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## Council holding first public hearing on tax rate decrease tonight

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

What Big Spring residents will pay in city taxes during the 1996-97 fiscal year is the subject of tonight's special meeting in council chambers at City Hall.

Tonight's meeting on the tax rate will begin at 5:30, and is the first of two readings, as required by law, that must be held before a tax rate may be adopted.

During the council's Aug. 27 meeting

the budget for the upcoming fiscal year was adopted, but the council delayed discussing the tax rate until tonight's special meeting.

City Manager Gary Fuqua and his staff have proposed that the 1995-96 tax rate of 65 cents per \$100 valuation be lowered to \$61 cents per \$100 valuation.

As budget worksessions began earlier this summer, speculation by Mayor Tim Blackshear was that Big Spring wouldn't see a tax decrease this year, but the 1996-97 effective tax rate of \$0.56148 per \$100 valuation allows the

city to drop taxes and still generate extra revenue, also allowing Big Spring citizens to see their fourth consecutive tax reduction due largely to a \$57 million increase in the city's assessed value.

The city's certified total taxable value for 1996 increased from last year's \$349.7 million to \$406.9 million.

Last year the council was able to drop the city's tax rate from 65.5 cents per \$100 valuation to 65 cents per \$100 valuation partly because new businesses like Family Medical Center,

Jumburrito, the Wal-Mart Supercenter, Little Caesar's Pizza and Taco Bell were on the city's tax rolls for the first time, which helped expand the city's tax base to \$349.7 million in 1995, up from \$327.5 million in 1994.

The 1995-96 tax decrease was also attributed to new construction in the area and an increase in the appraised value of several residential properties.

The effective tax rate for last year was \$0.63211 or 63 cents per \$100 valuation, but the city was able to go 3-percent above the effective tax rate and

generate more than \$120,000 in additional property tax revenue than in 1994 and still drop the tax rate.

The main purpose of tonight's special meeting is to have the first reading of the ordinance to set the tax rate.

Blackshear said the council will not officially set the 1996-97 tax rate until the council's Sept. 24 meeting, when the council will also have to pass the ordinance on its second reading.

The new tax rate will become effective Oct. 1, along with the 1996-97 fiscal budget.

## Teacher assignment choice for parents facing Coahoma ISD

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

COAHOMA - It was teachers, not taxes, that dominated the Coahoma school board meeting Monday night.

On the same night district trustees adopted a tax rate for this school year, the majority of discussion centered on a proposal to allow parents to select their child's teacher in certain elementary school grades.

Lately, Coahoma trustees have been practically bombarded by calls from parents demanding more say in which teacher will instruct their children.

Currently, parents are allowed to meet with elementary principal Jan Norwood and school counselors to request a certain teacher, but some parents believe that policy doesn't go far enough.

The way we handled it before is that we let (parents) give us a preference," Norwood said. "That way, they had some input."

"It seems to me that it's the degree of input that's open for discussion," board president Gail Wells said. "I think some parents are confused by exactly what the policy is - and it's more or less unofficial, so it's left open for interpretation."

For the past month, a committee headed by Norwood has been formulating possible solutions to the problem, and sentiment arose Monday to allow

parents of students in grades K-3 some degree of choice in the matter.

One of the parents attending the meeting, Sally Schumpert, said parental input in the matter is vital to the child's education.

"As a parent, I feel it's my job to see that my child gets the best possible education," she told trustees. "Their first few years (in school) are important. If they don't get a good start, sometimes by the time they get to junior high or high school ... they're lost forever."

The issue is not without potential land mines, however. A common sentiment echoed by Norwood is that any solution should avoid 'ability grouping' - having classrooms predominantly full of either high-achieving or low-achieving students.

"That's something we want to avoid," Norwood said. "Studies have shown that children learn better if you have both 'high-achievers' and 'low-achievers' in the classroom."

Another concern, raised by trustee David Elmore, is that parents might abuse the privilege.

"If the child has a real need, then we need to give them some consideration," he said. "But if it's just something the parents want - as opposed to something the child needs - then we shouldn't waste our time with

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## Parks planning committee set to have initial meeting

HERALD Staff Report

The first meeting of a task force to develop a master plan for city parks in Big Spring will be held at 6 p.m. today in the former city courtroom at City Hall.

"This first meeting will be very important," explained city planning coordinator Tara Kersh. "We will use the first session to brainstorm and prioritize issues that need to be addressed in our parks plan."

Kersh said the 14-member committee will review plans from other communities as well as conduct fact-finding and gathering of data to help develop the master plan.

Members of the committee include Ron Alton, park ranger at Big Spring State Park; Wayne Armstrong, Howard County game warden; Emma Bogard, assistant city manager; Jimmy Campbell, city council member, and Becky Crane, municipal services.

Also, Janna Gibbs, parks and recreation board; Doug Horton, Friends of the Park; Jerry Kilgore, county commissioner; Debra Lusk, golfer; and Larry Paredes, citizen member.

Also, Ladd Smith, golfer; John H. Walker, editor, Big Spring Herald; and Linda Walker, executive vice president of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

The task force will work to address areas of concern as listed in the 1995 Master Plan for the city.

## WEED CONTROL



Henry Rembell tills down weeds for a local cotton farmer. Rembell, who does custom plowing, waits for a call from a farmer then goes to work for that farmer. The weeds had grown up around the field three miles north of Big Spring on U.S. Highway 87, helped in no small part by recent local rains.

HERALD photo/Bryan Guesse

## United Way kicks off fund-raising campaign

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

A full house was on hand today as the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County kicked off its 51st annual fund-raising campaign during a luncheon at Garrett Hall of the First United Methodist Church.

The organization, which serves 11 member agencies, set a goal of \$210,000 - the same as a year ago when it fell \$3,300 short.

The keynote speaker for the

luncheon was NFL referee Red Cashion of College Station. Cashion, well-recognized for his trademark "First downnnnnnnnn" calls, spoke on "The Challenge of Being a Pro."

The program also featured comments from campaign chairman Bob Scott and brief histories of the agencies served by the local United Way chapter.

Cabinet members for the 1996-97 campaign include Rich Anderson, Facesetter Division;

Archie Kountz and Betty Kelly, Commercial Division; Kevin Freeman and Richard Steel, Loaned Executive Division; Cheryl and R.G. Click, Community Division; and Dr. Deborah Hajovsky and Glynn Mouton, Professional Division.

The three-month campaign will end Dec. 18 and will attempt to improve on last year's campaign contribution total of \$206,700, or 98.4 percent of the \$210,000 goal.

Allocations following the 1995-96 campaign totaled \$141,466, to

10 local agencies, including: Boys Club, \$31,500 plus \$2,099 in combined federal campaign designations.

