

BSISD officials say student-teacher ratio mandates carefully met

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Of all the state mandates passed down to local school districts, class size in elementary schools might be the most strictly enforced.

It has been about 10 years since the Legislature mandated a student-teacher ratio of 22-to-1 in grades K-4, and a local school official says the state is very serious about enforcing that number.

"We're definitely in compliance," said Murray Murphy, assistant superintendent for the Big Spring Independent

"We feel it is important to a good education to have as low of a ratio as we can. Some of our classes are right at the ratio, but most are below it."

Murray Murphy
Assistant Superintendent

School District. "You don't want to mess around with that."

Big Spring is safely within state guidelines in all affected grades except kindergarten, which has a student-teacher ratio of 21-to-1. In the first and

second grades, the ratio is 18-1, while the third-grade ratio is 19-to-1. Fourth-grade classes have a 16-to-1 ratio.

Murphy said the state started enforcing the ratios on a gradual basis — starting with kindergarten one year,

then first grade the next, etc.

Now that the mandates are in place, however, school districts must honor them. In Big Spring's case, it has meant bringing in portable classrooms to alleviate overcrowding.

Murphy said the district takes other steps to ensure ratios stay within state guidelines.

"When we fill up at one campus, we administratively pull students from that campus and put them in another one," Murphy said. "Of course, we do take care of transportation."

Getting leeway from the state to work around an unexpected problem is

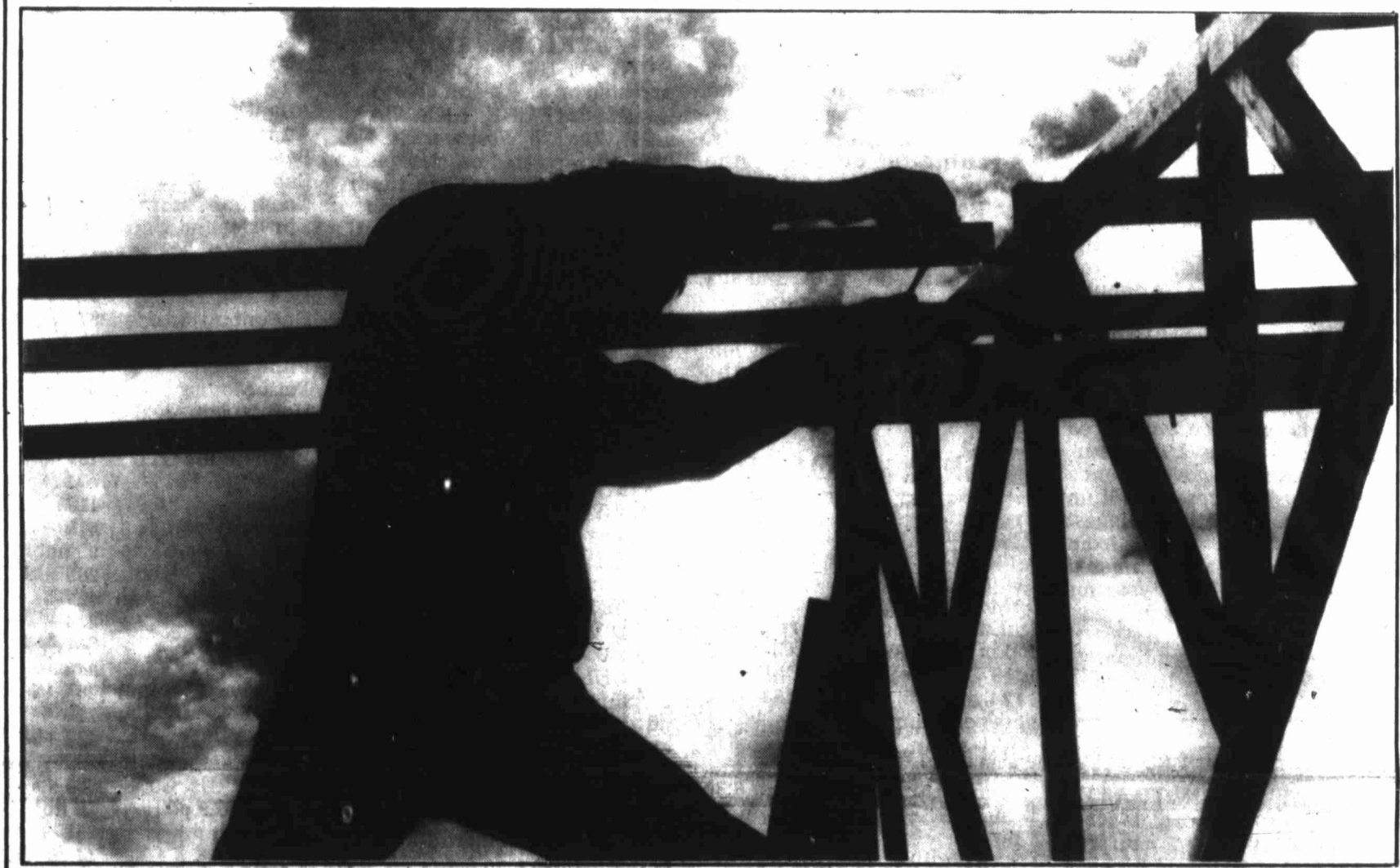
difficult, he said.

"You're required to get a waiver from the state (if emergency overcrowding occurs)," Murphy said, "and they may grant it for a semester. But the bottom line is that the state wants you to be in compliance."

As for grades 5-12, Murphy said there is no state-mandated ratio, but added that BSISD tries to adhere to ratios no higher than 25-1.

"We feel it is important to a good education to have as low of a ratio as we can," he said. "Some of our classes are right at the ratio, but most are below it."

HARD WORK



Juan Yanez works to tie a new greenhouse to the north wall of Faye's Flowers. The florist's old greenhouse was destroyed in the May hailstorm. The new greenhouse should be completed in the next few days.

Perot takes presidential debate fight to court

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ross Perot is getting his day in court today in his fight to join the debates between President Clinton and Bob Dole.

On the same mission, John Hagelin, the Natural Law Party's nominee, also was taking his case before U.S. District Court Judge Thomas Hogan.

"It's kind of hard to compete if you're not in the game," Perot said in advance of the court hearing that he is not expected to attend. "I never thought I'd live to see free speech throttled in the U.S.A."

Both men were excluded by the Presidential Commission on

Debates, a private panel set up by the Republican and Democratic parties. So the third-party contenders sued to force their way into the nationally televised debates, including the first one set for Sunday at Hartford, Conn.

"Basically, what we wish to have the court rule is that Ross Perot met all of the objective criteria laid down by the Federal Election Commission and as such qualifies as a participant in these debates," Perot's running mate, Pat Choate said today.

"If the courts do not give us fair and equal treatment we will

immediately go to the appellate court in the District of Columbia," Choate said on Fox TV. "We have been informed that if we win, that the debate commission is saying that they would cancel the debates rather than permit us in those debates. So we're simply saying that's not fair."

The commission reasoned that the Reform Party's Perot had no "realistic" chance of being elected. But Perot countered that "declaring the election essentially over for all candidates but two before a single debate takes place will only deepen the nation's cynicism

about government."

"It is... a fact of modern political life that to have any chance in the general election, a candidate must be included in the debates," the Natural Law Party said in its suit. "They are, in the words of one of the advisors to the CPD, a job interview with the American people."

On Monday, Perot staffers grumbled that he was locked out because some commission sponsors support the North American Free Trade Agreement, a pet target of the Texas billionaire.

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Gov. Bush assigned to Travis County's jury pool

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush is on his way to court, but not as a defendant or even a plaintiff.

The Republican governor, and son of former President Bush, claimed to be just an ordinary citizen Monday as he reported for jury duty.

He was assigned to report on Oct. 8 to a Travis County criminal court, where he could be selected from a pool of potential jurors for a case.

"I'm glad to serve," Bush said. "We'll see what the process yields."

Travis County calls a mass pool of potential jurors and divides the pool into smaller groups assigned to courts.

Bush will go through jury selection before Judge David Cain. But he said he would likely be dismissed because of his job as governor, which includes the power to pardon criminals.

"There could be a conflict," he said. "Generally, someone who has such well known opinions may well be struck."

Before getting his assignment, Bush joked with fellow Travis County residents and signed

autographs. He was warmly greeted by court officials as an example of a busy and important person doing his duty.

"I just answered the summons," he said, adding that its "feeble excuse" for people to claim they are too busy or too important for jury duty.

"If you're going to live in a democracy, take advantage of a fantastic system, you need to participate, whether it be showing up for jury duty, whether it be voting, whether it be helping someone who needs help," he said.

Katherine Jaimes, of Austin, agreed.

"I'm happy that he's willing to be able to work with our community and to participate as a juror," said Jaimes. "It sends out a very good message. Everybody's busy."

While emphasizing that he was just one of the more than 500 potential jurors, Bush did take advantage of his position. The governor, also known as juror No. 536, lined up for his assignment when the first 200 people were called forward.

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TODAY'S WEATHER

▲ Highs
▼ Lows

Today: Sunny with a high in the mid 80s. Tonight, fair with a low in the mid to upper 50s.

Extended outlook: Wednesday, mostly sunny. High from the mid 80s to lower 90s. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Lows 50-55. Thursday, partly cloudy and cooler. Highs in the 70s. Friday and Saturday, partly cloudy. Lows in the 45 to 50.

Polls show no Trumanesque comeback yet for Dole

NEW YORK (AP) — Bob Dole has shrugged off his poor poll standings with a reminder of the infamous "Dewey Defeats Truman" headline. Five weeks before Election Day, polls show Dole has yet to begin a Trumanesque comeback.

Dole was no closer to President Clinton — with a double-digit deficit among likely voters — than at Labor Day, according to ABC News and CNN-USA Today-Gallup surveys released Monday.

And ABC found fewer than one in 10 of either candidate's

supporters said there's a good chance they'll change their minds.

"The hour's getting late for Bob Dole," said ABC polling analyst Gary Langer. "... If there's a glimmer of less-then-grim news for Dole in this poll, it's that there's been a slight drop in the number of voters who disbelieve his centerpiece (tax cut) promise ..."

When Dole announced his \$650 billion economic plan, 75 percent of Americans polled doubted he could cut taxes and balance the budget at the same

time, according to a previous ABC survey. In the latest ABC poll, the skepticism dropped to 63 percent.

Overall, ABC polling Wednesday through Sunday found 52 percent of likely voters favored Clinton and Al Gore, 37 percent backed Dole and Jack Kemp and 5 percent supported the Reform Party's Ross Perot and Pat Choate.

In the rolling average of Gallup polls Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Clinton-Gore were backed by 56 percent, Dole-Kemp 34 and Perot-Choate 5.

Gallup's nightly tracking had found some tightening of the race last week, but Clinton's numbers have improved and Dole's have slipped since then.

Dole came closest in Gallup tracking last Tuesday through Thursday, when the race was 49-39-6; at Labor Day it was 53-36-5.

In 1948, Harry Truman trailed Thomas Dewey by 13 points in a late August Gallup poll; by mid-October, he narrowed the deficit to 5 points. Gallup didn't poll again before the election.

Crunch time vote in Congress kills Helium reserve?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just a few days more, and the federal helium reserve would have dodged the congressional budget-cutting axe for yet another year.

But in Congress' rush to adjourn, foes of the oft-criticized Texas Panhandle-based program managed to squeeze their legislation into the final crush of business, sending it to President Clinton's desk.

By voice vote Saturday, the Senate endorsed legislation that would result in the dismantling of most operations at the reserve, located near Amarillo, and the eventual sale of its 32

billion cubic feet of helium.

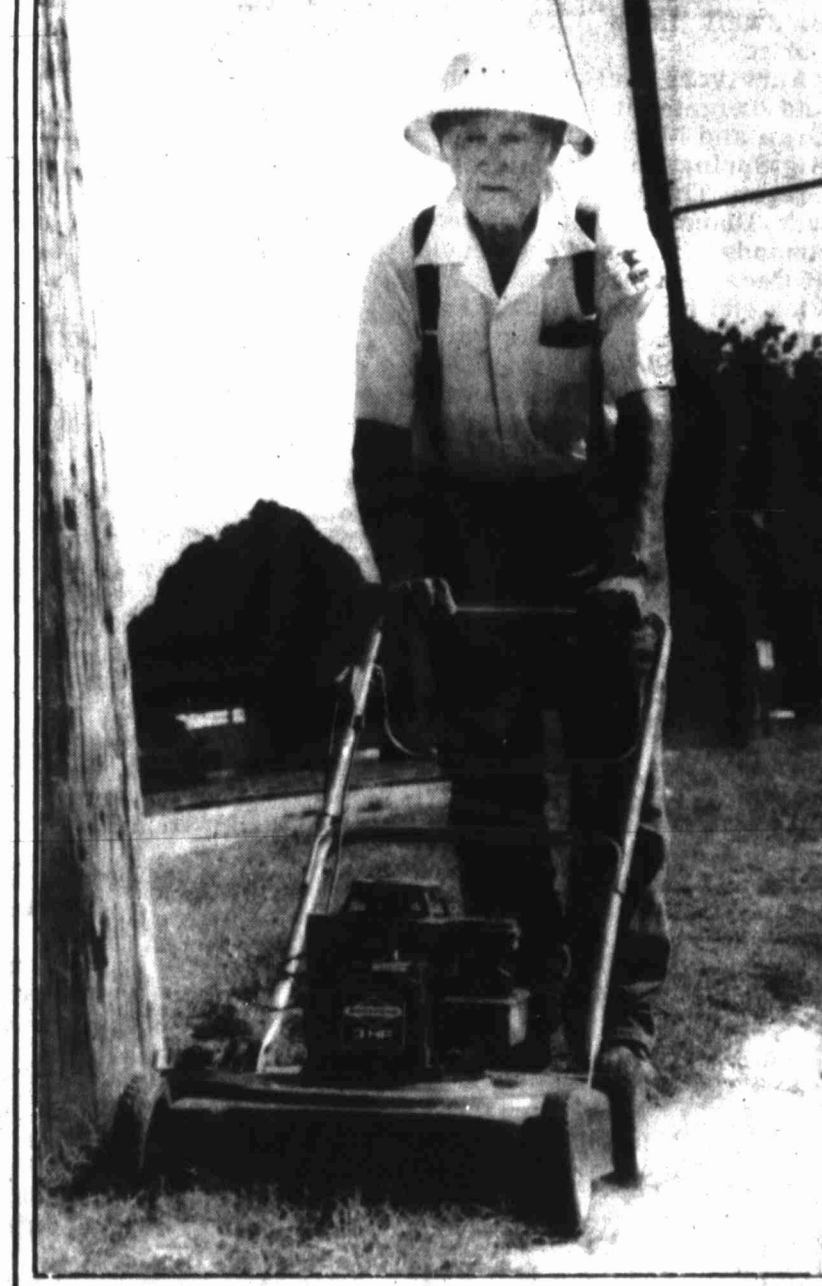
Workers at the reserve, which has been a favorite target of budget cutters, went about their business Monday.

