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While no books have been banned, district has complaint procedure in place

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

The state American Civil Liberties Union reports that more than 70 books have been removed from Texas public school libraries in the past two years, but no such action was taken locally, Big Spring ISD officials report.

The ACLU reported early this week that 73 books, including such children's classics as "My Friend Flicka," have been removed from school libraries after challenges from parents and other groups. In addition to books removed from library shelves, 11 were removed from the curriculum in 10 districts.

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community," were the main reasons given for the book removals.

"My Friend Flicka," a book about a youngster's devotion to a colt, was removed from the library at Oakwood Independent School District after an "inappropriate word" was found in the book, ACLU officials said.

Big Spring ISD assistant superintendent Murray Murphy was incredulous when he learned of the children's classic being banned.

"No kidding?" he asked. "I think we still have that one... If they ever get rid of 'Old Yeller,' I'm out of here."

On a more serious note, Murphy said that there have been no challenges of school library books for the past several years. In fact, he couldn't remember the last time a book had been banned from BSISD libraries.

Murphy said school librarians "are primarily responsible for determining that the material is not of a questionable nature,"

but added the district regularly reviews its book list.

"It's preventive maintenance," he said. "If other schools remove a book, we'll review it, and if we find it has questionable material, we'll remove it."

Also, district librarians purchase new books from a district-approved list, Murphy said.

The district has a mechanism in place for parents to follow if they wish to challenge an existing book. If the parent objects to a particular book, they need to explain in writing why the book should be removed from the library shelves.

The principal of the school in question then appoints a committee to review the parent's request. That committee's decision can be appealed to the superintendent, and eventually to the school board.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett
Travis Gray, a junior at Big Spring High School, sits in the library to get a little quiet time to read his book. BSISD officials said they couldn't recall the last time a book was banned locally.

Howard, five other WJCAC schools grow

SPC is largest while both New Mexico JC and NMMI lost enrollment

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Aggressive recruiting is one of the major reasons that Howard College and many of its sister community colleges report increased enrollments for the Fall 1997 semester.

Of the eight schools affiliated with the Western Junior College Athletic Conference, six report increased enrollments this semester. And three of those schools — South Plains College in Levelland, Odessa College and Western Texas College in Snyder — reported record enrollments.

Only New Mexico Junior College in Hobbs and New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell reported decreased enrollments this semester. Howard College enrollment jumped more than 4 percent from this time last year. HC officials reported enrollment at 2,198 at all Howard campuses.

Enrollment breakdown for the college district was: Big Spring, 1,019; San Angelo, 956; SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, 103; Lamesa, 87; FCI, 29; and concurrent enrollment at Junction, 4.

Howard's increase was a little surprising since the school lost 45 students when it closed programs at Fredericksburg and Kerrville. But an increase of 90 students at the San Angelo campus allowed the college to beat last fall's enrollment of 2,104.

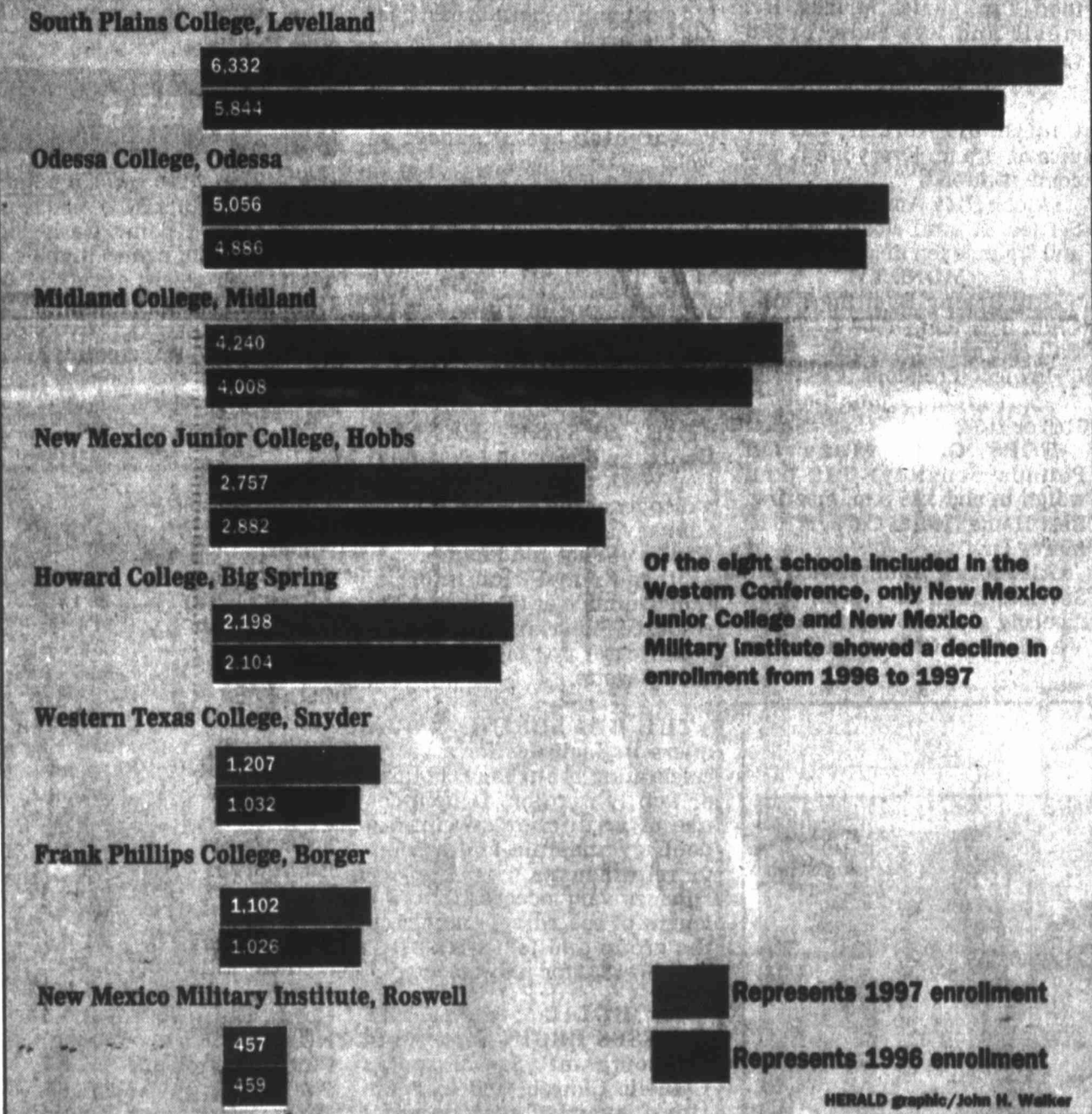
"We did not expect a big drop, but we're very pleasantly surprised that the numbers are up," college vice president Linda Conway said.

South Plains reported the largest enrollment among WJCAC members, with 6,332 students registered. SPC's enrollment jumped by 8.2 percent from the Fall 1996 figures.

Other WJCAC enrollment figures included: Odessa College, 5,056, up 3.5 percent from last year; Midland

WJCAC BY THE NUMBERS:

A look at enrollment figures for member schools in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference:



College, 4,240, up 5.8 percent from Fall 1996; New Mexico Junior College, 2,757, down 4.3 percent from last year; Western Texas, 1,207, up 16.9 percent from last year; Frank Phillips College, 1,102, up 7.5 percent, and NMMI, 457, down two students from last year.

College officials cited several possible reasons behind the increases. South Plains Dean of Admissions and Records Bobby James said his school's increase came from greater enrollment of traditional college-age students at its Levelland campus and greater enrollment in courses offered

off-campus. The school has registered 320 students in off-campus course, 263 of which are high school seniors enrolled in dual credit courses at nine area high schools.

"Both of these factors seem to have contributed to a big increase in enrollment for us," James said.

Officials at Midland and Odessa colleges said there were a variety of reasons behind their increased enrollments.

"It seemed to be across the board — there wasn't any particular area that stood out," said an OC spokeswoman. "We

had a lot of concurrent-enrollment classes. We did have a healthy increase in those students at Permian and Odessa highs."

Aggressive recruiting of outlying areas was mainly credited for Midland College's jump in enrollment, as well as Frank Phillip's.

"We've had a real strong recruiting and marketing effort going on," said Lesly Annen, director of public relations at Frank Phillips. "What we're really happy about is the increase in contact hours. More students are taking more courses than last year."

Unemployment

Big Spring, Howard County numbers drop to 4.3 percent

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The latest Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) unemployment figures show that Howard County's unemployment rate for the month of August was 4.4 percent, four-tenths of a percent lower than the county's July rate of 4.8 percent.

Big Spring reported a August unemployment rate of 4.9 percent, four-tenths of a percent lower than July's unemployment rate of 5.3 percent.

For the month of August, Howard County reported a civilian labor force of 14,147 with an employment level of 13,522 people, leaving 625 unemployed. In July, Howard County reported 13,625 people from a civilian labor force of 14,309 were employed.

The city of Big Spring's 4.9

percent unemployment rate means 9,252 people from a civilian labor force of 9,732 were employed.

August's 5.1 percent unemployment rate for the Odessa-Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) is six-tenths of 1 percent lower than July's 5.7 percent, placing it 15th among the state's 27 MSAs, which means the Odessa-Midland MSA moved up one position between July and August.

Other counties in the Permian Basin reported various unemployment rates for the month of August, included Andrews, 5.9 percent; Borden, 1 percent; Dawson, 5.3 percent; Ector, 6.4 percent; Glasscock, 2.3 percent; Martin, 5.1 percent; and Midland, 3.8 percent.

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CONNECTING THE HYDRAULICS



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett
Felipe Peralta connects a hydraulic hose on a tractor he was driving as Harry and Johnny Middleton began stripping their cotton Thursday.

WEATHER

Tonight: Low: 60. Saturday, mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 90s. Saturday night, fair. Lows around 60. Extended forecast, Sunday, partly cloudy and cooler with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs in lower 80s. Monday and Tuesday, fair. Lows in the 50s. Highs in the 70s.

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IHM Fall Fest, wide variety of sports on tap

HERALD Staff Report

Looking for something to do this weekend? Here's your ticket to weekend activities in and around Big Spring.

This feature is published each Friday and will include a variety of activities. It is limited to activities of a general nature, community fund-raisers, community functions, free performances, etc. It is not available to commercial ventures.

To submit your activity, send it to "Weekend Ticket," Big

Weekend Ticket

Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721.

You may also fax your listing to 264-7205 or bring it by the Herald offices at 710 Scurry. No information will be taken over the phone.

• College baseball, today at 2 p.m. at Jack Barber Field. Howard College's Hawks face Odessa College's Wranglers in a fall schedule doubleheader.
• Country and western dance,

tonight from 7:30-10:30 at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center. Music will be provided by CW & Company.

• Model train display, today and Saturday from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and 2nd and Main in downtown Big Spring.

• The Heritage Museum, today from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at 510 Scurry.

Two exhibits currently on display

include the traveling show of the Texas Watercolor Society upstairs and Goin' Places, a display on transportation, downstairs.

• The Potton House, a restored historic home, is open Saturdays from 1-5 p.m. and 200 Gregg.

• High school football, tonight. Games include 7:30 p.m. starts with Big Spring at Snyder, Robert Lee at Garden City, Veribest at Sands and Sanderson at Grady and 8 p.m.

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OBITUARIES

Lillie Beatrice Norrell Hill

A graveside committal service for Lillie Beatrice Norrell Hill, 84, Enid, Okla., formerly of Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 29, 1997, at Trinity Memorial Park with Rev. Flynn Long, retired Presbyterian minister, officiating.



Mrs. Hill died Tuesday, Sept. 23, in Enid, Okla. She was born on April 16, 1913, in Saitillo. She married Ira Norrell and later married Dewey Hill on April 16, 1959, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Aug. 19, 1979. Mrs. Hill had lived most of her life in Big Spring and was a resident of Canterbury South before moving to Enid, Okla., 10 years ago to live with her daughter. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include: three daughters, Dorothy Smith, Enid, Okla., Winnifred Kennemur, Big Spring, and Elaine LaGrange, Bosier City, La.; three sons, Bobby Norrell, San Leandro, Calif., Danny Norrell, Stockton, Calif., and Tommy Norrell, Georgetown; 15 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

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

Mona Bayes

Graveside service for Mona Bayes, 85, Lovington, N.M., formerly of Big Spring, will be 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, 1997, at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Bayes died Thursday, Sept. 25, in a Lovington, N.M. nursing home.

She was born on Feb. 29, 1912, in Rotan, and married Joe Bayes on June 30, 1929, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on April 8, 1978. She came to Howard County in 1927 from Merkel. She and her late husband farmed in the Knott community for many years. In 1972 they retired and moved to Big Spring. Mrs. Bayes moved to Lovington, N.M. in 1990. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include: three sons, Joe Bayes, Eunice, N.M., Luis Bayes, Lovington, N.M., and Andrew Bayes, Big Spring; one sister, Margie Castle, Big Spring; six grandchildren; five

great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

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

TICKET

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starts featuring Forsan at Coahoma and Stanton at Midland Christian.

• Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Fall Fest, today and Saturday beginning at 5 p.m. each day. A variety of foods and games are available at 1009 Hearn St.

• High school tennis, dual meet at Figure 7 Tennis Center beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday matching Big Spring's No. 4-ranked Steers and Pecos.

• High school cross country, 9 a.m. Saturday at Martin County Country Club.

DROP

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By city, Permian Basin unemployment rates for August include Andrews, 6.2 percent; Lamesa, 6.3 percent; Odessa, 6.3 percent; Pecos, 8.6 percent; Stanton, 5.9 percent; Midland, 3.8 percent; and Rankin, 4.3 percent.

Overall, the state's unemployment rate decreased 0.8 percent to 5.3 percent between July and August, according to the TWC.

The state's 5.3 percent unemployment rate for August was two-tenths of a percent lower than the unemployment rate for August 1996 (5.5 percent).

The state's lowest unemployment rate for August was in the the Bryan-College Station MSA at 2.3 percent. The McAllen-Edinburg-Mission MSA recorded the highest unemployment rate at 17 percent.

Rates of unemployment in the urban areas of West Texas as announced by the TWC for June include: Abilene, 4.7 percent; Amarillo, 4 percent; Lubbock, 3.9 percent; San Angelo, 3.5 percent; and Wichita Falls, 4.4 percent.

Texas' 5.3 percent unemployment rate in August was slightly above the U.S. unemployment rate of 4.8 percent.

"I am pleased with our continuing broad-based job growth which was positive in all major industry sectors over the year and saw growth in most sectors during August," TWC Commissioner Diane Rath said earlier this week.

TWC reported that all of the state's 27 metropolitan areas followed the statewide trend.

SPRINGBOARD

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

TODAY
•Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.

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

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

•Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., ST. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

•Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Fall Festival, 5 p.m., 1009 Hearn St. There will be food, fun, games, prizes, live music and live radio broadcasts.

SATURDAY
•Candlelight NA meeting, 10 to 11:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open meetings at noon, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

•Open birthday night, covered dish 7 p.m. and birthday meeting 8 p.m., 615 Settles. This is to celebrate AA sobriety yearly birthdays.

•Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Fall Festival, 5 p.m., 1009 Hearn St. There will be food, fun, games, prizes, live music and live radio broadcasts.

SUNDAY
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has service at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

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

•Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

•TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:15 p.m. weigh in and 6:15 p.m. meeting, Best Home Health Care, 1710 E. Marcy Dr.

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

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

TUESDAY

•Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 to 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

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

BRIEFS

HANGAR 25 "OVER THE TOP" fundraiser is planned for 7:30-10:30 p.m. Oct. 24, featuring a concert by Angelo Jazz Band, and a silent auction. Call 264-2362 for more details.

KINGDOM CLASS AT FIRST United Methodist Church will have a garage sale Oct. 4. Items are needed for the sale. Anyone wishing to donate can leave items at 1405 Wood.

SWIMMING LESSONS WILL BE offered at the Big Spring Family YMCA beginning Sept. 29 and registration is under way. The classes are for both youth and adults, call 267-8234 for information.

REGIS SALONS WILL BE offering Clip for the Cure, Saturday, Oct. 4. Haircuts at \$10 each will benefit breast cancer research.

