

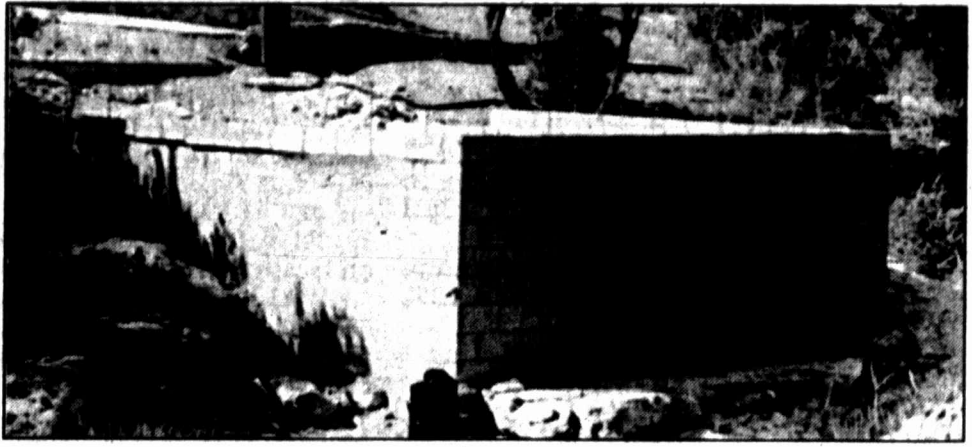
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OBSERVATION DECK BASE



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett
One of the walls on the base for the new observation deck at the spring in Comanche Trail Park is bowed out and has already been patched. Work is expected to continue this week on the project.

Martin County Fair set for Friday, Saturday

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

If you see a Martin County woman kicking up her heels in the next few days, she just might be getting ready for the fair.

Events are slated for Friday and Saturday in Barns 2 and 3 and the Community Center in downtown Stanton for the 22nd Martin County Fair which will include a "Ladies Slipper Kicking Contest" for a \$50 gift certificate as prize. The fair will feature the 1997 Eight-County Steer

Show and a goat show, along with food, photography, arts and crafts, and a host of other competitions ranging from the unique to the downright delicious.

"After the fact that it rained, people are real optimistic," said Martin County Judge Bob Deavenport. He said last week's showers dropped between one and three inches of rain in and around Stanton, lifting late-summer spirits.

And it was all just in time for the fair.

"This is surely going to be one of the best fairs we ever

had," Deavenport said.

Among the new events is a competition for the oldest and most unique salt and pepper shakers. Entries will be taken Thursday, with judging on Friday morning.

Grand opening ceremonies are at noon Friday, with the Ladies Slipper Contest at 5 p.m. and an Ice Cream Freeze-Off beginning at 6 p.m. For that competition, any frozen dessert made in an ice cream freezer is eligible. Categories include "Best of Show," "Best Vanilla" and "Best Flavor."

The Little Miss Pageant

begins at 5 p.m. Friday, and the Miss Martin County Fair competition follows at 6 p.m. A roast beef dinner at \$6 a plate ends the day's events.

Saturday begins with a pancake breakfast, followed by the goat show, and steer show. The afternoon will include judging of the food show and the auction of entries.

That evening's entertainment will be a dance at 9 p.m. featuring Jody Nix and the West Texas Cowboys. Tickets are \$5 per person, but children 10 and under with their parents get in free.

Sunday's rains hurt some, help most

Heavy rains result in brief flooding of FM 669 eight miles north of Big Spring

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

So far this summer, the weather has offered local residents a little bit of everything with more expected this week, including locally heavy rainfall in some areas.

Up to 6 inches of rain was reported north of Big Spring and local resident Boyce Hale reported an inch and a half of rain at his residence on South Wasson Road.

According to Big Spring U.S. Department of Agriculture Research Station, Sunday's official rainfall total for the Big Spring area was .80 inches and a year-to-date total of 15.77 inches.

Sunday's 45-minute rain storm began around 5:30 p.m. and was quite heavy in places, but as of this morning the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) reported good road conditions and no road closures.

"We had some water over several roads, but everything turned out fine and nothing is closed," a TxDOT spokesman said.

"The storm was the result of a weak disturbance from the southwest that helped organize



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett
The Beals Creek Flood Control Project got a brief test Sunday afternoon after heavy rains over a short period of time resulted in a heavy runoff. Shown in the photo is a new bridge constructed in the vicinity of the old roundhouse, northeast of the engine fueling depot.

the showers," National Weather Service Meteorologist George Matthews said. "The area north of Big Spring received the heaviest rain, which prompted us to issue a flash flood warning."

"A tropical type of air mass which is very moist (in the West Texas atmosphere) is very common this type of year," Matthews added. "We have this situation in August and September which tends to deliver heavier than normal rainfall."

As for the benefits to Howard County's agricultural community, County Extension Agent

David Kight said the rain will obviously be beneficial, but in varying degrees.

"Some places will benefit more than others, but it would have been more beneficial and more timely if it had happened about 10 days to two weeks ago," Kight said.

According to Kight, the cotton planted early in the season probably was in need of the moisture and the area of the county that was wiped out by the spring dust storm and replanted did not have a great demand for water.

"A warm fall and a late freeze

could be beneficial to the late planted crop," Kight said. "As a whole, about 80 percent of the cotton crop will benefit from the rain."

Approximately 125,000 acres of cotton has been planted in Howard County.

The weak cold front associated with the storms began moving out of the area Sunday afternoon, which also prompted some showers with scattered thunderstorms in various other West Texas areas.

Scattered thunderstorms are possible over the majority of the region through today.

Back-to-school

With end of summer vacation, drivers are reminded to watch for students in school areas

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

It seems as if you're just getting used to the idea of being out of school when a new school year is already here for area school children.

Children attending school in the Big Spring Independent School District (BSISD) will begin classes for the 1997-98 school year Thursday, which also means area motorists will have to get used to the idea of seeing flashing school zone lights and keeping their speed down to 20 miles per hour or less in some cases.

According to the Big Spring Police Department (BSPD), hours for the flashing school zone lights are 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The BSPD adds that it may seem to be a nuisance to slow down, but most of the school children in the area will not have their attention on the traffic — making it the responsibility of each driver to watch out for children.

Police officers will be enforcing traffic laws in all of the city's school zones and will have additional officers working due to the STEP program — a federally funded traffic enforcement program.

STEP stands for Selected Traffic Enforcement Program and is also part of the Safe and Sober Wave Grant program of the Texas Department of Transportation.

The BSPD is also warning motorists to be aware that most of the city's school zones have crossing guards and are there to help ensure the safety of students crossing the streets.

Texas State Law requires that all vehicles remain stopped while pedestrians (students) are crossing the street. Motorists are also asked not to begin moving their vehicles until all students at a crossing have reached the curb on the other side.

School zones and students crossing those zones aren't the only things motorists must look out for as school begins.

Many Big Spring students will reach their assigned schools on school buses.

According to BSISD Transportation Department, a total of 22 buses will be run-

FYI

Classes get under way in the Big Spring Independent School District on Thursday. Here are a few reminders when driving near schools:

- Keep your vehicle speed at 20 miles per hour, or less;
- Speed in school zones is controlled by flashing lights between 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. and 3-5 p.m., Monday thru Friday;
- As long as someone is in a crosswalk, motorists are required by state law to keep their vehicles stopped;
- Just because the lights aren't flashing in the school zone doesn't mean you don't have to be careful — watch out for kids;
- Motorists approaching a school bus that either has its yellow lights flashing, or has its red lights flashing and a stop sign extended, are required to stop until the lights are turned off and the stop sign retracted;
- If you observe a vehicle being operated in an unsafe manner or at an unsafe speed in or around a school zone or bus, call the Big Spring Police Department at 294-2550 or, if you are in the county, the Howard County Sheriff's Department at 294-2244.

ning dozens of routes each day and some of the buses will begin picking up students as early as 6:30 a.m., especially buses on rural routes.

Another rule some motorists may not be aware of is that if a bus has a stop sign extended from either side (usually the side closest to on-coming traffic) or the red lights on the bus are flashing, state law requires traffic from each direction to stop because children may be loading or unloading and could run out into the street.

BSISD to lose about \$10 million after vote

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Big Spring school district taxpayers should pay an average of about \$12 on their monthly tax bill after the overwhelming passage of the homestead exemption increase referendum.

The referendum, which raised school district homestead exemptions by \$10,000, was approved by 95 percent of voters statewide.

The immediate effect on BSISD is a large drop in its tax

rolls. Ron Plumlee, assistant superintendent for business, said the district will lose about \$20 million in total valuations this budget year.