"It's not any great big surprise," said Jimmy Muncy, manager of the Amarillo Helium Plant. "We will just cross the next bridge when we get to it."

The reserve's administrative officer, Tim Spisak, said that with Congress nearing adjournment, it appeared likely that the issue would be pushed off until next year. But that belief was.

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WONDERFUL WEATHER



J.R. Piper mows a vacant lot across the street from the Trinity Baptist Church. Members of the church use the lot for extra parking. Piper enjoys keeping the lot free of tall grass and weeds, and is a member of the Proud Citizens Committee.

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OBITUARIES

Santiago (James) Morales

Funeral mass for Santiago (James) Morales, 34, Big Spring, was 10 a.m. today at St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church, Lamesa, with Father Charles Hammond officiating. Burial was in the Lamesa Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. Morales died Friday, Sept. 27, 1996, in Midland.

He was born on May 3, 1962, in Lamesa. He was married to Lori and worked for Co-Ex Pipe Co. as the head lineman. He was Catholic.

Survivors include his wife: Lori Morales; two sons: James Morales Jr. and Santiago Morales, both of Lamesa; one daughter: Patricia Morales, Big Spring; his father: Armando Morales Sr., Lamesa; seven brothers: Ernest Morales, Larry Morales, Alfred Morales, Richard Morales, George Morales, all of Lamesa, Ben Morales and Armando Morales Jr., both of Midland; and two sisters: Alicia Gonzales, Lamesa, and Dina Morales, Austin.

Arrangements under the direction of Guajardo Funeral Chapel of Lamesa.

Mary Jane Vick

Mary Jane Vick, 93, Big Spring, died on Monday, Sept. 30, 1996, in a local hospital.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, 1996, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Royce Clay, minister of Ackerly Church of Christ, officiating.

Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on Jan. 25, 1903, in Sealy, Texas and married Oran Henry Vick on May 18, 1925, in Angleton, Texas. He preceded her in death on Sept. 15, 1990.

She came to Big Spring in 1936 from Damon, Texas and was a homemaker.

She was a member of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law: Thomas Oran and Mary Louise Vick, Big Spring; three grandsons: Gregory Thomas Vick and his wife, Diane and their children, Amanda, Hilary and Nathan all of Cedar Hill, Stanley Louis Vick and his wife, Ginger and their children, Stanley Jr., Bethany and Zachary all of Fort Worth, Scott D. Vick and his wife, Tiffany and their children, Tanner and Tristan all of San Antonio; three sisters, Eleanor Ward of Rosenberg, Hattie Padon of West Columbia, and Anita Baxley of Sunrise Beach.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Joyce

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Mary Jane Vick, 93, died Monday. Services will be 11:00 AM Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.
Irene Duval Wiley, 97, died Tuesday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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Jeanette Vick, three brothers and two sisters.

Pallbearers will be Charley Kelly, Bruce Griffith, Maurice Griffith, Hilliard Ditmore, Walter Stroup and Curt Mullins. Honorary pallbearers will be George Weeks, Cecil Rasberry, Dan Johnson, Wendel Payte, and Robert Thompson.

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

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Irene Duval Wiley

Service for Irene Duval Wiley, 97, Albuquerque, N.M., formerly of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She died Tuesday, Oct. 1, 1996, in Albuquerque.

Perot

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"We've known the debate commission was a shill for the two established political parties all along," Choate said Monday. "Now we know it is a paid lackey for the NAFTA lobby as well."

Perot is also pleading his case with the Federal Communications Commission, claiming the major television networks won't sell him air time to broadcast campaign commercials in prime time.

Instead, he scheduled two 30-minute campaign commercials back to back today, starting at 11 a.m. EDT on NBC, replacing a morning talk show in some markets that was to have been dedicated to the topic of date rape.

Both the debate commission and the Federal Election Commission were named as defendants in Perot's suit. Third-party candidates sued the debate commission twice — and lost both times — in 1988 and 1992.

After Hartford, a second presidential debate is set for Oct. 16 in San Diego. A vice presidential face-off is set for Oct. 9 in St. Petersburg, Fla.

4-H banquet honors several youngsters

HERALD Staff Report

Katie Gaskins, Lauren Middleton and Jerrod Johnston won top honors at the annual Howard County 4-H banquet Monday at the Howard College Cactus Room.

Gaskins and Middleton won Gold Star Awards, the highest 4-H honor given, while Johnston was named outstanding junior 4-H member for the past year.

County 4-H extension agent Keith Klement announced several award winners. Among them were:

• County Projects Awards
• Food and Nutrition - Katie Gaskins; Emily McCann; and Clay Hart.

• Swine - Katie Gaskins; Jerrod Johnston; Audra Johnston; Tony Wyrick; Nick Bailey; Brennan Bailey; and Trevor Bibb.

• Fashion design - Lindsay Moates; Emily McCann; and Tanya Tabor.

• Beef cattle - Lindsay Moates; Brandi Purcell; John Purcell; Lance Purcell; Cody McCann; and Terance Tabor.

• Sheep - Lauren Middleton; and Trisha Nichols.

• Consumer education - Brandi Purcell.

• Horse - Lauren Middleton; Vance Smith; and Clayton Smith.

• Horticulture - Lauren Middleton.

• Shooting sports - Clay Hart; Katie Gaskins; Orin Romine; and Carmen Hipp.

• Adult leader - Cindy Middleton; and Jim Purcell.

• Friend of 4-H - HEB Food Stores.

Record Book Awards
• Food and nutrition - Katie Gaskins.

• Shooting sports - Clay Hart.
• Swine - Trevor Bibb; Nick Bailey; and Brennan Bailey.

RECORDS

Monday's high 78

Monday's low 55

Average high 82

Average low 55

Record high 103 in 1977

Record low 41 in 1985

Rainfall Monday 0.00

Month to date 2.27

Year to date 15.37

Normal for the year 16.39

Helium

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shaken when the House last week again debated the bill by Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., that eventually would put the government out of the helium business.

Then came the Senate's endorsement Saturday.

Of the reserve's 180 employees, Spisak said: "I think you're going to have a mixed reaction. Some are kind of surprised, some expected it, some are surprised it took this long."

Clinton, who has singled out the helium program as an outmoded, unnecessary government program, is expected to sign Cox's bill.

The measure would shut off the reserve's operations after 18 months. The government-owned helium, stored in an underground storage dome, would be liquidated over an 18-year period. The stockpile, which could supply the world for 10 years and the federal government for 80, would be sold slowly so as not to destabilize the private helium market.

Roughly 140 of the reserve's employees would find themselves out of a job after the 18-month period.

The federal government first began stockpiling helium, a derivative of natural gas, in 1960 amid concerns that supplies might run out.

The Bureau of Mines bought the helium in the 1960s for \$252 million. It borrowed the money from the U.S. Treasury and has never paid it back. Over the years, interest ballooned the debt to \$1.4 billion. Although reserve defenders said the ever-rising debt was a paper liability owed one federal agency by another, it provided a juicy target for critics.

The program also was tarred by a reputation as a dinosaur, dating back to the government's World War I interest in helium for blimps. Today the biggest federal demand comes from NASA, which uses an estimated 70 million cubic feet a year for the space shuttle and other purposes.

IN BRIEF

TCA CABLE OF BIG SPRING WILL AIR LAST MONDAY'S CANDIDATES FORUM ON CHANNEL 10 this evening starting at 7 p.m. The forum was at St. Paul Lutheran Church and sponsored by Concerned Women for America. It features candidates vying for the 17th Congressional District in Washington, D.C., the 28th state Senate District and the 70th state Representative District.

ALL ITEMS FOR PUBLICATION IN THE LIFE! SECTION ON SUNDAY, OCT. 13 need to be turned into the HERALD by Tuesday at noon on Oct. 8 due to scheduling changes. These items include engagements, anniversaries, weddings, Who's Who, birth announcements, military news, etc. Call Kellie Jones at 263-7331, ext. 235 for more information.

THE SITE FOR THE TEXAS TECH DNA SAMPLING OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE has changed. The site is now at Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road. It is scheduled for Nov. 5 from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and packets can be picked up at Comanche Trail Nursing Center or at Marcy House after Oct. 7. This is being sponsored

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ON THE RUN

by the Permian Basin Alzheimer's Association.

BIG SPRING STATE HOSPITAL WILL HAVE ITS EMPLOYEE AWARD CEREMONY Oct. 10 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. This is a family affair and employees are encouraged to bring their spouses and children. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Allred Auditorium with games, fun and food. The awards ceremony will begin at 6:30 p.m. Barbecue tickets are \$6 for adults and \$2.50 for children.
Call 268-7271 to RSVP by Oct. 6.

THE BIG SPRING FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL BE BURNING ITEMS at Industrial Park beginning Tuesday, Oct. 1 through Friday, Oct. 4. Fire Marshall Burr Lea Settles said firefighters will be burning raw lumber and trees that can't be moved from the and 4 p.m. and hayrides at 3 and 4:30 p.m. The event gets underway at the park's upper pavilion and picnic area.

Visitors can enjoy hay rides around the mountain and youngsters of all ages can participate in the pumpkin hunts, searching for dozens of the gourds hidden among bales of hay. Ron Alton, park manager, and Angie Way, Heritage Museum curator, will be in charge of the hay rides and storytelling.

Admission is \$1 per person and children 12 years of age and under are free. Call the park at 263-4931 for more information.

SPRINGBOARD

TODAY
•Comanche Lake Duplicate, 1 p.m., Dora Roberts Civic Center.

•Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 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.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

•Compassionate Friends, support group for parents who have experienced the death of a child, 7:30 p.m., Family Life Center at the First Baptist Church. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.

•Encouragers support group (for widows and widowers), 5:30 p.m., at a local restaurant. Call 398-5522 or 399-4369.

•VFW Post #2013, 7 p.m., VFW Hall.

•Family Council meeting, 10 a.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. This is for relatives of people who are in nursing homes. David Counts will be in attendance.

WEDNESDAY
•Line dance lessons, 2 p.m., Senior Citizens Center in the Industrial Park.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.

THURSDAY
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m.

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POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents during a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Tuesday:

• **DONALD BELTZ**, 30, 2608 Fairchild St., was arrested on local warrants.

• **ELVIS LANG**, 21, 506 1/2 Nolan St., was arrested on local warrants.

• **BOBBY SILVA**, 24, 1208 Mesa St., was arrested on local warrants.

• **JENNIFER LYNN THOMPSON**, 19, Lafayette, Ind., was arrested on a charge of failure to identify.

• **ROGER JAY FARRIS**, 27, Lafayette, Ind., was arrested on a charge of harboring a runaway.

• **HENRY KARL JURGE-SON**, 58, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **PATRICIA RICHARD-SON**, 31, 107 Carey St., was arrested on an assault charge.

• **MICHELE LEE TAYLOR**, 20, 538 Westover St. No. 225, was arrested on charges of no driver's license, no insurance and expired registration.

• **JOE MUNOZ**, 40, 108 N. Nolan St., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **TERRY LANE NAVER**, 44, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **PHILLIP BRUCE MARCUS**, 51, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **MICHAEL EUGENE MENDEZ**, 20, 607 S. Douglas St., was arrested on charges of no driver's license and no insurance.

• **DEBRA DENISE AUSBIE**, 34, 120 Airbase Rd. No. 265, was arrested on local warrants.

• **LEE AUTHER FINLEY**, 27, Shreveport, La., was arrested on a charge of fleeing to elude arrest and failure to identify.

• **HAROLD D. ATKINSON**, 30, Rt. 3 Box 284, was arrested on a charge of hindering a police officer.

• **MELVIN RAY DICKERSON**, 36, 504 Gregg St., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ASSAULT** was reported on the 1000 block of N. Main Street.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported on the 500 block of East FM 700.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported on the 1600 block of Kentucky Way.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents during a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Tuesday:

• **EDWARD VINCENT MENDEZ III**, 21, 2613 N. Lamesa Highway, was sentenced to concurrent 30-day sentences in the county jail after being found guilty on two counts of possession of marijuana under two ounces.

• **ALFREDO DIAZ**, 31, 1523 E. 17th St., was arrested on a revocation of probation warrant.

• **SHARON ANNETTE JAMES**, 37, 400 W. Hwy. 80 Apt. M, was found guilty of delivery of marijuana. She was sentenced to 30 days in jail and ordered to pay fines and court costs.

• **RICHARD JAMES WHITE JR.**, 20, Rt. 2 Box 341, pleaded guilty to a charge of public intoxication. He was credited with time served and released.