Buffalo Trail Council Boy Scouts, \$3,600 plus \$1,081 in combined federal campaign designations

Rape Crisis & Victim Services, \$6,000 plus \$2,922 in combined federal campaign designations.

Northside Community Center, \$13,150 plus \$1,526 in

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## BSISD trustees canvass votes, prepare to sell bonds

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

It was perhaps the biggest no-brainer vote in the history of the Big Spring Independent School District's board.

Local school trustees happily approved results of Saturday's school bond election during their noon meeting Monday.

The election clears the way for the construction of a new junior high school to replace the 80-year-old Runnels building and the installation of air-conditioning at five BSISD campuses.

Official totals show that the bond issue passed by a 2,526-935 margin - a 73 percent approval rating from voters.

Once assistant business manager Ron Logback declared the results official, the board broke out in spontaneous applause.

With the official OK, the next step in the process will be the sale of bonds, which should be finalized at the board's Sept. 26 meeting.

Financial consultant Vince Viaille of First Southwest Company of Lubbock said there will be little or no trouble selling the bonds because they are

AAA-rated, the highest level for bonds. The reason, he added, is that the bonds will be backed by a guarantee from the state's multi-billion dollar Permanent School Fund.

"It's as close to the proverbial lead-pipe cinch as you can get," Viaille said.

Once the sale is approved by both the school board and the state attorney general's office, a delivery date for funds from the sale will be set. Proceeds will then be invested by the school district in an effort to get the maximum interest possible, said Ron Plumlee, BSISD busi-

ness manager.

The amount of interest received by the district is important, because officials plan to purchase at least part of the furnishings for the new school from those funds, Plumlee said.

Construction of the new building is expected to begin early next year, and should be complete by either the start of or during the 1998-99 school year. Air-conditioning installation will be accomplished next summer, Plumlee said.

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## Former Lubbock mayor adds name to Senate seat race

HERALD Staff Report

The list of candidates wanting to fill the District 28 State Senate seat left vacant by John Montford last month has increased by one to include the name of Lubbock Mayor David Langston.

Langston, a three-term mayor in Lubbock, and one of the youngest mayors in Lubbock history at age 43, has been a private attorney since 1979. His practice primarily involves finance, bankruptcy and commercial litigation. He also

served on the panel of trustees for the U.S. District Court from 1981 to 1995.

Langston also spent seven years in Washington, D.C., as an assistant to the late Congressman George Mahon, working primarily with farmers in that district.

In announcing his candidacy, Langston stated, "I describe myself as a conservative Democrat in the same political vein as my former boss and mentor, Congressman George Mahon. I believe in hard work, and a conservative spending

policy. Government should be lean, efficient, and provide services at the least possible cost."

As Lubbock mayor, Langston pushed the concept of regional cooperation, organizing several area-wide summits where community leaders across the region came together to discuss the best ways to attract jobs to the West Texas area.

Langston was appointed by Gov. George W. Bush to the Defense Economic Adjustment Advisory Council and serves as chairman of the group's Community Development

Subcommittee. He supports passage of state legislation to assist communities hard hit by military base realignment and closures.

An outspoken advocate of self-help instead of government programs, Langston has worked to help organize 23 new neighborhood associations in Lubbock since becoming mayor. He has also led development of the Lubbock United Neighborhood Association, a representative body of organized neighborhoods to fight crime, truancy, neglect and poverty.

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### TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today, partly cloudy. High in the mid 80s. Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Low 60-65. Wednesday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. High 80-85. Wednesday night, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Low 60-65. Extended forecast, partly to mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms each day. Low upper 50s to lower 60s. High upper 70s to lower 80s.



# Regulatory board takes action on review of nursing home complaints

AUSTIN (AP) — Regulators who oversee nursing home administrators have adopted a plan to improve the handling of public complaints in the wake of pressure from state leaders to reverse a record of inaction.

The plan, approved at an emergency meeting Monday of the Texas Board of Nursing Facility Administrators, came after an Austin American-Statesman report that the agency hadn't disciplined anyone in three years despite hundreds of complaints.

"I think it's a wake-up call — not only for our board, but for all boards and committees that work with nursing facilities

throughout the state," said Ramona Kenedy of Flower Mound, board vice chairwoman.

Kenedy was named by Gov. George W. Bush about a year ago as one of three public representatives on the nine-member board. The majority of voting members are nursing home administrators.

"I've had concerns, and I'm seeing now that I believe improvements are going to be made and we're going to be able to work more effectively," Ms. Kenedy said.

The board voted to:

- Prioritize complaints to ensure that incidents that

immediately jeopardize the health and safety of a resident take precedence, and that timely and appropriate action is taken against administrators.

- Vote in October on a proposed code of ethics for administrators. The newspaper's investigation found board rules don't clearly define behavior that won't be tolerated.
- Conduct meetings, beyond the scheduled quarterly gatherings, in order to act on complaints on a timely basis.
- Develop an agreement with the Texas Department of Human Services, which regulates nursing homes, to share information and cooperate on

investigations and hearings. The American-Statesman found DHS hasn't consistently referred nursing homes administrators to the board for possible discipline.

- Add at least two ex-officio members or consultants such as a doctor, nurse or public member to the board's complaints committee.

The committee, a clearinghouse for complaints, can choose to either dismiss them or recommend disciplinary action ranging from license revocation to continuing education. It currently includes two administrators and one member of the public, plus a non-voting

representative of DHS.

Spokesmen for Bush and Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, who presides over the Senate, called the plan a step in the right direction. Bush had called the board's inaction unacceptable, while Bullock has urged an investigation of the board.

"Lt. Gov. Bullock will want this new policy to be used as foundation for a disciplinary system that will have real teeth. The elderly of our state deserve nothing less," said Bullock spokesman Mike Hailey.

Bush's spokesman, Ray Sullivan, said, "The governor has said that the current system of nursing home regulation is

unacceptable. The action plan adopted today is a step in the right direction."

Advocates for nursing home residents were wary but hopeful.

"It's a good first step. But these rules need to be looked at with a magnifying glass," said Beth Ferris of Texas Advocates for Nursing Home Residents.

Marie Wisdom of Advocates for Nursing Home Reform said, "I think that perhaps it will be a good thing. However, I have seen and heard so many wrongdoings that it's difficult to trust them. ... I'll give them the benefit of the doubt, and we'll wait and see what happens."

## TEXAS BRIEFS

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Mistrial declared in trial of man on 10th DWI charge**  
SAN ANTONIO — Jurors in the trial of a former Bexar County elections employee on his 10th DWI charge say that a general distrust of police led to a mistrial.

