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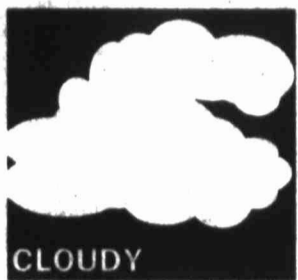
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Tonight:



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Veterans Day prompts some Friday closings

County, city and federal offices will be closed Friday in observance of Veteran's Day, which is Saturday.

Howard County Courthouse offices will be closed Friday and reopen on Monday.

Also, city of Big Spring administrative offices, except for emergency services, will be closed.

The VA Medical Center administration office along with several other federal offices will not be open on tomorrow.

The Big Spring Post Office will be open Friday for regular service but will be closed on Veteran's Day.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ American Legion Auxiliary 506, 7 p.m.
Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

FRIDAY

□ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-1037 or 267-7281.

□ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ AMBUCS, noon, La Posada.

□ Fourth Annual Pancake Supper, sponsored by the Big Spring Choir Boosters, 5:30-7 p.m., High School Cafeteria. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for students.

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

SATURDAY

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

□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club will have free eyeglasses for all adults, 9 a.m. to noon, Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third. For more information call Donna Groenke at 393-5298.

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Vote recount continues with Bush holding slight edge

WASHINGTON (AP) — In agonizing suspense, Americans waited for a crucial Florida recount to settle the election between George W. Bush and Al Gore amid rival claims of victory. Halfway finished, the recount showed Gore closer, within 1,000 votes, with a possibility the nation won't be sure of its next president for days or even weeks.

Attorney General Janet Reno pledged Thursday to review any complaint

brought to her in the Florida ballot count, but said so far there is no reason for the federal government to "jump in."

"We are not here to generate controversy," Reno, a former Miami prosecutor, said at her weekly news conference. "We are here to do what's right, to make sure the voice of the American people is heard, and that basically is a matter of state law."

Several residents of Palm

Beach County filed a lawsuit seeking a new election there, contending ballots in the county were "deceptive, misleading and confusing." A number of people said they accidentally voted for Reform Party candidate Pat Buchanan rather than Gore because names and circles on the punch ballot didn't line up.

Gore's campaign manager, William Daley, said "I assume the courts will take a serious look" at com-

plaints filed by Florida voters.

Republicans noted that the Democrats had approved the ballot design in advance. Bush urged a speedy resolution.

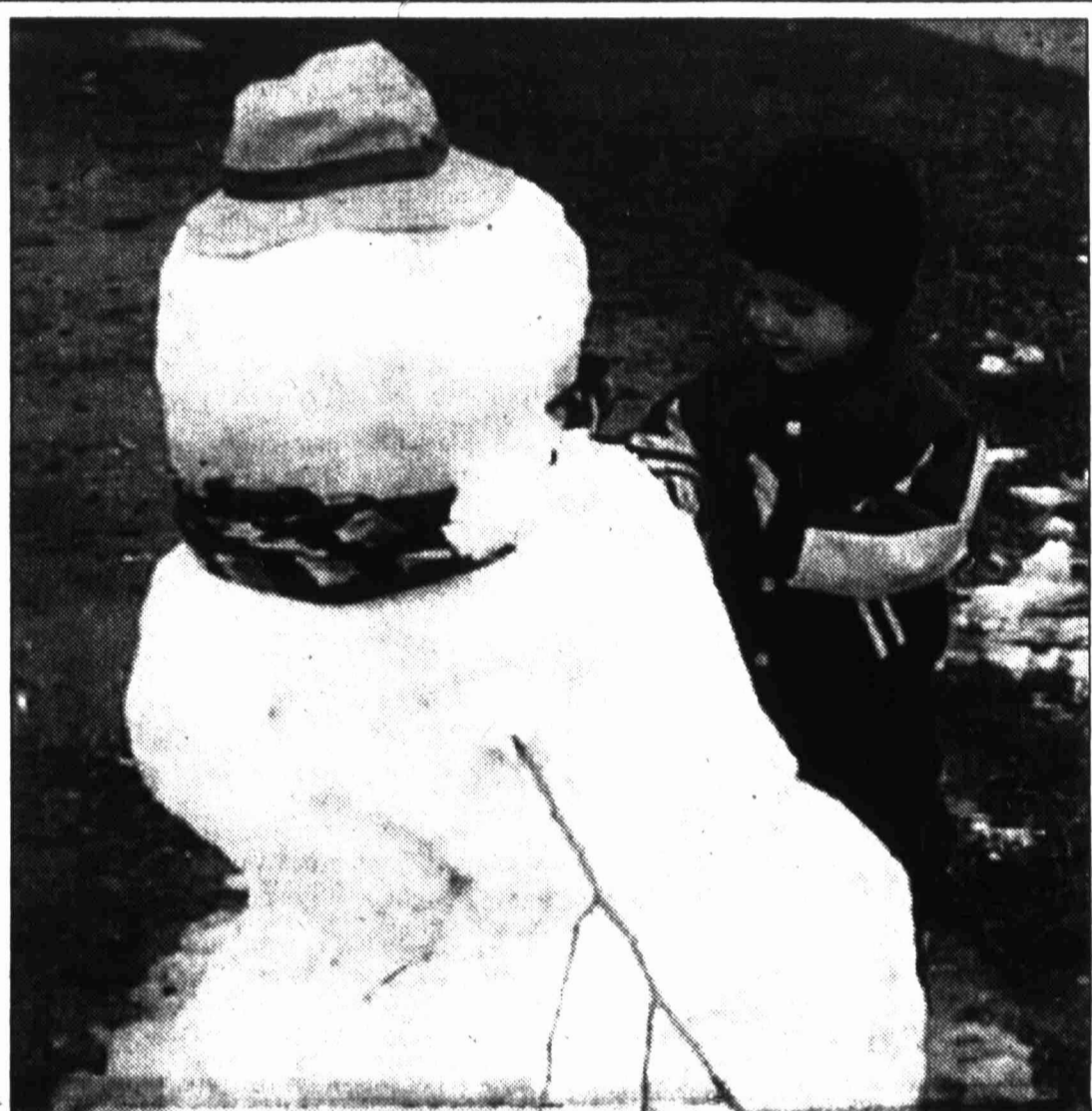
When all is resolved, the Texas governor said he was confident that "I'll be the president-elect."

The election was all up to Florida with the 25 electoral votes to put one candidate or the other in the White House.

The latest Florida recount totals showed Bush ahead of Gore by 941 votes, cutting Bush's statewide lead by almost half with 32 of the state's 67 counties retabulated. The recount of nearly 6 million ballots was mandatory because the state margin was less than one-half of 1 percentage point of Florida's total votes.

State election officials expected to complete the

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Three-year-old Ryan Pearson of 1114 12th and Main could not wait to play in the snow on Wednesday. He woke his mother up at 4:30 a.m. so he could go build this snowman.

Gift of life

Howard County residents encouraged to donate blood Friday at the Herald office

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

As we begin the holiday season, Howard County residents have the opportunity to give a very special gift — the gift of life.

The United Blood Services Bloodmobile will be parked at the Big Spring Herald, 710 Scurry, on Friday from 1 until 4 p.m.

"We had a very positive response from the community in our last blood drive and we hope to improve for this drive," said Lyndel Moody, Herald blood drive coordinator.

Donors must be 17 years old or older, weigh more

than 110 pounds, be in good health, carry proof of identification and know the names of any medication they have taken within the past 30 days.

"We are 1,200 units of blood short for the year," said Johnna Pevey, UBS community relations representative. "But we finished October with only 50 units short. There is a marked improvement from early this year; we are gradually gaining back some lost ground."

It takes 300 pints of blood a week to supply the 12 area hospitals, UBS representatives said.

"With the donation of blood down from last year, it is even more important for the community to give," said Moody. "Please give if you can. It doesn't take long, and the rewards are

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Big Spring Symphony season opens in song Saturday night

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

The Big Spring Symphony will be joined by some of the city's best singers when it opens the 2000-2001 concert season Saturday.

The Big Spring Symphony Chorus and the Big Spring High School Meistersingers will both perform during the concert, which begins at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium.

"The Meistersingers will

really be the featured group of the second half," said Stan Hanes, symphony association president. "We are looking forward to having this choir involved. We had wanted to do some things to get the schools more involved in the symphony, and this is part of that."

Hanes said the event will present some of the best young voices Big Spring has to offer.

"This is a fine choir," he said. "Linda (Lindell) does a

TICKETS

\$10 adults, \$8 seniors, \$5 students, available in advance at Blum's, Dunlap's, First Bank of West Texas, Heritage Museum and the chamber or at the door Saturday night.

great job with them." Lindell, Big Spring High School choir director,

explained the term Meistersingers dates back to the 1400s in Germany. The name referred to an elite ensemble that traveled around the country performing for royalty and the wealthy.

At the high school, the group is made up of the top singers in grades nine-12 who audition each May for the honor. There are about 40 singers who will join the symphony during the second half of Saturday's con-

cert.

The first half of the concert will feature the symphony, conducted by Rob Hunt of Midland, performing Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5 in E Minor.

Tickets for the concert are \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and \$5 for students. They are available in advance at Blum's, Dunlap's, First Bank of West Texas, the Heritage

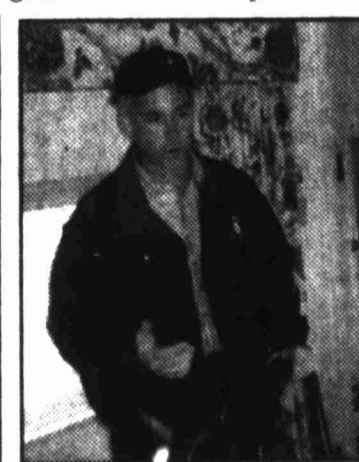
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All aboard for Union Pacific 'Operation Lifesaver'

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

More than 100 community leaders, law enforcement officers, students and railroad enthusiasts boarded a vintage 1950 passenger train Wednesday and made the 38-mile trip to Midland.

The train was on the third day of a five-day, 600-mile journey to promote highway-railroad crossing safety in West Texas. The safety train coincides with Texas Operation Lifesaver Week thus dubbing the program "Operation Lifesaver."



HERALD photo/Carl Graham
Mike McCarthy, a Union Pacific Superintendent from El Paso, gives media members a tour during the train ride to Midland.

Mike McCarthy, communications director for Union Pacific, said the program has been successful in getting the safety message out to the public.

"Most probably don't know that a car and train collide every 90 minutes across the United States," said McCarthy. "We want to be out here to educate everyone on highway-railroad crossing right where the road meets the track. We especially want to get the word to our West Texas area because we have several accidents in the Midland-Odessa area."

McCarthy said there had been a steady decline in train collisions until last year when an increase was seen.

"We saw a 13 percent

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Howard County residents enjoy ride on 50s passenger train

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

When asked how they enjoyed the ride to Midland aboard the passenger train that is on a five-day, 600-mile journey from Fort Worth to El Paso, most said it was a good one and very



HERALD photo/Carl Graham
A group of Big Spring residents board a five-car passenger train Wednesday that was on a five-day, 600-mile journey to promote highway-railroad crossing safety in West Texas.

comfortable. Quail Dobbs, a Howard County Justice of the Peace and former rodeo clown, said he had a great ride.

"It was great!" said Dobbs. "I'd like to turn around and go back on it. The part I like the most was going by the lake because its an area we

don't normally get to see that close. I really enjoyed the trip."

Robyn Drinkard, secretary for County Judge Ben Lockhart, thought the ride was wonderful.

"It was very educational and enjoyable," she said. "I think they should do it all the time."

Big Spring City Council member Greg Biddison echoed those comments.

"It was great," he said. "I would like to see them come back and do this sort of thing all the time. I rode the train when I was a kid but that was a long time

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OBITUARIES

Manuel M. Villa

Funeral service for Manuel M. Villa, 66, Stanton, is pending with Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel. He died Nov. 8, 2000, at a Midland hospital.

Lois Kelly

Funeral service for Lois Kelly, 92, Midland, formerly of Stanton, will be 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, 2000, at the Downtown Church of Christ in Stanton with Ben Mereness, minister of Southwest Church of Christ in Amarillo, officiating.

Mrs. Kelly died on Monday, Nov. 6, in a Midland nursing home.

She was born on Sept. 4, 1908, in Palestine and married Dale Kelly on Sept. 20, 1929, in Stanton. He preceded her in death on Feb. 19, 1976.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly moved from Stanton to Hereford in 1949 where they had farming interest. Later, a farm home was built north of Panhandle where they lived until returning to Hereford in 1962. Upon retirement, the Kellys moved to Amarillo. She was a homemaker and served as a leader in various social clubs. She was a volunteer for the Republican Party and for the Meals on Wheels Program.

She was an active member in the Church of Christ for 61 years.

Survivors include: two sons, John Dale Kelly Jr. of Panhandle and Charles Kelly of Huntsville, Ala.; one daughter, Patsy Odom of Stanton; one sister, Billie Simmons of Flower Mound; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials may be made to Home Hospice, 1802 W. Wall St., Midland, 79701, or

Lubbock Christian University, 5601 W. 19th St., Lubbock, 79401.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Erma Lee Proctor

Erma Lee Proctor, 69, of Big Spring, died on Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2000, at her residence. Graveside funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, 2000, at the Wilson Valley Cemetery, Little River, with the Rev. Michael King, pastor of African Methodist Episcopal Church, officiating.

She was born on Oct. 20, 1931, in Draw and married Jimmie Ardell Proctor on Nov. 25, 1947. He preceded her in death on March 30, 1988.

Mrs. Proctor was a homemaker and a great cook. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include: one daughter, Suzanne Hedges of Big Spring; five grandsons, Cody Hedges of Big Spring, Jimmie Proctor and Chad Proctor, both of Temple, and Will Proctor and Shawn Proctor, both of Holland; two granddaughters, Dayna Mayes of Austin and Amber Proctor of Temple; one great-granddaughter, Carli Mayes of Austin; three sisters, Mickie Martin of Lubbock, Nita Tippis of Ruidoso, N.M., and Floydan Cagle of O'Donnell; and one brother, Marty Jackson of Brownfield.

The family suggests memorials may be sent to Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, P.O. Box 2213, Big Spring, 79721-2213.

The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

one great-great-grandson, Nathan Plew of Austin.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the American Lung Association of Texas, P.O. Box 26460, Austin, 78755-0460.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Paid obituary

Corinne Faye Croker

Funeral service for Corinne Faye Croker, 79, Big Spring, will be at 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, 2000, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Claude Craven, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Croker died on Wednesday, Nov. 8, in a local hospital.

She was born on April 5, 1921, in Fluvanna and married Hiram Croker on Nov. 1, 1957, in Fort Worth.

She came to Big Spring in 1971 and had owned and operated A&W Grocery for a number of years. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include: her husband, Hiram Croker of Big Spring; two sons, Billy D. Samples of Pagosa Springs, Colo., and Douglas Maples of Fort Worth; two sisters, Blanche Nunley of Graham and Inez Smith of Wichita Falls; one brother, Alvin Whitaker of Rush Springs, Okla.; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the donor's favorite charity.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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great." Those who want to give in the Herald's drive are encouraged to make an appointment to speed the process. Those interested should call Moody at 263-7331, ext. 238.

Those unable to donate at this time can take note that other area blood drives are planned Nov. 22, at the Big Spring Care Center from 1 to 4 p.m. and on Nov. 30, at the Big Spring VA Medical Center from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

SYMPHONY

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Museum and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. They will also be sold at the door, which opens at 7 p.m.

