

Choate turns down county's planned pay increase

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

At least one county official feels he is paid enough and has notified the county that he has no intention of taking a salary increase included in the proposed 1997-1998 budget that is expected to total about \$8.7 million.

"I think I'm paid adequately for what I do," Precinct 4 Commissioner Sonny Choate said.

Included in the budget are



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—Sonny Choate
Pct. 4

salary increases for department heads and elected officials including the county attorney, \$3,196; county clerk, \$2,975; county treasurer, \$2,975; tax assessor-collector, \$2,975; dis-

trict clerk, \$2,975; sheriff, \$2,880; constables, \$13 (base salaries for constables is \$265 annually); peace justice, precinct 1, place 1, \$2,939; precinct 1, place 2, \$2,939; precinct 2, place 1, \$2,955. Also included are increases of \$3,076 for the county judge and an increase of \$1,574 for all commissioners except Choate.

The raises are equivalent to a 5 percent increase plus longevity for county department heads and elected officials.

Last year county employees other than elected officials and department heads received a \$40

per month across the board raise.

The public will have the opportunity to comment on the new budget when commissioners hold a public hearing during its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, Sept. 8.

Residents with questions about the budget before the public hearing may contact County Auditor Jackie Olson at 264-2210.

According to County Judge Ben Lockhart, if the budget

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Police investigating felony child neglect of 4-month-old

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring police have a suspect in connection with a felony child neglect which occurred here Saturday.

Police Sgt. Roger Sweatt said police responded to a location in south Big Spring and found a four-month-old male child suffering from several broken bones and other internal injuries.

The child was transported to Saint Mary's of the Plains Hospital in Lubbock, where he underwent surgery to repair his injuries. He is currently in the hospital's intensive care unit, and is in critical but stable condition, Sweatt said.

No arrests have been made in the case, but Sweatt described a known family member as a suspect. The names of the victim and the suspect were not released.

Cotton crop better than in recent years

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Area farmers have had to contend with too much rain, dust storms and now boll weevils, but this year's cotton crop is still shaping up to be the best in recent history.

After several years of drought and other maladies, farmers are understandably hesitant in predicting possible yields, but when pressed, they'll admit that things are definitely looking up this year.

"It's a beautiful crop," said Horace Tubb of his waist-high cotton around Elbow. "It's the best crop we've had since I don't even remember."

Tubb reported some boll weevil infestation, especially on irrigated cropland, but he estimates he'll still average more than a bale per acre when the time comes to harvest the cotton in October or November.

If there is a bad news area, it's north of town toward Knott and Ackerly. That area was hurt early in the summer when a dust storm scorched the young cotton plants, forcing many farmers to reseed their acreage.

And if that wasn't bad enough, boll weevil migration is starting to take its toll as well.

"Overall, we've had plenty of moisture, but the weevils are starting to move in," said Knott farmer Van Gaskins. "Probably by the end of the week, we'll have weevils everywhere."

Older plants that survived the June dust storms will probably survive the weevils, but the younger cotton planted after the storms will be susceptible to the pests. Gaskins said farmers in his area will probably begin a spraying regimen to combat the weevils.

Even with the setbacks, however, Gaskins said the overall crop should be improved from last year.

"It's not the best I've ever seen it, but the older cotton could make between a bale and a bale-and-a-half per acre," he said. "It's not a bumper crop, but it's better than average."

The news is also good west of Big Spring, where Martin County farmers also are experiencing improved crop conditions.

"As a whole, it looks real good," said Gerald Hanson of Stanton. "I'd say 25 percent of (Martin County cotton) is very good, about 25 percent is below average and about 50 percent is average."

How cotton replanted after the June storms responds is still dependent on how warm temperatures remain, Hanson said. If conditions remain warm through September, chances for a good harvest improve.

East of town, near Coahoma, chances for a good crop depend on how well farmers fight off boll weevil infestation.

"It's looking real good so far," Coahoma farmer John Wayne

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett
Local farmer Horace Tubb stands in waist-high cotton near Elbow.

Vet's home

Big Spring scored maximum amount in 18 of 20 categories

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Big Spring easily outdistanced the four other West Texas communities vying for a Texas Veterans Home, according to the Texas Veterans Land Board (TVLB).

The Herald obtained the tally sheets through a Freedom of Information request.

Big Spring scored a total of 865 out of a possible 900 points, scoring the maximum allowable in 18 of the 20 categories scored by the TVLB. By contrast, Colorado City scored 637 points, Odessa 610, Lubbock 600 and Abilene 560.

Temple scored the most of the 18 communities seeking to become a host for one of the four homes, registering 880 points. Temple was selected as the site for Central Texas.

Bonham, the North Texas site, scored 865 points along with Big Spring while Floresville, the South Texas site scored 830 points.

The only categories Big Spring failed to score the maximum amount in were "availability of public transportation" and "other bottom-line services or amenities offered."

In the first category, Big Spring scored 10 of a possible 20 points while missing all 25 potential points in the second category.

Under the current time line, two of the homes will be constructed in fiscal year (FY) 1998 and two in FY 1999.

The four homes were authorized under Senate Bill 1060, during the biennium beginning next Monday.

VETERANS HOME SITE RANKINGS

1. Temple	880
2. BIG SPRING	865
3. Bonham	865
4. Killeen	837
5. Floresville	830
6. Kerrville	805
7. Colorado City	637
8. Odessa	610
9. Lubbock	600
10. Kingsville	595
11. Pearsall	585
12. Wichita Falls	562
13. Abilene	560
14. Rockport-Fulton	541
15. Laredo	475
16. Corpus Christi	475
17. Robstown	430
18. Arlington	withdrew

Candidates are listed in descending order according to the rankings released by the Texas Veterans Land Board.

All 18 site candidates — Arlington wound up withdrawing — were visited by a four-member team from TVLB.

According to Danette Toone, executive director of Moore Development for Big Spring, the local site visit was a big boost for the community because committee members were able to see the Huey Helicopter and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, which, she said, showed the board the citizens of Big Spring care about the veterans in the community.

"This is a win-win situation and will be a tremendous boost to the Big Spring community in

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County's nurse problem for jail inmates over

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

After Monday's meeting of the Howard County Commissioners' Court, the county's problem of having a county nurse or nursing service to provide health care for county inmates is a thing of the past.

Commissioners voted unanimously to accept Indigent Health Care Director Irene Dominguez's recommendation that the county sign a contract with Big Spring's Nurses Unlimited.

Several weeks ago, County Judge Ben Lockhart appointed a committee made up of Commissioners Sonny Choate and Emma Brown to look into the nursing service being provided to the county by former provider Nursefinders of Big Spring.

According to Nursefinders, it maintains a log of time spent serving the Howard County Jail

and since the beginning of the year has seen a dramatic increase in the number of nursing visits the service has had to make to the jail.

Nursefinders was also concerned about the amount of time its has had to spend on the phone with county officials resolving jail issues.

The county had been paying Nursefinders a fee of \$1,000 per month for its service, which included the daily screening of jail inmates and juvenile detainees for medical needs, on-call service, educational presentations, diabetic training, consulting with Dominguez and a weekly audit of County Indigent Health Care.

In a letter sent to Sheriff Bill Jennings in July, Danny Boggs, chief executive officer of Nursefinders of West Texas, stated it was no longer cost effective for Nursefinders to service its contract with the county at its present rate of reimbursement.

The purpose of Boggs' letter was also to inform the county that Nursefinders was exercising its 30-day option of written notification of its intent to terminate its contract with the county.

According to Boggs' notification, the county was advised to look into hiring a full-time county nurse as August 23 would be the last day Nursefinders will provide nursing service to the Howard County Jail.

"Basically, they thought they were putting in too much time for what we're paying them," Lockhart said.

The committee that was appointed by Lockhart was charged with reporting back to the commissioners' court with a recommendation as to what direction the county should take. Those options included hiring a full-time registered nurse, renegotiating the county's contract with Nursefinders or going to a different service.

The county's new contract with Nurses Unlimited includes a flat salary of \$750 per month for having service available 24 hours a day for medical emergencies at the Howard County Jail.

Nurses Unlimited will also charge a \$35 per hour fee for regular health care visits to the jail and will also audit medical bill and do diabetes screening.

The hourly rate will increase to \$40 on weekends and \$44.50 if outside of the 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. time period.

On holidays, Nurses Unlimited's hourly rate increases to \$54.75.

According to Dominguez, Nurses Unlimited will also log in at the Sheriff's Office each time they make a service call.

As with the previous provider, the county also has a 30-day out clause with Nurses Unlimited, meaning either party may terminate the contract 30 days after submitting a written notice.

WEATHER

Tonight:



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Fri:



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Tonight, fair. Lows mid 60s. Thursday, mostly sunny. Highs mid-upper 90s. Thursday night, fair. Lows 60-70. Extended forecast, Friday through Sunday, Fair. Lows 60-70. Highs 85-95.

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Council leans toward tax hike of one cent

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

A \$1.42 million equipment change at Western Container is one of the contributing factors in the city's tax base declining in the last year, but overall the city is in good financial shape according to City Manager Gary Fuqua.

The city's total tax value for 1997 is \$405,531,032, a \$1,420,844 decrease compared to the city's 1996 value of \$406,951,876.

Tuesday, Fuqua suggested

that the city tax rate should remain constant at 61 cents per \$100 valuation for the 1997-98 fiscal year.

"A one-cent tax increase would generate about \$30,000 in additional revenue, but I'd like to hold the tax rate at 61 cents," Fuqua said.

Because of changes in state law, this is the last year municipalities can set the tax rate 3 percent above the effective tax rate without a public notice.

For the 1997-98 fiscal year the effective tax rate for the city is \$0.62191.

The majority of the council may have taken into account a comment made by resident Gail Earls at the council's last meeting where the tax rate is concerned.

"I'd like for the council to consider raising taxes next year so the city will have money to operate," Earls told the council. "I know that's something you don't like to do, but you have a whole year to think about it."

It won't take a year following Tuesday's council meeting.

Mayor Tim Blackshear polled

individual council members after Fuqua's recommendation Tuesday to see what their feeling were about the tax rate.

Blackshear, Council members Oscar Garcia, Stephanie Horton and Greg Biddison are in favor of raising the tax rate from its current rate of 61 cents to 62 cents per \$100 valuation.

Jimmy Campbell was undecided. Tommy Tune is in favor of using the effective tax rate and Chuck Cawthon told council members that he was in favor of following Fuqua's recommendation.

IT WORKS THIS WAY



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett
Todd Smith of Delta Lightning Arrestors explains his product to Elaine Relland (center) and Lucy Rodriguez of State National Bank. Smith was one of the exhibitors at Tuesday's community luncheon.

OBITUARIES

Travis Fuller

Travis Fuller, 75, Big Spring, died on Tuesday, Aug. 26, 1997, at his daughter's home in Lubbock. Service will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, 1997, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Claude Craven, a retired Baptist minister, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on March 27, 1922, in Odell, and married Ruby Imogene "Jean" Whitfield on Aug. 17, 1948, in Lamesa. She preceded him in death on Feb. 10, 1978.

He was from a pioneer family who settled in Ackerly in 1918. He worked in civil service as a painter at Webb Air Force Base until its closing. He then moved to Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, working there until retiring in 1989. While in Big Spring he helped with the stain and finish work at Nalley-Pickle & Welch's Rosewood Chapel.

He was a Baptist. Mr. Fuller was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during World War II and was a life member of the VFW Post No. 2013.

Survivors include: two daughters and one son-in-law, Nancy Osmulski of Lubbock and Brenda and Bill Rudel of Brush, Colo.; three grandsons, Timothy Osmulski of Lubbock, Bill Rudel, Jr. and Mark Travis Rudel both of Greeley, Colo.; and one granddaughter, Amy Lea Osmulski of Lubbock.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, three sisters and two brothers.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 7 p.m. tonight at the funeral home.

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

Paid obituary

Marguerite Patricia "Pat" Hammack

Service for Marguerite Patricia "Pat" Hammack, Austin, formerly of Big Spring, will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, 1997, at Manachaca Baptist Church. Burial will follow at Onion Creek Memorial Park.

Mrs. Hammack died Monday, Aug. 25, after a long battle with breast cancer.