That drop will mean an increase in the effective tax rate — the rate that would raise the same amount of revenue as the previous year. Plumlee estimates the 1997-98 effective rate at 1.526, an increase of more than 3 cents from last year's actual rate of 1.493.

With the state legislature mandating almost \$700,000 in teacher raises locally, it is high-

ly likely that the BSISD tax rate will increase at least to the effective rate, superintendent Bill McQueary said last month. School trustees have tentatively approved a \$31 million budget for the 1997-98 school year.

Even with the increase, however, BSISD taxpayers who qualify for the increased exemption will see notable savings on their monthly tax bills, according to figures released by the district.

For example, qualified owners of a \$35,000 home will see their yearly tax bills drop between

\$141 and \$144, depending on which tax rate school trustees adopt for the coming year. On the higher end of the scale, qualified owners of a \$100,000 home would see their tax bills drop between \$108 and \$127 a year.

Other examples provided by the school district include:

- Owners of a home valued at \$50,000 will see their yearly tax bill drop between \$133 and \$140.
- Owners of a home valued at \$75,000 will save between \$120

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PBRCADA opening prevention resource center

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Howard County, along with 30 other West Texas, will be the beneficiaries of a resource center designed to help with alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention efforts, which is scheduled to open its doors in Odessa on Friday.

The Region 9 Prevention Resource Center (PRC), a service of the Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (PBRCADA), will celebrate with an open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Members of the Odessa Chamber of Commerce will have a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the organization's headquarters in the PBRCADA offices at 1101 N. Whitaker. According to PRC Coordinator Rene

Salgado, the center will make available a library of alcohol and drug prevention literature — including pamphlets, brochures, videos and professional journals — to school districts, churches and various agencies working with youth and the public.

In announcing the new center, Salgado said the center will be active in the coordi-

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WEATHER

Tonight:



Mon:



Tues:



Wed:



Tonight, partly cloudy. Widely scattered evening thunderstorms. Lows 65-70. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the 90s. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Lows around 70. Extended forecast, Wednesday through Friday, Partly cloudy. Lows near 70. Highs in the 90s.

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HAS THE UPS STRIKE EFFECTED YOUR BUSINESS?

 "Yes, other shippers cost more and are delayed." KAY BACHMAN BACHMAN FLORISTS	 "No, most of our companies ship by their truck." BETTY KAY COVEY HEALTH FOOD CENTER	 "No, but it will be, we get our taxes by UPS." ANITA HOWELL FORMAL ARTIST	 "Not yet, but in the long run, yes it will." LYNETTE BROOKS BLUM'S JEWELERS	 "I doubt it will affect me, we will find other shippers." BOB HANNA BO GRAYS	 "Not too much, but it has slowed us shipping products out." CAROLEE HANSON HANSON APPLIANCE	 "So far no, but if it lasts, it will as Christmas gets closer." ROY PATE INLAND POST 213	 "Not now, but during another time of year it would." JUDY SHIVERS FAY'S FLOWERS
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OBITUARIES

Leslie Kelley

Leslie Kelley, 83, Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, died on Sunday, Aug. 10, 1997, at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock. Service will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12, 1997, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Jimmy Fikes, pastor of South Park Baptist Church in Lubbock, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



He was born May 10, 1914, in Snyder, to Dock and Willie Kelley. He graduated from Snyder High School and served three years in the Air Force during World War II in Africa, Sicily, Italy, Sardinia, France and Germany. He enrolled in Hardin-Simmons University as a ministerial student shortly after the war's end and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in May 1950. While in Hardin-Simmons, he met and married Mary Roberts of Anson on Aug. 29, 1949. They spent almost 38 happy years together before she preceded him in death in 1987.

Leslie attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, and held pastorates in Baptist churches in Dermott, Hermleigh, Fluvanna, Big Spring and Lubbock. He earned a Master of Arts degree from Texas Tech University, later completing all course work for a Ph.D. with a major in United States and European History, and a minor in American and English Literature. In 1951, he became pastor of Prairie View Baptist church and was appointed part-time teacher of Bible at Howard Community College, the beginning of an association that was to span 33 years including more than 20 years on the full time faculty. In 1988 Leslie was named Howard College's first professor emeritus. He married Jean Haggard Langley, a long-time family friend, on April 24, 1993, and moved to Lubbock, where they are members of South Park Baptist Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Jean Kelley of Lubbock; a step-daughter and son-in-law, Elaine and Harry Salyer, of Lubbock and their family; an aunt and cousins in Oklahoma also survive.

Pallbearers will be Wayne Bonner, David King, Ben Johnson, Boyce Sneed, Jack Buchanan, Lonnie Newton, Leon Langley, Sonny Johnson, Cecil Rasberry and Marion Newton. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Men's Sunday School Class at South Park Baptist Church and all faculty of Howard College.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Monday evening at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. The family will be at 2605 Apache. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St.
(915) 267-6331

Leslie Kelley, 83, died Sunday. Services will be 10:30 AM Tuesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8288

Judy Zhea, 55, died Sunday. Services pending Bismark North Dakota.

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direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.
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Judy Zhea

Judy Zhea, 55, Big Spring, formerly of Bismarck, N.D., died Sunday, Aug. 10, 1997, following a short illness. Funeral services will be held at a later date in Bismarck, N.D.

She was born on Sept. 21, 1941, in Fargo, N.D. She had spent most of her life in Colorado Springs, Colo. She was a registered nurse, having worked at Scenic Mountain Medical Center after coming to Big Spring two weeks ago. She was a member of the Lutheran Church.

She is survived by: her mother, Irene Renz, Bismarck, N.D.; two sisters, Louise Sherman, Dickinson, N.D., and Cherie Longmuir, Las Vegas, Nev.; and several nieces and nephews.

Local arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel

Hazel Lee Hamm

Service for Hazel Lee Hamm, 88, Stanton, will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, 1997, in the First Baptist Church, Stanton, with Carl "Hoot" Leonard, Jr. and Tommy Hursh officiating. Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

Mrs. Hamm died Saturday, Aug. 9, in Stanton.

She was born on July 12, 1909, in Garland County, Ark. She moved to Colorado City at the age of 9 and to Martin County at age 13. She married George Delmar Hamm on March 28, 1931, in Lovington, N.M. He preceded her in death on Aug. 19, 1994. She was a member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Stanton, was an Eastern Star and a member of the Extension Homemakers Club.

Survivors include: two sons, Bill Hamm, Ranier, Wash., and Bob Hamm, Erie, Kan.; two sisters, Lois Church and Reva Koonce, both of Stanton; three grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home, Stanton.

Norma Jean Hopper

Funeral service for Norma Jean Hopper, 63, Crowell, was 2 p.m. today at Womack-Manard Funeral Home, Wichita Falls, with Rev. Jim Stewart and Rev. Donnie Miller officiating. Burial will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12, 1997, at Trinity Memorial Park, Big Spring.

Mrs. Hopper died Saturday, Aug. 9, in Wichita Falls.

She was born on June 23, 1934, in Mountain View, Okla. She married Robert Walker. He preceded her in death in 1957. She then married Norman Hopper. He also preceded her death in 1980. She was a former resident of Big Spring and had been a resident of Crowell since 1957. She attended school in Carnegie, Okla. and graduated from Greenbelt School of Nursing in Crowell. She had been a nurse at Ford County Hospital and at the Crowell Nursing Center.

Survivors include: three daughters, Charlotte Scott, Big Spring, Toni Glover, Crowell, and Christine Jett, Panama City, Fla.; three sons, Carl Hopper, Crowell, Norman Hopper, Jr., Sweetwater, and Robert Walker, Midland; her mother, Alice Copeland, Crowell, one brother, Gordon McCullough, Wichita Falls; 16 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Womack-Manard Funeral Home.

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and \$134 a year on their tax bills.

"Even if the school board chooses to go above the effective rate (for 1997-98), there will be an obvious savings to taxpayers," Plumlee said.

The bad news in the equation, however, is that the tax burden will shift to taxpayers who don't qualify for the increased exemption, most notably businesses and landlords.

"For them... taxes will go up," Plumlee said. "The exemption just shifts the tax burden.

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That's sad but true.

How much taxes will increase for businesses and non-qualified homeowners depends, of course, on what tax rate school trustees adopt.

If the board goes with the effective rate, property valued at \$50,000 would increase about \$15 a year. A tax rate two cents above the effective figure would raise those figures by another \$10.

PBRCADA

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nation and support of prevention activities in Region 9 communities, as well as research the prevention needs in Region 9 and cosponsor or give support to alcohol and drug prevention training events.

