes will be allowed to participate in pilot programs to test various screening approaches. After three years airports that abide by strict federal standards will be able to opt out of the federal worker program.

David Beaton, chief executive of Argenbright Security, which handles 40 percent of domestic airport security, said "this is clearly not the outcome we had hoped for, because we believed the real solution to aviation security is a strong public-private partnership."

But he said Argenbright, which has been hit with more than \$1 million in fines for security lapses in recent years, would work with the Department during the transition period.

Crash inquiry focused on tail fin, rudder

NEW YORK (AP) — Just after takeoff, American Airlines Flight 587 flew into the wake of a jetliner ahead of it. The plane shook, then hit a second wake before rattling again and plunging into a 20-second nosedive.

That's what investigators who have reviewed the flight data and cockpit voice recorders believe happened Monday morning in the seconds before Flight 587 crashed into an oceanside neighborhood, killing 265 people.

What they haven't determined is why.

The inquiry is clearly focused on the jetliner's tail fin and rudder, which sheared off cleanly in flight. Turbulence, tail structure and pilot reaction are being examined as contributing factors.

"Almost every accident I've ever worked is caused by a combination of

events," said Tom Haueter, the National Transportation Safety Board's deputy director of aviation safety.

The rudder stopped sending usable information to the flight data recorder after the second "wake encounter," NTSB investigators said. Investigators said they are closely examining the recorder's final eight seconds.

NTSB chairwoman Marion Blakey stressed that wake turbulence — air turbulence trailing another plane — is commonly experienced by pilots, and both of Flight 587's pilots had completed a course in how to handle it.

"We are looking at the question, therefore, of what other kinds of factors may have contributed," Blakey said Thursday.

She said the agency will spend months studying the plane's previous problems,

its makeup and the situations it may have encountered Monday before reaching any conclusion. The agency could complete its field investigation by Saturday.

The American Airlines flight and the Japan Air Lines Boeing 747 ahead of it never came closer than four nautical miles from one another, Blakey said.

The American Airlines flight appeared to have lost control after hitting the second wake from the 747. Within eight seconds of the second wake encounter, the plane began banking hard with its left wing down, and then dove into the ground.

The NTSB's George Black Jr. said investigators were almost certain the tail broke off before the jetliner's two engines did. He said the tail "doesn't appear to have been sabotaged in any way."

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play. This week we salute:

• **DONNY ALLEN** and **LORI ELLIS** of Forsan High School, **NOLAN PAIGE** and **RACHEL WILLIAMS** of Coahoma High School, **NATHAN SMITH** and **BRIDGET CAIN** of Big Spring High School and **CHANCE NICHOLS** and **BRANDI WOODS** of Sands High School, who were honored as outstanding area students by the Big Spring Morning Optimist Club.

• **ISAIAH 58**, the **SALVATION ARMY** and the **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**, which handed out Thanksgiving food baskets to some 630 families through the West Texas Food Bank. Assisting were various churches — St. Paul's Lutheran, First Christian, First United Methodist, St. Mary's Episcopal and Crossroads.

• **COAHOMA** and **SANDS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAMS**, which compete in bi-district playoff action tonight.

• The **HOWARD-GLASSCOCK COUNTY UNIT of the AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S 2001 RELAY FOR LIFE** fund-raiser, which ranked first in the state and 10th in the nation for communities of the same size.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR: Big Spring State Hospital's 31st annual Fall Festival Parade and Carnival was a huge success because of the support from our community and employees. The event, which is the most anticipated day of the year for our patients, could not have taken place without help from some very special individuals.

A special thank you must be extended to the Forsan Band, the Howard College cheerleaders, the Howard County Sheriff's Posse, Suez Fire Brigade from Big Spring, along with representatives from Midland and Abilene, the Texas State Veteran's Home and pre-schoolers from St. Mary's Episcopal School.

Quail Dobbs, Jody Nix and Jay Jarmes were just a few of the 30-plus volunteers who assisted by either judging costume contests and parade float entries or riding on the Volunteer Services Council's patriotic float.

That afternoon, students from Big Spring High

School's Key Club, Howard College Diplomats, agriculture students and instructor Vance Christie, as well as Rotary Youth and leader Javier Flores came out in force to interact with patients and sponsor a patient carnival.

It's impossible to thank everyone individually for making the day a special one for patients at Big Spring State Hospital. Everyone who had a part in the day's activities made a difference. Your efforts did not go unnoticed.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank the hospital staff for all of its behind-the-scenes efforts in carrying off the events. All of you should be commended.

Volunteer programs and patient activities would not happen without you, especially the Activity Therapies Department employees — you're the greatest.

BILLIE RUSSELL
BIG SPRING STATE HOSPITAL DIRECTOR
OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Arab-Americans are valuable resource

The fate of Flight 587 is not just a free-standing tragedy, but almost the last thing we needed. Even if the cause remains a mystery, the edginess quotient just shot back up again.

It has seemed to me the media have been engaging in a slightly unseemly amount of navel-gazing concerning our nerves, with perhaps excessive media temperature-taking of anxiety levels, crooning over stress on the home front, etc. Americans on the front lines of this war, including the NYFD, are handling their jobs without swooning, and from my own travels around the country, it seems to me most of the rest of us are managing to comport ourselves with reason and dignity, whatever our anxiety levels.

Unfortunately, the few nineoomps among us now have fresh occasion for hysteria: the always-timely advice THINK comes to mind. The absolute last thing we need is another round of Arab-bashing.

Our most valuable resource against terrorism in the long-run will almost certainly be Arab-Americans. Among them are the bravest of the brave. Look at why many of them are here: They are Iraqis who fought Saddam Hussein, Syrians who fought Assad and Iranians who opposed the Ayatollah. They are Lebanese who saw their country torn to shreds by fanatics. They have the language, the culture and the commitment. We can't send blond, blue-eyed Texans to infiltrate Al Qaeda. (I have a life-size vision of a Texan in the back of some terrorist meeting room saying, "Don't mind me, y'all.")

The misguided zeal of our most pinheaded patriots has already led to attacks on individuals (including one dead Sikh from India) and on mosques. Most of us agree such attacks are criminal folly, but there are still many who condone and encourage prejudice and discrimination in the name of patriotism. Since Sept. 11, Arab-Americans have not only been physically attacked, but also harassed, discriminated against, fired because of their ethnicity and treated shabbily in a variety of ways, up to and including being rounded up and held on the flimsiest imaginable grounds. This is, among other things, profoundly stupid.

We all understand the pressures on law enforcement. Heaven forbid anyone should let an actual terrorist go. Of course they'd rather err on the side of caution. But even our flimsy visa system should have provided evidence by now about who is an established American citizen and who is here illegally.

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Most Americans are behaving noticeably well — that astringent Midwestern sensibleness is so helpful in a crisis. How many times has President Bush said this is going to be a long, difficult struggle? He's right. And one of the things we can do to help is try to prevent our more easily excited citizens from going off half-cocked against Arab-Americans, one of our most valuable national resources.



MOLLY IVINS



Democracy: Our greatest export

The goal for the current campaign against terrorism — to call it a war would be to give belligerent status to criminals — is to eradicate state-sponsored terrorism. That goal should now be broadened to a much loftier level: the proliferation of democracy. The roots of the terrorist threat are found in Cold War policies that adhered to the ancient Muslim mantra "The enemy of my enemy is my friend." The best and worst example of this came earlier, in World War II, when the Allies joined forces with Stalin's Soviet Union to defeat Nazism. It was necessary, and in fact the U.S.S.R. did the heavy lifting, to the tune of 20 million to 30 million lost lives. But as we now know, and our leaders then knew, Stalin was no better than Hitler; Communism was no better than Nazism.

As a result, the Cold War began, and the West pursued a policy of containment that included making

deals with dictators — what is known as Realpolitik. Much of it was necessary then, but not any longer. Today, America's greatest export should be democracy.

We wonder why we are disliked by people in certain countries, and we should ask how many of those countries are democracies. Answer: virtually none of them.

In the Middle East, kings and dictators abound; human rights do not, especially not women's rights. And so, the people living under these regimes view America not as the land of democracy, freedom and free enterprise, but rather as an insulated nation willing to support any foreign leader who supports the United States. They see our products, from hamburgers to jeans to movies, but they do not see our freedoms because they do not also enjoy them.

