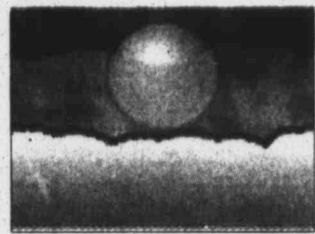


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November 30, 2004

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Lady Hawks coach steps down at mid-season

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Gingerbread House decorating contest

Gale's Sweet Shoppe and the Heritage Museum offers the annual Gingerbread House Decorating from 1-5 p.m. Sunday at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Assembled gingerbread houses may be decorated using a variety of confections such as red hots, candy canes, licorice, vanilla wafers and other treats. Reservations are needed and tickets are \$15, available at the bakery, 1200 E. Fourth or by calling 263-2253.

Red Dress Tea is slated for Dec. 12

The annual Red Dress Tea presented by the Heritage Museum from noon until 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, offers family-style entertainment at the Potton House, 200 Gregg. The event honors the tradition of a red dress tea, a turn-of-the-century event where ladies once donned their hand-made red Christmas dresses and gathered at a home for tea and dessert. The plan this year, the fourth the Museum has held, is for families to tour the Potton House and view different Christmas decorations.

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HERALD photo/Kendra Wiss
Pat Simmons, Comanche Trail Festival of Lights director, checks on a display that will be a part of the lighted event. The Festival of Lights will open Dec. 15 and run nightly through the 31st at Comanche Trail Park. Groups and individuals are still needed to help put up lights and maintain them. Greeters are also needed.

Groups, individuals urged to adopt a spot at Festival of Lights this year

□ The lights committee meets at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Dora Roberts Community Center.

By KENDRA WISS
Staff Writer

How many Big Spring residents does it take to put on a

light display?

According to Comanche Trail Festival of Lights Director Pat Simmons, it's many more than are already signed up.

"We still need people, especially youth groups, to adopt a spot," said Simmons. "This is what makes the festival so good every year, lots of community support."

There is no cost to adopt a spot. In fact, the lights and displays are provided free of charge.

"All that needs to be done is putting up the display, maintaining the spot and taking it down after the festival," said Simmons.

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Luggage, materials needed at BSSH for exiting patients

Special to the Herald

People needing medical care at Big Spring State Hospital often arrive without a change of clothes.

But when they are discharged into the community, they depart with several outfits chosen from The Fashion Shop — a Big Spring State Hospital clothing store stocked by the hospital's volunteers and Activity Therapies Department employees.

Patients browse the shop's shelves and racks, choosing articles of clothing as a necessity and part of their treatment plan.

"Many take great pride in their selections," said Julie Thompson, BSSH ATD employee. "And as a benefit, they take the clothes home with them

when they leave."

For many years, the volunteers have picked up small duffel bags at garage sales and donated them to the security department for patient use.

"It was really quite sad to see patients going out and getting on buses with plastic garbage bags. We would like to see them to go with real luggage," said Suzanne Markwell, Luggage for Patients chairperson.

The supply of duffel bags recently reached low levels, and the volunteers devised a plan to provide the bags at low-cost. Community Relations Director Billie Christie-Morgan found a duffel bag that belonged to her granddaughter and showed it to Markwell.

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Courts, parole board mulling fate of condemned woman

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Condemned inmate Frances Newton counted on the federal appeals courts and a request before the Texas parole board to keep her this week from becoming the fourth woman put to death in Texas in nearly a century and a half.

Newton, 39, is set for lethal injection Wednesday evening for the April 1987 shooting deaths of her husband and two children, slayings prosecutors said she committed to collect \$100,000 in insurance benefits on policies she recently had purchased.

An appeal seeking a delay in the punishment was dismissed Monday by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. A similar appeal remained before the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

Newton also asked the Texas Board of



Newton

"I didn't murder my husband and my children and I wasn't going to plea bargain for anything, and I still won't."

Pardons and Paroles to give time for the case against her to be investigated, something she and her lawyers insist never was done properly before she was tried for the shooting deaths of her husband, Adrian, 23, and their children, Alton, 7, and Farrah, 20 months, at their Harris County apartment.

"I didn't murder my husband and my children and I wasn't going to plea bargain for anything, and I still won't," Newton told The

Helicopter crash kills general, 6 soldiers

BRUCEVILLE-EDDY (AP) — Rock and Delia Eiche live close to President Bush's ranch, so they've gotten used to hearing helicopters flying above their house.

The sounds they heard early Monday were different.

"It sounded like a big tree cracking, like something from Paul Bunyan," said Delia Eiche. "Then I heard the explosion."

"I knew it was the tower," her husband added. "My first thought was that the damn thing was falling."

The loud, sharp noise they heard was an Army Black Hawk helicopter from Fort Hood striking steel support wires on a TV transmission tower and then plummeting to the ground.

Everyone aboard the aircraft — a brigadier general and six other soldiers, all from the 4th Infantry Division — died in the fiery crash about 30 miles northeast of Fort Hood.

The helicopter was flying through thick fog that obscured all but the lowest few hundred feet of the 1,800-foot-high tower, the Eiches said.

In addition, the red warning lights that normally mark the tower for aviators had been knocked out in a storm last week.

An investigation team from the U.S. Army Safety Center at Fort Rucker, Ala., was sent to the scene to determine the crash's cause.

The soldiers on the UH-60 Black

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TRAFFIC MISHAP



Herald photo/Marsha Sturdivant

Traffic was forced into two lanes about 4 p.m. Monday on U.S. Highway 87 South while Big Spring Police Corp. Robert Williams gathered evidence about the accident involving a Dodge Caravan and a Mazda Miata. Williams said traffic congestion may have contributed to the accident when a minivan miscalculated the amount of room available to pull into oncoming traffic and collided with the the Mazda. The driver of the minivan was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The driver of the Mazda left the scene with her spouse and did not appear to be injured, according to the police officer.

Associated Press in a recent interview at the Mountain View Unit near Gatesville, where the state's nine condemned women are imprisoned.

Newton was offered a life prison term before her capital murder trial in exchange for a guilty plea, a deal she said she rejected. Under guidelines at the time, she could have been nearly eligible for parole by now.

Her appeals attorneys, arguing she could be innocent, want time to conduct new ballistics tests on the .25-caliber pistol prosecutors said was the murder weapon and chemical analysis on the clothing she was wearing April 7, 1987, the evening of the slayings. They also argued her trial lawyers were

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Obituaries

Jan Noyes



Jan Noyes, 71, of Big Spring died at 1:12 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 28, 2004, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Dr. David Ring, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Oct. 17, 1933, in Kankakee, Ill., to Damon Nicholas Ritter and Elsie Francis Clark Ritter. She married Bob Noyes March 28, 1968, in Phoenix, Ariz.

They came to Big Spring in 1970. They started Bob's Custom Woodwork in 1971. She was active in the Evening Lions Club since 1984, having held all of the offices in the club.

She was founder and first president of the Howard County Lioness Club. She was a member of the Century Club and a life member of the Texas Lions Camp.

She was a member of the Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of Eastern Star. She was a Shrine Lady and a member of the Daughters of the Nile.

She had served on the board of directors of Christmas In April for 12 years, and a member of First United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Bob Noyes of Big Spring; three sons, Richard Cohn of Pilot Point, Gary Cohn of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Edward Noyes of Fort Worth; five grandchildren, Jennifer Harrist, Sherrie Cohn, Ryan Cohn; Jaz Neighbors and Austin Neighbors; and one great-grandson, Christopher James Harrist.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one sister.

The family suggests memorials to Big Spring Evening Lions Club, Children's Vision Program, 409 E. Third, Big Spring 79720; Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas, Scottish Rite Temple, P.O. Box 10135, Lubbock 79408-0135; Suez Shrine Temple (Patient Transportation Fund), 2915 Loop 306, San Angelo 76904-6599; Western Texas Lions Eye Bank Alliance, P.O. Box 2911, San Angelo 76902-2991; or Texas Lions Camp, P.O. Box 290247, Kerrville 78029-0247.

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

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Daron Ray



Daron Ray, 32, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004, in Midland. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, 2004, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Jim Binnix, pastor of Midway Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Daron was born July 23, 1972, in San Antonio and was a lifelong resident of Big Spring and Howard County. He was a member of Midway Baptist Church.

Daron was a graduate of Coahoma High School and Texas State Technical College in Waco. He also attended Microsoft SE School in Salt Lake City.

He began farming in 1999 and also was the owner of Ray Tech Internet. Daron was passionate about cars and weightlifting. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, motorcycles and all sports. In all that he did, it was full throttle and nothing less. He will be missed greatly by all his family and friends.

Survivors include his parents, Dois O. and Lyn Nell Ray of Big Spring; one sister and brother-in-law, Andrea and Hud Haas of Fort Worth; his grandparents, Dois M. and Bess Ray of Big Spring; one nephew, Lukas Haas of Fort Worth; his aunts and uncles, Dona and Duane Rogers of Euless, Dwayne and Sara Ray of Carrollton, Jeanette and M.A. Snell of Lampasas, Paul and Carolyn Ray of Carrollton, Burnis and Frances Mason of Sand Springs and Lee Ida Rainey of Austin; numerous cousins; and a host of loving friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Mary Ray of Big Spring and Albert and Goldie Mason of Coahoma.

The family suggests memorials to the Midway Baptist Church Building Fund, 6200 S. Service Road - I-20, Big Spring 79720.

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

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Weather

Tonight - Clear. Lows in the mid 20s. West winds near 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable after midnight.

Wednesday - Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s. South winds near 10 mph.

Wednesday night - Mostly clear. Lows near 30. Southwest winds near 10 mph.

Thursday - Increasing clouds. Highs near 50. North winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night - Partly cloudy. Lows near 30.

Friday - Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.

Friday night - Mostly cloudy. Lows near 30.

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W.R. 'Jinks' Powell



W.R. "Jinks" Powell, 93, of Colorado City, died Sunday evening in a local hospital. Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, 2004, in the All Saint's Episcopal Church with the Rev. Dennis Bosley, the Rev. Monte Jones and the Rev. Steve Birdwell officiating. Burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funnel Home.

Mr. Powell was born in Mitchell County Nov. 26, 1911, to George Lee and Mattie Irene Thomas Powell, a prominent ranching family who had been ranching in Mitchell and Sterling counties since 1891. He graduated from Colorado High and attended three years of pre-law at Texas Christian University, where he was the captain of the track team.

He then went to the University of Texas, where he studied law for a year and met Ester Elenor Philquist. They were married in Austin Jan. 2, 1937, and she preceded him in death Dec. 11, 1987, after 50 years of marriage.

He was a lifelong farmer, a member of the All Saint's Episcopal Church and a Shriner. He was a longtime member of the Texas Cattle Ranchers Association and a founding member of the Mitchell County Appraisal District board.

He is survived by two sons, George Powell of Colorado City and Don and wife, Anne Powell, of Robert Lee; five grandchildren, Latricia Useton of Kingswood, Dane Powell of Colorado City, Reed Powell of Snyder, Page Powell of Midland and Blis Freeman of Dallas; 10 great-grandchildren, Elenor Powell and Colton Powell, both of Snyder, Kimberly Medina of Midland, Lawson Freeman, Hadley Freeman and Sutton Freeman, all of Dallas; two great-great grandchildren, Avery Powell and Alexander Powell, both of Lubbock; numerous nieces and nephews; and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and seven brothers and sisters.

Arrangements are under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home of Colorado City.

Paid obituary

Robert Seago



Robert Seago, 48, of Big Spring died at 5:50 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28, 2004, at his residence. Funeral service will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Joe Torres, Home Hospice chaplain, and the Rev. Richard Regan, pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary, officiating. Burial will be in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born May 3, 1956, in Augusta, Ga., had been a resident of Big Spring since 1974 and married Theresa Hagen, Aug. 1, 1998, in Big Spring. Stationed at Webb Air Force Base, he served as a sergeant in both the Air Force and the Army and continued serving in the Army Reserves.