She was born July 2, 1929, in Avoyelles Parish, La. She moved to Big Spring in 1947 and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1948. She married Bill Hammack on Jan. 5, 1951. Mrs. Hammack worked for a brief period for the telephone company before becoming a full time mother and homemaker. Her life was devoted to her family and to her church. She taught Sunday

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Enorse Jackson, 82, died today. Services are pending in Odessa, Texas.

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Travis Fuller, 75, died Tuesday. Services will be 2:00 PM Thursday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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School for over 35 years in Big Spring and in Austin. She participated in the Friendship Program at Hyde Park Baptist Church, teaching crochet to International women. She was more recently serving the Lord at Manchaca Baptist Church where she sang in the choir and served on several committees.

She is survived by: her husband, Bill Hammack, Austin; four children, Kaicie Short, Austin, Christy Short, Wimberley, Carolyn Gebert, Johnson City, and Mike Hammack, Austin; three sisters, JoAnn Bailey, Jal, N.M., Marie Ladner, Ethel, La., and Stella Cade, Walnut Creek, Calif.; two brothers, Robert Haley, French Settlement, La., and David Haley, Big Spring; and nine grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pat Hammack Youth Scholarship Fund set up in her memory at the Manchaca Baptist Church, Hospice Austin or the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements under the direction of Wilke-Clay-Fish Funeral Home, Austin.

Dessie Lee Stump

Gravestone service for Dessie Lee Stump, 79, Brownwood, will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, 1997, at Trinity Memorial Park, Big Spring, with Rev. Jerry Thorpe officiating.

Mrs. Stump died Tuesday, Aug. 26.

She was born on July 15, 1918, in Erath County. She was a secretary for the Missouri Pacific Railway and was a member of the Temple Baptist Church of Odessa.

Survivors include: four sisters, Bobbie Spencer, Viola Hampton, both of Brownwood, Dorothy Hornbeck, San Antonio, and Mildred Lightfoot, Midland; and one brother, Lewis Stump, Lubbock.

Arrangements under the direction of Davis-Morris Funeral Home, Brownwood.

Gladys Nell Costin

Funeral service for Gladys Nell Costin, 79, Colorado City, will be 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 29, at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel, Colorado City, with Rev. Kay Reed officiating. Burial will be in the Colorado City Cemetery.

Mrs. Costin died Tuesday, Aug. 26, at Doylestown Hospital in Pennsylvania.

She was born on June 7, 1918, in Hamilton County. She was a homemaker and an active volunteer in the Colorado City area. She was also a member of the First United Methodist Church and had lived in Colorado City most of her life.

Survivors include: one son, James C. Costin, Gwynedd, Pa.; five sisters, Jean Maddox, Big Spring, Louise Ingram, Francis Barr, Patricia Bradford, all of Vincent, and Ruth Wirsching, Corpus Christi; and two grandchildren.

The family requests donations be made to the Boy Scouts of America.

Arrangements under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home, Inc., Colorado City.

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Tuesday's high 92
Tuesday's low 68
Average high 92
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COTTON

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Metcalfe said. "We've got quite a bit of boll weevil damage on the younger (plants) ... but if we can hold them down, we could make a good crop."

"My crop looks real good," Metcalfe added. "I don't know what it'll make, though. I'm kind of scared to guess. The last couple of years have been bad, so I'm kind of gun-shy, but it looks real good so far."

CHOATE

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receives final approval on Sept. 8, commissioners will come back and set the 1997-98 county tax rate at their Sept. 22 meeting.

State law requires the public hearing and setting of the tax rate be done at separate meetings. Lockhart added it also gives the citizens a chance to comment on the budget before the tax rate is set.

According to Olson, the county expects to have a beginning balance (as of Oct. 1) in its general fund of \$1.75 million; a balance of \$400,000 in the road and bridge fund; and a balance of \$1.1 million in the equipment operating fund.

The overall carryover from the 1996-97 budget year for the county will be just over \$3.5 million.

According to Olson, the county expected revenues for the new budget to include \$5.7 million to the general fund; \$1.3 million in the road and bridge fund; and \$40,000 to the equipment operating fund.

The county is projecting an ending fund balance (as of Sept. 30, 1998) of \$2.19 million.

Commissioners will wait until they have a final budget in place before setting the tax rate for the 1997-98 fiscal year.

The county's effective tax rate for the new year is \$0.44554, meaning the county can use the effective rate to generate the same revenue it did for the current budget year.

VETS

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the way of long overdue benefits for our veterans and will save the state approximately \$30 million over the next 10 years," said State Rep. David Counts (D-Knox City).

Counts, who authored the legislation in the House, virtually carried the Big Spring application and spoke on the community's behalf on several instances.

"Good policy makes good politics and we're fortunate to have had Rep. Counts working so tirelessly on this proposal," Toone said.

According to Counts, the veterans home will also lend support to the state hospital and the renewed mission of the VA hospital will be enhanced.

"The veterans home will further fortify the positions of the state hospital and the VA hospital in the Big Spring community," Counts said.

The home means a 150-bed facility on about 25 acres on a site west of U.S. 87 and between the Big Spring State Hospital and I-20. It also means approximately 165 new jobs and an annual payroll of \$3.5 million.

BRIEFS

BIG SPRING SOCCER ASSOCIATION sign up continues at the YMCA, 801 Owens, throughout this week.

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AROUND THE TOWN

A BENEFIT DANCE AT Dr. Morgan Park begins at 7 p.m. Saturday night. Local DJ Danny Sherman will play music for the event.

The dance will benefit Venora Williams Community Center. Cost is \$3 per person. Donations toward the community center project are also being accepted. Call Stephanie Horton at 264-0306.

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.

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 are on sale now. Plates to go are available.

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

THE 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.

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 Supply.

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.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8:30 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail

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TODAY
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.

Spring Tabernacle Church, 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 a.m., 55 and older.

Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

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.

The District Deputy will make his official visit to Staked Plains Lodge No. 598, 6:30. All master masons are invited to attend.

FRIDAY
Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Masio by GW & Co.

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Paralell Petroleum	5% +
Rural/Metro	27% -
Sears	56% -
Southwestern Bell	54% +
Sun	38% +
Texaco	116% +
Texas Instruments	117% -
Texas Utils. Co	35% +
Unocal Corp	38% nc
Wal-Mart	35% -
Amcap	15.88-16.85
Euro Pacific	28.57-30.31
I.C.A.	29.52-31.32
New Economy	19.89-21.10
New Perspective	21.27-22.57
Prime Rate	8.50%
Gold	324.70-325.20
Silver	4.60-4.63

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday:

• RAFAEL HINOJOSA, 37, Coahoma, was arrested on a charge of DWI.

• MARY CASTILLO, 29, 1602 Johnson, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• JEFFREY JAMES BROWN, 19, Lamesa, was arrested on local warrants.

• ENRIQUE B. CALDERON, 20, 813 Anna, was arrested on local warrants.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported on the 500 block of Douglas, the 2900 block of Cherokee and the 900 block of Lancaster.

• THEFT was reported on the 2300 block of Wasson, the 1600 Johnson and the 300 block of Owens.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported on the 400 block of E. Eighth.

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Palestinians: Israel says it is lifting 28-day siege of Bethlehem

BETHLEHEM, West Bank (AP) — Israel has informed the Palestinian Authority it is lifting a much-resented 28-day siege of Bethlehem, two senior Palestinian officials said today.

The West Bank town has been the scene of daily protests against the blockade this week, including today, when Israeli troops shoved back dozens of Palestinian legislators and clerics who tried to break through an Israeli army barricade.

The siege — which keeps Bethlehem's 60,000 residents from leaving and some tourists from entering — has also drawn international criticism, especially from Christian groups.

The Vatican's envoy to Israel called the Israeli Foreign Ministry earlier this week to express concern that many pilgrims were not allowed to visit the biblical birthplace of Jesus. Bethlehem has been hardest

hit by Israel's closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, imposed after July 30 suicide bombings by Islamic militants in a Jerusalem market. The closure bars Palestinians, including 100,000 workers, from Israel. Israel reportedly suspects that two alleged masterminds of the Jerusalem bombings are hiding in Bethlehem.

Two senior Palestinian officials, interviewed separately, said the Israeli government told them the blockade of the town would be lifted later today. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity.

The Israeli army had no immediate comment on the report.

Today, 50 Palestinian legislators and clergymen from Jerusalem arrived at an Israeli army checkpoint on the northern end of Bethlehem and started walking toward the city.

Simultaneously, the Bethlehem mayor led a group of protesters from the city to the checkpoint.

Dozens of Israeli police and soldiers blocked the marchers and pushed them back. "Why don't you let me go to be with my brothers on the other side?" shouted Bethlehem Mayor Hanna Nasser. The soldiers yelled back "seger, seger!" the Hebrew word for closure.

The two protest groups eventually met in the middle of the checkpoint, and briefly shook hands, but were then pushed back by Israeli troops who had formed a cordon.

"We came here to show our support for Bethlehem against this wicked siege," said the Palestinians' chief Muslim cleric, Mufti Ikrema Sabri, dressed in a long brown robe and red-and-white fez.

Lutheran Bishop Munib

Younan said the closure has disrupted religious life in Bethlehem. "There is no reason to prevent pilgrims from worshipping. All churches must raise their voices."

However, some tourist buses were allowed into Bethlehem today after obtaining special permits. Such permits have been issued for the past week, the Israeli Defense Ministry said.

At noon, seven tourist buses were parked in Manger Square, near the Church of the Nativity, built over the grotto where tradition says Jesus was born.

In South Korea, the latest stop on an Asian tour, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu accused Yasser Arafat of fomenting the violence in order to worsen the Middle East crisis and bring about a greater U.S. involvement.

"We have detailed informa-

tion that the Palestinian Authority is encouraging the street violence," Netanyahu told reporters in Seoul.

"This is designed to prepare the ground for the visit of Mrs. (Madeleine) Albright," said Netanyahu, referring to the U.S. secretary of state who is expected in the region in September.

In the Gaza Strip, meanwhile, Israeli soldiers and Palestinian police participated in an exercise on how to evacuate the dead and wounded from a car bombing on a road patrolled by both forces.

The road, which links the Jewish settlement of Netzarim and the Israeli army checkpoint of Karni, has been the scene of bombings and other attacks in the past.

The team work was unusual at a time of deep crisis in the Israeli-Palestinian relations and complaints by Israel that the

Palestinians are not cooperating in going after Hamas activists.

Also today, Israel demolished three Palestinian homes built without permits in the Ras el-Amud neighborhood in east Jerusalem. Three bulldozers cleared the rubble as residents watched.

Palestinians have accused Israel of a discriminatory housing policy in disputed Jerusalem, saying few building permits were being issued to Palestinians, and that many are forced to build illegally. Israel says the building codes are enforced equally on Arabs and Jews.

The Palestinians hope to establish a future capital in east Jerusalem, the sector captured by Israel from Jordan in the 1967 war. Israel says it will never relinquish sovereignty over all of the city.

LSU seeks answers to drinking deaths

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Administrators at Louisiana State University thought they had done everything right, pushing through a campus-wide alcohol ban that covered fraternity and sorority houses.

Still, the school's worst reputation persisted. Just last week, an annual list tabbed LSU as the nation's 10th-best "party school."

Early Tuesday, police called a fraternity house found a dozen students passed out on the floor, some of whom had apparently celebrated bids to join Sigma Alpha Epsilon with heavy drinking.

One was dead. Three others were hospitalized.

The coroner said Benjamin Wynne, 20, had a blood-alcohol level of 0.588 — nearly six times the legal limit for automobile drivers. Authorities said he apparently drank himself to death at an off-campus party and bar, then returned to the fraternity where he was a pledge.

"What is frustrating is that there is no way to manage them (students) off campus," Chancellor William Jenkins said. "It is difficult enough managing on campus."

It was a staggering blow to

the university and also to fraternities, which have struggled for years with an "Animal House" perception of binge drinking and wild parties that sometimes end in death.

In the past year alone, fraternities have been suspended and sued over deaths linked to alcohol. In one instance, Lambda Chi Alpha suspended a University of California-Los Angeles chapter last month after two members drowned at Lake Mead.

Criminal charges also resulted. Eight members of a Maryland fraternity were charged with manslaughter after an alcohol-poisoning death. And in Potsdam, N.Y., eight members of Theta Chi pleaded guilty in the hazing death of a 17-year-old pledge who choked on his own vomit after drinking alcohol.