During the month of October, Regis will donate 10 percent of all product sales to foundations researching breast cancer as well.

DAY CARE IS AVAILABLE for students at the YMCA, before and after school. Trained staff, supervise activities including swimming, sports, arts and crafts and field trips. Sign up at the Y or call 267-8234 for more information.

BIG SPRING KENNEL CLUB is observing National Dog Week through Friday with a display at the Howard County Library. The display is "Dog Heroes of Fact and Fiction."

Other Kennel Club information available at the library are resource materials for choosing a particular dog breed, and the AKC Gazette.

THE BIG SPRING YMCA offers its facilities for a party, celebrating a birthday, holiday or family reunion. It includes use of an indoor swimming pool, gymnasium and a room for refreshments. Prices vary according to the length of the party, number in the group and facilities used. Call 267-8234 for information.

CATHOLIC INQUIRY CLASSES BEGIN Sept. 30, in Coahoma at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, and will continue every Tuesday until Easter. Starting time is 7:30 p.m. The classes will be conducted by a team of Catholic church leaders.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, also known as Meals on Wheels, needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the

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city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

BIG SPRING WOMAN'S CLUB annual coat drive is set for Oct. 1-31.

The group will collect coats, windbreakers, scarves, blankets and gloves to give to the needy of our community. Bins for donated items will be at Harris Lumber, 1515 E. FM-700, and Howard County Courthouse.

LOCAL RESIDENTS WILL PARTICIPATE in Oct. 4's American Heart Walk, an event to benefit the American Heart Association.

With funds raised by the three-mile trek, the Heart Association will fund research and education about heart disease.

Walkers will start the course at 9 a.m. and the event is expected to end by about 11 a.m. As many as 300-350 participants are expected.

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.

MARKETS

Oct. cotton 70.90 cents a pound, down 100 points; Nov. crude oil 20.30, down 1 point; Cash hogs steady at 50 cents higher at 48.50; cash steers steady at 66; Oct. lean hog futures 69.50, down 22 points; Oct. live cattle futures 68.47, up 52 points. Courtesy: Delta Corporation. Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

Table with market data including Index 7922.18, Volume 162,900,410, ATT 45% + 1%, Amoco 96% + 1/2%, Atlantic Richfield 84% + 1/2%, Atmos Energy 26 + 1/2%, Calenergy Inc. 33% - 1/2%, Chevron 83% + 1/2%, Cifra 2.26 - 2.29, Coca-Cola 61% + 1/2%, De Beers 30 - 1/2%, DuPont 63% + 1/2%, Excel Comm. 24% nc, Exxon 63% + 1/2%, Fina 66% - 1/2%, Ford Motors 44% + 1/2%, Halliburton 50% - 1/2%, IBM 103 + 1/2%, Intel Corp 93% + 1/2%, Laser Indus LTD 17% nc, Medical Alliance 4 + 1/2%, Mobil 74% + 1/2%, Norwest 62% + 1 1/2%, NUV 9% nc, Phillips Petroleum 50% + 1/2%, Pex Inc. 15% + 1/2%, Pepsi Cola 39% + 1/2%, Parallell Petroleum 6% + 1/2%, Rural/Metro 31 - 1/2%, Sears 57% + 1/2%, Southwestern Bell Sun 44% + 1/2%, Texaco 119% + 1/2%, Texas Instruments 133% + 1/2%, Texas Utils. Co 35% + 1/2%, Unocal Corp 43% + 1/2%, Wal-Mart 36% + 1/2%, Ampac 16.36-17.36, Euro Pacific 29.51-31.31, I.C.A. 30.26-32.11, New Economy 20.89-22.16

POLICE

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

• CHRISTOPHER OLIVAREZ, 21, was arrested on local warrants.

• THEFT was reported on the 1100 block of N. Lamesa Highway, the 1000 block of Stadium, the 1700 block of Marcy and the 1200 block of E. 11th Place.

• STALKING was reported to the police department.

• UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE was reported on the 1900 block of Nolan.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. Friday:

• MARIA DAVIS PACHECO, 35, 811 Johnson, was arrested on a revocation of probation warrant.

• CHARLES DEWEY FULESDAY, 36, 4039 Vicky, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• EDLEY RAY RUTLEDGE, 53, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence.

• JIMMY WAYNE SKELTON, 48, no address given, was arrested on an issuance of a bad check warrant.

RECORDS

Thursday's high 82, low 54, average high 84, average low 58. Record high 102 in 1953, record low 38 in 1953. Precip. Thursday 0.00. Month to date 0.03. Month's normal 2.10. Year to date 17.69. Normal for the year 14.92. **Statistics not available.

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports: Thursday 1:37 a.m. - 600 block Goliad, trauma call, patient transferred to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. 3:35 a.m. - 700 block Douglas, trauma call, patient transferred to SMMC. 3:59 a.m. - 4800 block Ratliff, medical call, patient transferred to VA Medical Center. 11:30 a.m. - 1100 block Main, dumpster fire. 1:47 p.m. - 1500 block E. 11th, trauma call, patient transferred to Westwood Medical Center. 4:44 p.m. - 700 and Gregg, traffic accident, eight people refused transport. 6:30 p.m. - 1800 block Scurry, controlled burn. 7:43 p.m. - 900 block Goliad, medical call, transferred to SMMC. 11:35 p.m. - 2000 block Johnson, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288 Darwin Miller, 30, died Monday. Services will be 2:00 PM, Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331 John Michael Lopez Sr., 40, died Saturday. Rosary will be at 7:30 PM, Friday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 9:00 AM Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Interment will follow in Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Charlotte Box, 77, died Wednesday. Services will be 11:30 AM Saturday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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FORMAL TEA Ramona Harris, standing, read poetry for guests at Carriage Inn's formal tea Thursday. Shown visiting with her are, center, Ruby Anderson and, right, Eileen Lawrence. Hostesses for the event were Thelma Carille and Steve Marie Haynes.

NO MIDDLE GROUND! Which direction are you traveling? Toward Heaven or Hell? Who's company are you keeping? Jesus' or Satan? Are you a victor or a victim? Jesus said: "...I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." John 10:10 YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN NEW BEGINNINGS "A Missionary Baptist Church" SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 AM IN-HOME BIBLE STUDIES BIBLICAL COUNSELING 503 S. JOHNSON, BIG SPRING, TX PASTOR: JIM POPE 267-7752

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Southwest jet, business jet narrowly miss rush hour collision over downtown Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — A Southwest Airlines jet had to take evasive action when a business jet turned into its path 2,600 feet over downtown Dallas, according to Federal Aviation Administration officials.

"It was close," said Doug Murphy, air traffic division manager for the FAA's Southwest Region.

Authorities said Flight 858 from San Antonio was on final approach to Dallas Love Field at 7:55 a.m. Thursday when a Lear 35 turned slightly less than a mile in front of it.

The airliner went into a sudden climb after a collision warning sounded on the Southwest Boeing 737.

An investigation has been launched by the FAA, Murphy said. A preliminary report indicated that the controller who was in charge of both airplanes "may have forgotten the Southwest jet was there," he said.

It was not immediately determined how many people were aboard the planes, which should have been at least 3 miles apart

or separated by at least 1,000 feet of altitude to meet the FAA's minimum safety standards.

Scott Keller, president of the National Air Traffic Controllers Association Local at the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport radar room, which is in charge of the airspace over most of Dallas and Fort Worth said "some questionable procedures that management forces us to use" contributed to the error.

Keller also said that a \$3 million Litton communications system that has clipped off the first part of controllers' conversations for more than a year had helped distract the controller. "This situation was inevitable. It was an incident waiting to happen," Keller told The Dallas Morning News.

The FAA has "a working group of controllers and management involved in ongoing meetings to address some of the concerns about some of the procedures," Murphy said.

He said he did not know whether problems with the com-

munications system contributed to Thursday's incident.

"The union's concerns about the equipment are certainly shared by management," he added.

The controller was in charge of three airplanes at the time, "which is extremely light traffic," Murphy said.

The Southwest Boeing 737 had been on final approach for about 3 minutes when the Lear got in its path, authorities said.

Keller said that in the minutes before the incident, the controller in charge of the two jets had been working sections of airspace that normally are monitored by at least three controllers. He was in the process of handing off some of that responsibility when the error occurred, Keller said.

"He may have only been working three airplanes at that moment in time, but he had just come off of a very busy time and was overwhelmed," Keller said. "That's why they were splitting up the positions."

The controllers have been frustrated because they are

forced to use a procedure that is called a "slam-dunk" to bring planes into Love Field over the top of Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, Keller said. The Lear was being "slam-dunked" when the incident occurred, he said.

The procedure involves keeping the airplanes high until they pass the larger airport. They must then quickly dive to get into the pattern for Love Field. Such procedures are used at other airports nationwide and are often controversial among controllers and pilots.

Murphy said that the "slam-dunk" is a "good solid procedure, but we've got a group of controllers who don't like it."

"I don't know how much of a factor it was in this situation, but that's something we'll be looking at."

Southwest spokesman Ed Stewart said company officials were unaware of the incident, but that they would investigate.

"It sounds like the pilots did what they were supposed to do, which was to take the appropriate evasive action," he said.

Ex-Rep. Wilson possible target of kickback probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Texas Rep. Charlie Wilson is vigorously denying allegations that he accepted kickbacks from an arms dealer while in Congress and says he is unaware of a Justice Department investigation into the matter.

Wilson is one possible target of a criminal investigation into whether kickbacks were paid for arms sales to Afghan rebels during the 1980s, a Justice Department official said Thursday, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"I categorically and emphatically deny that I have ever accepted or received any promise, commitment or payment of any kind for any of my activities or positions as a member of Congress," Wilson said Thursday in a statement he read to The Associated Press.

The Justice investigation remained under wraps until earlier this week when Switzerland's supreme court agreed to a 1995 request by the United States for assistance. Wilson, a Democrat who retired from Congress last year after 24 years, had remained silent after the first news reports came Tuesday.

Swiss court documents said the Justice Department is investigating allegations that a U.S. congressman, referred to only by his last initial "W," had received kickbacks from an arms supplier for his role in arms sales to Afghan rebels in the 1980s.

The investigation is being conducted by the public integrity section of the Justice Department's criminal division, the Justice official said.

The official said that while the U.S. government is waiting for the Swiss to answer the request for information, the countdown on statutes of limitation that would bar prosecution, usually five years after an offense, are suspended. The time limit on conspiracy charges begins running only after an alleged conspiracy ends.

Wilson was a staunch supporter of the Mujaheddin rebels who drove the Soviet invaders out of Afghanistan.

He was widely credited with prodding Congress to arm the rebels.

"Any suggestion that my support for the Mujaheddin was for any other purpose than to assist their cause in driving the invading Communists from their home would be absolutely and categorically false, to say nothing of profoundly offensive to me," Wilson said.

A flamboyant, fun-loving presence on Capitol Hill, Wilson has been scrutinized before — a fact he referred to Thursday. "If there is, in fact, some investigation of me and my support for the Afghan Mujaheddin while I was in Congress, it will close like all other inquiries of my conduct — with a conclusion that I've done nothing wrong," Wilson said.

Switzerland's supreme court, in its ruling Tuesday, authorized the Swiss government to give Washington complete assistance in the investigation, which typically means handing over bank papers and other evidence.

Wilson denied holding any foreign bank account.

According to the Swiss court documents, "The firm X. Ltd. paid ("W" and a Texan identified only as having a last name beginning with "C") a commission of about \$3.5 million-\$4 million, with payments transacted through a number of American companies and their accounts with Swiss banks.

The case goes back to 1983, when Congress approved \$40 million in secret aid to buy weapons for the rebels in their war against Soviet occupying forces, the court said.

According to the court documents, most of the money was spent on anti-aircraft guns provided by "X."

The court records said congressman "W" spoke out in favor of purchasing the weapons from "X" and persuaded the House to go along.

According to the Swiss documents, the United States alleges the money was paid long after the congressional vote, although "W" had received a commitment for the money at the time of the arms purchase.

Jail Standards Commission weighs use of force, restraint guidelines for handling of prisoners

AUSTIN (AP) — A state agency has begun a month-long process to require counties to draft formal policies on the use of force against jail inmates.

But four of the Texas Jail Standards Commission's nine members say such a requirement wouldn't have prevented alleged abuses videotaped more than a year ago at a county jail in Brazoria County.

That jail is run by Capital Correctional Resources, Inc., a Jackson, Mississippi-based private prison company.

"Another written policy is not going to prevent something like this," Carmella Jones, a jail standards commission member and the Armstrong County sheriff, said during a commission meeting Thursday.

"More knowledge and training and mandatory training on the use of force would do more

to prevent it than a file cabinet full of policies," she said.

Meanwhile, commission executive director Jack Crump said another video tape of possible jailhouse abuses had been referred to the Department of Public Safety and law enforcement officers in Limestone County.

Crump said that roughly 20-minute video was recorded last year at a jail also run by CCRI. It shows guards using gas and batons against inmates. It also shows inmates being kicked while on the ground and being dragged by their hair, Crump said.

Bob Prince, a CCRI spokesman, said Limestone County and Oklahoma officials already have reviewed that tape and found no wrongdoing. He would not discuss the contents of the tape. Oklahoma inmates were housed at the Limestone

County jail, Prince said.

Limestone County Attorney Don Cantrell was traveling and could not be reached for comment, his office said.

The video tape from Brazoria County showed inmates crawling on their bellies while being bitten by dogs and jolted by electronic stun guns.

Local, state and federal law enforcement agencies are investigating the incident.

Jail Standards Commissioner Patrick Keel, of Austin, cautioned fellow commissioners not to respond with a knee-jerk reaction.

Commissioner and Collin County Sheriff Terry Box said most Texas sheriffs already have policies on the use of force and restraint.

Even so, the commission voted unanimously to publicize the proposal to require use of force and restraint policies,

which would be subject to commission approval.

Under state law, the commission must wait 30 days before considering whether to approve the requirement in order to allow time for people to review and comment on the proposal.

Among other things, the rule would require use of force and restraint policies to include:

- The conditions under which force could be used.
- A "realistic evaluation of the need for such force, restraints, weapons, chemical agents or canines"
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Quote of the Day

"Expenditure rises to meet income."

-C. Northcote Parkinson

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OUR VIEWS

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Each Friday, the *Herald* salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

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Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

OTHER VIEWS

On the second day of Senate hearings into misconduct by the Internal Revenue Service, even Michael Dolan, the agency's acting chief, admitted the criticisms were valid. He is therefore calling a session of top district officials from throughout the United States to talk things over. He is also requiring the districts to start holding meetings with taxpayers on a monthly basis and has announced plans to crack down on collection quotas and delays in correcting billing errors.

Good for Dolan. His reaction is far superior to those in public life who, having stared unpleasant and even outrageous facts in the face, then deny them. The facts in this case have been produced by the Senate Finance Committee — for instance, corroborated testimony that the agency in some instances has illegally set dollar goals for its agents. Other testimony has it that IRS badgers taxpayers with the least ability to fight back, that employees sometimes browse in secret files for personal reasons and that the agency hits back hard at employees who report misdeeds.

On top of all that, several witnesses spoke of how the agency had ruined their lives. Their stories had a common theme. The IRS made a mistake about how much money was owed the

government. They could not get the IRS to concede its mistakes despite ample evidence to the contrary. And the cases dragged on for years.

While Dolan seemed ready to move aggressively to address such problems, other spokesmen for the IRS said these were just isolated incidents that one had to expect in an agency that handles 209 million returns a year, collecting \$1.49 trillion. But just as the issue is not one of massive abuses striking terror in the hearts of millions, neither is it one of a few, innocent slip-ups. It is about an arrogant and careless misuse of enormous power. Saying "OOPS" and getting back to business is a way of inviting more of the same.

If his conciliation is not just a political ploy to convince Congress to exercise its vigilance elsewhere, the plans Dolan announced should help. As Sen. Phil Gramm has suggested, criminal prosecutions might also be in order. And Congress must take a couple of steps. For one, it must make sure IRS is funded adequately to do its job. And for another, it must make taxes simpler and flatter and therefore less subject to confusion. That's a direction just about the opposite of where Congress has been headed.