He is survived by his wife, Theresa Seago of Big Spring; one son, Cameron Seago of Big Spring; three daughters, Lorinda Kenly of Snyder, Christina Runyan of Arizona and Kimberly Seago of Nevada; two stepsons, Jeremy Samora of Big Spring and Juan Samora of Lovelady; two stepdaughters, Delilah Lopez of Arlington and Valorie Hagen of Dallas; mother and stepfather, Joann and Roy Wyatt of Big Spring; two step sisters, Debbie Wyatt Melton of Big Spring and Vanessa Wyatt Dix of Virginia; and eight grandchildren.

The family will be at 1106 Pennsylvania. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Oralia Holland,

Oralia Holland, 73, of Temple, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, Nov. 29, 2004, at her residence. Funeral services are 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2004, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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

Louise Elizabeth Sneed

Louise Elizabeth Sneed, 93, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2004, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 12 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. today:

- **JEROME MITCHELL**, 23, of 1509 Bluebird, was arrested Monday on two local warrants.
 - **CAMERON SEAGO**, 27, of 3223 E. 11th Place, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
 - **EVELYN MUNOZ**, 22, of 807 Abrams, was arrested Tuesday on two local capias warrants.
 - **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION WITH INTENT TO COMMIT OTHER FELONIES** was reported in the 1300 block of Utah.
 - **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 900 block of Birdwell.
 - **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
 - in the 1200 block of Young.
 - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
 - in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
 - in the 200 block of Marcy.
 - in the 200 block of FM 700.
 - in the 3200 block of Drexel.
 - in the 1200 block of E. 11th Place.
 - **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported:
 - in the 600 block of Interstate Highway 20.
 - in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
 - **POSSESSION/DELIVERY OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA** was reported:
 - in the 2300 block of Wasson.
 - in the 1000 block of Main Street.
 - **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - 2 OUNCES OR LESS** was reported in the 300 block of San Jacinto.
 - **POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE** was reported in the 300 block of San Jacinto.
 - **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1400 block of Sixth Street.
 - **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:
 - in the 2300 block of Runnels.
 - in the 100 block of Carey.
 - **ASSAULT/CLASS C** was reported:
 - in the 2100 block of Ent.
 - in the 700 block of 11th Place.
 - **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
 - in the 200 block of Marcy.
 - in the 2500 block of Barksdale.
 - in the 1700 block of Third Street.
 - **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - 2 OUNCES OR LESS IN A DRUG FREE ZONE** was reported in the 1000 block of Main Street.
 - **CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL BY A MINOR** was reported:
 - in the 1000 block of Main Street.
 - in the 1100 block of S. Gregg Street.
- Note: This report includes information from police activity logs from Friday, Nov. 26, through Sunday, Nov. 28, which were previously unavailable.

Sheriff's report

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

- **CHANCE RAY LANG**, 18, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice.
- **AARON EDWARD HENDERSON**, 43, was arrested Monday by the HCSO for failure to appear on charges of fraudulent delivery of a prescription and fraudulent delivery of a controlled substance/prescription.
- **BENJAMIN LEE MARTIN**, 40, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 17-22-25-29. Bonus Ball: 15.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.
Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$225,000.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 4-23-30-36-37.
Number matching five of five: 1.
Prize per winner: \$39,264.
Winning tickets sold in: Dallas.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-9-5

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TEXAS AT A GLANCE

Opening statements set in first trial related to smuggling deaths

HOUSTON (AP) — Jurors were set to hear opening statements Tuesday in the first trial related to the deaths of 19 illegal immigrants, whose May 2003 journey turned into the nation's deadliest smuggling attempt.

The panel of 10 women and four men — chosen on Monday — is expected to hear prosecutors allege that Victor Jesus Rodriguez, Claudia Carrizales de Villa and Fredy Giovanni Garcia-Tobar were part of a smuggling ring that tried to transport a group of more than 70 immigrants inside a tractor trailer.

Packed inside the nearly airless trailer, the immigrants began succumbing to stifling temperatures that

authorities estimate reached 173 degrees during their trip from South Texas to Houston on the evening of May 13, 2003.

Early the next morning, the trailer was abandoned at a truck stop near Victoria, about 100 miles southwest of Houston. Authorities found 17 immigrants dead inside the trailer. Two others later died.

Fuel cell project by Dow, GM to expand

HOUSTON (AP) — Engineers at a Texas Gulf coast chemical plant have produced electricity from a fuel cell using hydrogen that is less than 100 percent pure.

An expanded test is planned following results from the fuel cell being used since February at Dow Chemical Co.'s complex at Freeport.

Officials of the chemical company and partner General Motors said Monday the test will now involve a four-cell pilot plant that could grow in the next 18 months to 2 years to the point that 1 megawatt of

power is generated.

"In the first phase of this project, we collectively learned a lot about generating power from byproduct hydrogen via fuel cell technology, and now we're ready to build on what we've learned," Gordon Slack, Dow's global business director for energy and climate change, told the Houston Chronicle in Tuesday's editions.

Charges filed against former energy traders

HOUSTON (AP) — Five former natural gas traders from three Houston-based companies have been indicted on federal charges of reporting bogus trade data to industry publications, which is used to calculate gas price indexes.

Three men named in indictments unsealed Monday worked at El Paso Corp., where five former traders already have pleaded guilty to reporting fake trades.

LUGGAGE

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"I told her that I thought it wouldn't be hard to make," she said. Markwell, who is an expert seamstress devel-

oped a pattern, made the bag and presented it to the volunteer board.

Volunteers are asking for donations of material to make the bags, Markwell said. Any kind of denim, preferably light-weight denim and light-

weight canvas, are ideal.

Large pieces of material aren't needed to develop the bags, which are about 20 inches long and 12 to 15 inches around.

"We are still taking donations of suitcases and duffel bags," she said.

Donations of material, suitcases and magazines can be taken to the Community Relations office on the Big Spring State Hospital campus during regular business hours. Visitors can reach the office by taking the

first left upon entering the south entrance to the hospital and following the road about 500 yards. The office will be on the south side of the road.

They also may be dropped off at the Big Spring State Hospital vol-

unteer resale shop The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Monday through Friday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. or on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, call Christie-Morgan at (432) 268-7535.

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"Along the Rose Magers Trail are the spots that most desperately need to be adopted," said Jo Ann Staulcup, this year's

chairperson.

"We also need many more greeters," she added. "We are expecting the best festival ever and no one should miss this year's special addition to the festival displays."

In addition to the new surprises, Simmons and

Staulcup are excited that video technology will play a part of this year's festivities.

Mike Henry is putting together a DVD of the festival. Sale of the DVDs will go toward covering the costs of future festivals.

To continue the planning process, the Comanche Trail Festival of Lights Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Lake Room of the Dora Roberts Community Center.

"We invite any individual or group that is inter-

ested to join us at this year's Festival of Lights," said Simmons. "With your help, it will be the best one yet."

For more information about becoming a greeter, call Katie Cathey at 267-2857. To adopt a spot, call Simmons at 263-4607.

Contact Staff Writer Kendra Wiss at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

CRASH

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Hawk were on their way to the Red River Army Depot in Texarkana to check out equipment being readied for use in Iraq when the helicopter went down around 7 a.m., said Lt. Col. Jonathan Withington, spokesman for the Fort Hood-based 4th Infantry.

Names of the crash victims were not immediately released by the military, but a military official at the home of Brig. Gen. Charles B. Allen on Monday night confirmed to The Associated Press that Allen was aboard the helicopter and had been killed.

He said Allen's wife was grieving, and that the family was waiting for children to arrive from out of state. The official asked not to be identified.

Allen, 49, an assistant division commander for the 4th Infantry, joined the Army as a lieutenant after receiving a bachelor's degree in history from Cameron University in Lawton, Okla., in 1977. He was promoted to brigadier general last year.

In his 27-year military career, Allen was stationed at several U.S. and overseas military posts and also worked at the Pentagon. He earned a master's degree in business administration from Central Michigan University.

Brad and Becky Christmas of Wagon Mound, N.M., were notified Monday that their son, Capt. Todd Christmas, was also among those killed, said family friend Patti Goetsch, who answered the phone at the family's ranch.

Christmas, 26, had just returned to Texas after spending Thanksgiving with his family, she said.

Goetsch said the Texas A&M graduate, who joined the Army in 2001, served a year in Iraq, where he received the Bronze Star. She said he had been based at Fort Hood since the spring.

"He was doing what he loved," she said. "He was a career military man. He was proud to serve his country."

Rock Eicke, who lives about a quarter-mile from the crash site, called 911 right after the crash and then went to the impact site with McLennan County constable Ken Brown. The helicopter and grass around it were still burning.

He said he saw one victim about 100 yards from the Black Hawk's wreckage and three others closer to it.

As Eicke was walking away from the scene to go home, "it started dawning on me how serious it all was."

The main part of the fuselage went down in a field about 200 to 300 yards from the tower, Brown said. He said he saw the tail section, parts of the rotor and other helicopter parts between the tower and the field.

The helicopter hit several wires stabilizing the broadcasting tower owned by Waco-Temple-Killeen television station KXXV, said Jerry Pursley, the station's general manager. The tower itself was not hit, he said.

The tower's lights stopped working last week after strong storms hit the area and the station notified the Federal Aviation Administration, Pursley said.

FAA spokesman Roland Herwig said the agency

sent a notice on Nov. 24 to a computer database checked by pilots before they fly for information on potential hazards. Hundreds of such notices are issued every week around the country, and they typically stay posted for 15 days, he said.

The crash occurred at the highest point in McLennan County, with 30 different towers within a five-mile radius of where the helicopter went down, Sheriff's Deputy Shannon Mitchell said.

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incompetent and failed to properly investigate the case.

Prosecutors have opposed the requests, saying the claims raised no new issues and were resolved at her trial.

In Huntsville, preparations began for Newton's lethal injection.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokeswoman Michelle Lyons said prison officials were informed Newton wanted no last meal served to her Wednesday afternoon in a small holding cell just outside the death chamber. She also designated her parents, two sisters and a brother, along with a spiritual adviser, to witness her death.

Newton was to be moved at an undisclosed time about 140 miles from Gatesville to the Goree Unit south of Huntsville, where she will be allowed visitors early Wednesday. Later that day, she'll be taken to the Huntsville Unit in downtown Huntsville.

The only change in the death house routine would be the addition of women corrections staffers, Lyons said.

"Usually there are no females back there," she said.

Newton would be the 24th Texas inmate executed this year, equaling the total of executions in the

state last year. A record 40 were injected in 2000.

She would be the third woman in modern times executed in Texas, where 336 prisoners have been put to death since 1982, and the first black woman in the state executed. Nationally, she'd be the

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OUR VIEWS

Heritage Museum's new holiday exhibit deserves your visit

Big Spring's Heritage Museum will celebrate Christmas this season with a special exhibit entitled "Winter's Blessings" that opens at 4 p.m. Saturday. That's just 90 minutes before the Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade gets under way.

According to Tammy Schreengost, the museum's curator, she and her staff have "designed a soft, feminine, angelic exhibit with lots of pastel pinks and blues and white."

Complete with cherub sculptures and stands, a blue pastel wall featuring angels and cherubs and a Christmas tree decorated in pastel blues, white and pinks, "Winter's Blessings" is meant to provide a seasonal inspiration of times past.

Numerous wedding gowns, Christmas gowns and christening gowns dating back to 1894 will be on display, as well as love letters from a bygone era.

A special display, part of the Winter's Blessings exhibit, donated by Jane Jones is a unique song book, "Sacred Harp Notes," written to display shape notes singing.