In addition, the PRC will offer interested individuals internet access to obtain on-line prevention information, up-to-the-minute research findings and links to other useful web sites dealing with the issues of drug use and abuse.

West Texans wanting more information may contact Salgado at 580-7778 or PBRCADA Director Vella Connally at 580-5100.

The 31-counties in Region 9 are Howard, Andrews, Borden, Coke, Concho, Crane, Crockett, Dawson, Ector, Gaines, Glasscock, Irion, Kimble, Loving, Martin, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Midland, Pecos, Reagan, Reeves, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, Terrell, Tom Green, Upton, Ward, Winkler and Yoakum.

REUNIONS

BIG SPRING HIGH CLASS of 1952 is seeking the addresses of the following persons:

De Wayne Adams, Don Allman, Ray Arnold, Kenneth Bryant, Glenn Bunn, Marshall Burrus, Dale Chandler, Carrol Chapman, Orville Churchill, Cecil Couch, James Daniell, Ernest Farmer, C.L. Girdner, Bobby Hammond, Robert Hayes, Jack Kelley, Steve Kornfield, Richard Prahm, Billie Shultz, Clifford Winn, and Bill Wood.

Women's names are by maiden name: Jean Anderson, Doris Jean Brown, Barbara Chapman, Gloria Chiodo, Jerry Christesson, Beula Jo Cook, Virginia Davenport, Annette Green, Peggy Jenkins, Virginia Kinney, Sue Lawdermilk, Eva McElrath, Patsy McMillan, Mary Frances Norman, Lela Patterson, Mary Delia Garcia, Concho Sarmiento, Norma Jean Rowe, Barbara Smith, Maren Tinkham, and Patsy Wilson.

Please call Joy Hester at 263-1755 for any information concerning the above persons.

SEARCHING FOR ADDRESSES of Big Spring High School Class of 1988 classmates for reunion. Please contact: Cheri Wyrick-Reibe, 3901 Belle Mere, Tyler, 75701.

BRIEFS

BIG SPRING STEER BAND will welcome the community to its opening performance and ice cream social at 7 p.m. tonight on the practice field west of Blankenship Field. All parents of band students and younger band students are welcome.

BIG SPRING CARE CENTER will host a free one-hour seminar on home fire safety at 7 p.m. tonight. Refreshments will be provided for this seminar planned at 901 Goliad.

SENIOR CITIZENS ARE INVITED to attend the second annual Senior Fun and Fitness Fair from 2-4 p.m. Thursday at Dora Roberts Community Center.

Sponsored by Retired Senior Volunteer Program, the event will feature booths from community groups, information, health screenings and refreshments. Games, prizes and live entertainment are also planned.

GIRL SCOUTS WILL SPONSOR a dive-in at the Big Spring Family YMCA pool from 1-3 p.m. Saturday. Girls must register by calling the West Texas Girl Scout

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

office at (915) 670-0432. Cost is \$3 per girl.

FREE EYEGLASSES ARE AVAILABLE for adults this Saturday at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club Bingo Building, 1607 E. Third St. All adults needing glasses who don't have income to purchase them are welcome. A doctor's prescription is recommended.

DOWNTOWN LIONS CLUB IS selling historic throws depicting a variety of Howard County scenes.

Cost is \$40 for each throw. Call Archie Kountz at 267-3821 or ask any member of the club for more information.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, also known as Meals on Wheels, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

AN INQUIRY PROGRAM INTO Catholic teaching and the Catholic Church will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Fifth Street in Coahoma, beginning in late September.

It will be an informal weekly "chit-chat" for anyone who is in any way interested in the Catholic Church - from the person of no religious persuasion to the once Catholic who wants to catch up. No commitment is made or expected as one enters the program.

For more information call Fr. Murphy, M.S.C. at 267-4124 or Mary Franco at 394-4974.

EXES OF TEXAS TECH are invited to attend a special program at the Big Spring Country Club Tuesday Sept. 30, with guest speaker Chancellor John Montford.

Cost is \$20 per person for the dinner and social time, and reservations need to be made by Sept. 22. For information, call Roxie McDaniel, 267-3388 or Nancy Welch, 267-9702.

TWO SEMINARS FOR LOCAL business operators are planned Aug. 26 and 27 at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Kent Burnes, nationally-known consultant will teach both seminars, sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. On Tuesday, Aug. 26, he will teach "When Customers Count from 6:30-9:30 p.m. 'Sharpening Your Competitive Edge' will be Wednesday, Aug. 27 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Local merchants can attend for \$35.

THERE IS A PROMISE Keepers meeting at 7 p.m. tonight, at the Miracle Revival Center, 600 E. FM 700.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8:30 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

TODAY
•Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Al Valdes, 263-6810.
•Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.
•TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5 to 5:45 p.m. weigh in and 6 p.m. meeting, Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th. Call

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

•Big Spring Commandery No. 31, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main. 6:30 p.m. dinner.

•Big Spring Assembly No. 211, Social Order of the Beauceant, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main. 6:30 p.m. dinner

•Howard County NAACP, 7 p.m., Chamber of Commerce conference room. Call Stephanie Horton at 264-0306.

•Alzheimer's support group, 6:30 p.m., Marcy House, 2301 Wason. Call 268-9041.

•Promise Keepers meeting 7 p.m. at the Miracle Revival Church, FM 700.

TUESDAY

•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.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m.; Spanish services.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

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

•Beginning line dance class will be taught at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information. All ages welcome.

•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.

•MS group, 6:30 p.m., Canterbury South. Call Diane at 263-0148.

•Mental Health Center's Family Education and Support, 5:30 p.m., 319 Runnels. Call Shannon Nabors, 263-0027.

WEDNESDAY

•Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Archie Kountz, 267-3821.

MARKETS

Oct. cotton 73.63 cents a pound, down 60 points; Sept. crude oil 19.88, up 14 points; Cash hogs at 55; cash steers steady at \$1 lower 63; Aug. lean hog futures 80.80, down 17 points; Aug. live cattle futures 65.87, down 52 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation.

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POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 2 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Monday:

•FRANK FIERRO JR., 49, 310 E. Fourth, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
•CAMERON CARLILE, 18, HC 77 Box 160 E1-A, was arrested on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon.

•JEFFREY ALEX BROWN, 19, 301 N. Lamesa, was arrested on local warrants.

•WALLACE VIASANA, 42, 604 Abrams, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

•JEFFERY LAYNE McDONALD, 30, 1802 Wason, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.

•ADAM VALENCIA, 36, 202 N.E. Third, was arrested on a charge of DWLI.

•CAMERON SEAGO, 20, 603 W. 15th, was arrested on charges of assault, possession of drug paraphernalia and disorderly conduct-language.

•TERRY ALAN COLLINS, 25, 2005 Morrison, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE, was reported on the 1600 block of Settles.

•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported on the 1000 block of Howell and the 1300 block of Lexington.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES were reported on the 1100 Lamar, the 600 block of Holbert, the 1000 block of N. Main, and the 2500 block of Hunter.

•FORGERY was reported on the 1600 block of Gregg and the 800 block of West I-20.

•THEFT was reported on the 2500 block of Wason, the 1800 block of Gregg, the 3100 block of Wason, the intersection of 11th and Settles, the 2300 block of Wason, the 1100 block of Pennsylvania, the 700 block of Wason, the 1300 block of Monmouth and the 1800 block of Gregg.

•BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported on the 1000 block of Birdwell and the 1600 block of E. Fourth.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents between 2 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Monday:

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported on Eubanks Road and Gail Highway.

•GERALD WAYNE DARNELL, no age or address given, was arrested on a charge of theft.

•JEFFREY BROWN, 19, no address given, was arrested on a charge of failure to identify.

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Sunday's high 98
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Average low 70
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Governor says next step in property tax debate is up to voters

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas voters have given homeowners a slight tax break, but they need to speak up if they want to keep property tax rates and values from continuing their steady rise, Gov. George W. Bush said. "This is definitely a step," Bush said, celebrating the overwhelming victory Saturday of a

\$1 billion property-tax cut for homeowners. In unofficial results, 690,678 Texans, about 94 percent of those who cast ballots, voted in favor of the measure that triples the homestead exemption from \$5,000 a year to \$15,000; 41,338 voted against it. The tax break will save the average homeowner

about \$140 a year. Bush, who for two years has pushed an effort to lower and cap school property tax rates, said the issue is hardly resolved. "Hopefully during the course of this campaign, Texans will make their sentiments known to those of us who are seeking

office," said the governor, who is seeking re-election next year. Butch Lawson, a 40-year-old Austin homeowner who voted for the tax cut, said what's needed is more accurate property-value assessments. "They need people to come out and really look at these homes," said Lawson, whose house is valued at \$130,000, compared with \$111,000 a year ago when he bought it. "I've not done anything to it," he said. "It took all I have to be able to buy it. Don't make me leave because I can't afford to pay my taxes."