Sigma Nu and Phi Delta Theta fraternities decided in March to ban alcohol at chapter houses nationwide beginning in 2000. Some universities already have banned alcohol at fraternities.

Last fall, the Robert Johnson Wood Foundation chose six schools to take part in an \$8.6 million program to curb binge

drinking on and off campus. In April, the National Interfraternity Conference chose five colleges to test a fraternity and sorority conduct code that included a ban on alcohol.

After Wynne's death, the national headquarters of Sigma Alpha Epsilon suspended its LSU chapter, which has 130 members and recruits, and shut down pledge activities until an investigation was completed.

Jenkins said police have no evidence the students were forced to drink as part of a hazing ritual.

Wynne likely drank at least 24 drinks Monday night, said Marcus Wright, director of the Local Office of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

"He had to drink 25 to 30 drinks in one hour or if he drank for four hours, you add a drink per hour," Wright told The Advocate of Baton Rouge.

Wynne apparently went to a private party and to Murphy's Bar, a few blocks from the fraternity house, Wright told the newspaper. Witnesses said people were so drunk at the bar that some were taken out in shopping carts.

10-month-old baby dies after being left in locked car by grandmother

RICHARDSON (AP) — A 10-month-old boy died after he was mistakenly left unattended in a locked car in 92-degree heat, police say.

An autopsy was to be held today for Noe Blake Alexander Hughes, who was found in the car about 3:45 p.m. Tuesday outside his grandparents' business in this Dallas suburb.

"It was just an accident. It was just an accident," said the baby's grandfather, Charles Hughes, his voice breaking with sobs. "He just died in my arms."

The baby's grandmother, Brenda Sue Hughes, and her 14-year-old son apparently left Noe in the family car about 1:45 p.m. when they arrived at the Hughes' business, United

Consumers Club, Richardson police spokesman Sgt. Ray Pennington said.

"Grandma went in and went to work. She was bringing the baby in, and he didn't," Sgt. Pennington said. "The boy brought in the baby's bag, but he didn't go back out and get the baby. The boy just forgot."

Health officials say the temperature inside a sealed vehicle can reach 140 degrees on summer days, killing a young child within minutes.

The case will be referred to a grand jury after the medical examiner determines the cause of death, Pennington said.

Investigators said they believe the death was acciden-

tal. "There was certainly no intent I'm sure, but the code is going to require us to prepare some kind of charges," Sgt. Pennington said. "The grandmother collapsed at the hospital, and the 14-year-old is pretty much blaming himself."

The baby's mother, Christine Marie Hughes, is being held at the Rockwall County Detention Center on felony charges of theft and burglary of a habitation, said Rockwall County Sheriff Jacques Kiere. She had apparently violated the terms of her probation on those charges several weeks ago and was awaiting a hearing, the sheriff said.

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Quote of the Day

"If the young only knew; if the old only could."

-French saying

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OUR VIEWS

Tuesday's full house at the Community Luncheon confirmed the rumor that summer is over and that people are ready to get back into the swing of things.

While the full house at the Dora Roberts Community Center was encouraging in itself, something we feel is even more encouraging was the number of "new" faces at the luncheon.

Realizing that "new" means different things for different people, we use the term in regards to participation in a civic endeavor.

Whether it was because their respective business was being recognized or because someone asked them to join them for lunch, a number of new persons took the time to attend and participate.

Now, let's draw from the momentum gained by the recognition of the manufacturing portion of our community to maintain the involvement in the community by our "new" participants.

Whether it's working to help keep the city clean, volunteering in public schools or serving on any of the numerous boards and committees in the community, there's something for just about everyone to do in Big Spring.

One thing that helps increase participation is the recognition of those who do take part and who do make a difference.

As motivational speaker Kent Burnes reminded the audience at the luncheon, the businesses recognized volunteer time, donate money and support the community in a variety of ways.

In addition to the recognition for local businesses, State Rep. David Counts also received a well-deserved standing ovation for his efforts in helping Big Spring obtain one of the four veterans homes.

The interesting thing about a pat on the back ... it makes both parties, the one giving and the one receiving, feel good. It also makes it easier to want to do something positive ... to want to be involved in the future ... to help make a difference.

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A look back to America's Southern values

By PAUL AKERS

Scripps Howard News Service

Whenever a public figure called for a "return to the values of our forefathers," Charleston (W. Va.) Gazette columnist L.T. Anderson had a ready, if somewhat flippant, answer. Said the Pulitzer-worthy Anderson: "My forefathers believed in human slavery."

Touche. But even a cynic as accomplished as Anderson — he once observed that faith healers had better luck with migraine sufferers than amputees — would not hold that all traditions are humbug or all "progress" truly progressive. For this reason I suspect that many Americans far from Lexington, Va., are a little dismayed that women have joined the "rat" line at Virginia Military Institute.

This is not to disparage the 30 young women who this year integrated the 158-year-old, previously all-male college. Most come from military families, are as patriotic as a flag, and expect no quarter during an abuse-as-art form freshman year. Plus, they all can do seven pull-ups. Any woman who can do three pull-ups I salute. Seven and I genuflect.

Yet it is regrettable that the U.S. Supreme Court rejected the bumper-sticker plea to "save the males." How could anyone with the thinnest non-conformist streak fail to root for the VMI traditionalists? Of all the hundreds of tax-supported colleges in America, only one, until this year, was single-sex. Now there

is none. Somewhere a malevolent god whose heartless worshippers chant two words — "no deviations!" — is grinning horn to horn.

Moreover, the court's mandate signals it is unacceptable for states to fund any college that prefers another ideology to egalitarianism. This resembles the "establishment of belief" that, in a church context, we all correctly decry. If you believe there are no key differences between the sexes, you get official support for your opinion on countless coed campuses. If you believe something else, you get your boxers sued off by the Justice Department. (Beware organizations with noble words in their titles. As Dashiell Hammett once wrote, "They called it the Hall of Justice. But the only justice I ever saw there was when a man shot his wife's divorce lawyer.")

Fortunately, ideological refugees of VMI and The Citadel, another court-broken soldiering school in South Carolina, have an out. They can start a men-only college that spurns government aid. Several dozen women's colleges now operate in just this manner without bayoneting the Constitution.

Already there is talk of a "Southern Military Institute" to be erected in Alabama with the aim of instilling in young men (including the better sort of Yankee) "traditional Southern virtues." Some (especially not the better sort of Yankee) will scoff at this as so much romantic bunkum while others will

perceive code words for racist redneckery.

As a descendent of what the Tara set called border trash, I tend toward skepticism myself. This prejudice is hardly lessened by my residence in a historic Southern town (Fredericksburg, Va.) in which 10 times more Authentic Civil War Bullets have been sold than were ever cast, much less fired in battle. The Southern virtue I am most acquainted with is tourist flimflam.

Yet I believe there are also superior ones. Many of the very best and most real things — love, faith, decency — are largely inexpressible; it may therefore validate Southern virtues that the most articulate Southerners groan like old doors trying to explain them.

Shelby Foote, the distinguished Civil War writer, stumbles that two virtues may include accepting no smirch on one's honor with impunity and holding at all costs to one's word. His late friend, the novelist Walker Percy, wrote that if there really are Southern virtues, one of them is not yammering about Southern virtues.

But let's yammer a little just the same.

The traits of the idealized Southerner include humor, often self-deprecating, based on universal human foibles; a sense of the higher drama within which this fleeting life is an important but rather small scene ("What are you?" many older Southerners ask new acquaintances, meaning of what faith); an automatic respect,

embodied by manners, for others based on their role in the Big Play; a latent sadness (80 percent of the region's military-age white males at the time fought in the Civil War and one-third of those died); an instinct (by Southern men) to spare women the vulgarities of life; an appreciation that self-disgrace involves family disgrace; pride in military excellence, notwithstanding Appomattox, as flukish as a Savannah snow; a calling to sacrifice (if anything, Richmonders love the mortally wounded Jackson better than the survivor Lee); a value system that places integrity above investment portfolios; and the requirement of evidence beyond a reasonable doubt before the habits of the past are discarded.

The Civil War, as Foote notes, determined what kind of nation America would become. Increasingly, it is one with only two human categories — buyers and sellers — and what is being sold is often beneath human dignity. Meanwhile, in Atlanta, Southerners pay diction coaches to teach them to talk like Nebraskans.

North and South had better hope that certain old times there are not forgotten, on the off-chance that if we decide to leave the sty, there will be a better place to go. Maybe some place with the virtues once celebrated and now eulogized at VMI.

(Paul Akers is an editorial writer for Scripps Howard News Service.)

Covering the courts: Letter from a lawyer advertising

By JAMES J. KILPATRICK
Syndicated Columnist

Let us suppose — hateful thought! — that on Monday you are arrested for drunk driving. On Wednesday a letter arrives at your home. The envelope bears the return address of Chizzle, Mizzle & Mudd, counselors at law. The letter is addressed to you individually, and it brings a message to this effect:

"It has come to our attention that you have been arrested on a charge of Driving While Intoxicated. Our firm has extensive experience in cases of DWI, and we are available to represent you. Please call for a FREE consultation. It may surprise you what we may be able to do for you."

Questions: Are you outraged at this invasion of your privacy? Does the letter impress you as beneath the dignity of the legal profession? Or on the other hand, do you appreciate the offer from Chizzle, Mizzle & Mudd? Are you inclined to pick up the phone?

The Supreme Court has been wrestling for 20 years with the constitutional issues that arise from advertising by lawyers, and the high court hasn't put an armlock on the problem yet. Now a case has arisen in Maryland that may lead to further refinement of the law.

Maryland passed an act in 1996 that requires attorneys to wait for 30 days after an accident, disaster, criminal charge or traffic charge before mailing out targeted letters of solicitation to victims or defendants. Lawyers who violate the act face fines up to \$1,000 and jail sentences up to one year.

Robin Ficker, a Maryland attorney, and Natalie Boehm, the owner of a direct-mail advertising company, brought suit to challenge portions of the act. Three Maryland residents who had faced charges of DWI filed a friend-of-the-court brief in their behalf. They welcomed the letter from Chizzle, Mizzle & Mudd.

The plaintiffs charged that the act violates their constitutional right of free speech.

Maryland replied that the 30-day infringement on speech is necessary to shield recipients from undue influence or confusion. Further, said the state, the act serves to protect the reputation of the legal profession.

On July 23, a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit agreed with the plaintiffs and approved direct-mail solicitation in criminal cases. Ficker's letters "are no more likely to overwhelm the judgment of a potential client than an untar-geted letter or newspaper advertisement." Further, if such letters damage the reputation of the legal profession, the letters will do as much damage on the 31st day as on the first

day.

Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson made a practical point. Under Maryland law, a driver charged with DWI has only a 10-day window in which to request a hearing. If he misses that window, a hearing may be delayed for months; meanwhile his driver's license has been suspended. In contested cases time is of the essence. A Chizzle, Mizzle letter could serve as a life preserver.

If the Maryland case gets to the Supreme Court, Wilkinson's opinion almost certainly will be affirmed. Over the past 20 years federal courts have extended a lawyer's right to advertise from calling cards to billboards. So long as ads are not misleading, lawyers

may make use of radio, television, newspapers and yellow pages in the phone book. The high court approved direct-mail in certain civil cases in a Kentucky case in 1988.

I hedged my prediction in the Ficker case by saying it "almost certainly" would be affirmed. The "almost" results from the Supreme Court's 5-4 opinion just two years ago in a Florida case. The case involved an act almost identical to Maryland's act, but it did not turn on direct-mail solicitation in criminal and traffic cases. The issue went to direct-mail solicitation after an accident or disaster.

For the first time in 20 years, the high court agreed to a limit on a lawyer's advertising.

Florida's lawyers must wait at least 30 days to chase an ambulance by mail. Justice Sandra Day O'Connor said the Florida law would protect grieving families from a lawyer's unwelcome intrusion. Justice Anthony Kennedy, in dissent, denounced O'Connor's opinion as a "major retreat" from the battlefield of free speech. The grieving families, he said, are the ones who most need legal advice right away.

Some lawyer advertising strikes me as offensive and demeaning to the profession, but so what? Of one thing I am absolutely certain. If I were to regard a letter from Chizzle, Mizzle as offensive (which I don't), that's the poorest of all reasons to have it banned.