-SCRIPPS HOWARD



40 years after Central High desegregation

I have watched in sometimes angry nostalgia and something less than pleasure as Americans have "celebrated" the 40th anniversary of the desegregation of Central High School in Little Rock, Ark.



Carl Rowan
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My emotions have been twisted and perhaps distorted by the fact that I was there during the celebrated racial crisis, holding the hands of most of the nine black children who were the unwitting heroes of a crazy social war.

The question "How much change has there been since then?" evokes memories for me. I remember that one of the angry mobs that persecuted the nine black children also forced me to run for my life from the grounds of the Arkansas state

capitol when someone shouted that I was a "Northern nigger trouble-maker reporter." And I remember that I stayed at the home of Daisy Bates, Arkansas NAACP leader, because the hotels would not accept me or any other black person as a guest.

I still cringe on remembering that at the Bates home we played poker all night, afraid to go to sleep because of the threats that her home would be bombed again.

Hotel Jim Crow and other petty apartheid vanished with the Public Accommodations Act of 1964, and a variety of federal laws and prosecutions changed the horrible fact that the physical safety and security of all black people were in peril where racism held sway.

Politically, black Arkansians were powerless 40 years ago, an injustice that was rectified dramatically by the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Laudable change, indeed! One of the most important changes has occurred in the White House. President Dwight D. Eisenhower did not want to

order troops of the 101st Airborne to escort the black students into Central High. He had steadfastly refused even to say whether he thought racial segregation in public schools was morally wrong, leaving millions of people to believe that he secretly sympathized with the Little Rock segregationists. But his spokesman, Jim Hagerty, Attorney General Herbert Brownell Jr. and others convinced him that the struggle with Arkansas Gov. Orval E. Faubus had created a constitutional crisis, and that a U.S. president had no choice but to support and enforce the decisions of the federal courts.

In the ensuing 40 years, several U.S. presidents, including Bill Clinton, have forcefully taken the public stand that school segregation and other forms of racial discrimination are legally and morally wrong. That is great progress. Faubus once told me that he was belligerent not because he was a racist but because he believed in states' rights. Forty years ago most blacks and public figures such as Sen. Hubert

H. Humphrey of Minnesota saw it as espousing "states' wrongs." Still, we have seen a federal abandonment of responsibilities in education, welfare and other areas to the states. Whether that is progress is not yet clear.

What is clear in the current self-segregation in Central High and thousands of other schools in America is that black and white youngsters are not yet at ease with each other. Racial integration has still not been achieved in public education at any level, and minority and poor children are still being cheated in fact if not by law.

Worst of all, the notion of white supremacy/black inferiority that undergirded the Little Rock crisis still festers in millions of minds, not just in Arkansas but across America.

And there is a question as to whether the national urgency to do justice is as great as it was 40 years ago.

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Harsher penalties sought on juvenile offenders

By LAURIE ASSEO

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Youths who commit grown-up crimes increasingly are being treated like adults in court, to the satisfaction of some members of Congress who want to put even more young offenders behind bars.

One proposal would provide financial incentives for states that try juveniles as young as 14 in adult criminal court.

It is too soon to tell whether the provision can attract enough votes to get through Congress. But if it becomes law, says Mark Soler of the Youth Law Center in Washington, "There is no question that more kids will be prosecuted as adults and more kids will be held in adult jails and prisons."

The debate is the latest development in a question that has lingered for centuries: How can society best protect itself from young offenders and divert them from a life of crime?

During the late 1700s, children as young as 7 could be tried in adult courts and sent

to prison or even sentenced to death. States began opening separate prisons for juveniles during the 1800s; the first juvenile court was established in Illinois in 1899.

Juvenile courts, aimed at protecting young offenders' anonymity and providing treatment and a chance to make a fresh start, are now the norm. But it was not until the 1960s that Supreme Court rulings started giving children some of the procedural rights already granted to adults.

In recent years, virtually all states have decided to make more of the most serious youthful offenders stand trial as adults. Those sent to prison often are housed separately from adult inmates, but not always.

"The trend is coming from a legitimate concern ... over the increase in juvenile homicide rates between 1985 and 1992," said Bob Schwartz of the Juvenile Law Center in Philadelphia.

Juvenile arrests for violent crimes declined in 1995 for the first time in almost a decade. But Schwartz noted, "A kid with a gun is always news."

He said everyone agrees some young people must be tried as adults. "But when you transfer kids in large numbers, regardless of their history or their offense, you're going to end up making lots of mistakes," Schwartz said.

Barry Feld, a University of Minnesota law professor, believes all children — no matter how young — should be tried in adult courts, with extra safeguards provided.

"My argument is that we're already punishing kids and we're not using the kinds of procedures we would insist on for adults," he said. "The idea of juvenile courts is a fundamentally flawed idea."

Young defendants should have mandatory legal representation because they "don't have a clue what's going on," he said. If convicted, Feld suggests a "youth discount" in sentencing: "short sentences for short people."

In many ways, adolescents are less mature and less responsible than adults, he said. Therefore, he suggested, a 14-year-old could face 25 percent of an adult sentence and a 16-year-old could be given 50

percent.

"By 18, we're ready to say, 'you should have learned,' he said. In contrast, Thabiti Mtambuzi, director of special programs for youth at the San Francisco Department of Public Health, contends nobody under age 17 should be sent to adult court.

"A kid could commit a petty theft and the juvenile system will give them an opportunity to make corrections," Mtambuzi said. "Without that, they develop patterns of crime."

He agrees with Feld that young offenders need more procedural protections, such as access to lawyers. But Mtambuzi says they also need more education and rehabilitation.

"Putting more kids in prison is not going to make communities safer," Mtambuzi said. "Eventually those people are going to get out of prison and not be rehabilitated."

Laurie Asseo covers the Supreme Court and legal issues for *The Associated Press*.

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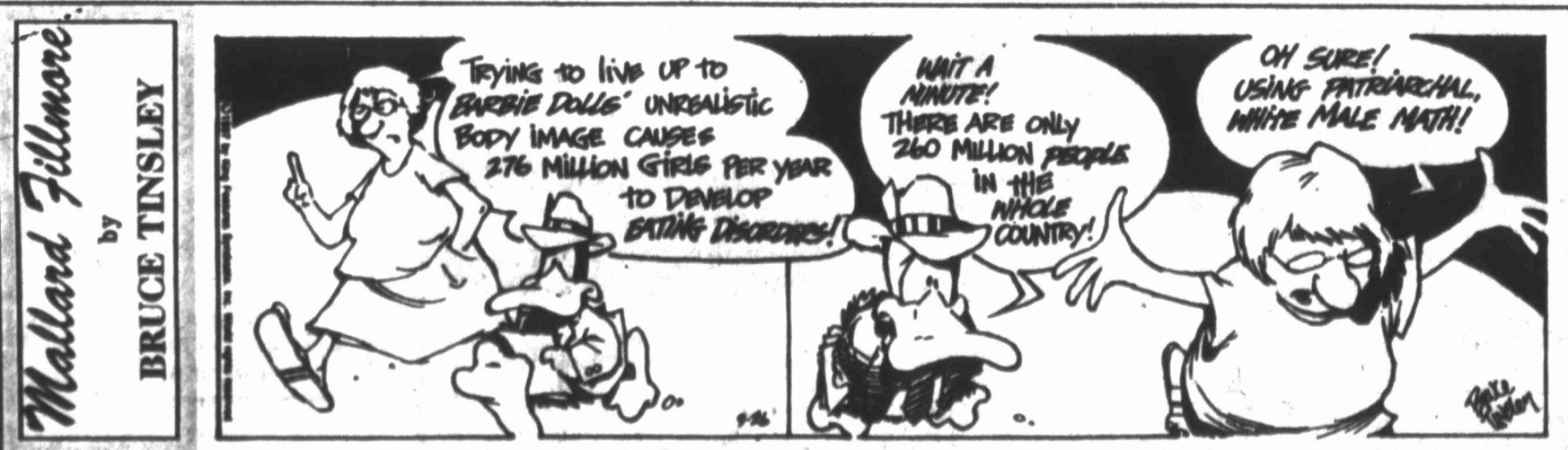
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IRS overhaul the target after Senate hears of taxpayer abuses

WASHINGTON (AP) — Emboldened by three days of allegations of IRS abuses, members of Congress now turn to a variety of proposals to repair and improve the tax agency.

"Americans are looking to us, to this committee, to ensure that integrity and fairness are the foundation of the IRS," said the Senate's chief tax-writer.

"We have identified many egregious problems in these last three days, problems that have devastated the lives of honest taxpayers," the Finance Committee chairman, Sen. William V. Roth, R-Dele., said as hearings concluded Thursday.

Roth's office, deluged by telephone calls, faxes and letters about problems with the Internal Revenue Service, said he felt "a tremendous responsi-

bility" to ensure such abuses do not recur.

One top item on the committee's agenda will be confirmation hearings for Charles O. Rossotti, President Clinton's nominee to head the IRS. Unlike previous commissioners, Rossotti is a manager rather than a tax practitioner. He is chairman of American Management Systems Inc., a technology systems development and consulting firm in Fairfax, Va.

Much of the recent criticism focused on the IRS' need to improve technology and management skills, which the administration says Rossotti can deliver.

"Charles Rossotti has the combination of leadership skills, understanding of what serving

customers means, and expertise with information technology that the IRS needs at this critical juncture," Treasury Deputy Secretary Lawrence Sumner said Thursday.

IRS acting Commissioner Michael Dolan acknowledged problems exist and apologized to abused taxpayers. He said the agency has embarked on a variety of reforms itself that have led to improved telephone tax service, expanded telephone tax filing and a sophisticated Internet Web page loaded with tax tips and forms.

There are competing IRS restructuring bills. One is backed by the Treasury Department and liberal Democrats; the other is a bipartisan bill that arose from a year-long study by the National

Commission on Restructuring the IRS.

The two bills share broad goals — improving IRS operations and management through outside oversight — but differ fundamentally in one major aspect. The bipartisan bill backed by Rep. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, and Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Nebr., would create a nine-member board of private citizens to oversee the agency.

Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin strongly opposes this approach, saying private citizens should not oversee an agency with tremendous law enforcement powers. He describes it as a situation rife with potential conflicts of interest.

Rubin's proposal calls for an oversight board of executive

branch officials, which House Republicans strongly oppose as injecting potential political influence over the agency.

The House Ways and Means Committee chairman, Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, said he has a commitment to have an IRS restructuring bill clear the House before the end of the year. The outlook is unclear in the Senate, but Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., would not rule out Senate action.

"If we could come to consensus quickly on something, it

could be done," Lott said.

Other proposals to overhaul the IRS run the gamut, ranging from a plan to repeal the income tax by 2001 — its replacement is not identified — to the perennial flat-rate income tax introduced by House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas.

Rep. Jennifer Dunn, R-Wash., also plans to push a package of IRS changes, including one proposal to would extend similar attorney-client privileges to taxpayers dealings with accountants.

Wet but not wild, Nora strikes desert Southwest

YUMA, Ariz. (AP) — Wet but not too wild, Tropical Storm Nora blew through the desert Southwest without the damage that was feared.

"We can breathe a sigh of relief," said Ralph Ogden, sheriff in Yuma County, which was at ground zero Thursday as the former hurricane crossed into the United States after hopping Mexico's Baja Peninsula.

Downgraded Thursday evening to a tropical depression after winds fell below 39 mph, the storm then turned eastward toward the mountains of north-central Arizona.

There it dumped nearly 5 inches of rain on the small rural community of Bagdad, about 50 miles west of Prescott, while speeding further inland early today. Flood water reached a depth of 6 inches in Agulla, west of Phoenix, the National Weather Service said.

Nora was still at tropical storm strength when its center passed over Yuma, where 2.3 inches of rain fell Thursday. The strongest wind gust was 54 mph.

While that's enough in an area that gets an average of 3.6

inches of rain a year, it is far better than forecasters' warnings that Nora could dump up to 10 inches.

"I lived many years in Florida, and this is nothing," said Norm Lucken, who retired to Yuma two months ago.

In Somerton, about 14 miles to the south, the water got to about 3 feet, forcing the evacuation of about 750 residents from two mobile home parks. Diana Carrasco, 17, said she was wishing for a boat as she and her family waded through the waist-deep water.

"We were scared because the trailer was moving around from all the wind, and pieces were flying off it," said Carrasco. "The water was just pouring through holes in the kitchen and bathroom."

The residents were back in their homes by nightfall.

As Nora's remnants continued north along the Colorado River Valley, flooding shut down U.S. 95 between Yuma and Quartzite, 80 miles to the north. Twenty miles farther north, high water closed state Highway 72 between Parker and Bouse.

Along U.S. 93 between

Phoenix and Kingman, most motorists sat out blinding rain as the storm moved eastward. They also complained as trucks barreled through standing water. "All the big rigs are trying to go too fast," said Leisha Gagnier of Huachuca City, who was headed for Reno, Nev.

"They're a little crazy," said Paul Sewekow of Adelaide, Australia. "Cowboys, we call them." He and his wife of Wednesday, Deborah, had arrived stateside only the past week in hope of escaping similar weather in Australia.

In Phoenix, the rainfall was no heavier than that of a typical powerful summer storm. Tucson received only a trace of rain.

"Hurray!" said Mayor Ora Harn of Marana, which lies in the Santa Cruz River's flood plain and was badly flooded in 1983 and 1993.

"And of course we made a lot of preparations, but that's fine," Harn said. "We really had to get at it and perfect our flood disaster plan, and it was a dry run."

Nora moved quick enough that it did not dump too much rain in one place. Even so,

much of Southern California and western Arizona got soaked.

Nora's outer reaches gave Los Angeles its first rainfall — almost half an inch — in a record 219 days. The storm dumped more than 2 inches of rain on Twentynine Palms and 1.58 inches on Palm Springs.

The storm caused leaky roofs and some minor flooding in El Centro, and 15 wooden telephone poles toppled near Seely. Microsoft founder Bill Gates canceled plans for a party for 6,000 employees at Fiesta Island in San Diego because of the rain.

Firefighters used a kayak to deliver sandbags to beach homes swamped by the high waves and called in bulldozers to build sand berms and cut channels to allow the water to flow back into the ocean.

Property damage appeared to be light but officials had yet to assess crop damage in California's Imperial Valley and southwestern Arizona.

"We don't like these kinds of storms," said Ray O'Connell, who farms in Brawley, Calif. "They can break us."

Indonesian firefighters need monsoon rains to help

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — The fires raging in Indonesia and blanketing Southeast Asia with a choking haze should be under control soon, but it will take monsoon rains to put them out, firefighters said today.

On the northern tip of Sumatra, where visibility has been hampered by the dense smoke, an Indonesian state-owned airliner carrying 234 people crashed today.

The number of casualties was not immediately known; Antev television reported that all aboard were feared dead. It was not clear whether the smoke, which has disrupted air service in much of the region in recent days, was a factor.

Smoke from the fires has wafted over parts of Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei, the Philippines and Thailand, and is being blamed for sickening thousands.

About 10,000 firefighters have been deployed and offers of help have come from around the world to quell the blazes, many of which were deliberately started to clear land on the islands of Sumatra and Borneo.

"I've seen nothing like it," said Mohammed Pilos, one of about 1,200 Malaysian firefighters working alongside more than 8,000 Indonesians.

Meteorologists say El Nino, an abnormal weather pattern over the Pacific Ocean, has delivered the worst drought in 50 years and delayed monsoon rains.

"We can keep the fires in check but we need rain to put them out," said Simamora, a local fire chief on Sumatra island, where underground reserves of long-burning peat reportedly have caught fire.

The United States has promised to send experts. A three-member Canadian team arrived Thursday to teach local firefighters how put out peat fires.

Australian firefighters say they are standing by. Japan is sending 12 firefighting advisers as well as equipment. France said it will send doctors, meteorologists and firefighting crews.

Thailand has offered the use of water-bombing planes, as Indonesia and Malaysia try desperately to seed clouds with salt

to help make rain.

The health of millions is threatened. People wear masks or stay indoors.

Indonesia has said two people died of complications from smoke inhalation. More than 50,000 others in Indonesia and Malaysia have been treated by doctors.