The mistrial was declared Monday in the case of Robert Hinojosa, 41, after jurors reported they were deadlocked 9-3 in favor of a conviction. Hinojosa will remain free on bond while authorities decide what to do.

Jurors had deliberated 6 hours over two days before announcing the deadlocked.

Bette Berns, president of the San Antonio chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, who was in the courtroom when the mistrial was declared, said she was outraged.

**Want a free caboose? Dow Chemical Co. giving one away**  
FREEPORT — Want a free caboose?

Dow Chemical Co. has one it doesn't need anymore and is willing to give it away to a governmental agency or nonprofit group in Southeast Texas.

The caboose has pretty well outlived its usefulness because technological advances have eliminated the need for flagmen, brakemen and conductors.

Officials say there are about 11,000 of the cabooses still in existence, but Dow has only one and wants to get rid of it.

The company's Freeport office is willing to deliver the caboose to whoever comes up with the best idea for how to use it.

**Shuttle Atlantis zooms toward space station**

SPACE CENTER — Space shuttle Atlantis chased after the Russian space station Mir today to pick up record-setting U.S. astronaut Shannon Lucid, who has been on the outpost for six months.

Atlantis' six-man crew began preparing packages of supplies for transfer to the outpost, where they are due to arrive Wednesday night.

NASA was expected to decide today whether to cut the amount of time the shuttle and Mir are supposed to be connected — five days — because of the puzzling failure of one of three hydraulic power units minutes after liftoff early Monday.

Mission managers could return Atlantis to Earth early, but they have already agreed not to move up the docking because of the extra fuel required to arrive at the station ahead of schedule.

Although the hydraulic units are not needed in orbit, they are essential during launch and landing, controlling wing flaps and the main landing gear.

**Military cadet transferred to Texas in slaying investigation**

FORT WORTH — An Air Force Academy cadet joined his fiancée today in the same jail where both await trial in the slaying of his alleged onetime fling.

David Graham was transferred to the Tarrant County jail Monday on a capital murder charge, continuing to vow his devotion to Diane Zamora.

"I love you," Graham, 18, said when asked by reporters if he had anything to say to Zamora, also 18, who is also being held in the county jail.

The two are accused of killing 16-year-old Adrienne Jones in December because of a sexual encounter she supposedly had with Graham.

**Missing telescope piece on its way**

AUSTIN — Within weeks, a Texas-sized telescope should be up and tracking.

The delivery of the Hobby-Eberly's tracker, a device 13 feet in diameter that follows stars' paths across the sky, was delayed after rocket scientists at Orbital Sciences Corp. of Phoenix, Ariz., realized it would take them longer than expected to develop it.

By now, astronomers at the University of Texas' McDonald Observatory expected to have tracked their first star. But the \$1 million device, consisting of four mirrors and a fiber optic cable, is expected to arrive at the West Texas observatory next week.

Astronomers will spend a few weeks installing it, said John Booth, an engineer at the observatory.

## Red tide reappears along Texas' coast

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Red tide has returned to the Texas coast, killing thousands of fish along the Coastal Bend, prompting a shellfish ban and plaguing beachgoers with scratchy eyes and throats.

Still air offshore created favorable blooming conditions for red tide, an algae that produces a red tint in water, said Dean Stockwell, a research associate at the Marine Science Institute in Port Aransas.

While the algae normally remains 20 to 30 miles offshore, wind gusts have pushed it toward land, claiming thousands of fish and irritating sunbathers, Stockwell said.

The Texas Department of Health closed all area coastal waters to taking of clams, mussels and oysters because their consumption by humans could cause neurotoxic shellfish poisoning.

Fish began washing ashore last week, leaving an estimated 40,000 thread-fin herring dead along Mustang Island. On Sunday, dead fish including worm eels, red snapper and hardhead catfish lined the

beaches from Port Aransas to Mustang Island State Park.

The red tide also affected beachgoers, who complained of scratchy eyes and respiratory problems.

Lisa Sanders and Angelica Frausto, both respiratory therapists from Austin, spent a four-day weekend at Port Aransas sunning themselves and coughing.



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# Clinton: No showdown sought with Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States is not out to force a showdown with Iraq, President Clinton said Monday, as administration officials cooled their rhetoric over a potential clash with Saddam Hussein.

Meanwhile, 3,000 U.S. soldiers at Fort Hood, Texas, waited to see whether they would be ordered to Kuwait for a new round of desert exercises.

"We have sought no confrontation with Saddam Hussein. We never did and we don't now," the president told reporters in the Oval Office.

"My concern is that we limit Saddam Hussein's ability to threaten his neighbors, that we do it with the no-fly zone and, in so doing, we keep our pilots safe," Clinton added.

On Friday, Saddam said he would no longer shoot at coalition planes patrolling the two no-fly zones over Iraqi soil, which are designed to cripple Saddam's ability to mount

threats against his neighbors.

Army officials said Friday that 5,000 members of the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas, had been ordered to deploy to Kuwait to take part in an ongoing exercise. By Monday, officials said they expected no more than 3,000 would be going — but insisted no final order had been issued.

"We have not gotten an execution order, and when it comes — if it comes — it might even be something less" than the 3,000, said III Corps spokesman, Army Lt. Col. Randy Schoel.

In a telephone interview, Schoel said soldiers at Fort Hood were continuing with their normal routine, including practicing putting armored vehicles on a ship at Beaumont, Texas. "It is just an exercise," Schoel insisted.

A senior military official, asked about the delay, said, "We're in a watch-and-wait mode. We're watching to see if Saddam's words match his

deeds."

The delay also came as Defense Secretary William Perry was due to return early Tuesday from a spurt of consultations in the Persian Gulf and with European allies.

To the embarrassment of Pentagon and administration officials, Kuwait balked over the weekend at accepting the latest troop deployment, apparently miffed at a lack of consultation prior to its announcement late Friday.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry told reporters Kuwait decided to accept more U.S. troops, but he declined to say exactly how many.

Gen. John Shalikashvili, queried at a Pentagon press conference about the situation with Iraq, insisted that the United States was not dropping its guard. "We're not standing down," the four-star Army general said.

"We have heard words from Saddam Hussein before," the

general said. The situation on the ground continues to be "mixed," he said, with some forces returning to their garrisons and others acting as if they were attempting to evade detection.

The administration's attempt to garner support from its allies also appeared to be mixed.

Perry left Turkey Monday after winning only limited backing for the American military buildup against Iraq. Turkish Foreign Minister Tansu Ciller said Perry had not asked to use the southern Incirlik air base to strike at Iraqi targets. But "even if there had been (a request), it would not have been possible for us to meet this request," she told reporters. "That would not be the correct move from the point of view of our own interests."

