## Mouton, staff collecting delinquent taxes at record rate

y CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

The 1996-97 collection year for delinquent taxes was the best year ever, according to delinquent tax attorney Drew Mouton.

A total of \$662,941 was collected between four major taxing entities in Howard County. Overall, Mouton and assistant Richard Cypert collected a total of \$729,606 in delinquent taxes.

"It's the best year we've ever had," Mouton said. "We had a tremendous July and August (1996) collecting almost 31 per-

cent of our total. You can't do much better than two record years in a row.

"Overall, I'm pleased and we're pretty satisfied with the way we're doing business," Mouton added.

Howard County had \$157,840 in delinquent taxes collected between July 1996 and June 1997; Howard College had \$79,466 collected; the city of Big Spring had \$112,296 collected; and the Big Spring Independent School District (BSISD) had

Each year since 1993, Howard County has had more delinquent taxes collected than the year before.

In the last six years the county has had \$745,844 in delinquent taxes collected, including **\$113,945 during the 1991/92 year**; \$107,123 during the 1992-93 year; \$89.532 during the 1993-94 year; \$134,525 during the 1994-95 year; and \$142,879 during the 1995-96

As of July 1, local residents who still owed 1996 property taxes, which were due as of Jan. 31, were assessed an 18 percent late payment penalty plus an additional 15 percent penalty for attorney fees.

Several residents in the past have entered into Tax Payment Agreements with the county, but according to the Howard County Tax Office, a Tax Payment Agreement will not excuse late penalties and inter-

The number of tax payment agreements signed by July 1 were 57. This year, 92 agreements have been signed.

The total number of agreement currently signed is 343 and the number of tax suit files open in the delinquent tax office

A total of 177 tax suits

pending in 118th District Court is 177 and the number of tax files closed in the last year is The previous high where

delinquent tax collection is concerned for all entities was the \$718,044 collected for the 1995-96 tax year.

For all entities, a total of \$729,606 was collected for the 1996-97 year, Mouton said.

During the 1994-95 tax year, a total of \$665,645 in delinquent taxes was collected for all entities; and \$516,298 was collected during the 1993-94 year.

quent taxes was collected for Howard County; \$81,337 for Howard College; \$129,455 for the city of Big Spring; and \$300,902

for the BSISD. The remaining entities for which taxes are collected include: city of Coahoma, city of Forsan, Coahoma Independent District. School Independent School District and Permian Basin

Conservation District. The amount of delinquent

Water

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Underground

#### FCI guard arrested on sexual abuse charge

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

An officer at Big Spring's Federal Correctional Institute has been arrested for alleged sexual abuse of an imate.

According to the U.S. Attorney's, Office in Lubbock, Darron Humphries, an officer with Big Spring's FCI, was arrested Thursday by officers of the Inspector General's Office, a division of the Department of Justice and the Internal Affairs Office of the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

Attorney Tanya Pierce of the U.S. Attorney's Office said Humphries was charged by complaint, meaning no indictment has been issued at this point.

Humphries is currently on home duty status and made an appearance before a federal magistrate on Friday in Lubbock.

At that time, he was advised of his rights and of the charges being brought against him.

Humphries was released on a \$5,000 personal recognizance bond, meaning he didn't have to actually come up with any bond

"The next step will be a presentation before a grand jury," Pierce said. "That process probably won't happen before the last two weeks in September."

#### SADIE, MEET TRENTON



Big Spring Fire Dept. Lt. Carl Condray and Sadie, the accelerant-detecting dog, meet Trenton Crenshaw while teaching children about fire safety. Saturday at Big Spring Mall.

## Scott steps down as Moore president

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

Moore Development For Big Spring Board President Bob Scott presided over his last meeting Monday and will have a replacement named by the Big Spring City Council.

Scott was named to the board three years ago and was elected president last year. He completes his term at the end of this

"A good board is one that continues to change," Scott said.

During Tuesday's meeting, board members and the Moore staff enjoyed a large cake in celebration of Big Spring being selected as one of the four sites to receive a Texas Veterans Home.

Scott congratulated Moore Executive Director Danette Toone and the Moore staff for presenting Big Spring favorably Board (VLB).

He said Moore was able to avoid a trap because of a flaw detected by Toone in what criteria was used in evaluating the potential veterans home sites.

Originally, the group evaluating the sites was planning to limit Big Spring to the Howard County area and not include the outlying areas as other communities would, but the numbers did not add up and the VLB used Big Spring's numbers to evaluate the proposal.

In other business: New Industry Attraction and

Chairman Terry Wegman told board members that Big Spring has made the short list for a manufacturing company considering relocating to the area.

According to Wegman, the move would mean another 100 jobs in Big Spring. Moore should know more within the next 10 days to two weeks.

· The board also approved spending \$32,748 on the airport/airpark master plan. The city of Big Spring's portion will be **\$48**,862.

Moore Vice President Eddie Cole said the bids on the plan were a little higher than expected, but Moore was able to negotiate them down to an acceptable amount.

· Also, Oct. 15 was the date set for Moore's annual meeting, at which time the winners of the second Enterprize Challenge grant program will be

This year the grant total is \$50,000.

Moore Assistant Director Pam Welch said three local companies have submitted business plans in hopes of receiving all or part of the grant.

 Business Retention and Expansion Committee Chairman Phil Carruthers said Moore has been in contact with a representative the Panhandle Small Business Development Center in Lubbock and both sides are attempting to hold an International Trade Workshop in Big Spring sometime in

## Commissioners meet new agent McGinty

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners got their first look at the county's new assistant county agent Brandon McGinty during their Monday meeting.

Commissioners tentatively approved McGinty, 24, of Plains to become the new assistant county extension agent for agriculture two weeks ago.

McGinty, introduced at the meeting by County Agent David Kight, is a recent graduate of Tarleton State University and has good experience in cotton production as a fourth-generation farmer/rancher, Kight said.

"Brandon was raised on a farm and ranch operation and also grew up as part of the 4H youth project, " Kight said.

Keith McGinty replaces

agent. Klement left earlier this summer to become county

agent in Archer County.

Agricultural experience for McGinty includes a 14week internship with the Texas Agricultural

Extension McGINTY Service in Mitchell County (Colorado City) working with cotton, 4-H ani-

mal projects and range land. experiences McGinty include working in entomology and as a ranch manager.

McGinty was recognized as the outstanding senior in agriculture while at Tarleton State, received the Star Greenhand

Klement as assistant county award while at Plains High School and was a 10-year member in 4-H.

> McGinty joins Kight, who Howard County became Extension Agent on July 1, and Family and Consumer Sciences Agent Dana Tarter.

> "I'm looking forward to working with you and getting to know everyone on a personal basis." McGinty said...

> The extension program has seen several changes since March, with two new staff members and relocating to the courthouse basement.

> The extension program has had tremendous successes over the years, Kight said. As the transition continues, the most important thing to accomplish right now is to identify the major activities that are already scheduled for Howard County and see that they are properly planned and executed, he said.

#### **ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?**



Lupe Abrego helps his father Chubby, a Coahoma Division II football coach, get shoulder pads ready

#### *N*EATHER

Tonight:











forecast, Thursday through Saturday, partly cloudy. Lows in the 60s. Basin will result in a Small Business Development Center being placed at the local cam-Vol. 93, No. 269

Howard officials announced the partnership during their regular monthly meeting Monday afternoon.

between

The SBDC, which helps small businesses in the region with

economic development, will SBDC is part of a federal netreplace Howard's Business Development Center, which was discontinued earlier this sum-

Howard College President Cheri Sparks said there will be several advantages to the new system.

For starters, the college will be able to continue many of the same services offered by the old center, including business planning services and business-ori-

ented seminars. "Another advantage is that the

work," Sparks said. "And they'll ... have access to the latest opportunities in economic

for the children who will be signing up to play in the Crossroads Football League.

Howard, UTPB announce business center partnership

development." Howard will provide office space and other infrastructure needs, while UTPB will provide

staff, Sparks said. The partnership officially begins Oct. 1, but officials hope

to have the new office up and running before that time, Sparks said.

In other business, trustees: Approved a tax rate of 21.23

per \$100 valuation for the 1997 98 budget year. The new rate represents an

increase of .73 cents from the previous budget year. College records state that the owner of a home valued at \$80,000 will experience an increase of \$5.84 in their college taxes this school

 Met in executive session to discuss the possible donation of college-owned real estate. No action was taken, Sparks said.

 Approved catalog changes and computer bids.

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#### **O**BITUARIES

#### Helen Newman

Service for Helen Newman. 3, Lamesa, will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 27, 1997, at Second Baptist Church, Lamesa, with Rev. Clifton Igo, pastor of Gail Baptist Church, officiating, and assisted by Rev. John Free, pastor, and Rev. Brian Pinkerton, pastor of Friendship Baptist Church. Burial will be in Lamesa Memorial Park.

Mrs. Newman died Sunday, Aug. 24, at Methodist Hospital.

She was born Jan. 4, 1924, in Lamesa. She married J.M. (Buck) Newman on July 6, 1940, in Lovington, N.M. She was a member of the Second Baptist Church and was a housewife.

Survivors include: her husband, J.M. (Buck) Newman, Lamesa; one son, Jimmie Newman, Clovis, N.M.; one sister, Lily Ruth Carlton, Merced, Calif.; one brother, Raymond Carr, Lamesa; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Branon Funeral Home, Inc., Lamesa.

#### Travis Fuller

Service for Travis Fuller, 75. Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral

He died Tuesday, Aug. 26, 1997, at his daughter's home in Lubbock.

#### BRIEFS

DORA ROBERTS REHABIL-ITATION CENTER plans open house 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 6 to celebrate 26 years of service for Kathleen "Kaki" Morton.