"All the children are suffering from the smoke. They have the flu and find it difficult to breathe," said Itinaroh, a mother of three who lives on the outskirts of haze-covered Jambi, 370 miles northwest of Jakarta.

"The sky in Southeast Asia has turned yellow and people are dying," Claude Martin, the director-general of the World Wide Fund for Nature, said in a statement released in Geneva.

"What we are witnessing is not just an environmental disaster but a tremendous health problem being imposed in millions."

The group also warned that orangutan apes and other rare species are under threat as jungle habitats go up in flames. The organization said fires have blackened 1.2 million to 1.4 million acres.

That's twice the area Indonesian officials say have been affected. The government, which has been criticized for reacting slowly to the crisis, says 740,000 acres or less have been burned.

The government has described the fires as "a national natural disaster" but has declined to declare a state of emergency.

The haze problem worsened in Malaysia today when the Environment Department said 15 areas had recorded unhealthy levels of pollutants.

The air pollution index in the capital, Kuala Lumpur, reached the worst reading in the city since the haze first appeared two months ago.

In Kuching, the capital of Sarawak state on Borneo island, 540 miles to the southeast, air quality improved slightly on Thursday but a state of emergency declared eight days ago remained in place.

In Thailand, the Public Health Ministry said pollution levels had yet to reach dangerous lev-

els. Nevertheless, it urged people in 14 southern provinces to stay indoors and to keep doors and windows shut. Those who venture outside should cover their faces with wet cloths, it said.

Indonesia's President Suharto has enacted harsh penalties for forest burners and has apologized to its neighbors for the haze.

That wasn't good enough for the Bangkok Post.

"Good neighbors don't hurt others," the paper said in an editorial. "Unless Indonesia stops the pollution, it cannot be considered a good neighbor."



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TDH, businesses offering flu shots

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Fall means back to school, football, cooler weather — and the flu.

Flu season varies, but reports say it typically peaks from December through March, and those at risk are urged to get a flu shot from now through Nov. 15 for the best results.

Local agencies and businesses have begun announcing campaigns to offer shots that can prevent the spread of the pesky germs this year.

Influenza is a highly contagious infection of the respiratory tract that is transmitted through the mouth and nose to the lungs. An infected person who coughs or sneezes can spread infectious droplets up to 25 feet, according to reports.

Symptoms may include headache, backache, weakness, sore throat, water eyes and runny nose, flushed skin.

Texas Department of Health offers the shots to anyone over 18 at the office, 501 Birdwell, beginning Oct. 1 and continuing Wednesdays through February. Hours are 8:30-11:30 a.m., and 1-4:30 p.m. They will accept Medicare with no co-payment, and all others pay \$5.

For children, the health department recommends going to a private physician, said Maria Leannah of the local TDH office.

"With certain medical problems, children are higher risk for problems," she said.

Leannah said October is the earliest month recommended for a flu shot, assuring that its protection will last throughout the winter.

"You want to make sure you're protected until flu season ends," she said.

Adults who should avoid the shots are those highly allergic to eggs, Leannah said, because eggs are used in the processing of the immunization.

Big Spring Family YMCA will offer flu shots Oct. 9 from 9 a.m.-noon. These injections, administered by Nurses Unlimited Managed Care, cost \$8.50.

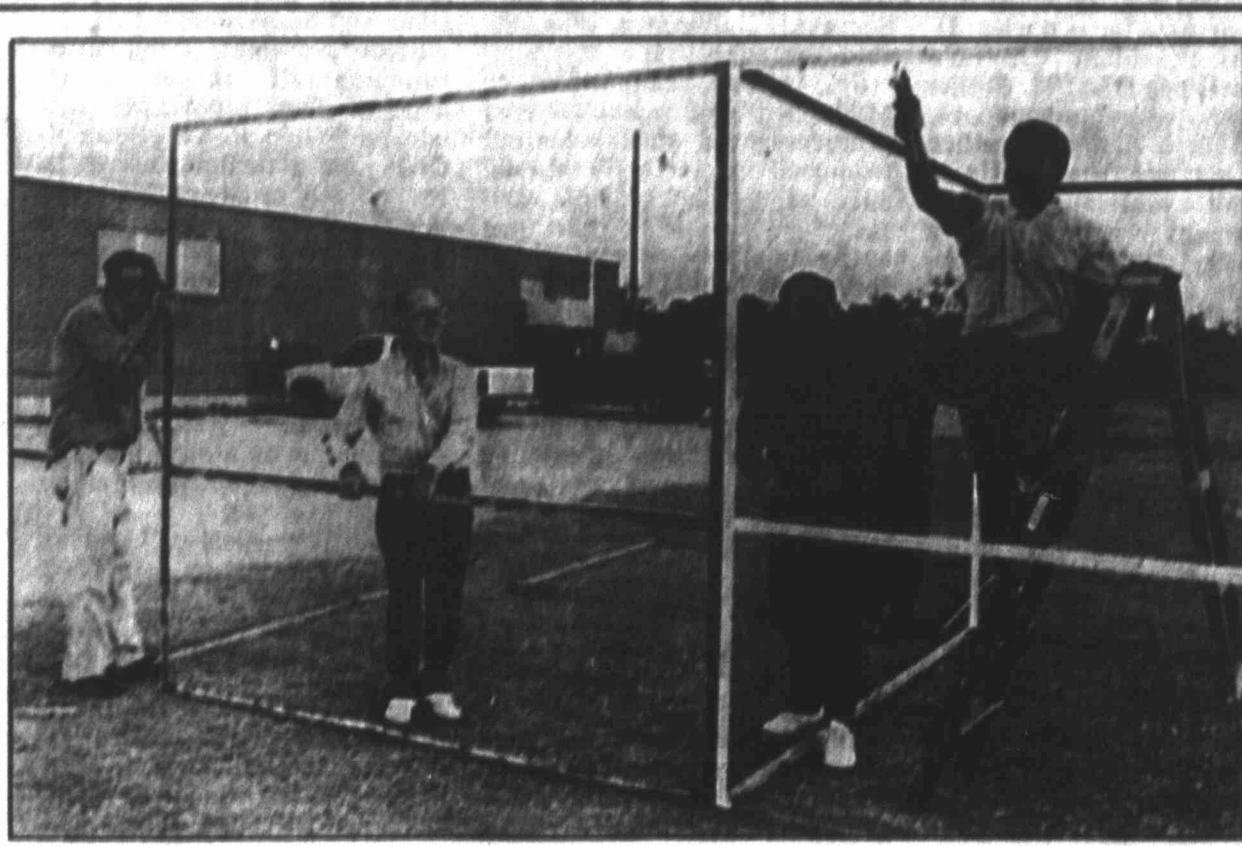
Canterbury residents will be offered flu shots Oct. 10 by the health department.

Wal-Mart will join the flu prevention effort with \$10 shots for those age 9 and over Oct. 20 from 2-6 p.m.

These injections, offered in cooperation with the Visiting Nurse Association of the Texas Gulf Coast, will be administered with a new injection system that uses no needle.

People qualifying for Medicare Part B can receive the shots without charge.

The Spring City Senior Citizens Center will have injections available Oct. 20, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. for seniors.



Immaculate Heart of Mary parishioners, from left, Frank Salazar, Bill Sneed, Alonzo Landin, Doroteo Alblar, and Larry Mendoza, put up forms that will hold booths for the church's festival that begins today at 5 p.m.

Festival begins tonight, continues Saturday

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish is having a fall festival today and Saturday, beginning at 5 p.m. each day.

On Friday, a turkey dinner with all the trimmings will begin at 5 p.m. and on Saturday a Mexican dinner will begin at 5 p.m. There will be live music both nights, broadcast of Tejano music, and other food and game booths.

A huge rummage sale will be held in connection with the festival with many unusual and good condition items for sale.

There will also be an arts and crafts booth

and religious articles booth.

Raffle tickets will be available for the following prizes: Trip for two to Las Vegas, trip for family to Fiesta Texas, Nintendo 64, \$100 gift certificate, religious pictures, brass vanity and chair set, 1972 Dallas NFL football and pictures, \$45 scratch off lottery tickets, handmade Indian doll, \$50 gift certificate, and three \$25 gift certificates. Tickets are available for \$1 donation.

Proceeds from the festival will go toward funding improvements at the church, including a new sound system.

HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen

CHURCH NEWS

First Church of the Nazarene

Pastor Roger Huff and the congregation of the First Church of the Nazarene invite the public to attend their showing of "Charles Colson: Reluctant Prophet," Sunday, Sept. 28, at 6 p.m. at 1400 Lancaster.

The film is about Mr. Colson's journey from the proud politician to the fallen prisoner, and finally to the humble servant of God who never dreamed his brokenness could be redeemed in such a dramatic and far-reaching way.

For more information call 267-7015.

Christ's Community Church

Christ's Community Church will be having a youth fundraiser Saturday, Sept. 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 511 Gregg, the Tire Time location. Car wash will be \$3 and hot dogs and cokes for \$1.25. Proceeds will support the youth programs of the church.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's Annual Fall Parish Meal will be Sunday, following the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist. The meal will be provided and the entire parish is invited. Please plan to join us for this time of fellowship.

St. Mary's will be hosting the 1998 Diocesan Convention and we will need everyone's help! There will be a meeting in the Parish Hall on Monday, Sept. 29, at 5:30 p.m. for any and all who are interested in assisting with the convention planning.

First United Methodist Church

"Be Creative and Be Joyful" (Genesis 1:1-23) is Dr. Ed Williamson's message this Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. The message is about the connection between creativity in God's plan and happiness in the abundant life. Worship is at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. Our home page is <http://www.xroadstx.com/users/func/index.htm>.

The First United Methodist Church has several Sunday School classes for adults, youth and children. There is a Wednesday noon Bible study class and meal each week in Garrett Hall and everyone is invited to attend.

This Sunday is Education Sunday. The teachers and education workers will be honored. The next Sunday, Oct. 5, will be Youth Sunday and World Wide Communion Sunday.

First Christian Church

This Sunday, Sept. 28, the First Christian Church will be having a "Pot Luck" Fellowship Luncheon in the fellowship hall at noon, immediately following the morning worship. Each Shepherd's Flock is assigned to bring the following: "Green Pastures" — meat, "Seeker" — vegetables, "Sunflowers" — salads, and "Stepping Stones" — desserts.

On Thursday, Oct. 2, the Christian Women's Fellowship will be having a covered dish luncheon and program at noon. Please see CHURCH, page 8A.

CLUB NEWS

Big Spring Humane Society

Valeen Sawyer presented a program on extra sensory perception (ESP) in animals to members of the Big Spring Humane Society Sept. 18 at St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Phenomenal examples of animals that warned people and families of impending disaster were given. Members contributed their own stories of such events, including instances where an animal saved a life by warning humans of a heart attack, seizure or lost children.

Special guest at the meeting was Big Spring Police Sgt. Scott Griffin.

Elbow Family and Community Education

The Elbow Family and Community Education Club met on Sept. 18, in the home of Sybil Duffer. President Myrl Soles conducted and Sybil Duffer presented the devotional from the book of James 1:27. Roll call was answered by nine members and two visitors telling the group the name of the high school where they graduated.

Business of the meeting included election of officers for the year 1998.

Visitors, Jowita Etchison and Irene Priebe, were introduced as Howard County Delegates to the recent 1997 Texas State Convention for Family and Community Education. These two delegates then presented reports on meetings and activities at convention and shared ideas for upcoming meetings in the local area.

For more information about Howard County F.C.E. meetings please call 267-5067 or 263-6819.

Mighty Oaks Senior Adult Club

The Mighty Oaks Senior Adult Club of East Fourth St. Baptist Church met on the church parking lot Sept. 16 to travel by church van to the Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road. Fourteen members made the trip and enjoyed a delicious meal and a tour of the Marcy House.

Linda Choate, Program Director for Marcy House, welcomed the club and shared information with them about the Marcy House and the services available there to residents. She stressed that the goal of Marcy House is to offer assisted living to older and disabled adults who want to retain their independence while receiving the services they need. Mrs. Choate told of her enjoyment in working with the residents and staff at The Marcy House, then took the club members attending on a tour, pointing out special areas of interest, including the Beauty Shop, fireplace, enclosed court yard and covered patio, day room, plus residents' pets and special door decorations which give the "at home" look for each resident.

The next regular club meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall of East Fourth St. Baptist Church with the Old Sore Heads Band from Stanton entertaining.

1948 Hyperion Club

Fourteen members of the 1948 Hyperion Club attended the Hyperion Council luncheon at the Big Spring Country Club as their September meeting. Jan Foresyth, president of the 1948 club, presided at this annual affair in which Hyperion mem-

bers from all over the city meet together before beginning their individual club years.

Representatives from each club reported on their club's program theme for the year. The 1995 Club won the attendance prize with the largest percentage of members present. The light-hearted and entertaining program was presented by Suzanne Haney and Sherry Key of the 1970 club.

Mary Jane Club

Members of Coahoma's Mary Jane Club were treated to a country breakfast in the home of Eula Bell Fowler to begin the new club year. Cohostess was Bobbie Nix. Eleven members in attendance dined at tables covered with navy blue and white checked cloths centered with country bouquets of sunflowers. Individual places were marked with native wildflower and bird magnets.

In the business meeting that followed members related their summer activities and reviewed the programs for the club year. A special thank you was extended to the club from the Howard Glasscock chapter of the American Cancer Society for the club's continued support and participation in the Relay for Life.

The next meeting will be on Oct. 9 with Patricia Barr and Jo Evans as cohostesses.

Woman's Forum

The first meeting, for the club year of the Woman's Forum, was a coffee held in the home of Emily Easley, president. The meeting was Sept. 19, with 16 members in attendance. The yearbooks were distributed by Edna Faye Smith, yearbook chairman. Officers serving as cohostesses were Evelyn Coker, secretary; Edna Faye Smith, vice president; Pauline Woods, treasurer; and Zula McCrary, corresponding secretary.

Please see CLUB, page 7A.

'Hoodlums' welcome to downtown ministry

MODESTO, Calif. (AP) — Ricky Bowman wears his hair slicked back into a skinny ponytail, has tattoos on his arms and loves to ride his Harley.

Although he still looks like a biker gangster, he has a title that betrays his looks — pastor.

With his black leather jacket slung over his shoulder and a cigarette in his hand, Bowman is arguably the toughest-looking minister around. In his estimation, "Jesus would have rode a Harley," as it says in a gospel flyer he designed.

Then his church is not exactly like any other in his city, or in most other places for that matter.

Bowman's Church in the Alley is literally in a downtown alley.

"We're alley cats, this is where we belong," he said. "We get prostitutes who come here off the streets and just listen and be a part of what's happening. There are a lot of guys who come in here under the influence. We just say, 'Here man, that's your seat. We're just going to love you.'"

Bowman, who started the ministry about two years ago, understands his congregation well. He used to be one of them.

"I have a pretty colorful background," he said. "I'll just leave it there because I don't like to get into that grungy stuff."

Bowman, now 40, said he grew up idolizing biker gangs and wanted to be just like them, riding a Harley and acting tough.

After several run-ins with the law, a couple of failed marriages and a drug addiction, he ended up in a mental hospital where he seriously thought

about his life's priorities.

In 1986 he was referred to Steve Warren, a reformed biker gangster who worked with ex-convicts. He took Bowman into his home here and taught him about Jesus Christ.

"He was probably the only guy around for miles and miles that had a home specifically for convicts, dope fiends, nuts and bikers," Bowman said. "He just took everybody in and loved them."

After about three years, Warren and his wife left for Costa Rica as missionaries. Bowman decided to continue the ministry.

"We had Friday night Bible studies in our home, and it got so packed up that we needed to get out," he said.

After a few outdoor Sunday services at a city park, Bowman decided to look for a building and found an old, run-down warehouse falling apart in an alley.

With volunteers and donations from unexpected places, the church still stands and the sanctuary is packed with about 200 people every Friday night and Sunday morning.

The warehouse has a stage area where a band plays music ranging from "rock 'n' roll Jesus style" to soft contemporary worship music.

"First 45 minutes is definitely head-banging music," Bowman said. "It's all Christian lyrics, it's all Jesus, but it's definitely high-wattage music."