So, as we discuss post-Taliban Afghanistan, mostly what is heard are conversations about having all tribes represented. What about all people? The old argument goes that people must be prepared for democracy or this or that country has no history of democracy.

They need go no further than Japan, one of the world's great democracies,

which we created after World War II.

True, the Japanese people were and are well educated, and education is important: An informed electorate is necessary for democracy to succeed. So the answer is to setup a regency — as was done with Gen. Douglas MacArthur in Japan — in Afghanistan that will oversee the creation and formative years of democracy while simultaneously instituting a vigorous policy of mandatory education.

And there is no reason to stop there. Saddam Hussein's brutal regime in Iraq is one of the foremost sponsors of terrorism, and it is time to turn our attention to him and see that he and his cronies go the way of the Taliban. Then, the same regency-to-democracy formula should be instituted there.

The result of all this will most certainly be similar to what happened in our own hemisphere, where it will be remembered that not long ago dictators ruled the nations of South and Central America.

Today, democracy flourishes throughout this half of the globe. And it does because democracy is contagious. It is a contagion that can similarly spread throughout the Middle East.

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Three people killed as thunderstorms, winds roll across Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Flooding from record rainfall claimed at least three lives, with two others missing after thunderstorms and high winds battered Central Texas.

Cars bobbed on Austin streets turned into temporary rivers Thursday. Firefighters plucked stranded motorists from their vehicles. Waters swamped some businesses.

Up to 13 inches of rain fell and three precipitation records were broken in Austin and San Antonio, the National Weather Service said. Rains were expected to continue Friday across the heavily saturated middle part of the state.

All the victims died when their vehicles were washed away by floodwaters.

The body of Bertha Vargas, 32, was found at 2:20 p.m. Thursday, more than four hours after the car in which she was riding was swept off a state highway near Rocksprings in Edwards County, about 90 miles northwest of San Antonio. Vargas, an Amarillo resident, was pregnant.

Becky Kott, an Edwards County EMS worker, spoke to a man who called for help after seeing Vargas and three others hanging on to tree limbs above the waters. "When he went back to

the scene, he saw the girl, (Vargas) and her father in another tree," Kott said. "She was screaming for him to help, and he couldn't do anything. The water was rising and she was swept away."

Her body was found early Thursday afternoon, far downstream. Her father, Antonio Lira of Amarillo, was among the three survivors.

In Blanco County, 40 miles north of San Antonio, Santos Perez Lasoya, 64, of San Antonio drowned after his pickup truck was swept away as he tried to cross a flooded low-water crossing on a county road around 9

a.m., officials said. His body was found downstream around noon.

One man, whose identity has not been released, was killed in Austin when he attempted to drive across a low-water crossing, said Kenneth Neafcy, spokesman for the city's Office of Emergency Management. His vehicle stalled in Southwest Austin, and as he attempted to get out, he was swept underneath.

The water had ripped the 30-year-old victim's clothes away, Warren Hassinger, spokesman for the Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Services, said.

Helicopter search and res-

cue teams searched in Pflugerville for two missing people who were swept away in their car near Farm-to-Market Road 685.

Two police officers were swept into Onion Creek in South Austin, said Lt. David Belknap of the Austin Fire Department. By a little after 10 p.m. Thursday, both had been rescued.

The Texas Department of Public Safety said 20-year-old Jerry Shorten of Bertram died in Marble Falls after his pickup truck hydroplaned across the center line on U.S. 281. The truck crashed into a sedan driven by 71-year-old Annie Mason of Liberty Hill. She

was in stable condition today.

Storms spawned a number of tornadoes, including one in Buda about 3:10 p.m., the Hays' County Sheriff's Department said. An 18-wheeler overturned, and traffic was backed up for miles on Interstate 35.

Rainfall totals ranged from about a quarter-inch in southern Bexar County to more than 13 inches in Blanco County since Wednesday evening. Most areas received totals in the 3- to 6-inch range.

In Austin, several businesses west of the Capitol were swamped by a flow of muddy water.

Ex-con shares riches after winning \$41 million

ASHLAND, Ky. (AP) — Just a few months ago, David Edwards was an ex-con who had lost his job, needed back surgery and had no idea what he would do when his unemployment checks ran out.

Then the unbelievable happened — he won \$41 million in the Powerball lottery.

Now, he's giving a chunk of his winnings — \$700,000 so far — to those who need it. He bought playground equipment for children, purchased cars for the working poor and paid off medical bills for the sick.

"I'm having a great time," he said. "You just don't know what it does for me to be able to help other people."

There's just one caveat to his generosity: Edwards doesn't appreciate people knocking his door down to ask for a handout.

"There's a lot of people

out there who are just takers," he said. "They want to hound you. They feel like you owe them. They try to reach me in every way. It's been pretty hard to go through that."

Edwards refused to specifically identify any of the people or groups he has given money to. Some, however, have publicly thanked him, including a Westwood boys' club that received \$50,000, a volunteer fire department that received \$40,000 and an elementary school that got \$16,000.

"I don't even know how he found out we needed it to tell you the truth," said Carl Thompson, superintendent of the Fairview school district, where parents and teachers were trying to scrape together money to buy playground equipment. "It was a surprise to us, and we were thrilled with it."

Edwards had become so popular among people with

hard-luck stories that he had to move away from his home outside Ashland.

"I was told that people would come out of the woodwork at me," the 46-year-old divorcee said. "I didn't know how true that would be."

He chose a \$1.5 million home with a pillared front and marble floors in Palm Beach Gardens, a community surrounded by golf courses in South Florida. His assortment of automobiles includes a Lamborghini, Ferrari, Bentley and Shelby. A rusted Cadillac and an aging Pontiac parked at his old house in Westwood look like they haven't been driven since his lucky day.

An ex-con who spent 10 years in prison for robbing a gas station, Edwards said he had to scrape by after being released in 1997 because few companies were willing to hire him.

He landed a job with a

company that hangs fiber-optic cable. But after being laid off, he depended on monthly unemployment checks. With only one month to go before those benefits expired, Edwards was losing hope.

Life changed for Edwards and his fiancée, Shawna Maddux, after he handed \$8 to a clerk and walked out of a convenience store just 90 minutes before the drawing for the \$294 million Powerball jackpot. The odds of winning were 1 in 80 million. Four people collected in the winnings.

Edwards claimed his prize Aug. 27 and took his money in a lump sum, \$41 million before taxes, \$28 million after.

Not everything about getting rich overnight was pleasant. Perhaps most difficult, Edwards said, was the media dredging up his criminal record after he collected his winnings.

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Nov. 17, 2001:

Express your ideas, and be willing to see how you might limit yourself emotionally or intellectually. Break free of your patterns and take yourself to a new level. Some of you will travel or take several seminars. You often express your anger through excessive spending. Careful! If single, others like your intensity and seek you out. You could become quite possessive of a loved one. If attached, the two of you could spend a lot on your family and home. You both want it that way. A move could be a possibility. CAPRICORN encourages conversation.

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)**** Use the daylight hours to roam and visit with others. Hop in the car and go for a drive out of town. You delight a family member when you reach out. Start thinking about the upcoming week. Eye doing something special for another. Tonight: Ever social, you can bring others together.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**** In your sleep, you work through yesterday's tension. Start your day with a new attitude. A parent or boss smiles as you pitch in. You can trust this person. Joking and fun happen for you once again. Schedule a special outing that could be quite exotic. Tonight: Let your mind escape. Try a movie or a concert.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**** Your spontaneity delights many. Gather the troops, be it your kids or friends. Go for a day outing. A movie also works. Getting away from problems helps everyone. A discussion does wonders later on. Tonight: Add more mood to a relationship.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)**** Clear out errands or any leftover projects. Consider going to the gym or raking some leaves for exercise. An invitation that involves many, as opposed to one other person, fits the bill. Enjoy yourself, knowing all that you have completed. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**** High energy marks the

daytime hours. You might be happy just playing the day away or doing a creative project. Someone feels inspired just speaking to you. Act on your ideas. A child or a loved one will be your major focus. Tonight: Slow down, please.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**** Clear out any home-based errands or projects before nightfall. You will gain an enormous sense of satisfaction. Make special plans with a loved one or a child. Clearly, you enjoy each other. Tonight: Use your imagination.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**** Reach out to those who are close to you today. Though you could be a bundle of energy this morning and afternoon, there is no guarantee that you will be the same in the evening. Stay close to home. Let others come to you. Tonight: Whatever, just make it easy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**** Take charge of financial matters, whether it is giving the kids their allowance or paying your bills. You will feel clearer and a lot better once you accomplish this deed. A call from a distance encourages sharing on a new level. Accept an invitation. Tonight: At your favorite spot.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**** You could be a

relative of Tony the Tiger! You bound from one project to another. Others might have a hard time keeping up with your hectic pace. Slow down enough to have a sure chat with a special loved one. Tonight: Treat someone to dinner.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**** Take it easy in the daylight hours. Complete that letter or catch up on e-mail. Curl up with a good book or go off and do something ultimately refreshing. Once centered, you're impossible to stop. Be spontaneous with others. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**** Visit with your friends and make the most out of this day. You might need to do something concerning work, but don't make a big deal out of it. A gathering of friends encourages a new interest. Don't worry about being silly. Tonight: Do something just for you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**** Deal with a parent or boss during the daytime. Unfortunately, you might need to put in overtime or work late. First, do whatever you need to, because once you declare it your weekend, you'll want to hop on out and play the day away. Friends give you what you want. Tonight: Where the good times are.