Friends, patients and the community are invited to celebrate with the center. There will be hamburgers and hot

THE ANNUAL FOOTBALL BARBECUE sponsored by the Big Spring Evening Lions Club will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5 at the Big Spring High School cafeteria. Cost is \$5 per person and advance tickets areon sale now. Plates to go are-

For more information, call Squeaky Thompson, chairman at 267-2759.

**HOWARD COUNTY 4-H CLUB** is sponsoring its annual omelet supper at the Howard County Fair, from 5-7 p.m.

Advance tickets are on sale for \$4 from any 4-H member or by calling the Howard County Extension Office at 264-2236. Proceeds will benefit 4-H pro-

The supper will be in the activity barn at the fairgrounds.

THERE IS A PROMISE Keepers meeting on Monday, Sept. 8, at 7 p.m. at the First Church of the Nazarene. There will be a time of prayer and fellowship.

All those who have not registered for the Promise Keepers meeting in Dallas on Oct. 24-25, need to register.

#### **MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME** & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

#### NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home



Travis Fuller, 75, died Tuesday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

BY THE MONTH HOME DELIVERY

TWENTIETH REUNION OF THE Permian Basin Petroleum Pioneers is planned for Friday. Oct. 31 at Holiday Inn Country Villa in Midland. The group is open to persons engaged in some phase of the oil and gas industry in the Permian Basin at least 30 years before Oct. 1, 1997.

More than 500 are expected to attend the event. For information about the group, call (915)683-4403.

THE HOWARD COUNTY FAIR QUEEN contest deadline for entry is Thursday by 9 a.m.

Contestants must be enrolled in an area high school class or at Howard College. She must be single, never married, and have no children.

The winner will be crowned Sept. 1, and receive a \$300 scholarship to Howard College. Entry forms can be picked up at the Chamber of Commerce, Joy's Hallmark or Athletic

#### **S**PRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRING-BOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CON-TACT 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

 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 eeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

 Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally III, 6:30 p.m., 409 Runnels (formerly of TU building). Call Sondra at 267-7220.

 Scenic Mountain Medical Center will sponsor a community health screening at St. Paul Lutheran Annex, 809 Scurry, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. This will be for a free Cardiac Risk Assessment.

WEDNESDAY

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

•Line dance classes, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, following lunch. For more information call 398-5522 or 267-1628. All ages welcome.

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

"Healthy Horizons," an educational seminar provided by SMMC, 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Home Health, 600 Main. For more information call 267-1314.

**THURSDAY** 

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon. Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30

·Spring Tabernacle Church,

a.m., 55 and older. •Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small

 Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles. 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.

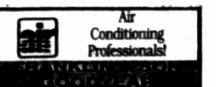
·Masonic Lodge NO. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

·Alzheimer's Association, support group, 7 p.m., Comanche Trail Nursing Center.

FRIDAY

 Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7.30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.

 Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Bible study.



 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m.. Big Book Study.

SATURDAY Candlelight NA meeting, 10 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Golfad. Alcoholics Anonymous, 615

Settles, open meetings at noon, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Open birthday night, covered dish, 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. birthday meeting, 615 Settles. This is to celebrate AA

Sobriety yearly birthdays. SUNDAY Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting

MONDAY •Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Al Valdes, 263-6810.

and 7 p.m. open meeting.

•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, VA Hospital room 212.

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

•Gospel Singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn. Call 267-6764. Guest singers from Stanton, Midland and Colorado City.

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Center on fourth floor. •VFW Post No. 2013, 7 p.m., VFW Hall.

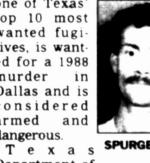
 Cancer support group, 7 to 8 p.m., VA Medical Center room

#### 213. Call Beverly Rice, 268-5077. **Fugitive** may have connections in local area

**HERALD Staff Report** 

State and federal law enforcement agencies are asking the public's help in apprehending Arthur Lee Spurgeon, 42, a suspected murderer with West Texas connections.

Spurgeon one of Texas' top 10 most wanted fugitives, is wanted for a 1988 murder in Dallas and is considered armed and dangerous.



SPURGEON

Department of Criminal Justice officials, working with the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Dallas FBI Violent Crimes Fugitive Joint Task Force, declined to disclose details of Spurgeon's West Texas connections, but said there is reason to believe he may have been in the area or in contact with people in West

Spurgeon, a white male, is 5feet, 11-inches and weighs 131 pounds. He has brown hair and brown eyes. He has a tattoo of a nude woman on his right arm and unknown tattoos on his upper left arm and left shoulder. He has scars on his abdomen, right knee, back and right eye.

Spurgeon was out of prison on parole from a forgery conviction when the November 1988 murder took place. His criminal record dates back to

In addition to the state charges of murder and parole violation, he faces federal charges for unlawful flight to

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#### BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

avoid prosecution.

Law officials point out that it is a felony punishable by up to 10 years in state prison, in addition to possible federal charges, for anyone to hinder the apprehension or prosecution of a wanted felon like Spurgeon.

Texas CrimeStoppers is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to Spurgeon's arrest. CrimeStoppers can be contacted at (800) 252-8477.

#### **TAXES**

Continued from page 1

taxes due all nine local entities for the 1996-97 tax year (taxes due as of Jan. 31) is \$584,228.49 or 2.49 percent of the overall tax levied, according to the Howard County Tax Office.

The total percent of taxes due that went delinquent for the nine local taxing entities in 1995 was 2.56 percent or \$599,932.44.

Mouton also informed that his office is in the process of trying to located a licensed real estate auctioneer to oversee the auction of some 47 properties owned by the taxing entities of Howard County.

These properties have been foreclosed on and have various values attached to them.

Included on the list is the old Palmer House Hotel, which former city councilman Tom Guess attempted to buy earlier this year, but was denied. At that time, Mouton told local taxing entities that he thought that property would bring more than the \$1,001 Guess had submitted.

"We want to get these propecties sold and off the tax rolls, Mouton said. "The sale should happen within the next 60 days and will be in the old city council chambers at the airpark."

"It will be an absolute auction, meaning the property goes to the highest bidder, no matter how low the bid is," Mouton added.

#### State agrees to temporary injunction on FOI law

AUSTIN (AP) - A new state law limiting public access to traffic accident records will be blocked, at least temporarily, under a court order agreed upon by lawyers for the state and two newspaper groups.

District Judge Paul Davis of Travis County granted the temporary injunction Monday. Under the order, the law will not be enforced until a judge has a hearing and decides whether to permanently prohibit the measure from taking

The Texas Daily Newspaper Association and Texas Press Association, which together represent nearly all Texas newspapers, are challenging the law passed by the 1997 Legislature. It had been scheduled to take effect Sept. 1.

#### **PICK** 3: 2,3,1 Texas Lottery CASH 5: 8,15,22,27,39

#### Rescue of woman makes mailman group's hero

WASHINGTON (AP) - A Texas mailman has been named hero of the year by the nation's letter carriers for rescuing a crippled woman trapped in a burning house.

Kevin C. Decker of Amarillo was named "National Hero of the Year" by the National Association of Letter Carriers. The award will be presented next month at ceremonies in Washington.

Decker was delivering mail on Aug. 23, 1996, when he smelled smoke and realized that the home of one of his postal customers, Annette Jones, was burning.

After fighting off a large dog in the yard, Decker kicked in the front door, stumbled through smoke and located Ms. Jones, a quadriplegic in a wheelchair, and dragged her out of the house.

Also honored by the mail carriers were three regional heroes and one local branch.

—Husband-wife mail carriers James F. and Deborah A. Frederick of Meriden, Conn., who spotted flames coming from a nine-unit apartment building Dec. 19, 1996. They called firefighters, alerted residents to flee, and with fellow mail carrier Joe Damiata rechecked the building to make sure everyone was out. Coley Hudson Jr. of Toledo.

Ohio, who, seeing a 3-year-old child in a runaway car in a parking lot on Oct. 19, 1996, chased down the car, jumped in and brought it to a stop just before the car would have drifted into traffic. Donald J. Doyle of

Riverside, Calif., who rescued two teen age girls being attacked by a large dog in Hemet on Jan. 25, 1996. —Letter carriers branch 466 in Lafayette, Ind., was honored

for a 41-year tradition of answering letters to Santa, arranging for local service groups to assist people in hardship and often taking care of hard-to-fill wishes themselves.

#### MARKETS

Oct. cotton 72.55 cents a pound, down 55 points; Oct. crude oil 19.34, up 8 points; Cash hogs steady at \$1 lower at 52.50; cash steers steady at \$3 lower at 64: Oct. lean hog futures 69.75, dowr 117 points; Oct. live cattle futures 69, up 27 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation.

Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones

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#### Volume 130,969,820 ATT Amoco

**DOESN'T HURT A BIT** 



Linda Anderson, a Big Spring resident, gives blood at the United Blood Services blood drive in the Big Spring Mall on Saturday. Tracie Nobles is one of the technicians who took blood donations. All of the blood donated will serve patients in this area, officials said.

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#### POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity for the period ending at 10 a.m. today:

ROY DeWAYNE DOSS, 35. 4000 County Road 2, arrested on **Howard County warrant.** • ROCKY TORRES, 35, 1509

E. 6th St., arrested for driving with license invalid. OSCAR CANALES, JR., 19,

607 State, arrested on local warrante · LONNIE SCAGGS, 29, 1410 Parkway, arrested for assault."

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THOMAS WILLIAM MUR-

• REBECCA RIVAS, 19, 1703 Young, arrested for forgery. INVESTIGATION OF SUS-PICIOUS ACTIVITIES reported in the following locations: 500 block of Hillside, Aylesford and Father Delaney, 1300 block of Virginia, I-20 and FM 700 and Business Highway 20 and

Willia. BURGLARY OF A BUILD-ING reported in the 800 block of E. 3rd.