Howard County pioneer and founding member Dora Roberts' wedding band and string of pearls is also displayed.

The first portion of the exhibit features a Hanukkah display of artifacts and special treasures from the private collection of Susan Zack Lewis, a descendant of one of Howard County's earliest Jewish families.

A luminary will light the way from the museum to the First United Methodist Church following the Museum's annual parade watch for the 26th annual performance of the Living Christmas Tree.

The exhibits will remain open through Jan. 5. For Saturday's opening from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., admission will be free. After the opening, tickets to the museum are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

Whether you take advantage of Saturday's free opening or not, we hope you'll include a trip by the Heritage Museum in your holiday plans.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we have faith in you, Lord, and see where it takes us.
Amen

Home sick with a bad case of the dish

I should be at work today. I should be writing profound things. But I am not. I am at home, instead.

I am sick, I told my boss on the phone. A 24-hour thing. Not to worry. Back soon. Better than ever.

"It's the dish, isn't it?" he said. "You finally got your satellite dish installed."

My boss can read me like a book. It's one of the reasons I worship him.

I am watching many fine, educational, public service broadcasts, I tell him. I am learning a great deal.

"You're watching Italian basketball, aren't you?" my boss says.

That's on in an hour, I say.

Right now, I am watching "Shakespeare in Love" and "An American Werewolf in Paris."

"Both?" my boss asks. "You're watching both?"

I am also watching "Cocoon: The Return" and "The Conversation," I tell him. I am switching among all of them.

"How many stations do you get?" my boss asks.

I have been waiting for someone to ask. I get 32 commercial-free, premium movie channels, I say. I get 31 sports channels. I get 37 music channels. I get 37 variety channels and 17 news/info channels. And for an extra \$6 a month, Brian Lamb will come to my home and cook me lasagna.

"I'm coming over!" my boss says.

You can't come over! I say. You're the boss!



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"I'm coming over anyway," my boss says.

Did you know there are seven HBOs? I say.

"Seven!" my boss says. "I thought there was just one!"

Seven, I say. I get all of them.

"I am out the door!" my boss yells. "I am halfway there!"

I will always remember this week as one of my happiest. This is the week that my satellite dish got hooked up.

It took only a few minutes. The guy came out with a compass and found southwest. (Southwest is where the satellites live. I don't know why. But everybody in North America has to have their satellite dishes pointing southwest. If you ever get lost, just wander around until you see a satellite dish and you will know where southwest is. I am not sure that will save you, but at least you can see "Shakespeare in Love" before you wander off again.)

I have had cable for years. The picture was awful, and the service worse. If a cloud formed anywhere over the Appalachian Mountains, my cable went out and I had to call the company.

I am sure that where you live the cable company is wonderful and the service is great. That's the way all monopolies are, right?

But where I live, the cable service seems to be staffed by people in various stages of work release.

Um, my cable is out, I would say meekly into the phone.

"So?" the cable person would say.

So I was wondering if maybe somebody could come out and fix it? Not right away, I mean. Just whenever it is convenient for you.

"What makes you so special?" the cable person would ask. "You

think you're some kind of privileged character or something?"

No, not really.

"Then just put a cork in it!" the cable person would say. "Go read a book or something."

Thank you, I would say. That is certainly good advice.

For some reason, cable companies the nation over seem to have the same motto: "We're not happy until you're not happy."

So a few weeks ago, I took the plunge and bought a dish, even though the cable companies run commercials telling you how terrible satellite dishes are.

Having had satellite service for a few hours now, here is my candid opinion: It is wonderful. I love it. The picture and sound are so superior to cable that the comparison is not even close.

The dish and the receiver did not cost a lot of money — there are a lot of bargains out there if you just shop around a little — and the monthly service is cheap compared to cable, giving you much more for the dough.

The only drawback I have noticed is that there are far too many channels, which means it takes me a very long time to go through them all, which means I may never go back to work.

"Don't worry about it," my boss says when I open the door. "I hear telecommuting is the wave of the future. Just tell me how I get the Golf Channel and shut up."

My boss. I love this guy.

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Tale of a cat burglar in paradise

When Luther and Maria Distler discovered their Montclair, Calif., home had been burglarized in August, they learned that the Oakland Police Department couldn't do much for them unless they could provide the name of the burglar. The department provided a list of flea markets and pawnshops where they might find the stolen jewelry — items, they later observed, that had survived the Holocaust but not Oakland's crime wave and the Oakland P.D.

The retired couple could have grumbled and given up. Instead, they decided to play detective. "In order to change a community, you need active participants," Maria explained as we sat at their dining table Thursday morning.

To the Distlers' surprise, they found some of their jewelry at a flea market by the Berkeley BART station. With the help of a BART police officer, they got the name and driver's license number of the man who sold the items to the flea-market vendor. "We were so excited," Maria noted.

The excitement soon turned into consternation. As early as Sept. 4, the Distlers tried to share the name they found, but the lone officer assigned to burglaries in the Oakland Police Department failed to return their calls — until they left a message weeks later warning they were about to go to a City Council member.

They then got a phone call and soon learned that the name they provided belonged to a man with a burglary record. Silence and inaction followed.

In the meantime, a rash of cat burglaries had become the talk of the East Bay hills. Many hill homeowners believed Oakland police didn't take their crime wave seriously. (For their part, the Distlers think Oakland police

would have been less responsive if they were African Americans who lived in the flats.)

On Oct. 28, the suspected cat burglar "made a mistake," as Luther Distler noted.

What mistake? He went to Orinda.

Orinda police were alerted by citizens to a suspicious prowler. With the help of residents, police dogs and helicopters, they apprehended one Derric Craig Lewis — the very man whose name the Distlers had tried to give to the Oakland P.D. Orinda responded to the burglaries "like television cops," Luther said with a smile.

Why not Oakland? As neighborhood watchdog Stephen Fox complained to the Montclair newspaper, many residents called police only to see no fingerprinting and little follow-up.

Lewis has yet to be tried, and it is not my intent to convict him in this column. The point, rather, is to berate Oakland City Hall for failing where Orinda succeeded, even though Oakland residents were up in arms over the police's failure to move against this crime wave. And some residents fear the crime spree may not be over, that there may be more than one burglar. Oakland Police Chief Richard Word told me he agrees that Lewis may not be "good" for all the recent cat burglaries.

The Distlers don't want to be too critical. "You get what you don't pay for," Luther noted. They feel the city can't solve this problem if residents aren't more involved and that citizens, not just government, have to be part of the solution.

The Distlers are not happy that their story likely will make Oakland residents trust Oakland P.D. less.

Which begs the question: Where was Oakland Mayor Jerry Brown?

We talked Friday, and Brown's knowledge of the story was not what it could have been. He kept saying that the police "got" the guy, apparently unaware that Orinda arrested Lewis. The mayor's response: "What's your point? Things happen. The police are not perfect. They make mis-

takes."

Brown noted that he called the department brass after he learned of the Distlers' story. Brown also complained about shortages in police staffing and the serious crime problems the city faces. There have been "five homicides within three blocks of where Ann and I live," he said. Credit Brown, at least, that he's living in the part of Oakland that would love to have Montclair's problems instead of violent crime.

That said, Brown could have been quicker, and he should have known more about this story. "I wish you would ask (outgoing Police Chief Richard) Word to see exactly what happened," Brown said.

It was his last official day on the job, Word said, as he lamented, "I don't have the resources to go out on every burglary"; his priority had to be on "violent crime."

And: "Trust me, we catch quite a few more burglars than the Orinda P.D." According to state records, Oakland arrested 349 adult burglars in 2002, almost one a day, compared to two adult burglars in Orinda.

I sympathize, but Oakland police might have had fewer crimes on their roster if they had talked to the Distlers on Sept. 4 or shortly thereafter.

It says something when an elderly couple can find the name of the man who sold their jewelry, while Oakland police didn't bother to look.

Jerry Brown has now set his sights on running for state attorney general. If this is his idea of acceptable law enforcement, if this is his idea of good police work, then he is not ready to be the state's top lawman.

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Another

By GINA HOLLAI

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia has said that the federal government can't sue doctors' orders for medical marijuana.

The stakes are high for both the government and patients — 11 states have medical marijuana since 1996 — an

sonal. In the courtroom, the argument was made by Angel Raich, an Oakland, Calif., mother of a child who said she tried to get her son's prescription medicine to ease the pain of his cancer before she turned 18. She and her husband, Diane, filed a lawsuit to get their access to

WORLD

U.S. death toll rises highest

WASHINGTON — U.S. forces fighting insurgents' deaths in Iraq have reached a death toll of 3,000, approaching the 100th day of the war.

At least 134 U.S. soldiers were killed in November, according to reports available

The worst month for U.S. deaths since the start of the war in Fallujah and other cities called Sunni forces and their large measure.

On Nov. 8, U.S. forces launched an offensive to clear them from their bases in other cities. More than 50 U.S. soldiers were killed in Fallujah, although the Pentagon provided a casualty report for more than 100.

From the view of the United States and Iraq, the trend since the war's start has been to restore stability to the region.



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Another clash over medical marijuana reaches Supreme Court

By GINA HOLLAND

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court questioned whether state medical marijuana laws might be abused by people who aren't really sick as it debated on Monday whether the federal government can prosecute patients who smoke pot on doctors' orders.

The stakes are high on both the government level — 11 states have passed medical marijuana laws since 1996 — and the personal.

In the courtroom watching the argument was Angel Raich, an Oakland, Calif., mother of two who said she tried dozens of prescription medicines to ease the pain of a brain tumor and other illnesses before she turned to marijuana. She and another ill woman, Diane Monson, filed a lawsuit to protect their access to the drug

after federal agents confiscated marijuana plants from Monson's yard.

Their attorney, Randy Barnett of Boston, told the justices that his clients are law-abiding citizens who need marijuana to survive. Marijuana may have some negative side effects, he said, but seriously sick people are willing to take the chance because the drug helps them more than traditional medicines.

The justices refused three years ago to protect distributors of medical marijuana from federal anti-drug charges. They are confronting a more personal issue this time — the power of federal agents to go after sick people who use home-grown cannabis with their doctors' permission and their states' approval.

A defeat for the two California women might undermine laws passed

by California and 10 other states and discourage other states from approving their own.

A loss for the government, on the other hand, could jeopardize federal oversight of illegal drugs and raise questions in other areas such as product safety and environmental activities. A Bush administration lawyer told the justices they would be encouraging people to use potentially harmful marijuana if they were to side with the women.

"If they're right, then I think their analysis would extend to recreational use of marijuana, as well as medical use of marijuana, and would extend to every state in the nation, not just those states that made it lawful," said Paul Clement, acting solicitor general.

Justice David H. Souter said an estimated 10 per-



Protestors stand outside the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, D.C., Monday while the court hears arguments in *Ashcroft vs. Raich*, which pits the federal government against those who use marijuana for medicinal purposes.

cent of people in America use illegal drugs, and states with medical marijuana laws might not be able to stop recreational users from taking advantage.

Justice Stephen Breyer said the government makes a strong argument that as many as 100,000 sick people use marijuana in California, and "when we see medical marijuana

in California, we won't know what it is. Everybody'll say, 'Mine is medical.'

"Certificates will circulate on the black market. We face a mess."

WORLD BRIEFS

U.S. death toll in Iraq nears highest for any month

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fueled by fierce fighting in Fallujah and insurgents' counterattacks elsewhere in Iraq, the U.S. military death toll for November is approaching the highest for any month of the war.

At least 134 U.S. troops died in November, according to casualty reports available Tuesday.

The worst month was April when 135 died as the insurgency flared in Fallujah and elsewhere in the so-called Sunni Triangle where U.S. forces and their Iraqi allies lost a large measure of control.