MARKETS

Oct. cotton futures 75.10 cents a pound, up 32 points; Nov. crude oil 24.13, down 25 points; Cash hog steady at 58 cents even; slaughter steers steady at 72 cents even; Oct. live hog futures 57.87, up 15 points; Oct. live cattle futures 73.77, up 45 points.

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Atmos Energy	23 1/2
Boston Chicken	35 1/2
Cabot	28 1/2
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Chrysler	28 1/4
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Wal-Mart	25 1/2
Ancap	14.26-15.13
Euro Pacific	25.18-26.72
I.C.A.	23.61-25.05
New Economy	17.72-18.80
New Perspective	17.77-18.85
Van Kampen	14.30-15.01
Prime Rate	8.25%
Gold	377.70-378.20
Silver	4.85-4.88

IN BRIEF

THE CITY'S COMPOSTING FACILITY IS CLOSED UNTIL OCT. 15. Please take any limbs or other items for composting to the landfill. The facility is being shut down to prepare it to be moved to the landfill later this year.

Regis Hairstylists is sponsoring its sixth annual Clip for the Cure to raise money for breast cancer research on Oct. 5 at the Big Spring Mall. You can get a haircut for \$10 and proceeds from the haircuts and 10 percent of Regis product line sales during Oct. 1-14 will benefit breast cancer research. Contact the salon at 263-1111 for more information.

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State: TU owes customers \$105 million for overcharges

AUSTIN (AP) — A state agency says Texas Utilities Electric Company owes customers \$105 million for charges it deems unreasonable.

The Office of Public Utility Counsel, an ombudsman agency representing ratepayers, filed expert testimony Monday in a Public Utility Commission case regarding fuel costs paid by customers between 1992 and 1995.

TU admits it overcollected \$101 million in fuel expenses during that span, according to the ombudsman.

But the Office of Public Utility Counsel claims it found another \$105 million that TU owes its customers.

The biggest portion of that amount is related to the collapse of a 600-foot-high stack at the TU steam generation plant in Mount Pleasant three years ago.

The collapse, which killed one worker and injured three others, resulted in additional replacement fuel expenses of \$66 million.

Texas' largest nursing home operator plans to leave state

AUSTIN — The nation's largest nursing home chain says it will sell its Texas facilities partially because of what they perceive as unfairly punitive actions by state regulators.

Beverly Enterprises Inc., operator of 49 nursing homes in Texas, said Monday it will sell 43 of them and give up the leases on six others.

The company operates 640 nursing homes nationwide. There are other considerations besides the actions by regulators, a company spokesman says.

"It was my understanding that part of the decision had to do with the hostile environment for long-term care, and the other had to do with the new focus and direction of the company — managed care and community-based care," said Sharon Flippen, Beverly's governmental relations director in Texas.

Jury seated in trial of former A&M chairman

GIDDINGS — A Brazos County prosecutor says he won't seek prison time for a former Texas A&M regents chairman accused of using a state airplane to go to his son's college graduation in Louisiana.

Ross Margraves, a Houston attorney, is charged with felony official misconduct. He was indicted in Brazos County five months ago, but the case was moved to Lee County, about 45 miles to the southwest.

The charge against Margraves carries a penalty of up to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine, but prosecutor Bill Turner said Monday that he will not seek a prison term.

Turner made the disclosure Monday during jury selection in the trial, telling prospective jurors that his office would find probation appropriate were Margraves convicted. Afterward, he refused to elaborate.

Mrs Baird's emerges from bankruptcy

FORT WORTH — Mrs Baird's Bakeries has emerged from six months in Chapter 11 bankruptcy after a federal judge approved the company's plan to pay creditors and settlements in price-fixing lawsuits.

Under the plan confirmed Monday by Federal Bankruptcy Court Judge Massie Tillman, the Fort Worth company will pay \$18 million to settle two lawsuits filed by school districts and retail grocers and \$600,000 to settle a claim by the state.

The plan also calls for full payment to all Mrs Baird's creditors. Mrs Baird's filed for bankruptcy protection on March 28, citing the potential for more than \$100 million in liabilities from the price-fixing allegations.

The company was convicted in February on one criminal count of price fixing, for which it was fined \$10 million.

El Paso workers stage protest against NAFTA

AUSTIN (AP) — Maria Fernandez doesn't understand why she needs a piece of paper to get a job like the one she had. Fernandez, 50, lost her job last year at Farah Factory Stores in El Paso because of employee layoffs.

Dozens of factories in El Paso have closed and many have downsized because they can't open businesses in Mexico and pay lower wages under the North American Free Trade Agreement, according to a group of mostly El Paso women who protested state job retraining programs Monday.

Ms. Fernandez is now taking English classes through the NAFTA Trade Adjustment Assistance program. The program requires her to get a

General Education Development certificate before getting job training.

"We're ready to get other training, but why do I need a GED?" says Ms. Fernandez, the mother of three. "I have the ability to work. I want to feel productive. I don't want to be on welfare, getting the government to pay my rent. I don't want to feel useless."

Under the TAA program, workers receive cash assistance for up to 19 months as long as they are enrolled in an approved training program, said David Beshear, a spokesman with the Texas Workforce Commission, which oversees the program.

Recipients also receive assistance to pay for books, tuition

and fees.

"The program's goal is to help these people find a job that pays at least 80 percent of what they were making," Beshear said, adding that many of the laid-off workers made up to \$16 an hour. "Low-skill, low-wage jobs are moving out of El Paso. The jobs being created right now in El Paso require people to know English and to have a high school education."

About 15 members of La Mujer Obrera, or The Working Woman, stood outside the Governor's mansion Monday to protest what they call discrimination against Hispanic workers in the TAA program.

Guillermo Glenn, coordinator for La Mujer Obrera in El Paso, said the workers are being

pushed into English classes instead of job training.

"They were promised retraining, they were promised assistance," he added. "Now they have to get their GED. They have to speak English. What about the last 30 years?"

Members of the group said the government needs to establish a program that incorporates job training with English classes.

But at a meeting Monday with members of the Texas Workforce Commission, Glenn said the group was told "that's just the way it is."

Beshear says local workforce boards are being created to provide employment training, job placement and other services.

Morales, Gramm square off over DARE program

AUSTIN (AP) — Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Victor Morales has accused incumbent Republican Phil Gramm of voicing support for the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program while repeatedly voting against it.

"Texans know Phil Gramm's reputation for saying one thing in Texas and voting another way in Washington, but this is getting ridiculous," Morales said Monday.

Morales, a Mesquite teacher, was referring to a comment made by Gramm in Sunday night's televised senatorial forum in which Gramm said he

had worked with and supported the DARE program to prevent drug use among youth.

Gramm spokesman Larry Neal said Gramm three times has voted against bills that included funding for DARE due to other reasons, including one measure with an amendment "that would have busted the budget by \$3 billion."

Neal said Gramm, as chairman of an appropriations subcommittee, helped write legislation last year that fully funded DARE.

"There is hardly a town in Texas where Phil Gramm hasn't visited and stood up for the

DARE program," Neal said. "If Victor Morales wants to know where Phil Gramm stands on DARE, all he has to do is get on the phone and call any DARE officer in Texas."

Morales spokesman Steve Hall said Gramm voted against bills containing funding for DARE on Feb. 7, 1990, again on Oct. 5, 1994, and on March 12 of this year.

"This is typical Grammstanding," Hall said. "He wants to take credit for a good program, but when it comes down to it, he always finds some reason to vote against it, even if he is one of a

handful."

Neal said Gramm voted against the 1990 bill because it would have created a national school board "literally run by the National Education Association and American Federation of Teachers."

"You bet Phil Gramm is opposed to that," Neal said. "He is in favor of local school boards run by local parents, not a national school board run by Victor Morales' teachers' unions."

Neal said Gramm voted against the 1994 bill because it didn't include a provision for voluntary prayer in schools.

Philanthropist sets up fund to aid legal immigrants

WASHINGTON (AP) — Billionaire philanthropist George Soros is giving \$50 million to assist legal immigrants pinched by what he calls a "mean-spirited" welfare overhaul that denies them food stamps, SSI and other federal aid.

"There are real people out there being hurt — that is what I am responding to," the Hungarian-born financier said Monday.

Soros, who became a U.S. citizen in the early 1960s, announced creation of the

Emma Lazarus Fund, named after the poet whose words — "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free ..." — are inscribed on the Statue of Liberty.

The plan, he told reporters, is to finance services that help immigrants qualify for citizenship — English-language instruction, civic education, even the \$95 fee required for naturalization.

Citizenship, which requires a minimum of five years' residence, brings with it access to aid

denied to noncitizens under the Republican-drafted bill that President Clinton reluctantly signed into law in August.

"We want to spend the bulk of the money on the people themselves," Soros said, noting that the money will be available immediately and that community-based groups helping legal immigrants can apply for grants.

The gift is far from the only one made by the financier, whose worth is estimated at \$2.5 billion by Forbes magazine. His

foundations have given hundreds of millions of dollars to emerging democracies in the former Soviet bloc, South Africa, Haiti and Burma.

Soros, who left Hungary in 1947 for England, said he knows what it's like to need a government safety net. While working as a railroad porter in England, he broke a leg. Without access to England's nationalized health care system, "I couldn't have taken care of myself," he said.

Immigrant-advocacy groups hailed the gift.

New day at NASA: Shuttle goes private

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA enters a new era today as it begins turning over day-to-day shuttle operations to private industry to try to cut costs, the biggest change in the history of the program.

"This is a very, very major turning point for this agency," NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin said Monday in announcing the \$7 billion, six-year contract with United Space Alliance, a joint venture of Rockwell International Corp. and Lockheed Martin Corp.

Officials promise the shift will be gradual, with shuttle flight safety the No. 1 priority. In the short term, not even NASA and its contractor workers will see much difference.

NASA still will give the final "go" for launch and make the important decisions during a flight, as it has for the past 15 years. It will retain ultimate responsibility for safety and hire the astronauts, and it will still own the four shuttles.

But it will ease itself out of the routine, day-to-day work, such as preparing the shuttles, training the astronauts and operating Mission Control. Those duties will belong to United Space Alliance.

The contract, signed late last week but announced Monday, designates United Space Alliance as the single prime contractor for shuttle operations. It includes two two-year extension options that could bring the contract's total estimated value to \$12 billion over 10 years.

USA was formed in August

1995 and chosen by NASA as the single prime contractor three months later.

By compressing many contracts into one — this first phase consolidates 12 previous contracts — NASA hopes to improve shuttle safety, continue to fly shuttles seven or eight times a year, and reduce costs in the \$3 billion-a-year shuttle program.

Because Rockwell and Lockheed Martin already handled most of the shuttle work, the transition, while historic, won't make much immediate difference.

USA officials expect to save at least \$400 million in shuttle costs over the six-year life of the contract, probably much more.

Under the agreement, USA will be penalized for failing to meet safety and mission objectives. The better the company does, the more it will earn and the more taxpayers will save.

"We are telling the contractor we're going to give you 35 cents of every dollar that you save us," Goldin said. "May they get very rich because the taxpayer will get very rich, because we get back 65 cents."

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Quote of the Day

"A child not educated is a child lost."
—John F. Kennedy

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OUR VIEWS

Parents, not teachers, key to best in public education

Once again, somebody's so-called "blue ribbon" education commission has come up with the key to improving public education in America: Make sure that you have good teachers.

Perhaps nothing could be more true — a quality education is dependent on quality instruction.

Unfortunately, that 26-member commission's two-year study will go for naught, because, like North Carolina Gov. James Hunt, the panel's chairman, nobody seems capable of focusing on the real problem in today's public education crisis.

Yes, there are many school districts across the nation that hire unqualified teachers. Many make no effort to identify and keep good teachers or weed out incompetents.

Not surprisingly, the quality produced by such schools suffers.

But when Hunt said, "If we get the teachers right, everything else will follow," he couldn't have been more misguided.

The fact is that it's time to quit blaming the teaching profession, collectively, for something it has no control over.

Instead, let us realize that if we, as parents get our priorities right, everything else will follow.

Teachers aren't the problem with education today, parents are. Too many of today's children come from homes in which parents shirk any responsibility — particularly where education is concerned.

When parents don't stress the importance of education ... when they fail to provide stable and supportive environments for learning in the home ... there's virtually nothing even the best of teachers can do when the class buzzer sounds.

Yes, there are other components of successful schools — smaller classes, decent buildings and equipment, and quality textbooks — but without motivated kids who have parents willing to take an active part in their education, everything else is simply wasted effort.

Good teachers are necessary and we need to make sure we have them. There's nothing wrong with testing our teachers to make sure they're qualified, nor discharging those who come up wanting.

But until we provide them with the highest quality in raw material — children from homes that truly value and support the quest for knowledge — the final product, sadly, will be flawed.

OTHER VIEWS

It's not enough for some that they've won a constitutional battle with Virginia Military Institute and endangered future public experiments with same-sex education. Now they want to destroy the last vestiges of the school's 157-year-old identity as well.

Perhaps, though not certainly, the Supreme Court was right when it ruled that an all-male VMI contravened equality under the law and that the school had to either go co-ed or go out of business as a publicly financed institution. Given demise as the alternative, the school's board has voted to accept women, install new showers and bathrooms and restructure sleeping quarters in the barracks.

But that doesn't quite satisfy the National Organization for Women, which is more than miffed that VMI is also going to force women cadets to pass the same physical tests as men cadets. "VMI is obviously lamenting the downfall of the phallosocracy, the rule by the phallus," said NOW's vice president, according to a news account. The group hasn't ruled out court action if VMI sticks to its plan requiring women to do 60 sit-ups in two minutes, run a mile and a half in 12 minutes and meet still other standards required of male cadets.