The church also maintains a clothes closet for the homeless and serves food to the hungry after the Sunday worship service. It's not unusual to see hardened criminals and working prostitutes stop by looking for help.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Shear confessions

What do people talk about as they sit in their hairstylists chairs? A nationwide survey to find out has been conducted by haircare chain Supercuts. The results might be worth discussing at your next hair appointment:

•Topics most likely to be discussed include family (68 percent), work (60 percent), relationships (42 percent), money (20 percent) and sex (11 percent).

•Men are three times more likely to discuss sex than women (21 percent versus 7 percent).

•Men are more likely to discuss financial issues (28 percent versus 17 percent).

•Men are more likely to have work weighing on their minds, and mouths (70 percent versus 56 percent).

•Women talk about their families more than men do (75 percent versus 53 percent).



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Clip for the Cure set

Regis Salons will be offering Clip for the Cure, Saturday, Oct. 4. Haircuts at \$10 each will benefit breast cancer research. During the month of October, Regis will donate 10 percent of all product sales to foundations researching breast cancer as well.

THE LAST WORD

The kindness of the American people is, so far as I know, something unique in the history of the world.

Alfred North Whitehead

Even the most winged spirit cannot escape physical necessity.

Kahlil Gibran

The line that is straightest offers most resistance.

Leonardo da Vinci

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Tall Talkers Toastmaster

Tall Talkers Club held its Tuesday evening meeting at the First Presbyterian Church. Greg Parde, at the day was conducting a rousing no.

Each member opportunity to speak on a topic of the day. The general subject was "Topic speaker Anderson."

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On Oct. 4, the District 44 Hunt Contest from 2 First Presbyterian lowball hall.

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The next meeting will be Oct. 17, in the home of Sally Driver.

Tall Talkers

Toastmasters Club

Tall Talkers Toastmaster Club held its weekly meeting Tuesday evening Sept. 23, at the First Presbyterian Church.

Table Topics were led by Greg Parde, and the word of the day was cacophony, meaning raucous noise.

Each member was given the opportunity to speak on the topic of the day, which was on general subjects. Best Table Topic speaker was Bailey Anderson.

Joe Bob Brockman was voted best speaker. His speech was his ice breaker. The best evaluator was Kathy Terrazas.

On Oct. 4, the club will host District 44 Humorous Speech Contest from 2 to 5 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church fellowship hall on Seventh and Runnels.

The club will start meeting at Mary Day Cosmetics, 606 A. Johnson Street, on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. starting on Oct. 8.

The goal of Tall Talkers is to educate people to become better leaders and communicators. If you are interested in becoming a Tall Talker Toastmaster, please contact Bailey Anderson at 267-3008.

Big Spring Woman's Club

Nathalie Neill of Midland taught the Big Spring Woman's Club how to "stamp it up" Monday night Sept. 15, at the home of Kellie Wash. Mrs. Neill demonstrated many different ways to use rubber stamp designs to create greeting cards and much more. BSWC thanks Mrs. Neill for sharing her talent.

After the program, Stefanie Wilkerson talked to the group about its involvement in the approaching Harvest Festival to be held at the Big Spring State Park Saturday, Oct. 25. There will be face painting, a pumpkin hunt, treat walk, hayrides, a kid's walk and a fun run for adults. More information will be released.

BSWC will run its coat drive through the month of October. Drop-off places will be Harris Lumber & Hardware and the courthouse. Along with the need for coats, members are asking for gloves, sweaters and blankets. For information call Karen Freeman at 263-1977.

Coahoma Lions Club

The Coahoma Lions Club had their bimonthly meeting Sept. 22, at Kelly's Cafe in Coahoma. After the meal, Boss Lion Jim LeMarr resided over a brief meeting. Lion Irene LeMarr reported on the progress of the Community Wide Garage Sale on Oct. 4.

Lion Jack Buchanan reported on the sizes of light bulbs the Lions will be selling as a fundraiser. Boss Lion then introduced the Lions Club regional Governor, Joan Caldwell. Governor Joan gave a very interesting background on the 80 year old Lions Club. She also told us what some of her goals are for her region and encouraged us to help her meet them. Boss Lion assured her we were already working toward some of those goals also. The meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.

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Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee; He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.
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CHURCH

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in the fellowship hall. Guest speakers will be Bill Lovelace and Mark Moses who are actively involved in "Kairos," a Christian ministry conducted in both state and federal prisons. All women of the church are urged to attend, and any of the men who are interested in this program are welcome. Those who work do not need to bring a covered dish.

The Samaritan Counseling Center of Midland will be conducting a free Depression Screening for the Big Spring community on Thursday, Oct. 9, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall of First Christian Church, 911 Goliad. No appointment is necessary. Individuals will complete a questionnaire and may talk with one of the counselors. Call 1-800-329-4144 with questions or for further information.

Reminder: Official board meets this Sunday at 6 p.m.

Promise Keepers

There is a Promise Keepers meeting 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 6, at the Northside Baptist Church (204 northwest 10th).

There will be a time of prayer and fellowship.

Those that need rides/carpooling to the Promise Keepers meeting in Dallas on Oct. 24-25, need to bring it up at the meeting.

First Assembly of God

Phil Hurst, gospel singer, will be in concert Thursday, Oct. 2, 7 p.m. at First Assembly of God on Fourth and Lancaster streets.

Hurst has toured the United States for the last five years with his family. He has recorded and released three projects, "Life's Rodeo" was the first to reach Christian Gospel charts, making number 32.

The concert is free and the public is invited.

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'Sacred' draws fire for punching church buttons

By TERRY MATTINGLY
Scripps Howard News Service

No doubt about it, the creators of ABC's "Nothing Sacred" knew which scenes would get the most ink.

Like the premiere's scene in which a girl confesses that she's tempted to get an abortion and Father Ray tells her to follow her conscience. Or that night at the Valhalla Inn when he is tempted to sleep with the woman who was his lover during seminary.

But the real headline grabber is Father Ray's hip sermon bemoaning the church's obsession with sex.

"I am declaring a moratorium on sins of the flesh in St. Thomas Parish," he says, and then holds up a Bible. "You see this little book? This is the gospel. If it was written today, it wouldn't get published. Not enough sex. And all of the stuff that we've reduced religion to — contraception, homosexuality, promiscuity, abortion — they aren't in here. Oh, maybe a mention. But they're not what the book is about. And I was not ordained to be a sexual traffic cop, which is what I'm turning into most of the time. So, until further notice, I will not hear any more sexual sins in the confessional."

Cue the congregation, which applauds.

Father Ray isn't obsessed with sex, of course, and neither are the writers of this fall's most controversial new offering in prime time. Executive producer David Manson is shocked — repeat shocked — that many have been offended by events in this fictional parish.

"Hopefully, it'll be clear after a period of time that we're trying to give voice to many different points of view, that we believe there is an active pluralism inside the church," he wrote, defending the series on its Internet site. "We're trying to make sure

that different points of view get articulated intelligently and with passion. ... We would like to get people thinking and talking about not only issues of the spirit but about the notion of inclusion."

Millions of American Catholics would say "amen" and will find "Nothing Sacred" beautiful, well acted, accurate and spiritually sensitive. These Catholics feel at home in the pluralistic body that many commentators call the American Catholic Church. But millions of others, the more conservative Catholics, will disagree and see the series as another Hollywood attack on them. One person's dialogue is another's dissent.

Meanwhile, the gospel according to "Nothing Sacred" is crystal clear: discipline, doctrines and creeds can be the enemies of freedom, faith and spirituality.

In addition to sex, the premiere punched other buttons. Entertainment Weekly reports that it was written by Father Bill Kane, a Jesuit, using the pseudonym Paul Leland.

One reason Father Ray is so exhausted and angry is that he is hounded by critics who tape his unorthodox whispers in the confession booth and leak them to the ecclesiastical police. "It's just politics," says another priest. The problem, another priest adds, is a traditionalist hit squad called "Vinculum Caritatis" — Latin for "chains of love."

"The show's central premise is that the only good Catholic is a bad Catholic," said Father Gregory Coiro, media relations director for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, who has been criticizing rough scripts for ABC. "It's like they are saying that traditional Roman Catholicism is now a false substitute for the 'real thing,' which is some kind of new faith that is completely built on experience and feelings. Well, that isn't the Catholic faith."

Mental toughness will help you overcome adversity, right wrongs

I like to watch football in the fall of the year.

Maybe it all goes back to my own days as a player, but when I see those guys out there on the field banging into each other, it touches a nerve down inside.



Ed Williamson
Guest columnist

Without intending to sound overly macho, maybe it's something deep and emotional down in the bones, like something we men have carried with us for 10 thousand years in our genes ever since we used to team together to throw stones at sabre-toothed tigers rather than footballs at wide receivers.

Come to think of it, maybe that's why teams have names like "Lions," "Tigers," "Eagles," and "Steers" — maybe football is subconscious ritual of remembering those good old caveman days, when great Hagmar used to get the boys together for a few games of Let's Tackle The Mammoth.

Whatever it is, I get a faster heartbeat when I'm involved in

watching a game with a team I like.

But sometimes the zeal to win can get out of hand. One of my very favorite high school teams was once accused of breaking a rule: holding football practice earlier than the other teams were allowed to do. Rules are rules, though. They were accused, and they paid the price.

Now this team, I should add, has had a fairly successful win-loss record over the past few years, and many (rival team) people were saddened to say, "Lo, how the mighty hath fallen!"

Some winning by that team may have resulted through corner-cutting, like holding early practice sessions, but most of it was achieved through hard work and honest pride in a tradition of dearly-earned excellence out on the playing field.

Out there, where it counts, short-cuts, gimmicks, and corner-cutting take a back seat to concentration and conditioning. What makes the difference is a part of character we call mental toughness.

Of course, the game of life is much the same. And a successful Christian life is one where we are called to be mentally tough to win their games, and now they must be mentally

tough to defeat the embarrassment of being stuck with the label of "cheaters."

Again, we as Christian individuals sometimes fall into things that mortify us with embarrassment.

We sin and we are discovered, or a family member sins and it reflects on us.

We continue in some petty but harmful addiction and eventually we are discovered. Our business suffers a dramatic failure.

A marriage breaks up and we feel like we've proven to the world that we are somehow abnormal.

Whether to blame or not, a Christian who longs to walk the "normal" good road again, with Christ, has to reckon with those two words: mental toughness.

We have to get tough with ourselves about making wrong things right. And we have to avoid drowning ourselves in a well of self-pity.

A real winner can overcome adversity, even the self-induced kinds.

Show the world you've got the toughness it takes. Tough times never last, but tough people do with Christ.

Ed Williamson is pastor of First United Methodist Church.

CHURCH AND CLUB NEWS DEADLINES

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Buffaloes pay visit on Bulldogs, opening 8-2A play with THE rivalry

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Nobody had to stand in line to draw numbers to determine when they'll get to purchase tickets like they did in Odessa this week. But this isn't Odessa High and Permian.

This is THE rivalry. Coahoma's Bulldogs and Forsan's Buffaloes open District 8-2A play tonight with what figures to be the biggest game of the season for both teams.

Forget the Bulldogs will be playing host to the Buffs at 8 p.m. seeking their first win of the year, or that Forsan is trying to retol and offensive backfield that's lost its two starting running backs — this one's for Howard County small school bragging rights and all bets are off.

TONIGHT'S GAMES

Big Spring at Snyder, 7:30 p.m.
Forsan at Coahoma, 8 p.m.
Stanton at Midland Christian, 8 p.m.
Robert Lee at Garden City, 7:30 p.m.
Veribest at Sands, 7:30 p.m.
Sanderson at Grady, 7:30 p.m.

But what about the fact that Forsan hasn't beaten Coahoma since 1986?

Regardless of the past, it's clear that the Bulldogs and Buffaloes will play tiddlywinks for blood.

"This is a big game for the kids at both schools," Coahoma coach Jim Edwards acknowledged. "I think it'll be a good game. Most of these kids grow up knowing one another and competing with one another year

round. If you don't win, you've got to look at someone who's beaten you for the rest of the year."

Buff boss Steve Park agrees. "I think it will be a close game," he opined. "This one could come down to who gets the big turnover ... who makes a crucial mistake, because this is always a competitive game. It's a good, tough rivalry."

But after 10 years of Coahoma wins, Park, who coached the 'Dogs to a few of those victories, figures it's time to end that skein.

"I figure 10 years is enough," he said Thursday. "If nothing else, I figure we're due."

If the Buffaloes are in fact due, they'll have to win without the services of the running backs Park had counted on for most of Forsan's offense at the start of the season.

Tailback Wes Osburn was lost for

the season two weeks ago when he suffered a knee injury early in the Buffs' loss to Rankin.

In addition, Daniel Davis — not only a two-way starter, but the Buffs' punter and place kicker — suffered an ankle injury on the first series of downs against Rankin and has not worked out this week.

Park says Davis may be in uniform on the sidelines tonight, but it's questionable he'll play.

"We put some young kids in there last week and they stepped up for us," Park said, noting that reserve Justin White responded with a 100-yard rushing performance. "We'll be counting on them again this week and I'm sure they'll step up for us again."

Conversely, the winless Bulldogs — finally making their first appearance at home this season — are almost back to full strength after having suffered a

number of injuries beginning with their first game.

"We're just now getting over the carpet burns we got at Ratliff Stadium," Edwards noted. "All of our kids are back except one, so we're as close to full strength as we've been since the Denver City game."

The only Bulldog regular who won't be available to play tonight will be wingback/linebacker Keith Brockman who was gored by a bull while competing in a rodeo last weekend.

Edwards says he's convinced the Buffs will be ready to make things difficult at the 8 p.m. kickoff.

"They're young and have had some injuries, but they'll come in here ready to play, you can bet on that," Edwards said. "I'm sure Coach Parks will have some surprises for us... Of course, we just might have a few surprises for them, too."

'Changed' Lady Steers set for road swing

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

In the space of just four days, Big Spring's Lady Steers have become a changed volleyball team.

After having needed less than 30 minutes to take a 15-1, 15-7 win over Sweetwater's Lady Mustangs on Tuesday, the Lady Steers seem a force to be reckoned with going into Saturday's District 4-4A match in Pecos.

Most certainly they're a different team from that which blew a first-game lead and ultimately fell in three games to Fort Stockton in its district opener last Saturday.

Instead of unraveling at crunch time Tuesday, the Lady Steers — having changed their rotation and switched positions for two frontliners — displayed a killer instinct that coach Traci Pierce had been looking for all season.

"We played the way we're capable of playing," Pierce said of Tuesday's performance. "We didn't make many mistakes and made them pay for every one they made."

Tuesday's win, which evened Big Spring's record to 1-1 and improved the Lady Steers' season mark to 8-10, had as much effect on Pierce as it did her team.

Put simply, Pierce is fiercely competitive and abhors losing.

"I'm not a good loser ... hate losing at anything," Pierce admits. "That's why my husband and I don't play cards or board games at home. We're both that competitive, so we learned pretty quickly that's not a good idea."

In fact, Pierce makes it clear that losing leaves such a bad taste in her mouth that gestures of good sportsmanship by opponents that have beaten her

team are frustrating.

"The last thing I want to hear after you've beaten me or my team is to have someone say, 'Nice game,'" she said. "It wasn't a 'nice' game ... we lost! I just can't stand to lose."

With such motivation, Pierce made a significant change in the Lady Steers' scheme following the loss to Fort Stockton — altering the rotation to put stellar hitter Krissi McWherter at the net three times during a match rather than twice, moving outside hitter Keesha Lott to the middle where Melanie Flenniken had been and placed Flenniken outside.

The results were virtually instantaneous. Not only was McWherter dominating at the net Tuesday, but Flenniken and Lott both had perhaps their best match of the season.