The symphony season continues on Feb. 3, 2001 with Richard Strauss' Also Sprach Zarathustra, better known as the music from the movie, "2001: A Space Odyssey."

On March 24, the Symphony Association will present Amarillo's Little Theatre with "Love Always... Patsy Cline."

Finally on May 4 and 5, the Harrington String Quartet and the Lone Star Brass will perform, first for children in the local fourth and fifth grades, then for a concert open to the general public.

SAFETY

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increase in collisions last year after several years of steady decline," said McCarthy. "In addition, there was also a 13 percent increase in injuries to per-

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AROUND THE TOWN

sons trespassing on railroad property across the state. All of the highway-railroad grade crossing partners in Texas are dedicated to turn those figures back around."

In Howard County there have only been two collisions since 1995. One was in 1995 and the other was in 1996. Both occurred at crossings with non-active warning devices.

Steven Martchanky, an employee of Union Pacific for almost 20 years, gave the group a safety briefing before the train pulled out of Big Spring.

"We have a slogan called 'look, listen, and live,'" said Martchanky. "Those are safety tips we all need to adhere to. Lights, bells and gates at railroad crossings are put there for a reason, to give a warning to drivers that a train is approaching. Do not pass, stop or shift gears while on a railroad crossing, just proceed with caution."

He said individuals need to know they can be ticketed for going around barriers in an attempt to beat a train. People can also be ticketed for trespassing on railroad tracks.

"What we need to remember is, trains can't stop very quickly but you can," said Martchanky. "A loaded freight train traveling 55 miles an hour takes a mile or more to stop. A light rail train can take 600 feet to stop, and an eight-car passenger train passenger train like this one traveling 60 miles an hour requires almost a mile to stop."

He added that at night, judging speed and distance is particularly difficult.

"If you think that you can beat a train across a highway-rail intersection, you're dead wrong," said Martchanky.

TRAIN

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ago. This was really fun and an enjoyable experience."

Terry Hansen, vice president for administration at Howard College, was among a large group of Howard College staff and students that made the trip.

"I thought it was a fun ride, a little nostalgic, just something different," said Hansen. "I think it would be great to give the kids some exposure and give them a chance to see what trains are all about."

Stephanie Horton, a member of the City Council, said it brought back some childhood memories for her.

"I rode a train many years ago as a kid," she said. "We had Amtrak coming through town when I lived in New Iberia, La. I am glad my kids got to go because they really enjoyed it. It was fun."

Big Spring City Manager Gary Fuqua called the ride interesting.

"This is something new, this 'Operation Lifesaver' and it gives us an idea of what it will be like when Amtrak comes through here," he said. "I think it will be a nice way to travel."

RECOUNT

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recount Thursday, but the results won't be certified until at least Nov. 17. That's the deadline for ballots cast by military personnel and other Floridians overseas to arrive in the state. Meanwhile, Buchanan

TEXAS LOTTERY

Pick 3: 0-0-4

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

said that "ineptitude" in ballot design may have caused many south Florida voters to vote for him when they meant to vote for Gore.

Buchanan said on NBC's "Today" show, "When I took one look at that ballot on election night... it's very easy for me to see how someone could have voted for me in the belief they voted for Al Gore."

Even before the recount, Gore's campaign was eyeing legal options for forcing a new vote in heavily Democratic Palm Beach County, where confusion over how to complete the ballots may have boosted Buchanan's totals, a senior Gore adviser said.

County officials said 19,120 ballots in the presidential race were thrown out before they were counted because voters picked more than one candidate.

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:

WEDNESDAY

1:42 a.m. — I-20 and MM 176, traffic accident, patient refused service.

2:55 a.m. — 500 block W. 17th, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC).

3:48 a.m. — 1200 block Pennsylvania, trauma call, patient refused service.

9:46 a.m. — 1800 block Goliad, public service.

10:21 a.m. — 5700 block

2:38 p.m. — FM 700 and Birdwell, traffic accident, two patients transported to SMMC, one patient refused service.

4:07 p.m. — SMMC, patient transferred to residence.

7:49 p.m. — 1600 block Hilltop Road, medical call, patient refused service.

11:38 p.m. — 2900 block W. Highway 80, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Wednesday through 8 a.m. today:

DICK CHARLES NICHOLS, 62, of Big Spring, was arrested on a judgement sentence for driving while intoxicated, second offense, and driving while intoxicated, third offense. (HCSO)

THOMAS RAY CAMARILLO, 27, of Coahoma, was arrested on a charge of bondsman off bond for a driving while license suspended offense. (HCSO)

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Wednesday through 8 a.m. today:

DICK NICHOLS, 62, of Big Spring, was arrested on a charge of driving while

transported to SMMC. **JERRY MANN**, 25, no address given, was arrested on local warrants.

JERRY MANN, 20, no address given, was arrested on a charge of minor in consumption.

ASSAULT BY THREAT was reported in the 4800 block of W. Highway 80.

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.

THEFT was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg and in the 200 block of Marcy.

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Erma Lee Proctor, 69, died Wednesday. Graveside services will be at 2:00 PM Saturday at Wilson Valley Cemetery, Little River, Texas.

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Maria Santos Castillo, 89, died Monday. Services were 11:00 AM, today at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, with burial in Trinity Memorial Park.

Pat Bruton, 55, died Monday. Graveside services will be 11:00 AM, Friday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Gladys B. Harrison, 92, died Monday. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM, Friday at Trinity Memorial Park. Her body will be in state Friday morning.

Maurine Trantham, 81, died Wednesday. Services are 10:00 AM, Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

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Maurine Trantham
Maurine Trantham, 81, of Monahans, formerly of Big Spring, passed away at her home at 11:49 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2000.

Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Jeff Donnell officiating. Interment will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.



Maurine was born on May 6, 1919, in Stanton. She married Reuben Trantham on Oct. 2, 1936, in Lovington, N.M. He preceded her in death on Dec. 14, 1983. Mrs. Trantham had been a lifetime resident of Big Spring until moving to Monahans in 1985. She was a member of College Baptist Church.

Mrs. Trantham was a homemaker and had also worked at Hillcrest Day Care Center and the nursery at College Baptist Church.

She is survived by: one daughter and son-in-law, Robbie and Jim Billings of Big Spring; one son, Carrol Trantham of Monahans; one brother, Lem Nations of Jacksboro; three grandchildren, Cherri Harris, Kevin Billings and his wife, Karin, Amy Chapel and her husband, Thomas, all of Big Spring; six great-grandchildren, Erik Plew of Austin, Quade Harris, Ashley Billings, Chase Billings, Devon Craven and Brandon Chapel, all of Big Spring;

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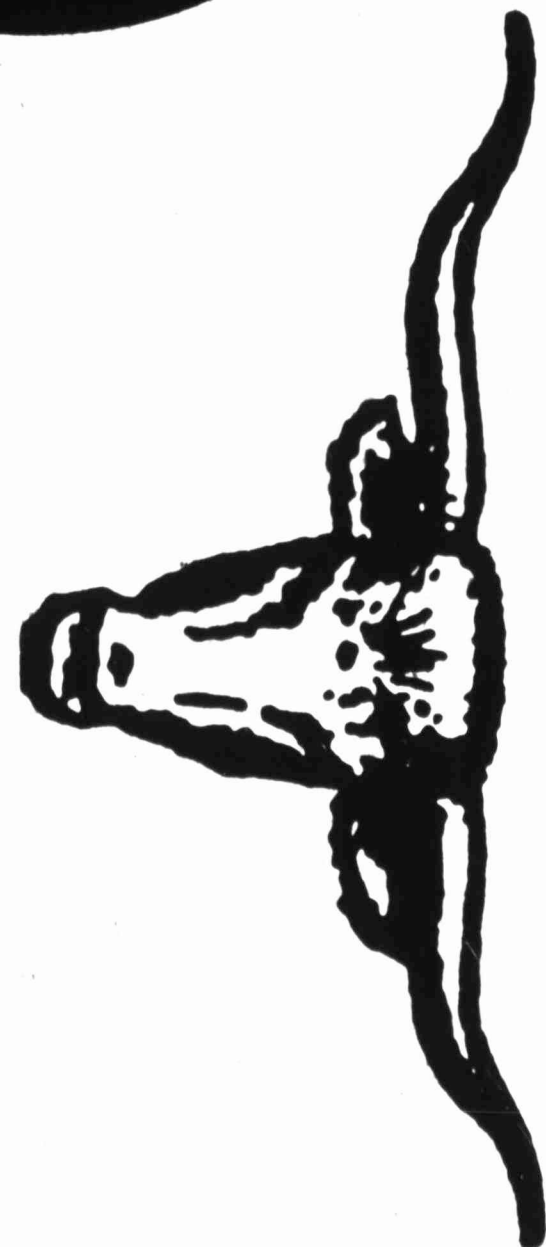
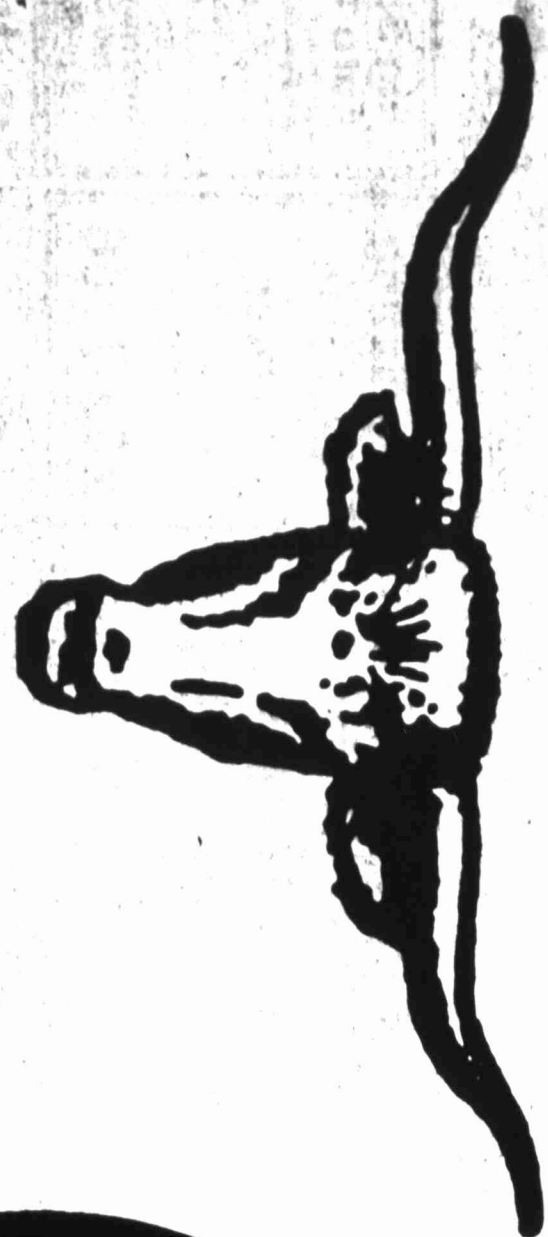
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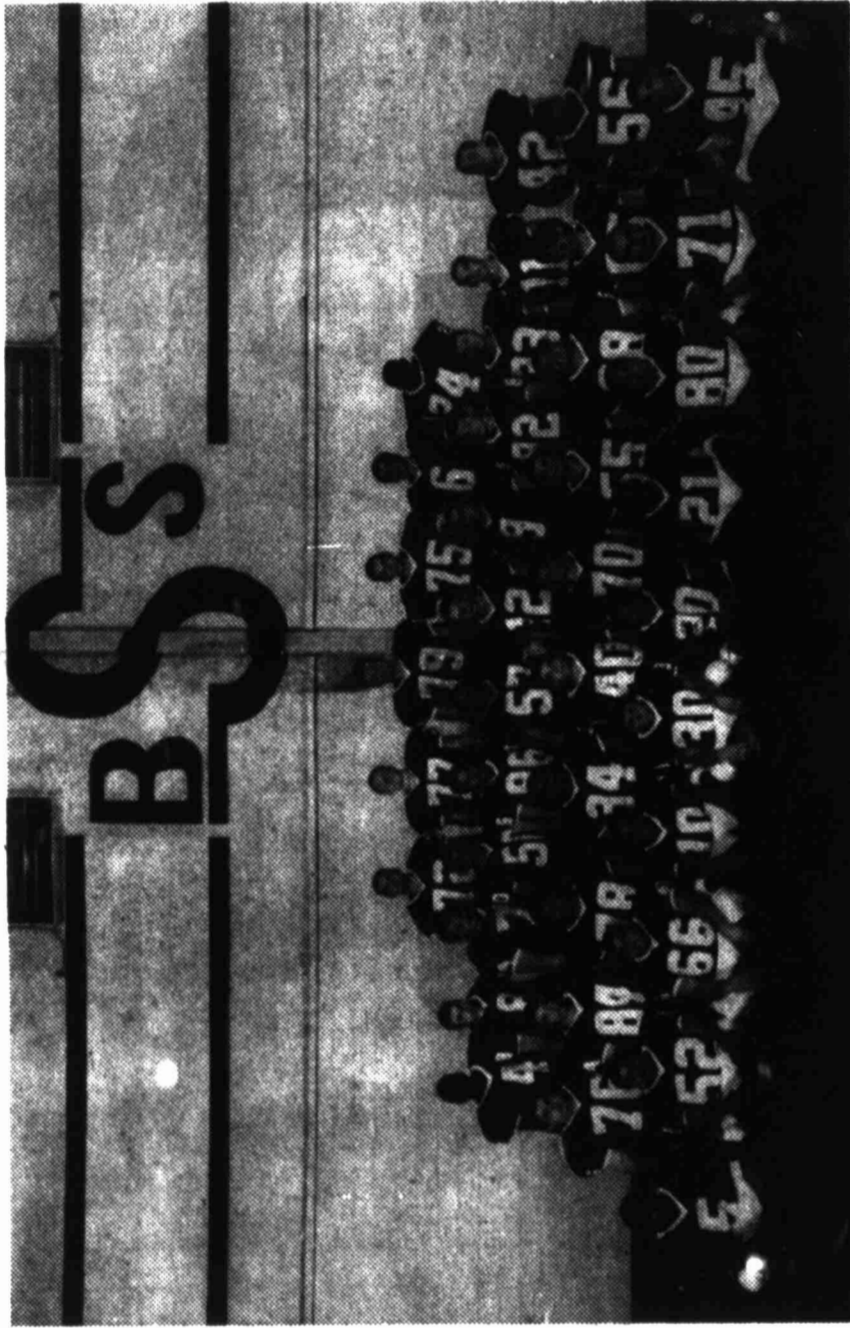
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After months of courting by both parties, Hispanics rushed to polls

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The nation's Hispanic voters showed this week they have become a political force to be reckoned with, turning out in record numbers after months of courting by both Democrats and Republicans.

The biggest beneficiary, at least in the short term, appeared to be the Democratic party. Hispanics voted about 2-1 in favor of its candidates, while helping Vice President Al Gore secure several key states in his run for president. But Hispanics also cast enough ballots Tuesday for Gore's oppo-

nent, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, to convince political analysts that they can be tapped as a potent force for Republican candidates in the future.

But the biggest longtime beneficiary of the surge in Hispanic voting may have been the Hispanic electorate itself.