State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns, meanwhile, challenged press reports that many of the allies were opposed U.S. military action.

# Wartime foes lead contest for Bosnian control

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Early election returns Monday showed the leader of the Bosnian Muslims and a Serb nationalist vying to head a three-member presidency that aims to hold Bosnia together.

The candidate who gets the most votes overall and leads the presidency could determine whether Bosnia splits apart into separate ethnic republics or hangs on as one nation.

It was far too early to predict the winner — only a fraction of the 109 electoral districts were reporting partial results for the presidency by Monday evening.

Robert Frowick, the American diplomat overseeing the elections, said final results for the presidency would not come before Tuesday. Results in other contests in the two halves of Bosnia are expected even later.

Voters in Saturday's first postwar national elections could choose only one of the 16 candidates for the presidency. The top Muslim, Croat and Serb candidates will comprise the presidency; the top choice overall will be chairman for two years.

Preliminary results released Monday show Bosnia's President Alija Izetbegovic as the top choice of Muslims, who dominate Bosnia's Croat-Muslim federation. Ahead in the Serb half of Bosnia was nationalist Momcilo Krajisnik.

If Izetbegovic wins, he is expected to press for a unified Bosnia, while Krajisnik favors having Serb areas of Bosnia join Serbia.

Most Bosnian Croats were voting for the main Croat candidate, Kresimir Zubak. With Croats outnumbered by Serbs

and Muslims, their candidate was sure to come in third.

Though presidency decisions are supposed to be mutual, the chairman will be considered first among equals and therefore have a greater voice than his other two colleagues.

The chief election monitor for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, which staged the elections, said Monday that Bosnia's future was on the line.

"Whether the election leads to integration or disintegration will only become clear as immediate events unfold," Eduard Van Thijn said in a report on the elections.

There were an estimated 1.1 million eligible voters in the Serb republic and about 1.8 million eligible voters in the Muslim-Croat federation. Although Muslim voters out-

numbered the others, it was not certain whether Izetbegovic, the current president, would prevail.

Haris Silajdzic, his former premier, was expected to siphon off some Muslim votes, and organizational problems prevented an unknown number of Muslims from voting near towns they fled during the war.

The Serb candidate, Krajisnik, was more sure of collecting most Serb votes. That would result in a scenario dismal both to the Muslims, who fought the Serbs for nearly four years, and the international community, which viewed these elections as the first step to Bosnian unity.

The only results available Monday from 21 federation districts showed Izetbegovic with about 81 percent of the votes in Muslim regions.

# Task force cites lack of attention to security in Saudi bombing

WASHINGTON (AP) — A failure by the Pentagon and key field commanders to focus on terrorism contributed to the death toll of the bombing in Saudi Arabia that killed 19 U.S. airmen in June, according to a task force report released Monday.

In response, Defense Secretary William Perry ordered a review of whether any Air Force personnel should be court-martialed.

President Clinton praised the report as "unvarnished, blunt, straightforward."

"We intend to do everything we can" to protect troops in the field, Clinton said. "We're going to aggressively implement the ... report."

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., campaigning

in his home state, accused the Clinton administration of being "consistently weak in its approach to protect Americans from terrorism."

"I think we need to do a great deal more to protect our young men and women," he said.

A focus of Perry's review is expected to be Air Force Brig. Gen. Teryl J. "Terry" Schwaller, commander of the 4404th Wing and the officer responsible for the security of the roughly 2,000 servicemen living at Khobar Towers in Dhahran, site of the bombing.

"Khobar Towers was identified to Gen. Schwaller as one of the three highest priority soft targets in the region," the report notes.

But Schwaller seems not to have made terrorism a top pri-

ority, the report said, contending that he "never raised to his superiors force protection matters that were beyond his capability to correct. Nor did he raise the issue of expanding the perimeter or security outside of the fence with his Saudi counterparts."

An end-of-tour memo written by Schwaller the day before the June 25 bombing does not even mention the terrorist threat as a focus of his tenure.

Perry was not specifically criticized by the task force,

which was commissioned by the Pentagon and headed by retired Army Special Forces Gen. Wayne Downing. However, the Downing report cites as its first finding the Pentagon's failure to issue orders on protecting forces housed in buildings.

"I am concerned that insufficient attention is being given to antiterrorism measures and force protection," Downing wrote in a memo to Perry accompanying the task force report.

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Quote of the Day

"Back of every noble life there are principles that have fashioned it."

George Horace Lorimer

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OUR VIEWS

United Way donations improve things for all

The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County began its 51st annual fund-raising campaign today, hoping to meet the \$210,000 goal it was unable to attain a year ago.

While virtually every one of us feels we're continually being assailed by first one worthy group and then another seeking donations, it would be difficult to find a charity more necessary than the United Way.

As a result of last year's collections of \$206,700, the local United Way was able to distribute \$141,466 to 10 local agencies.

The Boys Club was the largest recipient, getting \$31,500, as well as another \$2,922 from combined federal campaign designations. Another \$16,000 went to the Salvation Army and was supplemented by \$2,579 in federal designations.

The Westside Day Care Center received \$18,725 and \$2,149; while the Northside Community Center got \$13,150 and \$1,526. And the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center benefited to the tune of \$13,000 and \$1,858.

The other five agencies and their take from the United Way effort were: the YMCA, \$9,500 and \$1,220; the Westside Community Center, \$6,500 and \$675; Rape Crisis and Victim Services, \$6,000 and \$2,922; the Buffalo Trail Council of Boy Scouts, \$3,600 and \$1,081; and the West Texas Girl Scout Council, \$2,850 and \$248.

One need only look where the local United Way distributions are made to know the funds are well spent -- agencies that made this a better community in which to live.

What's more, these agencies made the lives of our children, disabled and less fortunate better -- things most of us wouldn't dream of denying, but works that most of us are simply incapable of doing on an individual basis.

Collectively, however, we're able to do much good.

For many of us, the United Way and our employers cooperate in such a way that we can make substantial donations to charitable efforts in our community and never really miss the money we've contributed.

Simply offering to have \$1 per month deducted from one's paycheck gives the United Way a \$12 contribution. A \$2 deduction monthly results in a donation of \$24.

Imagine the work that could be accomplished if each and every one of us who could afford it -- and that's certainly most of us -- offered to give up \$1 per month for the United Way. Reaching a \$210,000 goal wouldn't be difficult at all.

And for some reason, a community seems to feel better about its collective self when such goals are surpassed.

Here's hoping we'll make the grade in 1996.

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The Republican way to raise a child...