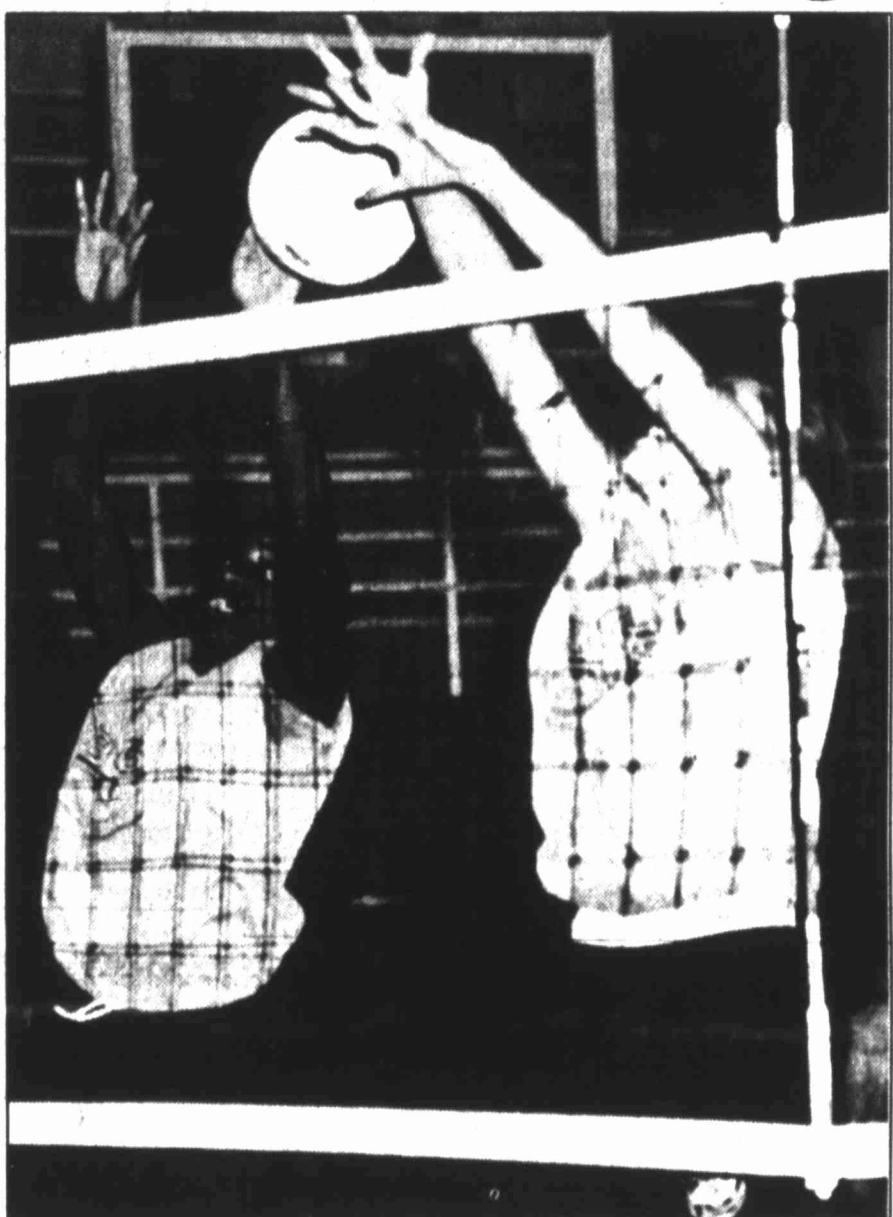
With their next six matches on the road — they don't return home until Oct. 10 when they play host to Pecos in the second round of district play — the Lady Steers will need to continue playing the way they did against Sweetwater if they have any hope of reaching the Class 4A playoffs.

As was the case with Fort Stockton, the Lady Steers face an opponent in Pecos Saturday that features one dominant player — Lady Eagles star Louri Marquez.

"She's a dominating player," Pierce said of the Lady Eagles leading hitter and inspirational leader. "If you don't take her out of her game, it's going to be a long match."

"When Marquez is up at the net, they'll set to the middle," Pierce added, noting that the Lady Eagles will be predictable.

"When she's on the back row, they'll set it outside. We've got to be ready to block her at the net ... keep her from getting in a groove."



Big Spring's Keesha Lott (left) and Melanie Flenniken go up for a block during the Lady Steers' volleyball workout Thursday. Lott and Flenniken have switched places on the floor and are both producing big results.

OTHER GAMES:

BIG SPRING (2-1-0)
at SNYDER (0-3-0)
7:30 p.m. kickoff

It's homecoming for the Tigers who figure to be spoiling for a battle after losing a game they feel they should have won last week against Abilene Wylie. The Steers are coming off their first loss of the season, a 27-21 setback at Lubbock Estacado, but proved to virtually everyone they're capable of playing with powerhouse opponents.

Snyder doesn't possess the speed Estacado had, but have a hard nosed offense that will challenge a defense that was led by Brock Gee and Joe Owens last week. Look for the Tigers to run a Split 6 defensive scheme in hopes of slowing Antwoyne Edwards who had 183 yards and three touchdowns against Estacado.



OWENS

STANTON (3-0-0)
at MIDLAND CHRISTIAN (2-1-0)
8 p.m. kickoff

Midland Christian suffered its first loss of the season last week, falling to Jal, N.M., and brings a tremendous tradition into its second season of 11-man football. But they face a potent foe in the Buffaloes who are fresh off a 51-7 rout of Coahoma. Stanton was so dominant that Bulldogs coach Jim Edwards said they reminded him of Iraan's state championship team last season. Kyle Herm and Tyron Davis did most of the damage, but Brett Hull and Nicky Sanchez also contributed touchdowns.



HULL

ROBERT LEE (0-3-0)
at GARDEN CITY (1-2-0)
7:30 p.m. kickoff

The young Bearkats finally notched the win column last week with a 34-6 whitewashing of Odessa High's sophomores. Garden City quarterback Cory Batla had a big day passing, so look for him to again put the ball in the air. Receivers Zac Zachry and Robert Guerrero will be key targets. The Bearkats will also depend on the running of Adam Frysak and Steven Hoeschler.



ZACHRY

VERIBEST (2-1-0)
at SANDS (2-1-0)
7:30 p.m. kickoff

The Mustangs put together an impressive offensive display last week in taking a 64-53 win over Ropes. At a time when coach Billy Barnett was asking questions about his running backs, Sands piled up almost 500 yards in total offense behind a potent running game that saw Robert Cisneros and Jerrod Beall both rush for more than 100 yards and score three touchdowns. In addition, Anthony Cantu picked up 99 yards on just 11 carries and added two more touchdowns.



CANTU

SANDERSON (2-0-0)
at GRADY (1-2-0)
7:30 p.m. kickoff

The Eagles, only in their second year of 6-man football, bring a massive team that grinds out wins with a powerhouse running game. The Wildcats will counter with a ground game that features Frankie Garza, who scored five touchdowns in Grady's win over Buena Vista last week. Jed Ninojosa added two more scores in the Wildcat victory, while Brady Peugh and P.J. Pruitt led the way defensively. Pruitt had 16 tackles (11 solos and 5 assists), while Peugh had six solo stops and nine assists, and an interception.



PRUITT

Steer frosh survive wild fourth quarter for 42-26 win

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring's freshman Steers romped to a 42-26 win over Snyder Thursday evening, but not without having to withstand a Tiger flurry in the final period.

Snyder opened the scoring on a long pass play and owned a 6-0 lead going into the second quarter, but once the Steer frosh got started, the stampede was on.

Rene Herrera scored on a 15-yard run to put Big Spring on the scoreboard and Jason Choate hit Blake Gee with a pass for the two-point conversion, giving the Steers a lead they would never relinquish.

Jaroe Parnell broke loose on a 61-yard scoring jaunt a few minutes later, and Hererra's conversion run gave the young Steers a 16-6 halftime lead.

Bo Butler increased that lead when he hauled in a 12-yard pass from Choate early in the third quarter.

Then Gee got in on the act, tossing a 6-yard pass to Isaac Wilburn for another touchdown. Jose Cantu's conversion run gave the Steers a comfortable 30-6 lead.

However, the Tigers seemed destined to make a run, breaking two big plays — a 67-yard scoring pass and a 50-yard run and later scored their last touchdown on a 58-yard pass.

But Herrera scored his second touchdown of the game on an 8-yard burst and Parnell capped the scoring with a 16-yarder that improved the Big Spring frosh record to 2-2 on the season.

The Steers play host to Levelland next Thursday with two games scheduled, the first set for 5 p.m.

Stanton JV posts two wins

Splitting its junior varsity squad into a pair of 16-player teams, Stanton's Buffaloes posted a sweep with a 40-16 win over Colorado City and a 20-2 decision over Midland Christian.

Jeremy Hull provided almost all of the fireworks for the Buff "Gray" squad, scoring four rushing touchdowns, throwing for two more to Courtney Scurlark and added a couple of two-point conversion runs to play a hand in all of his team's 40 points.

The Buff "Red" was somewhat more democratic, with three players figuring in the scoring.

Will Harris scored on a two-yard run and then passed to Blaine Smith on a 35-yard scoring play.

Smith would later add a 30-yard pass interception return for a touchdown and Chris Brantley would add the conversion run.

The Buff JV travels to Reagan County next Thursday for a 6:30 p.m. game.

Coahoma posts shutouts

Home or away, it didn't matter. Coahoma posted shutout wins over Howard County rival Forsan in junior varsity, as well as eighth and seventh-grade football games Thursday.

The Bulldog JV improved its record to 3-1 on the season with a 20-0 blanking of the young Buffs, Delvin White scoring on a two-yard run and adding the extra-point kick in the first quarter for all the lead Coahoma would need.

White then hit Logan Long on a 48-yard scoring toss in the second quarter.

In the third quarter, Lance Monteleone capped the scoring with a three-yard run.

Bulldog coaches credited linemen Jason Key, Lane Belew and Jerrod Higgins for their block-

ing, and had added praise for tailback Travis McMillan.

Defensive standouts in the shutout were Tony Tucker, Joe Brice Wright, Blaine Wright, Robert Ryster and Chase Bennett.

Coahoma's seventh graders posted a 12-0 win over Forsan, Chase Davis scoring on a three-yard run to break open a scoreless game in the third quarter. He then hooked up with Billy Bob Walker on a 45-yard scoring pass to ice the win in the fourth quarter.

In eighth-grade action, Rickey Richters opened the scoring for Coahoma with a 10-yard run.

Chase Ward then hit Eddie Gonzalez on a 26-yard scoring pass and Corey Cook added a five-yard run for the final touchdown. Ward's extra point kick following Cook's run capped the scoring in a 19-0 rout.

Runnels wins, ties Snyder

Runnels' Yearling "A" team battled to a 12-12 tie Thursday evening, then watched their "B" team mates romp to a 20-6 win over Snyder.

Snyder scored first in the "A" game, and it was not until the third quarter when fullback Jeremiah Baeza scored on a three-yard run to knot the score at 6-6.

After recovering a surprise onside kick, the Yearlings drove down the field on runs by Clarence Wilkins, Brandon Neagle and Baeza. It was Baeza who capped the drive and gave Runnels a 12-6 lead.

But when Snyder scored again, the "A" bunch fell short in its bid for a winning touchdown, running out of time at the young Tigers' six.

Coaches praised the play of Willis Morrison, Keith Newton, Adam Partee, Mike Smith and John Hays.

Astros finally clinch with 9-1 victory over Cubs

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Simultaneously, the Houston Astros clinched a division title and a winning record. That doesn't exactly bode well for their chances in next week's first-round series against Atlanta.

Houston, with a record of only 82-77, ensured itself the NL West title by routing the Chicago Cubs 9-1 at the Astrodome on Thursday night.

"You think you are dreaming, but it's our time to tell everyone else to take a seat," said Mike Hampton (15-10), who pitched a four-hitter.

Second-place Pittsburgh dropped four games

behind with three to go. A Houston loss would have given the Pirates a chance to force a one-game playoff with a three-game sweep of their season-ending series in the Astrodome starting tonight.

"Disappointed? Why should we be disappointed?" second baseman Tony Womack said in a telephone interview. "I think we did OK. They got the job done, and we didn't, but we had a good year. We played hard every game. Every game meant something to us."

In the NL West, the only unclaimed postseason berth, Los Angeles closed within two games of

division-leading San Francisco, winning 9-5 at Colorado as Todd Zeile homered twice for the second time in three days.

Los Angeles plays its final three games at Coors Field. San Francisco, which had Thursday off, finishes with three at home against San Diego.

"We have some life left," Zeile said, "but we have to leave it in someone else's hands. It's unfortunate we're at that point at this time of the season."

The Astros clinched exactly 11 years after winning their last postseason berth.

SPORTS EXTRA

LOCAL BOWLING

V.A. Couples Results - Team 9 vs. Team 1, 6-2; Team 5 vs. Team 3, 4-4; Team 4 vs. Team 7, 6-2; Team 8 vs. Team 6, 2-6; Team 10 vs. Team 2, 0-8; hi sc team series and game Team 2, 2195 and 765; Team 3, 1939 and 726; Team 5, 1824 and 681; hi sc series and game (men) Junior Barber, 716 and 259; Jr. Gutierrez, 622 and 232; Richard Rowden, 614, David Klaus, 223; hi sc series and game (women) Carolyn Coatney, 518, Shawn McCutchan, 222; Shawn McCutchan, 502, Carolyn Coatney, 190; Karen Albano, 467, Jan Graham, 180; hi hdp team series and game Team 2, 2522, Team 3, 2655, Team 3, 2407, Team 2, 874, Team 5, 2391 and 870; hi hdp series and game (men) Junior Barber, 734 and 265; David Klaus, 670 and 260; Richard Rowden, 650, Jerry Williams, 249; hi hdp series and game (women) Carolyn Coatney, 638, Shawn McCutchan, 265; Shawn McCutchan, 631, Carolyn Coatney, 230; Sue Jones, 591, Jan Graham, 228. Standings - Team 2, 24-8; Team 8, 22-10; Team 3, 20-12; Team 10, 20-12; Team 5, 18-14; Team 1, 14-18; Team 6, 12-20; Team 4, 10-22; Team 9, 10-22; Team 7, 10-22.

Pinpoppers Results - A&B Farms vs. Alley Cats, 6-2; Petty Farms vs. VFW, 6-2; Dixie Chicks vs. Hunkentall, 6-2; Guys Restaurant vs. Federal Oil, 8-0; 10 vs. Health Food Store, 0-0; hi sc series and game Bonnie McDorman, 516, Bernadine Sealy, 193; Bernadine Sealy, 516, Bonnie McDorman, 192; hi sc team series and game Petty Farms, 1800, VFW, 673; VFW, 1799, Petty Farms, 610; hi hdp series and game, Betty Petty, 690, Patricia Zant, 240, Bonnie McDorman, 624, Betty Petty, 238; hi hdp team series and game Petty Farms, 2403, VFW, 822; Guys Restaurant, 2288, Petty Farms, 811. Standings - Guys Restaurant, 26-6; Dixie Chicks, 22-10; Hunkentall, 14-18; A&B Farms, 14-10; VFW, 12-20; Petty Farms, 12-12; Alley Cats, 12-12; Federal Oil, 10-22; Health Food Store, 6018; 10, 0-0.

Ladies Major Bowling League: Results - hi sc team game and series Southwestern Crop Inc., 725 and 2083; Big Spring Music, 673 and 1941; BS&S Inc., 634 and 1870; hi hdp team game and series Southwestern Crop Inc., 874, Alley OOPS, 2536; Alley OOPS, 872, Rocky's, 235; Gene's Dream, 867; Southwestern Crop Inc., 2530; hi sc game and series WIBC Karen Bearden, 203, Laurie Wells, 565; Laurie Wells, 202, Eloise Wynn, 550; Jerilyn Wilkinson, 189; Tamara Barber, 531; hi hdp game and series WIBC Dana Stewart, 270, Eloise Wynn, 769; Eloise Wynn, 260, Noni Watson, 706; Karen Bearden, 258, Sandra Jauré, 685; Noni Watson, 58; most over ave. game and series WIBC Dana Stewart, 71, Eloise Wynn, 166, Eloise Wynn, 59, Noni Watson, 106; Noni Watson, 58, Sandra Jauré, 85. Standings - Big Spring Music, 0-8; Campbell Cement, 0-8; Carlos, Inc., 0-8; Southwestern Crop Inc., 8-0; Magnolia Tea Room, 0-8; Wynn's Winners, 8-0; Neighbors Auto Sales, 2-6; Inspirations, 6-2; Rocky's, 8-0; Day & Day Builders, 0-8; Gene's Dream, 6-2; BS&S Inc., 2-6; Green House Photography, 8-0; Barber Glass & Mirror, 0-8; Pack-N-Senders, 0-8; Psycho Sisters, 8-0; KC Kids, 0-8; Cline Construction, 8-0; Alley OOPS, 6-2; Federal Oil, 2-6.