Even overlooking the NOW official's bigoted, crude lan-

guage, her implicit attitude speaks reams about the reasons many have opposed VMI. The school's critics have not looked lovingly at the school's excellence and said to themselves what a terrible shame it is that women can't enjoy that educational experience.

Instead, they have bridled at a set of values different from their own — the Spartan-style discipline and the allegiance to military tradition, for instance — and they have wanted this thing to disappear. For all the use of the word, many in this land still have scant use for "diversity."

NOW is likely to lose this new argument, however. After all, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, author of the court's opinion, based her legal reasoning in part on the supposition that at least some women could meet the school's difficult physical standards, not that those standards would have to be changed to accommodate them. And it should be obvious to everyone that the school cannot begin shedding its standards without shedding its identity that, in the eyes of its supporters, is what makes it worth preserving. If women want a VMI education and can handle the physical rigors, fine. But a VMI education is then what they ought to get.

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Dole foolish to baby boomers with his drug talk

By LEONARD LARSEN
Scripps Howard News Service

WASHINGTON — The Bob Dole presidential campaign is not going to win over sizable numbers of baby boomers, their voting age children and other younger Americans by claiming President Clinton is soft on drugs.

Those are the Americans, actually now the majority of voting age Americans, where "soft on drugs" originated and where drugs have been seen, even tolerated, as a part of the landscape. They are also the people among whom Dole is most likely to be suspect as unknowing and intolerant of younger Americans, too old for the times.

Dole personally and in his TV advertising is using old TV clips in which Clinton recalls he once smoked a marijuana cigarette but "didn't inhale" and another, later clip in which he joked to a group of teenagers that he'd inhale if he got the chance to try pot again.

What's obvious to the baby boomers and their youngsters and most everybody else and what ought to be obvious to the

Dole campaign is that the film clips show more of President Clinton's pure sappiness than his permissiveness on illegal drugs and he ought to be seen as more a talkative dumbbell on the subject than a threat to the nation's young.

That, of course, would be on the shaky presumption that President Clinton was telling the truth concerning his past and prospective experiences with marijuana, which is a whole other subject that remains ripe for exploration.

What Dole seems to be saying in his attack on Clinton's "naked failure of leadership" on the drug issue is that the president — certainly the nation's most prominent among those baby boomers born between 1946 and 1964 — bears moral guilt, not just for himself but on behalf of the boomers and all the shocking and infuriating youthful goings-on during the 1960s.

However Dole intends it, that's not much more than stirring the coals of the age issue and the generation gap, the World War II generation vs. the baby boomer generation. And it may be news to the Dole campaign but the issue has

already been decided, in 1992 with the election of President Clinton, who won the presidency carrying all the boomer baggage, even including status as a Vietnam war protester and draft dodger.

What also seems lost on the Dole campaign is that among the boomers and the younger voting age Americans who followed them — a total population estimated at 108 million — is a major part of the catalogue of America's drug experience and shared knowledge of illegal drug usage and its consequences.

There must be in that group tens of millions of Americans who've used drugs — most likely marijuana but sometimes harder stuff — who've used and stopped using, who've never been addicted, who've regarded their own and others' occasional drug use as recreational and who, most important, resent uninformed political preaching on the subject from the other side of the generation gap.

It's impossible even to imagine that Dole could win over his side majority of those tens of millions of Americans who've been there and done that with

drugs and who, most likely, see not only the foolishness of Dole's attacking President Clinton as "soft on drugs" but see another broadside against them and their generation.

Rather than delivering a telling blow against President Clinton when he shows the TV clips of Clinton's sappy talk of his own marijuana experience, Dole only hurts himself on the age issue, helping to further alienate baby boomers and younger voters and emphasizing that Dole is old, from a different time and different place and he doesn't understand a lot that's been going on.

My own guess — from someone who shares Dole's generation and has kids among the boomers — is that when Dole uses the Clinton TV clips against the president and pontificates about the president being "soft on drugs," he's more likely to be laughed at than listened to. It's probably the same as when he recites that masterpiece of an anti-drug motto from the Dole campaign: "Just Don't Do It."

See with all this I'm drunk (Leonard Larsen writes a biweekly column for Scripps Howard News Service.)

Acting police chief knew it was not his time

By BILL MAXWELL
St. Petersburg Times

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Although Capt. Tony Jones, interim chief of the Gainesville Police Department and its highest-ranking black officer, supports affirmative action, he had little trouble last week in removing his name from the pool of candidates for permanent chief.

This action, an apparent retreat on first blush, is a lesson in individual principles from which we all can learn.

Jones has been interim head of the agency since May 31, when former Chief Wayland Clifton resigned. After Jones removed his name, City Manager Wayne Bowers commended him in a memorandum to the mayor and city commissioners: "Tony has performed outstanding work during his several months as interim police chief. He has demonstrated a continuing strong dedication to the Gainesville Police Department and taken an active role in the department."

With such accolades and with nearly 21 years on the force, why did the 39-year-old Jones drop out? Many of his supporters, both black and white, urged him to "hang in there," Jones said.

I have known Jones since 1988, when he invited me to join the Gainesville Black-on-Black Crime Task Force. He impressed me then with his effective work with the city's black children, and he impresses me now with the reasons

behind his decision to bow out.

Jones easily could have fought for the job, which attracted 85 applications nationwide. After all, he has a solid record both as a patrolman and as an administrator. And he certainly could have invoked the principles of affirmative action, as some had encouraged him to do. Moreover, and perhaps most important, he has done a good job as interim boss.

Even Jones' harshest critics grudgingly acknowledge that he worked his way up through the ranks — from child police explorer to captain.

"Some people say I could be a good chief right now," Jones said. "But I really don't think I'm ready to be the CEO of a 375-member organization. I was told to 'hang in there,' but I want to make sure I'm ready before I make a move like this. I think my police career is still young."

Cynics argue that Jones withdrew his name because he knew that he had no chance of getting the job. And they might be right. Each of the eight finalists Bowers selected after Jones withdrew either has an advanced law enforcement degree or other advanced professional experience, such as FBI National Academy training, or both.

Although Jones earned a bachelor's degree in human services from the University of Alabama, he has had no advanced professional training, which, by the way, is no guarantee that a person will be a good chief.

"I'm qualified in some areas," Jones said, "but most of the finalists are better qualified. Anyway, I want to attend formal training. It would be a disservice to me and to the residents of this city if we didn't hire the best qualified person for the job."

In this era of extreme race consciousness, worsened by the O.J. Simpson trial and crass anti-affirmative action politics, Jones is in a class unto himself, an example for the rest of us to emulate.

In my talks with him, he honestly assessed himself and black people's personal responsibilities in the nation's ever-tightening job market. Jones clearly understands his role as a black member of the department. He knows that he always must do an exemplary job — both for himself and for other African-Americans considering the field.

One of his goals, as he works with police explorers in the city's low-income neighborhoods, is to attract more qualified blacks into law enforcement. And he always emphasizes the term "qualified."

Fully aware of the experiences of other black chiefs, such as Willie Williams of Los Angeles, Beverly Harvard of Atlanta and Bennie Holder of Tampa, Jones knows that, above all else, he needs to hone his "people skills" and develop the ability to deal with potentially explosive situations that arise when diverse groups work closely together in competitive environments.

Affirmative action gets a bad rap, at least in part, because

minorities often get thrust into positions for which they are not qualified, Jones said.

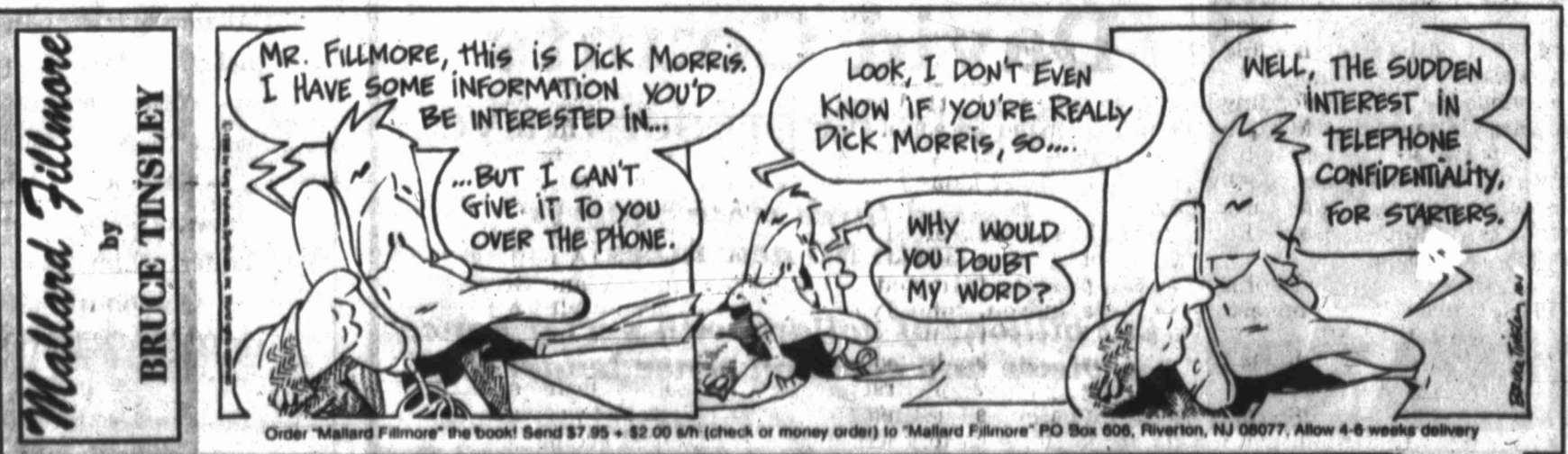
"When people are promoted beyond their abilities, they're going to have some problems in the long run," he said. "If you take people and put them in a position just because of their color and tell them to learn as they go, I think it's unfair to them. They're coming in at a unique disadvantage to deal with a system that's already in place. It's a setup for failure."

Jones is one a growing number of black professionals too proud to fail, to whom individual preparation is the key to success. In his many talks with blacks seeking careers in law enforcement, Jones offers this advice as one way to succeed: "Diversify your career as much as possible. Try to work in every division in the police agency. Always be eager to volunteer, and if you ever have a chance to attend the national schools, take it. And always further your academic education. It will help you both personally and professionally."

Meanwhile, the city manager said that he expects Jones "to be a valuable asset to the new chief and will continue to perform as a senior member of the management team at the Gainesville Police Department."

Jones' supporters know that his time will come, that he has the right principles and the right attitude. He simply needs more training and experience.

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Upset over Alomar decision, umpires vote to boycott baseball's playoffs

NEW YORK (AP) — Umpires have sent this message to baseball: If Roberto Alomar is on the field for the playoffs, they won't be.

Upset that Alomar's five-game suspension for spitting at John Hirschbeck did not take effect immediately, major league umpires voted Monday to boycott the postseason.

The playoffs were scheduled to begin today, starting at 12:07 p.m. CDT with the Cleveland at Baltimore game. The San Diego at St. Louis and Texas at New York games are set for later in the day.

"Our executive board voted unanimously to withhold services until the Alomar suspension goes into effect," umpires' union head Richie Phillips said.

"As of now, the umpires will not work the games," Phillips said. "I'm not going to say the situation can change or anything. I'm just saying this is our position, and we'll see what happens."

Rich Levin, the spokesman for acting commissioner Bud Selig, said baseball officials would go to court today to seek an injunction that would force umpires to work the games.

The umpires agreed to a five-year deal in May 1995 that ended a 120-day lockout. That contract included a no-strike clause.

"We'll see what happens," Selig said Monday night. "We're just trying to work through this. I'm talking to all of our people. We're trying to concentrate on the playoffs."

A baseball management source, speaking on the condition he not be identified, said Phillips may back down if Selig issues a strong statement supporting the umpires.

Umpires went on strike for the first seven games of the 1985 playoffs in a contract dispute. They also struck during the first seven weeks of the 1979 season.

In 1991, baseball and its umpires agreed to a contract just hours before the first pitch, causing replacements to work seven of eight games on opening day.

Alomar, the All-Star second baseman of the Orioles, spit in Hirschbeck's face after a called third strike Friday night in Toronto.

After the game, Alomar said of the umpire: "I used to respect him a lot. He had a problem with

his family when his son died — I know that's something real tough in life — but after that he just changed, personality-wise. He just got real bitter."

Hirschbeck's 7-year-old son died three years ago from a rare brain disease. His 9-year-old son also is afflicted with the illness.

Alomar was suspended for five games by AL president Gene Budig on Saturday. Alomar appealed the penalty, keeping him eligible to play, and hit a 10th-inning home run that put the Orioles into the playoffs for the first time since 1983.

During the weekend, the players' union said Alomar's hearing is likely to be held next spring, meaning he will be able to play in the postseason.

On Monday, Alomar issued an apology in a written statement that also said he would donate \$50,000 to charities fighting the disease that killed Hirschbeck's son.

That did not satisfy the umpires, however. "What Alomar did was reprehensible," said umpires' union president Jerry Crawford, an NL

umpire. "They think the apology ends it. But that doesn't make up for it."

"We feel strongly about this, enough that we took this action," he said.

Gene Orza, the No. 2 official of the players' association, said the umpires' position would not hold up in court.

"They have a disagreement with the level of discipline imposed by the league president," Orza said. "That is not the basis to allow you to violate a no-strike clause. What they are doing is forcing the league to go into court and get an injunction, and they will. It may be the political thing to do within the umpires, but it has no legal basis."

Orioles spokesman John Maroon said the team wouldn't ask Alomar to sit out during the playoffs.

"Roberto Alomar has followed what the league asked," Maroon said Monday night. "He was suspended, he appealed and he will have a hearing when the time is due. The league president made a ruling and that is what the club is abiding by tonight."

96-yard drive may have saved Dallas

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The drive went from the south end of Veterans Stadium to the north end, 96 yards for a touchdown that may have saved the Dallas Cowboys' season.