Lawmakers tried to limit the number of times a home's value can be assessed and limit the increase in appraised property values. In November, voters will be asked whether hikes in property value should be capped at 10 percent a year. Voters also would be allowed to defer property tax payments if values rose more than 5 percent, but would pay 8 percent interest to do so. Since 1995, Bush has said rising property tax rates and values pose a looming threat to home ownership in Texas. He said the state's healthy economy, the newly approved tax cut and increased state funding for education could take the pressure off of rising local school tax bills. But he added that if Texans want more to be done, they will have to make that known to elected officials. The constitutional amend-

ment approved Saturday raises the minimum homestead property tax exemption by \$10,000, giving most homeowners a roughly \$12 a month tax cut. Renters and business property owners were left out of the savings. Bush and lawmakers tried but failed to pass a larger measure meant to lower and cap property tax rates. The higher homestead exemption was a fallback measure passed after the larger effort failed. The measure also allows Texans 65 and older to take with them a proportionate amount of property tax freezes from home to home should the move. The amendment does nothing to keep property tax rates from continuing to rise.

Stores looted, burned when crowd riots in Nashville after officer kills suspect

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A discount department store near a public housing project was looted and burned early Sunday after a white police officer shot and killed a black murder suspect during a fight.

People gathered and some threw rocks and bottles at police after the shooting of Leon R. Fisher, 23, of Nashville, at about 2:45 a.m. Police put the crowd at under 100, but Margaret Turner, a witness, said 200 to 300 people were present.

About two hours later, a Dollar General Store was destroyed by fire. Nashville-based Dollar General Corp. has said it built the store near the housing project to give job opportunities to residents.

Nobody was reported hurt in the rioting or fire, and there were no immediate arrests.

Police and witnesses gave conflicting accounts of what happened. Witnesses said Fisher was handcuffed when he was shot and police waited before trying to resuscitate him. But police said Fisher was handcuffed after he was shot and officers immediately administered aid.

"Everybody's going to say (the officer) feared for his life," said Turner, who witnessed the shooting. "How the hell can you fear for your life when this man is handcuffed and you done beat the hell out of him?"

At a news conference, Mayor Phil Bredesen defended Sgt.

Randy Hickerson, who shot Fisher.

"I believe the officer did everything possible to resist using deadly force," he said. "There is no racial component to this at all."

He blamed the fire on people from outside the Settle Court neighborhood.

"This arson is not the work of residents of the area. We believe it was done by criminals and hoodlums who came back after the incident was over," he said.

Police gave this account of Hickerson's confrontation with the suspect:

The officer attempted to pull over a speeding Chevrolet Suburban. It eventually stopped in the housing project and three riders fled. Hickerson ran after Fisher, who fell. Hickerson attempted to subdue him, but Fisher ran off.

Hickerson caught up and the two fought. Fisher, who was wearing a bulletproof vest, repeatedly punched Hickerson. The sergeant used his police baton to hit Fisher and gave "continuous commands" for him to surrender.

The men separated and Fisher put his hands in his pockets. Hickerson drew his gun and ordered Fisher to put up his hands. He did and Hickerson holstered his pistol.

Fisher then attacked Hickerson. Another officer arrived and tried unsuccessfully to subdue Fisher with pepper

spray.

Hickerson then drew his gun and fired twice. One bullet was deflected by the vest and the other entered his upper chest, police said.

Hickerson immediately began resuscitation efforts and called for an ambulance, said Chief Emmett Turner, who is black.

Witness Margaret Turner disputed that. She said officers waited before trying to revive Fisher, though she did not say how long. She also said Fisher was handcuffed as he ran from Hickerson.

Another witness, Roxanne Williams, corroborated most of the police version, including that Fisher was not handcuffed until after he was shot. But she said Fisher stopped fighting when he was sprayed, but Hickerson fired anyway.

The crowd eventually dispersed and police left. At 5:30 a.m. the police returned and found Dollar General in flames. The police chief said the store had been looted, but could not provide any details.

A small amount of cocaine and marijuana was recovered from Fisher's clothing, police said.

Fisher was a suspect in the June 22 shooting death of Michael Bradley. Hickerson was unaware of that when he chased him, according to police.

Hickerson, a nine-year police veteran, was placed on administrative leave while an investigation is conducted.

NTSB says collapsed bridge was damaged before train derailment

KINGMAN, Ariz. (AP) — The collapsed bridge that caused an Amtrak train to derail in northwestern Arizona apparently was damaged before the train reached the flooded desert gully, officials said on Sunday.

The train engineer and assistant engineer both saw a dip in the track right before the engines hit the buckled rail, said Jim Hall, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board.

Investigators were not sure whether the engineers hit the emergency brake or if it was automatically activated when the cars separated, Hall said.

Fifteen people remained hospitalized Sunday, including a man in critical but stable condition with back injuries. Most of the 116 people injured when the train derailed early Saturday were treated for minor injuries.

Gauges indicate that the train was traveling nearly 90 mph when it hit the buckled bridge, a speed that the railroad's owner, Burlington Northern-Santa Fe, will no longer allow.

Effective immediately, freight trains will be permitted to travel only 40 mph when flash flood warnings are in effect, Hall said. Passenger trains will be allowed to travel only 20 mph.

Meanwhile, crews reopened a westbound stretch of track that went over a trestle parallel to the one that buckled. It had been closed since the derailment early Saturday.

Officials, who earlier said

nearly 350 people were aboard the train, revised the figure Sunday to 309.

The train derailed early Saturday in northwestern Arizona when a trestle over a normally dry stream bed collapsed.

The trestle gave way as the train's engines crossed over the bridge, 13 miles east of Kingman. Seven of the nine passenger cars skidded across the span, and stopped on the other side, zigzagged but upright. Another car wound up straddling the stream bed, the collapsed bridge underneath it.

The railroad is a major east-west thoroughfare, carrying between 45 and 50 freight trains a day. By Sunday morning, crews had moved the derailed cars aside and repaired the twisted rail along the double-track railroad.

The first freight train passed through late Sunday morning. And Amtrak's Southwest Chief was back in service along the route between Los Angeles and Chicago, spokesman Steven Taubenkibel said.

About 100 passengers left Kingman on Sunday, bound for their homes or their travel destinations, said Gina Giallonardo, a Red Cross spokeswoman.

Because of the heavy rain, Burlington had sent an inspector along the track in a specially rigged truck, railroad spokesman Jim Sabourin said. The inspector saw no problems

when he passed over the trestle about 45 minutes before the derailment. The Amtrak train was the first through the area after that, he said.

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It's usually wise to allow at least 3 feet for traffic lanes in a room. In other words, in those areas of a room where people generally walk within a room, or from one room to another, don't put any two pieces of furniture closer than 3 feet to each other. On the other hand, where you want to make a conversation grouping, try to keep the farthest reaches of that grouping no more than 8 feet away. If seating pieces are farther away from each other than 8 feet, people have a hard time communicating easily.

For a coffee table in front of a sofa, try to leave about 16 inches between them. Any further, and it's too long a reach while any closer and it's too hard to get in and out of the sofa.

In dining rooms, the rule of thumb is to leave about 54 inches between a chair and wall so there's room for seating and serving.

In a bedroom, most experts recommend putting the bed, if at all possible, on the wall away from the door so you don't have to walk around the bed everytime you enter the bedroom.