Brain-dead education can be prevented by vouchers

By RICHARD VEDDER Scripps Howard News Service

POINT

Polling data reveal that we consider education a major concern facing America. It's no wonder. Consider the following:

- By most measures of performance, American school-children today learn little or no more than their parents, despite soaring educational spending;

- In 1950, there were 1.55 non-teaching employees for each 100 students attending public schools; by 1993, that number more than tripled to 5.28;

- Average per pupil costs of private schools in America are markedly lower than those in public schools, even though most evidence shows higher performance levels in private institutions;

- By one way of measuring, the productivity of public school employees today is about one-half of what it was in 1950, while overall output per worker in America about tripled;

- American kids do poorer on standardized tests in math and geography than those from such poorer nations as Hungary and Slovenia;

- Americans are voting with their feet: private school enrollment has risen faster than that for public schools since 1991,

and probably a million Americans (proponents say more) are home-schooled today, compared with negligible numbers a decade ago;

- Private school teachers earn one-third less than their public school counterparts, but are more satisfied with their jobs and their students' performance.

Concern about our public schools is not new: in 1983 in A Nation at Risk; a governmental commission argued that "the educational foundations of our society are presently being eroded by a rising tide of mediocrity that threatens our very future as a nation and a people."

Billions were spent on changes: raising teacher salaries, lowering class size, changing teacher certification, increasing graduation requirements, introducing merit pay, increasing student testing, etc. The results have been disappointing. Part of the reason relates to declining parental involvement tied in with increased non-traditional family living arrangements.

More fundamentally, however, like the old Soviet economy, our public schools are largely government monopolies that can ignore the discipline of the market. Competitive private

firms increase profits by cutting costs and/or by increasing revenues by making customers happy. Monopolistic schools, however, can deliver shoddy products because their massive subsidies shield them from the forces of demand and supply.

True reform would empower parents (consumers) to choose between schools in the same way that we decide which goods to buy in the supermarket.

Affluent families can beat the system, either by sending their children to private schools or by moving to upscale suburbs with good public schools. Even public school teachers in the big cities disproportionately send their own children to private schools.

The poor, however, have little choice. That explains their support for "GI Bill for Kids" programs that would allow them the chance to attend private school with public support.

Just as the Communist apparatus tried to thwart reform in the old Soviet Union, so the teacher unions and their allies (the national PTA, school board and administrator organizations, colleges of education) want to stop attempts to end their domination of American education, with the power, perks and income that it provides.

Despite growing taxpayer

impatience, meaningful reform legislation has not had the support of either Congress or President Clinton. One attempt to try a voucher experiment in the nation's capital was dropped because of the intense opposition of Sen. Ted Kennedy. Other ideas have also languished, such as tax credits for private school tuition, or state-funded computerized teaching aids for home schooling.

Why? A dominant reason is that money and other support from the "educrats" is important to the politicians. It is no accident that the best represented group among delegates at the Democratic National Convention typically is the National Education Association (NEA).

Yet the American people can take only so much. As voter frustration passes a certain threshold, even the money of the NEA (mostly from deductions from taxpayer-funded paychecks) will not stop fundamental reform of American schools, as politicians will feel compelled to give parents the choice in education that they have in acquiring goods and services far less important to the future of our nation.

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Vouchers undermine public education, destroy communities

By MARSHALL S. SMITH Scripps Howard News Service

Counterpoint

We have many miles to go before reaching our ambitious National Education Goals. But Americans may be surprised to learn that, in some crucial areas, our schools are actually improving. Datin' back to the 1983 report, A Nation at Risk, states and school districts have engaged in the most sustained school improvement effort in U.S. history:

The proportion of high school graduates who have taken the core courses recommended in A Nation at Risk (4 years of English, 3 years of social studies, 3 years of science, 3 years of math) increased from 14 percent in 1962 to 52 percent in 1994.

Between 1978 and 1992, performance on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) in mathematics improved for all three age groups tested, with the largest gains made by 9- and 13-year-olds. The improvement was equivalent to at least one grade level. Likewise, NAEP science performance rose from 1982 to 1992 in all three age groups.

In the latest international assessment of reading, American 4th graders outperformed students from all other participating nations except Finland.

The combined verbal and math scores on the SAT increased 17 points from 1982 to 1995, while at the same time the numbers and diversity of test-takers increased.

In 1950, much of the country had legally segregated schools, and barely more than one-third of adults had a high school education, while many students with disabilities were shut out of school altogether. By 1994, however, the overall drop-out rate for 16- to 24-year-olds had fallen to 10.5 percent and over 80 percent of adults had completed four years of high school or more schooling.

Today, because of their better educations, 57 percent of youth with disabilities are competitively employed within five years of leaving school, compared to only 33 percent of older people with disabilities.

Despite these successes, everyone agrees we need to accelerate progress dramatically; a world-class education is more important than ever before in today's competitive, high-tech economy.

That's why the Clinton Administration has worked hard to help raise standards, make schools safer, get parents more involved, support good teachers, and better integrate

technology into the classroom. But one proposed "solution" would put our nation's progress in real jeopardy: quick-fix voucher schemes that use taxpayer funds to pay for private elementary and secondary school tuition.

The Clinton Administration has strongly supported increasing competition and options for parents within public education, through expanding school choice, magnet schools, and charter schools. Grants have been awarded for seed capital to start innovative new public charter schools in 11 states, and states can also use funds under the Goals 2000: Educate America Act for this purpose. Using public funds for private school vouchers, however, is the wrong way to go:

Voucher controversies polarize communities and distract them from working together on common-sense reforms to improve our public schools.

Vouchers siphon taxpayer dollars from the public schools that serve the vast majority of America's schoolchildren, diverting them instead to private schools that can pick and choose whom to admit.