"Talk about a night-and-day approach to Latinos, 1996 compared to 2000," said Arturo Vargas, executive director of the National Association of Latino Elected Officials. "What this election does, on a national level, is show Latinos are a permanent element of a win-

ning strategy."

Running up to the election, both major parties ran ads in Spanish and conducted aggressive voter outreach drives that included using Spanish-speaking relatives to promote their candidates.

On Wednesday, exact figures were not immediately available on just how strong Hispanic turnout across the nation was.

But exit polls showed Hispanics accounting for about 7 percent of the vote, up from about 5 percent in 1996.

Perhaps more importantly, though, this year's

turnout represented a greater proportional increase than the rise in the overall Hispanic population, said Andy Hernandez, senior adviser at the non-profit United States Hispanic Leadership Institute in Chicago.

"You have this continuous upward movement that's extraordinary," he said.

Efforts to register Hispanics and get them to the polls, as well as the attention given to them by the campaigns, get the credit, he said.

Both parties targeted Hispanics early on, pouring money into ad campaigns,

showcasing Hispanic speakers at their conventions, appearing at meetings of Hispanic groups and peppering speeches with Spanish phrases.

George W. Bush, for instance, sometimes referred to himself as "Doble-V," Spanish for "W."

Bush's Hispanic nephew, George P. Bush, also warmed up Spanish-speaking crowds.

Gore's oldest daughter, Karenna Gore Schiff, drew on a year spent in Spain to speak to voters in Spanish.

The efforts bore fruit for Gore, analysts said, ensuring his victory in California

and New York and helping push him over the top in harder-fought battleground states such as Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin, which aren't typically associated with a Hispanic population.

According to exit polls, Gore won among Hispanics nationwide, 62 percent to 35 percent, and in Bush's home state of Texas, 54 percent to 43 percent.

Gore won among Hispanics in every state except Florida, where a Republican-leaning Cuban-American population traditionally makes the Hispanic vote safe for the GOP.

Clinton, Arafat meet in effort to end violence

WASHINGTON (AP) — Renewed violence is at the top of the agenda and resumption of negotiations with Israel only a remote possibility Thursday as Yasser Arafat calls on President Clinton at the White House.

Once-optimistic plans to mold a final settlement between Palestinian leader Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, who comes calling Sunday, are in disarray, shattered by their differences on Jerusalem and five weeks of violence on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and in Israel.

Barak said Wednesday on Israeli television that he

would seek no resumption of peace talks. "I go to Washington to ensure that the end of violence that was agreed on at Sharm el-Sheik is carried out, if that is possible. That is all," he said, referring to an Egyptian resort where Clinton mediated a truce last month.

"It's still the U.S.'s intention to work with the parties to help them try to achieve what they are in a position to achieve, what they want to achieve," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Wednesday before Arafat arrived a little after midnight Thursday.

Referring to the truce the leaders accepted under

Clinton's prodding, Boucher said, "We think that first attention needs to be paid to implementing the commitments to Sharm el-Sheik, to reducing the violence, restoring the calm."

Arafat is requesting that the United Nations establish an international protective force to shield Palestinians from Israeli soldiers and police.

Boucher said new U.N. resolutions are not the prescription for ending the unrest. Carrying out the emergency summit's accord is the best approach, he said.

Barak cautioned Wednesday at a memorial in Israel to slain Prime

Minister Yitzhak Rabin: "Violence will not achieve anything. It will not change our policy and will not weaken our determination to bring peace and security to Israel."

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright has reprimanded Arafat for what she considers an inadequate followthrough on the truce. She is expected to meet separately with Arafat after he sees Clinton at the White House.

En route to Washington, Arafat flew to Cairo to meet with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, host of the summit, then stopped in London to meet with British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Former U.S. attorney accused in Waco investigation

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A federal grand jury in Missouri has indicted a former federal prosecutor involved in the government's siege of the Branch Davidians in Waco, Texas.

William W. Johnston, a former assistant U.S. attorney in Waco, faces charges of obstructing the investigation of special counsel John Danforth. In the five-count indictment, Johnston is accused of hiding information on the government's use of pyrotechnic tear gas rounds during the siege.

The indictment was issued Wednesday as Danforth released his final report on Waco. He said he would have preferred releasing the report without prosecuting anyone, but the charges were too serious to be ignored.

Johnston is accused of hiding his notes about the use of incendiary tear gas rounds from the Justice Department and Congress.

He also is accused of later lying about the notes to Danforth's investigators and to the grand jury.

Johnston played a role in the disclosures about the pyrotechnic rounds that led to the appointment of Danforth to investigate Waco. While admitting that he hid the notes, Johnston said in a prepared statement that he was now being prosecuted because he was a whistle-blower.

"My actions were foolish, regrettable and wrong, but they were not criminal," Johnston said. "I can't confess to concealing the pyrotechnics when I was the government employee most responsible for disclosing them. And I can't take full blame when there is so

much blame to be spread around."

Danforth's final report criticized others who had withheld information and evidence, but no one else besides Johnston is being prosecuted.

The criminal case is the final development in a 14-month investigation that cost \$17 million. The final report was the last of Danforth's findings. In July, he said government agents did not shoot Davidians or start the fire that killed many of them. Danforth also said he found that the military acted properly.

While finding no widespread government conspiracy to cover up the use of pyrotechnic tear gas, Danforth found that mem-

bers of the Justice Department prosecution team had failed to give information about the rounds to Davidian defense lawyers during a criminal trial in 1994. He also criticized two FBI evidence technicians who checked the crime scene.

Three pyrotechnic tear gas rounds were fired at a shelter near the Davidians' complex on April 19, 1993, several hours before the fatal fire that ended the siege. It has since been determined that the rounds had nothing to do with starting the fire.

The Justice Department and the FBI had denied for years that the government used anything that could have started the fire.

Parties work to forge deal in AOL, Time Warner bid

WASHINGTON (AP) — An antitrust review of the proposed merger between America Online and Time Warner is entering its final phases, as regulators continue to press for assurances that the deal would not block out rivals in the market for new Internet services.

Company officials and staff members at the Federal Trade Commission have been engaged for weeks in intense discussions on how to implement a requirement that AOL-Time Warner open its high-speed cable lines to rival Internet companies. Such a condition would mean that a consumer subscribing to Time Warner's superfast Web service also could sign up for online providers other than AOL.

Ultimately, the commission's five members can vote to accept a tentative agreement between the FTC staff and the companies or the agency can seek to block the \$129 billion merger in court. As part of

their review, agency staff members have interviewed competitors and collected testimony that could be used in a lawsuit to stop the deal.

A decision by the FTC could come before week's end. The deal still needs approval from the Federal Communications Commission, but that review process is currently on hold pending the trade commission's action.

The European Commission signed off on the deal last month.

The question of access for Internet competitors has become a vital issue in the merger, largely because cable companies like Time Warner have taken the lead in offering consumers new, high-speed Internet access, dozens of times faster than today's dial-up connections.

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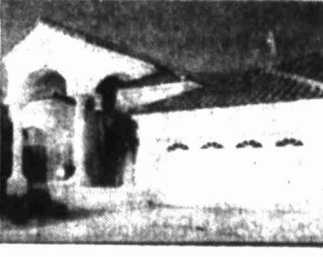


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OUR VIEWS

Our freedoms were paid for by our veterans

Eighty-one years ago Saturday, Armistice Day was celebrated for the first time. And then, as now, there was a great cause for the observation. At that time, World War I had ended just a year earlier and there was hope that "the war to end all wars" would indeed be just that. Sadly, that was not the case and time and time again, America's men and women have been called to duty in defense of their land... in defense of the freedoms our ancestors fought to gain and preserve... in defense of our American way of life. After World War II and the Korean Conflict ended, then-President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill in 1954 that changed the name of Armistice Day to Veterans Day and established as the purpose of the holiday the honoring of veterans from every American conflict. In 1968, Congress passed a law allowing Veterans Day to be celebrated on the fourth Monday of October. But because of the strong emotional outpouring of veterans and veterans' supporters, Congress changed Veterans Day back to its original date of Nov. 11 in 1978. Veterans Day is a difficult time for many in that they have to deal with the loss of friends and family. Often, the observance brings back harsh memories of times the veteran would prefer not to remember. But for all of us, let us never forget that our freedoms have been fought and paid for many times over through the blood, sweat and tears of millions of American men and women who stepped proudly to the line when their government called. Veterans Day is much more than a day off. It is more than a flyover or the playing of Taps or the laying of a wreath on a memorial. It is the time we pause to remember... and to give thanks... to those men and women who served their country in both war and peace. As we pause on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month... we offer our most sincere thanks for your sacrifices.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:
The members of the Big Spring Quarterback Club would like to take this opportunity to tell our community how much we appreciate their support of the Big Spring Steer football team. Through membership donations, Steer Gear purchases and advertisements purchased for our programs we sell at the games, these monies are used to buy things for the steer football program that are "wish list items." Right now, we come to you again for your support. But you can relax, because we aren't asking for your money. What we are asking for is your presence at the Steer football games this Friday at Memorial Stadium at 7:30 p.m. Wear Black and Gold all day Friday, because Frenship is coming to town and they need to see what's waiting for them.

The Steers are tied for first place in district with a 5-1 record, and will battle for the Championship against the Tigers this Friday night. The Steers have fought a long, hard battle not only to earn a playoff spot (Go Steers!), but also to win district. These young men are going to lay it out on the line for something bigger than themselves on Friday so let's pack Memorial Stadium with Big Spring Fans. Rock the stadium with the Big Spring Steer Band and Cheerleaders and cheer these young men to the District championship. And remember, the key words in the term "Big Spring Steers" are Big Spring; these young men are ours and they will represent this community on Friday night. Let's don't leave 'em hanging.

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People need to fight mental enslavement

Did you know that every day in this country, millions of Americans desecrate and insult the fallen war dead? It's true. These young men died painful deaths to preserve freedom. Yet how many times have you heard people say, "Well, I agree, but I'm afraid to say anything about that." When you keep your mouth shut out of fear, you are abandoning your God-given right to free speech. And when you abandon it, you are saying that the sacrifices others made to preserve that right are worthless. You might as well drive over to the nearest national cemetery and weep on the graves. Think about it. You are saying that you're going to surrender your right to free speech because somebody



CHARLEY REESE

might frown at you, or call you a bad name, or, heaven forbid, stop doing business with you. Yet you expected the young men to overcome their fear of death and terrible wounds in order to preserve a right that you won't even exercise. I tell you the truth. I heard from a man who fought in World War II, and he said that if he had it to do over, knowing how the country was going to turn out, he wouldn't go. That's a pretty damning indictment of the present. When we wake up in the morning, we should first of all smile and thank God. We are alive, which means there are yet useful things for us to do. We are free, and we only have to use our courage to live like free people. When you let other people intimidate you into surrendering the rights God gave you, you are also insulting God. You are, in effect, saying, "God, your gifts are not worth any discomfort on my part and are certainly not worth the money I might lose if I exercise them." I don't know how God

will receive that. I've never presumed to speak for Him or to claim that He has spoken to me. But, pardon the unintentional blasphemy, if I were God, you'd be in deep trouble. Whenever we allow someone else to capture our brain, we become that person's slave. Late-20th-century slave owners are very smart. They figured out that chattel slavery is costly and inefficient. If you enslave the body, you have to pay for its upkeep. Enslave a person's brain, and that person will do your work and pay for his or her own upkeep. Talk about cheap labor. Hardly anybody wants you to be a person who can think, live his or her own life and live free. The commercial, political and ideological organizations all want to control your mind so that you will spend your life in their service, accomplishing their goals, enriching them. They spend billions trying to cram your brain so full of their messages that there won't be any room for your own thoughts. They want you to slave at

your job so that you can buy their overpriced junk or tickets to their tasteless entertainments. The Zionists want to fill your mind with a false history of modern Israel so that you'll applaud when their snipers shoot innocent Palestinian children in the head. The socialists want to fill your mind with their bilge so that you'll abandon the one system that created the wealth that the socialists are living off. Some preachers want to fill your mind with a false religion so that they can enjoy six-figure incomes. They treat you like human cattle. They want you to hate yourself, hate your history and hate the symbols of your culture so that you'll obey them. Well, I say, Americans, get up off your knees and stand tall. Your life is sacred. Your freedom is sacred. Your history and your culture are invaluable. Live free. The worst someone can do is kill you, and you're going to die anyway. It doesn't matter how you die — it matters how you live.



Andy's missionary days

It was an old story, really, the one about churches using vintage episodes of "The Andy Griffith Show" to teach Bible lessons. A couple of years ago a Huntsville, Ala., man came up with the idea of looking to Andy to inspire religious discussion and the dissection of values. The theology of Mayberry, if you will, a one-bullet Bible study. It's still spreading, this serving up Barney for Sunday school. The newspaper report I read recently said hundreds of churches in 23 states now look to Andy for inspiration and Aunt Bee for the benediction. I get a little proprietary about the things I love, and "The Andy Griffith Show" is one of the things I love. So forgive me. Something about squeezing Andy for religious answers is mildly annoying. For one thing, I remember several episodes that poked gentle fun at organized religion. Gentle fun is the only kind that gentle show poked. But it sure didn't spare the realities of religious hypocrisy and piety, if I recall. It didn't let the professional moralists off the hook, either.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

Remember that hymn-singing gossip Clara? Otis, the incorrigible town drunk, was one of the show's most lovable heroes. Do the churches show the episodes featuring him? I never once in my life heard a preacher advocate making life easier for a drinking man. The show was never, ever preachy, which makes the irony here delicious. Maybe I'm straining at a gnat, but churches co-opting bits and pieces of a pleasant but secular philosophy is not only silly but galling. It's the same irritation I feel toward those who believe that the only moral behavior is religious behavior, that the Baptists/Episcopalians/Lutherans/Catholics — name your denominational flavor — own the franchise on goodness. I guess I've just known too many non-religious good people to buy that. Charity and loyalty and love don't begin in a church pew; they begin in a good heart. If churches practiced what they preached, TV writers would be able to look to them for admirable values, instead of the other way around. It's interesting that Christian churches need TV Land to remind them of the verities. Maybe church leaders should have been watching "Andy" at home long ago instead of sending missionaries to Africa. (Read Barbara Kingsolver's

"The Poisonwood Bible" for a more convincing case.) Which brings me to more recent news. When Jimmy Carter finally left the Southern Baptists because of their "rigid" views, I didn't know whether to laugh or cheer. Jimmy Carter hasn't really been in league with the Southern Baptists for a long time. His actions indicate he sincerely believes all men — and women — are created equal, for one thing. Carter was good despite his religious affiliation, not because of it. The straw that broke Carter's back has to do with that biblical admonition to women, the one about subjugating themselves to their husbands. I looked up the word "subjugate." The first meaning is "to bring under the yoke." And that reminds me of an "Andy" episode I rewatched not long ago. Spunky Ellie, one in a long series of girlfriends for the title character, ran for public office. Andy, misguided for once, thought that a female candidate was a real hoot. The show's clever writers were more enlightened in the 1960s than the Hillary-haters of today. Hillary, basically, has refused to subjugate herself to her husband, and it drives the mossbacks crazy. It all goes to show, people read into a Bible verse or a TV show whatever they want. For some, Otis may be the devil.

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Massey has no regrets about her service in Vietnam

Editor's note: This is the second in a three-part series about veterans, since Saturday will be observed as Veteran's Day, while today is Women Veteran's Day. The stories, appearing Wednesday, today and Friday, are meant to highlight the accomplishments of servicemen and women now living in our area.