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CHURCH NEWS

First Baptist

We would like to invite our community to come and share a free Thanksgiving meal with us this Sunday in the Family Life Center of the first Baptist Church beginning at 4 p.m.

If transportation is a problem for you, call us after 3 p.m. at 267-3633.

If you would prefer to have a meal brought to you call us and we'll deliver.

Cornerstone

Cornerstone Church will be hosting Gabriel (Gabby) Ianculovici and His Family from Romania.

Many may remember Gabby as he lived in Big Spring, while attending SWCID.

He touched many people while he lived here.

His Father, Josef is a Baptist Pastor for the Deaf in Romania.

Monday evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. with a praise and worship service presented by the family and accompanying them will be James Sanderson (Youth Minister at Christ Community Church).

SWCID will bless us, by signing songs.

Following a time of ministry by the Ianculovici family a reception will take place after the service in the fellowship hall.

Bring your favorite finger food!

All are invited to this awesome time to be blessed from Romania! Sponsored by Praising Hands Ministry.

St. Mary's Episcopal

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will have their monthly meeting and breakfast this Saturday starting at 8 a.m. in the chapel.

After the regular meeting, everyone will gather at 10 a.m. at the Big Spring Mall for a tour of the Wind Farm.

All men and women of the parish are invited to this special event.

The Vestry will hold their meeting on Monday at 5:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

St. Mary's Parish Thanksgiving Eucharist will be on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the church.

If you are looking for something special to do this Thanksgiving consider volunteering at the Salvation Army.

You can serve in the food line, deliver meals, or whatever. Contact St. Mary's at 267-8201, for more details.

First Assembly of God

You are invited to celebrate Thanksgiving Day Thursday Nov. 22 at First Assembly of God located at Fourth and Lancaster.

A great service of thanksgiving, praise, and worship 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Thanksgiving Day. The purpose of this service is to give God special thanks and honor Him on this very wonderful day.

Pastor Havener will be speaking in both services this Sunday and your are invited to join the congregation of First Assembly this Lord's Day.

Unity Center

Jim Milekus, longtime Unity believer will bring the message for the 11 a.m.

gathering at the Unity Center on Sunday.

The Center is located in the first box car at 100-A S. Main. For more information call 263-6311.

All are welcome.

First Christian

Tony Salisbury, the Central Area minister of the Southwest Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will fill the pulpit this Sunday. After our worship service we will have our annual Thanksgiving Fellowship dinner in the Fellowship Hall. During the service we will take up our special Thanksgiving "Week of Compassion" offering.

On Wednesday night we will host a community Thanksgiving service at 6 p.m.

The public is invited to attend.

First Christian Church is an ecumenical church that practice open communion every Sunday.

Calvary Baptist

The Calvary Baptist Church, 1200 W. Fourth Street, has four services a week, Sunday School: 9:45 a.m., Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m., Sunday Evening Services, 5 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study, 5 p.m.

The Sunday morning sermon subject is "Steps To Getting Help From God," and Sunday evening "The Secret of Thanksgiving."

Wednesday Bible study is in the book of II Corinthians.

The church is Baptist, but the membership welcomes any and all Christian people and those who are not Christians to our church services.

No one is excluded and everyone is included.

Bro. Herb McPherson is the pastor of the church.

First United Methodist

Pastor Ring's sermon message is entitled "What Does God Think of You?" It's based upon an Old Testament scripture passage, Genesis 5:1-5, which details the creation of humanity in the image and likeness of God.

A number of special emphases will be included in worship this Sunday, with leadership by the church's Youth, music by the children of Kid's Club, and a time of recognition of Retired Ministers.

The Youth of First UM Church will also cook, provide, and serve a delicious pre-Thanksgiving Dinner -- of turkey and all the trimmings -- starting at noon on Sunday in Garrett Fellowship Hall.

Because of this, there will be no regular Youth Fellowships on Sunday afternoon.

Singles' Fun Night will be held in Youth Hall on Monday from 7 to 9 p.m.

Singles of all ages are welcome.

United Methodist Women will meet in the Philaetha Classroom at 2 p.m. on Tuesday.

Because of the Thanksgiving Holiday, Tuesday Kid's Club and Wednesday Noon Bible study will not be held this week.

There will also be no Children's Day Out programs this week.

CLUB NEWS

TOPS No. 21

Members of TOPS No. 21 met on Monday, Nov. 12, at 6 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. Donna Menges opened the meeting with prayer and leader, Hughetta Roberts, led the TOPS pledge.

Genay Bertran called the roll and the best loser for the week was Donna Menges with a 3.5 pound loss. The club welcomed one visitor besides the guest speaker.

During the business session a new contest was started and will end on Dec. 30. It stresses consistency in weight loss. Carol Smith volunteered to bring the program for next week.

The club welcomed guest speaker, Thelma Carlisle, author of the cookbook "Mealtimes and Memories" who presented a very interesting program and gave some good sensible tips. Mrs. Carlisle's program was well received and the club present her with a bouquet of peach roses at the end of her presentation.

If you are interested in becoming a member of TOPS you can call 263-0391 or 263-1758 for more information or just drop by Dora Roberts on any given Monday night.

Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association

The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday in the Howard College Cactus Room. Lunch will be served at 11:30.

Program topic will be "The road to Progress - Port to Plains Highway."

All retired school personnel are invited to attend the meeting.

Captain Elisha Mack Chapter, NSDAR

The Captain Elisha Mack Chapter, NSDAR met Nov. 10, at the Big Spring Country Club. Regent Mrs. Lola Kelley welcomed 15 members and one guest.

Reserve officer Lt. Colonel Martin JC. Meisner of Midland presented an excellent program on the Reserve Officers' Club.

Elton "Buck" Turner will be honored in our chapters advertisement in the December issue of the DAR magazine. Mr. Turner is our nominee who was selected as "Outstanding Veteran Patient" at the state level

and at the South Central Division level.

Members plan to attend the annual Veteran's Day ceremony at the VA Medical center's flagpole on the 11th.

Sue Ann Damron provided information that a recent report from the government accounting office found that the process of awarding federal recognition to Indian tribes is flawed. According to her report feelings range from seeing this recognition as a restoration of aboriginal rights to those who see this as manipulation to establish gambling casinos.

There are 198 groups at some stage in the tribal recognition process today.

Members will be providing hospitalized veterans with gift-wrapped slipper socks for Christmas this year.

Regent Kelley also advised members that we are invited to submit a 200 word, patriotic prayer. The chapter favorite will be selected and submitted to Washington, DC. The prayer is to be based on a Bible verse.

Mrs. Pat Simmons was elected our chapter's winner of the DAR Community Leadership Award. Mrs. Simmons will be invited to our February meeting to receive this award.

Hostesses were Carole Lawson and Charlene Regan who used an autumn cornucopia theme in the decorations.

Howard County Sheriff Posse

The Sheriff's Posse met Tuesday, Nov. 6, and elected new officers. They are as follows: Dale Walker, president; Terry Kessler, vice president; Mildred Gamble, treasurer; and T.J. Walker, secretary.