Letters to the editor should be sent to Editor, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721. Please limit letters to 300 words or less. All submissions must be signed and include an address and daytime telephone number for verification. Receipt of letters is not acknowledged, nor are letters returned.

◆ Certain snakes have only one lung.

◆ The oldest living thing on earth is believed to be a bristlecone pine tree in California, estimated at 4,700 years old.

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HC Fair countdown continues toward Monday's opening

They'll be taking baking Saturday

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Saturday, the main exhibit building at the Howard County Fairgrounds will really be cooking.

That's because Big Spring bakers will be entering their creations in cakes, breads, cookies and candy from 1-5 p.m.

"We're ready to go," said Janeice Barnes, organizer of the baked goods divisions. A special contest for the second year will be the Shedd's Spread Country Crock muffin baking contest.

"This has got to be a recipe you make up yourself," Barnes explained. "And it must use Shedd's Spread Country Crock."

Participants enjoy this contest, Barnes said, because it offers a color television set as first prize in the adult division. For youth, there are two prizes to be awarded by age group — a watch and a camera package.

Those who enter any area of



Shown in a cake-judging marathon in 1993 are Danny Howard, Joe Barnes and Eddie Herm. Before you envy the judges in Saturday's competitions, imagine these three men tasting 67 cakes.

baked goods are asked to bring their entry divided into two zip-type closure plastic bags. One will go to the judges, and the other will go for display.

No full cakes will be displayed this year, meaning less wasted food, Barnes said.

But before you envy the judges who get to taste these treats, imagine the fate of three

local men in 1993 who had to taste nearly 70 bites of cake. Danny Howard, Joe Barnes and Eddie Herm were the lucky judges who took tasting duty during one of baked goods' biggest years.

"We furnish water and crackers for the judges," Barnes said. "Sometimes (judging) can be lucky, but sometimes it can get

kind of sickening."

Before you decide this is something you have to see, Barnes said no spectators are allowed in during judging.

No baked goods will be accepted Sunday. Winners will be displayed Monday, along with those in other areas, as the fair opens at 4 p.m.

4-H omelet supper highlights fair opening

The 25th Annual Howard County Fair Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting will be 4 p.m., Monday, Sept. 1, at the front gate of the Dora Roberts Fair Building. This signals the opening of the Howard County Fair.

For those interested, \$100 will be given away on every hour from 5 to 10 p.m. This makes for a good incentive to attend the opening night festivities.

The Howard County 4-H Club will once again sponsor the omelet supper on opening night from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets are available in advance or at the door for \$4 each.

For those of you who have never experienced the omelet event, this would be the perfect year to come on out and have fun with the 4-H youngsters who prepare the omelets while you watch. The \$4 ticket is

good for a 3-egg omelet with fixings, salad, toast, dessert and drink. This event which is a fundraiser for the 4-H program involves the whole family.

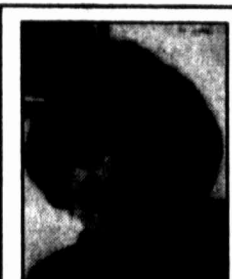
There are many things that you can enjoy while attending the fair whether you are interested in a little friendly competition of just a plain old family style fun.

Exhibits in the creative arts division will be accepted on Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, Aug. 31 from 1 to 4 p.m. Something a little different this year will be the apron entries which must be at least 25 years old, with a limit of five entries per person.

The Under the Sea contest is open to kindergarten through 5th grade students and can consist of an individual or class entry. Be creative and bring your entries to the Exhibit building on Sunday between 1-4 p.m.

The Agriculture Products division will accept entries from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 2 in the Activities barn. Don't forget the cotton stalk contest with entries to be accepted during

Please see FAIR, page A6.



Dana Tarter
Extension Agent

Santa Fe trip brings chile visions

Food, scenery, shopping all fantastic in Santa Fe

On a recent journey to Santa Fe, N.M., I had the pleasure of experiencing the wonderful world of fresh roasted New Mexico Green Chiles.

Their harvest was in full swing, and they were being roasted in huge quantities.

Their flavor is unlike that of any other North American Chile. They freeze well once roasted and are by far better than canned. They are excellent in stews, soups, salsas and stuffed (reellenos).

In appearance, green chiles are pale to medium green and tapered. Sizes range about 6 to 9 inches in length and 1 1/2 to 2 inches in diameter. They vary in strength from medium to very hot.

Anaheims and roasted jalapenos are a good substitute when the New Mexico greens are unavailable.

While I attempted to eat my way through Santa Fe, one of the best green chile dishes had to be at The Shed, a popular lunch restaurant located just off the Sena Plaza. There I savored the Green Chile Potato Stew (also known as a cocido). On a scale of one to 10 it had to be an 11!

And, believe it or not, the Albuquerque Airport served a famous Green Chile Chicken Soup that was outstanding.

Some other places I found to experience great New Mexico dishes were The Pink Adobe, Paul, Paul's Restaurant and The Inn at Loretto. In past trips to Santa Fe I have also dined at

The Coyote Cafe (not to be missed for lunch). The Coyote has lots of atmosphere and it is a fun place, to say nothing of the delicious food.

Chef Mark Miller has to be, in my estimation, the creme de la creme of Southwestern cuisine. His cookbook, "Coyote Cafe," is an investment and one I would highly recommend.

The "Great Chile Book" is another which explains everything one would ever want to know about chiles. The photography is superb and the chiles are photographed and explained in detail.

The Land of Enchantment offers much more than food and libation.

The Santa Fe Opera was in its 41st season running from June 27 through Aug. 23. In an open air theatre, high in the desert mountains in a very relaxing atmosphere, we were treated to "Cosi Fan Tutte," a delightful comedy/drama about profound passionate truth about human character and behavior.

The Santa Fe Opera Orchestra performed the musical score by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

The Georgia O'Keeffe Museum had just made its debut and was well worth having to stand

in line.

A countless number of other art galleries are sprinkled throughout Santa Fe to quench your thirst if art is your forte. There are hundreds of artisans whose work varies, satisfying every appetite.

All in all, Santa Fe is a fascinating place to visit if you appreciate good food, fine art, beautiful scenery and weather that is delightful this time of year.

A word of warning, however. Take lots of money!

I suddenly had a new mission when returning home — a burning desire to play in my kitchen with some newly found ingredients.

When boarding the plane for our return trip home, my carry on luggage was filled with roasted green chiles, dried posole, pine nuts (also known as pignolias), pepita (dried pumpkin seeds), as well as many other little New Mexico delicacies.

My pantry and test kitchen were about to be stocked and turned into a proving ground and experimental lab for some southwest delights.

I suggested to hubby he may want to break out the antacids, because his taste buds and tummy were about to experience some fiery treats!

Needless to say, he was thrilled and informed me I should proceed with extreme caution lest any future trips to Santa Fe may be in jeopardy.

I will get back to you later with results.



Sue Haugh
Columnist

READERS CORNER

"Children are the ones who pay"

So many children pay the price when a couple of adults can't see eye to eye. Children are the ones who are in the cross-fire when a couple of adults are looking for attorneys to hire. If a couple of adults would have quit with the abuse and the insults then the children wouldn't have to be juggled as a result. If you put your marriage as you believe in the Lord then all of your hatred you have would only be a word. You honor thy spouse and never treat them as if they were a mouse then everyone involved could live happier in the same house. Always remember when you put God in your life then you can live a much easier life.

Dora L. Day

Splendor in the Glass

by June George

Standing before the box of scrap glass, my untrained eye beheld only irregular, broken pieces of color. With instructions to pick out several coordinating shades, I chose the hues I liked best, then those that blended or contrasted in an interesting way.

"The best way to view those," the instructor said, "is to hold them up to the light. That way, you can see the variations in the textures and colors."

As I complied, sure enough, the chosen pieces of glass took on a completely different appearance, making it easier to visualize my finished stained-glass creation.

"Don't worry about the cracks, jagged edges and imperfections," she said, "We'll be working around those."

Once my pattern and the glass was chose, I followed Caryl's step-by-step guidance on scoring and breaking the glass, leaving only a few rough edges for the grinder.

That's tedious work, grinding. One must exert the precise

amount of pressure on the wheel or risk shaving away too much.

Once the piece has been correctly shaped, a thin strip of copper foil is wrapped around the edges, the pattern is fitted together and soldered with lead. The finished product is then given a place of distinction, usually in a window, so the sunlight can bring out the work's true beauty.

Standing over the world of lost souls, the Master Craftsman beheld only fallen, broken mankind. With instructions to His Son, He devised a plan to bring creation back into harmony with Himself.

"The best way to view them," He said, "is to hold them up to the light of My Word. That way, you can see the uniqueness and the beauty in each one."

As the Son obeyed, sure enough, humanity took on a completely different appearance, making it easier to visualize what the redeemed creation could look like.

"Don't focus on the cracks, rough edges and imperfections," said the Father. "We'll be working those out."

Once the Son understood the plan, He followed the Father's step-by-step guidance all the way to the cross.

That's tedious work, crucifixion. But because of it, the Father can now exert the precise amount of pressure on the grinding wheel to shape us into stainless works of art.

As a life is being correctly molded, it's wrapped in a crimson ribbon of shed blood, the pieces are fitted together and secured with unconditional love.

We, the final product, are then raised to take our place of honor in the Son. As His light streams through us, subtle shadings of each individual life bounce like a prism off whomever stands nearby.

All those around can then

glimpse the glory and power of salvation's work as we gratefully say, "We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus."

The "Inferior" Ones

No one knows (nor cares) just who we are!

We have no roots, and we've traveled far.

Our presence offends, you're quick to tell.

We do not dress right, nor look too well!

We are much too thin, or else we're fat.

We can't take this, and we can't stand that!

You can't dismiss us, and we won't leave.

You resent our brand of make believe!

We talk too little, or talk too fast.

We can't be trusted. We have a past...

We're shady folks, with a certain flair.

We don't walk on water. (We don't dare!)

You can't decide what is wrong with us.

We growl and grumble. You fret and fuss!

Our hair's too long, and we can't be still.

We say wrong things, and we always will.

Yet those of us still lacking perfection

May see ourselves in your reflection!

In the darkest portion of your mind;

The part that tends to be so unkind.

Are all your rules you see others brake

When they aren't conforming for your sake!

Perhaps in time, you will surely see

There is much to love, in us and thee!

by Mickey Thorne

Please see READERS, page 6A.

SLICE of life!

LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT

Get your tickets for skillet

Christian rock music band Skillet will be appearing in concert beginning at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Comanche Trail Amphitheater. Tickets are on sale now at the Karat Patch, Spanky's and Cornerstone Christian Resource Center. They are \$5 in advance, or \$7 at the door.

The Memphis-based group is described in press material as sounding like Candlebox or Bush, without the negative imagery of those popular modern rock bands. Their shows are described as "hard-core worship."

Also appearing is another Christian band, 3000+.

The event is sponsored by Cornerstone Church.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Open house planned

Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center plans open house 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, 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 dogs.

Omelet supper at fair

Howard County 4-H Club is sponsoring its annual omelet supper at the Howard County Fair, from 5-7 p.m. Monday.

THE LAST WORD

Thinking is more interesting than knowing, but less interesting than looking.

Geothe

As always, victory finds a hundred fathers but defeat is an orphan.

Count Galeazzo Ciano

The advantage of the emotions is that they lead us astray.

Oscar Wilde

READERS

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I was born a sinner
Like the Bible says
I need a savior
To change my ugly way

I could not help the way I was
born
That's why Jesus came to
remove the scorn

But we must be receptive
If we want to win
And trust in his salvation
So we can enter in

It's hard to understand
As he was gentle and nice
Why he had to die
And pay the awful price

This is the way it was to be
As everyone can plainly see
We were all born sinners
That's why he died for me

It was the plan of the ages
Because of sinful men
Only one can save us
As only Jesus can

He was God in the flesh
To redeem us from this race
But a life had to be given
To redeem us from disgrace

He who knew no sin, took our
guilt
Upon Him and died on the
cross
So we could be saved, all of
us

We must trust in Faith

The Bible teaches us
If we want to make heaven
Give forth our love and trust

If we confess Him
He is faithful and just
To forgive us our sins
And to cleanse us from all
unrighteousness
Romans 10:9

Sig Rogers

REUNIONS

THE S.L. HULL FAMILY
gathered for a reunion Aug. 2,
at the Salem Baptist Church.
Mr. and Mrs. Hull came to
Howard County in 1906 and
raised 11 children.