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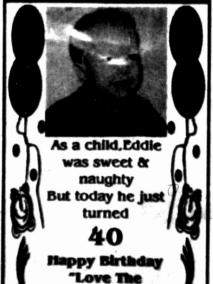
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ed at 15th and Princeton. CRIMINAL MISCHIEF reported in the 1700 block of Donley

#### LOUD PARTY/NOISE reported in the 1800 block of Johnson.

#### RECORDS

Monday's high 94 Monday's low 70 Average high 91 Average low 67 Record high 103 in 1936 Record low 52 in 1926 Precip. Monday 0.00 Month to date 2.87 Month's normal 1.20 Year to date 17.33 Normal for the year 11.85 \*\*Statistics not available



## Florida reaches \$11.3 billion settlement with tobacco industry

WEST PALM BEACH, FIE. provisions to protect children, AP)—The \$11.3 billion settle-reimburse the state for ment Florida reached with the Medicaid money spent treating (AP) - The \$11.3 billion settle-ment Florida reached with the tobacco industry Monday includes some of the toughest prohibitions on advertising and marketing to shildren, yet gives the industry some breathing room not in the proposed national deal.

Some critics contend the state's landmark pact highlights the need for Congress to approve the \$368 billion national pact so the federal government can regulate nicotine and set penalties for failing to clamp down on smoking by children.

Others, however, suggest Florida has shown individual states can earn more on their own than as part of a national deal, which would supersede Florida's deal if approved.

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Gov. Lawton Chiles helped negotiate the 17-page agreement, which he said includes sick smokers and "blows away the smoke screen of lies."

"We wanted acknowledgment of the havor they had caused in the past and some indication that would change in the future," Chiles said. "There is a debt long past due for big tobacco to pay."

The state had been seeking \$12.3 billion based on claims the industry manufactured a defective product and deceived the public about smoking's dangers. Jury selection began Aug. 1.

Florida will receive an initial payment of about \$1 billion within one year and at least another \$10.3 billion to be paid out over 25 years. The settlement will be enforced by Florida courts and does not need to be approved by state or federal lawmakers.

the money on programs geared toward children and health.

"This is another step in a process to end the climate of confrontation and litigation that has marked the national debate on tobacco-related issues," the industry said in a statement.

Arthur Golden, an industry attorney who helped negotiate the deal, refused to comment.

Under the state's deal, all billboards would be removed, starting with those within 1,000 feet of schools or playgrounds, and bans most tobacco advertising on sports arenas and public transportation.

\$200 million, which must be paid by Sept. 15, for an antismoking advertising campaign.

The state settlement includes

Florida still will allow some tobacco advertising at sporting events, including NASCAR races and other events spon- avoid unnecessary federal inter-

The state will spend most of sored by cigarette makers. The national deal would wipe out all billboard advertising.

The state's agreement also allows for vending machines in adult-only facilities - something the national agreement would eliminate altogether.

Nonetheless, Florida's settlement "highlights the fact that we need a national settlement." said John Coale, a Washington attorney who helped negotiate the proposed national deal.

Only the federal government, not individual states, has the authority to regulate nicotine and fine cigarette makers if teen-age smoking doesn't drop, Coale said.

However, Brion Fox, a researcher at the Institute for Health Policy Studies at the University of California at San Francisco, said state deals do more for the taxpayers and

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vention.

"If you want to protect the public health and preserve individual rights, then the national settlement is not the right approach," he said. "If you use local and state solutions, they're more effective.'

Mississippi settled a similar lawsuit for nearly \$3.6 billion in July and 37 other states have lawsuits pending.

Texas is slated to go to trial next month and officials there said Florida's settlement had not affected their plans.

Georgia Gov. Zell Miller said Monday his state will file its own lawsuit against the tobacco companies by the end of the

Florida agreed to accept the money described in its deal, even if it turns out to be less than the national agreement.

The formula for dividing the \$368.5 billion of the national

deal has not been determined If a national settlement is not approved within a year, Florida reserved the right to go back to

court and seek further restrictions on the industry. The state also said it would

continue its court fight to make public about 400 confidential documents still being reviewed by judges.

The settlement comes just days after attorneys for the state; said executives of the nation's two largest cigarette makers took major steps in admitting

smoking's link to fatal illnesses. Geoffrey Bible, chairman and CEO of Philip Morris Cos., conceded in a deposition Thursday. that smoking might have killed. 100,000 Americans.

The next day RJR Nabisco chief Steven Goldstone testified that he believed "smoking plays. a part in causing lung cancer."





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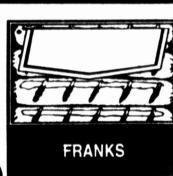
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#### OUR VIEWS

To one is popping champagne corks just yet, but the slow, steady exodus of students out of the Big Spring school district may be ending.

A sad fact of life for the local district during the past 30 years has been a slow, steady erosion in student enrollment. From a high-water mark of 7,812 students in 1965, district enrollment has declined to a low of 4,417 students in 1996.

Two major factors play into those figures — the closure of Webb Air Force Base in 1977 and the oil bust of the mid-1980s. The school district lost more than 1,000 students between 1976 and 1977, then lost 500 more over the course of the next school year.

Enrollment rallied briefly during the oilfield boom of the early 1980s, but when the bust arrived, it had a negative impact on enrollment. The district went from about 5,000 students in 1982 to 4,472 in 1986. Another rally followed, but the past six years have shown a steady drop in student numbers.

But recent enrollment reports show that enrollment is stabilizing, and that has officials feeling cautiously optimistic about the future.

Big Spring Superintendent William McQueary doesn't want anyone to read too much into the latest enrollment figures, and refused to even guess at longrange trends.

"Trying to project enrollment in Big Spring, Texas is next to impossible," McQueary said. "It's really anybody's guess who will stay and who will go."

But McQueary was just as pleased as anybody to see the latest enrollment numbers which showed similar student counts from last year. And assistant superintendent Murray Murphy said there's a good chance that trend will continue for the rest of the year.

Enrollment news is good throughout the county as well, with both Coahoma and Forsan school districts reporting increases over this time last year.

As for the long-term, much of that depends on the local economy. A healthy economy means people stay here and send their children to local schools. A sour economy means the exodus will begin again.

But for now, the absence of bad news will suit local educators just fine.

#### OTHER VIEWS

A processing plant in Nebraska has recalled 25 million pounds of hamburger that might be contaminated with deadly bacteria, and although the company acted voluntarily, the Department of Agriculture wants you to know it would have closed the plant otherwise. What the government hasn't been quick to tell you is that the Food and Drug

Administration has been refusing to permit the irradiation of red meat, a process that could have rendered the hamburger as harmless as a baby's kiss.

When food is irradiated. high-energy particles blast the life out of microorganisms that cause disease. As long ago as 1965, the Office of the Surgeon General of the U.S. Army said irradiation was safe. Irradiation has been employed in the military as well as in the space program. The FDA has approved the process for pork, some vegetables and fruits and poultry. Forty countries irradiate food extensively. United Nations experts advocate irradiation. as have officials in this country's Department of Agriculture. Most scientists in relevant fields concur on its effectiveness. An epidemi ologist recently wrote in the prestigious New England Journal of Medicine that the

bles.
So why hasn't the FDA
agreed to allow the irradiation of red meat? A call to the

U.S. should irradiate all

imported fruits and vegeta-

agency produced the response that, well, these things take time and that approval was in its final stages. And please keep in mind, the spokesman said, that approval is not tantamount to use. Even though the poultry industry is free to irradiate, few poultry companies have signed up.

This is a peculiar argument coming from an agency that is seldom shy in telling industries how they really ought to behave, and it misses the point. Even if the Nebraska plant that sent potentially lethal meat to stores and restaurants around the country had wanted to keep its hamburger safe through irradiation, it could not legally have done so.

No. the real reason the FDA has been so slow to act is almost certainly that there are some highly active groups in the land that promote the idea that irradiated food is dangerous. This is superstitious twaddle of the highest order, a paranoid reaction to the modern age. but it nevertheless resonates with a public that is not particularly sophisticated on such issues and may well assume that people can themselves somehow be irradiated by eating irradiated food.

Leadership is needed here, for tainted food claims some 9,000 lives a year in America. Irradiation of your hamburgers won't hurt you anymore than putting ketchup or mustard on them, but a slow moving, politically cowardly FDA might.

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"FIRST A COLLISION...THEN A COMPUTER MALFUNCTION ... OH, WELL , THINGS CAN'T GET ANY WORSE ... RIGHT , YUR! ?... YUR! ?... "

## Newt Gingrich dreams big on comeback tour

By MARSHA MERCER

Media General News Service

WASHINGTON — Things are so slow in the nation's capital that some people have started paying attention to Newt Gingrich again.

It must be August.
The president goes for a jog with his daughter and makes

with his daughter and makes the front page of The New York Times. The plight of Canada snow geese occupies the Washington Post. Sex on the Internet is front and center in USA Today.

Phones don't ring. Traffic moves, but fax machines sit idle.

In this kingdom of lethargy, a man in motion looks like a whirlwind.

The speaker of the House is on a comeback tour — a dozen stops across the country in two weeks — trying to rebuild his image and to infuse his party with energy. In San Diego, he was greeted by the theme from "Raiders of the Lost Ark" and shouts of "Newt, Newt, Newt." Later, he stopped by the "Tonight Show."

Jay Leno: "So you see yourself as a kind of Indiana Jones?"

Gingrich: "Well, this is one of those late-night shows where you bare your soul, and it is true that my day sometimes seems adventurous after the Indiana Jones movie."

OK, so he's no Bob Dole. Gingrich, 54, has lived many lives the last few years. From backbencher, he became kingmaker, the man responsible for handing Congress to the Republicans in '94. Then, he was a spoilsport, blamed for shutting down the government in retaliation for being forced to sit in the back of Air Force One. Last month, he was nearly toppled in a leadership coup. Now, he may have presidential dreams.