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W a n t e d :
Receptionist/clerk typist; hours noon-midnight; working with top secret documents; combat boots required.

It was 1954 when Anita Massey moved to Big Spring. She was in the sixth grade, the middle child in a family of eight. In 1965, Massey graduated from high school and entered the U.S. Army as a WAC, a member of the Women's Auxiliary Corps.

Basic training took her to Fort McCallan and then Fort Sam Houston. She made a great friend, "Frankie," and enjoyed her work for a military "doc" as a receptionist. What she really enjoyed was caring for soldiers returning from Vietnam, especially burn victims. She would sit at their bedsides and write letters home for them.

It was those wounded soldiers who inspired Massey, and as soon as women were able to go, she signed up for service in Vietnam.

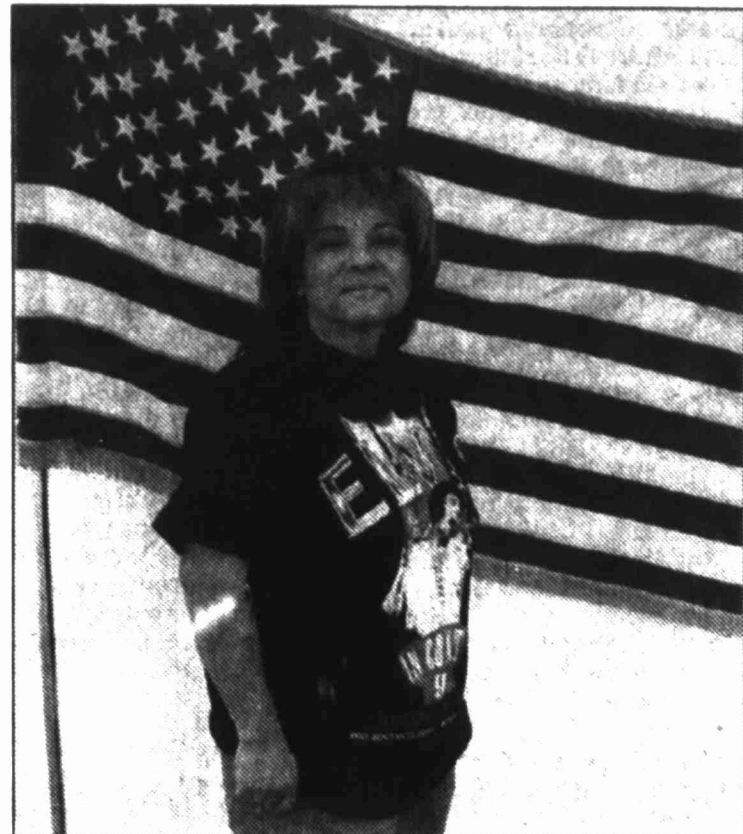
After a short visit back to

Facts about women who served

Today is Women Veterans Day, with a ceremony and program planned locally. Here are some facts about women in military service, from the Big Spring VA Medical Center.

- In the Civil War, there are several reports of women disguising themselves as men to fight.
- In 1901, the Army Nurse Corps was formed.
- During World War I, women's primary role was working at jobs that would allow more American men to join the war effort.
- In World War II, there were 400,000 women serving, all in non-combat jobs. But still, 87 female nurses were among the soldiers

- taken prisoner of war.
- During the Korean War, 540 women served in country.
- During Vietnam, 7,500 women served in South Asia, most of them again, were Army nurses.
- In 1967, President Lyndon Johnson signed a law allowing women to be promoted to high ranks in the military.
- In 1971, the first female Brigadier General was named.
- In 1986, women served in bombing raids during U.S. military action against Libya.
- In 1994, women joined the crew of the U.S.S. Eisenhower for the first time.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Anita Massey, above, is a veteran of the Vietnam War, where she served as a clerk typist preparing top secret documents. At left, she is shown during her service.

Big Spring in 1966, she was on her way. She remembers arriving in the evening; it was dark and rainy and she was taken by bus with armed guards on board and chicken-wire covering the windows.

Later she would learn the wire was used to protect the bus from hand grenades thrown by snipers.

Massey was taken to a large tent station, Tan Son Nui Airbase, in Saigon. She was sent to Longbien headquarters where she would work as a clerk-typist from noon to midnight, preparing top secret documents while being protected by guards.

She would eventually get used to the bombing, the sirens — the sounds of war going on all around her.

Every night a helicopter would come over from Saigon delivering papers. One night, Massey and a co-worker took a daring flight on that helicopter, soaring through the night sky to Saigon, risking the bullets that had been fired at the plane many times.

Massey also remembers taking a trip to the king's palace in Saigon, a beautiful place but surrounded by barbed wire and malnourished children begging for food.

Soon she received a call from the states; her mother was ill. It would take the assistance of Sen. John Tower to get Massey home. Soon after her arrival, she heard her station had been hit; she still wonders what happened to those she left behind.

Later, Massey would spend 10 years in the National Guard, later attending college to become a licensed vocational nurse. Today she works for the VA Medical Center.

Her husband, who had also served in Vietnam, died at just 41 years old. It still brings tears to Massey's

eyes to remember the time he was spit on while walking in a parade dressed in his uniform.

Her sister's husband also served, and shortly after his return, took his own life. Was it the nightmares, the protesters, the friends he left behind, Massey wonders.

Today, this former soldier has three grown children — Jill "Christy," Santos "Taco," and Isreal — and

one grandson. A big fan of Elvis Presley, Massey makes a yearly pilgrimage to Graceland.

But does she have any regrets from her military service?

"No regrets," Massey said. "I would go again. This country has a lot to offer and you have to fight for it every day and take care of those who fought for it."

PEOPLE



Courtesy photo

Jacob Brewer holds a basket of baby gifts given to his daughter, Brooklyn, shown in her mother's arms at left. At right and second from right are Susan Loper and April Ferguson of Girl Scouts.

Girl Scouts pay tribute to founder with gifts for baby

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Brooklyn Brewer may be only a few weeks old, but the Big Spring newborn already has a fan club.

Local Girl Scouts recently presented Brooklyn and her parents, Jacob and Melanie Brewer, with a basket of goodies. The occasion? Brooklyn's birthday was closest to the birthday of the founder of Girl Scouts, Juliette Gordon Lowe.

Lowe was born on Halloween 1860, to a world where opportunities for women were limited. But her goal to bridge the divides that limited the future for girls led her to found the movement in 1912. It would be launched nationally the following year, with a stated goal, "to inspire girls with the highest ideals of character, con-

duct, patriotism and service that they may become happy and resourceful citizens."

Troop members throughout the country presented babies with birthday presents in similar efforts to recognize their founder's accomplishments. Locally, April Ferguson coordinated the effort, and said members of the organization were thrilled to participate.

"Girl Scouts is about wanted to make the world a better place for girls," Ferguson said. "It's great fun to be able to help a newborn baby."

Besides, she added, Brooklyn "is a future Girl Scout," as a T-shirt they gave her states. Ferguson found the idea for the celebration on the Internet.

Girls in local troops bought clothes, booties, bibs

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Camryn Manheim, an Emmy-winning actress in the TV legal drama "The Practice," is pregnant and plans to raise the child as a single mother.

The 39-year-old actress, who made the announcement Tuesday, is expecting a baby boy in April. She would not identify the father.

Manheim won a best supporting actress Emmy in 1998.

Her cast mate, Kelli Williams, also is pregnant. Their pregnancies have been written into the scripts of the show.

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Leaving keys in the car isn't a good idea, even when it's parked at the governor's house.

Gov. John Kitzhaber's wife, Sharon, learned that lesson over the weekend when the couple's leased Mercury Grand Marquis was found badly dented, wedged between a stop sign and a light pole at the end of an exit ramp that runs through the middle of the city.

A man who appeared disoriented was seen grabbing items from the back seat of the late-model vehicle when a tow truck driver, Michael Block, drove past early Saturday and shined his flashlight at him.

The tow truck driver alerted his dispatcher, and the man walked off. The car, which the first lady drives for official business, was last used Friday, said the governor's spokesman.

Pay close attention to diabetes

Diabetes is a silent killer. It is the seventh leading cause of death in the U.S., and it contributes to approximately 200,000 deaths each year.

There are greater than 10.5 million diabetics in the USA and at least 5 million more are undiagnosed and go unaware of the disease. Approximately 800,000 new cases are expected this year, which means more than 2,000 new cases per day, and an annual cost of close to 77 billion dollars between direct and indirect costs.

Diabetes mellitus is a condition in which the body does not produce or properly use INSULIN, a hormone needed to utilize sugar and convert it into energy.

There are two main types of diabetes mellitus:

- Type 1: INSULIN-DEPENDENT DIABETES MELLITUS is characterized by the body's failure to produce insulin, the hormone that allows the use of sugar and starches converting them into energy. Type 1 diabetes accounts for 10 percent of cases; it usually starts in childhood, often near puberty, and occasionally in adulthood. Type 1 diabetics must take insulin to stay alive.

- Without insulin therapy, the patient goes into a state called ketosis, which may be fatal. No direct inheritance pattern has been noticed with this type of diabetes.

- Type 2: NON-INSULIN DEPENDENT DIABETES MELLITUS accounts for up

to 90 percent of patients presenting with high blood sugar. Type II diabetics are not dependent on insulin for survival. Insulin resistance, apparently develops first followed by impaired glucose tolerance, leading to overt diabetes.

It frequently presents after the age of 40 years and is more common in African-Americans, Hispanics, Asian and Pacific Islanders as well as Native Americans, but is also seen in Caucasians.

Obesity, excessive caloric intake, a sedentary lifestyle and environmental factors seem to play a role as well as a strong familial pattern.

• OTHER FORMS OF DIABETES may result from specific genetic syndromes, surgery, drugs, malnutrition, infections, alcoholism with chronic pancreatitis, etc.

Warning signs of diabetes

Frequent urination, unusual thirst, extreme hunger, unusual weight loss, extreme fatigue, irritability, mental status changes, frequent infections, blurred vision, cuts and bruises that are slow to heal, tingling and numbness

in the hands and feet, and recurrent skin, gum or bladder infections may be warning signs indicating you have diabetes.

Complications of diabetes

BLINDNESS: up to 24,000 new cases of blindness per year.

KIDNEY DISEASE: up to 40 percent of new cases of kidney failure, including nearly 28,000 new cases of dialysis due to diabetic end-stage kidney disease.

NERVE DAMAGE and POOR CIRCULATION in the lower limbs in up to two-thirds of diabetics, which in extreme cases may lead to amputations.

HEART DISEASE AND STROKE. Diabetics overall have up to 4 times greater risk than the general population.

Medical advice

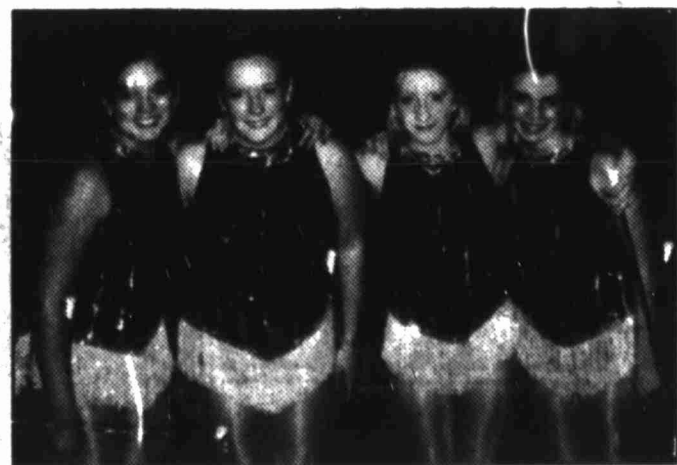
Daily exercise, dietary changes consisting of a low carbohydrate diet, tight control of cholesterol and blood pressure, and a close medical follow-up is necessary in order to avoid complications of diabetes. Once again, remember, diabetes is a silent killer!

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DR. GUIDO TOSCANO

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Forsan High School twirlers, from left are Haley Burks, Elizabeth Sutton, Casie Wood and Camie Carille. They recently competed in a twirling contest at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa, receiving a Division I (highest rating) on their ensemble performance. Burks and Sutton also received Division I on their solos. In May, the ensemble quartet, along with Brooks and Sutton as soloists, will compete again at the state twirling competition in San Marcos.

Courtesy photo

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

COAHOMA BAND MEMBERS WILL have a garage sale on Saturday, Nov. 11 at the Coahoma Fire Department, located at 214 N. First Street in Coahoma. The sale will begin at 8 a.m. Money raised from the sale will be used to help fund a trip to Disney World where the band will march in the Disney Parade.

THE BIG SPRING EVENING Lions Club will have free eyeglasses for all adults Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third.

All adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses are welcome. The recycled eyeglasses are donated by the community as a service project of the Lions.

The club offers the eyeglasses the second Saturday of each month. For more information call Donna Groenke at 393-5298.

Study: Love lights up your brain

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — When you're in love, your eyes light up, your face lights up — and, apparently, so do four tiny bits of your brain.

"It is the common denominator of romantic love," said Andreas Bartels, a doctoral student at University College London who presented his research Tuesday at the Society for Neuroscience.

He used functional MRI, a brain scan showing the brain over time instead of a still picture, to examine 17 students who said they were truly in love — and whose statements were backed up by psychological tests.

When the subjects were shown photographs of their sweethearts, different areas of the image lit up — indicating higher blood flow — than when they were shown photographs of friends. The friends were the same sex as the sweet-

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hearts, and were people the subjects had known about as long.

Anywhere from six to 20 parts of the brain showed increased activity, varying from person to person, but only a common denominator of four were found in all 11 women and six men, Bartels said.

In addition, he said, looking at pictures of their loved one reduced activity in three larger areas of the brain known to be active when people are upset or depressed.

The images are clear, but the emotions aren't, said Dr. Marcus Raichle of Washington University, who attended Bartels' presentation Tuesday. The brain scan images do show a common reaction, he said. "The question is, what is the state he is eliciting?"

While there are plenty of rating scales for anger and fear, Raichle said love has not been as thoroughly studied. Scales like those for the negative emotions are needed for love, he said.

Bartels said the lack of previous research was what interested him. "Vast numbers of studies have been done on negative emotions — fear, sadness, anger, disgust. We decided to tease out a positive emotion."

In the study, Bartels said the students were asked what they felt when they looked at the pictures, to be sure they were feeling romantic love.

ODDS-N-ENDS

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A man who bit his dog has been ordered to stand trial on two counts of animal cruelty.

Stephen Maul says he meant to discipline Boo, a Labrador mix, after it jumped out of his truck and into traffic Sept. 9.

His attorney argued that the 24-year-old furniture mover used an unorthodox dog-training method which mimics the behavior of male dominant dogs.

"Nothing here was cruel or hurtful. It's the most direct and efficient way to maintain training," lawyer Jasper Monti said.

Prosecutor Juan Fernandez said that after Maul bit the dog's neck he shouted to passers-by, warning them to mind their own business.

"He was extremely irate and abusive, not only to the dog, but to the folks on the scene," Fernandez said.

SILVER SPRINGS, Fla. (AP) — A man who doesn't like snakes wrestled an 11-foot Burmese python along a busy state highway then carted it around in a box until he finally found someone who'd take it away.

Roy Terrell, a Clay Electric employee, was driving home from work along State Road 40 one night last week when a woman waved him down from her car.