On Nov. 8, U.S. forces launched an offensive to retake Fallujah, and they have engaged in tough fighting in other cities since then. More than 50 U.S. troops have been killed in Fallujah since then, although the Pentagon has not provided a casualty count for Fallujah for more than a week.

From the viewpoint of the United States and Iraqis who are striving to restore stability, the casualty trend since the interim Iraqi government was put in power June 28 has been troubling. Each month's

death toll has been higher than the last, with the single exception of October, when it was 63.

Bush visiting Canadian prime minister in Ottawa

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's trip North of the border will be akin to a polite dance where he'll try to avoid missteps that could create more anti-Americanism in Canada. For his part, Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin will want to avoid looking as if he's bending to U.S. will on trade and security issues.

After years of bickering, Bush is hoping to patch up relations with Ottawa when he arrives Tuesday on the first official visit to Canada by a U.S. president in nearly 10 years. Relations between the two nations got off to a rocky start when Bush chose Mexico instead of Canada as the first country he'd visit. Trade disputes — a key topic of discussion — and the war in Iraq further soured the friendship.

Martin, Canada's former finance minister and a wealthy shipping magnate, however, has repeatedly expressed a desire to rebuild U.S.-Canada relations, which cooled under his predecessor, Jean Chretien. The dialogue became even more strained when Chretien

decided against sending troops to Iraq — a decision supported by more than 80 percent of Canadians.

"Under Chretien, relations were terrible," John Hulsman, research fellow in foreign policy at Heritage Foundation, said of the former prime minister whose aide called Bush a "moron" in November 2002.

Court considers whether Title IX covers retaliation claims

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court is considering whether a landmark gender equity law protects an Alabama high school coach who complained about unfair treatment of his girls' basketball team, a case testing the scope of women's athletic rights.

The coach, Roderick Jackson, lost his job in 2001 after repeatedly asking the Birmingham Board of Education to provide his team a regulation-size gym with basketball rims that weren't bent — just like the boys' team had.

He then sued to get his job back permanently along with lost wages under the Title IX law, best known for promoting women's athletics. Justices were hearing arguments Tuesday on whether that federal statute covers people who blow the whistle on gender bias, regardless of their sex.

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Bedtime Stories

CHIP, THE SLOW SLOTH

In jungle in a place far, far away, there lived a family of sloths. There was the father sloth, and the mother sloth, and the little boy sloth, Chip.

It was a very nice jungle. It had pretty trees that seemed to reach up into the skies. It had babbling brooks that made you want to lie down and take a nap each time that you were near. The running water would seem to say, "Lie down, take a nap, lie down, take a nap!" And I did, many times! And the jungle had long vines hanging from trees that just invited a little boy to come swing on them. Would you like to live there? Chip does!

Most of Chip's uncles and aunts lived on the other side of the jungle. It was a very nice place, too. Chip loved to visit his friends and relatives on the other side of that jungle. Sometimes he would spend the entire summer over there at his cousin's house. You may be thinking, "Why just the summer?"

Well, Chip had to go to school the rest of the year. Did you know that sloths go to school? I didn't either, so let's just pretend he does. Can you close your eyes and imagine Chip going to school with a big backpack on? Try!

Now, everything was fine among the sloths on both sides of the jungle until THAT day! It was a very unusual day for the jungle. You see, it is normally very warm there, but this time was different. The sloth weatherman was on the sloth tv telling everyone about very cold weather that was coming to the jungle. No one in the jungle had any warm coats. No one in the jungle had any warm shoes. No one in the jungle had any warm anything. But, Chip's father was a grownup and knew how to solve the problem! He knew how to make a fire to stay warm!

The sloths on the other side of the jungle didn't know how to make a fire. And that is probably very good because fires are very dangerous.

They can be nice if a grownup makes them and is always around to make sure everyone is safe, but little sloths should never make a fire. Little kids should never make a fire, either. Chip's father made a fire and asked the leopard to take it to the other side of the jungle for him. Do you know why Chip's father asked the leopard to take the flame? That's right. The leopard is very fast, and the sloths are very, very slow.

The leopard grabbed the flaming candle and took off running as fast as he could go. But he was so fast that the wind blew the candle out! Back to the sloth's home he ran. Chip's father thought for a minute and said, "I know, I'll get the jaguar to take the flaming candle to the other side of the jungle for me!"

The jaguar was happy to be able to help. He took that candle and, "whoosh," he was gone. But he soon came back with the candle not burning. He was even faster

than the leopard and didn't get as far before that candle was blown out!

"What am I going to do?" said the sloth father. "Let me take it, let me take it," said Chip. "If I run as fast as I possibly can, I still can't move fast enough to blow the candle out!" "But, can you get there before the cold weather?" the father asked. "Sure I can," said Chip. "The cold weather won't be here for four more days and, if I run as fast as I can, I will make it!"

So off Chip went as fast as he could go, carrying that candle with the flame. He ran and ran, and then he ran some more. That candle never even flickered! One day went by, then two! Will Chip make it? Do you think he can? Of course he will make it because he is the hero of this story. On the third day, Chip was getting very tired, but he wouldn't quit! He had to help his friends and relatives on the other side of that jungle!

Day four came and Chip was getting closer and closer. He felt the wind getting colder and colder, but he would soon be there. Finally, he saw the lights from his favorite cousin's house glowing brightly. He seemed to run even faster on his way down to that house. Just as he was about to take that final step, he tripped and dropped that candle! This is not a mean story, so the candle did not go out. I tricked you though, didn't I?

Chip picked up the still flaming candle and gave it to the uncle sloth and he made a nice fire from it. That fire kept Chip and all of his friends and relatives warm the whole time that it was so cold. Chip saved the day! Chip is the hero! Everyone in the jungle loved him!

Now you can see that you don't have to be the prettiest, or the handsomest, or even the fastest, to be a hero! sloth language,

Good Night.

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★ ★ **Shoppin' Robin** ★ ★

With just 25 days until Christmas, the dynamic shopping duo of Big Spring has been out and about on the town, furiously scanning the stores for those perfect Christmas gifts.

Ah!!
Who are we kidding?
It's not like these two shop-o-holics would be doing anything else.
This week hats, purses, electronic equipment, jewelry, Christmas ornaments and mattresses are the topic of discussion.

Lyndel: You know Susanne, my brother, John and I have a Christmas tradition of exchanging Hallmark



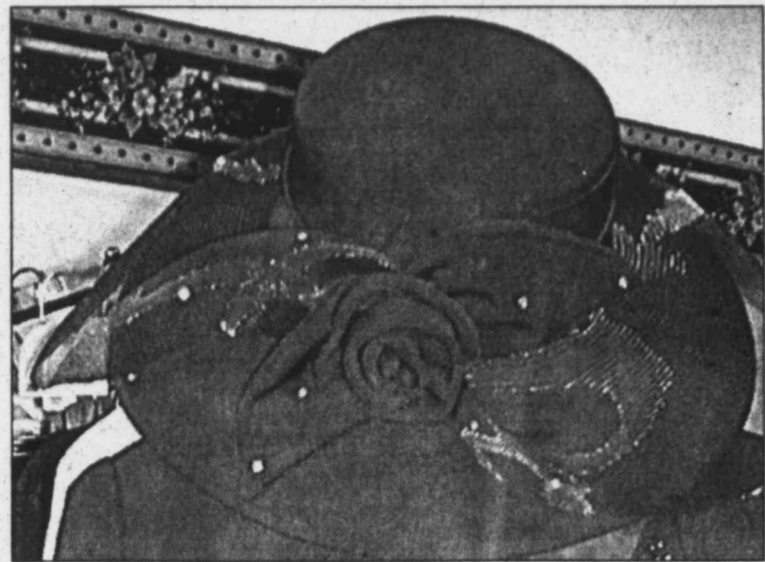
Harry Potter ornament available at Suggs Hallmark in the Big Spring Mall.



Star Trek Christmas ornaments are available at Suggs Hallmark in the Big Spring Mall.

Keepsake Ornaments. We've been exchanging Star Trek ornaments almost since the line's inception.

I just love them and all the other ornaments available at stores like Sugg's Hallmark, located

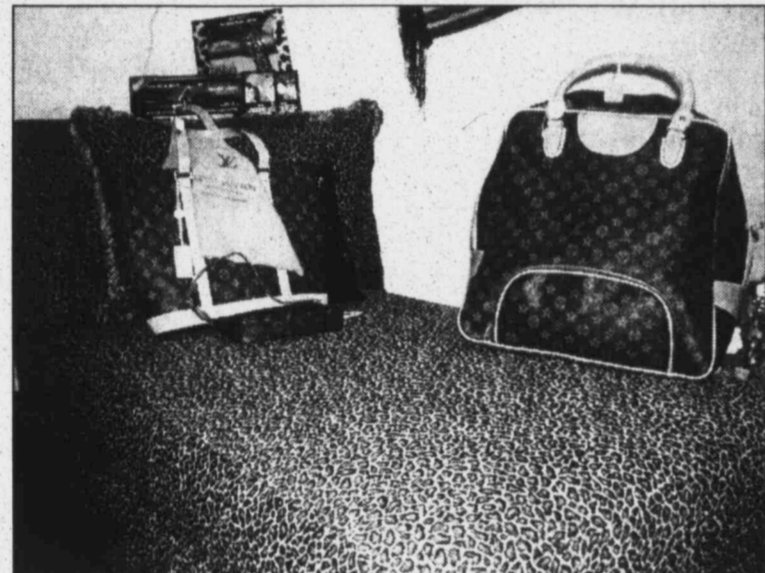


The Tom Boy Shop, 220 Main Street, offers a free hat with the purchase of a suit.

inside the Big Spring Mall. In fact, I could decorate a small Christmas tree and my brother does.

Susanne: That sounds like a nice stuffing stocker and there are just a variety of ornaments to choose from.

By the way, I just found a fabulous deal at the Tom Boy Shop, which is located at 220 Main Street, downtown. If you buy a suit, you get a free hat!



Uptown Expressions in the Big Spring Mall offers leopard print accessories as well as one-of-a-kind furnishings.

I just love hats, don't you? I was talking with Beth Roman, the owner, and she reminded me that they have a seamstress who does their alterations at very reasonable prices.

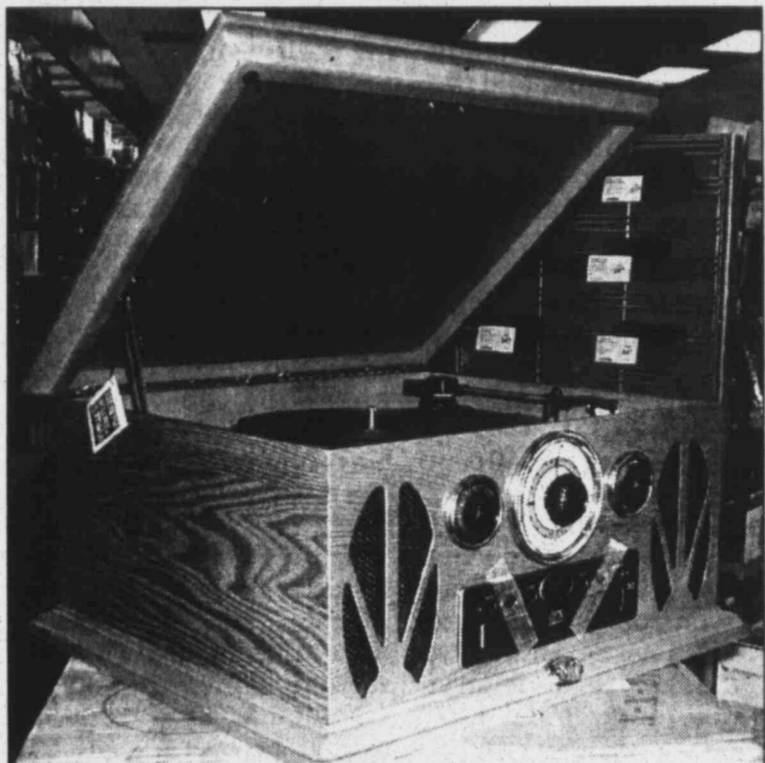
Lyndel: That sounds like a deal. I ventured into the Tom Boy Shop the other day and really liked the atmosphere.