It's August all right. No matter that Gingrich's approval ratings are so low that NBC's Tim Russert calls him "radioactive." No matter that GOP conservatives think he's gone soft. Gingrich says he expects to remain as speaker until 2002, assuming the Republicans retain control of the House, when rules require him to step down, but what then?

Asked if he'll run for president, Gingrich won't say. Last week, he helped GOP congressional candidates raise money and held forth on a wide range of issues.

He's for school choice, for an amendment banning flag desecration, for fighting the drug war by merging the Immigration and

Naturalization Service with the

Border Patrol and Customs. He favors elimination of the estate tax and using computer technology and preventive medicine to improve veterans' health care.

Apparently eager to prove that he didn't fall and he can get up, Newt has lost 35 pounds and gained a personal trainer. He's sworn off pizza and beer. But his line hasn't changed. Gingrich persists in espous-

ing an us-versus-them, conservatives-against-liberals ideological struggle, even though the Republicans won the less-government, lower-taxes fight years ago.

He still demonizes the news

on the "left." To hear him talk, there's a dangerous liberal presence in the land, just waiting to undo the achievements of the GOP Congress.
"We have a new problem, because the unions and liberals

media, academics and others

because the unions and liberals are trying to destroy welfare reform," Gingrich told GOP activists in San Diego. "We're going to challenge

President Clinton and Vice
President Gore to stand up and
be counted. They're either with
us in reforming welfare or
they're with the left..."

Gingrich insisted that,
"We're not social engineers
like the left ... If you give the
American people a chance,
they're usually smarter than

the bureaucrats in Washington and smarter than the academics."

And, he said: "This is a great country filled with good people. That's what makes us so different from our liberal friends. We think that if we cut taxes and return the power back home, you'll frankly, do better than the Washington bureaucracies. They think if they don't have a bureaucrat to watch you, who knows what you might do. It's a basic difference in the two sides."

Such appeals may help mend fences with the Republican right, but it's a stretch to cast Clinton as a liberal in 1997, after he has signed welfare reform, cut the federal bureaucracy and the deficit, and embraced the GOP plan to cut taxes and balance the budget.

Congrich says his strategy for 2000 is to package Republican candidates for House, Senate and the presidency as a team, and to build the campaign around a Contract II of "five big things."

And what might these "very big, very clear, very real" things be?

Gingrich isn't ready to show his hand. He said the new contract won't be unveiled until the summer of 2000.

But he gave a little preview: "A flat tax with the elimination of the IRS."

## The bugs that bug me and those that don't

By CHARLEY REESE

Syndicated Columnist

I noticed the other day that on the endangered species list there were some insects and arachnids, or spiders, and ticks. To tell you the truth, I could get along without those insects and spiders and ticks.

As the late Carl Sagan would put it, there are millions and millions of insects, so what's a few less? Of all those millions and millions, about the only insects I've ever been partial to are honeybees, bumblebees, butterflies, doodlebugs, ladybugs, lightning bugs, June bugs, crickets, bait worms and dragonflies.

That's about 10 out of millions and millions. There are no spiders or ticks on the list. I've never met a spider I really cared for, even those we called granddaddy long legs. Certainly not a tick or a flea. Or a wasp or a roach.

about roaches because I admit that I am prejudiced and discriminate against them every chance I get. I'd vote for Jim Roach laws in a NASA nanosecond. I suppose there are some entomologists who like them, but I don't know any ordinary

people who do.

Down here in Florida where I rusticate, the roaches are so big you can trip over them. The big ones breed outdoors, and then they slip into your house like cat burglars and eat anything they can get their mandibles on. They have obnoxious personalities. They are furtive and speaky. And also aggressive

sneaky. And also aggressive.
In the long ago days of my youth, I rented an apartment in an old Victorian house that I discovered (after I had paid my deposit and moved in) was already occupied by roaches.
We had a war. And they knew

it was to the death.

One night I spotted one high on the wall across the living room. As I sat there, strategizing how to kill him, he launched himself, flew across the room and landed on top of my head. Now, folks, you never want to squash a big, gooey Florida roach on top of your own head. I guess he thought he was being smart, but I knocked

him off onto the floor and then squashed him.

Another attack occurred one night in the kitchen. I had just poured myself a glass of juice when a roach darted out from underneath the refrigerator, across my shoe and up my pants leg. I did some instant stomping. With every stomp, some of the juice took off for the ceiling, made a graceful arc and returned to splash on me. I did a whole lot of stomping and splashing until I got that little dude off my leg and within range of the sole of my shoe.

So that's why I don't like roaches. Honeybees, though, are the only insects I know of that make a useful product.
Bumblebees are just funny.
Aeronautically speaking, they are supposed to be unable to fly, but they do, and I like critters who defy the establishment.
Butterflies dragonflies and

Butterflies, dragonflies and lightning bugs are just beautiful to look at. June bugs are nice to listen to, as are crickets, though I can't hear the soprano crickets anymore on account of having fired too many rounds through my .45.

Ladybugs are cute. My affection for doodlebugs (ant lions, actually) is just nostalgic. It was great fun as kid to stir their pits with a straw and catch them. They walk backwards, by the way, and eat ants. Bait worms, of course, have a fine utility not only as bait but also for keeping the soil loose in your garden.

Still, I'm not too happy to learn that the might of the federal government and my tax dollars are being used to preserve bugs from probably well-deserved extinction. Furthermore, I'm sure the experts over at the Agricultural Department would like to know from the experts at the Environmental Protection

Agency just how you manage to get an insect species to die out. The Ag Department has been trying for most of its existence — without success — to eradicate a number of bugs.

That's typical of government, though. You've got some federal guys trying to kill bugs and some federal guys trying to save bugs. And we're having to pay for both. Doesn't that bug you?





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## Another problem, another solution for Mir astronauts

MOSCOW (AP) - Mir's crew solved a potentially serious problem by swiftly fixing the balky air supply systems but the Russian ground staff was slow in telling the Americans, resulting in a brief scare early today.

The latest breakdown and repair job on Mir was filled with confusion due to the very different ways that Americans and Russians handle public relations.

The U.S. space agency NASA touched off a brief panic Monday when officials in Houston announced that both the main and backup oxygengenerating systems on Mir were not working.

The two Russians and one American on board would have to fix the systems within days, or face the prospect of abandoning the beleaguered

When NASA made the first announcement it was almost midnight in Moscow, where space officials had long since gone home without reporting any new problems aboard the

It wasn't until this morning Russian officials announced that both oxygen systems had been fixed by 10:30 p.m. Monday — before NASA even announced the

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problem. "Everything is fine," Vladimir Solovyov, the head of Russia's Mission Control, told journalists today.

'We have no problems with the quality of air on board the

During Mir's many recent travails. NASA has on several occasions been the first to report problems, though they receive their information from their counterparts at Russia's Mission Control just outside

The Russians have been slow to report a number of incidents, and have downplayed many others in comparison to the American space agency.

Russian space officials have abandoned the Soviet-era obsession with secrecy and are willing to explain problems to the media

But after keeping Mir aloft for over 11 years, the Russians view many breakdowns as routine and simply don't bother to announce them unless asked.

Mir has had more than 1,500 breakdowns during about 4.000 days in space, or about one breakdown every 2 1/2 days. space officials have said.

Most are minor and not even reported by the Russians.

"There's a difference in philosophy between the Russians and the Americans," Geoff Perry, head of the Kettering Space Observers Group, said in a recent interview from Cornwall, England

"The Russians accept these breakdowns and get on with them and don't bother to report them.

"NASA is very quick to report any malfunctions."

Solovyov, the Russian official, took a swipe at the media today, calling the latest reports "a completely incomprehensible uproar."

## Study: Parents support school vouchers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most vate or church-related schools. parents with children in public schools support using tax money to send students to private and parochial schools, according to a survey released today.

The Gallup Organization survey commissioned by a group of educators also found strong public support for putting computers in school classrooms and for national tests to measure performance. academic Standards and computers rank high on President Clinton's list of educational goals.

But Clinton opposes using public money to support private education. Still, 55 percent of parents with children in public schools told Gallup pollsters they would agree with a broad school-choice proposal that would have the government pay all or part of the tuition to pri-

That number is up from 49 percent in 1996 and 48 percent in 1994 when the question previously had been asked in the same poll conducted for Phi Delta Kappa, a professional

society for educators. Support was largest among women, blacks, other nonwhites, the young, the poor and Southerners.

However, support was tempered by opposition among people with no children in school, especially older Americans, suburban residents and those earning \$50,000 or more a year. As a result, the public is

divided nearly 50-50 on the issue. The public was 43 percent in favor and 54 percent opposed

The questions, though, did not use the term "vouchers," the tuition certificates issued to

parents. The main question had two parts, asking about both the broad issue of choice and government support.

"It's a factor you have to look at as you try to interpret it," said Lowell C. Rose, an author of the report, referring to the

element of choice. The pollsters asked:

"A proposal has been made that would allow parents to send their school-age children to any public, private, or church-related school they choose. For those parents choosing nonpublic schools, the government would pay all or part of the tuition. Would you favor or oppose this proposal in your

Other questions on the same topic limited the range of choice to a "private school" at "public expense," or a "private school"

When "government expense" was used, the public was divided and public school parents were opposed. But blacks and other nonwhites, the poor and the young were in favor.

A poll earlier this year by the Joint Center for Political Studies, which emphasizes studies affecting black Americans, found that support for vouchers among blacks had grown while whites were split.

Congressional Republicans, with a few Democratic allies, are pushing a bill that would support vouchers. But the movement suffered a blow last week when a state appeals court struck down a proposal to use vouchers to let poor Milwaukee children attend church-run schools

In other results, the survey found strong support for putting computers in every classroom.

## Second E coli outbreak shakes beef business

DALLAS (AP) — Consumers are looking a little closer at meat these days following another E. coli outbreak and cattle ranchers are hoping Americans' love of beef will last through this latest contamination scare.