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1997 **Property Tax Rates in** City of Big Spring

This notice concerns 1997 property tax rates for City of Big Spring. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 1,912,673
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 569,737
Last year's total taxes	\$ 2,482,410
Last year's tax base	\$ 406,951,876
Last year's total tax rate	\$.61000 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 2,472,114
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 397,503,372
- This year's effective tax rate	\$.62191 /\$100

In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$/100
- Effective tax rate	\$/100

x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing \$.64056 /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function)	\$ 2,799,302
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 397,503,372
- This year's effective operating rate	\$.70422 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.76055 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$.13913 /\$100
- This year's rollback rate	\$.89968 /\$100

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$.22050 /\$100
- Rollback tax rate	\$.67918 /\$100

For a taxing unit with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rate for pollution control	\$ -0- /\$100
- Rollback tax rate	\$ -0- /\$100

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Schedule A
Unencumbered Fund Balances
The following estimated balances will be in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Interest & Sinking Fund	\$0
Maintenance & Operation Fund	\$264,343

Schedule B
1997 Debt Service
The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Contractual Obligations, 1990	25,000	5,063	275	30,338
General Obligations Bonds 1991	75,456	7,203	350	83,009
General Obligations Bonds 1993	125,000	119,444	200	244,644
General Obligations Refunding Bonds 1993	164,502	23,641	200	188,343
Total required for 1997 debt service			\$ 546,334	
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A			\$ 0	
- Excess collections last year			\$ 4,659	
- Total to be paid from taxes in 1997			\$ 541,675	
- State aid for facilities			\$	
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 96% of its taxes in 1997			\$ 22,570	
- Total Debt Levy			\$ 564,245	

Schedule C
Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax
(For hospital districts, cities and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes)
In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$ 894,180 in additional sales and use tax revenues. For County: The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 315 Main (County Annex).

Name of person preparing this notice Kathy A. Sayles
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EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day

"I never saw a wild thing sorry for itself."
-D.H. Lawrence

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OUR VIEWS

Pioneer Day event yet another jewel for Museum's crown

With its Pioneer Days event Saturday at the Potton House, the Heritage Museum has again offered our community a chance to reflect on its history. At booths of crafts, demonstrations and other reminders of pioneer philosophy and ingenuity, we were entertained and educated.

But this is nothing new for our museum, which has consistently brought us quality events, exhibits and educational programs. It truly makes an effort to keep our "heritage" in the forefront of our minds.

Take the annual "Around the World in Eighty Bites," a community favorite. Add local know-how and plentiful refreshments to good friends and entertainment, and you certainly have a winning combination. That's one we enjoy year after year.

But the museum's quality shines even during "ordinary" times. Right now, for example, the upstairs gallery is showing paintings from the Texas Watercolor Society. The fact that our local museum is allowed to exhibit a national traveling show like this one means it is recognized for quality and professionalism.

At the same time, the museum opened its "Goin' Places," which includes items of local history, many donated by our friends and neighbors. It even features the photograph of the first car wreck in Big Spring.

We salute the trustees, curator Angie Way and her staff for a job well done this time, and many times before. We expect continued success in the future.

The next time you hear about an event that is sponsored or hosted by the Heritage Museum, test the waters. The "official guardians" of our local history are full of surprises.

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No wonder the centrist in Clinton is smiling

By MARSHA MERCER
Media General News Service

WASHINGTON — As he celebrated the new, bipartisan plan to balance the federal budget and cut taxes, a jubilant President Clinton gave credit to dozens of Republicans and Democrats — and an idea.

"In these past few months, we have seen how the politics of the vital center can work to make progress on many of our most difficult problems," the president told reporters during his news conference last week.

Without a coalition of GOP leaders and Democratic centrists, ratification of the ban on chemical weapons, the expansion of NATO, extending trade with China, and, of course, the balanced budget deal wouldn't have been possible, he said.

The phrase — "politics of the vital center" — may have rung a bell.

It's been Clinton's mantra since the election. Standing outside the Old State House in Little Rock late on election night, he said, "Tonight we proclaim that the vital American center is alive and well. It is the common ground on which we have made our progress."

Forget "middle of the road." That's where dead possums wind up.

Successful politicians on the brink of the 21st century inhabit the common ground of our vital center.

Clinton got the phrase from the Democratic Leadership Council, a centrist group that has long advocated a third way — neither left nor right — in politics.

It's easier to say what the vital center isn't than what it is.

Speaking to the DLC last December, Clinton said it's "not the lukewarm midpoint between overheated liberalism and chilly conservatism."

He pledged to work from the "vital, dynamic center" in preparing the country for the 21st century.

"The issue is not what is liberal or conservative, but what will move us forward together," Clinton said at the time.

As he began his second term, Clinton was going on more than a hunch that people were ready for a change from American gladiator combat politics.

After the '96 election, Clinton's pollster, Mark J. Penn, surveyed voters for the DLC. His report, "Rebuilding the Vital Center," says that Clinton won because voters viewed him as a different kind of Democrat, and that Democrats failed to regain

Congress because voters saw them as traditional, "tax-and-spend" liberals.

"A majority of voters saw the president as a New Democrat who believes the role of government is to empower and equip people to make the most of their lives and who favors policies like a balanced budget to spur economic growth," according to Penn.

Voters liked Clinton's plans to move welfare recipients into jobs and to balance the budget while protecting "the values" of Medicare and Medicaid, education and the environment.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich was among the Republicans who also got the message.

Last week's bill-signing show on the White House South Lawn demonstrated that Clinton's neighbor in the vital center is Gingrich, not Gephardt.

House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt, who likely will challenge Vice President Gore for the party's presidential nomination in 2000, has criticized Clinton repeatedly for supporting the budget and tax plan. He did not attend the White House event.

So, it was Gingrich who stood beside Clinton, Gingrich who thanked the president and first lady for reaching out and

saying, "Let's work together."

"The sincerity of their efforts over the last eight months has made an enormous difference in our capacity to make this system work," Gingrich said.

Gingrich and Clinton each called for more bipartisan cooperation when Congress returns next month.

The DLC says a coalition at the vital center is exactly what will be necessary if Congress is to make progress on entitlement and campaign finance reform, education testing, and granting the president "fast-track authority" to negotiate trade pacts.

Last week, the DLC released a new Mark Penn poll that found extraordinary optimism in the country. Two-thirds of voters believe the economy is on the right track, and nearly as many believe the economy will get stronger in the next year.

Three in four say they think their personal economic situation will improve this year.

And, nearly two-thirds believe the answers to society's problems will come from the political center, rather than from the left or the right.

With numbers like these, it's no wonder the man at the vital center of American politics is smiling.

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A president's lame (duck) press conference

By DALE MCFEATTERS
Scripps Howard News Service

WASHINGTON — The polite phrase for a president's lame duck term is "seeking his place in history." The more accurate phrase is "nothing left to lose."

And what better place for President Clinton to enact a little second-term revenge than a presidential press conference? The reprisals could be more subtle than the water balloons, card tricks or mass arrests.

And, for a while Wednesday, it looked as if Clinton might be having fun at the expense of the White House press corps.

The press conference was held on the South Lawn, about midway between where the tree just below the president's bedroom window and where Bill and Hillary danced in a rare White House social event I was invited to. (The music was by The Fabulous Hubcaps, so the event was something less than a state dinner.)

In case the August sun wasn't hot enough on an 85 degree day, a half-dozen huge TV lights glared down on the press

enclosure, where the folding chairs sank into the damp ground under the weight of the reporters.

The chairs were placed so they faced the Truman Balcony, and I assumed this was so the president could sit, feet up and cold beer in hand, in the air-conditioned comfort of the family quarters and watch the press corps fry in the sun while sinking into the lawn.

But, no, the odd angle was only to provide a dramatic video backdrop for the president, who made a dramatic solo entrance out of one door while off-camera a mob of White House aides swarmed out of another.

The president strode to a dais surrounded by ferns. The White House seldom does anything without a motive so perhaps the Fern Growers of America had agreed to a campaign donation in return for what Hollywood calls "product placement."

Instead, he wanted to "briefly review what our nation has accomplished during the first seven months of this year," Washington shorthand for,

"Watch me pat myself on the back with both hands so vigorously that I attain the drumming sound of a mating grouse."

I was in what to the uninitiated would appear to be a primo seat, in the first row, eye level and about 15 feet from the less famous of the Clinton knees. In truth, it was the turkey farm where reporters who didn't know any better — usually from the kind of foreign publication described as a "semi-official" — were happily seated. Nobody from the turkey farm has ever been called on by a president.

The preferred seats are reserved for the White House regulars, a group not to be trifled with. Occasionally, an interloper tries to break into their preserve, but the White House custodial staff doesn't even raise an eyebrow when it discovers the body of some hapless soul bearing credentials from Stavanger Dagbladet or the Corn Borer Daily Times stuffed under an A-list chair. I have visiting privileges to the regulars' preserve but only because I am married to one. Except for the heat and the

entertaining prospect that if Clinton went on for two or three hours the whole press corps would disappear into the ground, the press conference went off in customary fashion.

The president began every answer with, "First, let me say ..." and he heeded the Republicans in a variety of subtle and unsubtle ways. He dated the success of deficit reduction from the year before the Republicans took over Congress, and he said people donated to the Republicans because they could make money doing so and gave to the Democrats because they believed in education and children's health.