The board of directors are Cecil Allred, Joe Gamble, Mildred Gamble and Geneva Roberts. The Posse is in its membership rebuilding stages and at present has about 25 families that make up the organization. The Posse meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Sheriff's Posse Building on the Andrews Highway.

Anyone wanting to join the Posse is invited to attend our meetings and sign up for membership. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, Dec. 4. Our upcoming event will be at Forsan School riding in their Christmas Parade, Dec. 8 if weather is not inclement.

Big Spring

Morning Optimist

"So much of the time, we hear negative things about today's young people. Today, we have a group of area youth that have excelled. We'd like to honor them and their parents and school administrators today." Club President Roger Goertz opened the Big Spring Optimist Youth Recognition Breakfast on Wednesday morning.

"This week Optimist Clubs all over America are celebrating National Youth Appreciation Week," Steve Waggoner began. "Each club honors an Outstanding Senior Boy and Outstanding Senior Girl from each area school district."

"Some of these youth have seven pages of honors attached. They have truly excelled, not only in their schools, but also in their communities. Kids, we

salute you for your achievements. Parents, we honor you for the frame work you have provided for your children to succeed."

Chosen for the awards were seniors from Big Spring High School - Bridget Cain and Nathan Smith. Frisan High School - Lori Ellis and Donnie Allen. Coahoma High School - Nolan Paige and Rachel Williams. Sands High School - Chance Nichols and Brandi Woods.

Congratulations, Seniors for your accomplishments!

Optimist Special Olympic Bowling Tournament will be this Saturday, November 17 at Bowl-A-Rama.

Area restaurants are donating hamburgers to feed participants.

All club members are asked to contact Jess Looney for assignments.

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In a time when society is being pressured on every side, it's paramount that Christians do not become sidetracked or distracted.



MICHAEL WILLARD

King David said, "I became distracted listening to the voice of my enemy." (Ps. 55:3) [Amp Version]. As Christians we must remember to fulfill our God given purpose, introducing lost souls to Jesus Christ. We can't make anybody accept the Savior, but we have an obligation and a responsibility to make the introduction.

I find it easier not to become distracted when the distraction comes from an outside source such as school, newspapers, media, etc. But what happens when the discouragement comes from those closest to you such as in the case of Job's so-called friends.

I ran across this article in "Spirit Led Woman" by Eddie and Alice Smith that will hopefully bring clarity to my message.

Those of you who know the story of Job, the righteous man God bragged about to Satan, will remember that God gave Satan license to afflict Job.

Job lost his possessions and his health. His seven sons and daughters, for whom he had interceded daily, pleading their cases before God as a dense attorney might plead their cases in court, were killed in a freakish windstorm (Job 1:18-19).

His wife lost her confidence in the Lord and any respect she had for her husband. She eventually tries to encourage him to forget his integrity, to "curse God and die." (Job 2:9)

But one of the greatest losses to Job was the loss of relationships. Job's friends became a burden rather than a blessing. Those who should have been sensitive to his need and supportive in their actions during his time of trial only added to his burden.

Interestingly, each of them represents a type of friend no one wants when going through a trial.

Let's look at Job's friends. Perhaps in them we will learn the behaviors to avoid when our friends are suffering trials. We can develop an earnest desire to become effective prayer advocates when others have walked away.

First, Eliphaz, Job's religious friend. When Job needed loving, practical friends to assist and support him in his hour of need, his friend Eliphaz decided to be "super spiritual" instead. He took it upon himself to bring correction to Job.

"Job, I know you're in a lot of pain right now, but I'd like to have a word with you."

You've offered counsel and encouragement to lots of troubled people in the past. And you've been the first to support those who have stumbled.

But now it's obvious you're discouraged regarding the trouble that has come to you. I know you think you're a righteous man, but let me ask you a question: When have you ever heard of an innocent man being destroyed?" (adapted from Job 4:2-7).

Eliphaz was out of touch with the reality of Job's intense suffering. The unsettling truth about friends who manifest the "I can hear God better than you" syndrome is that many of them have never personally experienced a genuine breaking from God. People with a religious spirit speak out of this selfishness and not from true brokenness.

Job didn't need religion. He needed relationship. He needed a listening ear, not a sermon.

Job needed an intercessor, not an instructor. Eliphaz thought he was serving God, when in fact he was an unknowing pawn of Satan. When called to the witness stand to defend Job, he became a star witness of the prosecution instead.

When we are suffering may God deliver us from religious friends. Decide right now that when your friends are suffering, you will relate to them with compassion and empathy.

This cycle was repeated with his idealistic friend Bildad and Zophar the legalist.

When God finished the work He was doing in Job, He promoted him from the role of suffering defendant to that of defense attorney once again.

After the Lord had said these things to Job, he said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "I am angry with you and your two friends, because you have not spoken of Me what is right, as my servant Job has." (Job 42:7).

What a turnaround! Job's friend had failed to defend him in his trial. They had criticized, mocked and accused him.

His friends had not understood the process of trial.

Under Satan's cross-examination in court they inadvertently served as witness of the prosecution. In so doing, they had even falsely accused God.

Now the court's judgment weighed heavily upon them. Judge Jehovah was about to pass sentence on them.

Then our merciful judge gave Job's friends these surprising instructions — "So now

take seven bulls and seven rams and go to my servant Job and sacrifice a burnt offering for yourselves. My servant Job will pray for you, and I will accept his prayer and not deal with you according to your folly.

You have not spoken of Me what is right, as my servant Job has." (v. 8).

What was the result? "So Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar did what the Lord told them; and the Lord accepted Job's prayer." (v. 9). Wow! The judge gave them a court appointed attorney, Job! As their attorney, Job was to plead their cases in prayer. And Job was no novice!

Having defended his children and stood trial himself, Job the intercessor would not be praying detached, unfeeling, lifeless, ineffective prayers.

He understood the pain and agony someone experiences when standing trial.

He knew the fear, loneliness and severity of facing trials without a godly support team. He would represent his friends well before the judge of heaven.

Friend, the trials you have suffered, when understood in the context of God's overall purposes and properly applied, can be used to a kingdom advantage as you intercede for others who are standing trial today.

Job passes the test. As long as Job remained the self-absorbed defendant, primarily concerned with his own need, he was a victim.

It was only when he became a God-conscious, God-ordained, anointed defender of others that he experienced his own victory!

"And the Lord turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends." (Job 42:10, KJV).

It could be that your captivity, like Job's, will be turned as you pray for friends!

Immerse yourself in their victory and you will likely discover your own!

"So the Lord blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning." (Job 42:12). May this also be said of you!

Michael Willard is pastor for Mt. Bethel Baptist Church.

Students question the U.S., Russian presidents after summit

CRAWFORD, Texas (AP) — When Danny White researched U.S.-Russia relations for the school debate club a few years ago, he never could have imagined he would one day ask their leaders about it.

White, a Crawford High senior, did just that Thursday when Russian President Vladimir Putin and President Bush spoke to the school's sixth- through 12th-graders.

The leaders, ending a summit at Bush's 1,600-acre ranch just outside Crawford, talked about combating terrorism and how the countries are forging a warmer relationship after the Cold War.

Bush and Putin then answered children's questions about a variety of topics — the future of Afghanistan women's rights after the Taliban, the summit's impact and nuclear weapons.

"It's not quite clear for me whether I'm here in the school or at NASA," Putin

joked. White, whose shirt was emblazoned with a large American flag print, asked about the specifics of the leaders' agreement — made Tuesday at the White House — to shrink their nations' strategic nuclear arsenals by two-thirds.

After Bush teased White about his red hair, the president said reducing the number of warheads would mean destroying them. He also said most weapons were not currently on alert.

Putin said the two countries would have to discuss whether to dismantle or destroy the weapons.

"What you would do with those arsenals is subject to negotiations ... depending on the level of trust between the United States and Russia," Putin said.

Some of the 300 students in the gym held homemade signs for the leaders. Welcome messages were written in Russian on one bulletin board and on the school's outdoor sign.

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**Longtime
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columnist tells
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DENVER (AP) — Rocky Mountain News columnist Gene Amole, who has always loved the hubbub of the newsroom, is working from home these days, because that is where he has gone to die. But his readers know that already.

Amole has turned his column into a diary of his death.

The beloved columnist who has informed, entertained and irked readers for nearly 25 years informed them Oct. 27 that he is dying.