And talk about atmosphere, I checked out the

newest boutique in Big Spring, Uptown Expressions. It's located inside the Big Spring Mall and opened Friday.

The manager, Gloria Rodriguez, told me that some of her hottest selling items so far have been the Louis Valton purses and the Leopard pattern irons and hair dryers.

Susanne: A new store in town? How great. Since we were talking



Radio Shack, 2602 Gregg St., has a nostalgic turntable/CD player/AM-FM radio.

McDonald's.

Lyndel: I have to check that out. That would be a nice gift for my brother, David.

Hey, Susanne, have you heard about that young Big Spring High School entrepreneur who is tearing up the custom-made jewelry scene?

Last year Ashley Phinney, the daughter of Karat Patch owners Jay and Kim Phinney, wanted to raise some money for a trip, so she started selling custom-made jewelry in a display case at her parents store, located at 997 E. FM 700.

Her pieces became so popular that she has just continued with the line. That would make a good gift for my niece, well, if I

had a niece. Susanne: I guess I need to take a trip to the Karat Patch.

You know, Lyndel, I've been traveling so much that I really appreciate a good night's sleep now days. Have you heard about those Tempurpedic pillows and mattresses, you know, the ones that form to your body? I tried



Ashley Phinney Jewelry is available at the Karat Patch, 997 E. FM 700.

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Taking a compliment a way of grace

People often find compliments hard to receive.

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The very best way to respond to glowing praise is to say thank you with sincerity.

I once spent five minutes of my time (and someone else's) trying to convince them that, no, I really didn't look as great as they said I did.

She gave me some wonderful advice — Don't argue. Just say thank you.

From that time on, I've tried very hard to accept someone's regard.

The point is not that you believe what they are saying. The bottom line is that they believe what they are saying.

Secondly, remember that it is OK to react favorably to a good word. In doing so, one exhibits an image of self-esteem.

The more a guy or girl

practices a positive response to a commendation, the easier it is to welcome another's complimentary input.

This in no way makes someone arrogant. It just makes conversation involving acclamation less awkward.

Thirdly, if kudos are consistently disregarded, they could be stopped altogether.

Who has time to fight with someone over whether or not their hair really does look good that day?

Contrary to popular thought, a praiser isn't wanting to be talked out of their position on another's hairstyle, outfit or new vehicle.

The one offering felicitations is merely stating his or her honest opinion. Let them so state! Lastly, laud others

often. When someone has been an inspiration, let them know it.

If they start to argue, stop them, gently, of course, and remind them that all they have to say is, "Thank you."

Christy Alton is mother of two, works full-time and is married to her park ranger, Ron.

She writes this column for the Big Spring Herald.

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IN BRIEF

Basketball referees needed for season

The Crossroads area is looking for basketball officials for the upcoming season.

For more information, contact Adam Rodriguez at 263-8781 or 517-0300.

The games will be played in local areas such as Big Spring, Forsan and Coahoma and will be for the junior high and high school levels.

YMCA extends youth registration

The YMCA has announced that youth basketball registration for the upcoming season will extend through Friday.

The organizational meeting for adults who would like to be age group coordinators is still scheduled for Tuesday and Saturday. Everyone interested in coaching must attend one of these two scheduled meetings.

The teams will be formed Saturday, as well.

The games are scheduled to begin Saturday, Jan. 8.

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8284.

B.S. football banquet set for Dec. 13

The Big Spring football banquet has been set for Monday, Dec. 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Big Spring Junior High Cafeteria.

The meal will cost \$10. For more information, call the Athletic Training Center at 264-3662.

Sign ups now set for Coahoma 'dribblers'

The sign-ups for the Coahoma Little Dribblers Basketball League will take place today through Thursday at the Coahoma Junior High Gym. Today's session will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., while the other days begin at 6 p.m. and end at 8 p.m.

The league is for boys and girls grades fourth-grade through sixth-grade. The cost is only \$25.

Class 3A rivals meet in huge playoff game

Snyder and Sweetwater will face off at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Big Spring's Memorial Stadium in the Region I, Division II Quarterfinals of the Class 3A playoffs.

The two teams are in the same district and have already met this year as Sweetwater defeated Snyder at home 35-25.

The game is expected to bring at least 7,000 fans. Pre-sale tickets are \$5, but spectators can purchase tickets for \$7 at the gate. However, pre-sale tickets can only be purchased in Snyder or Sweetwater.

ON THE AIR

Miller gives abrupt resignation as Howard coach

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

Howard College is in search of a new women's basketball coach after head coach Lorin Miller officially signed a letter of resignation Monday.

Miller said several reasons led him to the rather abrupt decision and a lot of them were within this year's team.

"The timing is not good, but it is never good when something like this happens," said Miller. "I don't like going out as a quitter, but I just thought the team needed to go in a different direction. They need a new voice because what I was telling them wasn't being heard. And the ones that did hear me really didn't hear me."

Miller hadn't really contemplated this decision for long, but went into the season thinking this would be his last year. And after two devastating losses in Kansas over the weekend, Miller knew it was time to go.

"I thought this could be my last year and then the music stopped when I saw us play in Dodge City this weekend," added Miller. "The decision to coach at the start of the year was solid, though."

The problems for Miller all started when star forward/center Charmaine

Callahan returned to her home country of Germany to update her student visa. She is not expected to return until after Christmas, but there is a chance she may not return at all.

"The chemistry of the team was tweaked a little bit after Charmaine left," said Miller. "The freshmen kind of looked to her for leadership and when she left for home they had nowhere to look."

Then other internal problems with the team began to surface, which Miller said later effected the team in a negative way.

"A small group of players eventually got more concerned with themselves and their futures and that had a negative effect on the team," added Miller. "The person in charge — which was me — needed to see that and my vision wasn't clear. I just didn't see what the real issues were."

Miller said the team's current losing streak had a little bit to do with the decision.

The Hawk women entered the Dodge City Classic over the weekend with three straight losses to conference teams in the WJCAC Tournament and then had a less than impressive win against

the Hardin Simmons junior varsity team last Monday.

The team then played in Kansas — the state where Miller came from before taking over at Howard — and lost badly in two games. They were defeated by Dodge City 103-50 before losing to Pratt Community College 93-80.

"The losses in Kansas were devastating to me because I had several supporters there watching us play and I knew several other people in the area," said Miller. "I let the emotion of all that get to me a little bit."

The decision shocked several people at Howard, including Miller himself.

"It's a shocking experience," said Miller. "I am even taken away by my own actions because I have never done anything like that before."

The team will be taken over by head men's basketball coach Mark Adams while the school begins a search for a new coach. Jason Sautter, the men's assistant coach, will also assist Adams in helping with the women's team.

"Coach Miller has done an outstanding job, both on the court and off," said Adams. "Howard has lost a good coach and Lorin will truly be missed."



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Howard College's Lorin Miller, shown here during a timeout in a Hawk women's game last week, officially resigned as women's basketball coach Monday. A successor for the program will be sought immediately.

Although the timing is not the best for the women's team, Miller still thinks there is enough time to get things back on track.

"The team has four games left before the conference season starts and they need to use those games to re-evaluate this season and turn things around," Miller added. "There is enough talent on this team for them to do things, but they just need to find themselves and start getting things done in a positive way."

Miller is not sure what is going to happen with him next and did not totally give up on coach-

ing again.

"You can never say never, but I am pretty interested in being around my family," said Miller.

Miller said he needs to move on and look for work elsewhere and said his return to Kansas is likely, but not certain.

"I have connections there that I can use for work, but my wife has a job here," said Miller. "I just need to do the right thing and not get myself involved in any negative situations."

The Hawk women are 7-5 this season. A successor for the program will be sought immediately.

Bulldogs hand Forsan first loss, Buffaloes' seventh-graders win

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

The Forsan boys junior high basketball teams split two games Monday against rival Coahoma as the eighth-grade team suffered its first loss of the season and the seventh-grade team came from behind to claim victory.

The eighth-grade team lost in overtime to the Bulldogs, 41-36, as Jace Sandridge led Forsan with 14 points.

Jeremy Robbins and Jeremy Freitag added 10 and eight points, respectively.

The seventh-grade team trailed for much of the game Monday, but outscored Coahoma 10-3 in the final period to claim a 21-17 win over its rivals.

The Buffaloes trailed 7-4 after one quarter and 12-5 at halftime. Forsan closed the gap in third quarter behind four points from Evan Burton, but the Bulldogs still led 14-11. Forsan came alive in the fourth quarter and found its shot.

They eventually took the lead for good and went on to win.

Burton led the team with 11 points, while Ryan Flores and Jarred Smith added four points apiece.

Smith also hit two clutch free throws late in the game which gave Forsan the lead for good.

The seventh- and eighth-grade teams will travel to Colorado City next Monday to take on the rival Wolves.

Kansas routs Nevada

By The Associated Press

Kansas got a big lead in a hurry and made sure Nevada couldn't repeat last year's upset.

Wayne Simien had 14 points and 10 rebounds for his third double-double in as many games, and the second-ranked Jayhawks opened with a 19-4 run Monday night on the way to an 85-52 victory.

Kansas (3-0) led 43-16 at halftime and was up by as many as 39 points.

"I thought our defense was pretty good," Jayhawks coach Bill Self said. "I thought the whole team played sluggish in the second half, which is to be expected. We still have to learn to put our foot on the throat."

Nevada beat then-No. 6 Kansas 75-61 last year, an early highlight in a season in which the Wolf Pack went on to win the Western Athletic Conference, reach the round of 16 in the NCAA

tournament and finish 25-9.