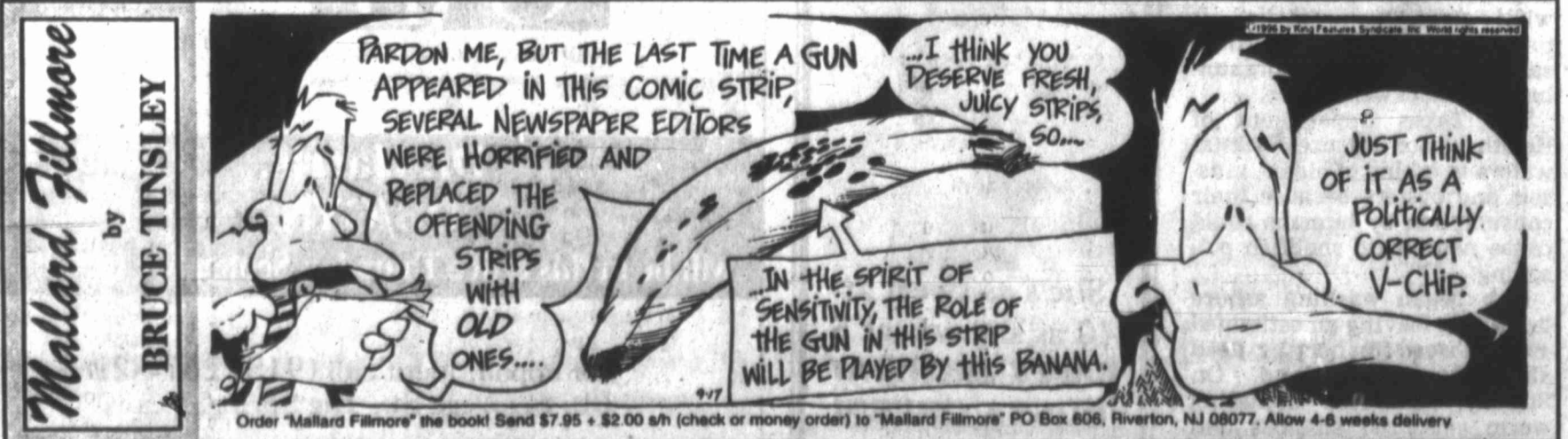
Under some voucher schemes, millions of dollars could pay tuition for students already attending private schools, creating a massive drain on public funds with no

change in classrooms. This is troubling given that public school enrollments are projected to rise dramatically through the turn of the century, part of the "Baby Boom Echo."

Private schools are an important part of our national heritage, serving the same percentage of schoolchildren (just over 11 percent) in 1994 as they did in 1889. However, if public funds are used to support the basic costs of such schools, increased calls for private schools to become regulated and accountable to public officials will fundamentally alter the nature of private schooling.

The Clinton Administration has made a commitment to supporting state and local efforts to strengthen all schools; this has won the president overwhelming support among educators nationwide. And it is consensus education improvements, such as higher expectations, greater accountability, and more choice within public schools -- not divisive voucher schemes -- that can help secure the future for our children.

(Marshall S. Smith is the acting deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of Education. Formerly Dean of the Stanford University School of Education, Smith is in charge of coordinating policy and budget matters for the department.)



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## Steelers steal four Kelly passes in 24-6 victory over Buffalo

PITTSBURGH (AP) — If the Buffalo Bills took anything positive away from yet another miserable Monday night in Pittsburgh, it's this: Jim Kelly finally found the open receiver.

The trouble was, they were the guys wearing the Steelers' black jerseys.

Kelly hit them four times — three in the second quarter alone — and the Steelers cruised to a 24-6 victory in a matchup of AFC Super Bowl hopefuls.

Perhaps playing the Steelers and Cowboys in a week's time has the Bills totally confused. Maybe they think they're already in the Super Bowl.

"This was embarrassing .... humiliating," Bills coach Marv Levy said. "I'm not about to point the finger at any one person. You could name just about anybody on this team and say they didn't play well and you'd be right."

Kelly finished 15-of-31 for 116 yards and four interceptions in one of his worst games outside of his four Super Bowl losses. He is 0-4 with two touchdowns and nine interceptions since 1992 in Three Rivers Stadium, which has turned into his personal house of horrors.

"When you make a great quarterback like Jim Kelly hesitate and throw the ball to you, you've done a great job," Steelers defensive coordinator Dick LeBeau said. "They tried everything, but when a defense is playing well like ours is, it looks like you're setting on everything they're doing."

At least Kelly managed to play from start to finish. In his last three trips back to his hometown, the Steelers' routine knocked him out with injuries, including Greg Lloyd's body-slam sack in the Steelers' 40-21 playoff victory in January.

"They played their rear ends off and we got beat bad," Kelly said. "I wish I had answers, but I don't. We came in confident. We had a great week of practice. But we couldn't click any way you looked at it."

Kelly's protection constantly broke down as a makeshift offensive line badly missed injured guard Ruben Brown, and the Bills had no defense for Pittsburgh's running game (222 yards) or Kordell "Slash" Stewart's improvisational skills.

Stewart turned a seemingly routine screen pass into a 48-yard gain to the Bills' 13 in the first quarter, and Jerome Bettis, who ran for 133 yards in his second consecutive 100-yard game, scored three plays later on the 1.

Bettis, a two-time Pro Bowler runner with the Rams who seems rejuvenated by his off-season trade to Pittsburgh's run-friendly offense, later added a 43-yard touchdown run following the first of Levon Kirkland's two interceptions.

The Bettis trade — the Steelers got him on draft day for a couple of mid-round picks — already looks like a steal of a deal. He has 249 yards in his last two games and is running better than Bam Morris ever did last season.

"I'm not trying to prove anything except that I can be a productive back when I get the ball," Bettis said.

Carnell Lake finished off the Bills just before halftime, turning Kelly's hurried and ill-advised throw into a 47-yard interception return and a 24-3 lead.

Rainy days and Monday nights in Pittsburgh always seem to get the Bills down, but they're not alone. The Steelers

are 8-1 on Mondays under coach Bill Cowher, and are 6-0 with a 140-33 scoring advantage in Three Rivers Stadium.

"We treat Monday night like another Super Bowl," defensive end Brentson Buckner said. "We kept hearing all about Buffalo, and we wanted to make a statement."

The 36-year-old Kelly just wish they didn't keep making it to him. He is off to the worst start of his career (53-of-99, two touchdowns and eight interceptions), and it won't get any easier with the Super Bowl champion Cowboys visiting Buffalo on Sunday.

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## Lady Steers tune up tonight for Saturday's district opener

By CLIFF NEWELL  
Sports Editor

The Big Spring Lady Steer volleyball team plays another tough, state playoff caliber opponent tonight. But that really isn't their main focus.

Not that head coach Traci Pierce is discounting tonight's home match against Lubbock Coronado at 7 p.m. in Steer Gym. It's just that district play opens on Saturday against Fort Stockton, and that has been the team's focus all along.

Pierce said, "We haven't scheduled anyone that has been easy. Everyone has challenged us one way or another, and I think that has helped us a lot."

Pierce thinks her team has great potential, despite a 6-10 record to date. It just needs self confidence.

"Physically, we can play with anybody," she said. "The mental part is what we've got to work on. I've told our girls that volleyball is 99 percent mental. I still think we doubt we can be as good as we're capable of being."

Coronado will definitely tune the Lady Steers up for the district opener. They feature an outstanding 6-3 sophomore Lilli Kahamutol, and if she stays healthy, Pierce said, "They're a sure bet to go far in the playoffs."

Big Spring is still battling back from some ailments. Tosha Wilbert's toe is still a bit tender from an operation. Along with Krissi McWherter, she is one of the team's big hitters up front.

Other Lady Steer standouts in recent matches have included Fulani Williams, Jessica Cobos, Juanita Valdez and Sharon Fleming.