Mad cow disease, which hasn't been reported in the United States, previous warnings about E. coli and years of hearing nutritionists warn against too much red meat have many shying away from beef already.

"I was in the grocery store the other day and didn't buy any hamburger. I thought why not just wait awhile," said Carheron Tyler of Boulder, Colo.

A poll conducted for Newsweek magazine last week as the E. coli outbreak was getting wide attention found that 41 percent of those polled less likely to purchase hamburger at grocery stores, and 54 percent less likely to buy hamburgers at fast-food restaurants.

Many cattle ranchers agree that the highly publicized outbreaks could wind up diminishing American's appetite for

"The stigma is always a concern," said Texas rancher Chaunce Thompson, a past president of the Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers Association. "But I feel like the American people are smart enough to realize these are very isolated incidents.'

During an E. coli outbreak in 1993 that sickened more than 500 hamburger eaters and killed three children, consumers turned their backs on beef. Consumption bottomed out at 61.6 pounds per person, according to the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

The beef industry, which has struggled to hold its market share over pork and poultry in recent years, has become highly sensitive to reports of contamination and is hopeful the same thing won't happen this time

Reaction has been less this time around. Livestock futures on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange hovered around 69.85 cents a pound before the USDA's recall on Aug. 18, when they plummeted to 66.42 cents a pound. The prices have been creeping back upward since.

"I think that consumers are used to hearing about once a week about a food scare. We've heard, 'don't eat chicken, don't drink water, don't eat strawberries, don't eat apples'," said Lisa Williams, a spokesman for the Texas Beef Council. "Of

we think consumers are starting to understand."

The Newsweek poll of 501 adults was taken Friday and has a margin of error of plus or minus five percentage points. It found that 51 percent of respondents in recent days had decided to avoid certain foods or were being more careful about handling and preparing food.

Some consumers say they've heard so many warnings about their food they've tuned them out, deciding to enjoy a meal and take their chances.

"I've been around a long time, and people have banned everything at some point. When I want a hamburger, I'm going to order it. I just don't let it bother me," said Charlie Hurwitz, 85, a retired New York banker, who ate two plain hamburgers for

## Critics wary of Dow Corning suit settlement of breast implant case

DETROIT (AP) - Jama injuries they claim implants implant and sign an affidavit kussano, born with a tumor on her right breast, got a Dow Corning Corp. implant to replace lost tissue when she was 14. After problems cropped up 19 years later, she got a second Corning implant.

It was taken out six years ago. Russano said her doctor had removed so much tissue that it "fell into my armpit when I lay down."

"We were told they were a lifetime device. I had no idea it could rupture," the 40-year-old said from her Northport, N.Y., home. "I started having all kinds of problems, but didn't know why. I went to my doctor and started putting two and

two together. Though the debate over whether such problems were caused by implants continues, Dow Corning offered Monday to settle breast implant legal claims for up to \$2.4 billion as part of its plan to get out of bankruptcy.

Critics called the plan inadequate and an attempt to bail out Dow Corning's half owner, Dow Chemical Co. Implant claims were filed against Dow Chemical after Dow Corning filed for bankruptcy.

The money would go mostly to settle breast implant claims, but also includes claims made by people with other devices containing silicone, such as joint implants. The payment each woman would receive depends on how many approve the pact and the extent of the caused them. Individual settlement amounts would range from \$650 to \$200,000.

Dow Corning said the plan must be approved by two-thirds of the women who have filed claims to take effect. It also must be approved by a bankruptcy court judge.

The Midland, Mich.-based company did not admit that implants cause disease. Company officials said they made the offer to "agree to disagree" with nearly 200,000 women worldwide who blame their injuries or illnesses on the devices. Some 150,000 are in the United States.

Dow Corning chief executive Richard Hazleton said scientific evidence shows no link between ailments and breast implants, though "we do know there are local complications and that implants can occasionally rupture.'

The settlement came as part of the reorganization plan Dow Corning was required to file to recover from Chapter 11 bankruptcy. It also comes less than a week after a Louisiana jury said Dow Chemical was negligent in testing silicone for breast implants, lied about the possible risks and plotted with Dow Corning to hide potential health dangers.

Corning Dow attorney Barbara Houser said the settlement money could be available by next summer. Those seeking money would have to prove they had a Dow Corning

his party created.

saying they were narmed.

By settling, women would give up the right to make claims against any Dow Corning products or its shareholders — meaning that Dow Chemical would also be free from claims, Houser said.

Plaintiff's attorneys accused Dow Corning of helping get its parent company off the hook.

"From the outset, this bankruptcy has been run for the benefit of Dow Chemical,' Houston attorney Ed Blizzard said. "Now, this plan provides a bailout for Dow Chemical without them having to contribute a dime toward the

If the plan is rejected, company officials said they would pursue other legal means to recover from bankruptcy.

"I felt almost insulted, I felt like this is such a tragedy,' Russano said. "This is supposed to be a big American company, and how could they treat people this way, hiding behind bankruptcy laws and coming back with the same money they were willing to give a few years ago?"

The company said the plan will cover medical costs, but critics disagree.

Dr. Lu-Jean Feng, a plastic surgeon at Cleveland's Mount Sinai Medical Center, said she has removed implants from more than 800 patients.

"It's not unusual to spend \$10,000 on just one operation,' she said.

## Missouri officials file suit against alleged torture of inmates in Texas

is seeking unspecified monetary damages from a Texas where Missouri inmates were videotaped being abused while housed in rented cells.

In the lawsuit, filed Monday in Cole County Circuit Court in Missouri's capital Attorney General Jay Nixon alleged that Brazoria County breached its contract by not providing all materials it had including the videotape

about the September 1996 incident.

The abuse included one inmate being bitten on the leg by a German shepherd and the use of stun guns on crawling prisoners. Missouri officials said they didn't know of the videotape's existence until earlier this month. It has subsequently been broadcast around the world.

Nixon said in an interview that Brazoria County has "covered up the details and we have not received anything near the level of cooperation which is required in a matter such as Brazoria County, Sheriff Joe

King and County Judge John Willy are named as co-defendants in the lawsuit. Willy, chief administrator for the county, declined comment Monday, saying the matter was in litigation. Neither King nor attorneys for Brazoria County returned calls to their offices by the AP.

Nixon said the contract with

 Alleging a coverup, the state Houston requires cooperation it is important to put these offi any state investigation of incidents involving Missouri inmates, such as encounters in which force is used.

Missouri has unsuccessfully sought records of inmate requests for medical attention, officer reports and medical records — materials Nixon said are required to be shared under the contract, which paid the county \$41 per day for each prisoner.

"We are asking the court to order them to turn this information over immediately to aid in the investigation," Nixon said.

Nixon said the state's contract with Brazoria County stipulated that any legal actions would be filed in Missouri courts. The case was assigned to Presiding Circuit Judge Byron Kinder, who did not immediately schedule a hearing.

The videotape prompted Dora Schriro, director of the Missouri Department of Corrections, to pull hundreds of inmates from Brazoria and two other Texas jails, voiding \$12 million worth of contracts. The videotape was reportedly made by deputies for training purpos-

The attorney general said the damages sought could include the cost of moving the prisoners back to Missouri, an amount which could run into tens of thousands of dollars. "Missouri taxpayers shouldn't

be out one penny. We are still

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) the county located near computing the costs, but I think cials on notice that we intend to seek damages," Nixon said. "It's my hope that might also send a clear signal that they need to cooperate in the investigation and transfer of these

> prisoners." The inmates were shipped to Texas because of overcrowding in Missouri. In all three Texas counties, the Missouri prisoners were managed by a private company, Capital Correctional Resources Inc.

Schriro said she had canceled all contracts in jails managed by CCRI because the company was trying to defend the jailers'

actions. The videotape is now in the hands of the FBI, which is

investigating for possible civil rights violations. After the tape surfaced, Texas prison authorities revealed that

one jailer hired by the private firm had a previous conviction for abusing a Texas inmate in 1983. A second jailer hired by Capital Correctional Resources was convicted for withholding information on a report of the same 1983 incident. Meanwhile, about a dozen rel-

atives of Missouri inmates who were housed in Brazoria County held a news conference on Monday in St. Louis to decry the practice of shipping prisoners out of state.

Their organizer, Missouri televangelist and prison activist the Rev. Larry Rice, called for a formal apology to the families from Gov. Mel Carnahan.

Neurologist

## S. Africa's de Klerk resigns

CAPE TOWN, South Africa 1989, De Klerk was widely (AP) — Former President F.W. de Klerk, the pragmatic reformer who negotiated the end to apartheid, resigned today as head of his troubled National Party and quit politics.

De Klerk announced his resignation after a meeting of the former ruling party's executive committee, the Federal Council. National Party spokesman

Jan Bosman said de Klerk's successor likely would not be named for one to two weeks. When he became president in

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President Nelson Mandela,

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## Brewers' Adamson cuffs Rangers in surprise starting assignment

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MILWAUKEE — When reliever Joel Adamson got the call for a starting assignment, he was only too happy to

Adamson, a late replacement because Bryce Florie has a strained right shoulder, pitched the Milwaukee Brewers to a 7-2 victory over the Texas Rangers on Monday night. Adamson (4-2) matched his career high with seven strikeouts while holding the Rangers to four hits and two runs in six innings.

It's something you can't think

about. You just have to think that said, "One thing we've seen about you're getting another opportunity to start," Adamson said of the pressure of one-day's notice to start. "Every time they give me an opportunity to prove myself I'm grateful for the chance. Totally. I'm definitely happy

Milwaukee manager Phil Garner was happy, too, after Adamson helped the Brewers to their third straight victory and eighth in 11 games. Back at .500 (65-65) for the first time since Aug. 5, the victory also pulled the Brewers within 3) games of Cleveland in the Central Division.

"He threw the ball good," Garner one in the third for a 4-0 lead.