"I went up to her, and she told me she had run over a rattlesnake and it was under her car," Terrell said. "I looked up under the car, and all I could see was snake."

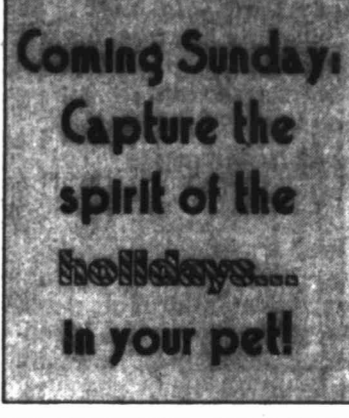
After chasing the snake and grabbing it by the tail, Terrell got the snake under control, stuffed it into a cardboard box and took it home to show his family.

If the snake's owner cannot be found, the snake will be given a new home.

BABY

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and bottles among other items. They conducted "baby showers" in their meetings to gather the gifts. So much was collected, in fact, that local Girl Scouts will also give baby items to the House of Hope, for the benefit of unwed and single parents helped by the organization.



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Breastfeeding still called 'alarmingly low'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Breast milk is considered babies' perfect food. Yet despite a decade of encouraging more American mothers to breast-feed their infants, not enough do. And among black women, breastfeeding is "alarmingly low," in the surgeon general's words.

So concludes a major new government report that calls for a cultural shift in how the nation regards breast-feeding — with policies to ensure that parents are told routinely why it's so healthy, that hospitals improve teaching of mothers in how to do it, and that workplaces make breast-feeding easier for employees.

The onus isn't just on moms. Support from the baby's father and grandmothers, and clear-cut doctor's advice, play huge roles in her decision. Yet black women in particular too often get little encourage-

ment, especially because their own mothers likely used infant formula.

"The culture of breast-feeding has been lost, especially in the low-income African-American community," said Dr. Yvonne Bronner of Morgan State University.

Add shortened hospital stays and there's little time to ensure that new mothers aren't finding breast-feeding difficult or painful. Access to lactation consultants often proves key.

"Help is available, but a lot of women never hear that," said Kay Sophar, a nurse practitioner and lactation consultant in Silver Spring, Md., who says most complaints are easily solved.

Some 64 percent of American women breast-feed during their infants' first weeks to month of life. That's better than the 50 percent of a decade ago, but the nation missed the gov-

ernment's goal of having 75 percent of mothers breast-feeding babies by this year.

But only 29 percent of all moms, and 19 percent of black mothers, breast-feed until their babies are 6 months old — a crucial time period, says the report.

The government's new goal: By 2010, for at least half of mothers to breast-feed exclusively until age 6 months, when solid foods are added, and for at least 25 percent to continue until the baby's first birthday.

Why is breast-feeding so much better than formula? Breast-fed babies suffer fewer illnesses such as diarrhea, earache, pneumonia and other infections. Studies suggest breast-fed babies also may be less likely to develop asthma, diabetes or childhood cancer. Their brains seem to develop faster, they respond better to vaccines and they are less likely to become fat later in childhood.

FREEDOM

We urge you to take a moment to reflect upon and appreciate those whose fought for the rights and freedoms we all enjoy in this country. These financial institution will observe the following hours Saturday, Nov. 11 in observance of Veterans Day.

Government Employees Federal Credit Union Closed Fri., Nov. 10th	Cosden Federal Credit Union Drive thru Closed Sat., Nov. 11th
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IN BRIEF

Playoff spots at stake in Friday night games

While Big Spring's Steers, Colorado City's Wolves and Sands' Mustangs have guaranteed themselves playoff berths, several Crossroads area teams need to win their final games to qualify for the postseason.

Coahoma's Bulldogs can lock up their first playoff berth since 1972 and claim a share of the District 3-2A championship with a win over Colorado City.

A Bulldogs loss, however, would see them cheering on Stanton's Buffaloes in their game against Seagraves. A Buffs win would guarantee postseason nods for both Coahoma and Stanton.

Garden City's Bearkats are also looking for a playoff berth, but to earn it, they'll have to beat No. 6-ranked Roscoe on the road.

Packers earn berth in Little Super Bowl

The Big Spring Packers earned a berth in the Crossroads Little League Football Super Bowl with a 30-22 win over Coahoma's Bulldogs II.

The Packers took a 24-6 halftime lead on touchdown runs by Joey Herrera and Chris Ybarra and a 15-yard scoring strike from Michael Rodriguez to Hayden Phillips.

Miguel Juarez scored the Bulldogs' only touchdown of the first half.

Coahoma roared back in the second half on a 1-yard run by Cody Price and a 2-yard quarterback keeper by Blaine Kerby.

But Ybarra broke loose on a 62-yard romp in the fourth quarter to lead the Packers to the win.

Quarterback Club meets Monday

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center's meeting room.

Film from Friday's game with Frenship will be reviewed and the Steers' upcoming trip to the playoffs will be discussed.

Anyone interested in supporting the Steers football program is invited to attend.

Steers Hoops Club to meet Tuesday

The newly formed Big Spring High School Steers Basketball Booster Club will meet at 7:30 Tuesday night in Steer Gym.

Head coach Bryan Ellington said the meeting is open to parents and fans of Steers' basketball teams from freshman through varsity.

International LL's ragball tourney set

Big Spring's International Little League will hold a coed ragball tournament on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 17 and 18.

Players must be at least 13 years old. Entry fees are \$10 per player and there must be at least 12 players per team — six male and six female.

Sign-up begins at 6 p.m. on Nov. 17 with the first game set to start at 7 p.m. For more information, call Denise at 756-2841 or 263-1945, Raymond at 263-3811 or Delbert at 263-2631.

ON THE AIR

Television

PRO BASKETBALL
7 p.m. — Philadelphia 76ers at Minnesota Timberwolves, TNT, Ch. 28.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
7 p.m. — Virginia at Georgia Tech, ESPN, Ch. 30.

White Sox boss Manuel voted AL Manager of the Year

CHICAGO (AP) — When the Chicago White Sox got off to a rough start in Jerry Manuel's first season as manager, he got a phone call from San Francisco Giants skipper Dusty Baker.

Don't worry about the slow start, Baker told his friend, you know what you're doing.

How right Baker was. In just his third season as a major league manager, Manuel was the runaway choice for American League Manager of the Year on Wednesday.

"I don't know if I have a secret," said Manuel, whose quiet, humble nature has been the perfect fit for

the young White Sox. "What I try to do is make sure I remove myself and put the team first in all aspects. I just want (players) to do what's best for the team and respect the office of manager more than anything else. Hopefully, that has worked here for the White Sox."

It has. The White Sox finished an AL-best 95-67 and reached the postseason for the first time since 1993. For his role in baseball's biggest surprise, Manuel received 25 first-place ballots and three seconds for 134 points in voting by the Baseball Writers Association of America.

He's the fourth White Sox manager to win the award, joining Tony La Russa (1983), Jeff Torborg (1990) and Gene Lamont (1993).

Oakland's Art Howe, whose team won the AL West title, was second for the second straight season, getting 74 points with two firsts, 20 seconds and four thirds. Seattle's Lou Piniella was third with 28 points, receiving one first, three seconds and 14 thirds.

Voting took place before the start of the postseason, so Seattle's sweep of Chicago in the first round of the playoffs wasn't a factor.

"Obviously, it's quite an honor to

be respected in this type of situation," said Manuel, who also won manager of the year honors from The Associated Press and The Sporting News.

"But I still lean to saying it's because of a good staff, a good organization and good players. First of all, the good players."

With a payroll of just \$37 million, the White Sox were barely expected to contend for the wild card, let alone the AL's best record, when spring training began. The team was filled with youngsters, and Frank Thomas was mired in a two-year slump.



Stephanie Stewart, a senior at Big Spring High School and a member of the Big Spring YMCA Sidewinders gymnastics team, signs her letter of intent to attend Boise State University in Idaho where she'll join one of the nation's Top 20 collegiate gymnastics programs. Her parents, Vicki and Howard Stewart, look on. Stephanie picked Boise State after having visited the University of Arizona and Michigan State. She had also considered an offer from Utah State.

BSHS' Bamert, Stewart sign with LSU, Boise St.

By JOHN H. WALKER
Publisher

Two Big Spring High School student-athletes signed Division I national letters-of-intent on Wednesday to compete for nationally recognized universities.

Clint Bamert, a 6-foot, 4-inch, 175-pound senior righthand pitcher and first baseman, signed a baseball scholarship with Louisiana State University on Wednesday morning while gymnast Stephanie Stewart inked with Boise (Idaho) State University at mid-afternoon.

Both were heavily recruited, with Bamert choosing the perennial Southeastern Conference and national powerhouse Tigers over Arizona State after eliminating Florida State, Florida, Clemson and Miami from consideration.

Stewart, who won the 1996 YMCA Junior Division individual all-around national championship, selected Boise State

over Arizona, Michigan State and Utah State.

Bamert said he had narrowed his decision to LSU, winners of five NCAA College World Series in the 1990s, and Arizona State.

After a visit to Baton Rouge, Bamert canceled his scheduled trip to Tempe.

"They (LSU) are undoubtedly the best baseball program in the nation," Bamert said. "I want to go and try to play at that level. I'm happy and excited. It's a neat opportunity and I hope I do well."

Pat Loter, Bamert's high school coach, said "I think it's significant what Clint Bamert has done through his career and how important Summer Select Baseball has become."

Loter said college and scouts first saw Bamert while he was playing summer baseball.

"It gave him the opportunity to showcase his talents against some good players. Kids need to understand how important summer baseball is," he added.

Bamert earned all-district honors last season and was a candidate for the National Junior Olympic Team this summer. He was selected to participate in the Texas High School All-Star Sun Belt Series as well as selected to participate in the Team One National Showcase.

Bamert was the first player signed by LSU and received a 95 percent scholarship.

"That's unheard of," Loter said. "They've got a lot of players from San Jac (San Jacinto Junior College) who are really good, and they only get about 50 percent at best."

Stewart said signing the early letter-of-intent takes away the pressure.

"It feels really good to know where I'm going and to know that I am going somewhere," she said with a smile. "This year can be fun now. I can do the things I know I can do and not worry."

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Aikman is back at practice; Lett gone for season

IRVING (AP) — Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman practiced for the first time in nearly two weeks Wednesday, and was optimistic he can start this week against Cincinnati.

The practice came two days after Aikman received a second round of injections in the lower left side of his aching back.

"I haven't gotten the relief I got two weeks ago, but got enough to get out and do what needed to be done," Aikman said after the two-hour workout at an indoor facility. "I'm optimistic that if it doesn't regress, I'll be okay."

After Aikman got the first series of shots before the Oct. 29 game against Jacksonville, he said his back was feeling better than it had in years. But he was knocked out of the 23-17 overtime loss with back spasms after being slammed to the turf by Tony Brackens in the first quarter.

Aikman didn't even travel for last week's 16-13 overtime loss at Philadelphia.

With Randall Cunningham sitting out practice with fluid on his knee, Aikman got a full workout with the first team Wednesday. Third-stringer Clint Stoerner also took some snaps.

"He looked fine," running back Emmitt Smith said of Aikman. "I thought he moved around and didn't really grimace, nothing like that. I'm assuming that he's fine. But there's the physical aspect of it in terms of the pounding that remains to be seen."

Coach Dave Campo said no decision has been made on Aikman's status.

"Troy looked good, he felt good and threw the ball well," Campo said. "He practiced a full practice and looked pretty good, but I have to see how he reacts overnight. That will be the determining factor."

On the same day that Aikman returned to practice, the Cowboys lost defensive tackle Leon Lett for the season. Lett sprained his left knee during a drill on the artificial turf at the Coppel High School facility.

"We're disappointed for Leon. He was a solid contributor in our defensive front this year, and this is a difficult setback," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said.

The Cowboys had placed defensive tackle Chad Hennings on the injured reserved list earlier in the day. Hennings is out with a possibly career-ending neck injury.

"The loss of Leon and Chad is a blow in terms of experience, production and leadership on the line," Campo said. "We will probably go with Michael Myers at Leon's spot this Sunday, and then we will determine our defensive line rotation as this week progresses."

As for Aikman, who turns 34 later this month, Jones expressed concern earlier this week about whether the quarterback will return after this season.

In addition to being sidelined because of the back the past two games, Aikman missed two games after a concussion suffered in the first half of the season opener.

"About four or five years ago, I realized that I'd have a tough decision to make someday. I don't know if the time is now," Aikman said. "I'm not ready to say anything is inevitable. My primary concern is to get ready for Cincinnati."

Aikman said he will do as he does every year when evaluating his future. He said any decision will be based on if he wants to continue to play and/or if he feels he can still play.

But he also knows how tough it was for him last weekend, when for the first time in his 12-year career, he watched the Cowboys play from his living room.

"It was very difficult to do. I stood up most of the second half," Aikman said. "I'm hopeful that the carpet in my living room was softer than the turf in Philly."

Also Wednesday, the Cowboys placed receiver Raghbi Ismail (torn right ACL) on the injured reserve list. They signed defensive end Aaron Fields, who was with the Cowboys in training camp this year, and safety Greg Myers, who had been with the Bengals.

Sixers, Cavs stay unbeaten, but Lakers fall to .500

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bimbo Coles and the Cleveland Cavaliers are bidding to become the surprise team in the NBA this season. So are the Philadelphia 76ers and Vancouver Grizzlies, along with the Los Angeles Lakers.

The Cavaliers and Sixers stayed unbeaten with wins Wednesday night, while the defending champion Lakers lost to San Antonio 91-81.

"I'm sure a lot of people are raising their eyebrows around the league saying, 'Wait a minute, hold up, what's Cleveland doing?'" Cavaliers forward Chris Gatling said. "We're not as bad as people perceived us to be."

The Cavaliers beat the New York Knicks 99-87 for their first 4-0 start in 12 seasons.

Philadelphia defeated the Detroit Pistons 103-94 to improve to 5-0 for the first time in 16 years. Vancouver's 101-74 romp over

Dallas made the Grizzlies 4-1, the best start in their six-year history.

But the Lakers fell to 3-3, the first time they've been at .500 since last Nov. 14. Shaquille O'Neal, who called the Spurs a "WNBA team" during an offseason appearance on David Letterman's show, was limited to 13 points.

O'Neal shot only 5-for-13 from the field and 3-for-10 from the foul line.

In other NBA games, Sacramento beat Golden State 115-84, Utah outlasted the Los Angeles Clippers 93-87 in overtime, Denver defeated Minnesota 109-107 in overtime, Miami stopped Seattle 87-81, Indiana downed Milwaukee 108-97, New Jersey beat Washington 102-86 and Charlotte beat Orlando 96-90.

76ers 103, Pistons 94

Allen Iverson scored 28 points and Eric Snow had a career-high 23 as Philadelphia opened a big lead and their nearly blew it at home.

The Sixers led by 27 points in the second quarter before Detroit rallied within one point in the final period.

Jerry Stackhouse scored 36 points to lead the Pistons.

Cavaliers 99, Knicks 97

Cleveland took the lead with 4 minutes left and stayed ahead in the stretch to win at Madison Square Garden.

Coles scored 17 points, including four in the final minute. Andre Miller and Matt Harpring added 16 each for the Cavaliers.

Allan Houston had 25 for New York, but he missed his final four shots and scored only two points in the fourth quarter.

Grizzlies 101, Mavericks 74

Shareef Abdur-Rahim had 22 points and 12 rebounds as Vancouver won at Dallas.