"I finally reached the point where I realized there is no cure for the many ailments nibbling away at what is left of my life," he wrote.

"My diary is not going to be a maudlin self-serving bunch of glop. Some of it may even be amusing, like my discovery of the elevated toilet seat, for example. I wish it all could be funny, but it isn't."

Amole, 78, has been in poor health for years, suffering from heart problems, high blood pressure, bad circulation and other maladies. His hands shake so much it is about all he can do to punch out a complete sentence. His weight has dropped from 170 pounds to 135 and his arm is so weak he has trouble holding a telephone for a long period of time.

From home, Amole writes in his three-times-a-week column that the trick is to stay busy. He writes of people asking how long he has left to live (six months is typical of patients in the hospice program, he says), of cleaning out his closet, and of preparing for a medical procedure to open his throat to improve digestion.

And he reflects on his own mortality and the simple pleasures in life, including his family, old friends, drinking a martini, sparkling October mornings, Thanksgiving and Christmas meals, shrubs in his back yard that have turned a brilliant crimson.

A native of Denver, Amole (pronounced AY-mul) began his career in radio in 1942, then left to fight in Europe during World War II. He returned to radio, then became a TV pioneer, writing and producing from the first week that commercial television went on the air in Denver in 1952. He won a Peabody Award as writer and host of a live, half-hour show in the late 1950s.

Amole's first News column, on Dec. 18, 1977, was a rhapsodic piece titled "Morning" that described daybreak across the city, from gritty East Colfax Avenue to suburban reservoirs. He promised to write "as spare and understandable" as possible so readers could decide early if they would rather turn to Charlie Brown or Denver Broncos stories.

He also promised to speak out against bureaucracy, pollution and ugly buildings.

Over the years, he became known for his punchy one- or two-word leads and crisp sentences that mixed the serious with the humorous. He has taken a stand and stuck to it even if it proved to be a losing battle, such as his opposition to the construction of Denver International Airport.

Some of his most moving columns have been about World War II. On Christmas Eve 1981, he described how he and fellow soldiers celebrated Christmas 1944 in a small German farm town. They cut down a small spruce and gave it some glitter with a star cut from a C-ration can and empty brass shell casings.

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"So far as I know, I get to die only once," he said, "and I'll just have to do it my own way."

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IN BRIEF

Coahoma boosters planning caravan

Coahoma Athletic Boosters are planning a car caravan to the Bulldogs' Class 2A bi-district playoff game against Idalou's Wildcats in Denver City tonight. The caravan will form on the west parking lot at Bulldog Stadium and will leave promptly at 5 p.m. Fans are being encouraged to decorate their cars as well as wear red and white clothing.

Special Olympics bowling tournament

The Area 18 Special Olympics Bowling Tournament has been scheduled for a 9 a.m. Saturday start at the Big Spring Bowl-a-Rama. Teams from Midland, Odessa, Big Spring, Kermit and Monahans will compete. Volunteers are needed for the event. If interested, call Joni Cox at 915-684-5024.

Deer harvest recommendations

Hunters and landowners are being reminded by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials that the general deer hunting season which will continue through Jan. 6.

The legal bag limit for Howard County is five deer. No more than two bucks are allowed.

Both antlerless deer and bucks must be properly tagged.

The recommended harvest in Howard County, is one antlerless deer per 1,200 acres and one buck per 2,500 acres.

For more information, call Kathy McGinty at 915-795-2238.

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FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

* Coahoma Bulldogs vs. Idalou Wildcats, Class 2A bi-district game, 7:30 p.m., in Denver City.

* Sands Mustangs vs. Balmorhea Bears, six-man bi-district game, 7:30 p.m. at Walker Field in Kermit.

BASKETBALL

* Lubbock Trinity at Big Spring Steers, 7:30 p.m.

* Big Spring Lady Steers at Midland Lee, 4 p.m.

JUCO BASKETBALL

* Howard College Lady Hawks at WJAC Pre-Season Tournament in Borger.

* Howard College Hawks at Scottsbluff, Neb., Classic.

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Television

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

6 p.m. — Men's pre-season NIT, second round, Wake Forest at Arkansas, ESPN, Ch. 30.

8 p.m. — Cincinnati at Oklahoma State, ESPN, Ch. 30.

BOXING

Frankie Toledo Vs. Manuel Medina, featherweight bout, ESPN2.

Rocket power: Clemens wins record sixth Cy Young Award

NEW YORK (AP) — Some twilight.

When Roger Clemens left Boston after the 1996 season, Red Sox general manager Dan Duquette said he was in the twilight of his career.

On Thursday, Clemens won his third Cy Young Award since Duquette's remark, raising the Rocket's total to a record six. "Everybody has gotten their mileage out of that comment. I was just happy I was able to get one in pinstripes," Clemens said.

Clemens, 20-3 with a 3.51 ERA and 213 strikeouts for New York, received 21 of 28 first-place votes

and 122 points, beating Oakland's Mark Mulder (60 points) and Seattle's Freddy Garcia (55) in voting by a panel of the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

At 39 years, 3 months, Clemens became the third-oldest Cy Young winner behind Early Wynn (39 years, 10 months in 1959) and Gaylord Perry (40 years, 2 months in 1978). When Clemens won his first Cy Young in 1986, Mulder was 9 years old and Garcia was 10.

"I think it was Deb who said today: 'Those young guys have plenty more time to win it,'" Clemens said, referring to his wife.

Clemens is the only pitcher to win more than four Cy Youngs. Arizona's Randy Johnson won his fourth on Tuesday, matching Steve Carlton and Greg Maddux.

"We'll make room for it," Clemens said from his home in the Houston area. "The five Cy Youngs right now are positioned, in fact, so that from every position in my weight room you can look up and see them front and center."

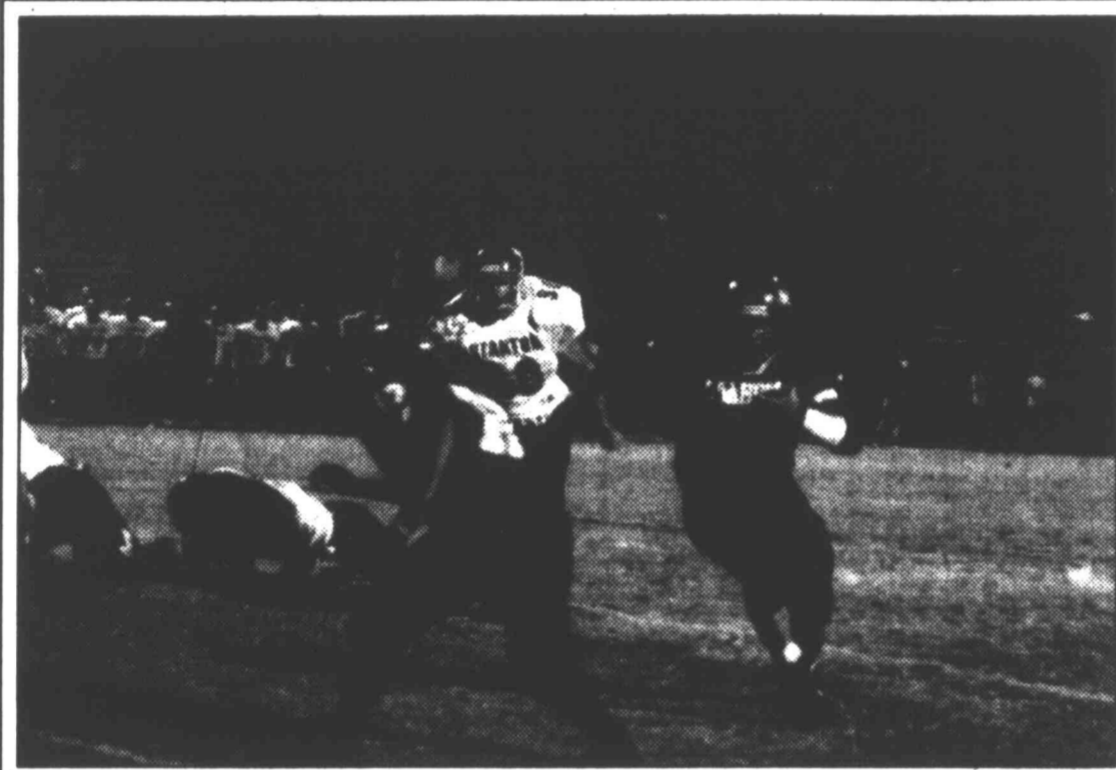
"I want to see them every morning when I get up in that gym and get to work."

