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BSISD trustees set to award bond bids at noon Thursday

By STEVE REAGAN
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For about two hours Thursday, the Big Spring Independent School District's administrative offices will resemble Wall Street.

From 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, bids will be accepted on the district's school bond issue, and a gold-plated guarantee from the state should make this issue extremely attractive to potential investors.

The bonds were approved by Big Spring voters by a 73-27 margin Sept.

15. They will finance construction of a new junior high school and the installation of air-conditioning at five Big Spring campuses.

The \$12.5 million bond issue is backed by the state's multi-billion dollar Permanent School Fund. Because of that guarantee, the bonds will carry a AAA rating, the highest for bonds.

PSF officials have already given a tentative sign-off to the bonds, with formal approval to come in the next few weeks, BSISD business manager Ron Plumlee said.

The confidential bids will be received by either phone or fax, and will be han-

dled by officials with First Southwestern of Lubbock, which has advised the district throughout the bond process.

Once the bidding ends at noon, the school board will meet at the high school board room to award the bonds, Plumlee said.

From there, the timetable toward actual construction is indefinite. Plumlee said the bond agreement must be approved by both the state attorney general's office and the PSF, a process that is expected to take one or two weeks.

Plumlee said the actual transfer of

bonds and funds should occur around Oct. 24.

When the paperwork is cleared, school officials then will meet with the architectural team that designed the new junior high to finalize plans, Plumlee said.

Then comes the lengthy process of letting and acceptance of bids for construction. Plumlee said that could push actual ground-breaking back to the first part of 1997.

School officials hope to open the doors of the new school sometime during the 1997-98 school year. Air-condi-

tioning of the five campuses should be accomplished sometime next summer.

During their Thursday meeting, trustees also will hear a report on delinquent tax collection from Drew Mouton, a local attorney who has been contracted by the Howard County Appraisal District to collect back taxes.

Plumlee said that "nothing but positive" results have been achieved by Mouton during his tenure as delinquent tax collector. The business manager estimated that Mouton has added around \$120,000 to the district's coffers by his efforts.

ROOFING CONTINUES



Fidel Menjilux carries shingles onto the roof of A.K. Guthrie's home at the corner of Osage and Indian Ridge. Menjilux works for Shaffer & Companies of Big Spring and says he's been plenty busy during the last couple of weeks.

Council appoints Jim Finley to fill city attorney post

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council breezed through a four-page agenda in about 12 minutes Tuesday night, approving several items on its second reading as well as announcing the hiring of a new city attorney.

Jim Finley, a native of Lubbock and assistant city attorney in Wichita Falls for the past seven years, will leave his post there to officially become Big Spring's city attorney on Nov. 11.



JIM FINLEY

Finley will replace current city attorney Mike Thomas, who will become the new Howard County attorney in January. Thomas is running unopposed on the November ballot for that position.

The city council selected Finley from among seven applicants seeking the position.

Finley and Garland attorney and former Lubbock City Attorney Gene Shotts were

finalists for the position and took part in conference call interviews with the council and city administrators last week.

"The council's decision was based on the fact that Jim (Finley) would come in as a full-time city attorney and would concentrate solely on matters pertaining to the city of Big Spring. He is a good fit for the city and meets our criteria," City Manager Gary Fuqua said.

During the interviewing process Fuqua said the city would like to have the new attorney in place sometime in early October to begin working with Thomas and familiarize himself with city functions. However, Fuqua noted that November is fine because Finley will come in and provide what the city needs.

The city's original plans were to hire someone full-time, at an approximate salary of \$40,000 to \$45,000 a year, and allow them to do some private legal work from their city office, but that won't be the case with Finley.

Finley will be a full-time city attorney for the city, with an annual salary in the \$50,000 range and will not do outside legal work.

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School district seeking telecommunications grant

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

As part of its efforts to keep up with changing technology and provide students with the tools necessary to enter the 21st century, the Big Spring Independent School District (BSISD) has decided to apply for a grant from the Texas Telecommunication Infrastructure Fund Board in Austin.

BSISD submitted its application Monday and will have to wait until Nov. 15 to find out if it will receive the \$223,500 grant it requested.

The Telecommunication Infrastructure Fund (House Bill 2128) was passed by the Texas Legislature in 1995, making funds available that are separated into two areas: collaboration between higher education and public education and another just for public schools that fall under certain criteria.

BSISD technology coordinator Paula A. Cole recently contacted the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce explaining the proposed enterprise and to ask for assistance with the grant acquisition.

The purpose for soliciting the

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Paula Cole
Coordinator

chamber's help was to generate letters of support from businesses, organizations and individuals within the community, Cole said.

Letters received by the district were included with the grant application.

"We feel that improving technology in our local schools will benefit our community and its economy by better preparing BSISD students to enter the 21st century," Cole said in asking for the chamber's assistance.

The district started its technology plan five years ago and has placed local area networks (LANs), a central location, at all six elementary campuses. Each classroom has three student computers and one stand-alone networkable system.

At Goliad Middle School there are two 30-station labs and a four-station center in the library. Several of the middle school teachers have a computer system for recordkeeping purposes and the middle school office also has its own server for student recordkeeping with five work stations.

Runnels Junior High has a 28-station lab that is used for computer literacy only, and according to Cole, a few of the junior high teachers are still using obsolete Apple IIe systems for productivity only.

Big Spring High School has several separate LANs in the library, vocational areas and in the office. Selected classrooms have anywhere from two to five stand-alone computers, and

each teacher in the selected areas of math, social studies, science, language arts, foreign language, health and home economics have multimedia computer systems.

The library server is connected to the district's training center which is networked to Region 18, allowing for Internet access.

What the district wants is to continue expanding hardware capabilities at its secondary campuses.

"Our request is for cabling for the high school and Goliad to connect all of the classrooms to the file servers," Cole said. "Equipment is also needed for a file server, router and hub to connect existing servers at the high school."

The district also plans to ask for funds to purchase 12 projection systems to use for class collaboration activities. According to Cole, it will also be necessary to have funds available for training staff in the usage of the Internet and its curriculum.

"This particular grant request is for Internet access for Texas secondary schools," Cole said.

She added the district will apply for other technology grants in the future.

THANKS OFFERED



Father Jim Leggett, head master at St. Mary's Episcopal School and rector at St. Mary's Church, thanks Ruth Edmonson at a ceremony honoring her service and dedicating the new school library in her name. She was presented with a plaque after 15 years of volunteer service at the school.

Amtrak board votes to eliminate Texas Eagle train

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — A month after President Clinton became a poster boy for train travel, Amtrak's board of directors has voted to eliminate service in his home state.

Meeting in Washington on Tuesday, the board voted 6-1 to eliminate four major lines including the Texas Eagle, which connects Chicago and San Antonio and passes through Walnut Ridge, Little Rock, Malvern, Arkadelphia and Texarkana.

Congress earlier this month approved legislation that

includes money potentially allowing Amtrak to keep operating its passenger rail line in Texas.

The transportation funding bill approved by the House and Senate includes language allowing the state of Texas to shift up to \$83 million in previously approved Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funding to use to temporarily continue operations of Amtrak's Eagle line.

But it was uncertain whether Texas Gov. George W. Bush and the Legislature would decide to use the air quality monies for

Amtrak.

The Texas route includes the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex and Longview.

Sen. Dale Bumpers, D-Ark., said he was surprised the board voted while lawmakers along the route were still attempting to put together a plan to save the train.

Little Rock Mayor Jim Dailey said he was not surprised, but was disappointed.

"I would have hoped they would have exercised some reasonableness and maybe allowed us a little breathing room," he

said.

The service ends Nov. 10 unless Congress intervenes.

"We will continue to do what we can up until the last minute," Bumpers said. "But it will be very tough."

Congress is due to finish its work in the next week or so.

Amtrak President Thomas Downs said the vote was painful, considering it eliminated passenger train service to Dallas-Fort Worth, the nation's ninth-largest metropolitan area. He said the board had no other choice.

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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today: Mostly cloudy with a high in the lower 80s.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms, low 60-65.

Extended outlook: Thursday through Saturday, partly cloudy with highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 50s.

Number of Texans on welfare rolls drops for second straight year

AUSTIN (AP) — Carmen Villanueva isn't taking any more handouts.

The 45-year-old mother of three, Ms. Villanueva received welfare benefits almost all of her life. Last year, along with food stamps, she received \$183 a month from the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program to pay her rent and bills. She says her family was barely surviving.

Now, thanks to a \$5-an-hour job at the McAllen Literacy Center, Ms. Villanueva pays a mortgage, has purchased her first washer and dryer and is providing for herself and her 10-year-old son. Her two daughters, 26 and 27, also have jobs and are living on their own.