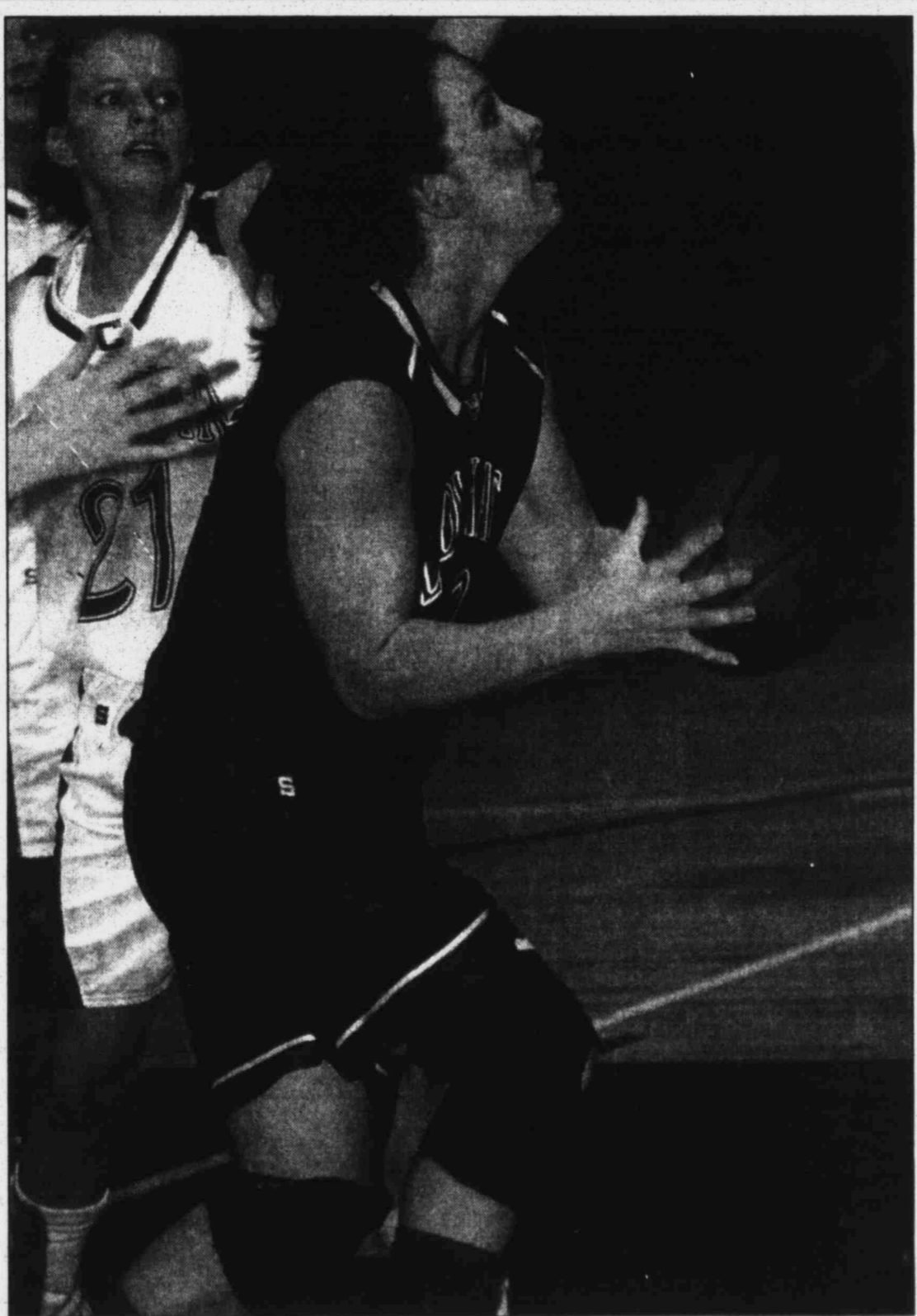
"Coach brought the old clips when they smacked us pretty good and the fans stormed the court," Simien said. "He did it to motivate us. I think it did that."

In other games involving ranked teams on Monday, it was: No. 6 Oklahoma State 76, Southern Methodist 57; No. 16 North Carolina State 60, Purdue 53; and No. 18 Texas 86, Coppin State 50.

Nick Fazekas, the Wolf Pack's leading scorer with a 23.3 average, was harried by Christian Moody into 1-for-9 shooting in the first half and finished with 17 points.

"We are just young," first-year Nevada coach Mark Fox said. "We just couldn't execute our offense against their pressure defense."

Fox was promoted to replace Trent Johnson, who took over the Stanford program.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Garden City senior Megan Niehues looks for an opening inside during the Lady Bearkats win over Coahoma. Both Garden City varsity basketball teams travel to Sterling City tonight. The Lady Kats will try to get to 7-0, while the boys team seeks a 2-1 start.

Lady Steers junior high teams fall

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

Lubbock Cooper got the best of all four Big Spring junior high girl's teams Monday.

The eighth-grade "A" team fell 40-25 as M'Lyn Swinney led the Lady Steers with five points and five rebounds. Shelbi Stewart had a team-high six points and Courtney Straight, Whitney Worthan and Turquoise

White added four points each.

The eighth-grade "B" team lost 30-19 despite eight points from Mirella Torres and seven rebounds from Haylea Stuteville.

Katie Tompkins added five points, while Stuteville, Amber Rivera and Chelsea Franco all scored two points.

The seventh-grade "A" got a team-high 23 points

from Keonna Ward, but still lost to Lubbock Cooper, 52-31. Big Spring's next highest scorer was Linzee Yarbar, who finished with four points.

The seventh-grade "B" team lost 25-18 and were led in scoring by Marina Trevino, who finished with 12 points. Barbara Cruz scored four points and Selena Gonzales added two points.

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Packers destroy St. Louis in Favre's 200th straight game

By ARNIE STAPLETON

AP Sports Writer
GREEN BAY, Wis. — Another game, another milestone, another record for Brett Favre.

Green Bay's indomitable quarterback celebrated his 200th straight regular-season start by throwing three touchdown passes and leading the Packers to their sixth straight win Monday night, 45-17 over St. Louis.

Favre topped 20 touchdown passes for the 11th straight season, breaking a tie with Dan Marino on a 7-yard toss to tight end Bubba Franks in the second quarter. He also found Javon Walker and Donald Driver in the end zone on a highly efficient night in which he never came close to getting sacked or intercepted.

"After the introduction — I was not aware of all the hoopla leading up to it — there was a lot of pressure to perform," Favre said. "I really looked at this game as just another game, an important game, obviously, one we needed to win. I didn't need all the added attention and pressure. It was hard enough."

His teammates made it

seem easy for him.

Najeh Davenport filled in for running back Ahman Green, and ran for 178 yards and a score in his first NFL start as the Packers (7-4) won their sixth straight to keep pace with Minnesota atop the NFC North.

Rookie cornerback Ahmad Carroll recorded his first fumble recovery, touchdown and interception of his career as the defense pitched in by scoring two touchdowns, snuffing out a fake field goal and recording four sacks and three take-aways.

Fellow rookie Joey Thomas blasted Isaac Bruce (nine catches, 170 yards) on the Rams' first possession, and Carroll picked up the loose ball and ran 40 yards for his first career touchdown to give Green Bay a 7-0 lead it would never relinquish.

It was the Packers' first recovery of an opponent's fumble since Sept. 19 against Chicago.

"We go three-and-out and then those two rookies make a great play and get seven points," Favre said.

The Packers capped the rout when Darren Sharper forced Bruce to cough up the ball in the

final minute, and Michael Hawthorne returned it 34 yards for the score.

Carroll was thrilled to get more than a bit part in Favre's memorable milestone.

"When you get drafted by Green Bay, the first thing you think of is playing with Brett Favre," Carroll said. "When I go home, the first question people ask me is, 'How does it feel playing with Brett Favre? What did he say in practice? How is he?'"

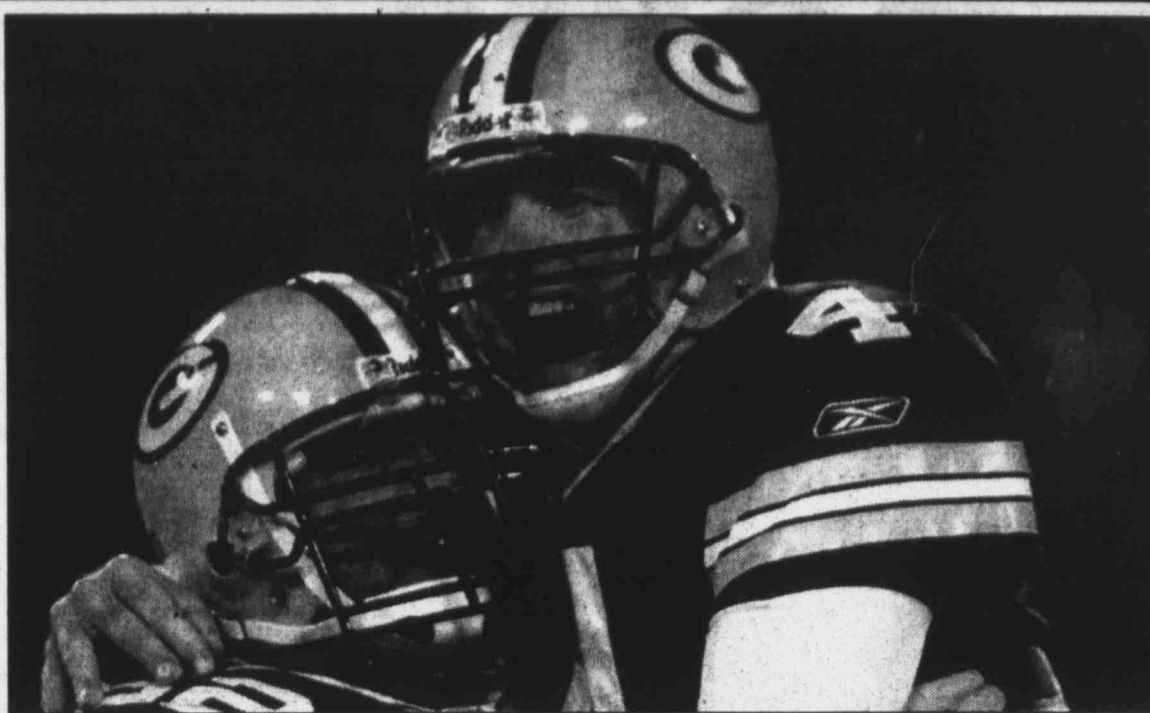
"He is not like other people in the NFL." That's for sure.

Favre's record streak of starts moved to 219, counting playoffs, and is almost 100 more than Ron Jaworski's previous NFL quarterback mark of 123.

The Rams have had 13 quarterbacks in that span.

The latest, Marc Bulger, threw for more yards — 448 — against Green Bay than any quarterback ever had, completing 35 of 53 passes, but he was overshadowed by Favre, who was an efficient 18-of-27 for 215 yards.

St. Louis (5-6) missed a chance to tie Seattle atop the NFC's woeful West with its fourth loss in five games.



KRT photo/Tom Lynn, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre embraces teammate Marco Rivera after throwing a touchdown pass to Donald Driver in the third quarter of the Packers 45-17 victory over the St. Louis Rams Monday at Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

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Browns' Davis resigns, leaves team in last place

By TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer
CLEVELAND — Beleaguered Cleveland Browns coach Butch Davis resigned Tuesday, leaving a last-place team with five games left in the season.

The Browns (3-8) lost their fifth straight game on Sunday, 58-48 at Cincinnati, and are in fourth place in the AFC

North. The team went 24-36 and made the playoffs just once in Davis' four seasons as head coach.

Davis left with three years remaining on a contract worth about \$12 million.

Browns president John Collins was to speak about the move at an afternoon news conference, team spokeswoman Lisa Levine said.

Offensive coordinator Terry Robiskie or defensive coordinator Dave Campo is expected to take over as interim coach for the Browns, who host New England Sunday.

Pressure had been mounting on Davis for weeks as the Browns' season crumbled with a score of injuries to key players and heartbreaking losses.

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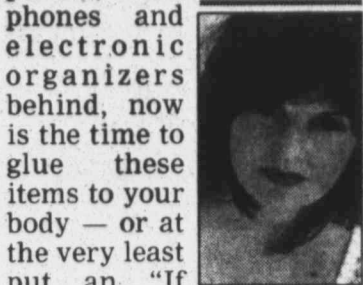
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Mercury turns retrograde in Sagittarius. For those who are constantly leaving purses, cell phones and electronic organizers behind, now is the time to glue these items to your body — or at the very least put an "If found, return to ..." label in them. In the coming weeks, we'll be constantly backtracking to make sure we're creating clean karma.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Press ahead because your hard work now will carry you to a new level. Praise from your peers is featured. You may even be admired publicly for your leadership, even though you don't care about recognition. (Yeah, right.)

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're feeling open

Tomorrow's Horoscope

mind and thus willing to see the beauty in what others consider worthless — for instance, they say, "Graffiti"; you say, "Public art!" You're an advocate for the unappreciated.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Buying things won't bring happiness, so why is it so fun? There's much to want and little space to keep it in. Watch for a spontaneous sale, or be willing to negotiate your own price (even if it seems like it's not that kind of store).