After he won his first four, Clemens said each of his sons would

get one: Koby, Kory, Kasy and Kody. The kids said No. 5 was for their dad. Clemens said No. 6 was for his mother, Bess, who has emphysema.

"She said she wanted me to win one for her," Clemens said. "She was so emotional, she has to really concentrate to breathe properly." He is the first player to win a BBWAA award on three teams. He won the Cy Young for Boston in 1986, 1987 and 1991, then won it for Toronto in 1997 and 1998. He also was the AL MVP in 1986.

With 280 career wins, Clemens could reach No. 300 next season.



Coahoma quarterback Chase Ward takes off on a 7-yard scamper against Stanton earlier this season. Tonight, the 9-1 Bulldogs head into bi-district playoff action, taking on 9-1 Idalou at 7:30 in Denver City. In another post-season game tonight involving Crossroads area teams, Sands plays Balmorhea at 7:30 in Kermit.

HERALD photo/Manuel Baeza

Big 12: Weekend's bouts won't settle North nor South

DALLAS (AP) — 'Twas the weekend before Thanksgiving, and all through the Big 12, not one division was settled, neither the North nor the South.

And it will remain that way even after all of the games have been played Saturday.

The two teams that will play in the Big 12 championship game Dec. 1 won't be determined until after the final weekend of the regular season.

No. 3 Oklahoma (9-1, 5-1 Big 12) plays at Texas Tech (6-3, 4-3) on Saturday in the only game with any bearing on the Big 12 title chase. But the Sooners can afford a loss and still win the South Division.

Nebraska, undefeated and No. 1 in the Bowl Championship Series poll, still has to beat No. 15 Colorado (8-2, 6-1) to claim the North Division outright and advance to the Big 12 title game. The No. 2 Cornhuskers and Buffaloes don't play until the Friday after Thanksgiving.

In the only other Big 12 games Saturday, Oklahoma State (2-7, 0-6) plays at Baylor (2-7, 0-7) and Iowa State (5-4, 3-4) is at Kansas (2-7, 1-6).

Kansas State (4-5, 2-5) is home against Louisiana Tech (6-3) in a non-conference game rescheduled after the terrorist attacks.

Texas, Texas A&M, Nebraska and Colorado all have a week off before their big regular season finales. Missouri also is idle.

Fans of No. 5 Texas (9-1, 6-1) will be cheering for the Red Raiders. The only chance the Longhorns have to get in the Big 12 title game and a BCS bowl is to finish above Oklahoma, the team responsible for their only loss, in the South Division.

The Longhorns have to depend on an Oklahoma loss, and they also have to beat Texas A&M (7-3, 4-3) in their season finale the day after Thanksgiving.

Texas Tech, which is

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Knight prepared for Texas Tech debut

LUBBOCK (AP) — Bob Knight is about to start finding out if his way works at Texas Tech.

His players are about to see if that patience the Hall of Fame coach has exhibited in practice carries over into the regular season.

"The things I do, and that we'll do and try to do with these kids are things I've found to be successful and good, where kids have been responsive in the past," Knight said.

Knight's hiring in March immediately raised the anticipation surrounding the Red Raiders. The real debut finally comes tonight at home against William & Mary.

While Knight has been in

Lubbock eight months, he's had only about a month on the court with his players trying to teach his way. And many of the players, a mix of a few returners and mostly newcomers, haven't ever played together before.

"When you're playing a regular season game, you're never quite sure what to expect from the opponent," Knight said Thursday. "But when you're playing the first game of the season, you're not quite sure what to expect from your own team. And that's a bad feeling."

Knight said it would take him seven games to evaluate how his players have broken old habits and resculpted ones that work with the style he is seeking.

"Once we get there, we will have seen enough. I think, to know where we are and obviously who will be playing and who will be playing the most and what

we can do and what we can't do," Knight said. "That to me is the first really important part of the season."

Knight was 662-239 in his 29 years at Indiana, where he won three NCAA championships and went to the NCAA tournament in each of his last 15 seasons. He was fired in September 2000 after Indiana officials said he violated a "zero tolerance" behavior policy.

He was out of coaching only a season before he was hired at Texas Tech, where his old friend, Gerald Myers, is the athletic director.

Knight, who also coached at Army, has 764 career wins, a .726 winning percentage in 1,053 games over 35 seasons. He has had just one losing season.

Tech players are eager to showcase to fans, and Knight, what they have learned under his tutelage. They also believe they know

what he expects.

"If we win sloppy, he'll take the win, but he'll be much happier with a well-played game," said Tech forward Kasib Powell, who is expected to be a top scorer. "If you miss a blockout, that's when you're going to get screamed at or taken out of the game. If you can't play defense, you can't play on this team."

Freshman guard Ronald Ross said a win tonight would boost the team's confidence. Especially against a team whose players average about 2 inches taller than the Red Raiders.

"We're quick, they're big," Ross said. "He always tells us winning is not easy. If we work hard and make things difficult for the other team, we'll win."

"People are going to judge us on this first game and we're going to try to do what he's shown us to do to win."

Lakers defuel Rockets in OT, extend streak

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Los Angeles Lakers worked overtime to keep their winning streak alive. The Memphis Grizzlies' inability to play four good quarters proved costly once again.

Shaquille O'Neal scored seven of his 30 points in overtime, leading the Lakers to their seventh straight victory, 98-97 over Houston on Thursday night.

Los Angeles moved within four victories of its franchise-record start of 11 wins, set by the 1997-98 team.

The Grizzlies made franchise history, losing their eighth straight game to start the season, 101-85 to visiting Portland.

Memphis surpassed the previous franchise record of seven season-opening losses

set by Vancouver in the 1996-97 season.

In other NBA games, it was New York 83, Miami 74; Detroit 115, Dallas 89; and Orlando 101, Denver 82.

The Lakers squandered a 15-point lead, weathered a comeback by the Rockets and relied on the play of O'Neal, who added 13 rebounds, and Kobe Bryant, who scored 31 points, to remain the only unbeaten team in the league.

"This is the only team we've played over .500," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "We're coasting on a pretty easy schedule right now. We gave them life on a couple of plays by missing foul shots. It almost made for a long night in Houston."

The Lakers welcomed the challenge. "Their team didn't give up

and it turned out to be a better game," said Bryant, who hit two free throws with 25 seconds left in regulation. "I'm not surprised. They generally play us pretty well. They are a team that opens up the floor and kicks it outside if you sink in on them."

Steve Francis and Cuttino Mobley each scored 26 points for Houston. Francis also had 12 rebounds, his fifth double-double of the season.

Francis and Mobley also each hit a pair of free throws in the final seconds of regulation to tie it 87-all and force overtime.

"We should have won this one," Mobley said.

The Rockets nearly did, but Kevin Willis' shot at the buzzer in overtime floated into O'Neal's hands.

"What we are finding out

is that regardless of the situation, we have to continue to fight back," Glen Rice said. "If we take care of the ball a little bit better and take better shots, we will be all right."

In Memphis, Derek Anderson scored 10 of his 18 points in the final 3:30, including seven in a 90-second span, and Rasheed Wallace added 27 points to lead the Trail Blazers to their second victory in six road games.

"They'll win one soon enough," Trail Blazers coach Maurice Cheeks said of the Grizzlies. "I just didn't want it to be against us."

The Grizzlies' losing streak and the frustration of coach Sidney Lowe are climbing at the same pace — rapidly.

"It's very tough and disappointing," Lowe said.

Salt Lake scandal leads to increased scrutiny, IOC reforms

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The bribery scandal surrounding Salt Lake City's bid for the 2002 Winter Games tarnished the Olympic movement and embarrassed Utah residents.

Nonetheless, some claim the bad publicity had a positive effect by forcing ethical reforms and making public organizations examine their priorities.

"It will never happen again," Salt Lake Organizing Committee president Mitt Romney said Thursday.

He made the statement after a federal judge threw out what remained of the federal case against Salt Lake's bid leaders.

"The changes at the IOC will protect that organization from itself and from others. Even here in Salt Lake City, there will be a heightened sense of scruti-

ny for programs such as this," Romney said.