Abdur-Rahim scored eight points

during a 25-3 run in the third quarter. Othella Harrington added 21 points.

Spurs 91, Lakers 81

Tim Duncan had 22 points and 17 rebounds as San Antonio beat the visiting Lakers.

Kobe Bryant scored 32 points for Los Angeles. At this point last season, the Lakers were 5-1 on their way to a 67-15 record.

O'Neal, averaging 32 points this season, was shut down as Duncan, David Robinson and Malik Rose took turns guarding him.

Jazz 93, Clippers 87

Karl Malone scored eight of Utah's 17 points in overtime as the Jazz improved to 5-0.

Malone finished with 31 points in the win at Los Angeles. Utah is off to its best start since the strike.

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FISHING REPORT

AUSTIN (AP) — Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Nov. 8. (Report also available on Web as www.tdfishing.com.)

CENTRAL
BROWNWOOD: No report available.

BUCHANAN: Water murky; 74 degrees; 1000'; black bass are good on 1/4 oz. blue/green titanium buzzbaits and spinnerbaits, red shad Scremer worms or Frenzy poppers from Chimney to Willow Slough in 3 to 6 feet. In Morgan and Beaver Creeks work flats and ledges with Shootin' Shad jerkbaits, motor oil Devils Tongues and purple/fire tail Scoundrel worms in 4 to 8 feet. Striped bass to 24 inches are good drifting live bait or trolling in 20 to 30 feet from The Willows to Flag Island. Topwater action on Fire Tiger Berkley walkers, silver shiner Rat-L-Traps and Pirk Minnows. White bass are fair trolling 5 shad raps, chrome/blue Spin Traps or jiggling white 1/8 oz. Curb's jigs. Crappie are slow on crappie jigs. Tiny Tubes and live minnows. Channel catfish are very good on live or cut bait, blood dip bait and liver. Yellow and blue catfish are very good on trotlines with liver/goldfish or perch.

PROCTOR: Water clear; 15 low; All bass are slow. Channel and blue catfish to 2 pounds are fair on cutbaits. Yellow catfish to 8 pounds are good on trotlines baited with perch and shad.

SOUTH
AMISTAD: Water stained; 70 degrees; 35' low and rising; black bass are slow on Carolina and Texas rigged watermelon seed worms, topwaters and buzzbaits in newly submerged grass beds. Striped bass are slow on slabs near the dam and up the Rio Grande. White bass are slow on slabs up the Rio Grande. Crappie are slow on minnows up Devil's River past Rough Canyon Marina. Channel catfish are slow on cheesebait up the Rio Grande in 5 to 40 feet. Yellow catfish are slow.

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water slightly stained; 61 degrees; black bass are fair on topwaters fished early and late and on crankbaits fished during the day. Alabama Spotted bass are fair on crankbaits fished on long faces near the dam. No reports of smallmouth bass. Crappie are fair on minnows fished from the crappie dock and on brushy flats near creek channels. Channel and blue catfish are fair on minnows, perch, shrimp and stink bait fished in 20 to 25 feet across from the boat ramp. Yellow catfish are fair on perch and large minnows.

ARROWHEAD: Water fairly clear; 57 degrees; 13.25' low; The only accessible boat ramp is West Arrowhead and caution is advised.

BRADY: Water slightly stained; 62 degrees; black bass are fair on plastic worms and crankbaits fished in 5 to 8 feet. Crappie are poor on minnows fished in brush in 6 to 10 feet. White bass are good on crankbaits fished in 2 to 4 feet. Blue and channel catfish are fair on stink bait fished in 4 to 10 feet. No reports on yellow catfish.

COLORADO CITY: Water lightly stained; 60 degrees; 4' low; Fishermen have not been accessing the lake due to snow and generally poor weather conditions.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water slightly stained; 59 degrees; black bass are fair on spinnerbaits and minnows fished in 4 to 5 feet. Crappie are good on small minnows and white jigs fished in 8 to 9 feet near the dam. No report on sand bass. Hybrid stripers are good on shrimp and chicken liver fished in 3 to 6 feet. Blue catfish are fair on shad and perch fished in 3 to 5 feet. No report on yellow catfish.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water stained upper end fairly clear lower end; 60 degrees; 16' low; black bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished around the exposed trees in 7 to 12 feet. Channel catfish are good on bloodbait in 5 to 7 feet. All boat ramps closed. A few fishermen are out in aluminum boats.

KEMP: Water slightly stained; 63 degrees; 14' low; black bass are poor fished in 2 to 10 feet. Sand bass are good on minnows and jigs. Crappie are poor on minnows fished in 4 to 5 feet. Striped bass are poor on jigs and sassy shad fished in 30 to 32 feet. Blue and channel catfish are good trotlines baited with goldfish. No reports on yellow catfish.

NASWORTHY: Water stained; 60 degrees; black bass are fair on soft plastics and spinnerbaits fished in the reeds. Crappie are slow. Redfish are good on cut baits and shad.

NOCONA: Water stained; 63 degrees; black bass are fair on chartreuse crankbaits and topwaters fished around docks and brush piles. Crappie are good on minnows fished in 10 to 15 feet. White bass and hybrid stripers are fair on shad and chartreuse jigs fished in 15 to 20 feet. Channel and blue catfish are good on shad and nightcrawlers fished in 18 to 20 feet. Yellow catfish are slow.

OAK CREEK: Water lightly stained; 58-60 degrees; 24.5' low; black bass to 8 pounds are fair. Yellow catfish to 47 pounds are slow on goldfish. No boat ramps open. Few fishermen out

due to the low lake level and cold weather.

OH. IVE: Water clear; 62 degrees; black bass are fair on Rat-L-Traps and crankbaits fished on grassy flats and points (few being caught on topwaters). Crappie are fair on minnows fished in the hydrilla in 5 to 15 feet. White bass are fair to good on minnows and slabs at night under lights fished along river channels. Catfish are fair on worms and stink bait fished in 15 feet.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 66 degrees; 6.98' low; black bass are fair on small crankbaits and spinnerbaits early later switching to worms and french fries in 5 to 20 feet. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. White bass are slow on minnows, spinners and jigs fished in 5 to 15 feet. Striped bass to 14 pounds are excellent on live shad fished in 20 to 40 feet. Blue catfish are excellent on cut baits fished in 20 to 40 feet. Yellow catfish are slow on live perch in 10 to 30 feet.

SPENCE: Water murky; 58-60 degrees; black bass are slow on Carolina-rigged chartreuse french fries fished on the north side. Crappie are excellent on minnows and jigs in Wildcat Creek. White bass are good on slabs and pearl TailHummers (fish are schooling). Striped bass are slow on cut perch. Channel and blue catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut baits.

STAMFORD: Water clear; 61 degrees; black bass are good on minnows fished shallow. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs fishing the shoreline near structure in 4 to 8 feet. No report on white bass. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live bait. Channel catfish are good on punch bait and cheese bait fished in 5 to 6 feet. Blue catfish are good on trotlines baited with cut shad set in 5 to 6 feet.

SWEETWATER: Water slightly stained; 60 degrees; black bass are good on Rat-L-Traps in 3 to 6 feet. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 6 feet. No report on white bass. Blue and channel catfish are good on shrimp and worms fished in 5 to 6 feet. No reports of yellow catfish.

TWIN BUTTES: Water stained; 60 degrees; No additional information available.

WHITE RIVER: Water clear; 62 degrees; black bass are fair on spinnerbaits fished in the grass. Crappie are good on minnows fished early. White bass are slow. Walleye are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on shrimp. Yellow catfish are slow.

Williams returning to Red Raiders for 2001 under hardship waiver

LUBBOCK (AP) — Ricky Williams, the star running back who has been plagued with injuries, will use a medical hardship waiver to return for Texas Tech's 2001 season, according to a published report Tuesday.

Williams, the nation's fourth-leading rusher in 1998 with 143.82 yards per game, told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal that he recently re-evaluated a previous decision that this year would be his last. With help from Tech's coaches, Williams said he now plans a fifth year with the Red Raiders.

Texas Tech officials have filed the paperwork necessary for Williams, who is set to graduate in December

from the Lubbock university with a communications degree, to play in 2001.

"He's been thinking about it for quite some time," Tech head coach Mike Leach told the newspaper in Tuesday's editions. "That's where he's leaning now. The paperwork is already done."

A senior from Duncanville, Williams had previously said he wanted to leave Tech with his senior teammates.

But Williams, who missed most of 1999's season with a knee injury, re-injured the knee this year, suffering a hyperextension against North Texas when a player landed on it. Williams told the newspaper Monday

night that he decided to return another year under a medical hardship waiver from the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Williams appeared in only one game in 1999, when he suffered the season-ending injury in the season opener against Arizona State. Players, under NCAA rules, can be granted a medical redshirt year if a season-ending injury causes them to play less than 20 percent of their team's games in the first half of a season.

For the Raiders, Williams has caught 42 passes for 207 receiving yards and has made 112 carries for 390 rushing yards. He has scored seven touchdowns, second-most on the team.

SIGNINGS

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Stewart has been the heart of Big Spring's powerful Sidewinders gymnastics team, helping lead the team to a national championship in 1997.

"She's an outstanding individual," said her coach, Russ McEwen. "Not too many years ago it would have been unimaginable for someone from Big Spring,

Texas to have won a national championship or to earn a scholarship to a nationally recognized program."

Boise State was Stewart's first on-campus visit — and everything about the school made an impression on her. "It's a great school with great academics," she said. "I really liked the coaches... they're great."

Stewart said when she game back from her visit,

her reaction was stronger than the other schools.

"I went there (she did not visit Utah State) and it was like, 'unhh,'" she said, shrugging her shoulders. "There were clear differences between (Boise State) and the others."

Stewart received a full scholarship and is guaranteed five years of education for four years of competition.

NBA

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shortened 1998-99 season, when it started 6-0.

Kings 115, Warriors 84
Jason Williams had 12 assists in his return from a five-game suspension, and Chris Webber had 27 points as Sacramento beat visiting Golden State.

Peja Stojakovic added 27 points for the Kings, who led by 29 shortly before halftime.

Williams, who received a five-game ban for violating rules in the NBA's anti-drug program, sported a white

band around his freshly shaved head in his first game since the preseason.

Hornets 96, Magic 90
David Wesley scored 30 points and P.J. Brown got eight of his 19 in the last four minutes for Charlotte.

The Hornets improved to 3-0 on the road despite shooting just 2-for-11 in the fourth quarter, a drought that almost let the Magic overcome a 17-point deficit.

Heat 87, SuperSonics 81
Bruce Bowen made five free throws in the final 31 seconds, and Brian Grant had 30 points and 27

rebounds as Miami beat Seattle.

Eddie Jones added 25 points for the Heat. Gary Payton scored 22 for the visiting Sonics.

Patrick Ewing had 16 points for Seattle.

Nets 102, Wizards 86
Rookie Kenyon Martin had 20 points and Stephon Marbury scored 31 as New Jersey won at Washington.

Martin had scored a total of 24 points in his first three games for the Nets. Against the Wizards, he was 9-for-17.

Washington reserve Richard Hamilton scored a career-high 30 points.

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The Mini Page

By BETTY DEBNAM

How We Elect Our President The Electoral Vote

On Nov. 7, voters will vote for the president and vice president of the United States.

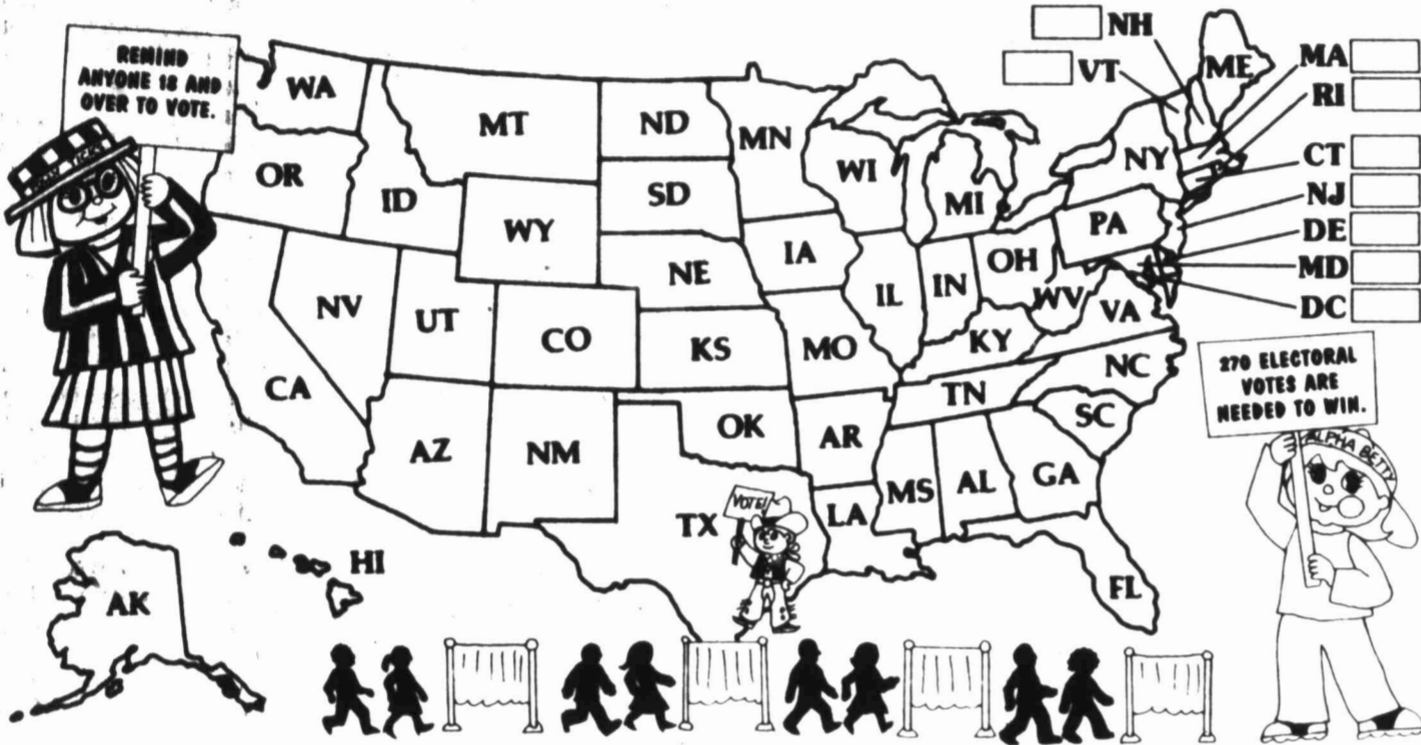
The candidates for president and vice president from each party run as a team. They are on the same "ticket."

The Constitution sets down the rules for electing a president. Each state is allotted a certain number of votes. These votes are called "electoral votes." Today, the total number of electoral votes for the whole country is 538.

The winning ticket in each state wins all of that state's electoral votes. This is called "winner takes all."