Ms. Villanueva is one of 96,588 Texans — 12 percent of those receiving AFDC benefits — who was dropped from the welfare rolls in the last two state fiscal years from Sept. 1, 1994, to Aug. 31, 1996. The preliminary figures were released Tuesday by the Texas Department of Human Services.

Terry Trimble, interim commissioner of the department, said a good state economy and tougher enforcement, such as home visits to questionable applicants, helped push down the numbers.

"Clearly this two-year decline of nearly 100,000 AFDC recipients is a good indicator that some poor Texans are moving a step closer to economic stability," Trimble said.

A department breakdown shows several reasons Texans were denied AFDC benefits last year, including:

- 19.6 percent transferring to other welfare programs.
- 17.9 percent missing appointments to apply or reapply for benefits.
- 7.7 percent voluntarily withdrawing from the program.
- 5.6 percent losing eligibility for AFDC because a child turned 18.

Not every Texas county enjoyed a drop in AFDC recipients. In El Paso and Cameron counties, the number of individuals on the rolls increased by 4

percent and 2 percent, respectively.

Michael Uhrbrock, a spokesman for the Human Services Department, said weaker economies in the border counties may account for the discrepancy.

Ms. Villanueva's voluntary withdrawal from the welfare rolls makes her a true success story, especially because she lives in a border city, Uhrbrock said.

When she began at the literacy center as a volunteer, Ms. Villanueva said she felt old and useless.

"The copier machine was like an animal to me," she said. "Now I can do anything — work on a computer, type. And I can buy my little boy the things he wants, clothes and tennis shoes and a VCR."

She is now working toward her GED certificate.

"I appreciate what AFDC did for us," Ms. Villanueva said. "But I really want to encourage people, tell them it's never too late."

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Survey shows students increasing use of illegal drugs

AUSTIN — A growing number of Texas' junior high and high school students say they have used illegal drugs, and fewer believe their parents are very concerned about the use of marijuana, according to a new survey.

The Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse surveyed 106,924 students from 70 school districts earlier this year. The commission released preliminary results of the survey Tuesday.

According to the new report:

- 34 percent of 7th-12th graders said they had used illegal drugs. That was up 22 percent from a 1992 survey.
- 18 percent of the students said they used some illegal drug in the month before the survey.

U.S. residents court trouble taking guns across border

EL PASO — A warning to gun-toting Texans: Your right to carry does not extend past the border, and the consequences for ignoring that fact can be severe.

An East Texas couple recently found out how much trouble it can be to take a firearm into Mexico, even unwittingly.

Marguerite Braden and James Ronnie Mossburg were held in Reynosa, Mexico, for 11 days earlier this month after they told Mexican customs officials they were carrying a .22-caliber rifle and ammunition in their pickup.

They're now back in their home in Brookeland, 125 miles northeast of Houston, but they have yet to get their \$50,000 truck out of a Mexican impound lot.

"We wanted to learn more about the country," Ms. Braden said Tuesday. "We got an education."

Judge delays order on returning sick girl for surgery

DALLAS — Although admittedly inclined to order a 10-year-old girl to Texas for colon surgery that could save her life, a Canadian judge postponed his ruling until Thursday.

Ontario Justice David Main said the postponement is to allow Rachel Stout's father to pursue alternative treatment in Minnesota.

"It would seem to me the place this should be fought out is in Texas," Main said Tuesday. "That's where all of this started."

The judge conducted a hearing on Canadian child-welfare officials' request that they be granted temporary custody of Rachel Stout, whose father has opposed surgery.

The girl's father, Steve Stout of Fort Worth, wants to have the child evaluated at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. Doctors there have indicated they would consider treatment alternatives to the surgical removal of the child's colon, said Stout's Canadian attorney, Marty Klein.

Audit: Houston ISD hasn't collected \$86.6 million in taxes

DALLAS — The Houston Independent School District hasn't collected \$86.6 million in back property taxes, partly because of a longstanding policy against foreclosures on property owned by delinquent taxpayers, a state audit has found.

Houston school officials disputed the findings, which are part of a management review for Comptroller John Sharp, The Wall Street Journal's Texas Journal reported Wednesday.

Teams of auditors from Sharp's office have studied 21 school districts across the state to determine how the districts can improve their delivery of educational services.

Sharp's auditing teams began their review of the Houston ISD, the state's largest, in April at the request of the Legislature. Sharp plans to release the full report next week.

Inmate sues prosecutors over trial delays

EDINBURG — A Hidalgo County inmate awaiting trial for 11 months has turned the tables on those prosecuting him and taken the district attorney's office to court over his right to a speedy trial.

Juan Cruz Diaz, arrested in 1995 on charges of attempted kidnapping and rape, contends his constitutional rights were violated by the delay and wants state District Judge Noe Gonzalez to toss out his case.

The request could prompt similar petitions from 53 other inmates who have been behind bars at the county jail more than eight months while awaiting trial, The (McAllen) Monitor reported Tuesday.

Tighter controls mulled on Senate spending

AUSTIN (AP) — A need for tighter control over the Senate's \$25.7 million in annual expenditures is suggested in a new state audit, which says 60 percent of the spending isn't covered by a formal budget process.

"The Senate's budget system, which should act as the primary control over expenditures, does not cover all — or even most — expenditures," says the report from the Office of the State Auditor.

"Budgets do not serve to control expenditures when all participants are not being held to spending limits. In fact, participants who are fiscally conservative could find that others who are less so may have spent all available funds," it says.

Senate committees and sub-

committees are the only Senate functions required to prepare budgets, according to the audit. Committees, whose budgets are submitted to the Senate Administration Committee, accounted for \$2.9 million of the 1995 total of \$25.7 million.

In addition, the amount senators can spend each month on staff salaries and travel is capped at \$24,685 monthly, for a total of \$7.4 million.

"This means that 60 percent of expenditures including central administration's expenditures, do not have budgets or caps," the audit said.

The Senate has lived within its means despite the lack of an overall budget process.

Administration Committee Chairman Chris Harris, R-Arlington, said Tuesday the panel takes the audit seriously and has named subcommittees to examine its proposals for stronger controls.

"The auditor, as I remember the report, raised the questions. He did not really show abuses. And I feel like it's important that we as senators — now that we've been made aware of these questions — that we get the answers for ourselves and determine if there is or is not a problem," Harris said.

The audit said Senate policies and procedures "are not well-designed when taken as a whole." For example:

- Senators are informed each quarter where their office expenditures rank compared with other senators. In fiscal

Bivins eyes one-stop college shopping for students

AUSTIN (AP) — Would-be college students could find one-stop shopping at university systems under an idea floated by new Senate Education Chairman Teel Bivins.

Under the idea he's considering, students would apply to the University of Texas System rather than UT-Austin, for example. While students could mark a preference for a particular campus, the system would tell them which of UT's campuses around the state they would be eligible to attend.

Bivins, R-Amarillo, said Tuesday he's not ready to offer the idea as a legislative proposal. But he said he's looking at it as a potential way to make the admissions process more efficient and student-friendly.

"If a student applies only to UT-Austin today and is rejected, they have no knowledge of whether they might be able to attend school at (UT) Pan American or UT-Dallas," he said. "If you let the student know that he would be accepted at one or more of the institutions within the system, it would be helpful for the student."

Currently, students who wanted to apply to all the UT System schools, would have to send an

individual application to each one, Bivins said.

"One of the things I'd like to do is try to put the focus on the student and assist the student not only in getting into a higher education institution but also matriculating through that institution," he said.

Bivins said it's likely that Texans considering UT may focus on the Austin campus "and less attention is paid to the other schools, many of which are doing a fabulous job."

Teri Flack, spokeswoman for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, said she isn't aware of a university system currently using such an admissions process for undergraduate or graduate school programs.

"Admissions decisions pretty much are left at the local level, at the university level itself," she said.

UT System spokesman Monty Jones said, "As far as we know, the UT system has not yet seen a proposal for a centralized admission plan. If such a proposal were to be brought forward, of course we'd be interested in reviewing it and we'd give it very serious attention."

Federal officials say big petroleum pipeline hazardous

DALLAS (AP) — The nation's biggest petroleum pipeline is hazardous and its owners have been ordered to test the entire line, from Texas to New Jersey, federal officials said.

The officials have ordered the owner, Colonial Pipeline Co. of Atlanta, to submit by Oct. 29 a schedule for tests on the entire line.

The "continued operation of this pipeline without corrective measures ... would be hazardous to life, property and the environment," the order says.

The line is one of four fuel lines that ruptured in flooding near Houston in 1994, setting the San Jacinto River on fire for days and scorching everything in its path.