U.S. District Judge David Sam dismissed 10 fraud counts and a conspiracy charge against bid leaders Tom Welch and Dave Johnson, wiping out what remained of the federal case against them.

Prosecutors haven't indicated whether they plan to appeal.

Salt Lake City endured the worst scandal in the modern

Olympics. Welch and Johnson were charged in July 2000 with using \$1 million to sway IOC members to support their bid.

The enticements were said to have included college scholarships for IOC members' relatives, guns, medical care, travel and other perks.

In July, Sam threw out four bribery counts, but prosecutors elected to pursue the remaining charges.

Sam determined this week that without those charges, the rest of the case falls apart.

Attorneys for Welch and Johnson said their clients felt vindicated.

"It's good to have the federal court agree with us on the lack of criminality in his conduct," said Max Wheeler, who represents Johnson. "We're confident we'll be able to uphold the court's order" on appeal.

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SPORTS EXTRA

AP TOP 25

Table listing the Top Twenty Five teams in the Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Nov. 15.

DIV. II PLAYERS

Table listing Division II players and their teams, including first round, quarterfinals, and playoff pairings.

NFL STANDINGS

Table showing NFL Standings for American Conference East, Central, West, and National Conference East, Central, West, and Playoff Pairings.

(Thursday game) Lubbock Coronado (7-3) vs. Midland Lee (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Memorial Stadium in Midland.

(Thursday game) Amarillo High (9-5) vs. Abilene High (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday in Lubbock.

(Friday game) John's, Minn. winner. IHaca-Montclair State winner at RPI (8-0).

DIVISION II Region I Childress (9-1) vs. Muleshoe (9-1), 5 p.m. Friday at Dick Bivens Stadium in Amarillo.

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(Friday game) John's, Minn. winner. IHaca-Montclair State winner at RPI (8-0).

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coached by former Oklahoma offensive coordinator Mike Leach, has won three straight games. All have been Big 12 games, and it's only the second time the Red Raiders have done that.

Red Raiders junior Kliff Kingsbury is the league's top passer with 2,902 yards, and his 19 TDs are just three less than Texas' Chris Simms. Ricky Williams has added 73 yards per game rushing and 12 TDs, including scores in five straight games, and ranks third nationally with more than seven receptions a game.

Kansas, which has the nation's toughest schedule. The Jayhawks lost 59-0 to Texas in their first game under interim coach Tom Hayes, who replaced the fired Terry Allen.

Iowa State is still trying to earn its second straight bowl berth. One coach will get his first Big 12 victory when Oklahoma State and Baylor play.

Baylor has a 29-game Big 12 losing streak that dates back to October 1998, the season before coach Kevin Steele took over. The Bears have lost all 23 conference games under Steele. Les Miles is wrapping up his first season at Oklahoma State.

Kansas State, after four straight 11-win seasons, has to win its last two games for an eighth straight winning season and the possibility of an eighth straight bowl appearance. The Wildcats beat Tech 54-10 last season.

Fledgling football league adds Enid franchise to list

ENID, Okla. (AP) — The newest franchise of a fledgling, semi-professional football league will call Enid home beginning in March. The Oklahoma Crude will be part of the 2-year-old National Indoor Football League, which had 13 teams last year and could expand to 25 in the coming months, officials said Thursday.

edge a little. ... This is going to be like a huge carnival every game. The Oklahoma Crude will play 14 games March through July. The team will be part of the Midwest Division, which includes clubs from Kearney and Omaha, Neb.; Sioux Falls, S.D.; Wichita Falls and Austin, Texas; Topeka, Kan.; Casper, Wyo.; and Springfield, Mo.

Twins, baseball await decision on contraction injunction

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A Minnesota judge is considering an injunction that could disrupt baseball commissioner Bud Selig's plan to dump two teams before next season. After arguments Thursday from lawyers from the Minnesota Twins, the team's landlord and the attorney general's office, Hennepin County District Judge Harry Crump said he would rule in "a couple of days."

Without a temporary injunction, the commission's lawyers argued, the Twins could be disbanded before the conflict over the lease is settled. "Once the franchise takes wing, we can't get the remedy we need," said Corey Ayling, a lawyer for the Facilities Commission. Montreal and Minnesota are considered the leading candidates for elimination, with Florida, Oakland and Tampa Bay also possibilities.

and whether the public interest is served. Roger Magnuson, the lawyer who represented the Twins and Selig, argued that Crump would be overstepping his bounds to extend the order. Acknowledging that his own children were rooting against him, Magnuson urged Crump not to let emotional arguments sway his decision. "We all feel the hurt if the Twins leave," Magnuson said. But, he said, "You can't compel people to play ball."

Twins are an object of civic pride and community interest and bring national exposure to the state. If Crump issues the injunction, it might be impossible to eliminate the Twins before next year because it's unclear when a trial would take place. Selig wants to pick the two teams to eliminate by the end of November and wants to complete the process by Dec. 15. The 30 courtroom seats and the jury box were filled with fans and media, and another dozen or so people clogged the aisles. Among those attending were Mayor Sharon Sayles Belton and Clark Griffith, son of former Twins owner Calvin Griffith.

Twins are eliminated or moved. Ayling and Gilbert cited a 1977 ruling involving the New York Jets and a 1983 case against New York Yankees. When those teams tried to play games outside their regular venues, courts blocked them, saying games in other places would damage the city's quality of life and cost it money. Magnuson said those cases shouldn't apply because this dispute was over whether a team played, not where it played. Magnuson said it was ironic that the public bodies were fighting to have the Twins deemed a public interest when the team has consistently been denied taxpayer subsidies for a new ballpark on the grounds that it is a private business.

Modano returns from two-game layoff to lead Dallas Stars past LA's Kings, 4-3

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mike Modano's back and ribs are just fine. Just ask the Los Angeles Kings. Modano returned from a two-game layoff to score two goals, including the game-winner with 9:41 remaining, and Joe Nieuwendyk had a pair of goals 56 seconds apart as the Dallas Stars beat the Kings 4-3 Thursday night.

to come just from skill and talent." Kings goalie Felix Potvin stopped 14 of 17 shots during the first two periods and was replaced at the start of the third by Jamie Storr. Allison, who had failed to score in his first eight games with the Kings, scored at 5:28 of the third when he converted a rebound of

Ziggy Palffy's shot while getting cross-checked into the crossbar by Shaun Van Allen. Allison got the equalizer less than two minutes later with a short backhand. "At times they go in, and other times they don't. But it doesn't do much good if you don't win games," Allison said. "We just keep finding ways to lose."

"I felt good at times and a little heavy at times," Modano said. "But in the third period, it started coming around a little quicker and I felt fresher as the shifts went on. "I was waiting to feel it on some of the faceoffs, but it felt good all night on the draws. I was very surprised." Adam Deadmarsh had a goal and two assists to help Los Angeles rally and tie the score at 3, but the Kings still ended up with their 10th one-goal loss of the season. Jason Allison, who began the season as a holdout with Boston, scored his first two goals since joining the Kings in a trade on Oct. 24. "It was only the third time in 19 games this season Dallas has scored more than three goals. "It's been a pretty big concern," Modano said. "The main thing is our defense, because our offense comes from our good positioning on defense and pressuring the puck all over the ice. We can't just expect the offense

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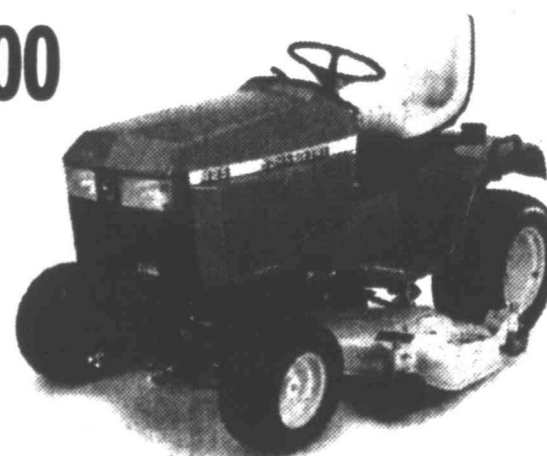
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Dear Ann Landers: My husband's parents visit us twice a year and stay for 10 days each time. The problem: They are both on medication for high blood pressure and leave their pills all over the house. The last time they visited, my mother-in-law woke up early and lined up her pills on the kitchen table while she made breakfast. I have a 4-year-old child who wakes up before I do. It would be easy for my son to assume the pills are candy and eat several before anyone noticed.