There are 26 first cousins and
seven are deceased. Seven of
the first cousins attended the
reunion: L.D. Hull, Pete Hull,
Helen Wortham, Buford Hull,
Roxie Coggins, Marilyn Brewer
and Clydena Garrett. A total of
55 people attended the reunion
traveling from Carthage,
Standford, Rosebud, Stanton,
San Angelo, Big Spring, and
Deming, N.M.

The oldest will be 81 years old
this month and the youngest
six weeks old.

**THE ANNUAL WALKER
FAMILY** Reunion was held
Aug. 9, with 66 in attendance in
the country church where
many of the descendants of S.

and Sallie (Patterson) Walker
are members. Johnie Walker,
88, was the oldest member pre-
sent and the youngest member
attending was Braden Stephen
East, 17 days old.

Mack C. Walker and Sallie
Patterson married in
Mississippi and came to Texas
around 1888-1889, living in
Taylor County until Jan. 1898
when they came to Howard
County and homesteaded land.
Sallie's sister and brother-in-
law, Fanny and Frank
Franklin, with their family,
came shortly after. Mack
changed his name to Sam or
just "S," and was elected as
Precinct No. 4 County
Commissioner in Nov. 1902.

Next year's reunion will be
Aug. 8, 1998.

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FAIR

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includes entry categories of
hobbies and crafts; handwork
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Also offered in this division is
the Golden Age category which
offers all of the creative arts
divisions for those over 60.

Other events you won't want
to miss include the crowning of
the Fair Queen on opening
night at 8 p.m.

The Petting Zoo will be open
each night from 4 to 10 p.m.,
Ranch Rodeo held on opening
day at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. A
Domino Tournament at 6 p.m.
and the Battle of the
Cheerleaders at 7 p.m. on Sept.
2. Horseshoe and washer pitch-
ing on Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 6
p.m. Country Kids contest on

Saturday, Sept. 6 at 10:30 a.m.
with Pet Contest for kids 15
years and younger and their
pets following at 2 p.m.

The Gene Ledel Carnival will
be open each night and at the
entertainment tent Wednesday,
Sept. 3 - Gene Watson,
Thursday, Sept. 4 - Ricky Boen
and Texas Mudd, Friday, Sept.
5 and Saturday, Sept. 6 - Jody
Nix and the Texas Cowboys
and special guest Fiddlin'
Frenchie Burk.

As you can see there is some-
thing for everyone at the 25th
Annual Howard County Fair
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part. If you would like more
information concerning any of
the events, exhibits or activi-
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Women's Care Update

By Michael S. Phillips, M.D.

Diplomate, American Board Obstetrics & Gynecology

FERTILE OPPORTUNITIES

Whether a couple is trying to conceive or avoid pregnancy, it is important
to know when in a woman's cycle she is most likely to become pregnant.
While some major studies concerning this window of opportunity suggest
that it remains open from three to four days before ovulation to two to
three days after, or even longer, a recent study by researchers from the
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences suggests a shorter and
different fertility window. Their study of 221 women indicates quite clearly
that those who conceived during the course of the study did so within a six-
day period in their cycles, ranging from five days before ovulation through
the day of ovulation. None of the pregnancies occurred when intercourse
followed ovulation. While the study is not definitive, the tests it used to
confirm the time of ovulation and conception was more accurate than any
previously available.

As they say, "Timing is everything." For women who have been trying to
get pregnant without luck, or for those who time their cycles in order to
achieve when fertilization is likely, this study is of great interest. For
women who've been unable to conceive, a comprehensive fertility work-up
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Cleveland Indians at Anaheim Angels, 9:30 p.m., ESPN, Ch. 30

On the Tube
Tennis
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Cowboys cut defensive lineman to make room ... but for who?

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

ADDISON — Will the mystery line-backer please sign in?

The Dallas Cowboys cut defensive lineman Leonard Renfro on Tuesday so a linebacker can be signed. The team hasn't indicated who that might be.

"It was a tough decision because the young man did everything we asked," Dallas coach Barry Switzer said. "He improved himself as a player and I think he may be picked up by another team."

"Leonard raised a lot of eyebrows in

NFL

camp," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "He impressed us. But we needed an extra roster spot so we can evaluate a sixth linebacker."

The Cowboys are nervous because they are starting a rookie at weakside linebacker in Dexter Coakley out of Appalachian State.

The move was announced while the Cowboys, who have yet to sell out for their Sept. 15 home opener, held their 14th annual luncheon to drum up

enthusiasm for the coming season.

The event drew a big crowd despite recent publicity black eyes including Switzer carrying a loaded gun into an airport and a rape accusation against lineman Nate Newton.

The Cowboys showed a film of last year's season which ended with a playoff loss to Carolina.

Switzer told the crowd: "I'm more excited about this season than any since I've been head coach. An atmosphere of confidence exists at Valley Ranch. It's a swagger, a confidence that you believe in yourself."

Switzer "promised ... you will be

proud of what you see this Sunday."

Dallas travels to Pittsburgh for a season-opening meeting with the Steelers.

"Last year we started out 1-3 in September and lost all chance of being at home in the playoffs," Switzer said. "It's tough when you have to travel abroad. We want to turn that 1-3 record around and be playing at home in the playoffs."

Jones, who once said the Cowboys season would be a failure if they didn't win the Super Bowl, wouldn't go that far again.

"If we have a healthy Troy Aikman all year we can compete for a Super

Bowl, particularly if we can get to the playoffs with all our firepower," Jones said. "We got caught a little short at Carolina and Michael Irvin got hurt."

Jones said there was a possibility Deion Sanders might visit Valley Ranch on Thursday.

"There's a possibility we could see him," Jones said.

The Cowboys still aren't sure when they'll see Sanders this weekend.

"I assume we'll see him on Sunday," Switzer said. "We'd like for him to return punts but he hasn't done it in awhile. If anyone can do it (with limited practice time) he can do it."

WNBA's season: Nobody dunked; plenty watched

The WNBA's inaugural regular season can be summed up in a few words.

Nobody dunked.

Plenty of people watched anyway.

After 224 games and perhaps three times that many opportunities, a dunk to call their own was

the only height the women didn't hit. And nobody in the audience seemed to miss it.

Stars were born, games were competitive, TV ratings finished very much in line with expectations and the live gate — an average of 9,669 per game — was more than twice what was projected.

"The type of people we expected, came," commissioner Val Ackerman said Tuesday. "It was just that more of them came out than we expected."

The last statement might have been cause for celebration at the WNBA's New York headquarters — but Ackerman wouldn't admit it. She still has more than enough to worry about.

First, there is the league's four-team, single-elimination playoff that begins Thursday evening with Charlotte at Houston and New York at Phoenix, and then concludes Saturday afternoon. The moment that ends, she goes back to worrying about the future of the women's pro game.

"If there's a downside to all this," Ackerman said, "it's knowing that we can't rest."

Nor should they. Four previous attempts to start up women's pro leagues since the mid-1970's died varying deaths. Both the WNBA and its rival, the American Basketball League, which is already making preparations for a second season, have spent some serious start-up cash betting that the future will be better than the past.

Their confidence is based on several things. Thirty years ago, one in 27 girls played high school sports; today, that number is one in three. In a more immediate vein, the U.S. Olympic squad that took the gold in Atlanta, as well as a number of college teams like UConn, have become proven draws, capable of packing souvenir stands as well as arenas. So much so that Ackerman says — for public consumption, at least — the demand for the women's game is growing fast enough to accommodate two leagues.

But in the next breath, she credits much of the WNBA's success to having "real firepower" at her command. That translates into television exposure, promotional tie-ins with companies like Sears and GM, and the organizational expertise being brought to bear by the league's owner-operator, the NBA.

That firepower helps the WNBA keep players with established reputations like Rebecca Lobo and Sheryl Swoopes in front of the paying public. It makes "discoveries" like Cynthia Cooper and Michelle Edwards, who previously went to Europe to make their mark, easier to showcase.

Which is why the WNBA hasn't had to rely on big brother

Please see LITKE, page 2B

Lady Steers top Denver City

Front, back lines both earn praise

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Mixing strong play on the front line with heads-up play from the back line, Big Spring High School's Lady Steers volleyball team opened their home season here Tuesday night with a 15-7, 6-15, 15-7 win over Class 3A Denver City.

The win allows the Lady Steers to even their season record at 2-2 heading into the Denver City Invitational. In Denver City, the Lady Steers will play in the same pool at Clovis, N.M., host Denver City and perennial Class A power Fort Davis.

"The front line did a super job," Lady Steers head coach Traci Pierce said. "But even though they did a super job, you can't forget the back line, because they have to complement each other."

And they did just that throughout the night.

With the score tied 6-6 in game one, Melanie Flenniken served back-to-back points to give the Lady Steers an 8-6 lead before a side-out gave the service to the Lady Mustangs.

A quick side-out put the ball in Juanita Valdez' hands and she served five straight points to open a 13-6 lead before her service was broken.

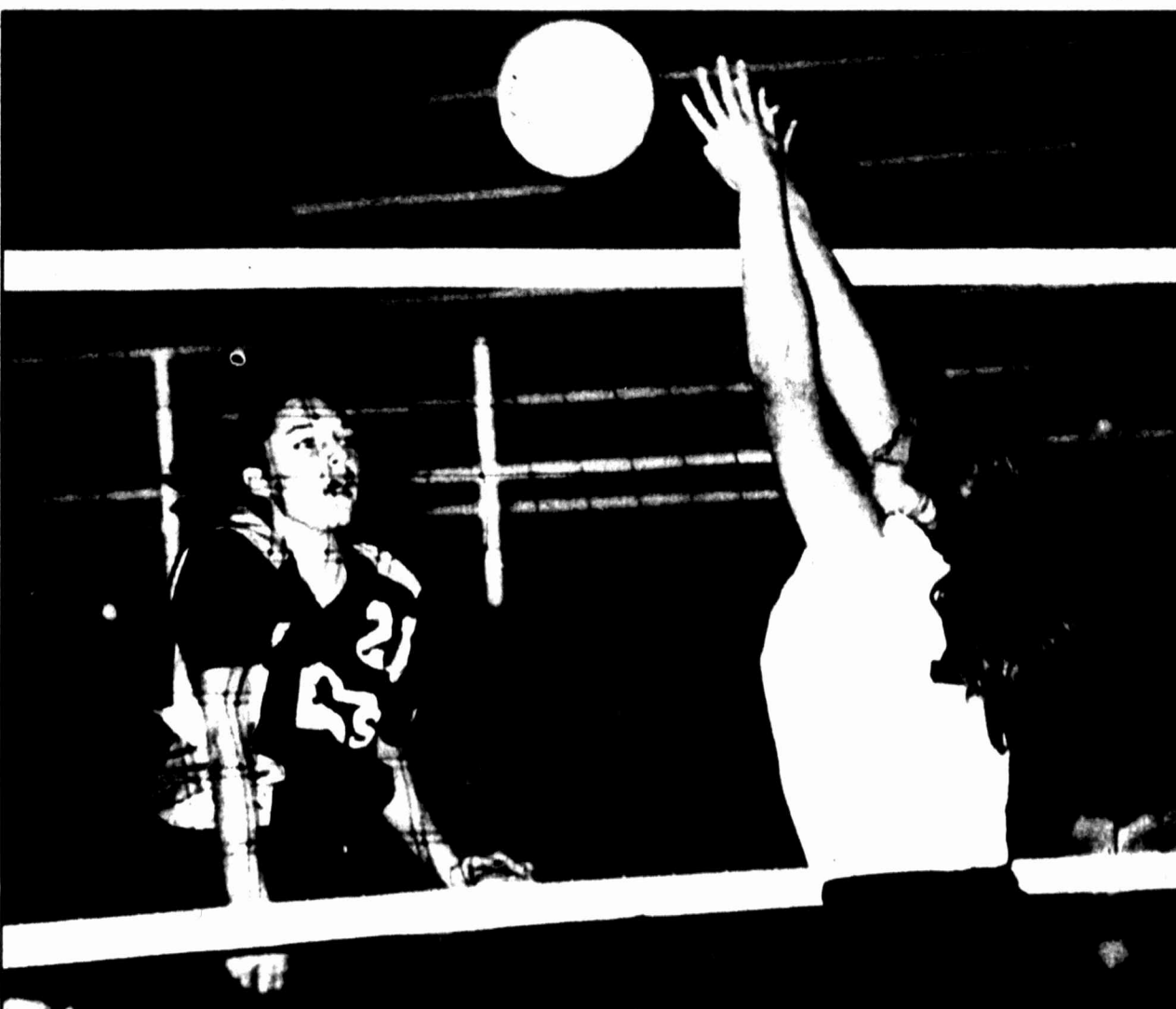
The two teams then lost service a total of five straight times before Jessica Cobos served the last two points for the win.