"Ninety six yards?" coach Barry Switzer yelled in the euphoria of Dallas' 28-19 win over Philadelphia on Monday night.

"That drive was 130 yards, we had so many darn penalties."

Actually, it was 105, but who's counting. The important thing is that it turned around a game for the Cowboys, who came into Monday night's contest 1-3, then fell behind 10-0 after the Eagles' first two possessions. Last place in the NFC East beckoned for a team that entered the season looking for its fourth NFL title in five seasons.

Herschel Walker's 49-yard kickoff return began the breakthrough, setting up a 5-yard touchdown pass from Troy Aikman to Eric Bjornson that cut Dallas' deficit to 10-7. Still, it was just the second offensive touchdown in seven quarters for the Cowboys and they needed to move only 44 yards to get it.

Then, after the defense had held Philadelphia for the first time, Tom Hutton punted. Kelvin Martin returned it past the 20, but a holding call on Dallas' Darren Woodson forced the Cowboys to start from their own 4.

Thus the drive began. On the first play, Aikman got them out of the hole with a 22-yard pass to Bjornson, who has replaced the injured Jay Novacek at tight end. One play later, however, Aikman got them back into the hole when he was called for clipping on a reverse by Deion Sanders, one of the few times that particular call has been made on a quarterback.

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Lady Steers spikers need win tonight

Face undefeated S. A. Lake View in Steer Gym at 7

By CLIFF NEWELL
Sports Editor

The Big Spring Lady Steers need a victory fast to get into the District 4-4A volleyball playoff race.

But to do it they will have to upset league-leading San Angelo Lake View tonight at 7 p.m. in Steer Gym.

The Lady Chiefs have quickly rolled to a 4-0 record in district play on the strength of big hitters Amy Bartz and sophomore Stacy Lee. They also have a powerful server in Kim Willisford, called a "real weapon" by Big Spring head coach Traci Pierce.

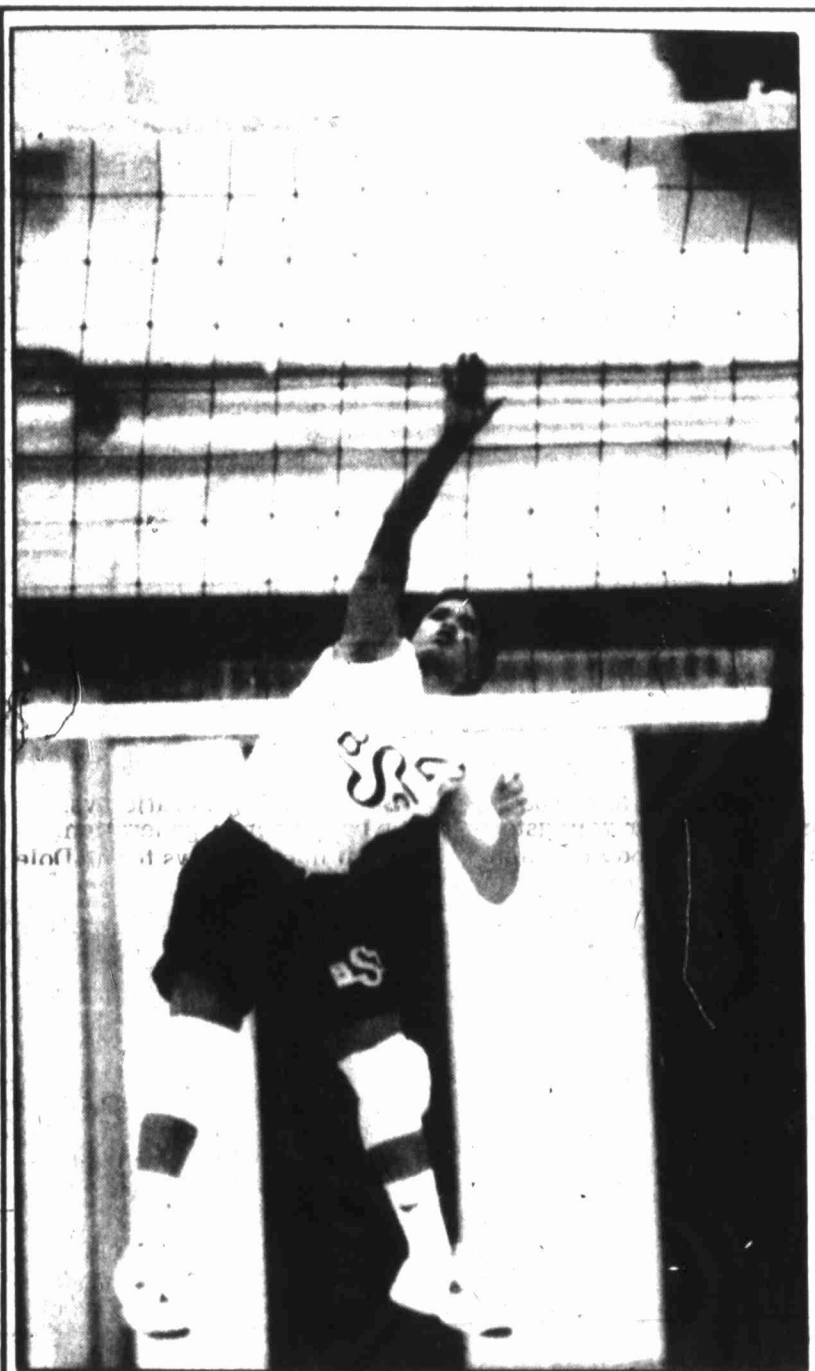
"They have a very aggressive defense, even though they're not real big," said Pierce. "They have a pretty good front line."

Pierce doesn't doubt the ability of her team to upset Lake View, even though the Lady Steers have dropped their first three district matches. A couple of them were three-set heartbreakers. The toughest was Saturday's match against Pecos, which went down to the last two points before a couple calls went against Big Spring.

"We've come so close," Pierce said. "We ask, 'Why can't it happen?' What we've got to do is eliminate the little mistakes."

"We've worked hard and played hard, and we haven't backed down from anyone."

Big Spring boasts a couple of superb front line hitters in Tasha Wilbert and Krissy McWhorter. Also playing well have been Juanita Valdez, a standout against Pecos, and Jessica Cobos, as well as Sharon Fleming, Fulani Williams and Melissa Martinez. Honey Belew has come on to play strongly in recent matches.



Fulani Williams of the Big Spring Lady Steers makes a return in a recent match. Williams has won praise from head coach Traci Pierce for her play.

The Lady Steers will bring a 6-14 record into tonight's contest. They will be out to snap a seven-match losing streak.

The match continues a long home stand for Big Spring, which has been on the road for most of the season. The Lady Steers host Andrews on

Saturday, then host Water Valley in a non-district match on Oct. 8, Fort Stockton on Oct. 12 and Sweetwater on Oct. 15.

Prior to tonight's varsity clash, the Big Spring freshmen will play at 5 p.m. and the jayvee at 6 p.m.

Rangers, Yanks got tougher from stretch adversity

NEW YORK (AP) — At the time, it wasn't much fun. But in retrospect, the experience of nearly blowing big leads in their division races may have toughened the New York Yankees and Texas Rangers.

The Yankees and Rangers open their best-of-5 first-round series tonight at Yankee Stadium with John Burkett pitching for Texas against New York's David Cone.

The Yankees saw a 12-game lead in the AL East dwindle to 2½ before holding off Baltimore to win their first division title since 1981. The Rangers had a nine-game edge in the AL West that dropped to one before they recovered in time to finish in front of Seattle.

"They're like us," Yankee manager Joe Torre said. "They righted a ship that was out of control. This should be more fun after what both clubs went through."

"I'm glad we were in that situation," Burkett said. "The fact that we faced that adversity, having our lead go from nine games to one, we faced playoff pressure from then on. We were able to fight it off to be where we are."

Tonight's starters were the cornerstones for their clubs down the stretch. Burkett went 5-2 for Texas after being acquired from Florida last month. And Cone recovered from surgery for an aneurysm in his right arm to give the Yankees a needed boost in the final month.

It was Burkett's 7-1 victory over California when the Rangers' lead was nearly gone that manager Johnny Oates thought turned Texas around. And Cone's first comeback start, seven no-hit innings against Oakland that Torre called "miraculous," gave the struggling Yankees a huge lift.

For Cone, who underwent surgery on May 10, the opening game assignment is special.

"I thought there was no way I'd be ready for Game 1," he said. "My goal was to work my way back in, sneak in, maybe get a start. I didn't expect to pitch as effectively as I have. I never threw in the towel. I just didn't anticipate being in this position."

Cone made five starts in the season's final 25 days and the first one against Oakland was the best.

"David showed he's still a little bit in spring training with his command," his manager said. "It's a matter of getting polished."

Then why start the unpolished Cone in the opener when he has 21-game winner Andy Pettitte available? Torre said it was mostly an emotional decision.

"What he did when he came back, the lift he gave us in Oakland," the manager said. "He's been through it. You can't minimize the effect of experience. His postseason experience makes the decision for me."

Cone has put the emotion

PLAYOFF SCHEDULES

TODAY
Cleveland (Nagy 17-5) at Baltimore (Wells 11-14), 12:07 p.m. (ESPN)
San Diego (Hamilton 15-9) at St. Louis (Stottlemire 14-11), 3:07 p.m. (ESPN)
Texas (Burkett 5-2) at New York (Cone 7-2), 7:07 p.m. (NBC)

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 2
Cleveland (Hershiser 15-9) at Baltimore (Erickson 13-12), 12:07 p.m. (ESPN)
Atlanta (Smoltz 24-8) at Los Angeles (Martinez 15-6), 3:07 p.m. (ESPN)
Texas (Hill 16-10) at New York (Pettitte 21-9), 7:11 p.m. (FOX)

THURSDAY, Oct. 3
San Diego (Sanders 9-5) at St. Louis (Andy Benes 18-10), 3:07 p.m. (ESPN)
Atlanta (Maddux 15-11) at Los Angeles (Valdes 15-7), 7:11 p.m. (FOX)

FRIDAY, Oct. 4
Baltimore (Mussina 19-11) at Cleveland (McDowell 13-9), 3:07 p.m. (ESPN)
New York (Key 12-11) at Texas (Oliver 14-6), 7:07 p.m. (NBC)

SATURDAY, Oct. 5
New York at Texas, 12:07 p.m., if necessary (ESPN or ESPN2)
Baltimore at Cleveland, 12:07 p.m., if necessary (ESPN or ESPN2)
Los Angeles (Nomo 16-11) at Atlanta (Glavine 15-10), 3:15 p.m. (FOX)
St. Louis (Osborne 13-9) at San Diego (Ashby 9-5), 6:37 p.m. (NBC)

SUNDAY, Oct. 6
Los Angeles at Atlanta, 12:07 p.m., if necessary (ESPN)
New York at Texas, 3:07 p.m., if necessary (ESPN)
St. Louis at San Diego, 3:07 p.m., if necessary (ESPN)
Baltimore at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m., if necessary (FOX)

MONDAY, Oct. 7
St. Louis at San Diego, 3:07 p.m., if necessary (ESPN)
Los Angeles at Atlanta, 6:11 p.m., if necessary (FOX)

behind him. "I'm sort of over the firsts," he said. "First start. First start at Yankee Stadium. I need to pitch well now."

He figures to have his hands full against a potent Texas lineup that gets much of its punch from Juan Gonzalez (47 home runs, 144 runs batted in) and Dean Palmer (38-107).

"They can beat you up offensively," Torre said. "If you make a mistake to those guys, it's not likely to be a single or a double. It's a home run."

Much of the punch has come from an unexpected source — shortstop Kevin Elster, who has 24 homers and 99 RBIs. "He's been the biggest surprise on the ballclub," Oates said.

Unless you count Burkett, who wasn't even with the Rangers until Aug. 8 and became a major part of the rotation after that.

"It's very strange," Burkett said. "Two months ago, I was with Florida, 17, 18 games back and the trade deadline was past. All of a sudden, I'm in Texas, pitching the first game of the playoffs. It's an unbelievable feeling."

Midland Lee cracks 5A poll in No. 9 position

LUBBOCK (AP) — It's safe to say that Grapevine's drop from Class 5A to 4A during the last round of realignment had nothing to do with its ascension to No. 1 in the latest Associated Press high school poll.

The Dallas-Fort Worth area team has streaked to 4-0 against the weight of larger 5A competition as it prepares to duke it out in one of 4A's toughest districts.

"We've had a lot of publicity here in Dallas-Fort Worth, and now the bull's eye has extended from the Metroplex to all over the state," coach Mike Sneed said. "But I'd be lying if I told you it wasn't a nice honor."

Previous No. 1 and defending 4A state champion La Marque fell to fourth after losing to 5A power Tyler John Tyler, 22-0. The defeat stopped La Marque's record 4A regular season winning streak at 50 games.

The victory propelled John Tyler past two other 5A unbeaten teams to No. 3 in the poll.

Undefeated Vernon bulldozed past Sealy, which had a 35-victory streak of its own, into top-ranked position in 3A. La

WEST TEXAS RANKED TEAMS

CLASS 5A	
No. 7 - Odessa Permian	
No. 9 - Midland Lee	
CLASS 4A	
No. 5 - Sweetwater	
CLASS 3A	
No. 8 - Ballinger	
CLASS 2A	
No. 6 - Iraan	

Grange left Sealy tied with Stamford for the 40-year-old 3A consecutive victory streak record in a 20-12 game Friday night.

North Mesquite received 19 of 20 first-place votes to hold onto 5A's top spot, followed by Converse Judson, John Tyler, Houston Yates and Aldine.