I have asked my in-laws to please not leave their medication lying around, but the message didn't get through. My mother-in-law became upset that I thought she was "deliberately careless." She cried and made my husband feel terribly guilty. I wish they would stay in a motel. It would be a huge relief for me, but my husband won't hear of it.

My in-laws will be coming for another visit soon. What can I do to protect my son without offending them? -- Need Help in Louisiana

Dear Louisiana: Your son's well-being is more important than your in-laws' feelings. They should know better than to leave medication out where a child can mistake it for candy. Tell the in-laws in strong language that they must NEVER leave their medicine out on the table. If they don't get the message, your husband must make motel reservations for them, period.

Meanwhile, start teaching your son not to put anything in his mouth without asking you first. He's old enough to understand that some things, while visually appealing, can make him sick.

Dear Ann Landers: I'd like to offer a different response to the letter about

the elderly woman who dropped off food on her neighbor's doorstep. You said the neighbor should accept the food graciously and donate it to a food bank, and that the woman was mentally ill. You may be right, but I have another explanation. I think the woman is lonely.

When I was in my early 20s, I had a widowed neighbor in her 90s living in the apartment next door. She drove me crazy every day dropping off baked goods and casseroles I knew she couldn't afford. None of the other neighbors spoke to her about her unseemly "generosity."

One day, I asked the woman if she could give me the recipes for the dishes she brought over. We scheduled a time each week for her to visit and give me a "lesson." This not only gave her something to look forward to, it gave me free cooking lessons and many delicious recipes. It was a win-win situation. -- Friendly in Orlando, Fla.

Dear Friendly: Your approach was much kinder than mine. Thanks for cleaning up after me. Casting your bread upon the waters netted you caviar sandwiches in return. It's always lovely to hear about a kindness that has been reciprocated. Thank you.

Dear Ann Landers: My fiancée, "Mary Beth," and I plan to be married within the next few months. There will be a dinner party a week before the wedding, hosted by Mary Beth's two sisters and their husbands. Cocktails will be served.

The problem is, my parents do not approve of alcohol. Would it be OK for me to ask Mary Beth's relatives NOT to serve alcohol at this dinner party? -- Upstate New York

Dear Upstate: It would not be OK. Mary Beth's sisters and their husbands are hosting, and it should be their call. When YOU have a party, you can make it a dry one if you wish. When others are hosting, you don't get a vote.



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GARAGE SALES

- Big Spring State Hospital's Relay for Life Team Huge Garage Sale, Sat. 8-3, Recycling Ctr. No. Hwy 87.
- Biggest Garage Sale Yet! 7 Families 6508 E. Midway Rd. Sat. Only 8-5. No Early Birds. Everything you can imagine, from house to barn. Burritos, brownies & soft drinks. Everything priced to sell! MUST SEE TO BELIEVE!
- Garage Sale: 1702 Harvard Sat. 8-2 & Sun. 8-12 Kitchen items, appliances, clothes, etc.
- Garage Sale, 434 Dallas, sat. 8:30-12. No early sales. Lots of misc. items.
- Garage Sale, 626 State, Sat. & Sun. Tools, nice adult & children's clothes, shoes & Much More.
- Garage Sale Sat. a **CANCELLED** in...
- Garage Sales: 4209, 4210, 4211 Bilger. Sat. 8-4. Rain/ Shine. Lot's of misc.
- Multi family garage sale: 1804 Wallace. (Off Dixon) Fri. & Sat. 8-3. Appliances, furn., clothes all kinds, twin mattress. NO early Birds!
- PJ'S INSIDE SALE. 2210 Main, Fri. 10-5 Clearance Sale! Getting rid of older stock. make an offer!
- Rain or Shine Garage Sale. Sat. 8-12, 2506 Allendale. Christmas decor, lots of misc.
- Sat. only 8-7 500 Dallas. Pool table, furn., clothes, dishes, house decor, misc.

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Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)
District: Abilene
Contract: 6079-69-001 for PIC-NIC AREAS/ROADSIDE SIGNING
TENANCE in MITCHELL County, will be opened on December 19, 2001 at 11:00 am at the District Office for an estimate of \$14,196.50. Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to the eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.tdot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. (NPO: 026)

State Office
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200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540
District Office
Abilene District
District Engineer
4250 N. Glass
Abilene, Texas 79601
Phone: 915-676-6850
Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT reserves the right to not be bound by any bid received if the contractor is not approved on the grounds of lack of cash, surety, or financial rating.
6/27/5 November 16, 2001

UNFUR. HOUSES FOR RENT
1603 Main Very Large 4BR 1 bath Fenced Yard \$365/mn. \$150/dep. 263-1792 or 264-6006

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"Why does this picture of Daddy when he was a kid look like me?"

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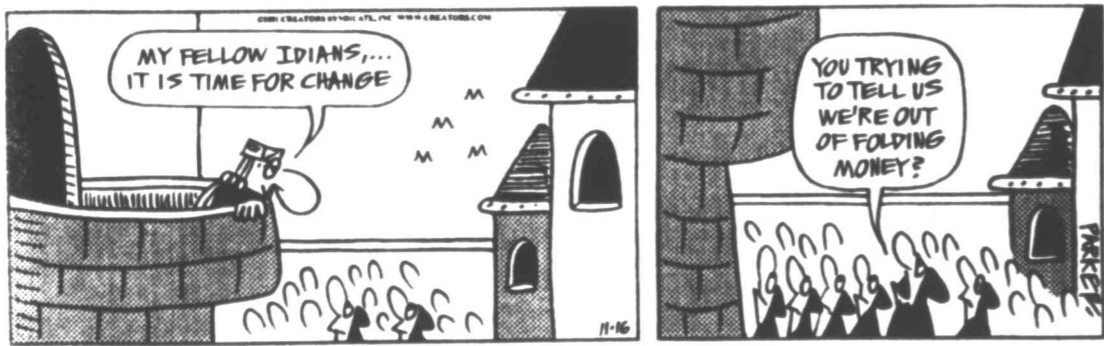
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Friday, Nov. 16th, the 320th day of 2001. There are 45 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 16th, 1864, Union Gen. William T. Sherman and his troops began their 'March to the Sea' during the Civil War. On this date: In 1776, British troops captured Fort Mifflin during the American Revolution. In 1885, Canadian rebel Louis Riel was executed for high treason. In 1907, Oklahoma became the 46th state of the union. In 1933, the United States and the Soviet Union established diplomatic relations. In 1959, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical 'The Sound of Music' opened on Broadway. In 1961, House Speaker...

Samuel T. Rayburn died in Bonham, Texas, having served as speaker since 1940 except for two terms. In 1966, Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard was acquitted in his second trial of charges he'd murdered his pregnant wife, Marilyn, in 1954. In 1973, Skylab 3, carrying a crew of three astronauts, was launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla., on an 84-day mission. In 1973, President Nixon signed the Alaska Pipeline measure into law. In 1981, actor William Holden was found dead in his apartment in Santa Monica, Calif.; he was 63. Ten years ago: Former Louisiana Gov. Edwin Edwards won a landslide victory in his bid to return to office, defeating state representative David Duke, a former Ku Klux Klan leader. Five years ago: President Clinton spent the first full day of a shortened vacation in Hawaii that preceded a trip to Australia, Thailand and the Philippines. One year ago: Al Gore won a legal fight to expand manual recounts as he struggled to trim George W. Bush's 300-vote lead in Florida's presidential race. Today's Birthdays: Actor Clu Gulager is 73. Blues musician Hubert Sumlin is 70. Journalist Elizabeth Drew is 66. Blues musician W.C. Clark is 62. Actress Joanna Pettet is 57. Actor Steve Railsback is 56. Actor David Leisure is 51. Actress Marg Helgenberger is 43. Rock musician Mani (The Stone Roses) is 39. Tennis player Zina Garrison is 38. Baseball player Dwight Gooden is 37. Jazz singer Diana Krall is 37. Actress Lisa Bonet is 34. Actress Tammy Lauren is 33.

Newsday Crossword

RSVP by A.J. Santora Edited by Stanley Newman

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