The pipeline runs as close as 20 feet from homes and businesses and delivers more than 75 million gallons of fuel a day. However, federal officials haven't notified communities along the line of the risks, The Wall Street Journal's Texas Journal reported Wednesday.

"We only tell the emergency-

response people when they need to respond," says Richard Felder, the administrator of the Office of Pipeline Safety in Washington, who signed the order. "Otherwise, we are handling things."

The pipeline contains weak, corroded or fractured segments, and there appear to be systemwide problems controlling the pressure along the pipeline, the order said.

Colonial officials have agreed to test and repair the entire line before a Jan. 1, 2002, deadline.

No deadline for repairs has been set.

A spokesman for Colonial said the company will do whatever regulators ask. But he added: "We feel that the pipe is safe."

Colonial is owned by 10 oil companies, including units of Mobil Corp., Amoco Corp. and Texaco Inc.

A June 27 rupture near Greenville, S.C., that dumped 1 million gallons of diesel fuel into the Reedy River, prompted the order by the U.S. Transportation Department.

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OUR VIEWS

Candidates' absence at political forum a snub of Big Spring

Education and information are two things that can help make better voters of us all.

Having said that, we salute the Concerned Women for America (CWA) for their sponsorship of Monday night's candidate's forum at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

It is a shame, however, that all of the candidates for the offices featured - the 17th Congressional district, Texas' 28th Senate district and Texas' 70th House district - didn't feel the Big Spring and Howard County vote important enough to be in attendance.

We don't know if that means they are writing us off or taking us for granted but in either case, the no-show is an ill-advised decision.

For the record, Rudy Izzard was in attendance for the 17th Congressional District as was Scott McLaughlin in the 70th House District race.

Their incumbent opponents sent representatives to attend.

In the race to fill the seat left vacant by the resignation of John Montford, three of the half-dozen or so candidates were on hand.

Republicans Monte Hasie and Tim Lambert, both of Lubbock, were joined by Democrat Gary Watkins of Odessa.

And we're disturbed by the absences of the other three candidates for that seat, although not as much as by the absences of those who are already on the public payroll.

In a race with a short campaign time, as in the 28th District, we would think it would behoove a candidate to garner as much exposure as possible.

The absence of the incumbents, as well as the absence of three who say they would represent us in the 28th District, underscores a problem we face in this community.

Despite being the largest body of votes in the 70th House District, despite being the largest body of votes outside Lubbock in the 28th Senate District and despite being the largest body of votes outside Abilene in the 17th Congressional District, it is clear that our vote in Big Spring and Howard County is either unimportant or taken for granted.

Either way, that one doesn't play well with us and it shouldn't with you, either.

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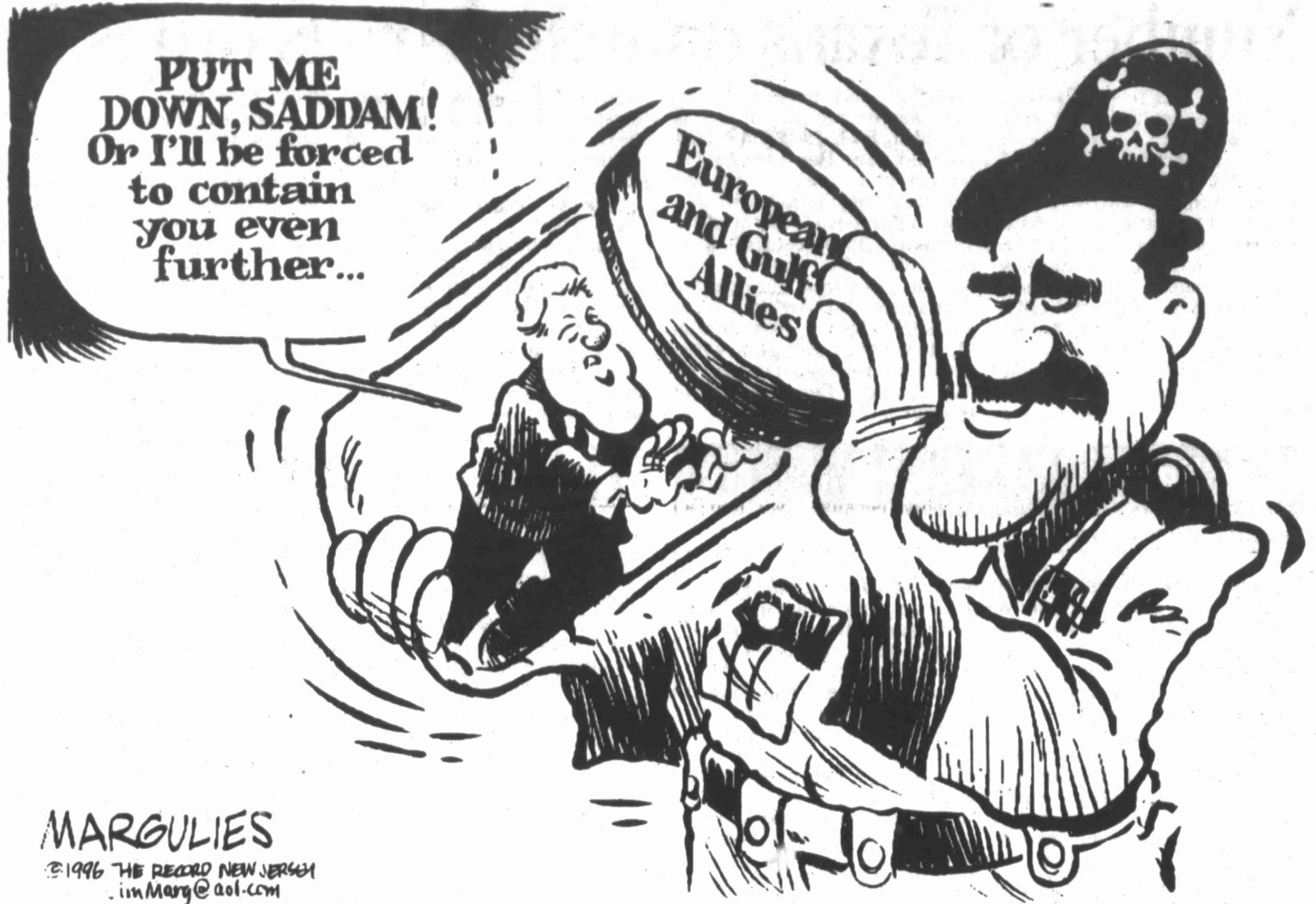
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How child protection became an abusive issue

By PAUL CRAIG ROBERTS
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By the 1970, compassionate welfare policies had taken a heavy toll on the American family. Single mothers proliferated, and their live-in boyfriends or overnight sexual partners sometimes subjected the children from their prior relationships to physical or sexual abuse.

Media reports of these incidents were leavened with occasional reports of abuse by a parent, relative or day care worker. Child advocates, armed with horror stories, prompted Congress to act, and in 1974 the Child Abuse and Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) was authorized.

CAPTA has been expanded during the past two decades, with the Children's Justice Act added as a new title in 1986.

CAPTA was well intentioned, but in practice it has proved to be a nightmare for millions of wrongly accused people. Moreover, some estimate the legislation has resulted in more innocent than guilty people being convicted of child abuse.

One reason for this is that child advocates have used CAPTA to relax evidentiary standards in cases of suspected child sexual abuse. Concerned about the revictimization of children by an insensitive and incompassionate criminal justice system, "children's rights" have been given precedence over the accused person's constitutional rights to due

process.

If a child makes an accusation, the accused is considered guilty. Children don't lie, some contend, and even if the child recants, as often happens, prosecutors have developed techniques for prosecuting cases in the absence of both physical or medical evidence and the witness.

In the case of third-party accusations against a parent, the child is often seized by Child Protective Services and turned over to therapists. If the child denies incidents of sexual abuse, the child may be put into "recovered memory therapy," which in the case of younger children often consists of little more than suggestive appeals to the child's imagination. Older children are sometimes told they will not be permitted to go home until they cooperate with the authorities and tell them what they want to hear.

It is obvious that testimony obtained through such methods is tainted. Nevertheless, such tainted evidence has been used to break up families and send innocent parents to jail.

These abusive practices are followed because it is believed that parental child abuse (emotional, physical or sexual) is common but difficult to detect and even more difficult to prove. Some child advocates have testified that as many as 75 percent of parents are child abusers. This generates considerable business for therapists, some of whose careers and incomes have prospered under

CAPTA, and to ambitious prosecutors who build public careers by prosecuting that most heinous of crimes.