A dink at the net by Keesha Lott took the score to game point before Cobos served a ball that was returned into the net for the game winner.

The Lady Steers never led — and could never even pull even in the second game — trailing by as much as 14-4 before losing 15-6.

But it was the third game — after Pierce had taken her squad to the dressing room for a talk — that the Lady Steers returned to the court to display an even greater intensity level than in the first game.

Denver City led briefly at 1-0 before the two teams traded a pair of sides-out each to give the service to Big Spring's Krissi McWhorter.



A Denver City player attempts to block a spike by Big Spring's Melanie Flenniken (21) during their match at Steer Gym Tuesday night. The Lady Steers took a 15-7, 6-15, 15-7 over the Lady Mustangs win to even their record to 2-2 on the season.

A Denver City mishit on her first service tied the score at 1-1 before Flenniken and Cobos teamed up for a double block at the net to make the score 2-1.

After both teams traded sides-out, Cobos served for three quick points to make the score 5-1 — including a spike at the net by Lott on the middle point.

After a side-out, Denver City scored to make it 5-2 despite the best efforts of Lott and Flenniken at the net.

Big Spring regained serve when McWhorter lifted the ball just over the net and beyond the outstretched fingertips of the Denver City defender.

Mandi Lance served the next point for the Lady Steers, making the score 6-2 before each team broke the others service.

Then, with Flenniken serving, the Lady Steers five straight points to open an 11-2 lead.

In that run, Honey Belew dropped in a couple of dinks and pulled out a dig that kept a

rally alive.

"That's one thing about this bunch," Pierce said. "They're not afraid to get on the floor if they have to."

Big Spring scored again on a Valdez serve, then had to watch as Denver City mounted a brief rally to pull within five at 12-7.

Belew served out the final three points for the win. Pierce said strong play at the net helped the Lady Steers.

"We spend lots of time working at the net," she said. "We work hard to be strong physically and mentally."

Pierce cited the net play by McWhorter and Flenniken.

"Krissi and Melanie did a good job of making them hit over or around them and that's what you want," she said. "You want them to hit something they didn't want to."

In Tuesday's junior varsity action, Denver City knocked off the Lady Steers 8-15, 16-14, 16-14 in a match Big Spring's youngsters seemingly refused to yield.

"There were a few communi-

cation breakdowns that really hurt them in the last two games," Pierce said. "But they battled all the way. They're a bunch of really young kids and are going to continue to improve."

Big Spring's freshman teams dropped losses to teams from Midland High School.

After opening with a 0-15 loss in their first game against Midland's Gold squad, the Lady Steers Golf battled back in the second game behind the play of Scarlet Ashley, who served seven points, Teri Denton and Christie Wendland before losing 14-16.

Midland's Purple made it a frosh sweep of the Lady Bulldogs, taking a 15-7, 15-9 win over Big Spring's Black team.

In the second match, Melissa Forth served five points for the Lady Steers.

Kaci Aciri also served four points and Michelle Mott scored three.

Next action for the freshman comes Tuesday when they play host to Midland Greenwood.

Brewers outlast Rangers

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

MILWAUKEE — Milwaukee manager Phil Garner is hoping the Cleveland Indians are beginning to take note of his surprising Brewers.

Fernando Vina singled home the winning run in the 12th inning Tuesday night in a wild 11-10 victory over the Texas Rangers that, coupled with Cleveland's 8-7 loss to Anaheim, put the Brewers just 2½ games back of the AL Central Division leaders.

"They're still in the driver's seat," Garner said of the Indians. "I just want to look at the next game. We don't want to look in the rear view mirrors, but if they're looking at us, that's fine."

Although the Brewers were watching the end of the Indians game after their own 4-hour, 36-minute marathon, Garner has repeatedly said he is concerned only with winning each game, and not looking ahead.

That attitude helped Milwaukee (66-65) win for the ninth time in 12 games to climb above .500 for the first time since Aug. 4. And it has a team that began the season with few expectations of greatness contending for a division title heading into September.

In a game in which the Brewers had 20 hits and the Rangers 19, it all came down to the Brewers' 12th inning. Bryan Eversgerd (0-1), recalled from Oklahoma City of the American Association, started the 12th in relief of closer John Wetteland, who pitched 1 2-3 innings of no-hit ball.

Eversgerd, on his first day with his new club, gave up a leadoff triple to Mike Matheny, and Vina followed with the game-winning hit into right field.

"He (Wetteland) was going to come out if we scored (in the 12th)," Texas manager Johnny Oates said of his decision to go with Eversgerd. "But we didn't score, so he didn't go back out."

Oates said he wasn't worried about how Eversgerd would handle the pressure because, "If he can't, he should be in another profession."

Milwaukee closer Doug Jones (5-5) got the last six outs, sending Texas to its third straight loss and eighth in 11 games.

Lopez homer sinks Astros as Braves hold off comeback

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Houston learned a big lesson in the opener of a possible playoff preview: The Atlanta Braves are toughest under pressure.

After wasting a 6-0 lead, the Braves beat the Astros 7-6 Tuesday night on an 11th-inning homer by Javy Lopez.

"I swung as hard as I could at the first pitch," Lopez said of his drive off Billy Wagner (7-6). "I took a chance and the ball was right where I like it. I took a chance guessing fastball, but I went for it. If I missed, I still had two swings left."

Brad Clontz (5-1) escaped a bases-loaded jam in the 10th by striking out Tony Pena and Billy Spers.

"It was a hectic but very exciting day, an emotional day," said Clontz, who arrived in Houston Tuesday on a plane before the game.

"First, I got the call that I'm coming back up. And then I pitch and get thrown into the mix. And the bases with one out and then get two punch-outs. It was a big win for me and the

MAJOR LEAGUES

team, too."

Atlanta remained 4½ games ahead of second-place Florida in the NL East, winning for the fifth time in six games. Houston, the NL Central leader, is three games ahead of second-place Pittsburgh despite losing seven of 11.

In other NL games, Los Angeles edged Pittsburgh 6-4, San Francisco beat New York 6-2, Florida blanked Chicago 11-0, Montreal beat St. Louis 7-5, Philadelphia tripped San Diego 4-2 and Colorado beat Cincinnati 9-5.

In American League games, it was Anaheim 8, Cleveland 7; New York 18, Oakland 2; Kansas City 5, Baltimore 4; Minnesota 8, Detroit 2; Chicago 8, Toronto 5; and Seattle 8, Boston 2.

Tom Glavine allowed two runs and six hits in six innings, and Houston closed in 6-4 in the seventh on RBI singles by Spers and Russ Johnson. The Braves built their lead against Shane Reynolds, who gave up up six runs in four innings.

Dodgers 6, Pirates 4

Eric Karros singled home the go-ahead run in the ninth as visiting Los Angeles won for the fifth time in six games and maintained its half-game lead over San Francisco in the NL West.

Raul Mondesi's two-run double keyed a four-run first against rookie Jose Silva, and his single finished off the two-run ninth.

Darren Dreifort (5-1) got the last four outs for the win.

Giants 6, Mets 2

J.T. Snow hit a three-run homer and Wilson Alvarez (3-1) gave up six hits in six innings at Shea Stadium, sending the Mets to their 12th loss in 17 games. San Francisco is 8-2 against New York this season.

Rick Reed (10-8) lost his fourth straight start, allowing four runs and six hits in six innings.

Marlins 11, Cubs 0

Livan Hernandez (8-0) combined with two relievers on a four-hitter at Wrigley Field, and Jeff Conine homered twice

and drove in five runs.

Gary Sheffield and Moises Alou also homered for the Marlins, who had 17 hits and improved to 8-1 against the Cubs in their most lopsided victory of the year.

Expos 7, Cardinals 5

The defending NL Central champions continued to fade, wasting a 5-0 lead and losing on Rondell White's three-run homer off Dennis Eckersley (0-4) with two outs in the eighth.

At Busch Stadium, Donovan Osborne didn't allow a hit until Vladimir Guerrero's leadoff single in the seventh, but then was chased in the eighth.

Phillies 4, Padres 2

Mike Grace (1-0) won in his first major league appearance since May 1996, allowing two runs and six hits in seven innings at Veterans Stadium. He missed the second half of the 1996 season with shoulder trouble.

Sterling Hitchcock (9-8) allowed three runs and six hits in six innings as San Diego lost for the eighth time in 10 games.

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LOCAL SOFTBALL

Team	W	L	Pct.
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Cyclones	9	2	.818
Night Crawlers	9	2	.818
Astros	8	3	.727
Bob Brock	7	4	.636
Indios	6	5	.545
Blazers	5	6	.455
Edwards Bros.	5	6	.455
BSCC	4	6	.364
Rockers	3	8	.273
Pirates	1	10	.091
Wards Western	0	11	.000

NFL SCHEDULES

DALLAS COWBOYS
Aug. 31 at Pittsburgh, noon
Sept. 7 at Arizona, 8 p.m.
Sept. 15 Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
Sept. 21 Open
Sept. 28 Chicago, 3 p.m.
Oct. 5 at New York Giants, noon
Oct. 13 at Washington, 8 p.m.
Oct. 19 Jacksonville, noon
Oct. 26 at Philadelphia, noon
Nov. 2 at San Francisco, noon
Nov. 9 Arizona, noon
Nov. 16 Washington, noon
Nov. 23 at Green Bay, noon
Nov. 27 Houston, 3 p.m.
Dec. 8 Carolina, 7 p.m.
Dec. 14 at Cincinnati, noon
Dec. 21 at New York Giants, noon

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
ANAHEIM ANGELS—Placed LHP Chuck Finley on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to August 19. Purchased the contract of C Angelo Encarnacion from Vancouver of the Pacific Coast League.
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Activated 2B Roberto Alomar from the 15-day disabled list. Sent RHP Esteban Yan to Rochester of the International League. Signed RHP Billy Swift and assigned him to Rochester.
MINNESOTA TWINS—Activated SS Pat Meares from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned 3B Todd Walker to Salt Lake of the Pacific Coast League.
TEXAS RANGERS—Placed LHP Eric Gunderson on the 15-day disabled list. Purchased the contract of LHP Bryan Eversgerd from

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
American League East Division				
Baltimore	83	45	.648	—
New York	78	52	.600	6
Boston	66	67	.496	19 1/2
Toronto	63	67	.485	21
Detroit	61	70	.466	23 1/2
Central Division				
Cleveland	67	61	.523	—
Milwaukee	66	65	.504	2 1/2
Chicago	65	66	.496	3 1/2
Kansas City	53	75	.414	14
Minnesota	53	77	.408	15
West Division				
Seattle	74	58	.561	—
Anaheim	72	60	.545	2
Texas	62	70	.470	12
Oakland	52	80	.394	22
Today's Games				
Texas (Oliver 10-10) at Milwaukee (Woodard 3-2), 1:05 p.m.				
Boston (Saberhagen 0-1) at Seattle (Fassero 13-7), 5:35 p.m.				
Kansas City (Appier 7-11) at Baltimore (Erickson 15-5), 6:35 p.m.				
Chicago White Sox (Drabek 10-8) at Toronto (Hentgen 13-8), 6:35 p.m.				
Detroit (Moechter 8-9) at Minnesota (Tewksbury 4-10), 7:05 p.m.				
Cleveland (Wright 4-2) at Anaheim (Watson 11-7), 9:35 p.m.				
N.Y. Yankees (Iraha 4-2) at Oakland (Lorraine 2-0), 9:35 p.m.				
National League				
East Division				
Atlanta	81	50	.618	—
Florida	76	54	.585	4 1/2
New York	70	61	.534	11
San Francisco	65	65	.500	15 1/2
Philadelphia	48	80	.375	31 1/2
Central Division				
Houston	69	62	.527	—
Pittsburgh	67	66	.504	3
St. Louis	59	72	.450	10
Cincinnati	58	72	.446	10 1/2
Chicago	53	79	.402	16 1/2
West Division				
Los Angeles	74	59	.556	—
San Francisco	73	59	.553	1/2
Colorado	63	70	.474	11
San Diego	62	71	.466	12
Today's Games				
San Diego (Hamilton 10-4) at Philadelphia (Schilling 13-10), 12:05 p.m.				
Los Angeles (Reyes 1-2) at Pittsburgh (Cooke 9-12), 12:35 p.m.				
San Francisco (Rueter 9-6) at N.Y. Mets (Ishikawa 0-0), 12:40 p.m.				
Florida (Saunders 3-5) at Chicago Cubs (Trachsel 6-10), 1:20 p.m.				
Cincinnati (Remlinger 6-5) at Colorado (Thomson 5-8), 2:05 p.m.				
Houston (Holt 8-9) at Atlanta (Maddux 17-3), 6:40 p.m.				
Montreal (Hermanson 8-5) at St. Louis (Morris 9-8), 7:05 p.m.				
Oklahoma City of the American Association				
National League				
ATLANTA BRAVES—Placed P				

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Placed OF Roger Cedeno on the 15-day disabled list. Purchased the contract of OF Gary Ingram from San Antonio of the Texas League.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Recalled RHP Mike Grace from Scranton-Wilkes-Barre of the International League. Placed RHP Garrett Stephenson on the 15-day disabled list.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Recalled RHP Jose Silva from Calgary of the PCL.