The only concession that I could see to a second term was that instead of the usual, "Thank you, Mr. President," the press conference ended with a cheery, "It's tee time!"

I would have stood except that I was in no position to get up since my chair had sunk so low my knees were past my chin. But thank you anyway, Mr. President. (Dale McFeatters writes this column weekly for Scripps Howard News Service.)



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Rangers get 'loose,' make it 3-of-4 in Cleveland with 7-6 win

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — Maybe the Cleveland Indians should take a lesson from the Texas Rangers. The Indians, leading the AL Central, are playing with high expectations, but have lost six of seven. They lost three weekend games to the Texas Rangers, who are seven games under .500, but are starting to play loose. "There's a lot of expectations, high expectations put on this club," said Cleveland's Brian Giles, who homered in Sunday's 7-6 loss to the Rangers. "We're not happy when we don't win. Everybody in the room feels that way. But we are still in first place and the main thing is to get into the post-

season and go from there." Giles said that fan expectations "are so high in this town. Even when you win, it isn't enough. A win is not cherished like it was at one time." Postseason isn't part of the locker room chatter for the Rangers, who are 11 games back in the AL West. Rangers manager Johnny Oates was satisfied after winning three of four from Cleveland in the series, allowing the Chicago White Sox to pull within three games in the division. "We played very well here. After the first inning of the first game, we pitched very well. I'm pleased." Juan Gonzalez of the Rangers thought his team's success at Jacobs Field sends a message.

"You know what they say about the first-place teams playing clubs that are 10, 12 games out," said Gonzalez, who hit one of the Rangers' five solo home runs Sunday. "They better watch out. Teams that far back can play free and easy and let loose. That's what we are doing and playing great." Warren Newson had two homers and Rusty Greer and Lee Stevens also homered for the Rangers. David Justice homered for Cleveland. "Five solo homers. It's a little tough to win when you give up that many, even with nobody on base," Cleveland manager Mike Hargrove said. Giles hit a two-run homer with two outs in the ninth off John Wetteland. Omar Vizquel followed with a double,

but Wetteland struck out Manny Ramirez for his 25th save. "Brian Giles is hitting well. He's patient at the plate, drawing walks. He's doing a good job," Hargrove said. Matt Whiteside (2-1) pitched two scoreless innings. Newson was hitless in 11 at-bats since July 30. Six of Newson's last seven hits have been homers. Both of his homers came off Jeff Juden (0-1). "I made an adjustment and it helped," Newson said. "They have been pitching me inside, so I backed off the plate and now the inside pitches look like they are over the plate. I hit the ball hard and put some elevation on it today, so they went out." Juden was hit hard for the second

straight start since being traded by Montreal to Cleveland on July 31. He allowed five runs in six innings, five days after lasting only 3 2-3 innings Tuesday in Detroit. Tony Fernandez reached on an error by second baseman Mark McLemore in the ninth, and Giles hit his 15th homer. Justice tied it at 4 with a three-run shot in the fifth off Scott Bailes. It was his 22nd homer and third in two games. Texas' Tom Goodwin opened the game with a double, stole third and scored on a sacrifice fly by McLemore. Greer then walked, stole second and scored on Stevens' single. Greer's 18th homer made it 3-0 in the third.

Maddux is baseball's best paid

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ATLANTA — For now, Greg Maddux is baseball's highest-paid player. "It's no big deal," Maddux said shortly after signing a five-year contract extension Sunday with the Atlanta Braves that will pay him \$57.5 million. "Somebody else will get more next week, next month, whenever," he said.



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"It really wasn't a factor in the negotiations. I was more concerned with getting paid what I'm worth," said the four-time Cy Young Award winner. "I don't worry about what other guys make." Maddux's agent, Scott Boras, said the deal included a signing bonus and no deferred money. The package averages \$11.5 million a year and is guaranteed. "I love playing here. It's been a great five years and I look forward to the next five," said Maddux.

Maddux (15-3) makes his next start tonight in the finale of a four-game series with the Florida Marlins. "You pay the price if you want the Cadillac of pitching," said Braves shortstop Jeff Blauser, who is eligible for free agency following this season. Maddux said the deal was actually completed Saturday night, so he strolled across the street to Blauser's house in north Atlanta suburbs. "I went over there and told him to do what he had to do to stay here, too," Maddux said with a mischievous grin. "I stayed about an hour, had a beverage and went home." Boras indicated preliminary discussions with Braves general manager John Schuerholz have begun.

Blauser is hitting .316 with 14 home runs and 58 RBIs. The 31-year-old Maddux, in the final season of a \$28 million, five-year contract that pays him \$6.5 million this season, jumped over Barry Bonds of San Francisco and Albert Belle of Cleveland in the salary game.

Haley returns to help as a Cowboys adviser

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Although he retired last month, Charles Haley, shown in this file photo, hasn't changed much. He's back at the Dallas Cowboys' training camp having fun as an adviser to the team.

AUSTIN — Charles Haley, the former clown prince of the Dallas Cowboys and the only man ever to win five Super Bowl rings, is now trying to help the team as an adviser at training camp. He may have retired last month, but he's still the same old Haley. At the outset of Sunday morning's workout, he had everyone laughing after sneaking up behind stone-faced offensive coordinator Ernie Zampese and pulling down his shorts in the middle of the practice field. "I wondered what was going on," said an embarrassed Zampese. "I thought, 'My goodness, gracious. I thought you retired.'" Haley was known for being such a practical joker during practices and in the locker room that everyone was always on guard, said offensive line coach Hudson Houck. "We got so used to him being up to something that it's almost been a distraction without him around," Houck said. "I told him to come to some of our meetings to liven them up."

Now it's Deion with a bad back

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AUSTIN — If Dallas Cowboys' owner Jerry Jones is upset that his \$35 million man Deion Sanders is risking further injury to his back by continuing to play baseball for the Cincinnati Reds, he isn't saying so. Sanders sat out of Sunday's game between the Reds and the Dodgers due to a bulging disc in his lower back that required a cortisone injection. He flew with the team to San Francisco on Sunday night and was expected to be in the lineup today against the Giants. "Having talked with our medical staff, and we've reviewed the MRI on his back, we certainly believe that he shouldn't be affected in his play in football," Jones said Sunday. "It's the kind of thing a little

rest really helps out a lot. We know with baseball he's got a lot of twisting and a lot of running. "Certainly with football he's got that, plus the contact aspect of it. But we don't right now think this will limit him in his football," Jones said. Jones may be dismissing the injury publicly, but when Sanders sprained his ankle with the Reds earlier in the season, Jones called the team's front office himself to make sure everything was OK. When asked if the injury would begin a tug-of-war between the Reds and Cowboys over Sanders' services, Jones said, "No. Not at all." Jones, who added that he has known about Sanders' back injury for nearly two weeks, said whether Sanders continues to play baseball "is Deion's decision."

Marlins extend hex over Braves, now face Maddux

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Not since the New York Yankees last October has any team caused this much trouble for the Atlanta Braves. The Florida Marlins beat the NL champions for the eighth time in 11 games this season, getting RBI singles by Edgar Renteria and Gary Sheffield in the 10th inning Sunday for a 4-2 victory. A sellout crowd of 47,649 at Turner Field saw the Marlins cut Atlanta's lead in the NL East to 4 1/2 games. "We believe we can beat them. We feel like we can play with anybody," Sheffield said. The teams meet tonight for the final time in the regular season, with Greg Maddux pitching against Kevin Brown. Shortly before Sunday's game, Maddux and the Braves agreed on a \$57.5 million, five-year contract extension that made him the highest-paid player in baseball. "We don't expect them to go away," Atlanta starter Tom Glavine said of the Marlins. "Still, Greg wins tomorrow, we get a split and they gain no ground."