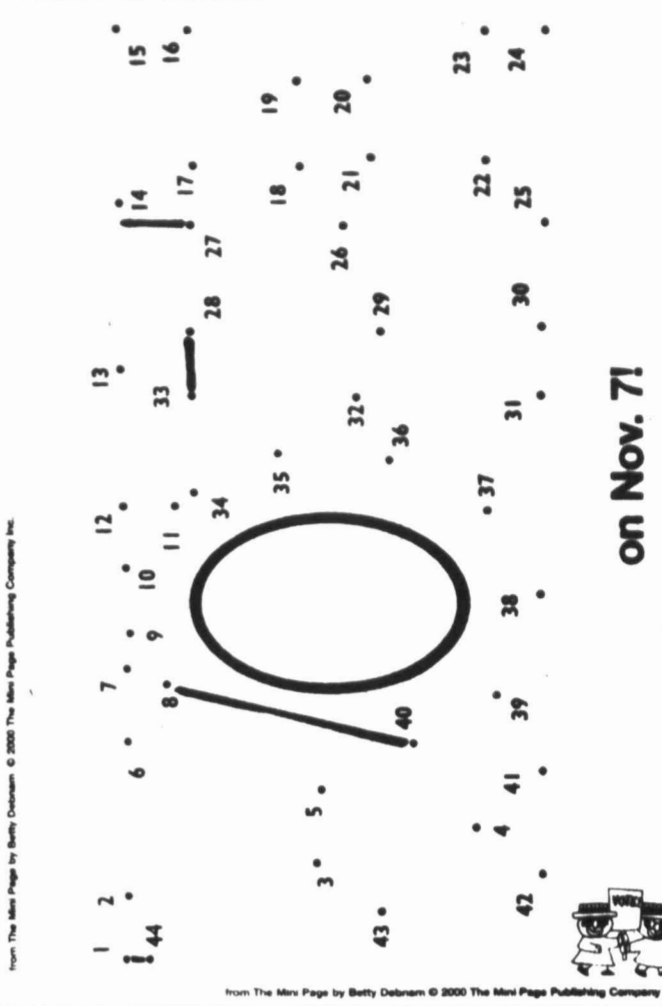
Write the number of votes for each state on the map. After the election, color in the states that voted for the Republican ticket. Do not shade in the states that voted for the Democratic ticket.

Alabama	9	Louisiana	9	Oklahoma	8
Alaska	3	Maine	4	Oregon	7
Arizona	8	Maryland	10	Pennsylvania	23
Arkansas	6	Massachusetts	12	Rhode Island	4
California	54	Michigan	18	South Carolina	8
Colorado	8	Minnesota	10	South Dakota	3
Connecticut	8	Mississippi	7	Tennessee	11
Delaware	3	Missouri	11	Texas	32
District of Columbia	3	Montana	3	Utah	5
Florida	25	Nebraska	5	Vermont	3
Georgia	13	Nevada	4	Virginia	13
Hawaii	4	New Hampshire	4	Washington	11
Idaho	4	New Jersey	15	West Virginia	5
Illinois	22	New Mexico	5	Wisconsin	11
Indiana	12	New York	33	Wyoming	3
Iowa	7	North Carolina	14		
Kansas	6	North Dakota	3		
Kentucky	8	Ohio	21	TOTAL	538



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MIGHTY FUNNY'S Funny Phonics

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

Q: What did the Eskimo say when he got home?
A: There's **snow** place like home!

Q: What goes **sn**ap, crackle, pop?
A: A firefly with a short circuit.

Q: What did the snail say to the turtle?
A: "How can you afford a shell like that?"

Go on an SN word hunt. What other words can you find using the SN blend? What sound do you hear?

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You'll need:

- 1/2 pound ground beef
- 1/2 onion, chopped
- 1 (4-ounce) can mushroom pieces
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1/4 green pepper
- 1/2 cup rice
- 1 cup water

What to do:

- Place beef and onion in a large, microwave-safe casserole. Microwave on high 3 minutes or until beef is brown. Stir every minute. Drain.
- Add remaining ingredients. Mix well.
- Microwave on high 20 to 30 minutes or until rice is soft. Stir every 5 minutes. Serves 4.

BASSET BROWN™ THE NEWS HOUND'S ELECTORAL TRY 'N COLLEGE FIND

Words that remind us of the electoral college are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: ELECTORAL, VOTE, PRESIDENT, CANDIDATES, PARTY, TEAM, TICKET, CONSTITUTION, RULES, STATE, NUMBER, TOTAL, WIN, GROUP, DUTIES.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are voting for school president. See if you can find:

- banana
- 2 safety pins
- peanut
- umbrella
- letter H
- pencil
- letter A
- carrot
- question mark
- bell
- heart
- lips
- ruler
- mushroom
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Polly Ticks' Guide to ... How We Elect Our President

KIDS! YOU MIGHT WANT TO READ THIS WITH YOUR PARENTS OR TEACHERS. THIS IS KIND OF COMPLICATED.

The Mini Page asked our expert, Polly Ticks, to help us all find out more about how our president is elected.

The Electoral College

The Electoral College method of electing our president was set up by the Constitution more than 200 years ago. The writers had a hard time deciding just how our president and vice president were to be chosen.

Voting is the most important thing a citizen can do to help elect our president.

But there is another step after citizens vote. It is called the Electoral College.

This is not a college with a campus and students. Another meaning for "college" is a group that meets and has special duties.

The Electoral College has the duty to elect the president of the United States. The vote is based on how the people in each state voted.

Electoral votes

We elect our president and vice president by what we call "electoral votes." There are a total of 538 of these votes. This number is based on the total number of members of Congress.

Senators 100
Representatives 435
From the District of Columbia ... 3

Each state is allotted a number of electoral votes equal to the number of members it has in the U.S. Congress.

For example: South Dakota has two senators and one representative, so it will have a total of three electoral votes.

The political party in each state nominates a set of electors equal to the state's number of members of Congress.

IF A STATE HAS THREE PEOPLE IN CONGRESS, IT WOULD HAVE:

- three Republican electors, who would be expected to vote for the Republican ticket.
- three Democratic electors, who would be expected to vote for the Democratic ticket.

Republican ticket

Democratic ticket

Bush Cheney Gore Lieberman

Other political parties and independent candidates nominate a set of electors, too.

Counting electoral votes

Citizens 18 years and older vote on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. The winning ticket in each state gets all of that state's electoral votes.

WE LOST THE STATE ... WE HAD ONLY 200,000 VOTES.

WE WON THE STATE ... WE HAD 300,000 VOTES.

We will all know who the winner is on the night of Nov. 7 by counting the electoral votes. However, there are other steps to make it official.

In December, the winning electors, or special voters from each state, meet in their state capitals and cast their votes.

These electoral votes are put into sealed envelopes and sent to the president of the U.S. Senate. On Jan. 6, he opens the envelopes. He reads the results before a meeting of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

If there is a tie, or no one gets as many as 270 votes, the House of Representatives must decide who will be president. Each state has only one vote.

This has happened only twice in our country's history.

A site to see: Adults might want to click on www.fec.gov, then click on "Elections and Voting" to find out more about the elections.

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You often push away others
and opportunities. Be aware
of others' feelings. As a
result, your relationships
will gain. You need to let
others carry the ball and
responsibilities. They need
to discover what problems
they might run into. If you
are single, admirers sur-
round you, but you might
not always make the right
choice. Keep on working at
it. If attached, a relation-
ship heats up if you give
this person the space to try
new ideas. Try to be more
vulnerable. TAURUS plays
devil's advocate.
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)**
*** You have the power
and control to sort through
any problem. You don't
have to agree with another.
You simply need to figure
out what you want from a
situation. Confusion sur-
rounds loved ones or
friends. Keep your eye on
your long-term objectives.
Tonight: Treat another to
dinner.
**TAURUS (April 20-May
20)**
**** You could be incredi-
bly strong when it comes to
what you want. Your focus
is on work and gains. You
are more than willing to
work long and hard. Listen
to others and be creative
with solutions and answers.
You cannot change another.
Tonight: Smile, and you'll
get what you want.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
*** Step back when dealing
with confusing plans, infor-
mation and work. You
could be hearing gossip
more than news. Loosen up
and don't get uptight. You
might want to test the cre-
ative waters, but it might

be smarter to be an observ-
er. Tonight: Stay calm.
**CANCER (June 21-July
22)**
*** Don't come to any finan-
cial conclusions. Opt not to
make a purchase. You
could be misled. All the
information coming for-
ward might not be precise
or as you would like it.
Listen to someone care-
fully. A family member
expresses strong needs.
Listen. Tonight: Get to-
gether with friends.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** You might not see
what is triggering a boss,
but you need to work with
this person. Debate doesn't
get you far. Evaluate what
you expect from associates
and how you feel. Think
hard about a loved one who
might confuse you. Tonight:
Initiate a discussion.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
**** Reach out for those at a
distance. You might think
that another simply doesn't
understand a project. Re-
search also adds a new
element that forces you to
regroup. Make calls.
Recognize that you might
need to spend some money
on yourself. Tonight: Work
as late as you need to.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** Your actions come
back to you. Carefully pick
and choose your words
with a loved one. This per-
son might not always agree
with you, but he does care.
One-on-one relating reveals
strains and pressures in a
relationship. Decide what
you want and expect here.
Tonight: Out with your
sweetie.
**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov.
21)**
**** Another clearly holds
the cards. You might need
to discuss basic matters,
but you find yourself
blocked. Another expresses
deep feelings when you give
him space. For once, sit
back and let someone else
make choices. Reveal your

inner thoughts and feelings.
Tonight: Follow another's
plans.
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-
Dec. 21)**
**** Get into your work,
and you'll accomplish a lot.
Follow your intuition with
another. You know what
works well as you try to get
others mobilized. Carefully
review a situation that
could affect your productiv-
ity. If you're not comfort-
able with another, say so.
Clear out problems.
Tonight: Easy does it.
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-
Jan. 19)**
**** Take charge and han-
dle a personal matter. Your
creativity and savoir faire
make a big difference in
your finances, but know
when to say no to a risk.
Tonight: Let off steam.
**AQUARIUS (n. 20-Feb.
18)**
**** Be sensible with others
and ask for what you need
and want. You can be as
direct as you need to be
with someone at a distance.
This person understands
you and where you are
coming from. Listen to a
close associate or family
member. You could feel

tense about a discussion.
Tonight: Play it low-key.
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March
20)**
**** Discussions enlighten
you about a close associate
or partner. Another discus-
sion could set you back on
your heels. Evaluate what
is going on with a child or
loved one. You might not
have the answers, but you
do know how to talk to this
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She was unhappy about the
way we had behaved. I
thought your readers might
want to "review it" — BOB
BUCKLES, DOWNEY,
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D E A R
B O B :
Thanksgiving? They might
want to review it
before dinner tonight!
Your dear mother did you
"kids" a big favor.
Read on:
"It was
brought to
my attention Thanksgiving
Day that I had failed to
teach you, my children, cer-
tain rules of table manners.
Lest you go through life in
such a state, I will now try
to rectify my gross error by
setting down for you a few
simple rules:
"Remember, table man-
ners, as all other kinds of
manners, have as their
basis consideration for oth-
ers.
"1. Come to the table
promptly when the hostess
calls you. Food tastes better
when it is hot.
"2. Sit at the table with
the four legs of the chair
flat on the floor. Sit
straight, with your feet in
front of you.
"3. Sit quietly with your
hands in your lap until
after the blessing or until
the hostess starts passing
the food.
"4. Wait for the food to be
passed to you.
"5. As soon as the food is
passed to you, take some
and pass it on. Never leave
a serving dish beside your
plate. Wait until all of the
food has been offered before
you begin to eat.
"6. Never butter your
bread directly from the but-
ter dish. Put butter on your
bread apart, and spread.
"7. Do not talk with your
mouth full.
"8. Do not make biological
noises or blow your nose at
the table.
"9. Keep your elbows off
the table and one hand in
your lap.
"10. Never wave silver-
ware around while you're
eating.
"11. Do not use your fin-
ger to push food onto your
utensil.
"12. Do not lick your fin-
gers or wipe your hands on
the tablecloth.
"13. Don't stuff your
mouth with food. Make use
of your napkin so you don't
offend others with half-
chewed food oozing out the
corners of your mouth and
down your chin.
"14. Keep the conversa-
tion pleasant.
"15. Allow your hostess
plenty of time to finish her
meal before serving dessert.
"16. After the main meal
is over, help clear the table

before dessert is served.
Leave the water glasses,
cups and saucers.
"17. Never pick up a
dessert dish and hold it in
your hand while you eat.
"18. Never eat and run.
Remain at the table until
the hostess suggests you go
elsewhere. Children may
ask to be excused.
"19. Offer to help with the
dishes. In a very formal
atmosphere this would not
be true, but in most cases
it's acceptable. Don't insist
on helping if the hostess
doesn't want help.
"20. Always thank the
hostess for the invitation. If
you can honestly do so,
compliment her on the
cooking.
"Love, Mother."
DEAR ABBY: My 11-year-
old son has cut his beauti-
ful long eyelashes. I am
heartbroken. Will they
grow back? — WORRIED
MOM IN WASHINGTON
DEAR WORRIED MOM:
They should grow back. I
called my ophthalmologist,
who assured me that the
normal life cycle of an eye-
lash is six weeks. In practi-
cally no time, your son will
be batting his eyelashes
again.
P.S. Since sharp, pointed
objects near the eyes can be
very dangerous, inform your
son that there will be
severe penalties if he does
it again.
DEAR ABBY: I've heard
that you can fall in love
with people you've met over
the Internet, or blind dates
or even dialing the wrong
number — but have you
ever heard of people falling
in love through a toilet
bowl?
I am a female inmate in a
county jail in California.
Men and women here speak
to each other through air
vents and the plumbing sys-
tem. We take all the water
out and talk through the
toilet bowls.
I have met a great guy.
I've never seen him, but we
have so much in common.
After speaking with each
other every day for a
month, he told me he loved
me and wanted to be my
"one and only."
I haven't told him I love
him yet, because I feel I
can't trust my emotions as
long as I am locked up. I
suspect that I care a great
deal about him.
Abby, have you ever
heard of a toilet bowl
romance? Do you think this
is possible? — BOWLED
OVER IN CALIFORNIA
DEAR BOWLED OVER:
Your letter is a first! The
answer to your questions
are: "No" and "I have my
doubts." You may be
pulling my chain, but I'll
take your word that you are
serious. Wait until you are
both released and have got-
ten to know each other
before you decide to give
your heart to "John" Doe.
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**TAKE TIME OUT
FOR YOURSELF READ**

**NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF TEXAS
HOWARD COUNTY
BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER
OF SALE
DATED OCTOBER 30, 2000
and issued pursuant to
judgment decreed of the District
Court of Howard County,
Texas, by the Clerk of said
Court on said date, in the
hereinafter numbered and
styled suit(s) and to the de-
ceded and decedent as Sheriff
of said County, I have on
October 30, 2000, seized,
levied upon, and will, on the
first Tuesday in December,
2000, the same being the 5th
day of said month, at the
North Door of the Courthouse
of said County, in the City
of Big Spring, Texas, between
the hours of 10 o'clock a.m.
and 4 o'clock p.m. on said
day, beginning at 10:00 A.M.,
proceed to sell for cash to the
highest bidder all the right,
title, and interest of the de-
fendants in such suit(s) and in
to the following described real
estate levied upon as the
property of said defendants,
the same lying and being sit-
uated in the County of Howard
County, State of Texas, to-wit:
SUIT NO.
93-12-04173.
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& 23, 2000**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR FLUID INJECTION
WELL PERMIT**
Maguire Oil Company, 1201
E. W. Street, Suite 400, Dallas,
TX 75270, is applying to the
Railroad Commission of Texas
for a permit to inject fluid into a
formation which is productive of
oil and gas, as amended.
The applicant proposes to
inject fluid into the Canyon
Reef, San Andres Formation,
Chandler, Lease, Well
Number 1. The proposed
injection well is located 2 Miles
West of Vincent in the Sara-
Mag (Canyon Reef) Field, in
Howard County. Fluid will be
injected into strata in the sub-
surface depth interval from
3,000 to 8,010 feet.
LEGAL AUTHORITY
Chapter 27 of the Texas
Water Code, as amended,
Title 3 of the Texas Natural
Resources Code, as amend-
ed, and the State Rules of the
Oil and Gas Division of the
Railroad Commission of
Texas.
Requests for a public hearing
from persons who can show
they are adversely affected, or
requests for further informa-
tion concerning any aspect of
the application should be sub-
mitted in writing, within fifteen
days publication, to the
Environmental Services
Section, Oil and Gas Division,
Railroad Commission of
Texas, P.O. Box 12967,
Capitol Station, Austin, Texas
78711 (Telephone 512/463-
6792)
2996 November 9, 2000