Moreover, Child Protective Services receives a federal payment for each child taken from parents on charges of abuse. Thus, large and powerful bureaucracies have a direct financial stake in exaggerating the extent of child abuse and in finding it everywhere.

Funding under the Children's Justice Act supports the investigation and prosecution of child sexual abuse throughout the country. Trainees at seminars conducted by the National Center for the Prosecution of Child Abuse are taught that they are a special breed who must root out child abuse at all cost. Laws have "mobilized" the community. Medical doctors, school teachers and administrators, day care operators - anyone with contact with a child - is required under penalty of law to report any suspected sign of child abuse.

Thus, Johnny's football bruises and overheard cruel adolescent taunts - "You have sex with your parents" - can set in motion powerful bureaucracies that eventually break a family apart. The system even responds to anonymous reports, thus enabling neighbors to settle scores and rivals to block career paths.

With a large percentage of social workers, police officers, prosecutors and the general public convinced that child abuse is rampant, even the

remnants of due process are often swept aside. The accused is caught up in an unaccountable system. When no evidence exists, defendants are routinely denied bail in an effort to wear them down and obtain their agreement to a plea bargain.

Flooded with a vast number of accusations, the system cannot sort out the real cases from false allegations. Child protective personnel, primed to see guilt, sometimes simply grab their victims where they can. A disproportionate number of incarcerated child abusers are poor people who were dependent on public defenders and copped a plea to end their ordeal.

CAPTA is currently up for reauthorization. It was an opportunity for public hearings and amendments to rein in a runaway bureaucracy. However, the Republicans are as much in thrall to the therapist lobby as the Democrats. Fearful of being called soft on child abusers, GOP Sen. Dan Coats, chairman of the Labor subcommittee on children and families, has guided the reauthorization through the Senate. House Republicans appear equally unwilling to confront the monster, too.

Tyranny and injustice appear destined to flower under the guise of child protection.

(Paul Craig Roberts is a former assistant secretary at the U.S. Treasury and the John M. Olin fellow at the Institute for Political Economy.)

Notes from a vanished time ...

By SHARON RANDALL
Scripps Howard News Service

Sometimes I find a note I left myself: "RSVP to M.F. ASAP!" But I have no clue what it means.

Who the heck was M.F.? What on earth did M.F. want? Did I want to do it? Was I too late? And if so, was M.F. still speaking to me?

I hate finding notes like that. Sometimes I figure them out. Sometimes I don't. I just hope M.F. is A-OK and doesn't work for the IRS.

Last week I found a note - three notes, actually - that I left years ago in an old chest where I store keepsakes. They were written, not by me, but by my children, at different times and ages in their lives. It was no mystery that I kept them: that chest, along with the attic, the garage and every corner of the house, is stuffed with the

remnants of three children who are now all but grown and gone.

What puzzled me was why - of all the school reports, Christmas lists and Mother's Day cards I saved - I had chosen to clip these three scraps of paper together, to set them apart from the rest? As if they belonged together. As if they formed a pattern, a whole I'd seen, but forgotten.

I'll start with the oldest. One day, 20 years ago, I found in the mailbox a "letter," posted with an S&H green stamp. Written in crayon, its message was simple: Two hearts, signed simply, "JOSH." Good thing I saved it. It was the only letter he'd ever write that didn't ask for money.

The second note came from my daughter when she was 8, that sweet age that often shines like the sun before the storm of adolescence. "Dear Mom," she wrote, in careful cursive, if

faulty spelling, "I love you very much. Your a very kind woman and a very butiful woman to. I thank god for you very much. love, Joanna."

I don't recall why she wrote it. She's written stacks of such notes over the years, most of which I've kept. Seems like her mother, she finds it easier to write, rather than say, how she feels.

The third note, like my third child, was different from the first two. He wrote it when he was 7, after he noticed that I always winked when I talked about Santa or the Easter Bunny or how we didn't need to stop and ask for directions because Daddy really knew how to get there.

"Dear tooth farie," he wrote, "Two teeth came out of my mouth but I lost one! Please give me double credit! Your friend, Nate."

I remember how proud, how

pleased with himself he seemed as he handed me that note, and the bloody tooth that went with it. How he grinned like jack-o'-lantern and winked.

So there they were, three notes, each different, all treasures, much like the children who wrote them. I decided to frame them, along with a snapshot of the authors, at ages 1 to 5, laughing and holding onto each other as if they would never let go.

I bought a frame and began making a collage, overlapping and shaping their notes, just as I had their childhoods. Suddenly, I saw it, why I had saved them as one all these years. Pieced together just so, into a ragged little puzzle, they formed the exact shape of my heart.

(Sharon Randall writes this column twice weekly for Scripps Howard News Service.)



Mallard Fillmore
by
BRUCE TINSLEY

I'd like to do a story on someone who designs these ugly SEVENTIES CLOTHES...

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INS agents saying some new citizens have criminal past

WASHINGTON (AP) — When federal examiner Diane Dobberfuhl told supervisors in Chicago of her concerns about applicants cheating on citizenship tests and other breaches, she says she got little response. "It doesn't really seem to be a big concern to them," Dobberfuhl says.

The bottleneck for immigrants seeking to become U.S. citizens has become so severe that people have taken to camping out overnight on the sidewalk for an appointment with an employee of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

But a new program designed to relieve the backlog and naturalize 1.3 million new citizens this year has come under fire from House Republicans and some INS employees, who maintain it has loosened standards and allowed some criminals to become citizens.

GOP lawmakers suggest the program, called Citizenship USA, may have been set up under orders from the White House to provide a pool of naturalized citizens who could be registered as Democrats for the November elections.

At a House subcommittee hearing Tuesday, Dobberfuhl and several other INS employees testified about problems with cheating, applicants gaining citizenship without adequate understanding of English, interference in the naturalization process by community groups representing immigrants and alleged intimidation by INS supervisors.

The administration has acknowledged that the INS mistakenly allowed tens of thousands to become Americans in the speeded-up program before criminal records checks were done. Officials have blamed the errors — 30,000 in New York alone, on misrouted paperwork. They included some convicted felons, the officials said.

But Alexander Aleinikoff, the INS' executive associate

commissioner for programs, told reporters Tuesday there was "no truth" to the allegations of political motivation and that standards have not been lowered for the new program.

He said the program, pushed by Vice President Al Gore over the last 18 months, was adopted only because "we had a tremendous increase" in applications for naturalization. The 1.3 million people expected to become citizens under the program in the fiscal year ending Oct. 1 is triple last year's total of 450,000.

When the Citizenship USA program took effect in August 1995, it concentrated on the electoral-rich and immigrant-heavy states of Florida, Texas, Illinois, California and New York.

The Republicans pointed to a letter to first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton from Chicago Alderman Daniel Solis, a long-time Democratic activist, saying an accelerated naturalization program would "provide the Democrats with a strategic advantage."

"Further evidence shows that the votes of the new citizens were made a priority through increased and unusual emphasis on voting during naturalization ceremonies," Rep. Mark Souder, R-Ind., said at the hearing he led.

In addition, Souder said, "We know of numerous instances where the INS naturalized convicted felons because it believed that moving applications was more important than doing thorough (background) checks."

Joyce Woods, like Dobberfuhl an INS examiner in Chicago, testified that she discovered that many people had been naturalized in that city who had records indicating alleged past crimes — including rape, aggravated felonies and drug trafficking. In those cases, INS employees didn't get timely access to FBI fingerprints, Woods said.

Palestinians strike in protest over tunnel opening

JERUSALEM (AP) — Palestinian merchants closed their shops in Jerusalem today to protest Israel's completion of an archaeological tunnel alongside the Al Aqsa Mosque compound, the third holiest site of Islam.

Israeli police poured reinforcements into predominantly Arab east Jerusalem to contain possible riots.

On Tuesday, after news spread that Israel had broken through the final stretch of the tunnel during the night, Palestinian stone-throwers clashed with Israeli police in several areas.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat denounced the completion of the tourist tunnel as a "big crime." He also called for protest marches in Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza Strip today.

Arafat's Cabinet held a late-night emergency session to discuss the tunnel work ordered by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who intended to send a message that

Israel is the only sovereign in Jerusalem.

Palestinians say it is only the latest example of Netanyahu wrecking the peace process they had begun with Israel's previous government.

"We consider this a real aggression and an attempt to destroy the peace process," Palestinian Planning Minister Nabil Shaath said after the meeting ended early today.

Israel maintains police control over the sites, but allows Islamic authorities full religious administration over the mosques.

Muslim clerics complain that the 500-yard-long underground pedestrian passage, which links Judaism's Western Wall with Christianity's holy sites in Jerusalem's Old City, endangers the stability of their mosques. Palestinians also feel it undermines their claim to the holy sites.