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Give your attention to matters of health — after all, if you don't have that, the rest is very hard to appreciate. No matter how "good" you are, there is always room for improvement in this department.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Linguists estimate that there are 6,000 actively spoken languages in the world, and everyone you run into is apparently speaking a different one of them. Instead of literally trying to

understand, read between the lines.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be asked about your credo, and though you're ready with an answer, the question makes you pause. You may realize that you don't think the same way you used to. Get clear about your new beliefs.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Sure, you're turbocharged now, but you can't do everything on the schedule without help. Loved ones make plans that include you, which may seem presumptuous at first. In the end, you'll actually like what you're asked to do.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Devoted to the finer things in life, today, you're a regular bon vivant! However, you'll derive the most joy from family time. Who better to pass on all your knowledge and passions to than your own child?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be tempted to make appointments with people who have the fast

fix for your life, but resist. These methods prove to be costly and ineffective. Use inner wisdom and the help of old friends as your guide.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A curtain closes, and a new scene begins. Suddenly, life has an air of the fabulous, like a clever series of vignettes. Friends want your point of view, so offer up personal accounts of love, life and everything in between.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are accustomed to marching out of step, so the zany things you have to do to make your life work this afternoon almost seem par for the course. Never mind, tomorrow or the day after, you will be back to normal.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Yours is a fast-paced, caffeine-fueled experience. Put the spotlight on the silly, cute and stylish things you see. Make plans to be around someone who is almost always engaging and often entertaining.

Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: Recently at a family dinner, we had finished eating but were still sitting at the table. My daughter-in-law reached over and plucked a hair out of my son's nostril, held it up, examined it and then brushed it off onto the floor.

Apparently, the hair had been firmly attached, because my son jumped about six inches. There was this big silence, but then conversation resumed, and no one said anything more about it.

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KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

I've seen the lady pinch my son's arm before, and, of course, her mouth never stops, especially in front of their children, but I thought this was a particularly inventive level of public bullying. What do you think? — Ticked Off

Dear Ticked Off: OK, NOW we've heard everything. Ick. Your daughter-in-law is overly proprietary toward her husband, and plucking anything out of someone else's body at the dinner table is appallingly ill-mannered. Nonetheless, your son (not you) should be the one to tell his wife to keep her follicle-pickin' hands to her-

self, before she decides to clean his ears, too.

Dear Annie: You printed a letter saying that a verbal thank-you was sufficient if bridal shower gifts were opened in front of the givers. I disagreed strongly and wrote to tell you so. You sent back an e-mail, informing me that your etiquette information came from Emily Post and if I took issue with it, to contact Peggy Post, who has taken over writing the etiquette book. (She's married to Emily Post's great-grandson.) So I did.

After waiting many weeks to hear back from the Emily Post Institute, I finally received a reply. It seems they have changed their advice. Please tell everyone. — Concerned in Alabama

Dear Concerned: We don't make the rules, we just print them. We, too, contacted the Emily Post Institute and were told that it has recently published a new, updated book. "The 17th Edition of Emily Post's Etiquette" by Peggy Post (Publisher: HarperCollins. Price \$39.95. In Canada, \$56.95) says that a written thank-you is now preferred, even

if the giver was thanked personally at the shower.

The reason given is that most people these days expect written thank-you notes for shower gifts, and showers have grown into grander affairs than in years past, with more guests and more elaborate gifts making it difficult for the honoree to sufficiently extend her thanks in person.

For those of you who prefer the old-fashioned rules, this one may drive you wild: The book says that registering for honeymoons, savings accounts, homes, vacations and cars is just fine. The only caveat is that brides and grooms should not request these things directly. They should let their family members and friends pass the word. (This is not altogether different from an etiquette rule of long-standing that says if the bride and groom prefer gifts of money, they should discreetly let others inform the guests by word-of-mouth.)

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column.

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*DENNIS HAS BEEN REALLY GOOD TODAY, BUT, OF COURSE, IT'S ONLY 8:30 AM!

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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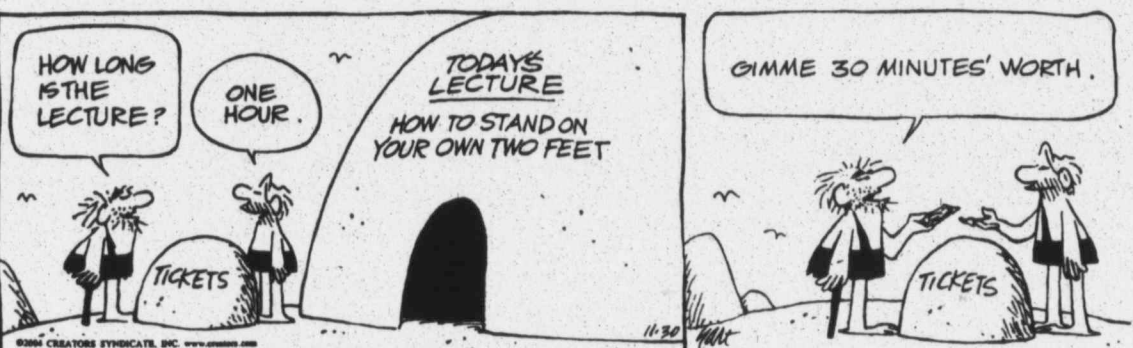
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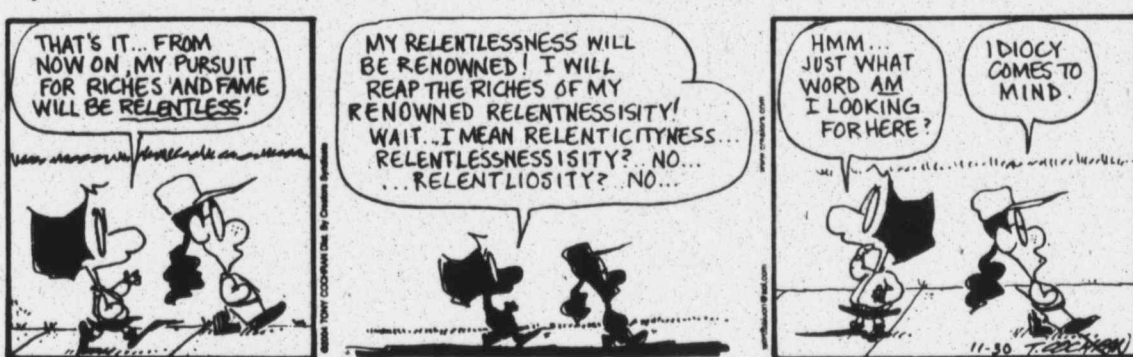
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This Date In History

By the Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 30, the 335th day of 2004. There are 31 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 30, 1782, the United States and Britain signed preliminary peace articles in Paris, ending the Revolutionary War.

On this date:

In 1803, Spain completed the process of ceding Louisiana to France, which had sold it to the United States.

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

In 1900, Irish writer Oscar Wilde died in Paris at age 46.

In 1936, London's famed Crystal Palace, constructed

for the International Exhibition of 1851, was destroyed in a fire.

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

In 1954, Elizabeth Hodges of Sylacauga, Ala., was slightly injured when an 8 1/2-pound meteorite crashed through the roof of her house.

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

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

In 1981, the United States and the Soviet Union opened negotiations in Geneva aimed at reducing nuclear weapons in Europe.

In 1993, President Clinton signed into law the Brady bill, which requires a five-day waiting period for handgun purchases and background checks of prospective buyers.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Gordon Parks is 92. Actor Erem Zimbalist Jr. is 87. Actress Virginia

Mayo is 84. Former New York Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm is 80.

Actor Robert Guillaume is 77. TV personality and producer Dick Clark is 75.

Radio talk show host G. Gordon Liddy is 74. Country singer-recording executive Jimmy Bowen is 67.

Movie director Ridley Scott is 67. Singer Rob Grill (The Grassroots) is 61.

Movie writer-director Terrence Malick is 61. Singer Luther Ingram is 60.

Rock musician Roger Glover (Deep Purple) is 59. Playwright David Mamet is 57.

Actress Margaret Whitton is 54.

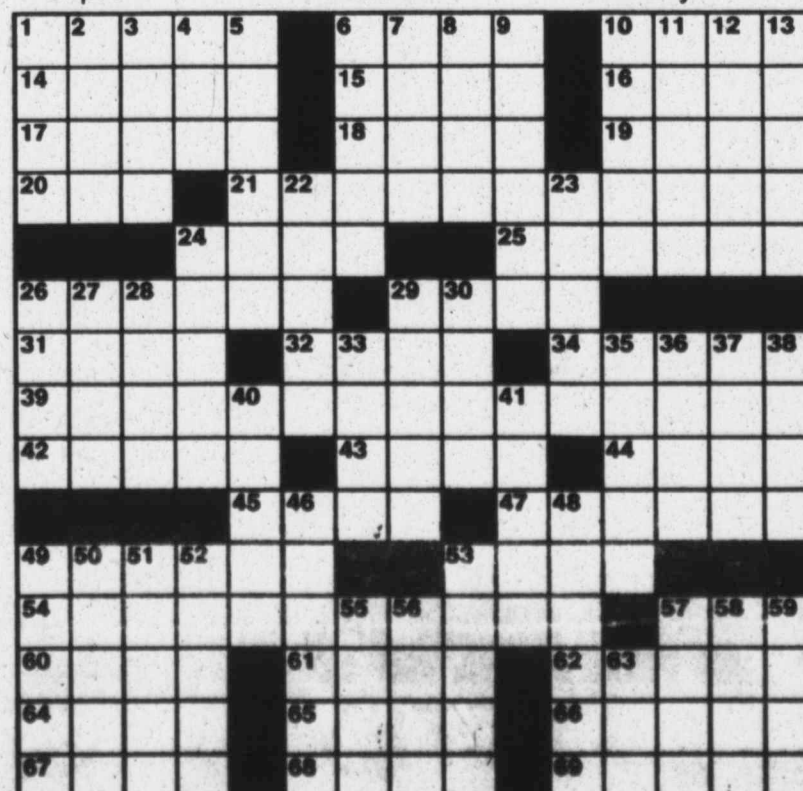
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Newsday Crossword

NOTHING DOING by Sally R. Stein
Edited by Stanley Newman
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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Cookie-recipe quantity | 1 Hay unit |
| 6 Tax-deferred accts. | 2 Square footage |
| 10 Had a good cry | 3 Rip |
| 14 Basketball stadium | 4 Fox News competitor |
| 15 Word of warning | 5 Pain in the neck |
| 16 Damsel saver | 6 Luggage attachment |
| 17 Tilts | 7 Defeat badly |
| 18 Ballerina costume | 8 Opposite of pro- |
| 19 Where Teheran is | 9 House-exterior material |
| 20 Lobe locale | 10 Once in a ___ (occasionally) |
| 21 Fabric-softener target | 11 Spooky |
| 24 Fake coin | 12 Practical joke |
| 25 Small streams | 13 Ice-cube grippers |
| 26 TV newsman Dan | 22 City in Italy |
| 29 ___ gin fizz | 23 Top of a wave |
| 31 Ointment ingredient | 24 Oyster exterior |
| 32 Nastase of tennis | 26 Headstrong |
| 34 Gives the cold shoulder to | 27 Female voice |
| 39 Alive, as a sports team | 28 Work hard |
| 42 "Deck the Halls" plant | 29 Locations |
| 43 Neighbor of Ky. | 30 Ponce de ___ |
| 44 "___ Lisa" | 33 Mississippi senator |
| 45 Charlie Brown exclamation | 35 Wanderer |
| 47 Elegant | 36 Sci-fi vehicles |
| 49 Hare relative | 37 Coal holders |
| 53 Snow vehicle | 38 Remain |
| 54 Small talk | 40 48 Down creation |
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| 60 When a.m. becomes p.m. | |
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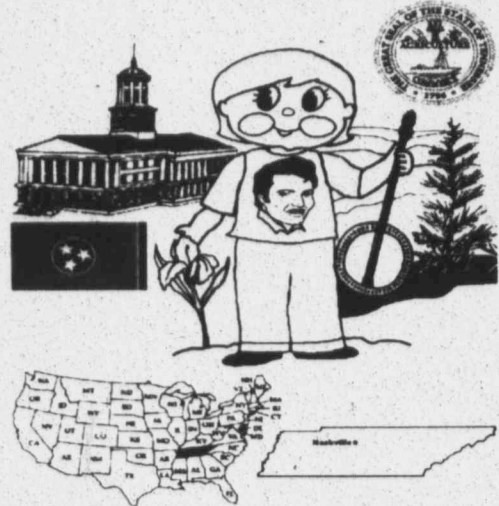
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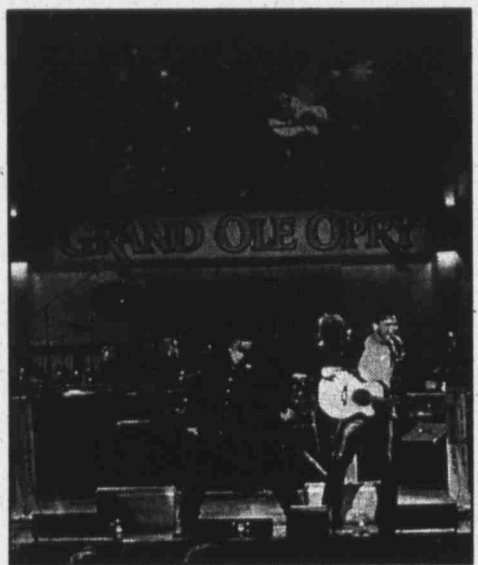
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The Volunteer State