ARIZONA CARDINALS—Re-signed WR Chad Carpenter, FB Rod Brown, LB Lyon Cobbin, OL Allen DeGraffenreid and S Kenny Harris to the practice squad.

ATLANTA PATRIOTS—Signed LB Eddie Sutter and CB Donovan Greer. Waived LB Lorenzo Styles and DE Barry Mitchell. Signed T Jeremy Akers, CB Tim Denton, TE Ed Smith and WR Kevin Thorne to the practice squad.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

BSHS season ticket sales under way

Season football tickets for Big Spring High School Steers games are currently on sale to the general public.

The tickets are priced at \$20 per book for the five-game package. Ticket window hours are from 8:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Community pep rally set for Thursday

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 support a number of other local and state programs.

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

Team roping event scheduled

The Howard County Youth Horseman Club will have a benefit roping and auction on Sept. 13 at the HCYHC Arena.

Entry fees are set at three turns for \$24. The event will be progressive after one. Buckles will be awarded to the high money winners.

Books for the event open at noon with competition to begin at 1 p.m.

Lady Steers Booster Club meeting set

The Lady Steer Booster Club will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, in the meeting room at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

The club promotes volleyball, basketball, cheerleading, girls' track, softball and trainers and managers.

For more information, call 267-1541 or 393-5672.

County roping set for Sept. 4

A "county roping" open to all ropers residing in Howard County has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, at the Rodeo Bowl in Big Spring.

The roping will be a "4/40" event in which participants may enter 5 times, however, ropers must pre-enter and pre-pay to compete. Books close on Sept. 1.

For additional information, contact Diane Hofack at 267-6251.

Texas teen dies at Babe Ruth series

A Babe Ruth World Series baseball player from Texas has died from injuries suffered when his bicycle crashed into a pickup truck in Longview, Wash.

Chad Riuchard, 15, of Groves was removed from life support and died late Monday at the Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland.

Chad's parents, grandfather and a younger brother were at his side when the ventilator keeping him alive was turned off.

Chad, a left fielder for the third-place Nederland team, won the All-Tournament Sportsmanship Award, but the accident occurred before he could receive it at a ceremony Saturday night.

Babe Ruth organizers said the award, given to a player who demonstrates leadership on the field, would be named in honor of Chad later this year.

On Tuesday, classmates at Port Neches-Groves High School were visibly upset when they learned of his death, principal Roy Esquivel said.

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for its audience or good story lines. It didn't hurt that Swoopes had a child and still made the final few games of the season, or that Cooper emerged as the league's best player from among a half-dozen better-known names. But Ackerman was confident going in; before becoming the league's top executive, she spent a few years as a player for the national team. She knew her market well.

"I hoped we'd be able to attract a certain demographic — youthful families, females — and supplement it with basketball fans who were going through withdrawal. We have that," Ackerman said.

If there was a surprise, it was the makeup of the families that turned up. Mothers brought their kids, but so, in surprising numbers, did the fathers. "And it wasn't just with the one daughter. It seems like there were always two or three of her friends along."

Perhaps because of that, the audience breakdown was 60 percent female and 30 percent under age 18 — a very different demographic from the NBA. There's a different interplay between player and fan, too.

"We've bonded," she said. "More girls than ever before are playing the game, which means the role modeling has become more intense. In a very real way, at least while they're young, our players are the people young girls want to be like."

"Think how special that is. Finally, for the first time, young girls can be like athletes and they don't have to be like Mike. They can be like ... Sheryl. Or Cynthia."

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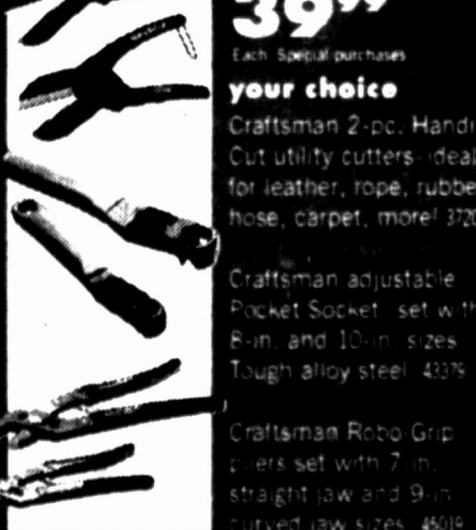
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR
THURSDAY, AUG. 28:

Use your gentleness and ability to focus, to make a long-term desire a reality. A friendship adds a much-needed dimension to your life; you will think a lot about this person and how you interact. Use care with joint financial matters or partnerships. Some people are not easily satisfied. Stay determined and direct when dealing with others. If you are single, this could be a special year for romance. If attached, evaluate your desires and the quality of your relationship, rather than the hassles of here and now. **CANCER** is a pal.

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)

You feel out of sync with what is going on. Others seem more of a hindrance than a help. You are tired and cranky. Stay centered, and be willing to call it an early day. Take care of yourself first, then all will fall into place. Tonight: Turn on the answering machine.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Regroup and adapt plans. You feel dragged down by what another says. Stay centered. Ask for more of what you want. Take in the whole picture, and review your position. There is more going on than meets the eye. Tonight: Rent a movie.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Money proves to be a difficult issue to deal with. You are uncomfortable with what is going on. Be loving and open about a problem. A friend disappoints you in a big way. Use

caution with spending and loaning money. Tonight: Pay bills.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
You feel pressured by others. You don't need to explain your motivations to a boss. Still, be grounded about your decisions. Humor plays a major role. Your smile and relaxing ways add to your magnetism. Tonight: Have it as you wish!***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Think before you charge forward. There are strong indications that you are not seeing the big picture. Realize your limits; be willing to state the obvious. Listen to your intuition, and gather information. A call to an expert could be delayed. Tonight: Do for yourself.***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
A partner feels you have let him down. You might not even be able to tolerate a discussion; you feel you have already given so much. Eye future goals, and remain calm. Money is a hot issue. Talks will go better in a few days. Tonight: Be with friends.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
You are pressured and possibly snappy. A partner is hostile. Think through a decision with care, especially if it involves your professional life. You are determined to have things more your way. Concentrate on work. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Be direct, and listen to your instincts about work. You might be driven to break pattern. Get past a liability or restriction in your personal life. You feel overwhelmed by what is happening. Touch base with long-term desires, then go for them. Tonight: Reach out for others.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You don't believe what a loved one says or does! You can mope, or you can move on. Discussions are important with a partner who means a lot to you. Get down to the bottom lines with money and emotional matters. Tonight: Have a good time!***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Let another call the shots. Think before you leap. Dissatisfaction becomes obvious when dealing with others. Seek solutions, and listen to others, but do not feel the need to make a decision just yet. You are out of sorts, and for good reason. Tonight: Accept an invitation.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Analyze a problem with work. Communications are off. You are expecting news that is delayed. Pull back, and handle what you can. Try to understand your limits. Do what works, rather than get frustrated. Tonight: Enjoy a spirited game of ball!***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Use your imagination and inventiveness at work and with loved ones. Do not, however, take any monetary risks; they could backfire. Stay centered and open with a loved one. A flirtation is building to more than you had anticipated. Careful! Tonight: Fun rules.***

BORN TODAY

Actor Ben Gazzara (1930), figure skater Scott Hamilton (1956), actress Emma Samms (1960)

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Frightened teens can easily
choose the adoption option

DEAR ABBY: I am writing to you out of sheer frustration. I have just read another account of a young woman, apparently unable to deal with the prospect of parenthood, doing away with her newborn child.

As an adoption attorney, I work with many couples who are desperate to adopt. If the young parents had any idea how easy it would be for them to arrange an adoption, and how many people would



Abigail
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Columnist

thank God for a chance to parent a child, perhaps they would not take the drastic step of abandoning, or killing and disposing of a newborn.

I know in many cases they are ashamed and frightened, and want no one to know of their pregnancy. Please tell them that the consequences of murdering their newborn child are far more frightening and shameful than acknowledging their pregnancy and placing the child for adoption could ever be.

They can call any adoption agency or adoption attorney, and they will be treated with respect and sensitivity. There is no obligation and no cost. (Look under Adoption Services in the Yellow Pages.) If young women would do this, they would answer a family's prayers and assure themselves and their babies a better future. Abandonment is not the answer. Neither is murder.

Adoption is. Thank you for the opportunity to say this. You may use my name. — LINDA E.F. LACH, ATTORNEY AT LAW, LIHUE, HAWAII

DEAR LINDA: It is hard to imagine that in the 1990s, a young woman could find herself pregnant, and be so uninformed and fearful of her parents that she would choose not to confide in the people who are supposed to protect and guide her. However, in some families the girls feel they cannot let their parents down by admitting they were sexually active. In other families, the relationship between parents and child is so dysfunctional the girl's fears are real.

I am printing your excellent letter in the hope that every young woman will read it. Although they may never need the information, perhaps they'll have a friend who will, and it will help to save innocent lives.

DEAR ABBY: You printed a letter from a woman who carried an unruly 3-year-old child (kicking and screaming) out of a store, and no one tried to stop

her to find out if the child was her own, or if perhaps someone was trying to abduct the child.

Abby, parents should keep a family picture (mom, dad and children) in their purse or wallet as proof of parentage. — MYRNA FELDMANN, DELANSON, N.Y.

DEAR MYRNA: Thank you for an excellent suggestion. Readers, make a note of this. It's good insurance.

DEAR ABBY: I laughed out loud at your response to "Wondering," whose husband had an affair three years before, but following surgery that left him impotent, he was very attentive to her. You were right on the money when you answered her question about why he had turned over a new leaf with, "Probably because there's not much left under the old one."

"Wondering" needs to wake up to the fact that her husband would still be cheating if he hadn't had the surgery. Now that his fun is over, he's staying closer to home.

My dog stopped jumping the fence after I got him neutered, but I sure wouldn't want to be married to him. — STILL LAUGHING IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR ABBY: Your column in the St. Petersburg Times listed people who managed to succeed against the odds.

I don't know about the rest of them, but your thumbnail sketch of the great Italian conductor Arturo Toscanini was quite inaccurate.

Toscanini was NOT a "second fiddle in an obscure South American orchestra." He was a gifted and superbly trained cellist in an orchestra formed by an Italian impresario for a South American tour.

Toscanini graduated at the top of his class at the Parma Conservatory and as a student was nicknamed "Genio" (genius). In addition to being the principal cellist of the touring orchestra, Toscanini was the opera company's vocal coach and was greatly admired by the singers and instrumentalists. Thus he was exceedingly well prepared and equipped for his impromptu conducting debut at age 19, and for the unique career that followed. — ANTHONY SKEY, ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.