Likewise, Alto dominated the 2A voting by appearing first on 19 of the ballots submitted by writers and broadcasters across

the state. Celina received the other top vote and finished No. 2, followed by Groveton, Schulenburg and Italy.

Windhorst's 10 first-place votes helped it edge Springlake-Earth atop the 1A poll, with Celeste, Munday and Granger trailing. Granger fell from second to fifth in an interconference loss to Alto.

Oddly, no new teams entered the 3A poll as last week's top 10 simply flopped around. In 5A,

Midland Lee (9) and Galena Park North Shore (10) return to the Top 10, as do Henderson (8), Port Neches-Groves and Alice (tied at 10) in 4A.

Other new 10th place teams are Mart in 2A and Kress in 1A.

Grapevine, the second-largest school in its district, likely will be headed to the new 4A Division I playoffs for the larger schools, which should offer an easier run than the tough expected Division II field.

Sneed says getting to the playoffs will be no cakewalk, even in the expanded format.

"We were in 5A for 10 years, and we finally made that adjustment to 5A, and we've made the commitment to the kids and to ourselves that we'd keep the caliber of play at 5A," Sneed said. "But we probably have the most difficult district in the state. There's not an easy game in that group."

Grapevine begins tussling with legion of past and present powers in two weeks, including Highland Park, Coppell, Southlake Carroll and McKinney.

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Post-season gives several players a second chance

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

At the All-Star break, it sure looked like Cecil Fielder, Greg Vaughn, and Terry Pendleton would be at home during the postseason.

Instead, late trades gave them an opportunity to play this October. No telling how much they'll be in there — each could be a backup — yet there's still hope.

It was not certain, either, whether the umpires would be on the field for today's three games. Upset that Roberto Alomar's five-game suspension did not go into effect immediately, the umpires voted to boycott the playoffs.

"We'll see what happens," acting commissioner Bud Selig said Monday night. "We're just trying to work through this."

I'm talking to all of our people. We're trying to concentrate on the playoffs."

So are David Cone and John Burkett, who know all about second chances.

Back in August, Cone was recovering from an aneurysm in his right shoulder. Burkett, meanwhile, was in the midst of a mediocre year with the Florida Marlins.

Tonight, though, Cone will pitch for Yankees and Burkett will start for Texas when they meet in New York in Game 1 of the playoffs.

"It's very strange," Burkett said. "Two months ago, I was with Florida, 17, 18 games back, and the trade deadline was past. All of a sudden, I'm in Texas, pitching the first game of the playoffs. It's an unbelievable feeling."

Same for Cone, who underwent surgery on May 10.

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The best-of-5 first round begins today with Cleveland at Baltimore, San Diego at St. Louis and Texas at Yankee Stadium. The World Series champion Atlanta Braves will open Wednesday at Los Angeles.

As part of baseball's plan to televise each inning, game times are staggered. It could make for some late action, especially with 10 p.m. CDT starts on some West Coast games, but

at least nothing will be missed.

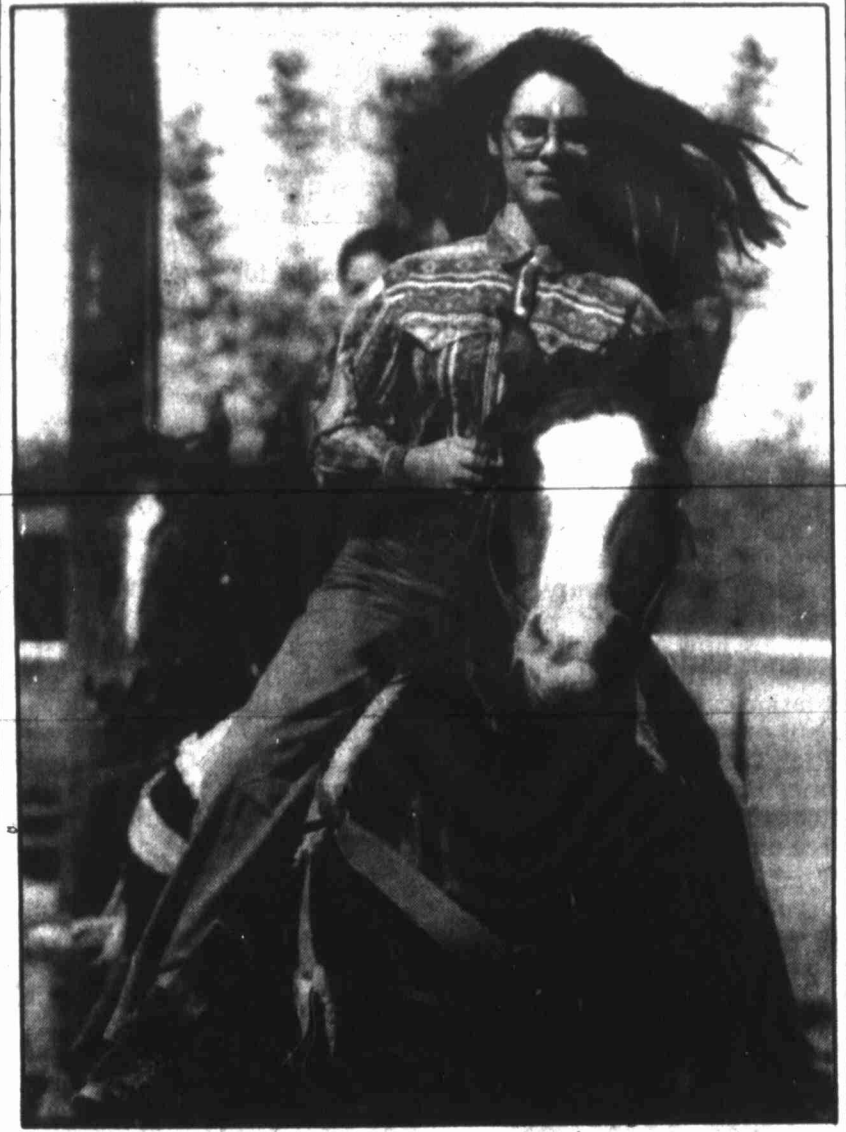
Fielder, who appeared in the postseason as a pinch-hitter for Toronto in 1985, looked like he might never get another chance. But last-place Detroit traded him to the Yankees on July 31.

Fielder, however, may be bumped out of the lineup. Tim Lincecum played well down the stretch in left field, which moved Darryl Strawberry to the DH spot.

"I'm trying to digest as much information as I can," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "It's a tossup for me. Darryl has good numbers against Burkett. Cecil has good numbers as our designated hitter."

Atlanta acquired Pendleton, who played in the 1992 and 1993 World Series for the Braves, to play third base.

HORSING AROUND



Madera Gray, 14, Big Spring, competes in senior western pleasure competition at the Howard County Youth Horsemen's Club All-Breed Open Horse Show held Saturday.

DALLAS

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Now it was second and 22 at the 14, Michael Irvin was a game away from returning from a suspension and Kevin Williams, the other starting wide receiver, was out with a broken foot.

No problem. That's why Sanders plays both ways these days, and when the the Cowboys saw him in single coverage they jumped on it. Sanders streaked down the

left sideline, cut inside cornerback Troy Vincent and Alkman hit him perfectly with Vincent a half-step behind. The play carried to the Philadelphia 47, Dallas was out of trouble and now the offense could do what it wanted.

"It was a big play," Sanders said almost reluctantly. "But we had a lot of big plays tonight."

A few more came on that drive.

One was a 13-yard pass from

Alkman to Herschel Walker. Another was a 16-yard run around the right side by Sherman Williams, Emmitt Smith's backup.

Then the Eagles were penalized five yards when Rhett Hall went offside. Williams went for four more yards and then Smith came back and went left behind Nate Newton and Daryl Johnston for the TD. It was vintage Cowboys, and it gave them a 14-10 lead they never relinquished.

The Cowboys weren't sure it saved their season. Not yet, with 11 games to go after next week's bye.

"If we lose the next game, we're right back where we were before tonight," Smith said.

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- *Long-term care experience
- *Available full-time
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INSIDE SALE: 5512 Wason Rd., second floor out of Garden City Hwy, on Wason Rd. Monday, 30th 9-4 Tuesday 1st, 9-4, Wednesday 2nd 9-4, and Thursday 3rd 9-4. Lots of nice items, something added everyday.

Furniture 390

FOR SALE couch and chair, good condition. Call 264-9444 after 6:30.

Miscellaneous 395

2 large 3 ft. Maranz speakers with modular control, AM/FM system \$140. ACCER Computer 910 complete, monitor-keyboard \$500. Okidata 320 printer \$250. IBM Selectric typewriter \$60. Nice oak desk \$150. Call 263-0840, see at 1409 Lancaster.

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Buildings for Sale 506

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FOR LEASE, 2 fenced 1 acre yards with small building. Call 263-5000. Westex Auto Parts, Inc.

LARGE OFFICE space with attached garage, located at the corner of 4th and Benton. Former AMT building. Call 263-6021.

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BRAND NEW in Coronado Hills, 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, huge living room with built in entertainment center, lawn, sprinkler, mini blinds, and large country kitchen. Open house Saturday and Sunday. Call 1-915-520-9848 for showing.

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WAS 27, NOW 16 HOME SITES LEFT in Coronado Hills!!! Very competitive pricing! Don't be fooled by others misleading ads. Know your true bottom loan & payment up front.
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RENTALS

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Furnished Apts. 521

\$99. Move In Plus Deposit. Nice 1,2,3 bedrooms. Electric, water paid. HUD accepted. Some furnished. Limited offer, 263-7811.

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Housing Wanted 523

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1 BEDROOM, great neighborhood, large living area ceiling fans, appliances, nice carpet, \$395. bills paid, call 267-2653 after 4:00, M-F. Available, October 3.

2 bedroom. \$275/month. 1 bedroom. \$230/month. Prefer HUD. Call Mark at 267-5711.

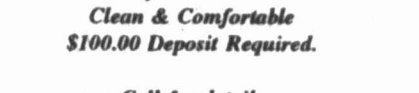
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Unfurnished Houses 533

1-BEDROOM house. Stove and refrigerator furnished, privacy fence, water paid, \$250/mon. \$175/ deposit. Call 263-3689.

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2 BEDROOM, fenced backyard, stove & refrigerator, \$250.00. No pets. 263-4483.

3 BEDROOM, 1 BATH fully carpeted, refrigerated a/c, RENTED yard. Call 267-5855.

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, 1 year lease required. Available Oct. 1st. \$425/month. 4220 Hamilton. Owner/Broker. Call 263-6514.

4 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, good location. Very clean, stove & refrigerator furnished. References: NO PETS. Call 267-4923 or 268-1888.

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NICE, CLEAN, SMALL 2 bedroom. Stove, refrigerator, washer & dryer furnished. Adults only. \$350.00 a month, \$250.00 deposit. 267-4000.

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SMALL 2 BEDROOM House. Stove & refrigerator furnished. Call 263-7769.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF BIG SPRING
THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, WILL HOLD A MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1996, AT 5:15 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 310 NOLAN STREET, BIG SPRING, TEXAS, TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE:
Elian Dickson, Lot 10, Block 30, Cole and Strayhorn Addition located at 905 East 13th, is requesting a Variance to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Big Spring for the encroachment of the side yard setback requirements for the construction of a carport.
Tom & Country Food Stores, Keith Fausch, Lots 4-5-6, Block 48, Government Heights to Bauer Addition located at 1101 Lamesa Drive, is requesting a Variance to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Big Spring for the encroachment of a zero setback on the back property line for an addition to the existing store.
T.M. Morales, Lot 2, Block 19, Jones Valley Addition located at 1109 West 9th, is requesting a Variance to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Big Spring for the encroachment of the side yard setback requirements for the construction of a carport.
Frank L. Marin, Jr., Lot 9, Block 3, Ridgecrest Terrace Addition located at 820 Caylor, is requesting a Variance to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Big Spring for the encroachment of the side yard setback requirements for the construction of a carport.
Juanita Faulk, Lot 24, Block 4, Kentwood Addition located at 2514 Cindy, is requesting a Variance to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Big Spring for the encroachment of the side yard setback requirements for the construction of a carport.
Key Homes, Inc., Harry Deter, Lot 1, Block 3, Caroline Court located at 3200 Fern, is requesting a Variance to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Big Spring for the encroachment of the side yard setback requirements for the recent construction of an existing house.
David M. Lucas, Lot 15, Block 9, Kentwood Addition located at 2712 Cindy, is requesting a Variance to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Big Spring for the encroachment of the side yard setback requirements for the construction of a carport.
1058 September 30, 1996 & October 1, 1996

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 2:

Be persistent in pursuit of your goals. Friends are there for you. Others help make what you want real. A male friend in your life continually comes through for you. And he tells you when he thinks you are wrong, in no uncertain terms. Plans will change. Learn to confirm them. Mental processes are sometimes foggy. Not that you aren't bright, but confusion abounds. Avoid office gossip. You will fulfill desires, especially involving a relationship. Consistent effort counts. If you are single, you have many romantic opportunities; make sure you know your heart. If attached, the union is solid and grounded. Accent fun times together. GEMINI adds another view.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Sort through convulsion, to get done what you must. Don't take chances. Authenticate plans, and return calls. A message could throw them off one more time. Stay focused in order to get your work done. Tonight: Work off stress at the gym.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Money matters are not as you perceive. Move beyond an immediate liability. Examine your long-term interests. Remain sure of yourself. Staying direct and clear is important with the chaos that could occur. Tonight: Plan your monthly budget.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You have the energy to clear out work and get the job done. But unforeseen obstacles may stand in your way. Stop and think if you are perplexed. Charisma is high, and a loved one is there. Tonight: Skip to your own tune.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Taking a back seat may be the only smart move under the circumstances. You are overwhelmed by what is going on — and with good reason. Instincts are correct with funds, but postpone taking action for now. You are on top of a change. Tonight: Search your soul.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Use the limelight to make positive changes. Others run around in confusion. You are goal-oriented. Be clear about your choices. Instinctively, you know the right way to handle others. Do what is necessary to get desired results. Tonight: Carouse around town.***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You feel out of sorts. You have a

weird way of handling change. Examine your long-term interests with care. Stay focused with work, and get the job done. A boss may be contrary. Keep agreeing with him until he chills out. Tonight: Work very little.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Reach out for another, and don't be surprised by what transpires. There is confusion in the air. Laughter takes you in a new direction. Dance through obstacles, and stay detached. Perspective will help you with the changes. Tonight: Go to the movies.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Getting together with another may be a high priority. But plans could easily change. Don't be vested in what goes on. Others don't have as much control as you (or they) would like. Don't stand on ceremony. Work with obstacles. Tonight: Connect at last.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Another is on the warpath, and you are not sure why. Humor goes a long way in making what you want happen. Touch base with a friend who is at a distance. Examine important news. Conduct research, and find an expert if needed. Tonight: Sprout social wings!***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't let another mar the effectiveness of your day. Work is demanding. You need the support of a co-worker to achieve goals. You, of all signs, need to stay anchored. Joint money matters are favored. Tonight: Make it an early night.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You might be jiffed by a loved one's actions. Center yourself, and understand where another is coming from. Use some of that active libido to get the job done. Consider what you want with care. Discussions with partners are positive. Tonight: Let off steam.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You know what works well for you. Make changes on the home front. Don't let another's attitude get to you. Ease off, and listen to your inner voice. Remember, no one will take care of you but you. Tonight: Take a health night!***

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BOWLING RESULTS

GUYS & DOLLS
RESULTS - Fifth Wheels over Federal Oil, 8-0; Big Spring State Park over A Bye, 8-0; Jim's Again over Hester's Mechanical, 8-0; Head Hunters Beauty Salon over Lucky's Braves, 6-2; hi sc. game and series (men) Ace Carter, 222 and 541; hi hdp game (men) Ace Carter, 249; hi hdp series (men) Jim Reese, 675; hi sc. game (women) Ursula Gomez, 196; hi sc. series (women) Kathrine Smith, 995; hi hdp game and series (women) Ursula Gomez, 246 and 2438; hi sc. team game and series Jim's Again, 649 and 1874; hi hdp team game and series Fifth Wheels, 826 and 2438.

STANDINGS - Jim's Again, 40-8; Head Hunters Beauty Salon, 34-14; Fifth Wheels, 30-18; Big Spring State Park, 28-20; Lucky's Braves, 20-28; Hester's Mechanical, 18-30; Federal Oil, 18-30.

MENS MAJOR (Week #5)
RESULTS - Bob Brock Ford tied B.B.S., 4-4; Trio Fuels over Walker L.P. Gas, 6-2; O'Daniel Trucking over Fina Engineers, 8-0; Parks C.C. over Team Sixteen, 8-0; Parks Agency over Team fifteen, 8-0; Hull's Ranches over Mason Roofing, 6-2; Fred's Contracting over Hagen TV Repair, 6-2; Rocky's over B.S.I., 6-2; hi sc. game Lee Everett, 256; hi sc. series Tommy Scott, 654; hi sc. team game Walker L.P. Gas, 1054; hi sc. team series O'Daniel Trucking, 2875; hi hdp game Lee Everett, 300; hi hdp series Tommy Scott, 780; hi hdp team game and series O'Daniel Trucking, 1215 and 3457.

STANDINGS - Parks C.C., 34-6; Parks Agency, 28-12; O'Daniel Trucking, 28-12; Team Fifteen, 26-14; Rocky's, 24-16; Walker L.P. Gas, 22-18; Hull's Ranches, 22-18; B.B.S., 22-18; Fina Engineers, 20-20; Fred's Contracting, 20-20; Hagen TV Repair, 18-22; Bob Brock Ford, 16-24; B.S.I., 16-24; Trio Fuels, 12-28; Mason Roofing, 10-30; Team Sixteen, 0-40.

VA COUPLES (Week #5)
RESULTS - Team Eleven over Team Eight, 6-2; Team Seven over Team Nine, 8-0; Team Six tied Team Three, 4-4; hi sc. team game Team Twelve, 675; hi sc. team series Team Three, 1865; hi sc. game and series (men) Abe Yanez, 232 and 616; hi sc. game and series (women) Kara Albano, 207 and 500; hi hdp team game and series Team Seven, 843 and 2436; hi hdp game and series (men) Abe Yanez, 261 and 703; hi hdp game and series (women) MaryGordon, 232 and 619.

STANDINGS - Team Eleven, 30-10; Team Twelve, 24-16; Team Eight, 24-16; Team Four, 23-17; Team Two, 22-18; Team Three, 20-20; Team Six, 20-20; Team One, 20-12; Team Seven, 18-22; Team Ten, 15-25; Team Nine, 12-28; Team Five, 4-28.

WEDNESDAY NITE TRIO
RESULTS - Team 6 over TEP, 6-2; Slow Starters split with Team Two, 6-2; Conoco over Loan Stars, 6-2; Fifth Wheels split with Arrow Refrigeration, 4-4; A Timeless Design over Snyder ESP, 8-0; Security State Bank over Walmart Fun Bowlers, 8-0; Golden Corral over Powder Puffs, 6-2; Big Spring Music over Western Auto, 6-2; Charlotte's Raiders (unopposed), 8-0; hi sc. game (man) Gerald Burgess, 267; hi sc. series (man) Tony Shankles, 644; hi hdp game (man) Jerald Burgess, 306; hi hdp series (man) Tony Shankles, 767; hi sc. game and series (woman) Sadie Wallace, 201 and 540; hi hdp game and series (woman) Sadie Wallace, 747; hi sc. team game and series Charlotte's Raiders, 649 and 1671; hi hdp team game and series Charlotte's Raiders, 787 and 2112.

STANDINGS - Golden Corral, 32-8; Conoco, 30-10; Big Spring Music, 28-12; A Timeless Design, 28-12; Powder Puffs, 28-12; Charlotte's Raiders, 26-14; Team 6, 24-16; Bowling Stones, 24-16; Arrow Refrigeration, 20-18; Loan Stars, 20-20; TEP, 18-22; Security State Bank, 18-22; Western Auto, 18-18; Fifth Wheels, 16-24; Slow Starters, 14-26; Snyder ESP, 14-26; Walmart Fun Bowlers, 14-26; Saunders Company, 14-26; Team 13, 8-32.

WEDNESDAY STRIKERS
RESULTS - Budweiser over Joe's Crew, 8-0; Team Six over Magic Painting, 6-2; Team four over A & J, 6-2; hi sc. game Sam Gonzales, 245; hi sc. series J.M. Ringener, 651; hi sc. team game Team Six, 948; hi sc. team series Budweiser, 2731; hi hdp game Sam Gonzales, 293; hi hdp series J.M. Ringener, 702 and Sam Gonzales, 702; hi hdp team game Team Six, 1102; hi hdp team series Budweiser, 3181.

STANDINGS - A & J, 28-12; Team four, 28-12; Magic Painting, 20-20; Budweiser, 18-22; Joe's Crew, 14-18; Team Six, 10-22.

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34 GAME TOTALS
Eddie Brahm, Midland, Tx., 7-5-0; \$3000.00; Dennis Groves, Tx., 8-4-0; \$200.00; Henry Gonzalez, Colorado Springs, Co., 7-5-0; \$1500.00; Phillip Ringener, Big Spring, Tx., 7-5-0; \$1000.00; Brian McClure, Wichita Falls, Tx., 7-4-1; \$850.00; Kevin Mitchell, Tulsa, Ok., 5-9-1; \$775.00; Rick Lawrence Little, Elm, Tx., 5-7-0; \$700.00; Steve Ray, Lone, Ok., 5-6-0; \$700.00; Mike Shoemaker, San Antonio, Tx., 5-7-0; \$675.00; Del Ballard Jr., Richardson Hills, Tx., 4-8-0; \$650.00; James Hickey, Seabrook, Tx., 4-8-0; \$625.00; Jimmy Davis, Houston, Tx., 5-7-0; \$615.00.

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Mike Miller, Albuquerque, N.m. (alternate), \$355.00; Michael Galtner, Corpus Christi, Tx., \$290.00; Joe Sanborn, Las Cruces, N.M., \$285.00; Pat Cahalan Gilbert, AZ, \$277.50; Chris Warren Irving, Tx., \$277.50; Ken Urban, Dallas, Tx., \$270.00; Clint Dacy, Richland Hills, Tx., \$265.00; Phil Prieto, El Paso, Tx., \$260.00; Ed Richardson, Corpus Christi, Tx., \$255.00; Karl Kleich, El Paso, Tx., \$250.00; Jorge Gutierrez, Las Cruces, N.M., \$245.00; Mark Nielsen Jr., Colo. Spring, Co., \$240.00; Jimmy Young, Pasadena, Tx., \$235.00; Bryce Ellison, Temple, Tx., \$230.00; James Castillo, Las Cruces, N.M., \$222.50; Jim Melton Caddo, Mille, Tx., \$222.50; Greg Kemp, College Station, Tx., \$215.00; Tony Franklin Grapevine, Tx., \$210.00; Gene Manley, Lubbock, Tx., \$205.00; Randy Watson, Corpus Christi, Tx., \$200.00.

WEDNESDAY STRIKERS

(Week #4)
RESULTS - A & J over Team Six, 8-0; Team Four over Budweiser, 6-2; Magic Painting over Joe's Crew, 6-2; hi sc. game Jackie Lecroy, 226; hi sc. series James Rawls, 576; hi sc. team game and series A & J, 951 and 2560; hi hdp game Allan Johnson, 253; hi hdp series David Perez, 661; hi hdp team game and series A & J, 1099 and 3004.

PINPOPPERS
RESULTS - A & J over Dixie Chicks, 2-0; Federal Oil over Kuykendall, 6-2; Guy's Restaurant tied Team 7, 4-4; Petty Farms over Casual Shoppe, 8-0; 10 over Team 2, 6-2; hi sc. game Pauline Fulestad, 202; hi sc. series Rosie Posey, 604; hi hdp game Shawn McCutchan, 267; hi hdp series Rosie Posey, 600; hi hdp team game and series Team 7, 832 and 2337; hi sc. team game and series Team 7, 648 and 1785.

MENS MAJOR

(Week #4)
RESULTS - Parks Agency over Fred's Contracting, 6-2; O'Daniel Trucking over Hagen TV Repair, 8-0; Parks C.C. over B.S.I., 8-0; Team Fifteen over Walker L.P. Gas, 8-0; Fina Engineers over Hull's Ranches, 6-2; B.B.S. over Team Sixteen, 8-0; Rockys over Mason Roofing, 8-0; Trio Fuels over Bob Brock Ford, 6-2; hi sc. game and series Phillip Ringener, 289 and 782; hi sc. team game and series Parks Agency, 1023 and 2886; hi hdp game and series Phillip Ringener, 289 and 782; hi hdp team game Bob Brock Ford, 1187; hi hdp team series Trio Fuels, 3382.

STANDINGS - Parks C.C., 26-6; Team Fifteen, 26-6; Walker L.P. Gas, 20-12; Parks Agency, 20-12; O'Daniel Trucking, 20-12; Fina Engineers, 20-12; Rocky's, 18-14; B.B.S., 18-14; Hagen TV Repair, 16-16; Hull's Ranches, 16-16; Fred's Contracting, 14-18; B.S.I., 14-18; Bob Brock Ford, 12-20; Mason Roofing, 8-24; Trio Fuels, 6-26; Team Sixteen, 0-32.

VA COUPLES

(Week #4)
RESULTS - Team Seven over Team Twelve, 8-0; Team Eight over Team Five, 8-0; Team Nine over Team Two, 6-2; Team Four over Team Ten, 7-1; Team Eleven over Team Six, 6-2; Team One over Team Three, 6-2; hi sc. team game and series Team Eight, 684 and 2003; hi sc. game (men) Don Ewing, 267; hi sc. series (men) Manuel Gutierrez, 589; hi sc. game (women) Leslie Johns, 193; hi sc. series (women) Dee Carter, 522; hi hdp team game and series Team Eight, 859 and 2528; hi hdp game (men) Don Ewing, 270; hi hdp series (men) Abe Yanez, 660; hi hdp game and series (women) Belia Wilson, 253 and 639.

STANDINGS - Team Eleven, 24-8; Team Two, 22-10; Team Twelve, 22-10; Team Eight, 22-10; Team One, 20-12; Team Three, 16-16; Team Six, 16-16; Team Four, 15-17; Team Nine, 12-20; Team Seven, 10-22; Team Ten, 9-23; Team Five, 4-28.

LADIES MAJOR BOWLING

RESULTS - Team 5, 2-4; Mitchell Co. F.C.U., 6-2; E.P. Driver Insurance, 4-4; Team 2, 4-4; Cline Construction, 0-8; Team 8, 8-0; Neighbors Auto Sales, 8-0; Day & Day Builders, 0-8; Toy's, 2-6; Big Spring Music, 6-2; Pin Blasters, 8-0; Federal Oil, 0-8; 4 Amigos, 2-6; Campbell Cement Construction, 6-2; Pack-N-Senders, 6-2; K.C. Kids, 2-6; The Strikers, 0-0; Rocky's, 0-0.

STANDINGS - Mitchell Co. F.C.U., 20-12; Team 5, 20-12; Team 10, 20-12; Pin Blasters, 18-14; E.P. Driver Insurance, 18-14; Pack-N-Senders, 18-14; Team 2, 18-14; Adventures by Gail, 18-14; Campbell Cement Cons., 18-14; Barber Glass & Mirror, 18-14; Green House Photo, 18-14; Neighbors Auto Sales, 16-16; Max L. Tires, 16-16; Federal Oil, 16-16; Rocky's, 16-8; K.C. Kids, 14-18; Norwest Bank Team, 14-18; The Strikers, 14-10; 4 Amigos, 12-20; Big Spring Music, 12-20; Cline Construction, 8-24; Day & Day Builders, 8-24; Unearned points, 6-28.