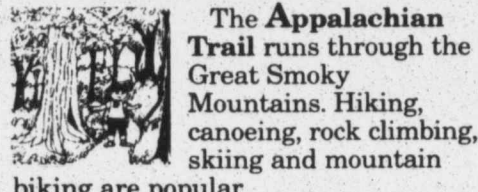
Tennessee From A to Z



Millions of tourists pour into Tennessee because of its music, especially country-western. Gospel, Christian, blues, jazz, Appalachian folk, bluegrass and rock 'n' roll are also important musical influences. The state's beautiful scenery, especially the Great Smoky Mountains, attracts many visitors. Manufacturing of chemicals, transportation equipment, rubber and plastics is important. Hernando de Soto was the first European to explore the area, in about 1541. The French, Spanish, British and North Carolina all claimed parts of the area. In the Civil War, it had the second most battles of all the states. Today, it is the 16th most-populated state, with about 5,800,000 people.



"The Grand Ole Opry" is a world-famous radio show where musicians such as Garth Brooks, Dolly Parton and Chet Atkins became stars. It is the longest continuously running radio show in America, on the air since 1925.



The Appalachian Trail runs through the Great Smoky Mountains. Hiking, canoeing, rock climbing, skiing and mountain biking are popular outdoor sports. Memphis calls itself the Barbecue Capital of the World.

Beale Street in Memphis is famed for its blues music. Musicians such as W.C. Handy and B.B. King played there.

The Cherokee Indian Nation had its last council grounds, or place for leaders to meet, at Red Clay.

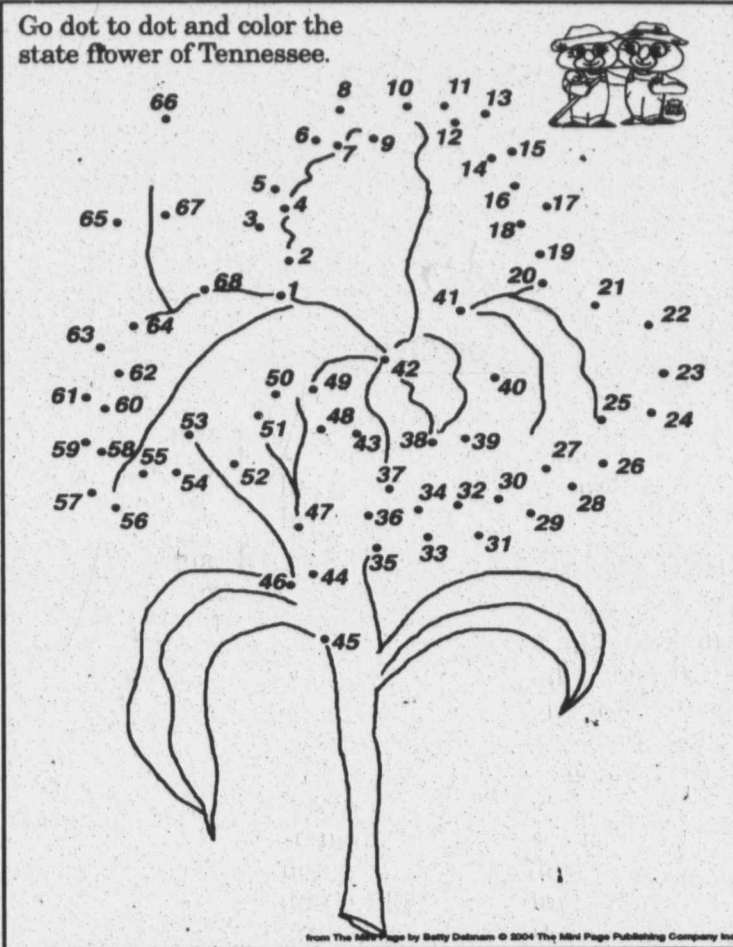
The Davy Crockett Cabin & Museum in Lawrenceburg features this famous frontiersman. The Davy Crockett Cabin in Rutherford is a replica of his last home.

Dollywood, an amusement park in Pigeon Forge, was founded by singer Dolly Parton.

Elvis Presley's Memphis home, Graceland, attracts millions of fans, who come to honor the memory of "The King."

Forests cover more than half the state.

Greeneville is the site of the Andrew Johnson National Historic Site. He operated a tailor shop in a log cabin there.



Go dot to dot and color the state flower of Tennessee.

Rookie Cookie's Recipe Rice and Meat Balls. You'll need: 1/2 cup white rice, uncooked; 1 pound ground beef; 1 egg; 1 medium onion, chopped; pinch of salt and pepper; 2 tablespoons milk; 1 can tomato soup. What to do: 1. Mix all the ingredients together except the soup. 2. With clean hands, shape the mixture into small balls. 3. Place balls in a large baking dish and pour soup over them. 4. Bake in a 350-degree oven for 50 to 60 minutes. Makes a dozen balls. Note: You will need an adult's help with this recipe.

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Gus Goodsport's Report Supersport: Justin Gatlin. Height: 6-1 Birthdate: 2-10-82 Weight: 168 Hometown: Brooklyn, N.Y. With his talent in graphic design, Justin Gatlin once considered going to an art school. But the young New Yorker decided to attend the University of Tennessee on a track scholarship, where he mastered the art of sprinting. Gatlin won six straight NCAA titles in two years as a college runner. Last summer, he sped to even greater heights by winning three Olympic medals. Gatlin won the gold in the 100-meter dash, and he did it in a flash. His personal best of 9.85 seconds gave him the edge over four other competitors who ran the dramatic race in sub 10-second times. Gatlin's victory in the 100 earned him the title of "World's Fastest Man." He also captured a bronze in the 200-meter and a silver in the 4 x 100-meter relay. But there could be more exciting chapters to the Gatlin sprint story. He's only 22 years old, the youngest runner to win the Olympic 100-meter title since 1968. So keep an eye on this artful athlete.

Meet Minnie Pearl. Minnie Pearl was a well-known performer for "The Grand Ole Opry," a country-music radio show, for 50 years. Her real name was Ophelia Colley. At 22, while working for a community theater, she met an older woman with a country accent and country ways. After meeting her, Ophelia created the comic character Minnie Pearl. Minnie was known for the way she told her jokes. She wore a country dress and a straw hat with fake flowers and the price tag still attached. While appearing on a radio show in Nashville, she attracted attention and was made a cast member of "The Grand Ole Opry." Minnie appeared on several TV shows. She also made six albums during her career. She is best remembered for shouting "How-DEE" to audiences. Minnie died in 1996 at age 84.

MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes. All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category? Rex: What number does a pig dial when it needs help? Alice: Swine-One-One! Stuart: What telephones do imposters use? Henry: Phoneyes! Harris: Do you believe in free speech? Dirk: Of course! Harris: Then may I use your telephone?

More About Tennessee. The Hermitage outside Nashville was U.S. President Andrew Jackson's home. The Iris is the state flower. Casey Jones, the famous railroad engineer, lived in Jackson. His home is now a museum. He is honored for giving up his life to save the passengers and crew. King Cotton was the name given this important crop in the 1800s. It helped bring great wealth to plantation owners of that time. Although it is still an important today, it is still a top crop. Soybeans, tobacco, dairy products, cattle and hogs are also important. The Lost Sea in Sweetwater is the largest known underground lake in the world. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated in 1968 at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis. That motel is now part of the National Civil Rights Museum. Memphis is known as the birthplace of rock 'n' roll. Many world-famous musicians such as Elvis Presley and Carl Perkins recorded at Sun Studio there. Nashville, the state capital, is known as "Music City U.S.A." It is world famous for its country and Christian music. The Country Music Hall of Fame & Museum is there. Oak Ridge was a top-secret city during World War II. It was there that scientists from the Manhattan Project worked to develop the atom bomb. A full-size copy of the Parthenon, an ancient Greek temple, is in Nashville. Former President James K. Polk's family home was in Columbia. The Tennessee Aquarium in Chattanooga has one of the largest freshwater aquariums in the world. It has more than 7,000 marine creatures. The main Rivers flowing through the state are the Mississippi, the Cumberland and the Tennessee. Shiloh, which means "Place of Peace," was the site of one of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War. About 21,000 men were killed or wounded during that battle. Tennessee's name means "Meeting Place of the Waters" in Cherokee. The Tennessee Valley Authority, or TVA, is an agency founded to bring electricity to rural areas, control the power of the rivers and restore farmland and forests. It is the biggest public power company in the country. Site to see: www.tnvacation.com Look through your newspaper for stories and ads about music in your area. The Tulip Poplar is the state tree. Underground at Cumberland Caverns is the second-largest known cave system in America, and the 13th-largest in the world. Tennessee is called the Volunteer State because it has had so many people volunteer to serve in the nation's wars. Whitewater rafting is a special attraction on the Ocoee River. The Knoxville zoo, home to endangered and threatened animals, including the snow leopard and the African wild dog. About 8,000 Years ago, Native Americans built mounds several stories high. Native Americans in the area include the Cherokee and Chickasaw. Zinc is a top mineral in the state. Coal, oil, natural gas, marble, pyrite, clay, phosphate rock, sand and gravel, and fluorite are other important minerals. Next week The Mini Page is about holiday treats. The Mini Page is created and edited by Betty Debnam. Associate Editors: Tall Denton, Lucy Lien. Staff Artist: Wendy Daley.

Tennessee TRY 'N FIND. Words that remind us of Tennessee are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward and diagonally. See if you can find: VOLUNTEER, MUSIC, COUNTRY, JAZZ, ELVIS, CHEROKEE, APPALACHIAN, BARBECUE, SMOKY, OPRY, IRIS, COTTON, MEMPHIS, NASHVILLE, SHILOH, RAFTING, ZINC, POLK, WAR. MUSIC IS KING IN TENNESSEE! V O B N S Y R T N U O C L C R O P A A Z H M E M P H I S H A L R R S C I I S E L V I S E F U Y B H C M O N L M K L O P R T N I E V U J T C O O N M O I T R C I S V A T W H K L K N E I U L I Y A Z O A L Y V E G E S E L C L K K Z N R U S E V R N N E N A I H C A L A P P A

Mini Spy ... Mini Spy and her friends are visiting the replica of the Parthenon in Nashville. See if you can find: • question mark • letter B • number 3 • key • football • ruler • ladder • letter A • whale • word MINI • banana • pencil • letter H • letter D • lima bean • letter C

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