Joel, no matter whether he comes out of the pen or whether he starts, he usually throws the ball over the plate for strikes. That part we really do

Garner was excited about being back at .500, but isn't worried about chasing Cleveland.

"We'll address that at the end of the season. Right now we've got to continue doing what we're doing right now, and that's playing some pretty good ball," he said.

The Brewers jumped on Terry Clark (1-6) for three runs in the second and

"He got behind a lot of hitters. Texas Manager Johnny Oates said of Clark. "It seemed like every ball they hit found a hole. It was just one of those nights where he never really got in sync. Clark gave up four runs on eight

hits in 2 2-3 innings, but the Rangers almost got back into it at 4-2 on an RBI single by Benji Gil in the fifth and a solo homer in the sixth by Juan Gonzalez, his 31st.

But Julio Franco hit a two-run homer, his fifth, in the seventh when the Brewers got three runs.

addition since being signed Aug. 13.

Garner said Franco has been a great

"He's helped us out a great deal," Garner said. "I think having Julio here is a big adjustment for our players. It's been a while since we had a veteran player who has a presence in the clubhouse ... in addition to what he's doing for us on the field."

Milwaukee went ahead in the second on Mike Matheny's RBI single, a runscoring throwing error by Gil at shortstop on a potential double-play grounder and Jose Valentin's run-scoring double.

Mark Loretta's RBI double chased Clark in the third to make it 4-0.

Valentin hit another RBI double in the seventh, and Franco homered.

## Sampras caps Open's opening

### **Arthur Ashe** remembered in ceremony

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

**NEW YORK** — The fireworks were over by the time Pete Sampras took center court.

Before Sampras appeared, past champions graced the court, a plaque proclaiming the new Arthur Ashe Stadium was unveiled and Whitney Houston sang.

As the last note of Houston's song drifted into the darkness, rockets raced across the sky, punctuating the hour-long ceremony at the \$254 million facil-

Even Sampras, seeking his third straight and fifth career U.S. Open title, didn't stand a chance of overshadowing that lineup, especially since he was playing a qualifier, just-glad-tobe here Todd Larkham of

When it was over, Sampras was safely into the second round of the year's final Grand tournament Larkham, who smiled while making unforced errors and grunned at his mistakes, was elun**inated 6-3, 6-1, 6-3 in a** match that wasn't as close as the score indicates.

It got a little interesting at the end with the crowd getting into it," Sampras said. "I think he knew his tournament was going to end momentarily. From what guys have been telling me, he was hamming it

In a ceremony full of pomp, the U.S. Tennis Association presented a great congregation of champions — 37 in all, spanmmg 60 years.

There was Don Budge, who won the U.S. championship in 1937 and 1938, and Rod Laver,

ATLANTA - It won't be just

another crucial August series

when the Atlanta Braves begin

a three-game set with the

If both teams can maintain

leads in their respective divi-

stons, the next three nights also

glimpse at the first round of the

"It's not really a playoff

series. It's far too early to call

it that," said Tom Glavine, who

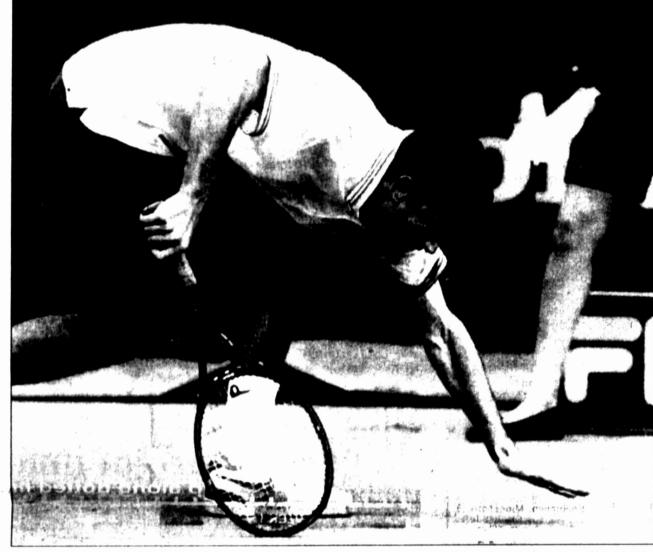
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Houston Astros tonight.

playoffs.



Pete Sampras, shown here in a file photo, had little trouble in disposing of his first-round opponent in the U.S. Open, unheralded Todd Larkham. Sampras is seeking his third straight and fifth overall

whose victories in 1962 and 1969 were part of his Grand Slam years when he won all four major titles. There was Steffi Graf, last year's women's champion who is sitting out this year's event while recuperating from knee surgery.

There was Stefan Edberg, who retired after last year, and Boris Becker, who pulled out of what was supposed to be his last Grand Slam tournament when his manager and close friend died.

And there was two-time win-

Reynolds. "It's an important

series both clubs. Our lead is a

little shaky and Houston's lead

For now, both teams must be

more concerned with what's

behind them rather than what's

ahead. The Florida Marlins

trailed Atlanta by only 40

games in the NL East, while

the Astros' lead in the Central

had dropped to just three

games over the streaking

"I wouldn't call it a playoff

preview," Atlanta shortstop

Jeff Blauser said. "We're not

is even shakier

Pittsburgh Pirates.

Braves, Astros meet again in possible playoff preview

against Houston's Shane there and neither are they.

can happen.'

in five weeks.

ner Monica Seles, who won her first-round match just prior to the ceremony, taking pictures of the other champions lined up from one end of the court to the other.

"This is for you," Houston told the champions before singing "One Moment In

It also was a moment in time for the more than 20,000 who showed up on opening night of the 23.547-seat Arthur Ashe Stadium, named for the winner of the first U.S. Open in 1968

There's 32-33 games left. A lot

Maybe it's the familiarity of

both teams that prevents them

from getting too pumped up

about gaining an upper hand in

August when there could be a

more critical best-of-5 meeting

it doesn't matter," Braves first

baseman Fred McGriff said.

"Basically, they have the same

guys they've had since I've

been in the National League:

Jeff Bagwell, Craig Biggio,

Derek Bell. We've seen these

"With a team like the Astros,

and the only African American man to win a Grand Slam tournament singles title.

In a moving tribute, former New York City mayor David Dinkins narrated a short film on Ashe's life, John McEnroe eloquently remembered Ashe and Jeanne Moutoussamy Ashe talked about how her late husband believed in inclusion rather than division.

Even in defeat, Larkham thoroughly enjoyed his brief moment in the spotlight, as it

guys a lot over the years."

"It may be a bigger series for

them," said third baseman

Chipper Jones, who made a

critical error Sunday in a 6-4

loss to Cincinnati that ended

the Braves' four-game winning

streak. "Their lead's only three

over the Pirates. We need to

keep winning too, putting pres-

sure on the Marlins. Four

games can evaporate mighty

The Braves have been in a

miserable hitting slump most

of the month, but their starting

pitching has prevented a pro-

# Just two pitches prove difference for Los Angeles

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Two misplaced pitches by Todd Worrell took the Los Angeles Dodgers from a sweep to a split.

Worrell gave up home runs to Mark Smith and Joe Randa on consecutive pitches in the ninth inning as the Pittsburgh Pirates stunned Los Angeles 4-3 Monday night for a doubleheader split.

"I'm sure this is going to linger," Worrell said. "You don't forget about a bad performance in 15 minutes."

The Dodgers won the first game 8-2, and a win in the nightcap would have given the club a 11/2-game lead over San Francisco in the NL West. Los Angeles took over the division lead for the first time since April 13 on Sunday.

We just let that one get away. We had it," Los Angeles manager Bill Russell said, "You make bad pitches, that's what happens. You make a bad pitch and it doesn't matter who the hitter is -Joe Randa or whomever."

Elsewhere in the National League, it was San Francisco 7, New York 1; Chicago 3, Florida 1; and Montreal 2, St. Louis 1. Philadelphia swept San Diego in a doubleheader, 10-1 and 6-4. And Cincinnati swept a doubleheader from Colorado, winning the first game 7-6 and the nightcap 6-4.

In the only American League games, Boston edged Seattle 9-8, Milwaukee beat Texas 7-2 and Detroit edged Minnesota 7-6 in 12 innings.

Meanwhile, the Pirates' storybook season added another

"This might have been the most exciting finish of the season — even more exciting than the no-hitter," said Smith, whose dramatic homer in the 10th inning ended the Francisco Cordova-Ricardo Rincon no-hitter against Houston on July 12.

"I'm so exhausted, I almost don't have words to describe it," Randa said. "It was another storybook finish in a storybook season. We were exhausted, down and dragging, ready to lose a doubleheader and we won the game. I think we're all running out of words to describe what's happening to us this season.'

The Pirates, picked to finish last in the NL Central, trail first-place Houston by three games. They are 20 games

#### Major Leagues

ahead of their last-place pace of a vear ago.

Randa, who hadn't homered since June 13, followed a walk to Eddie Williams with a shot to straightaway center that Otis Nixon nearly vaulted the wall to catch.

Smith then stepped in, and before he knew it Worrell's pitch was on the way.

'He started winding up and I'd figured I'd stay in there and hack," Smith said.

Marc Wilkins (8-3) pitched two scoreless innings for the victory

"How about that! How about that!" said an unusually excited Gene Lamont, the Pirates' normally even-keel manager. "We hadn't even shaken Randa's hand and Smith hit his.'

In the first game, Ramon Martinez (7-3) won his first official start in more than two months and the Dodgers roughed up Jason Schmidt (8-7) for eight runs in 41-3 innings.

#### Giants 7, Mets 1

At New York, Brian Johnson hit a two-run homer and Shawn Estes (17-4) improved to 9-0 following a San Francisco loss.

Estes allowed one run and six hits in 62-3 innings as the Mets lost for the 11th time in 16

Johnson, acquired July 16 from Detroit, has hit three of his seven homers this season against New York. The catcher has 21 career homers in four years, seven against the Mets.