PINPOPPERS

(Week #6)
RESULTS - 10 over Team 7, 8-0; Casual Shoppe over Team 2, 6-2; Petty Farms over Kuykendall, 6-2; Guy's Restaurant over Dixie Chicks, 6-2; Federal Oil, 6-2; A & B Farms, 6-2; hi sc. game and series Arlene McMurtrey, 193 and 527; hi sc. team game and series, Casual Shoppe, 647 and 1906; hi hdp game Jack Glaze, 241; hi hdp series Arlene McMurtrey, 662; hi hdp team game and series Casual Shoppe, 832 and 2461.

STANDINGS - 10-10 32-8; Petty Farms, 24-16; Federal Oil, 24-16; Casual Shoppe, 24-17; Team 7, 22-18; Guy's Restaurant, 20-20; A & B Restaurant, 20-20; Dixie Chicks, 15-25; Team 2, 14-26; Kuykendall, 6-34.

LADIES MAJOR BOWLING

RESULTS - Neighbors Auto Sales, 4-4; Team #8, 4-4; Cline Construction, 4-4; Day & Day Builders, 4-4; E.P. Driver Insurance, 6-2; Mitchell Co. F.C.U., 2-6; Team 5, 6-2; Team 2, 2-6; Pack-N-Senders, 0-8; Campbell Cement Construction, 0-8; 4 Amigos, 2-8; K.C. Kids, 6-2; Team 15, 4-4; Big Spring Music, 4-4; Toy's, 2-6; Federal Oil, 6-2; Barber Glass & Mirror, 8-0; Unearned Points, 0-8; Max L. Tires, 6-2; Adventures by Gail, 2-6; Rocky's, 6-2; The Strikers, 2-6; Green House Photography, 6-2.

STANDINGS - Toy's, 18-6; Team 5, 18-6; Adventures by Gail, 16-8; Rocky's, 16-8; Barber Glass & Mirror, 16-8; Federal Oil, 16-8; Mitchell Co. F.C.U., 14-10; Team 2, 14-10; E.P. Driver Insurance, 14-10; The Strikers, 14-10; K.C. Kids, 12-12; Pack-N-Senders, 12-12; Campbell Cement, 12-12; Green House Photo, 12-12; Team 8, 12-12; Team 15, 10-14; 4 Amigos, 10-14; Max L. Tires, 10-14; Cline Construction, 10-16; Day & Day Builders, 8-16; Neighbors Auto Sales, 8-16; Big Spring Music, 6-18; Unearned points, 2-22; hi sc. team game and series Big Spring Music, 679 and 1936; hi hdp team game and series Mitchell Co. F.C.U., 912 and 2664; hi sc. game Michelle Hull, 221; hi sc. series Mavis Greer, 571; hi hdp game Michelle Hull, 278; hi hdp series Clara Cline, 729.

WEDNESDAY NITE TRIO

RESULTS - Saunders Company split with Snyder ESP, 4-4; TEP over Security State Bank, 6-2; A Timeless Design over Charlotte's Raiders, 6-2; Powder Puffs over Loan Stars, 6-2; Team 6 over Team 13, 8-0; Big Spring Music over Slow Starters, 8-0; Bowling Stones over Western Auto, 6-2; Conoco over Fifth Wheels, 8-0; Golden Corral over Walmart Fun Bowlers, 8-0; Arrow Refrigeration (unopposed), 6-0; hi sc. game (man) David Campbell, 228; hi sc. series man Jackie Lecroy, 649; hi hdp game and series (men) David Campbell, 261 and 731; hi sc. game and series (woman) Joyce Davis, 337 and 623; hi hdp game and series (woman) Peggy Huckabee, 271 and 732; hi sc. team game and series Big Spring Music, 612 and 1721; hi hdp team game and series TEP, 721 and 2044.

STANDINGS - Powder Puffs, 26-6; Golden Corral, 26-6; Conoco, 24-8; Big Spring Music, 22-10; Bowling Stones, 20-12; A Timeless Design, 20-12; Team 6, 18-14; Loan Stars, 18-14; Charlotte's Raiders, 18-14; TEP, 16-16; Arrow Refrigeration, 16-14; Western Auto, 16-12; Walmart Fun Bowlers, 14-18; Snyder ESP, 14-18; Fifth Wheels, 13-20; Security State Bank, 10-22; Slow Starters, 10-12; Saunders Company, 10-22; Team 13, 4-28.

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Accidental father discovers
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DEAR ABBY: I recently read the letter you received from "Joe — Not My Real Name," the 23-year-old who doesn't want the responsibility of fatherhood after a "few fun flings" with an older woman who got pregnant.

I found myself in the same situation: Someone else made a decision that would affect me for many years. I, however, made the decision to get involved. I could have just stayed away and grudgingly written child support checks. Instead, I decided to develop a relationship with my child.

The last four years have not been easy, but the difficulties have been worth it. I have my daughter about half the time. She is the most precious thing that has ever come into my life. As far as the child support goes, it's expensive, but the relationship means everything to me, and the rest just doesn't matter now. I'd like to tell "Joe": You got into the game. You chose to play, and these are the cards you've been dealt. If you fold, you lose. If you play fair, you can win big.

Remember, your baby had no choice in this situation. It is not the baby's fault, so don't punish your child for your decision to have unprotected sex and the decision of the woman to keep the baby. You are a dad now, so do your best

to be a good one. The rewards are far greater than the sacrifices — A HAPPY DAD IN OREGON

DEAR HAPPY DAD: Your letter was a dandy day-brightener. I hope "Joe" sees it and realizes that his story could also have a happy ending if he looks at his situation from a different perspective and decides to be the father his child deserves.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are in a heated debate. He believes a candidate always votes for himself (or herself), and would be foolish not to. I believe that candidates do not vote for themselves out of humility and old-fashioned manners.

Of course, since voting is private, there is no way we could ever find out. We are curious to know how you feel about this issue. — KERRY REARDON, RIDGEWOOD, N.J.

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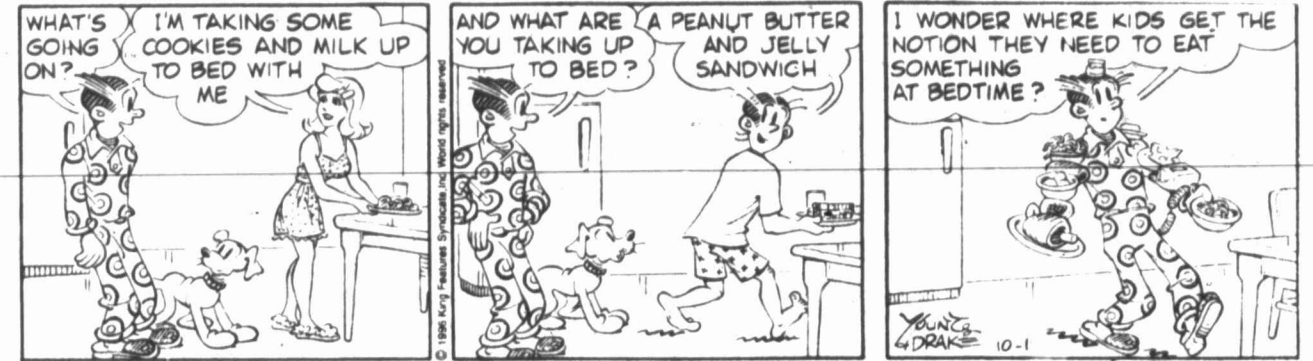
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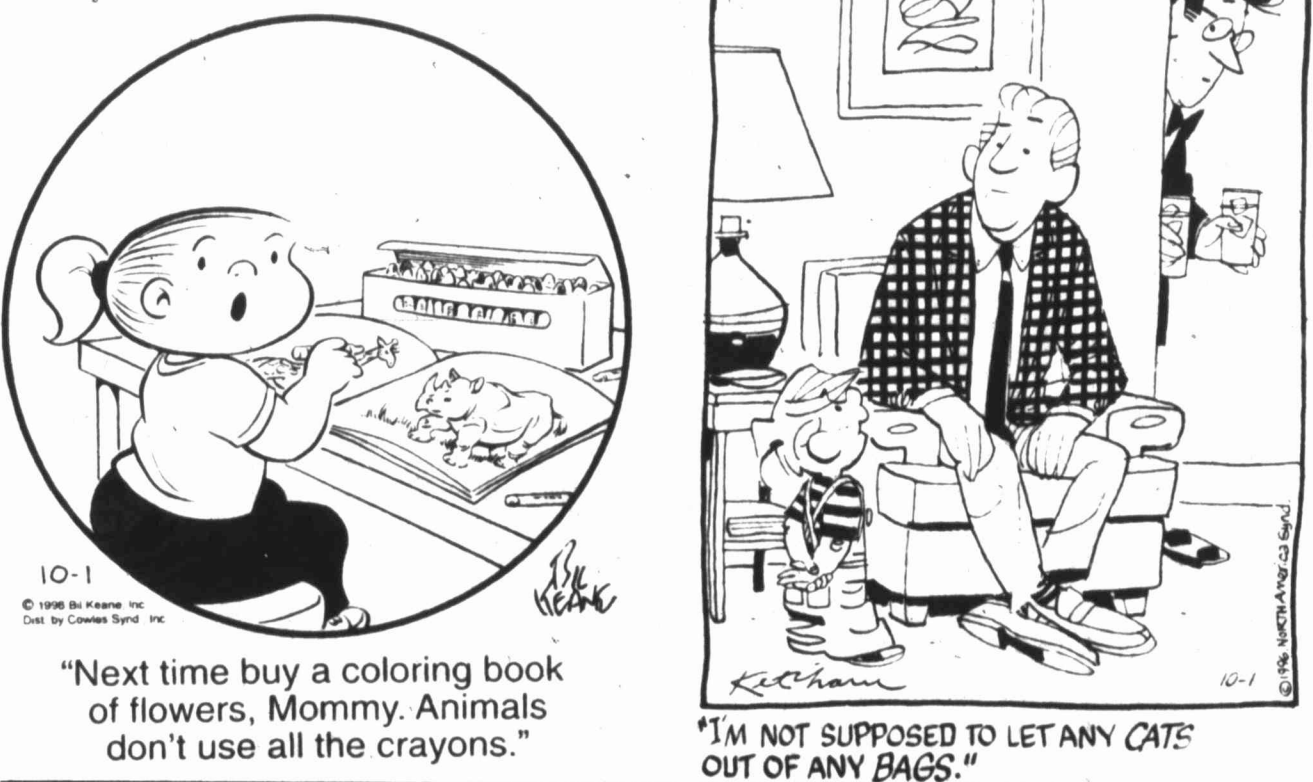


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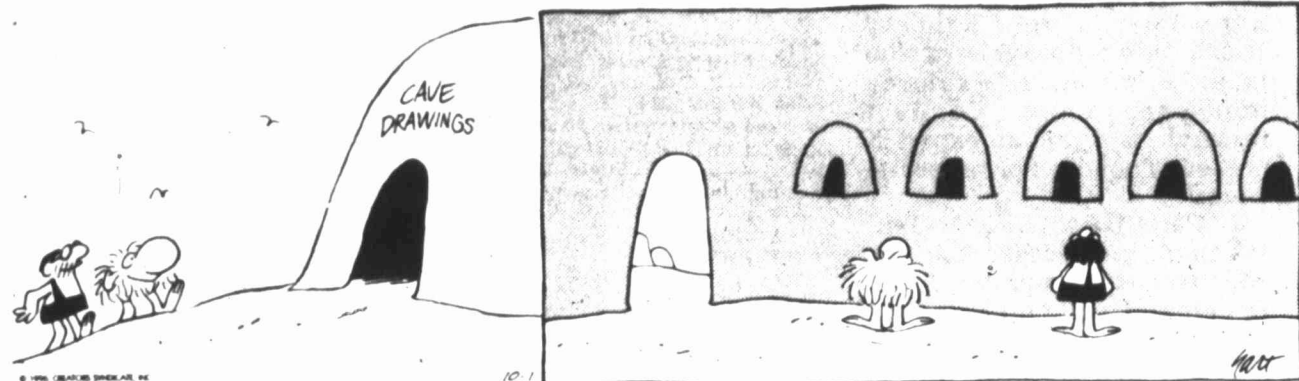


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On this date:
In 1800, Spain ceded Louisiana to France in a secret treaty.

In 1885, special delivery mail service began in the United States.

In 1890, Congress passed the McKinley Tariff Act, which raised tariffs to a record level.

In 1908, Henry Ford introduced the Model T automobile to the market; each car cost \$825.

In 1936, General Francisco Franco was proclaimed the head of an insurgent Spanish state.

In 1943, Allied forces captured Naples during World War II.

In 1949, Communist Party Chairman Mao Tse-tung raised the first flag of the People's Republic of China during a ceremony in Beijing.

In 1961, Roger Maris of the New York Yankees hit his 61st home run during a 162-game season, compared to Babe Ruth's 60 home runs during a 154-game season.

In 1962, Johnny Carson succeeded Jack Paar as regular host of NBC's "Tonight" show.

In 1964, the Free Speech Movement was launched at the University of California at Berkeley.

In 1968, the cult horror movie "Night of the Living Dead" had its world premiere in Pittsburgh.

In 1971, 25 years ago, Walt Disney World opened in Orlando, Fla.

In 1987, eight people were killed when an earthquake measuring a magnitude of 5.9 and an aftershock measuring 5.3 struck the Los Angeles area.

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