Israel says the tunnel, which runs alongside, not underneath the compound, poses no structural danger to the two mosques

above — Al Aqsa and the Dome of the Rock.

Muslims refer to the compound as Haram as-Sharif, or "noble enclosure." Jews call it the Temple Mount because it is the site of their Temple destroyed by the Romans in 70 A.D. The Western Wall, the last remains of the Temple, makes up one side of the platform.

The uproar illustrated how easily the two sides can collide in the city claimed by both Israel and the Palestinians.

The future of Jerusalem is the most explosive issue on the peace agenda. The Palestinians want east Jerusalem, captured by Israel from Jordan in the 1967 Mideast war, as a future capital.

Netanyahu has said he would never relinquish control over the whole city and, unlike his predecessors, is unwilling to discuss Jerusalem's future in talks on a permanent peace agreement.

A moderate member of Netanyahu's Likud Party, Tel Aviv Mayor Ronnie Milo, was

to meet today with Arafat deputy Mahmoud Abbas to discuss the growing tensions.

Arafat adviser Ahmed Tibi complained that Israel has violated the spirit of the peace accords.

"I am very concerned about this escalation," Tibi said on Israeli army radio. "Apparently violence in the Old City is unavoidable."

Another flashpoint, the West Bank town of Hebron, also erupted in violence Tuesday. Palestinians hurled vegetables at Israeli soldiers, who then beat protesters with rifle butts. Four protesters were hospitalized.

Arafat's call for a commercial strike was observed in east Jerusalem today. Some said they participated, even though they didn't believe their protests would do any good.

"If the Israeli government wants to open a tunnel, it will open it. We are just beating the drums and the deaf cannot hear it," said Bader Saleimeh, a rice wholesaler.

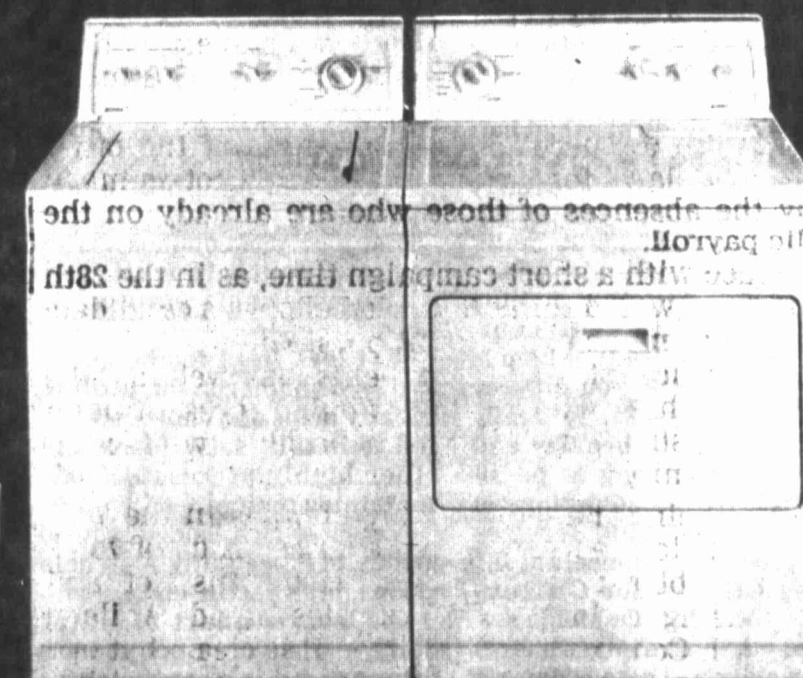
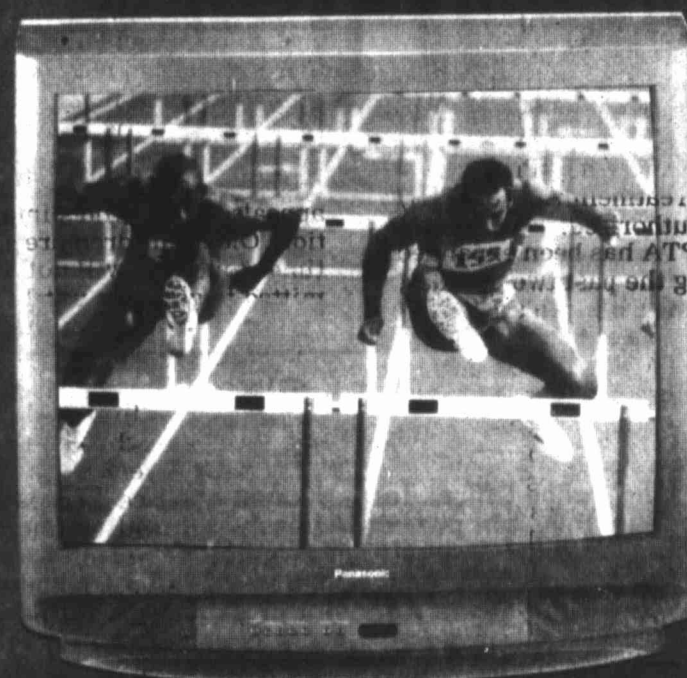
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Do you have a good story idea for the *life!* section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 235.

Dale Dolloff is taking his talents all the way to state - the State Fair in Dallas that is

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

Dale Dolloff, a sophomore at Forsan High School, will have some of his artwork on display at the State Fair in Dallas that starts this weekend.

Dolloff entered four pieces of art work with two winning first place, one placed fourth and one placed fifth. The two first place winners were a pastel painting of Batman and a pencil drawing of a lady with wings. His other pencil entry of an old cowboy won him fourth and a paper sculpture of an owl

received fifth place. In May, the same owl sculpture was the



DOLLOFF

overall grand champion at the West Texas Center for the Arts art show.

The 15-year-old has been taking art lessons from Sheree Moates at WCTA for two years and plans on taking more

classes once football season is

over. When asked how he got interested in art, Dale replied, "I just started doing it during my free time. I learned on my own. I was happy when I found out what I had won at the State Fair."

His mother, Randi, said he began tracing pictures when he was in fifth or sixth grade. She added, "Friends and family members have always been telling him he was good. There were quite a few entries. When we received information about his entries, they were numbered in the 800's, so a lot of

people entered the competition."

Dale plays the tackle position on both offense and defense for the varsity team in Forsan.

He also competes in weight lifting, placing second at El Dorado and third at Sterling City during recent events.

He enjoys working on old vehicles. Dale and his father, Jimmy, are currently rebuilding a 1954 Chevrolet pickup.

The family plans on going to Dallas to see Dale's artwork on display.

The State Fair begins Friday and ends Oct. 20.



Dale Dolloff, right, and Amanda Klaus work on some of their art work that was entered in last year's West Texas Center for the Arts competition. Dolloff recently had two of his four pieces of art win first place at the State Fair in Dallas.

Check out lessons on living healthy

A series of lessons — Check It Out — is being presented by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in conjunction with Canterbury South in Big Spring. The lesson series will be Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m. on Oct. 4, 11, and 25 and Nov. 1 and 8 at Canterbury South located at 1700 Lancaster.

If you would like more information concerning the Check It Out series contact Howard County Extension office at 264-2236. With the aging process vision, health and mobility may be affected and leave elderly Texans unable physically to drive to the grocery store, shop for food and cook or feed themselves. With these physical barriers, it is no surprise that these elders of their family members may find them undernourished and unable to maintain normal weight. Many family members assisting parents who may become undernourished can be aware that help is available to assist you or your parents or other elderly family members remain healthy and independent as long as possible. Start taking advantage of the local community services such as congregate meals at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center, local Mobile Meals service or other available services for the elderly. These programs for which you may be eligible are designed to give you the

boost you need to stay independent and living on your own as long as possible.



Dana Tarter
Extension Agent

Some helpful eating hints for senior should be followed and may be encouraged by those who may be assisting their elderly family members as follows:

- Eat a healthful, varied diet following the USDA Food Guide Pyramid.
- Know and maintain a normal weight.
- Eat plenty of complex carbohydrates found in fruit, vegetable and whole grain products.
- Eat less fried foods, gravy and foods higher in fat, saturated fatty acids and cholesterol.
- Limit salt, salty foods and other highly processed foods containing sodium.
- Eat fiber-rich foods (20 to 30 grams of fiber daily — whole grains, bran, pectin, etc.).
- At least a quart of water daily — whether or not you are thirsty or not is recommended.
- If you drink alcohol, do so in moderation.