Bobby Jones (13-8), 1-5 in his last 11 starts, gave up four runs and eight hits in 62-3 innings.

#### Cubs 3, Marlins 1

At Chicago, Doug Glanville broke a 1-1 tie in the seventh with a two-run, bases-loaded single as the Cubs beat Florida for the first time in eight games this season.

Kevin Tapani (3-3) allowed seven hits in seven innings, and Terry Adams got three outs for his 13th save.

Alex Fernandez (16-9), who had won six straight decisions. gave up all three runs and nine hits in seven innings.

#### Expos 2, Cardinals 1

At St. Louis, Pedro Martinez (15-6) took a two-hit shutout into the ninth and lowered his major league-leading ERA to

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## Cowboys reduce to five linebackers to make room for Deion

quick."

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING - Vinson Smith left the Dallas Cowboys after picking up a Super Bowl ring in 1992. He's back this year, and he's already impressed coach Barry Switzer.

Smith's stellar play in the team's final exhibition game convinced the team to release second-year linebacker Alan Campos on Monday in order to free up room on the 53-man roster for Deion Sanders

Switzer had planned on going with six linebackers, but Smith's performance proved Dallas could get along

'He showed that he's a (middle) line backer. He can play strong, he can play (weak)," Switzer said. "If we get an injury, he can plug in all those

Campos, a fifth-round draft pick in 1996 from Louisville, played in all but one regular-season game last year and in one playoff game. In his only extended action, he had one solo tackand three assists against Washington.

Smith, who played for Dallas from 1990-92, signed with the Cowboys this summer as a free agent after playing for the Chicago Bears. He said he doesn't mind being asked to back up all three linebacker spots.

"I've been through so much it really doesn't matter," he said. "When they need me to fill in someplace, I will be ready.

The Cowboys open the season Sunday in Pittsburgh. Smith said the Dallas defense will have its hands full trying to contain quarterback Kordell

"You're talking about probably THE tinually do that, but I can't give you most talented overall player in the league," Smith said. "He has the ability to make things happen instantly, no matter what position he's playing. He makes things happen so fast, you have to be prepared.

If the Cowboys are looking for more help at linebacker, there is an interesting option to consider: Kevin Greene, who led the NFL in sacks last year but was released Sunday by the Carolina Panthers after a prolonged hold out over his contract. Dallas would probably have trouble fitting Greene under its salary cap, but team vice president. Stephen Jones said the Cowboys are

"We're always looking at depth, Switzer said. "We're always making decisions. We'll probably maybe bring somebody in to work out. We will conany names right now.

Switzer said he's expecting Sanders, still playing baseball with the Cincinnati Reds, to be with the Cowboys on Sunday

for the possibility Sanders won't be with the Cowboys. He said coaches are trying to get

But Switzer said he has to prepare

Wendell Davis and Kevin Mathis ready for duty in the secondary.

'Everyone relies on Superman to come up, but maybe his cape's still in the laundry. You know, maybe he's not ready to play," Switzer said. "I don't have any indication anything is wrong with him. I expect him to jump out of the phone booth in Pittsburgh. But we've got to prepare for Deion not being there.

Switzer said the team had a good

practice Monday. He specifically mentioned the work of offensive guard Nate Newton, who has been sidelined with injuries.

"He's not there yet, but he's trying to get some conditioning with pads on and some full-speed pass rush,' Switzer said. "He won most of them. got beat a couple of times.'

Clay Shiver, a 6-foot-2, 294-pound second-year player out of Florida State, has won the starting job at center.

Shiver won an endorsement from quarterback Troy Aikman.

"Clay's going to be fine. He's a very athletic guy, a lot in the same mold as Mark Stepnoski - not overly big, but athletic and very agile," Aikman said. "I think the guys up front feel comfortable playing with him, and I certainly feel comfortable having him in front of me."

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Detroit (Thompson 11-9) at Minnesota (Robertson 7-11), 7:05 p.m.
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Boston (Avery 6-4) at Seattle (Moyer 13-4), 9:05 p.m.

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San Diego (Hitchcock 9-7) at Philadelphia (Grace 0-0), 6:35 p.m.

San Francisco (Alvarez 2-1) at N.Y. Mets (Reed 10-7), 6:40 p.m.

Florida (Hernandez 7-0) at Chicago Cubs (Batista 0-1), 7:05 p.m.

Houston (Reynolds 6-8) at Atlanta (Glavine 11-6), 6:40 p.m.

Montreal (Johnson 1-1) at St. Louis (Osborne 2-6), 7:05 p.m.

Cincinnati (Carrara 0-1) at Colorado (Bailey 10-10), 8:05 p.m

Los Angeles (Reyes 1-2) at Pittsburgh (Cooke 9-12), 12:35 p.m.

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TRANSACTIONS

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BASEBALL

American League
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Sent RHP Bartolo Colon to Buffalo of the American Association. Recalled OF Bruce Aven from

SEATTLE MARINERS—Recalled RHP Bob Wolcott from Tacoma of TEXAS RANGERS—Placed 1B

Will Clark and OF Warren Newson on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled RHP Eric Moody and OF Mike Simms from Oklahoma City of the American Association, Sent RHP Tanyon Sturtze outright to Oklahoma City. Sent C Frank Charles, OF Doug O'Neill, and OF Brian Blair outright to Tulsa of the Texas League. Sent INF Ryan Gorecki outright to Charlotte of the nternational League. National League CHICAGO CUBS—Recalled RHP

Dave Stevens from lowa of the American Association. CINCINNATI REDS-Placed LHP Kent Mercker on the 15-day dis-

Graves from Indianapolis of the American Association. FLORIDA MARLINS—Purchased the contract of RHP Donn Pall from Charlotte of the Internationa League. Sent RHP Kirt Ojala to

SAN DIEGO PADRES-Activated RHP Jim Bruske from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned OF Ruber Rivera to Las Vegas of the Pacific

Coast League.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Agreed to terms with LHP Rich Ankiel on a minor-league contract. Placed OF Brian Jordan on the 15-day dis-

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS-Recalled OF Marvin Benard from Phoenix of the PCL. Optioned OF Jacob Cruz to Phoenix.

National Basketball Association CHICAGO BULLS—Announced ent of C Robert Parish DETROIT PISTONS-Signed G-F

PHOENIX SUNS—Signed F Clifford Robinson to a one-year

SEATTLE SUPERSONICS-Resigned G Eric Snow to a two-year FOOTBALL

National Football League
BALTIMORE RAVENS—Signed

LB Tyrell Peters.
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Claimed

Jeff Shaw got two saves, giving him 27. With the bases loaded in the second game.

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Ugueth Urbina got the last out for his 21st save.

Houston in the NL Central.

Ron Blazier (1-1) got the win with two innings of relief in the second game, and Ricky Bottalico got his 24th save as five pitchers combined on a five-hitter.

San Diego has lost sixth of

allowed five runs and eight hits in six innings, is 0-4 since July

Mark Leiter (9-13) won the first game, scattering 10 hits in his second complete game this season. Will Cunnane (6-3) took the loss.

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homers for the Reds.

Colorado's Larry Walker went 5-for-9 in the doubleheader. raising his average to .376, seven points behind NL leader

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PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—
Claimed S Matt Stevens off waivers from the Buffalo Bills and S Blaine McElmurray off waivers from the Tennessee Oilers.

Waived G Sean Love and S Damien Robinson. PITTSBURGH STEELERS— Placed WR Henry Bailey on injured

reserve. SAN DIEGO CHARGERS-Claimed DT Norman Hand off waivers. Waived DT Rashod Swinger. Signed F Robert Chancey, DT Michael Mohring, CB Michael Swift and S Gerome Williams to

ne practice squad. SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS-Signed DE Jeff Posey, DE Carlos Thornton, DT Albert Reese, RB Reynard Rutherford, WR Curtis Shearer to the practice squad.
TENNESSEE OILERS—Promoted

Don MacLachlan from senior vice president to executive vice president of marketing, broadcasting and ticketing. Signed RB Spencer George and CB George McCullough to the practice squad. HOCKEY

istional Hockey League
ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS-Signed D Mike Crowley to a two-

year contract.
CAROLINA HURRICANES-Traded C Andrew Cassels and G Jean-Sebastian Giguere to the Calgary Flames for F Gary Roberts

and G Trevor Kidd.

DALLAS STARS—Announced the retirement of C Neal Broten. NEW YORK ISLANDERS-Acquired RW Mariusz Czerkawski from the Edmonton Oilers for LW

Dan Lacouture.
NEW YORK RANGERS—Agreed to terms with D Jeff Brown.
OTTAWA SENATORS—Signed D Lance Pitlick to a multi-year contract. Traded D Steve Duchesne to

the St. Louis Blues for D Igor Kravchuk PHILADELPHIA FLYERS-Announced the retirement of C Dale Hawerchuk.