"We're getting ready for Saturday," Pierce said. "Whatever happens we'll do to get ready for Fort Stockton."

The varsity match will be preceded by a freshman match at 5 p.m. and a jayvee match at 6 p.m.



WILLIAMS

## Bulldog on the run



Matthew Hamilton of the Coahoma Bulldogs prepares to fake out an Anson defender in Coahoma's 23-0 triumph over Anson last Friday. The Bulldogs host Stanton this week.

## Molitor reaches 3,000 hit mark

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — He's been a World Series MVP and now he's reached 3,000 hits. What's left for Paul Molitor to play for?

"Tomorrow, I get a chance to play a major league baseball game and put on this uniform," said the newest member of the elite 3,000-hit club. "That is what I've always used to motivate me."

Typically for one of the most aggressive players of his generation, Minnesota's 40-year-old designated hitter became the only man to get a triple for No. 3,000, sliding head-first into third and into history Monday night after lashing Jose Rosado's fastball in the fifth inning of Minnesota's 6-5 loss to Kansas City.

In his first at-bat, the 19-year veteran, who missed 592 games because of injuries, singled off Rosado for No. 2,999. In the seventh, raising his batting average to .344, he singled off reliever Bob Scanlan for No. 3,001, going 3-for-4 in his historic night with a ninth-inning sacrifice fly and an RBI.

The only man to get 200 hits in the season he got to 3,000, Molitor leads the American League this year with 70 multi-hit games and also has 16 three-hit outings.

This is no over-the-hill has been dragging his aching bones to another milestone.

"I enjoyed the ride. It was a great experience," Molitor said. "I kept thinking every day this was a great opportunity and something I should enjoy."

Molitor's historic hit came exactly three years to the day that Dave Winfield got No. 3,000. Like Molitor, Winfield was born in St. Paul, Minn., and was playing for the hometown Minnesota Twins when he made it to the milestone.

Always popular with fans in Minnesota and Milwaukee — where he played for 15 years — Molitor kept the phones in the Kauffman Stadium ticket office buzzing even after the game began. Officials said more than 2,000 people, many from Minnesota and Wisconsin, called to purchase game tickets as souvenirs.

Rosado, who was 2 years old when Molitor began his major league career in 1978, did not

back down from the challenge.

"I knew he wanted to get the hit in this ballgame real bad, so I didn't want to give him a strike," Rosado said. "It was a fastball up in the zone."

Center fielder Rod Myers and right fielder Jon Nunnally both closed on the ball, but Nunnally pulled up at the last second and it dropped between them.

"I think the only time I took my eye off the ball was to make sure I touched first base," Molitor said. "It wasn't the crispest of hits I've had over the years."

As Molitor got up following his slide into third, he was swarmed by teammates. Fireworks went off and the big video board behind left field began showing highlights of his long, fruitful career.

Also on hand were his wife Linda and their 11-year-old daughter Blaire, as well as American League president Gene Budig and two other members of the 3,000-hit club, former Royals star George Brett and Robin Yount, who played with Molitor at Milwaukee and remains one of his closest friends.

"To be just engulfed by my teammates at third base and seeing my family there were very nice visual pictures I can hang onto," he said.

The crowd in Kansas City gave Molitor a standing ovation every time he came to the plate, and another ovation after the milestone hit.

Rosado got the victory after the Royals rallied from a three-run deficit, and he also won the respect of the 21st man to reach 3,000 hits.

"I don't know much about that young man," Molitor said. "But he didn't try to avoid being the guy I got the 3,000th hit off of. He shook off a couple of signs and just challenged me with fastballs. That's something I've got to respect."

out, 26-0.

It was the first game of the season for both teams.

In the seventh grade contest, Coahoma got touchdowns from Manuel Holguin on runs of 13 and 23 yards to pace the effort. Holguin also connected with Hipp on a 2-yard scoring pass — one of two touchdown receptions for Hipp.

Other Coahoma scores came when Ward connected with Hipp on a 37-yard pass play and on an 84 yard run by Jason Shifflett.

Coahoma's seventh grade team will play host to Stanton at 5 p.m. Thursday with the eighth grade game to follow.

Runnels Gold finishes third in own tourney

Runnels Jr. High's Gold volleyball team finished third in its own tournament over the weekend, winning two of three matches.

The Gold team opened with a 15-7, 15-7 win over Greenwood, followed that with a 16-14, 15-10 loss to eventual tournament champion Snyder and claimed third with a 15-4, 15-8 decision over Water Valley.

In the Greenwood match, Erin Matschke was high-point with nine points, followed by Teri Denton with eight and Christie Wendland with six.

In the Snyder match, Wendland was high-point with eight, while Denton added six and Anjelicia Hinojos five.

In the third place match, Wendland, Denton and Anna McLaughlin each had seven points, while Monica Flenniken had five and Candice Cerda three.

Sweetwater finished second and Greenwood claimed consolation honors in the tournament.

## Seattle shuts out Rangers, moves into playoff contention

SEATTLE (AP) — A few more pitching efforts like this just might get the Seattle Mariners into the postseason.

The American League's best hitting team got a combined four-hit shutout from Jamie Moyer and Bobby Ayala as the Mariners defeated the Texas Rangers 6-0 Monday night in the first of a four-game series.

Seattle pitchers have thrown 24 consecutive shutout innings. It gave the Mariners back-to-back shutout victories for the first time since April 27-28, 1993 against the Cleveland Indians.

"Two shutouts in a row," Seattle manager Lou Piniella said. "That's something."

The Mariners have won five in a row and also gained ground in the wild-card race against both Baltimore and Chicago. Seattle trails the Orioles by 3 1/2 games and the White Sox by a half-game.

Still, the Mariners face an uphill battle.

"We have gotten good pitching the last eight games," Piniella said. "We need our staff to stay hot."

Moyer (12-3) kept the Rangers off-balance with an assortment of off-speed pitches. He is 5-2 with a 3.41 ERA in nine starts with the Mariners since a July 30 trade with the Boston Red Sox for Darren Bragg.

Moyer said starting pitchers can build off a teammate's outstanding performance.

"When you see another starter fight and battle and have success, it inspires you to do the same thing," Moyer said.

He wasn't disappointed that he didn't have a chance to complete his first shutout since July 6, 1993.

"One game is not a season," Moyer said. "Those are Lou's decisions."

The Rangers have lost five of six overall, and 14 of their last 16 in the Kingdom. Their AL West lead was trimmed to five games over Seattle.

Texas manager Johnny Oates

said he has no explanation for his team's troubles in Seattle.