**NOTICE OF CONTRACTORS
OF PROPOSED TEXAS
HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT
CONTRACTS**
Sealed proposals for highway
improvement contracts will be
received by the Texas
Department of Transportation
(TxDOT) until the date(s)
shown below, and then pub-
licly read
**CONSTRUCTION/
MAINTENANCE
CONTRACT (S)**
District Contract 6059-92-001 for "ON
DEMAND" MGF/UPGRADE
IN SCURRY COUNTY, etc. will
be opened on December 13,
2000 at 2:00 pm at the District
Office for an estimate of
\$270,729.00. 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 prequali-
fication 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.dot.state.tx.us and from
reproduction companies in
Austin, Texas at the expense
of the contractor. NPO 1884
State Office
District Contract
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone 512-416-2540
District Office(s)
Abilene District
District Engineer
District Contract
Abilene, Texas 79801
Phone: 915-678-8800
Minimum wage rates are set
out in bidding documents and
the rates will be part of the
contract. TxDOT ensures that
bidders will not be discrimi-
nated against on the grounds of
race, color, sex, or national
origin.
2989 November 2 & 9, 2000

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PROPERTY DESCRIPTION**
Coahoma Independent School
District vs. Wendell Shive Gin
Company, Inc., et al.
Lots 18, 19, 20 and 21, Block
2, Original Town of Coahoma,
as described in Volume 504,
Page 418, Deed Records of
Howard County, Texas. (Acct.
C4860-0028-00)
SUIT NO.
93-12-04173.
Tract 6
**STYLE OF SUIT AND
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION**
Coahoma Independent School
District vs. Wendell Shive Gin
Company, Inc., et al.
One half Acre, more or less,
part of Section 37, Block 31,
Township #1, more particularly
described in Volume 308,
Page 418, Deed Records of
Howard County, Texas. (Acct.
C5310-0049-00)
SUIT NO.
97-04-0418
**STYLE OF SUIT AND
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION**
Coahoma Independent School
District vs. Jerry D. Penrod,
82 Acres, more or less, situat-
ed in the Northwest 1/4 of
Section 45, Block 31, T-1-N,
T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard
County, Texas, being more
particularly described by
notes and bounds in Volume
636, Page 468, Deed Records of
Howard County, Texas. (Acct.
C51045008000)
(any volume and page refer-
ences, unless otherwise in-
dicated, being to the Deed
Records of Howard County,
Texas, to which instruments
reference may be made for a
more complete description of
each respective tract.)
or, upon the written request of
said defendants or their attor-
ney, a sufficient portion of the
property described above shall
be sold to satisfy said judg-
ment(s), interest, penalties,
and cost; and any property
sold shall be subject to the
right of redemption of the
defendants or any person hav-
ing an interest therein, to
redeem the said property, or
their interest therein, within
the time and in the manner pro-
vided by law, and shall be sub-
ject to any other and further
rights to which the defendants or
any person having an interest
in the property, or their interest
therein, shall be entitled, under
the provisions of law. Said sale to
be made by me to satisfy the
judgment(s) rendered in the
above styled and numbered
cause(s), together with inter-
est, penalties, and costs, and
the proceeds of said sale, to be
applied to the satisfaction of
the said judgment(s) and the
remainder, if any, to be
applied as the law directs.
2991 November 9, 16,
& 23, 2000

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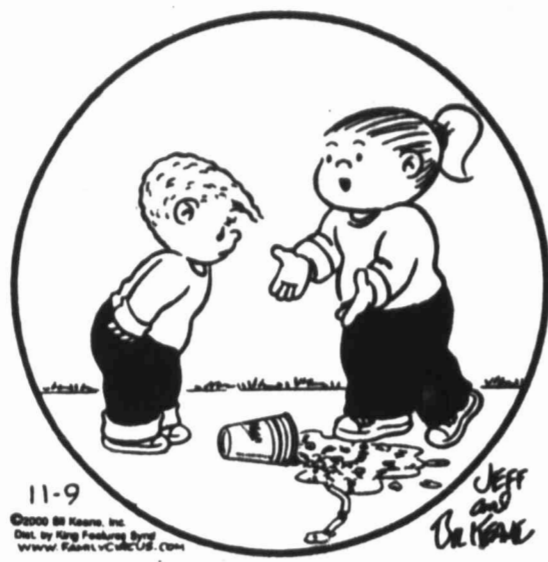
THURSDAY												NOV. 9																																												
Channel	Time	Program	Channel	Time	Program	Channel	Time	Program	Channel	Time	Program	Channel	Time	Program	Channel	Time	Program	Channel	Time	Program																																				
KMID (2)	6:30	News (CC)	KPEJ (3)	6:30	Cosby (CC)	KERA (5)	6:30	Wishbone	FAM (6)	6:30	Early Edition	KOSA (7)	6:30	News	WFAA (8)	6:30	News	KWES (9)	6:30	News	WTBS (11)	6:30	News	UNI (13)	6:30	Locura de Amor	DISN (14)	6:30	Movie: Troop Beverly Hills	NASH (15)	6:30	Movie: Martial Law	TMC (18)	6:30	Movie: Night Shift	SHOW (20)	6:30	Swamp Thing	HBO (22)	6:30	Movie: Inside the NFL	KMLM (23)	6:30	News	ABC (25)	6:30	Law & Order	DISC (26)	6:30	Wild Discovery	TNT (28)	6:30	Prezler (CC)	TLC (31)	6:30	Great Epidemic
	7:30	Whose Line? (CC)		7:30	Battle of the Network Stars		7:30	Life of Birds		7:30	Movie: Rise & Walk: The		7:30	48 Hours (CC)		7:30	Whose Line? (CC)		7:30	Friends (CC)		7:30	Movie: The Running Man		7:30	Mujeres Enganadas		7:30	Movie: 18 Wheels of Justice		7:30	Movie: Light of the Southwest		7:30	Movie: Inside the NFL		7:30	Light of the Southwest		7:30	Biography (CC)		7:30	Monster		7:30	NBA Basketball Philadelphia		7:30	Paramedics						
	8:30	Be a Millionaire		8:30	Geniuses: Smartest Kid (DVS)		8:30	Mystery! (CC)		8:30	Dennis Byrd Story		8:30	City of Angels (CC)		8:30	Be a Millionaire		8:30	Will & Grace		8:30	ER (CC)		8:30	El Gran Blabla		8:30	Movie: Quint		8:30	Movie: Who's the Man?		8:30	Movie: Soldier		8:30	Man of Honor		8:30	Murder One (CC)		8:30	Hospital		8:30	phi 76ers at Minnesota		8:30	Secrets of Forensic Science						
	9:30	PrimeTime Thursday		9:30	Mad Abt. You Nanny (CC)		9:30	Battle for Titanic (CC)		9:30	Early Edition		9:30	Diagnosis Murder (CC)		9:30	PrimeTime Thursday		9:30	ER (CC)		9:30	(20) Movie: Rocky IV		9:30	P. Impacto Noticias Univ.		9:30	Movie: Terror		9:30	Movie: September		9:30	Species II (CC)		9:30	G-String Diva		9:30	News		9:30	Law & Order (CC)		9:30	Justice Files		9:30	NBA: Bad Boys		9:30	Paramedics			
	10:30	News (CC)		10:30	Jerry Springer (CC)		10:30	News-Teher (CC)		10:30	700 Club (CC)		10:30	News (35) Late		10:30	News (35) Tonight		10:30	News (37) Late		10:30	(20) National		10:30	Viviana e la Medianoche		10:30	Movie: Zorro (CC)		10:30	Movie: Amer. Shooter		10:30	Movie: Women		10:30	Man of Honor		10:30	Investigative Reports (CC)		10:30	Science Mysteries		10:30	Timberwolves		10:30	Secrets of Forensic Science						
	11:30	Politically Inc. (CC)		11:30	Blind Date Suddenly		11:30	Battlefield (CC)		11:30	Who's Boss? (CC)		11:30	Show (CC) (37) Late		11:30	Ent. Tonight (37) Late		11:30	Show (CC) (37) Late		11:30	(20) National		11:30	Viviana e la Medianoche		11:30	Movie: Zorro (CC)		11:30	Movie: Amer. Shooter		11:30	Movie: Women		11:30	Man of Honor		11:30	Investigative Reports (CC)		11:30	Science Mysteries		11:30	Timberwolves		11:30	Secrets of Forensic Science						
	12:30	AM Paid Program		12:30	Judge Brown Cops (CC)		12:30	...		12:30	Paid Program		12:30	Show (CC) Street Smarts		12:30	(12:00) Oprah Winfrey (CC)		12:30	Night (CC) Frasier		12:30	Lampoon's Loaded		12:30	Te Sigo Amando		12:30	Wacky Zoo		12:30	Movie: Best-Outdoors		12:30	Movie: Now (CC)		12:30	Movie: Devil in the Flesh		12:30	Faith Pleases God		12:30	Murder One (CC)		12:30	Hospital		12:30	(45) Movie: Secrets of Forensic Science						

DENNIS THE MENACE



"NOTHING HE DOES SURPRISES ME, YET EVERYTHING HE DOES SURPRISES ME."

FAMILY CIRCUS



"Don't cry over spilled SODA, either."

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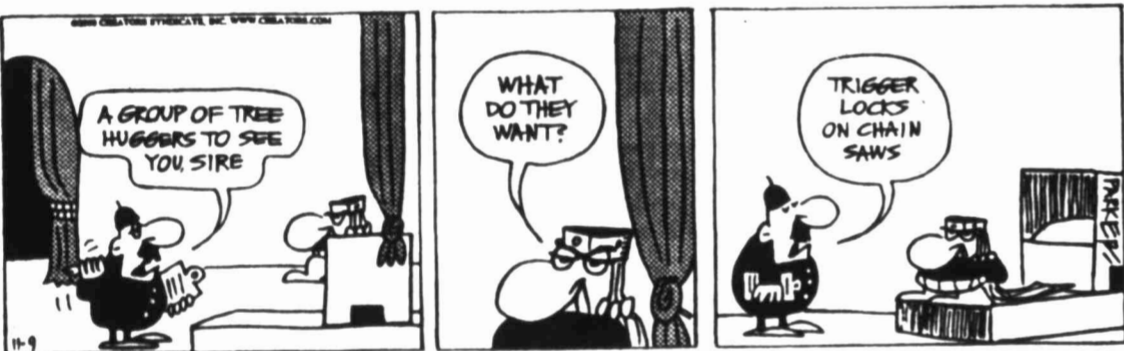
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GASOLINE ALLEY



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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS
 Today is Thursday, Nov. 9, the 314th day of 2000. There are 52 days left in the year.
 Today's Highlight in History:
 On Nov. 9, 1872, fire destroyed nearly 1,000 buildings in Boston.
 In 1918, Germany's Kaiser Wilhelm II announced he would abdicate. He then fled to the Netherlands.
 In 1935, United Mine Workers president John L.

Lewis and other labor leaders formed the Committee for Industrial Organization.
 In 1938, Nazis looted and burned synagogues as well as Jewish-owned stores and houses in Germany and Austria in what became known as "Kristallnacht."
 In 1953, author-poet Dylan Thomas died in New York at age 39.
 In 1963, twin disasters struck Japan as some 450 miners were killed in a coal-dust explosion, and 160 people died in a train crash.
 In 1965, the great Northeast blackout occurred as several states and parts of Canada were hit by a series of power failures lasting up to 13 hours.
 In 1970, former French president Charles De Gaulle died at age 79.
 In 1976, the U.N. General Assembly approved 10 resolutions condemning apartheid in South Africa, including one characterizing the white-ruled government as "illegitimate."
 In 1988, former Attorney General John N. Mitchell, a major figure in the Watergate scandal, died in Washington at age 75.
 Today's Birthdays:
 Sportscaster Charlie Jones is 70. Baseball executive Whitey Herzog is 69. Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., is 64. Movie director Bille August is 52. Actor Lou Ferrigno is 48. Rock musician Dee Plakas (L7) is 40. Rhythm-and-blues singers Mike and Ike Owensby (Twice) are 32. Rapper Pepa (Salt-N-Pepa) is 31. Rapper Scarface (Geto Boys) is 31. Blues singer Susan Tedeschi is 30. Rhythm-and-blues singer Nick Lachey (98 Degrees) is 27. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sisqo (Dru Hill) is 22.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- Nesting's comment
- Translucent gem
- Hey, over here!
- S. Buck
- Leander's lover
- Old Norse character
- Courtyards
- Fiber source
- Arabian sultanate
- Pitcher's prize
- Mule's sire
- Wray of "King Kong"
- Clamps
- Minneapolis neighbor
- Story
- Racing prize
- Mongrel
- 1996 Tony winner
- Biddy
- Unsolicited ms. enclosure
- Be obliged
- Sailor's prize
- Fry lightly
- Mel Gibson movie, "Weapon"
- Madagascar primates
- Tavern
- TV Tarzan Ron
- Gold, silver or bronze prize
- Business
- Whistle time
- Flat-head nails
- Vocal inflection
- Delighted
- Internet service
- Midnight twinkler
- Solidifies
- Swell

DOWN

- Audit expert's letters
- up (excited)
- Com seiving
- Ambler or Idle
- Frisky
- Goody!
- Where llamas roam
- Islands off Ireland
- Robin Hood's weapon
- Hawk's position
- Poison Ivy, e.g.
- Kind of drum
- Cares for
- Bulldogs' school
- Elvis Presley
- Houston ballplayer
- Scatter
- Backbone
- Fitting
- Jacques In a song
- Burt's ex
- Newsman Huntley
- Hidden supply
- Customary
- Answer back
- Mach topper
- Seniors' grp.
- Reflections
- Clothed
- Infused with oxygen
- School vacation
- Garrets
- Prufrock's creator
- Actress Loy
- Deflects
- Composer Porter
- Protective ditch
- Tibetan monk
- Fire
- Paar book, "You Not"
- & the Family Stone

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

LOWE	BANAL	SCAN
AMEN	OVATE	PAGE
VENT	TAMES	AMMO
ANTE	TIE	SATEEN
UNBOLTS	BUD	
BANTAM	ALLALONG	
ORDEAL	GOO	AWOL
LIKE	SAP	EWENBA
SIRS	NIP	CARTER
ENGENDER	ORIOLE	
RAY	REPULSE	
BLOWER	SINKANT	
ROUE	ADULT	IRAE
ACNE	TIMER	ETTE
TODD	SEEDY	RHOS