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RBI-TMartinez, New York 121; Griffey Jr, Seattle, 120; Salmon, Anaheim, 105; FThomas, Chicago, 102; JuGonzalez, Texas

HITS-Garciaparra, Boston 175; Greer, Texas, 160; JhValentin, Boston, 160; Jeter, New York, 158; IRodriguez, Texas, 153; Griffey Jr, Seattle, 153. DOUBLES—JhValentin, Boston

42; Cirillo, Milwaukee, 37; Cora, San Diego (Hamilton 10-4) at Philadelphia (Schilling 13-10), 12:05 Seattle, 37; ARodriguez, Seattle 36: O'Neill. New York. 35 Garciaparra, Boston, 33; Greer, San Francisco (Rueter 9-6) at N.Y. Mets (Isringhausen 0-0), 12:40

TRIPLES-Garciaparra, Boston, 10; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 9; Damon, Kansas City, 7; Jeter, New York, 7; Burnitz, Milwaukee, 7: Alicea Anaheim 7 HOME RUNS-Griffey Gaskins. Waived DE Waverly S George Coghill and S Cory

Seattle, 43; TMartinez, New 40; Thome, Cleveland, GREEN BAY PACKERS-Waived JuGonzalez, Texas, 31. STOLEN BASES—BLHunter JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS-Signed WR Chad Askew, CB Curtis

Detroit, Knoblauch Anderson, LB Al Wallace and OL Minnesota, 49; Nixon, Toronto Todd Fordham to the practice NEW YORK GIANTS-Signed C

PITCHING (15 Decisions)-Lance Scott. Waived DT Matt Clemens, Toronto, 20-4, .833 1.80: Rajohnson, Seattle, 17-4 .810, 2.32; Moyer, Seattle, 13-4 the contracts of RB Reggie Cobb,

#### ROUNDUP

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1.61. He set a career best for wins, allowing four hits and striking out 13 in 8 2-3 innings.

Manny Aybar (0-3) allowed five hits in eight innings as the fading Cardinals dropped 101/2 games behind first-place

Phillies 6, Padres 4 Phillies 10, Padres 1

At Philadelphia, Rico Brogna homered and drove in two runs in the second game. Midre Cummings went 6-for-9 in the doubleheader, getting his first four-hit game in the opener and driving in two runs.

Andy Ashby (6-10), who

At Denver, Chris Stynes had four hits and two RBIs and Jon Nunnally had three hits as Cincinnati swept the day-night

In the opener, Reggie Sanders and Bret Boone hit two-run

Tony Gwynn.

Walker hit into a game-ending double play.

Red Sox 9, Mariners 8

The sluggingest team in the majors still can't overcome its shaky bullpen.

Ken Griffey Jr. hit his major league-leading 42nd and 43rd homers, and the Seattle hit four homers overall, but the bullpen failed again to get the job done in a 9-8 loss to the Red Sox.

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Seattle relievers Norm Charlton and Heathcliff Slocumb (0-8) blew saves in the seventh and eighth innings, giving the Mariners' bullpen 20 lost saves this year.

Andy Sheets hit his first career home run and Alex Rodriguez also homered for the Mariners, who increased their major league-leading total to

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#### Community pep rally set for Aug. 28

This year's Big Spring High School Community Pep Rally has been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Comanche Trail Park amphitheater.

The rally, sponsored by both the Big Spring Steers Booster Club and the Lady Steers Booster Club, will be an opportunity for the public to meet members of the football and volleyball teams and their trainers and managers.

In addition, members of this year's band, cheerleaders, student council and Key Club at BSHS will be introduced to the public.

#### Annual Football Barbecue scheduled

The Big Spring Evening Lions Club will have its Annual Football Barbecue from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, prior to the Big Spring-Monahans football game.

The meal will be served in the Big Spring High School cafeteria and plates will be priced at \$5 per person. To go plates will also be available.

According to club officials, advance tickets are currently on sale. Funds raised from the project will help the Lions purchase eye glasses for school children, send a handicapped child to the Texas Lions Camp, as well as allow Lions to supper a number of other local and state programs.

For more information, contact Squeaky Thompson at 263-2759, Al Valdes at 263-6810 or Bob Noves at 267-6095.

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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) Settle in, and handle responsibilities. A partner gives you both financial and emotional feedback. Excellent communications mark a personal matter. It is good that you and family present a unified front. Nurture someone who is confused. Tonight: Entertain at

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

You have strong desires; because of that, you are a good creator. Make clear what you want and expect. Build a better sense of direction with a family member. You chatter, and see life from another perspective. Be creative at work. Tonight: Play racquetball, or swim.\*\*\*

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your dynamic energy draws others. You can get your mes-

sage through. A loved one takes a strong stand and knows what he expects. Listen to your inner voice when discussing expectations. You say the right words at the right time. Tonight: Let your creative juices flow.\*\*\*\*

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Search your soul before committing yourself to a project. How you view life is considerably different from those around you. Instincts hone in on financial matters. Be direct with family about a change. Discuss your budget Another animatedly expresses opinions. Tonight: Curl up with a good

book.\*\*\*

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Don't mince words; say what you think. Others aren't mind readers; they need to hear your ideas. Emphasize long-term friendships. Go for what you Run errands. want. Conversations are dynamic. Tonight: Be with friends.\*\*\*\*

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Take a stand. Know what you need, and finish work. Answer to another. Expenditures are out of whack; make a concerted effort to make more money. Accumulating funds are a major project. Instincts are right on with work and finances. Tonight: Grab the spotlight!\*\*\*

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Break past barriers. Use your ingenuity to solve problems. Others like your farseeing abilities but do not understand how you see the big picture so differently. A friend comes through for you when you need help. Tonight: Romance shows up in strange places.\*\*\*\*\*

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

You get an earful from a boss or partner. Delve into the pros and cons of finances. Take the lead by asking insightful and needed questions. Ultimately, it is your decision. Something in particular might make a choice easy; initiate a discussion. Tonight: Be a duo.\*\*\*\*

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

Listen to a key person, who will actively pursue your mental perspective. Understand where he is coming from. Another takes a strong stand. Use logic and detachment, if need be. He will eventually come over to your point of view. Tonight: Be a receptive audience.\*\*\*\*

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Work is a priority as you attempt to make finances conform to what you want. Ideas flow, and you acquire a different point of view. Realize and honor your limits. You can refuse and be heard. Establish limits; others will respond. Tonight: Run errands on the way home.\*\*\*

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Your imagination is working overtime now. How you see life could change; you will bend information and make it conform to your thinking. Be more open to feedback from someone who is at a distance. You might need his perspective and insight. Tonight: It's playtime!\*\*\*\*

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When I was 17, I gave birth to a baby girl and put her up for adoption. I had no choice about it. I want-

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Abigail Van Buren Columnist

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When she walked in, she handed me a gift and said, "Happy Mother's Day." I have no other children and have waited all my life to hear those words. She had been searching for me since 1996, and had sent her registration to ISRR last week. At 4:30 Tuesday afternoon they called her and told her they had found her mother.

I'd like to offer a huge thankyou to the Websters for taking such good care of Laura Marie, and for guiding her and raising her. Her mother died last July of lung cancer, and I am heartbroken that I could not know

Another huge thank-you to International Soundex Reunion Registry. They made it all possible! To birth parents and adoptees: Register with Soundex. You have nothing to

lose and everything to gain.

Abby, please feel free to publish any or all of my letter, and our names. I want the world to know how happy we are. -KATHLEEN KOEHLER, SANTA ANA, CALIF. DEAR KATHLEEN AND

LAURA MARIE: I'm pleased

that your search ended so hap-

pily. It's gratifying to know I

was able to help you find each

other. Congratulations to you The International Soundex Reunion Registry is a group I have recommended for many years. They are efficient, honest, and operate with the philosophy that neither the identity of the birth parents nor the adopted child shall be disclosed unless all parties are agreeable to a reunion. Birth parents and children can register, and when the children reach legal age if both parties are registered

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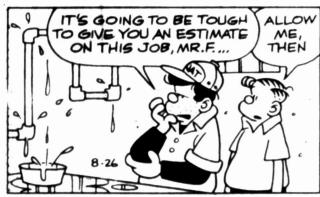
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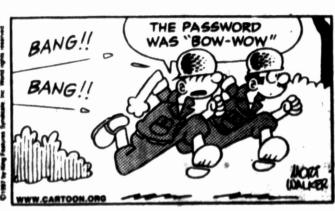
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"I DIDN'T WANT TO MESS UP THE FRONT PORCH, SO I CAME IN THROUGH THE WINDOW.

#### THIS DATE

#### IN HISTORY

#### The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 26, the

238th day of 1997, There are 127 days left in the year.

#### Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 28, 1930, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, giraranteeing

American women the right to vote, was declared in effect. On this date:

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In 1883, the island volcano Krakatoa began erupting with increasingly large explosions. In 1957, the Soviet Union announced it had successfully an intercontinental bal-

the International Hockey Hall of

Fame opened in Toronto. In 1964, President Johnson was nominated for a term of office in his own right at the Democratic **National** Convention in Atlantic City,

In 1972, the summer Olympic pames opened in Munich, West Germany.

In 1974, Charles Lindbergh the first man to fly solo, nonstop across the Atlantic — died at his home in Hawaii at the age of 72.

In 1978, Cardinal Albino Luciani of Venice was elected the 264th Pope of the Roman

Catholic Church following the death of Paul VI. The new pontiff took the name John Paul I. Ten years ago: In an attempt to eliminate a superpower stumbling block, West German

Chancellor Helmut Kohl said his country would destroy its 72 Pershing 1A rockets if Washington and Moscow scrapped all their intermediaterange nuclear weapons. Five years ago: A federal

judge declared a mistrial in the hran-Contra cover-up trial of former CIA spy chief Clair George (George was convicted of perjury in a retrial, but was then pardoned by President Bush). The United States, Britain and France imposed a no-fly zone over the southern one-third of leaq aimed at protecting Iraqi Shtite Muslims.

One year ago: Democrats opened their 42nd national convention in Chicago. Barbara Jewell, mother of security guard Richard Jewell, tearfully called on President Clinton to clear her son's name in connection with the Centennial Olympic Park bombing (Jewell was later cleared by the Justice Department). A Cuban court convicted fugitive U.S. financier Robert Vesco of economic crimes. The former military ruler of South Korea, Chun Doo-hwan, was sentenced to death for mutiny, treason and embezziement.

Today's Birthdays: Former Washington Post Executive Editor Benjamin C. Bradlee is 76. Author Ben J. Wattenberg is 64. Former Democratic vice-presidential nominee Geraldine Ferraro is 62. Singer Valerie Simpson is 48. Pop singer Bob Cowsill is 48. Actor Michael Jeter is 45.

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