"I don't why it happens, but I think it is overrated," Oates said. "We know we have a good ballclub. We have the same kind of success against Cleveland that Seattle has against us."

Moyer matched a career-high for wins. He allowed four hits, struck out five and walked two. Bobby Ayala pitched a perfect ninth.

Mariners catcher Dan Wilson said Moyer's control kept the Rangers off-balance most of the game.

"He took a lot off his change-up, stayed ahead of the hitters and put them on the defensive," Wilson said.

Edgar Martinez hit his 60th double, driving in a run in the seventh for a 6-0 lead. He became just the fifth player since 1900 to hit 50 or more doubles in consecutive seasons. The last to do it was Joe Medwick in 1936-37.

Leading 2-0 after five innings, the Mariners broke open the game with three runs in the sixth. Martinez singled, Jay Buhner walked and Paul Sorrento doubled off the right-field scoreboard.

Mark Whiten was walked intentionally and Dave Hollins chased John Burkett (3-2) with a two-run single.

Oates said his team never adjusted to Moyer's assortment of off-speed pitches.

"We kept waving at it, hacking at it," Oates said. "It is a whole lot easier to say 'Stay back and go the other way' than it is to stand in the batter's box and do it."

The Mariners scored twice in the first, helped by a two-base throwing error by third baseman Dean Palmer. Joey Cora led off with a single and Alex Rodriguez hit a slow roller towards Palmer, who threw wildly into the right-field bullpen. Cora scored on the play, and Ken Griffey Jr. followed with an RBI single.

### SPORTS BRIEFS

**GC's Kijowski 9th at Angelo**

Tiffany Kijowski of Garden City High School placed 9th at the San Angelo Cross Country Meet on Saturday. Her time was 13:06. Garden City competed in Division II against 159 runners.

Other finishes for Garden City runners were Dusti Murphy 35th, Callie Hassman 36th, Tannia Hoelscher 56th, Patty Garza 58th, Starla Halfmann 67th, Aasron Bednar 73rd, Bonnie Braden 77th, Jennifer Fuchs 81st, Maggie Lopez 95th, Kamie Schwartz 96th, Stormie Chandler 97th, Kyndra Batla 98th, Bonnie Wilde 103rd, Krystal Bell 108th.

**Quarterback Club meets tonight**

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will have its regular meeting tonight at 7 p.m. in the high school planetarium. Boosters will view the Ballinger game film and conduct regular meeting business.

For more information, please call Sam or Donna Flud at 263-7171.

**Coahoma boosters meet Tuesdays**

The Coahoma Athletic Booster Club will meet each Tuesday in the elementary cafeteria at 7 p.m. After a short business meeting, head coach Jim Edwards shows the previous week's game film and discusses the upcoming game. All Bulldog fans are urged to attend.

**Coahoma Jr. High teams split with Anson**

COAHOMA — Coahoma's seventh and eighth grade football teams split a pair of games with Anson last Thursday with the seventh grade taking a 32-6 win and the eighth grade being shut

SPORTS EXTRA

BASEBALL

AL Standings

Table showing AL Standings for East Division, Central Division, and West Division with columns for W, L, Pct, GB.

Minnesota (Aldred 6-7) at Kansas City (Bevil 0-0), 7:05 p.m. Oakland (Adams 3-3) at California (Finley 13-15), 9:05 p.m.

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San Diego (Ashby 8-5) at San Francisco (Watson 8-10), 2:35 p.m. Cincinnati (Morgan 6-8) at Pittsburgh (Schmidt 4-5), 6:05 p.m.

FOOTBALL

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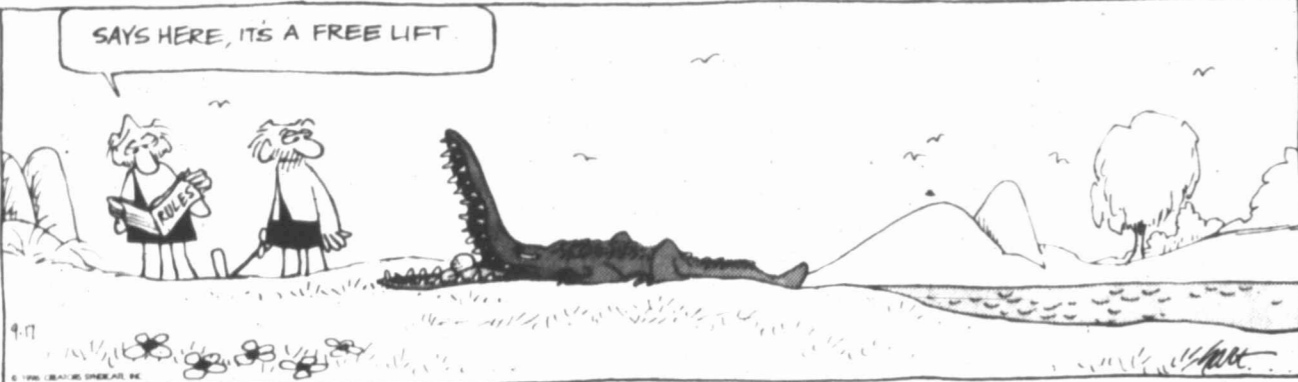
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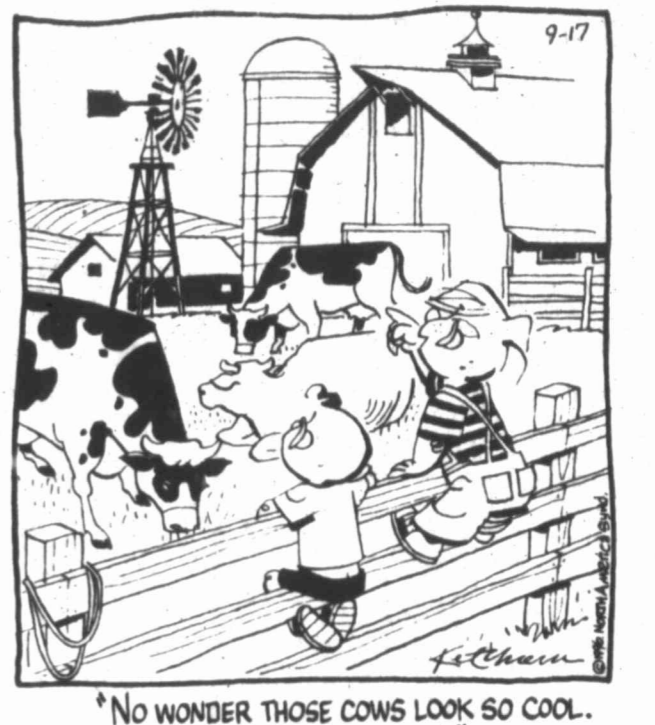
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