DEAR MR. SKEY: Thank you for pointing out the inaccuracy concerning Toscanini. Mea culpa!

DEAR ABBY: I am fuming! I heard it again today on the news — I refer to the term "elderly." It went something like this:

"The elderly 63-year-old woman was able to give the police a description of her stolen automobile..."

Abby, I am 69 years old and do not consider myself "elderly." Perhaps I don't walk as fast as I used to, but I still perform all my duties with enthusiasm and a clear mind. So I ask you, Abby, what age is "elderly"? — JUST WONDERING IN CHICAGO HEIGHTS

DEAR WONDERING: My dictionary defines "elderly" as "being past middle age," a definition with which a growing number of people might disagree. I suspect that when many people use the term "elderly," what they really mean is "decrepit," which means "wasted and weakened by, or as if by, the infirmities of old age," which is no compliment.

Readers, please write and tell me how YOU would define "elderly."

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6 PM	News (CC)	Simpsons Home Imp.	Science Guy	American Music	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	Who's Boss?	El Quisido	Movie: The Artist	Duke of Hazzard	(5:55) Movie: Dead Man	See Forever	Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde	Movie: The Light of the Moon	Law & Order (CC)	Wings of the Legend	Kung Fu: The Legend	FOX Sports	Major League	Movie: Demolition	Black Box
7 PM	Drew Carey Spin City (CC)	World's Funniest	Sol. Frontiers	Awards 20th Anniversary	Nanny (CC)	Drew Carey Spin City (CC)	Abduction of Innocence: A	(CC) Movie: The El Alma No Tiene Color	Movie: The Road	Movie: The Road	Movie: The Road	Movie: The Road	Movie: The Road	Movie: The Road	Movie: The Road	Movie: The Road	Movie: The Road	Movie: The Road	Baseball: Houston	Baseball: Houston	Baseball: Houston	Planet Groove
8 PM	Drew Carey Spin City (CC)	Party of Five (CC)	Danny Kays: A Legacy	Hawaii Five-O	Coast to Coast (CC)	Drew Carey Spin City (CC)	Moment of Truth Movie	Breakfast Club	Tu y Yo	Dangerfield (35) Pre	Prime Time Country (CC)	Movie: The Road	Movie: The Road	Movie: The Road	Movie: The Road	Movie: The Road	Movie: The Road	Movie: The Road	Astros at Atlanta	Baseball: Houston	Baseball: Houston	Planet Groove
9 PM	PrimeTime Live (CC)	Babylon 5 (CC)	National Geographic's	700 Club	48 Hours (CC)	PrimeTime Live (CC)	Law & Order (CC)	(CC) Movie: The Road	Fuera Lente Loco	Movie: The Road	Movie: The Road	Movie: The Road	Movie: The Road	Movie: The Road	Movie: The Road	Movie: The Road	Movie: The Road	Movie: The Road	Baseball: Houston	Baseball: Houston	Baseball: Houston	Planet Groove
10 PM	News (CC)	Mad Abo. You Vibe	White House News-Letter	Three Stooges	News (35) Late	News (CC) Nightline	News Tonight Show	Outdoors	P. Impacto	Movie: The Road	Movie: The Road	Movie: The Road	Movie: The Road	Movie: The Road	Movie: The Road	Movie: The Road	Movie: The Road	Movie: The Road	Baseball: Houston	Baseball: Houston	Baseball: Houston	Planet Groove
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12 AM	Ivory Ways	Universal M. Patrol	National	Paid Program	Married... With	News (CC) Ent. Tonight	Night (CC) Psychic	Hollywood Knights	Junioe-No	(12:10) Movie: The Road	Prime Time Country (CC)	Movie: The Road	Movie: The Road	Movie: The Road	Movie: The Road	Movie: The Road	Movie: The Road	Movie: The Road	Baseball: Houston	Baseball: Houston	Baseball: Houston	Planet Groove

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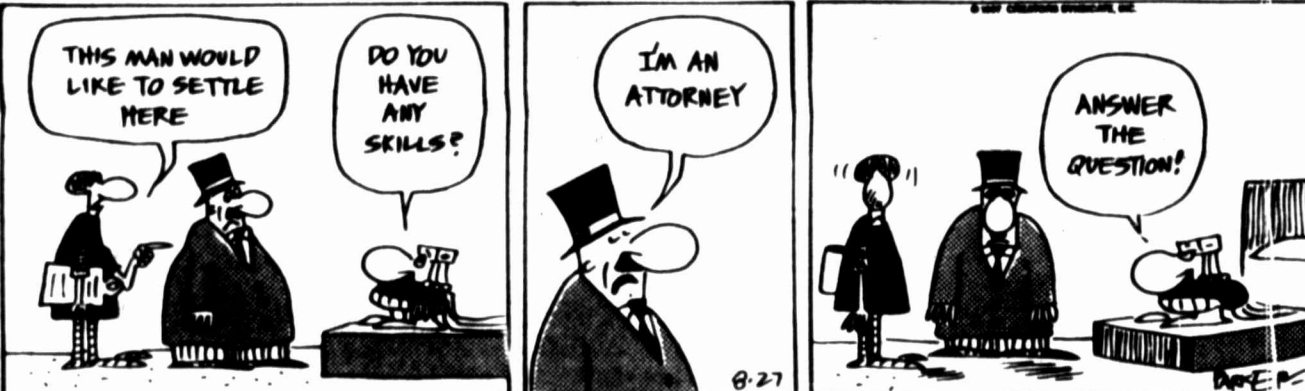
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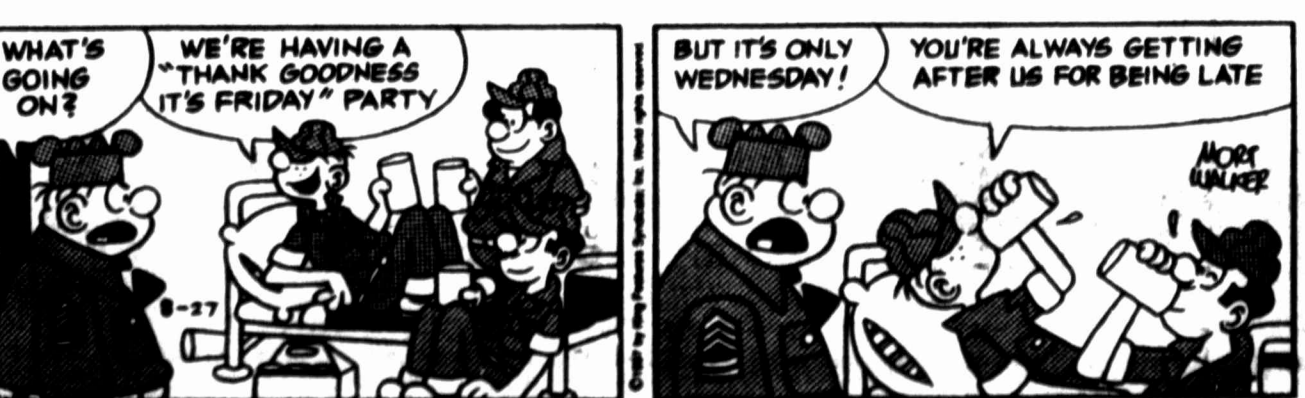
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THIS DATE
IN HISTORY

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Today is Wednesday, Aug. 27, the 239th day of 1997. There are

126 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Aug. 27, 1883, the island volcano Krakatoa erupted; the resulting tidal waves in Indonesia's Sunda Strait claimed some 36,000 lives in Java and Sumatra.

On this date:
In 1770, the German philoso-

pher Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel was born in Stuttgart.
In 1859, Colonel Edwin L. Drake drilled the first successful oil well in the United States near Titusville, Penn.

In 1892, fire seriously damaged New York City's original Metropolitan Opera House, located at Broadway and 39th Street.

In 1908, Lyndon B. Johnson, the 36th president of the United States, was born near Stonewall, Texas.

In 1928, the Kellogg-Briand Pact was signed in Paris, outlawing war and providing for the peaceful settlement of disputes.

In 1945, American troops began landing in Japan following the surrender of the Japanese government in World War II.

In 1962, the United States launched the Mariner 2 space probe, which flew past Venus the following December.

In 1967, Brian Epstein, manager of the Beatles, was found dead in his London flat from an overdose of sleeping pills.

In 1979, British war hero Lord Louis Mountbatten was killed off the coast of Ireland in a boat explosion; the Irish Republican Army claimed responsibility.

Ten years ago: A Soviet Foreign Ministry official said his country was studying a proposal by West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl to dismantle his country's 72 aging Pershing 1A missiles if the superpowers destroyed all their intermediate-range weapons.

Five years ago: President Bush ordered federal troops to Florida for emergency relief in the wake of Hurricane Andrew.

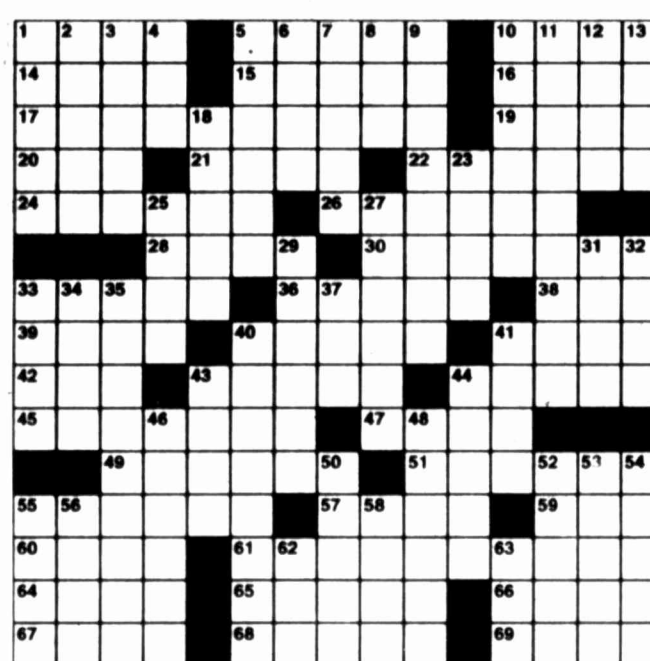
One year ago: First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton addressed the Democratic convention in Chicago, forcefully making her husband's case for re-election while rebutting her Republican critics. California Gov. Pete Wilson signed an executive order aimed at halting state benefits to illegal immigrants. Actor Greg Morris ("Mission: Impossible") was found dead at his Las Vegas home; he was 61.

Today's Birthdays: Nobel Peace laureate Mother Teresa is 87. Cajun-country singer Jimmy C. Newman is 70. Actor Tommy Sands is 60. Bluegrass singer-musician J.D. Crowe is 60. Musician Daryl Dragon (The Captain and Tennille) is 55. Actress Tuesday Weld is 54. Actress Marianne Sägebrecht is 52. Actress Barbara Bach is 50. Ex-porn star Harry Reems ("Deep throat") is 50. Country musician Jeff Cook (Alabama) is 48. Actor Paul Reubens is 45. Singer Willy DeVille is 44. Rock musician Alex Lifeson (Rush) is 44. Actress Diana Scarwid is 42. Rap musician Bobo (Cypress Hill) is 29.

THE Daily Crossword

ACROSS
1 Altercation
5 Stair piece
10 Culture medium
14 Lady Chaplin
15 M. Zola
16 — Beach, FL
17 Iris
19 Italian commune
20 Alias letters
21 Concerning
22 Excuse
24 French existentialist
26 Chest bones
28 Paper unit
30 Agreements
33 British party
34 Kilns
38 "O Sole —"
39 Scads
40 Clubs and spades
41 Sean or William
42 Chit letters
43 Cotton thread
44 Troublesome
45 Organizes anew
47 Eating regimen
49 Surely
51 Certain islander
55 Dress sparkle
57 Druids' sacred trees
59 Sit — tacked
60 In addition
61 Hotel staff members
64 "It's clear to me!"
65 Accustom: var.
66 Family circle member
67 Famous loch
68 Forestall
69 Actress Lamarr

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1 Settees
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3 Lend — (listen)
4 Sigma follower
5 Exodus route
6 — a man with seven...
7 Farm structures
8 Samuel's mentor



by Diane C. Baldwin

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Tuesday's Puzzle solved:



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