Double Trouble: Results - hi sc team game and series Turkey Hunters, 712 and 2050; Team 4, 641 and 1860; Bob's Custom Wood Working, 601; Inlains, 1653; hi hdp team game and series Turkey Hunters,

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

Table with columns for League, Team, W, L, Pct., GB. Includes American League East and Central Divisions, and National League East and Central Divisions.

Standings - Awesome 4, 2-6; Inlains, 6-2; Team 4, 8-0; 4 - R's, 0-8; Team 3, 0-5; Unarmed Points, 8-0; Bob's Custom Wood Working, 2-6; Turkey Hunters, 6-2.

Today's Games: Minnesota (Radke 20-9) at Cleveland (Ogas 7-9), 6:05 p.m. N.Y. Yankees (Petitite 18-7) at Detroit (Thompson 15-11), 6:05 p.m. Boston (Henry 7-2) at Toronto (W. Williams 8-14), 6:35 p.m. Baltimore (Hendry 4-1) at Milwaukee (Harnisch 0-2), 7:05 p.m. Kansas City (Appier 9-12) at Chicago White Sox (Sirota 2-0), 7:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games: Minnesota (Miller 1-4) at Cleveland (Colon 3-7), 12:05 p.m. Boston (Sele 13-12) at Toronto (Hentgen 15-10), 12:05 p.m. N.Y. Yankees (Wells 15-10) at Detroit (Moecher 11-11), 12:15 p.m. Oakland (Rigby 1-6) at Seattle (Olivera 6-10), 3:05 p.m. Kansas City (Bones 3-1) at Chicago White Sox (Navarro 9-13), 6:05 p.m. Minnesota (Serafini 2-1) at Cleveland (Juden 0-1), 6:05 p.m. Baltimore (Erickson 16-7) at Milwaukee (D'Amico 9-7), 7:05 p.m. Texas (Pavik 3-5) at Anaheim (Hasegawa 3-7), 9:05 p.m.

National League East Division: Atlanta 100, WFLA 99, Montreal 92, Philadelphia 65. Central Division: Houston 77, Cincinnati 74, St. Louis 71, Chicago 67.

West Division: San Francisco 88, Los Angeles 86, Colorado 82, San Diego 75. Cincinnati 74, St. Louis 71, Chicago 67.

Thursday's Games: Atlanta 3, Philadelphia 2, 10 innings. Montreal 3, Florida 2, 10 innings. Houston 9, Chicago Cubs 1, 10 innings. Los Angeles 9, Colorado 5, 10 innings. Cincinnati 4, St. Louis 3, 14 innings. Only games scheduled.

Friday's Games: Florida (Ojala 1-2) at Philadelphia (Schilling 16-11), 6:05 p.m. Cincinnati (Morgan 8-12) at Montreal (Johnson 2-1), 6:35 p.m. Atlanta (Brook 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Bohanon 6-4), 6:40 p.m. Chicago Cubs (Tapani 8-3) at St. Louis (Busby 0-1), 7:05 p.m. Pittsburgh (Loatza 11-10) at Houston (Garcia 8-8), 7:05 p.m. Los Angeles (Valdes 9-11) at Colorado (Wright 8-11), 8:05 p.m. San Diego (Smith 7-5) at San Francisco (Estes 18-5), 9:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games: Chicago Cubs (Myers 0-0) at St. Louis (Morris 11-9), 12:15 p.m. Los Angeles (Martinez 9-5) at Colorado (Castillo 12-11), 3:05 p.m. San Diego (Hitchock 10-10) at San Francisco (Alvarez 3-3), 3:05 p.m. Atlanta (Smoltz 15-12) at N.Y. Mets (Reed 13-9), 3:10 p.m. Florida (Hernandez 9-3) at Philadelphia (Green 4-4), 6:35 p.m. Cincinnati (Crowell 0-0) at Montreal (Thurman 0-0), 6:35 p.m. Pittsburgh (Schmidt 10-8) at Houston (Reynolds 8-10), 7:05 p.m.

823 and 2383; Tony Shankles, 448; hi hdp game and series 208 and 571; Richard Rowden, 244 and 654; Lisa Hobbs, 229, Theresa DeToro, 628; Monette Rowden, 221, Lisa Hobbs, 6161. Most over ave. game and series ABC Arthur Moffett, 236, David Hobbs, 647; David Hobbs, 235, Richard Rowden, 597; hi sc game and series WIBC Evelyn Williams, 216 and 570; Monette Rowden, 177, Theresa DeToro, 472; Theresa DeToro, 168, Monette Rowden,

SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Special Olympics bowling tourney set: Special Olympian bowlers, who've been preparing since July, will finally get their chance to compete Oct. 11 in the Special Olympics Texas Area 18 Bowling Tournament at Big Spring's Bowl-A-Rama.

Quarterback Club meeting Tuesday: The Big Spring Quarterback Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Big Spring High School Athletic Facility's film room.

Herald seeking stringers for football: The Big Spring Herald is looking for stringer photographers and writers interested in working high school football games this fall.

Local golfer chalks up a hole in one: Jimmy Dorland of Big Spring chalked up a hole in one Tuesday, playing the 144-yard 15th hole at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

YMCA forming swim team: A swim team to be coached by Harlan Smith is being formed by the Big Spring YMCA.

High Schools: The team meets from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights, and anyone between the ages of 6 and 16 who can swim one length of the pool and is willing to learn the four competitive swimming strokes is welcome to join.

YMCA planning flag football program: The Big Spring YMCA will have a youth flag football program this fall for boys and girls in kindergarten through the sixth grade.

Coahoma Booster Club meetings set: The Coahoma Booster Club's next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday in the high school's faculty dining room.

Disc golf tournament set for Oct. 5: The 5th Ever DiscOver Big Spring Disc Golf Tournament has been scheduled for Oct. 5 at Birdwell Park.

Registration for the 54-hole tournament is scheduled for 11 a.m. with a noon tee off. Entry fees for the tournament are set at \$25 for professionals, \$15 for amateurs and women and \$10 for juniors.

For additional information, contact Greg Brooks at 267-1465 or 267-6335.

TRANSACTIONS

White Motor Co. Stanton, 14-26; The Bold & Beautiful, 12-28. Texas: Austin Crockett 35, RR McNeil 21, Brownsville Hanna 28, Pace 0, Clearbrook 20, Conroe Luth. 14, Houston King 39, Scarborough 7, FB Austin 53, FB Winkowidge 7, Houston 34, Wheatley 6, Houston Waltrip 34, Jones 12, SA East Central 41, SA Edison 0.

Baseball: BOSTON RED SOX—Claimed C B.J. Wazgoff off waivers from the Baltimore Orioles. CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Declined to exercise their 1998 option on Steve Gutter. DETROIT TIGERS—Named Ricky Bennett assistant to baseball operations.

Basketball: SEATTLE SUPERSONICS—Traded F Shawn Kemp to the Cleveland Cavaliers in a three-way deal that sent G Terrell Brandon and F Tyrone Hill to the Milwaukee Bucks, with the SuperSonics getting F Vin Baker and the Cavaliers also getting G Sherman Douglas. UTAH JAZZ—Agreed to terms with C Greg Ostertag on a multi-year contract extension.

Football: GREEN BAY PACKERS—Waived TE Tyrone Davis. Claimed DB Brooks off waivers from the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Hockey: CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Signed C Trent Yawney. DETROIT RED WINGS—Assigned C Per Eklund, C Maxim Kuznetsov, C B.J. Young, F Brandon Smith and F Norm Macrae to Adirondack of the AHL. PHOENIX COYOTES—Signed D Radoslav Suchy to a three-year contract and assigned him to Las Vegas of the IHL. PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Signed G Peter Skudra. TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Assigned Zac Bierk, Matthew Raby, Paul Brousseau, Corey Spring and Allan Egeland to Adirondack of the AHL. Returned Paul Mara to Sudbury of the Ontario Hockey League, and Mario Larocque to Sherbrooke of the Quebec League.

DISTRICT 4-4A STATISTICS

Table with columns for District, Overall, Rush, Pass, Total, Avg, Receiving, Interceptions, Fumble Recoveries, Kickoff Returns, Punting, and Kicking Returns. Includes data for various teams like Andrews, Fort Stockton, Sweetwater, Big Spring, Pecos, Lake View, and individual players.

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Big Spring Friday, Sep. 1989 Chevy Co automatic, A/C, \$3,000. Call 267-1465. 1993 XR7 Mercury Solid black (43,000 miles). 263-6878 or 263-4000. 1993 SL2, loaded extended warranty Blue/black, interior \$8,800. 264-86 message. 1994 Dodge Grand prime time co Asking \$14,000. thru July 14th. Call or Jodie at 264-264. 1997 NISSAN XE Loaded. BOBBY FOR 500 W. You S & 4 II. AUTOMOBILE REPAIR. JIM'S AUTOMOBILE REPAIR Foreign, Diesel & 101 Airba 915-263-AC re BATH RESURFA. WEST RESURFA Make dull sparkle like tubs, va ceramic sinks and 1-800-777-(Midla) CARP. DEE'S Carpet R for \$ 267-7-267-7. New & Carpet & S Insta FRED'S SERV 267-7-267-7. CONCRETE Welding Drives Cinder carports, and g 263-6 267-2. DIR CONTRA SAM FROM CONTRA Sand, Gravel Driveway 915-263-DEFEN DRIV. GOT A T Class, 10% Discount Sat. Oc 9:00-3 Days Inn 1-800-7- ext. FENC. QUALITY Terms of Free est Cedar & Spruce * Oct Day 26 night 21 B & M F Chalklink M Repairs Terms Ava Estin Day 915-21 Night 915-21

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A public hearing will be held at
7:00 P.M. on October 14, 1997 at
the offices of City Hall of the City
of Coahoma, Texas, to discuss an
assessment for street improve-
ments along Echols Drive in the
City of Coahoma.

The City of Coahoma proposes to
construct approximately 6,500 lineal
feet of 18-inch no-reinforced
concrete curb and gutter along
Echols Drive in Coahoma, Texas.
The proposed construction will
abut Lot 2, Lot 11, Lot 23, Lot 24,
North Half of Lot 25, South Half of
Lot 25, Lot 26, Lot 14, Lot 35, Lot
48, Lot 49, Lot 50, Lot 51, Lot 52,
Lot 53, Lot 54, Lot 55, the west half
of Lot 56, the east half of Lot 56,
Lot 57, Lot 58, Lot 37, Lot 38, Lot
39, Lot 40, Lot 41, Lot 42, Lot 43,
Lot 44, Lot 45, Lot 46 and Lot 47,
all of Block A, Fuller Addition,
an addition to the City of Coahoma,
Howard County, Texas. The esti-
mated cost of this improvement is
\$6.00 per lineal foot, for a total of
\$39,000. One hundred percent of
the estimated total cost of the
improvement will be assessed
against the property owners whose
property abuts the improvement
using the front foot rule. Under the
front foot rule, the governing body
of the municipality shall assess
each parcel of benefited property
according to the number of lineal
feet of the parcel that abuts on a
public street, irrespective of the
location of improvements con-
structed if the improvements pro-
vide a curb and gutter to the
assessed parcel.

The public is invited to attend the
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proposed assessment.
1564 September 12 & 26
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space heaters electric
blankets rod & reels bird
cage

Garage Sale: 810 E 14 Fri &
Sat 8-5 Misc clothing,
appliances, Tarnates

Garage Sale: Sat 8-2 704
W 5 Furniture washer,
men & women clothes &
misc.

2 Family Garage Sale: 1605
Indian Hills Dr., Sat 9-2
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Lots of great stuff!

5 Family garage sale: Fri -
Sat 7:56 W 14, 8-5 (
between Douglas &
Pennsylvania) dishes
linens household items
jewelry, toys, & lots of
misc.

Garage Sale: 1608 E 5th
Sat. & Sun. 8-7 84 Buick
Regal. & misc.

Garage Sale: 1726 Yale 7-9
Sat. 27. Furniture, what-
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cards, clothes and much
more.

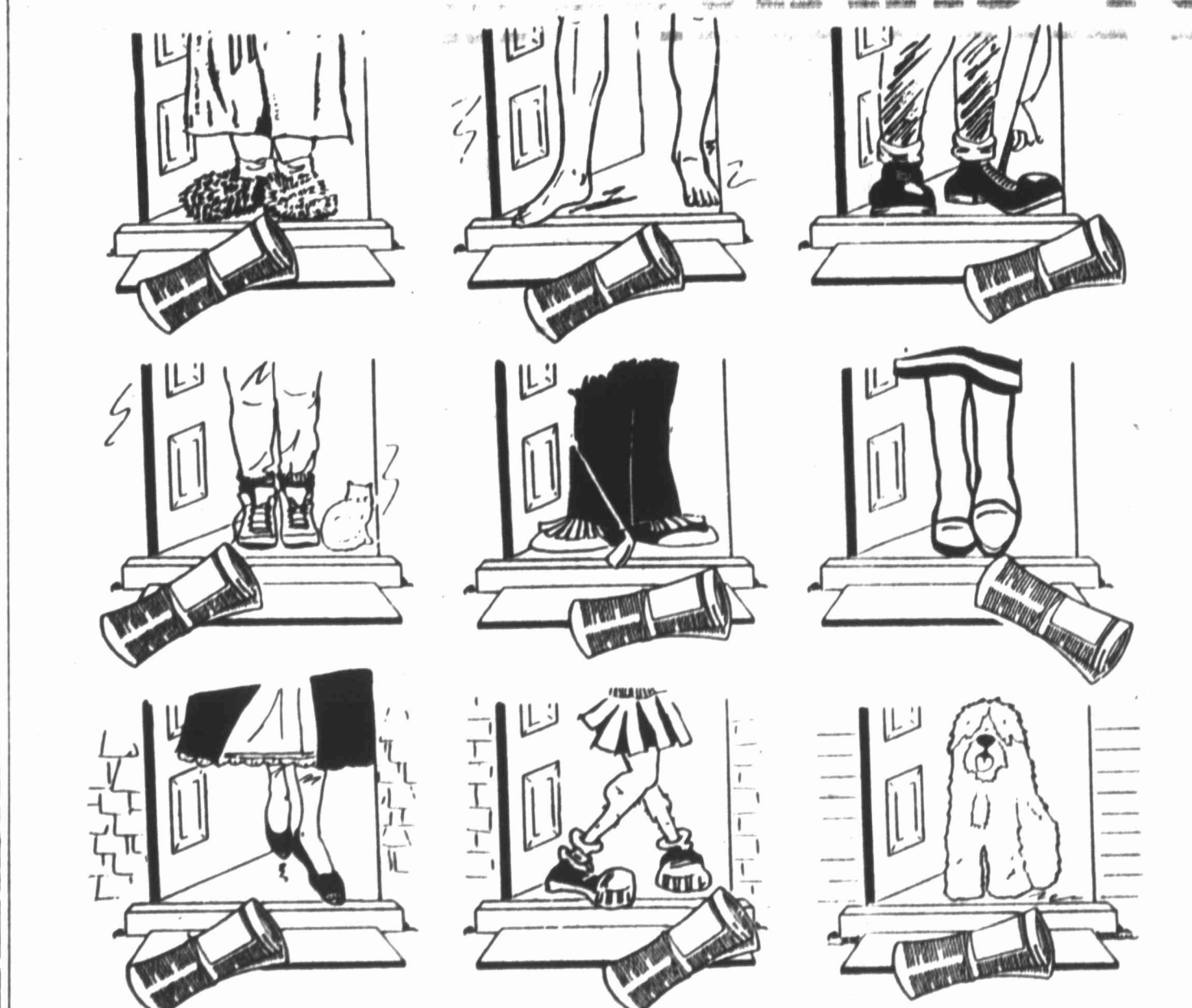
WAREHOUSE SALE:
2210 Main. Fri-Sat.
Couches, sheets & blankets,
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box springs, kitchenware &
lots misc.