In other NL games, Philadelphia beat St. Louis 8-0, San Francisco got past Montreal 6-3 in 12 innings, Cincinnati defeated Los Angeles 8-1, Houston downed New York 11-8, San Diego beat Chicago 4-3 and Colorado defeated Pittsburgh 8-7. In American League games Sunday, Chicago edged Seattle 2-1; New York outslugged Minnesota 9-6; Oakland split a doubleheader with Milwaukee, taking the first game 4-3 and dropping the second 9-5; Baltimore beat Anaheim 4-3; Boston defeated Kansas City 6-4; and Detroit beat Toronto 4-2. Charles Johnson hit a leadoff single in the Marlins 10th and pinch-runner Gregg Zaun took second when reliever Mike Bielecki (3-7) made a wild throw on Craig Counsell's bunt. Alan Embree relieved and pinch-hitter Alex Arias sacrificed. John Cangelosi followed with a grounder to shortstop Tony Graffanino, who threw out Zaun at the plate. Rookie right-hander Kevin Millwood

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took over, but gave up the hits to Renteria and Sheffield. Jay Powell (3-2) pitched 1 2-3 scoreless innings for the victory and Robb Nen struck out the side in the 10th for his 29th save. **Phillies 8, Cardinals 0** — Curt Schilling pitched a three-hitter at Busch Stadium as Philadelphia continued its surprising surge. The Phillies, despite being 32 games behind in the NL East, have won 10 of 13. Schilling (12-10) did not allow a runner past first base. He struck out eight in his second shutout of the season. **Giants 6, Expos 3** — San Francisco completed a 7-3 road trip when J.T. Snow hit a tiebreaking, two-run single in the 12th inning. With the bases loaded, Snow hit a bouncer up the middle through Montreal's drawn-in infield. The win gave the Giants a 21 1/2-game lead over Los Angeles in the NL West. **Padres 4, Cubs 3** — Greg Vaughn, making a rare start because Tony Gwynn was sidelined by kidney stones, led off the ninth inning with a home run onto Waveland Avenue as San Diego won at Wrigley Field. Vaughn hit his 12th homer and first since July 22. Gwynn was to spend his third straight night in the hospital Sunday as a precaution after the stones were removed. A team trainer said there was a chance the seven-time NL batting champion could play tonight at home. **Astros 11, Mets 8** — Darryl Kile won his ninth straight decision as Houston's hitters helped him overcome his worst start of the season. Kile (16-3) gave up 10 hits, including a pair of homers by John Olerud, and eight runs in seven innings. He had not allowed more than five runs in any of his previous 25 starts this year. New York made two errors in the first inning as the Astros scored five times.

SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

BSHS season ticket sales under way

Season football tickets for Big Spring High School Steers games will continue through Friday for those who held season tickets last year.

The tickets are priced at \$20 per book for the five-game package. Ticket window hours are from 8:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. on Fridays. Any tickets not purchased by current season ticket holders will be made available to the general public Aug. 18-29.

Hunting permit applications accepted

Applications for public hunting permits on O.H. Ivie Reservoir Wildlife Management Areas are being accepted by mail beginning July 15 and continuing through Aug. 15 at the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Field Office.

Applications will be accepted by mail only. The number of permits issued will be limited, and requests for information and application packets should be made by calling the Colorado

River Municipal Water District by calling 267-6341 or writing to CRMWD, P.O. Box 869, Big Spring, Texas 79721.

A public drawing for the permits has been scheduled for 10 a.m. on Sept. 17 at the field office located near the north end of the dam. Applicants are welcome to attend the drawing if they so desire.

For the 1997 season, only archery hunting will be allowed during both the archery and gun season on the Talpa WMA.

Both shotgun and archery hunting will be permitted on the Riverside WMA, but only during the gun season, Nov. 1 through Jan. 4.

Tiger sets season earnings record

Tiger Woods wasn't at the top of the leaderboard Sunday at the Buick Open. He is by himself in the PGA Tour record book.

Woods shot a 4-under-par 68 in Sunday's final round for a 10-under 278 total, tied for eighth place, five shots behind winner Vijay Singh.

But the \$43,500 Woods earned gave him a total for the year of \$1,821,895 and that bettered Tom Lehman's record of \$1,780,159, which he set last year.

Woods has started 15 events this year and has won four. Lehman started 22 times last year with two victories.

In his two-year career Woods has started 23 tournaments and won \$2,611,789, a figure which puts him 87th on the career earnings list. Greg Norman leads the career list with \$11,139,172.

Baylor QB Watson reinstated

WACO — Jeff Watson may get a chance to be Baylor's starting quarterback this fall after all.

Watson, who was suspended last month after being arrested at a restaurant, was reinstated Sunday and allowed to return to practice. No other details were given in a one-paragraph statement faxed by the school late Sunday.

Last month, Watson pleaded no contest to charges of public intoxication and disorderly conduct. Municipal Judge John Roberts ordered the 21-year-old senior to serve 90 days' probation and deferred adjudication.

The penalty means no judgment of guilt will be recorded against Watson if he successfully completes probation, and the Class C misdemeanor charges will be dismissed.

New Bears coach Dave Roberts indefinitely

suspended Watson shortly after his arrest. On July 24, Roberts said: "He's a good guy. He just made a mistake."

Roberts also said Watson "has an opportunity to do something. When it gets done — whether it takes six months or a year — we'll talk." The coach said he believed Watson was considering not enrolling this fall.

Watson began last season as Baylor's starting quarterback, then lost the job to Jermaine Alfred.

Roberts, who was hired in December, put the position up for grabs in the spring while installing a new, passing-oriented offense. Watson picked up the system more quickly than Alfred and was named the starter heading into the summer.

The status changed again after the events of July 3, when police were called to Cricket's Bar and Grill because Watson, who appeared intoxicated, was arguing with a female companion.

When officers asked him to go outside with them, Watson became belligerent, according to police reports.

Watson is seventh on Baylor's all-time passing chart with 3,981 yards.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) Mars, your ruling planet, is aligned in a way that makes decisions taboo for a few days. Don't finalize any major deal. Relax, and do as little as possible. Conversations with others are entertaining. Tonight: Slip into an early slumber.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A partner's allure is exceptional, and the two of you enjoy art shopping or wine tasting. You might even run through the sprinklers or go for ice cream; anything the least bit silly will be great fun! Tonight: Get ready for work tomorrow.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you've been off work or on vacation, you might think of extending it. It might seem like a better idea than it actually is. Think it through before putting in for extra time off. Others might need you more than you realize. Tonight: Rest up.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You spend the day working on a home project with a partner. Creativity is high, but you don't see eye-to-eye on the procedures. Check plumbing, foundations and wiring. Make sure you complete one step before moving on to the next. Tonight: Dine out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A relationship hits the big time, but it is followed by a large thud when reality sets in. Make sure you are hearing another properly, not just what you want. It's easy to be swept up in the moment. Enjoy, but keep your eyes open. Tonight: Love is in the air.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

A mercenary attitude sets in. You can get what you want by leaving out facts when talking with another, but he will find out soon. That won't do your relationship any good! Seek high moral ground in your interactions. Tonight: Watch a mystery movie.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You can charm just about anyone. Popularity is high, and you have fun anywhere you go. Use care in any activity that involves machinery. Others gravitate to you like bees to honey; you have a choice to make! Tonight: Make decisions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You are in your element. There is an air of mystery around you, and others want to breathe it. But you are in control of who learns what; use this ability wisely. Someone you meet today might not be all he appears to be. Tonight: Find the hottest action.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Friends are capable of acting strangely. You can try to figure it out, but it isn't likely you will before the sun sets. Ignore it! Follow your own recipe for a fun Sunday: Swim, ride your bike or take a drive. Avoid intrigue. Tonight: You are pleased as punch.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

The fewer interactions you have, the happier you will be. Everywhere you turn, someone tries to sell you a bill of goods. Others communicate as if they were on another planet! The frustration that follows isn't worth the effort. Be your own best friend. Tonight: Catalog shop.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You are in the limelight; the phone rings off the hook. Share your wonderful eccentricity with the world. If there ever was a day to be uniquely you, it is today. Others dance to their own tune, and you discover a new step. Tonight: Laugh until late.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today's key phrase is, "It ain't necessarily so." Keep this in mind when you hear outrageous stories. Trying to make sense of the cloud over financial interactions is counterproductive. Do not lend money, no matter what you hear. Tonight: Try a new restaurant.

Hairdresser's heavy hints are enough to curl hair

DEAR ABBY: My hairdresser (whom I have patronized for 14 years) recently started a conversation about tipping. It began with his telling me how much his previous customer had tipped him. It was a very large amount. Then he started talking about how cheap some people are and how little they tip. He said he wouldn't put himself out for people who don't tip him appropriately. The conversation left me feeling uncomfortable and I ended up tipping him more than I would usually tip, which, of course, made me angry.

Abby, do you think this was an appropriate conversation for a hairdresser to have with a client? I would also be interested in hearing what your readers think is an appropriate amount to tip. Please don't use my name or location. Thank you for your help. — CURIOUS

DEAR CURIOUS: According to Letitia Baldrige's "The New Manners for the '90s" (Rawson Associates, N.Y.):

"At an expensive, posh place, you would tip: "20 percent of the total bill to your hairdresser if you're having a cut or color or perm; 15 percent of the total bill if you are just having a wash and set or a wash and blow-dry. "\$2 to the shampoo person. "\$2 minimum or 15 percent of the cost of the manicure to the manicurist.