SEMINAR ON TELEPHONE FRAUD



Big Spring Police Officer Terry Hudson explains to a group of senior citizens, at Canterbury South, how they can protect themselves from telephone fraud. The group also watched a video of Attorney General Dan Morales explaining the tactics of fraudulent companies. Elderly people are the most common victims of telephone fraud. The seminar was in conjunction with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The next seminar is Check It Out focusing on health-related issues. It is scheduled for Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m. on Oct. 4, 11, and 25 and Nov. 1 and 8 at Canterbury South located at 1700 Lancaster.

Facts about headaches

Scripps Howard News Service

- Headaches strike as many as 45 million Americans and are the most common reason for visiting a doctor and the No. 1 reason for missing work.
- 5 to 10 percent of American men get migraines, usually between late adolescence and age 40.
- 15 percent to 20 percent of American women get migraines, some only after they reach menopause.
- 10 percent of the people with migraines have nausea, tunnel vision and sensitivity to light and sound. Some also see auras around objects shortly before the migraine hits. The other 90 percent have only pounding pain on one side of their head.
- Some research suggests stopping to relax, even for five minutes, at the start of a headache may be enough to shut it down. Others show relaxation techniques used in combination with painkillers work better than either does alone.
- Biofeedback, a process using equipment to measure signs of relaxation, can teach people to relieve their own pain. Migraine sufferers have been taught to "think" their hands warm with biofeedback, although no one knows why that helps.
- For more information, call the National Headache Foundation, 800-843-2256.

SUPPORT GROUPS

- MONDAY**
- A.A.-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.
 - Turning Point A.A., 8-9 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Gollad. Open to all substance abusers.
 - TOPS Club (Take off pounds sensibly), weigh-in 5:30 to 6 p.m., Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th, meeting starts at 6 p.m. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.
 - Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.
 - Survivors of Suicide will meet on June 17, 1996, 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Hospital and Medical Center in Midland. The speaker will be Jim Trice, M.D., LCDC, who will be speaking on "Tools for Recovering." For more information please call 915-685-1566.
 - Encouragers Support Group (formerly Widow/Widower support group) first and third Mondays each month, 6 p.m. First Monday meetings are at a local restaurant. Third Monday meetings are at First Presbyterian Church, Eighth and Runnels

- (enter through north door). We have various activities, such as guest speakers, play games, have covered dish supper, visit or go out to eat. For more information call 398-5522 or 398-4369.
- The first meeting of the Neurology Research & Education Center at St. Mary Hospital in Lubbock, a National Parkinson Foundation Center of Excellence, is Monday, Sept. 9, at 1:30 p.m. at the Asbury Methodist Church, 4001 E. University (west door), Odessa. The first program will be presented by Tracy Hutton, Coordinator of the NREC in Lubbock titled "Caring for the Care-giver." Mrs. Hutton will also be speaking that same day at the evening meeting in Midland at 6:30 p.m. at the Memorial Rehabilitation Hospital, Loop 250 and Thomson Dr., Midland.

TUESDAY

 - Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-0889.
 - A-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.
 - Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.
 - Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.
 - VOICES support group for adolescent

- victims of sexual abuse, incest, rape, date rape, any other crime of indecency, 3:45 p.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.
- Diabetes support group, second Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom.
- Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 263-7361 ext. 7077.
- "Most Excellent Way," a chemical dependency support group, Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.
- Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Corral, 611 E. Third followed at 7 p.m. by the monthly meeting of the Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill.
- Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Dr. Ronald Meyer, D.Min., LCDC, LMFT, specializing in individual and marriage counseling, Attention Deficit Disorder and chemical dependency, available for clients at the First Christian Church. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

WEDNESDAY

 - Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St.

- Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.
- Survivors sexual abuse support group, 10-11:30 a.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.
- Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Sharon Beam, who is a licensed professional counselor interim specializing in play therapy for children, adolescent counseling and women's issues, available for clients at the First Presbyterian Church, Runnels and Eighth St. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

THURSDAY

 - Salvation Army drug education program, sponsored by Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 7 p.m., Salvation Army building, 308 Aylford.
 - Battered women support group, 2:30 p.m. Call 263-3312 or 267-3626.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.
 - A.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Central Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.
 - Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at

- 264-6523.
- Arthritis & lupus support group meeting will be May 16 at 6:30 p.m. at 2301 W. Michigan in Midland. For further information please call Chellye Tanberg at 686-9882, Katie Clark at 682-5822 or National Osteoporosis Foundation at 202-223-2226.
- Alzheimer's Association Support Group, fourth Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m.
- Support Group for Depression meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehab Center, Third and Lancaster.

FRIDAY

 - Survivors, 5:15-7 p.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.
 - Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Gollad. Open to all substance abusers.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

SATURDAY

 - Alzheimer's Association Support Group, second Saturday of the month, Carriage Inn Retirement Center, 501 W. 17th, 10 a.m.
 - Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon, 8 p.m., 10 p.m. open meetings, 615 Settles.

- "So I Forget," Attention Deficit Disorder support group for individuals and couples, first Saturday of the month from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas, Inc., Midland. Call the center at (915) 563-4144 or 1-800-329-4144. Cost is \$15.
- West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue & Immune Dysfunction Syndrome/Fibromyalgia, 1-3 p.m., on different Saturdays of the month, HealthSouth facility at Hwy. 191 and Loop 250, Midland. Call Joann Carney, (915) 686-7977, or Marsha Brunet, (915) 337-4829 to get the correct meeting date.

SUNDAY

 - Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

Please send your Support Group information to: Big Spring Herald; attention Gina Garza; P. O. Box 1431; Big Spring; 79721 or drop off at 710 Scurry or fax it to (915) 264-7205.

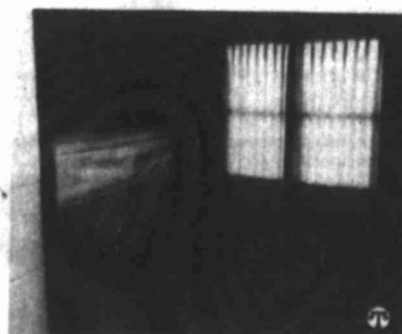
For more information, call 263-7331, ext. 236.

The information is due by Monday at noon for Wednesday publication.

TIPS 'N' TRIVIA

Decorating a dorm room

- (NAPS)—Practical tips for decorating:
- Invest in a cart with storage bins and wheels so it can be easily moved around. One tip would be to place a microwave on top and put food and supplies in the bottom.
 - Coordinate a student's work area with a desk organizer lamp that has compartments to hold desk supplies such as pencils, pens and post-it notes.
 - Consider a futon to serve as a couch during the day and a bed at night.
 - Use the colors of your comforter as a starting point to color coordinate your room. Decorative pillows, bed rests, area rugs, picture frames and framed art can all share the same color scheme.
 - A dome-touch lamp with a three-way lighting feature sheds just the right amount of light, especially when one student burns the midnight oil while roommates sleep.
 - Transition a dorm room decoratively with an area rug and accent rugs.
 - Change the curtains supplied by the housing office, but be careful not to break housing codes. Use valances and panel curtains in your colors for a lived-in look.
 - Higher education costs usually mean it's a good idea to shop at discount stores and garage sales for some items that you may not use or can replace for a newer model after graduation such as a microwave, cooking and eating utensils.
 - Purchase space-saving containers to conveniently store your most prized possessions.
 - Consider buying shoe racks and plastic shelving to make more use out of the limited closet space.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Send in your recipes

The HERALD is currently seeking submissions to its monthly Recipe Corner that runs the second Wednesday of each month.

Please submit any recipes you would like to see published. Meals that can be made in 30 minutes or less as well as recipes that are low in fat and calories are needed also.

The next Recipe Corner is scheduled for Oct. 9 and the deadline to turn in your submissions is Oct. 2. If you have any questions, contact Kellie Jones, 263-7331 ext. 235.

Harvest Festival of Fun

The First Church of the Nazarene is sponsoring a Harvest Festival of Fun Saturday, Sept. 28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will be on the church grounds and there will be games for all ages, rides, clowns, booths, gifts and prizes for everyone.