Front Yard Garage Sale:
7am - 1pm. Sat. only 2908
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& more.

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Dogwood off Wasson Rd.
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The Stars Show the Kind of

Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-Sp-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You are more grounded than ever. The unexpected marks your interactions. A work situation thrusts you into the limelight. Realize what is happening. Overindulgence seems natural. A friend makes a difference in what goes on. Tonight: Let the temperatures soar.****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Stay close to home, and plan activities accordingly. A family member is delighted by the loving care. Your willingness to give the kind of attention he wants means a lot to him. You can effectively handle a work-related matter from home. Tonight: Make a favorite meal.****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Communications are your forte. A partner responds when you share what is going on. You feel scattered because of sudden news; you can pull it together. Dynamic charisma melts barriers. Share more of your inner thoughts. Tonight: Do what you do best — socialize.****

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your possessive side comes out with others. Discuss intense feelings with a partner, and work them through. There is no reason to feel this uncomfortable. Together, you can iron out most problems. Touch base with a parent or special friend. Tonight: Have a good time.****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You are a live wire, and full of fun. Others are drawn to you. Consider a partner's great ideas. Flirtation is high; you easily meet people. Expand

your immediate circle. Reach out for a friend who is far away. It is time for a tete-a-tete. Tonight: Beam in what you want.****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Go behind the scenes, and check out what is going on. Financial matters are important when dealing with a co-worker. You need to reorganize or change a work method. This is an excellent time to reflect and think through decisions. Get feedback. Tonight: Trust a partner.****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You can implement the changes you want. Let everything happen, and flow with the moment. A partner who has been a handful will ease up. You know how to coax this person along. The timing is now; trust your appeal. Tonight: Find the best party.****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You are in the limelight, making the most of the moment. You suddenly do a reverse change. The unexpected adds luster to the day. Avoid rigidity. Handle responsibilities in the style you choose. Tonight: Make a "must" appearance.****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Make plans for a day trip or special get-together. How you see a situation could change when a friend gives you stunning feedback. Talk, and open doors. A loved one behaves as if he is holding something back. Tonight: Try something different.****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Close relating is key to your

self-image. You come from a solid point of view. Be sensitive to what is being offered. You might be lucky with a gamble. Confine it to a level with which you are comfortable — no wild abandon. Tonight: Ask; another will gladly give.****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You are like the spark that triggers the wildfire. Others respond to your energy with high vitality. Others desire you and consider you a powerful force. Let your caring nature

come forth. You might be uncomfortable with a serious talk. Tonight: Continue to be incendiary.****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You see a lot that others don't. Be diplomatic when sharing your feelings with a partner. He needs and wants your input. It isn't what you say, it is how you say it. Dig into a home project, and make it happen. Others willingly pitch in. Tonight: Slow down a little!****

BORN TODAY

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Beating adversity not for men only

DEAR ABBY: I am a 15-year-old girl who read your column about "Winning Against the Odds." I was surprised to see the names of only five women included, so I decided to add to your list of names.

You once printed a list of African Americans who were born into a society filled with heavy prejudice. Well, that same prejudice was once practiced against women.



Abigail Van Buren Columnist

women who overcame various hardships:

— Rejected by medical schools in London because of her gender, Elizabeth Garrett Anderson became the first female member of the British Medical Association.

— Born into poverty was author Louisa May Alcott.

— Struck with Marfan's syndrome was Flo Hyman, who won a silver medal in the Olympic volleyball. She is the namesake of the Flo Hyman Award.

— Orphaned at age 10 was former first lady Eleanor Roosevelt.

— Raised as a slave was evangelist and reformer Sojourner Truth.

— Ridiculed, shunned and arrested for standing up for their beliefs were suffragettes Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

— Orphaned at 13 was Oksana Baiul, Olympic figure skating champion.

— Denied admission to most medical schools and blind in one eye was Elizabeth Blackwell, the first woman in the United States to earn a medical degree.

— Incapacitated for a decade as a result of a spinal injury and a lung ailment was Elizabeth Barrett Browning, poet and feminist. — ALISON IN FLORIDA

DEAR ALISON: My column titled "Winning Against the Odds" inspired many responses. Read on for another:

DEAR ABBY: One need not go back to Abe Lincoln or Albert Einstein to find someone who succeeded despite adversity. One need only go to the family next door, or perhaps one down the street.

There are millions of us who were born into abject poverty during the Depression, who lived on bread and potatoes, whose parents couldn't afford to send us to the dentist, who never owned a suit until we were adults, who attended a one-room country grade school with no electricity or indoor plumbing, but who still managed to learn a skill or work and complete our education. Now we live in the 'burbs and have sent our kids through college.

I've been there and done that. And it can still be done. All it takes is hard work, perseverance, and forgoing instant gratification. You have to figure out where you are going and how you are going to get there — and stop whining and using the excuse that you are a victim. — CALVIN S. HOLM, THIENSVILLE, WIS.

DEAR MR. HOLM: No discourtesy intended — but you said a mouthful. Call!

CONFIDENTIAL TO BROKE MOM'S HEART IN BATON ROUGE: Don't be so sure your mother won't forgive you. Honore de Balzac wisely said, "The heart of a mother is a deep abyss at the bottom of which you will always discover forgiveness." Apologize, and explain that you have learned your lesson.

DEAR ABBY: I'm in ninth grade. My 3 1/2 years as a home-schooled student have been great. We start at 9:30 a.m. and finish around noon. The decreased time is due to the lack of distraction. At public school, if I finished early, I would have to wait for the rest of the class. Now, whenever I finish, I can just move on.

I'm definitely not isolated. We take more field trips because of the flexible schedule. There are also home-school organizations where I've made friends. Home-schooling has been great for me, but it's not for everybody. I know of families that do isolate their children, and others that don't even "do" school.

I hope my opinion on home-schooling is what the majority of home-schoolers think. — SCOTT CLEMENT, MESQUITE, TEXAS

DEAR SCOTT: It definitely is!

DEAR ABBY: I am 17 and entering my second year of college at the University of California-San Diego. I attended private schools through fifth grade, and was home-schooled through middle school. Those years stand out in my mind as the most productive, educational and enlightening of my scholastic career. Later, because I felt I was "missing out," I chose to attend a public high school. I was appalled at the attitude of my peers and the faculty. I was treated as an inferior because I had not received a public school education, and it was assumed that I was probably socially inept from being home-schooled.

It has been my experience that in public school settings, students are exposed to verbal abuse, drugs and violence. Home-schooled children can easily learn to relate to peers through extracurricular activities such as sports, music and clubs like Girl Scouts.

I wish I had been home-schooled throughout high school as well. I would have received a better education. I realize that home-schooling is not an option for everyone, but I firmly believe that I am a well-adjusted, better person today because of it. — KELLY IN ESCONDIDO, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: A friend wanted to come with her daughter

and three teen-aged grandchildren to spend some time with me after Christmas. My home had just been redecorated, and I told her honestly that I was not set up to accommodate five guests. She laughed and said the teen-agers could camp out in the living room — a room with brand-new off-white carpet.

I told her I was not comfortable with this arrangement. She became outraged, and in an extremely nasty way terminated our 20-year friendship.

Was I wrong to feel so protective of my new furniture and carpeting? And how can I put into perspective such an unpleasant rejection? — GRIEVING IN HERMOSA BEACH, CALIF.

DEAR GRIEVING: Although you value the 20-year friendship, it obviously meant more to you than it did to your "friend." You had every right to decline the role of hostess to her, her daughter and the three teens. For her to have asked was an imposition.

Don't dwell on it. Putting it in a positive light, her "rejection" frees you to devote more time to someone who is a genuine friend.

DEAR ABBY: Will you please publish this letter? It's about my wife. She talks too much.

My job requires me to bring work home. Our house needs a lot of attention, too. When I try to work, my wife is always there with a steady stream of questions or trivial conversation. When I sit down to read, I read in minute-and-a-half blocks of time because I know she will interrupt me. Even when she isn't in the room, I can hear her talking, yelling or complaining in a tone that can't be ignored. I suppose I should feel grateful that she wants to talk to me. But Abby, the truth is, I need my peace and quiet.

I have tried to discuss this with her, but it only upsets her. When I talk, she usually interrupts. What's ironic is that a woman she works with has the same habit — and my wife complains about HER. This may seem funny, but my job is slipping and our house looks like heck. — NO PEACE IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR NO PEACE: It doesn't sound funny to me. Your wife is a compulsive talker. Since she ignores your needs and becomes defensive when you try to discuss it with her, the situation can only degenerate. Couples counseling might help you get the message across.

Until then, consider a work area where you can concentrate — preferably a room with a lock on the door.

DEAR ABBY: I would like to respond to the advice you gave "Catfused in Canada." The reader asked what to do with his/her three declawed cats when her neighbor visited and asked her to remove the cats from the room. You told the hostess she should put her cats in another room with food and water.

In my opinion, "Catfused" should leave the cats where they are. The neighbor should respect the fact that the cats live there, and the hostess should tell her the cats are free to roam as they please because it's their home. If the neighbor doesn't agree, she can call instead of dropping over. — A CAT LOVER IN NEW ORLEANS

DEAR CAT LOVER: I doubt that a few minutes in another room would traumatize "Catfused's" pets. It's common courtesy to make a guest comfortable in your home. Denying pets free run of the house occasionally for a short time is not, in my opinion, too great a sacrifice to make in the interest of hospitality.

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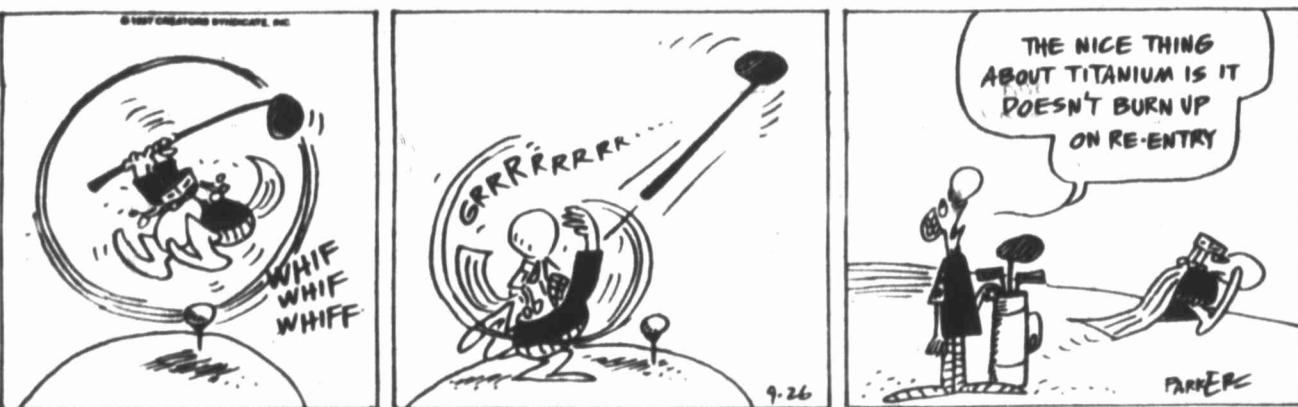
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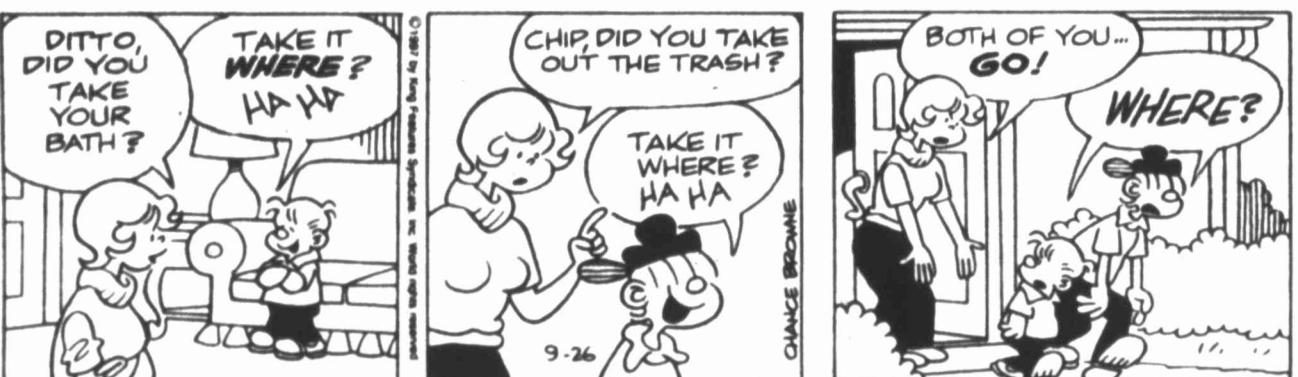
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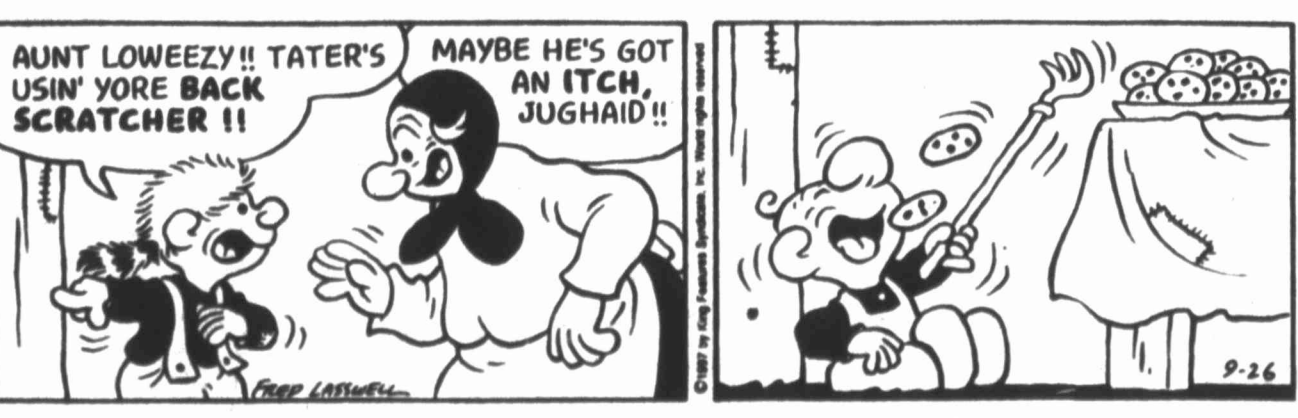
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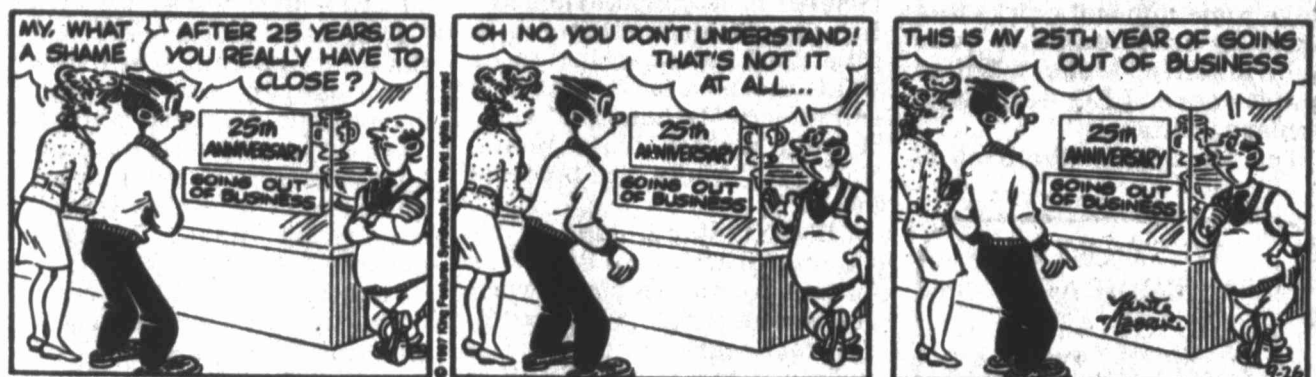
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