"At a modest establishment, you would tip: "10 percent of the bill to the hairdresser. "\$1 to the shampoo person (if your hairdresser and shampoo person are one and the same, \$1

more for the shampoo).

"\$1 to \$2 to the manicurist." For a hairdresser to tell a client how much (or little) the previous customer tipped is inexcusable — and also stupid. If you like him, give him this "tip" from me: NEVER discuss how much (or little) other clients tip.

DEAR ABBY: Have you considered a book of the many "How We Met" stories your readers have sent you?

I particularly love how Cupid arranges for people to get together! I have clipped items whenever you have printed them — they are uplifting, each with an element of unsuspected chance.

If you already have such a book, please let me know. I would love to buy it. — KAREN DREW, RUSSELLVILLE, ALA.

DEAR KAREN: I do not have such a book, and at this time I haven't the time to compile one. However, your idea is a good one, and one which I'm sure would make several interesting columns. So, Dear Readers, if you met your mate in an unusual way, please let me know.

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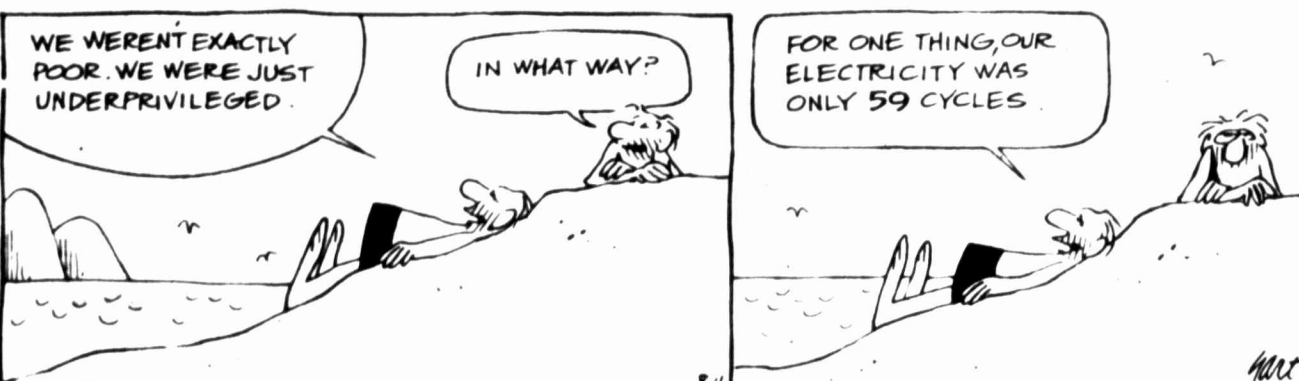
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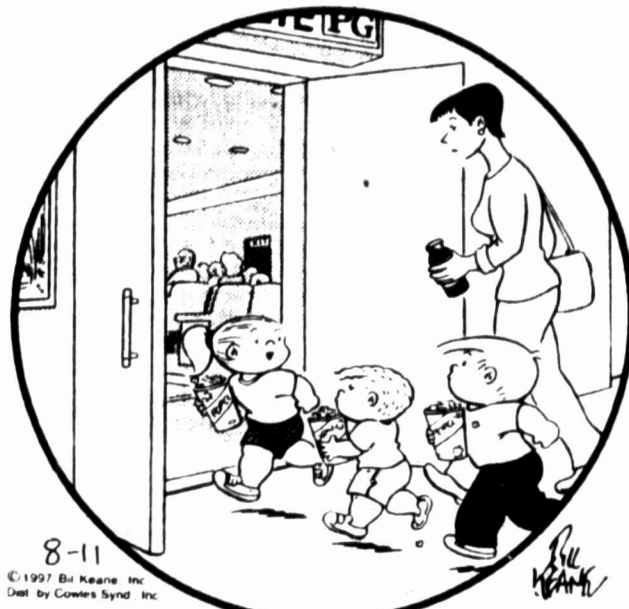
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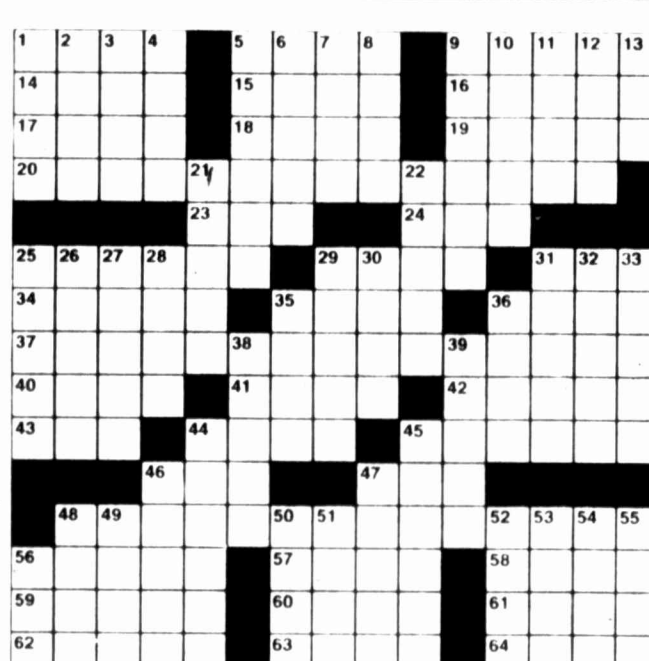
Today is Monday, Aug. 11, the 223rd day of 1997. There are 142

days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 11, 1965, rioting and looting broke out in the predominantly black Watts section of Los Angeles. In the week that followed, 34 people were killed and more than 1,000 injured. On this date: In 1860, the nation's first successful silver mill began opera-

tion near Virginia City, Nev. In 1909, the SOS distress signal was first used by an American ship, the Arapahoe, off Cape Hatteras, N.C. In 1934, the first federal prisoners arrived at the island prison Alcatraz in San Francisco Bay. In 1954, a formal peace took hold in Indochina, ending more than seven years of fighting between the French and Communist Vietnam.

THE Daily Crossword

- ACROSS: 1 Starting at 5 On — with (equal to) 9 Wedge to prevent rolling 14 Fill the hole 15 — Valley, CA 16 Italian philosopher 17 Not under warranty 18 Army group 19 Way to go 20 From — (impeccable) 23 Alphabet letter 24 Aged 25 Depth charge 29 Reveal secrets 31 Word of contempt 34 Porch, of a type 35 Feat 36 Gilbert, of "Roseanne" 37 Secondhand 40 Ireland, to Yeats 41 Allows 42 Lasso 43 Science gp 44 Metropolis 45 Dane of literature 46 Mazel — 47 Buddy 48 Monkey feature 49 — a song 50 Site of a famous mausoleum 51 Responsible citizen? 52 Jarid 53 Bring up 54 Outpouring 55 Mild oath 56 Be inclined



by Philip J. Anderson

08/11/97

Saturday's Puzzle solved:



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- DOWN: 1 Like stale beer 2 Impetuous 3 Garfield's buddy 4 Coordinate 5 Amphibian 6 Garden flower 7 "Baked in —" 8 Dam it!

- 9 List of names 10 Pleased 11 Put to flight 12 Hormone 13 — whiz! 21 Giraffe's cousin 22 Like some cheese 25 Skiing resort 26 Groove 27 Gardeners, at times 28 Inlet 29 Peevish 30 Scaleless fish 31 Tritite 32 Mountain ridge 33 Attacked 35 Twosome 36 Use the pool 38 Martini item 39 Vestment 44 Stick 45 Ceased 46 Belief 47 Religious sculpture 48 Stage item 49 Ms. Moreno 50 Aswan river 51 Refuse 52 Piolet 53 American author 54 Mosul's land 55 Fat 56 Den items

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One year ago: The Reform Party opened the first part of its two-stage convention in Long Beach, Calif., with Ross Perot and Richard Lamm battling for the presidential nod.

Today's Birthdays: Former TV talk show host Mike Douglas is 72. Newspaper columnist Carl Rowan is 72. Actress Arlene Dahl is 69. The Rev. Jerry Falwell is 64. Actress Anna Massey is 60. Country singer John Conlee is 51. Singer Eric Carmen is 48. Actor Ian Charleson ("Chariots of Fire") is 48. Wrestler-actor Hulk Hogan is 44. Rock guitarist Charlie Sexton is 29. Rhythm-and-blues musician Chris Dave (Mint Condition) is 29. Rapper Chris Kelly (Kris Kross) is 19.