THE LAST WORD

- It is far more impressive when others discover your good qualities without your help. —Judith Martin
- Love is the only game that is not called on account of darkness. —M. Hirschfield
- Nothing succeeds like the appearance of success. —Christopher Lasel
- When a man is wrapped up in himself he makes a pretty small package. —John Ruskin

If I Could Be A Cowgirl

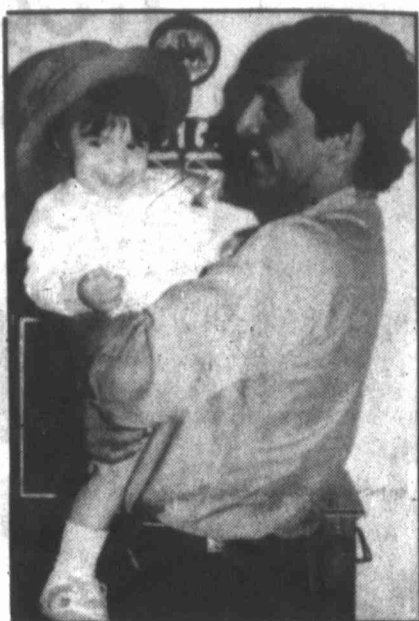
Dad if I could be a cowgirl I would be one just for you, and these are some things that I would do if I was a cowgirl. First I would spend every day with my horse, then I would take Bigone down through the valley so we could see the wide open spaces and, the beautiful country sites. Then I would spend every second I could with Bigone without a worry in the world, and I would live with just the help of mother nature to survive, and enjoy every moment I could with Bigone and, the beauty of mother nature and, the world around me, and when I died I would be happy because, I have fulfilled my dad's number one dream and, that's one thing I could be proud of.

By Amanda Moreno
In memory of my loving dad David G. Moreno.

Memories and Roses

He always told me, "Don't forget to smell the roses, Mom. When summer goes so does the rose, but with winter's chill roses linger still a memory in your mind."

One day, it seems so long ago, he, like the rose was gone. Winter's chill was in my heart - I stood there all alone. He lingers still, he always will. A memory in my mind.
By Clara Justice



Courtesy photo
The late David Moreno holds his little cowgirl, Amanda, when she was four years old. Amanda and her mother, Lolly, have written a short story and poem in honor of Moreno who died Sept. 27, 1995, the couple's wedding anniversary.

Love Remains

When we fell in love, it suddenly seemed as if I'd found a part of myself that I hadn't know was missing.

Love was so right, and our world together seemed the center of everything.

Gradually, love changed, we changed - but there's something about meeting life's problems together, something about sharing so much, that kept our love and our marriage strong.

Love didn't stay the same with you, it just kept getting better.

David, you will always be deeply missed by me.

By Lolly Moreno
In loving memory to the man I'm glad I married, David G. Moreno, April 29, 1954 - Sept. 27, 1995.

The Greatest Story

There is a family Bible on the night stand that's been handed down through the years. Its pages are worn but hold much happiness. Yet its cover is stained with tears.

Spiritual scriptures have been underlined on almost every page. Births, deaths, and marriages, the family record hold. And from Genesis to Revelations, man kind's history will unfold.

Many hands have held this holy book. Many souls have been bared unto its might. The young, the old have knelt and prayed, while living within its light.

The making of the earth, and of man, our past and present and future all lie within. Its pages always are open for all to see. To pray for salvation and repentance of sin.

The birth of Jesus, his sacrifice upon the cross. All these great events will unfold. The Bible tells of eternal life for the believer. It is the greatest true story every told. Amen
By Dale Gustin

Time Goes By

My lips have ceased their yearning, My heart is calm at last; And day by day I'm learning To let go of the past.

And some day soon, I'm certain, The darkness that shrouds my brain Will lift up like a curtain, And I will live again.

By Velma Lloyd

Readers Corner

Submissions for the next Readers Corner page should be at the Herald office by Oct. 30. The next Readers Corner page is scheduled for Oct. 21.

Readers are encouraged to submit stories, poems and pictures. Stories and poems should be about a page and a half in length. Some photo suggestions: children or pets doing funny or interesting things. We also accept five-generation pictures. For more information, call 263-7331 ext. 235.

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Big Spring Independent School District will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in 1995 by 9.35 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property.

The public hearing will be held on October 1, 1996 at 12:00 p.m. at Board Room 707 11th place

FOR the proposal:
AGAINST the proposal:
PRESENT and not voting:
ABSENT:

The statement above shows the percentage increase the proposed rate represents over the 1.3169 tax rate that the unit published on August 28, 1996. The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average home value	\$ 24,675	\$ 25,748
General exemptions available (amount available on the average home, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,150
Average taxable value	\$ 14,675	\$ 15,598
Tax rate	1.422/\$100	1.479/100 (proposed)
Tax	\$ 208.68	\$ 230.69 (proposed)

Under this proposal taxes on the average home would (increase) by \$ 22.01 or (10.5) percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would (increase) by \$ (8.36) per \$100 of taxable value or (4) percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Criminal Justice Mandate (for counties):
The (county name) County Auditor certifies that (county name) County has spent \$ (amount) in the previous 12 months beginning (date) 19 for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. (county name) County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

There Comes A Time

There comes a time when we can't stay in the same old house, in the same old way. We've had many years to work and to play -

Now, we're holding memories of yesterday.

There comes a time when we cannot see, just what is best for you and for me. We feel so helpless, adrift in the sea, but God calms the waters, and we know that He will anchor us safely, in

His love and care, His mercy surrounds us, and we know He's there. There comes a time when things cannot be

just as they were...for you and for me. but God's grace sustains us, we're never afloat in lifes troubled waters—for He guides the boat.

By Dorothy McCauley

Dedicated to my husband, John, who passed away Sept. 17, 1996.

Sunday deadlines

All Sunday items (weddings, anniversaries, engagements, birth announcements, Who's Who, military) are due to the Herald office by Wednesday at noon.

Notice: Due to scheduling changes, any Sunday items for publication on Oct. 13 are due Tuesday, Oct. 8 by noon.

Wedding, engagement, anniversary and birth announcement forms are available in the editorial department.

Pictures are to be picked up no later than 30 days after publication or they will be discarded.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Howard fourth in rodeo competition
The Howard College men's rodeo team took fourth and the women's team took fifth in the competition at Eastern New Mexico University on Saturday.

Shawn Mays won first in both programs of the go-rounds in saddle bronc riding. Kenan Ivy was second in the first go-round of bareback riding. Quinn Campbell was fourth in the first go-round of steer wrestling. Shanna Bynum was fourth in both the short go-round and average in barrel racing. Jack Cliburn was first in both the short go-round and average in bullriding. Coz Crye was fourth in both the short program and average in bullriding.

The Howard rodeo teams will compete at Western Texas rodeo at Canyon on Saturday.

Gollad splits with Colorado City

Gollad volleyball teams split with Colorado City on Monday. Gollad White beat the Colorado City A team 10-15, 15-13, 15-3. Gollad Black lost 16-18, 15-10, 15-6.

For the White, Melissa Ray was offensive player of the game. Paige King had 7 points and Latrisha Rollins scored 6. Top servers were

Trista Casey and Lindsey Shaffer. Sherri Gent led the Black with 8 points, while Tejal Patel scored 7 and Jessi Weir 4. Scoring 3 each were Nikki Leyva, Heather Canales, Ashley Newton, and Amber Mays.

Cheerleader mini camp Saturday

The Howard College cheerleaders will host a mini cheerleading camp on Saturday, Sept. 28. Registration is from 8 to 9 a.m. The camp will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Dorothy Garret Coliseum. Cost is \$10 per student, grades three through six. Participants should bring a sack lunch.

For more information, call Linda Berry at 264-5024.

Hunter education course October 19-20

A hunter education course will be held Oct. 19-20 from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce. Cost is \$10 per person.

The course is required by law for anyone born after Sept. 1, 1971. The course must be completed in order to legally hunt in Texas.

Contact Travis Pate at 267-7891 or Steve Poirerint at 264-7115.

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BASEBALL

AL Standings

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct., GB. Lists standings for AL East, AL Central, AL West, and NL East divisions.

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Tuesday's Games
Florida 12, Atlanta 1
St. Louis 7, Pittsburgh 1
New York 4, Houston 0
Cincinnati 6, Chicago 3
Montreal 6, Philadelphia 2
Los Angeles 6, San Francisco 2

Wednesday's Games

Atlanta (Givins 15-9) at Florida (K. Brown 16-11), 6:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Alan Bane 13-10) at Pittsburgh (Lieber 9-5), 6:05 p.m.
Montreal (Pantano 2-3) at Philadelphia (West 1-2), 6:35 p.m.
Chicago (Foster 7-5) at Cincinnati (Burke 10-13), 6:35 p.m.
New York (Clark 14-11) at Houston (Reynolds 16-10), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Van Lanningham 9-14) at Los Angeles (Astacio 9-8), 8:35 p.m.
Colorado (Ma. Thompson 9-11) at San Diego (Hamilton 15-9), 9:35 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Chicago (Swartzbaugh 0-1) at Cincinnati (Jarvis 7-8), 11:35 a.m.
New York (Wilson 5-12) at Houston (Drabek 6-9), 1:35 p.m.
Atlanta (Nease 16-8) at Florida (A. Lauer 15-12), 6:05 p.m.
Montreal (Dault 3-4) at Philadelphia (Schilling 9-9), 6:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Gardner 11-7) at Los Angeles (Candotti 8-10), 8:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

NL Leaders

BATTING—A. Rodriguez, Seattle, .361; F. Thomas, Chicago, .348; K. Blauvelt, Minnesota, .339; E. Martinez, Seattle, .337; M. Lottor, Minnesota, .336; R. Alomar, Baltimore, .334; G. Renteria, Texas, .333.
RUNS—A. Rodriguez, Seattle, 140; K. Blauvelt, Minnesota, 137; L. Ottor, Cleveland, 131; R. Alomar, Baltimore, 131; G. Renteria, Texas, 122; T. Thome, Cleveland, 121; E. Martinez, Seattle, 121.
RBI—B. Bell, Cleveland, 146; J. Gonzalez, Texas, 143; M. Vaughn, Boston, 142; R. Palmeiro, Baltimore, 140; G. Renteria, Texas, 138; B. Hunter, Seattle, 138; F. Thomas, Chicago, 132.
HTS—M. Lottor, Minnesota, 217; A. Rodriguez, Seattle, 210; L. Ottor, Cleveland, 207; M. Vaughn, Boston, 201; K. Blauvelt, Minnesota, 192; R. Alomar, Baltimore, 192; I. Rodriguez, Texas, 190.
DOUBLES—A. Rodriguez, Seattle, 52; E. Martinez, Seattle, 52; I. Rodriguez, Texas, 46; Cordova, Minnesota, 44; M. Ramirez, Cleveland, 43; R. Alomar, Baltimore, 43; C. Cirillo, Milwaukee, 42.
TRIPLES—K. Blauvelt, Minnesota, 13; V. Vina, Milwaukee, 18; O. Herem, Kansas City, 8; D. Martinez, Chicago, 8; G. Guillen, Chicago, 8; M. Lottor, Minnesota, 8; Mearns, Minnesota, 7; J. Valentin, Pittsburgh, 7; Carter, Toronto, 7.
HOME RUNS—McGwire, Oakland, 52; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 48; J. Gonzalez, Texas, 47; Belle, Cleveland, 47; M. Vaughn, Boston, 44; B. Hunter, Seattle, 44.
STOLEN BASES—L. Ottor, Cleveland, 78; T. Goodwin, Kansas City, 65; N. Lirio, Toronto, 54; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 44; Vizquel, Cleveland, 35; Durham, Chicago, 30; McLemore, Texas, 28.
PITCHING (18 Decisions)—Smoltz, Atlanta, 23-8, 742, 3.00; R. Martinez, Los Angeles, 15-6, 714, 3.44; Valdes, Los Angeles, 15-7, 882, 3.35; Neagle, Atlanta, 16-4, 867, 3.28; Hamilton, San Diego, 15-8, 852, 4.08; An. Bane, St. Louis, 18-10, 843, 3.76; Glavin, Atlanta, 15-9, 825, 3.05.
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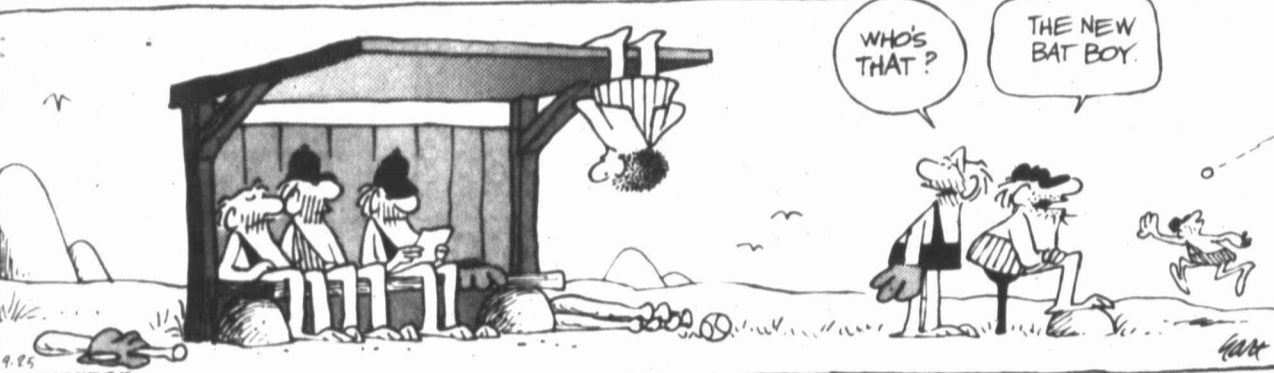
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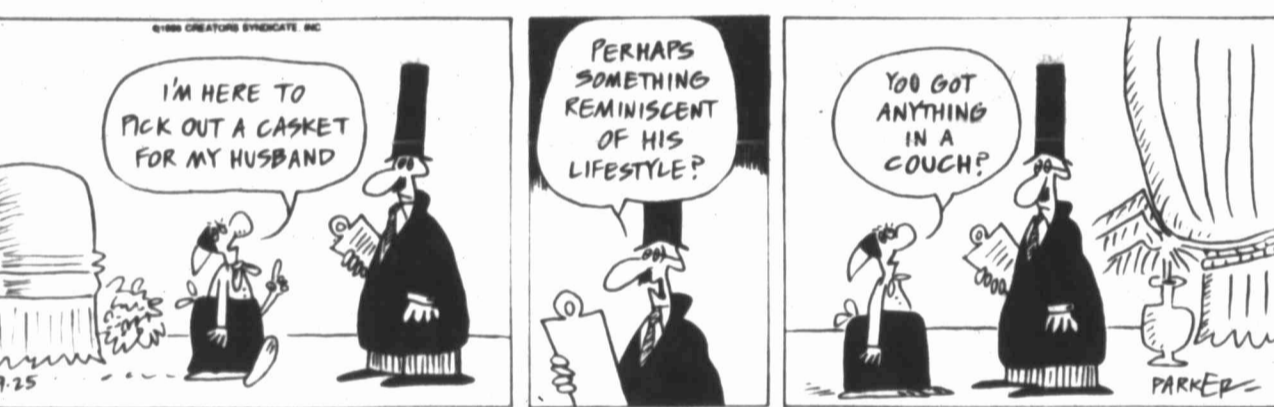


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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Sept. 26, the 270th day of 1996. There are 96 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Sept. 26, 1789, Thomas

Jefferson was appointed America's first Secretary of State; John Jay the first chief justice of the United States; Samuel Osgood the first Postmaster General; and Edmund Jennings Randolph the first Attorney General. On this date: In 1777, British troops occupied Philadelphia during the

American Revolution. In 1892, John Philip Sousa and his newly formed band performed publicly for the first time, at the Stillman Music Hall in Plainfield, N.J. In 1914, the Federal Trade Commission was established. In 1950, U.N. troops recaptured the South Korean capital of Seoul from the North Koreans. In 1960, the first televised debate between presidential candidates Richard M. Nixon and John F. Kennedy took place in Chicago. In 1980, the Cuban government abruptly closed Mariel Harbor, ending the "freedom flotilla" of Cuban refugees that began the previous April. In 1981, the twin-engine Boeing 767 made its maiden flight at Everett, Wash. In 1990, the Motion Picture Association of America announced it had created a new rating, "NC-17," designed to bar moviegoers under the age of 17 from certain films without the commercial stigma of the old "X" rating.

Ten years ago: William H. Rehnquist was sworn in as the 16th chief justice of the United States, while Antonin Scalia joined the Supreme Court as its 103rd member. Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone apologized for remarks he'd made about American minorities that were considered racist. Today's Birthdays: Fitness expert Jack LaLanne is 82. Actress Julie London is 70. Country singer David Frizzell is 55. Actor Kent McCord is 54.

THE Daily Crossword by C.F. Murray

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

Answers to Tuesday's puzzle: 8 Related, 9 Cause suffering, 10 Lead source, 11 du Vent, 12 News source, at times, 13 Gainsay, 22 pinch, 23 A base, 25 Tra, 27 Detection device, 28 Use transparent paper, 29 Lugged around, 30 Chopped out weeds, 31 Shrew's weapon?, 32 Choleric, 33 Escapade, 35 Zilch, 38 Besides, 39 London gallery, 41 Deadhead, 42 Dessert wine, 44 Designate, 45 Network listing, 47 Parking aide, 48 Scheme, 49 Heroine of 'The Last Days of Pompeii', 50 Many, many moons, 51 Let go, 52 Lets go, 54 Can. prov., 55 Marmalade piece, 59 Neither's partner.

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