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Reflecting A Proud Community

Time to enter Herald's 11th Community Christmas Parade at-hand

By **STEVE WILLIAMS**

Staff Writer

As the end of September, but planning to enter the 11th Annual Herald Community Christmas Parade will be able to do so according to newspaper publisher Steve Williams.

An entry form for the parade will appear in Sunday's Herald and will be available at the newspaper office at 710 Scurry and at the Big

Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

The parade is scheduled to begin at 5:15 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6 and will follow what has come to be its traditional route from the intersection of Gregg Street and FM 700 north to Sixth Street, east to Main Street and then north again past the Howard County Courthouse.

Deadline for entries will be noon on Friday, Nov. 21.

For the third year the parade will include a lighted category and will be held on the same day as the Trail of

Lights lighting ceremony, scheduled to begin after the parade enters the downtown area.

Last year, a total of 77 floats were entered in the parade and an estimated 10,000 people lined Gregg Street to view it and it stretched 18 blocks from start to finish. The 1996 parade was the biggest in city history.

This year's theme is "Our Favorite Christmas Carols" and parade entrants will be able to select their own favorite music for their float.

"The parade committee has already

begun working to make this the biggest Christmas parade in the community's history," Williams said. "Because of the amount of telephone calls we've been getting, we feel there's a possibility we could have 100 entrants."

Williams said the newspaper is encouraging entrants to light their floats.

"Last year, we had 17 official entries in the lighted category," Williams said, "but there were a total of 35 entries with lights of some sort."

"We will again have four float categories — civic, school and church, commercial/manufacturing and lighted," Williams said.

Last year, the United Girls Softball Association won in the lighted division, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in the church/school, Boy Scout Troop 25/Cub Scout Pack 501 in the civic and Western Container in the commercial/manufacturing.

For more information regarding the parade, persons may call or come by the Herald offices.

WORKING ON MAIN STREET

In an attempt to keep water from running under the newly repaved Main Street and causing damage to the roadway, special drains are being installed.

In this photo, City of Big Spring employees Eddie Castillo (right) and Carlos Halario are putting in a French Drain on both sides of the road.

HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett



Cutbacks

Layoffs announced at state schools in Austin, Denton and San Antonio will have no effect on local MHMR operations

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Although several state schools have announced layoffs in the wake of lost state funding, local Mental Health and Mental Retardation operations will remain unchanged for now.

The state department of MHMR recently recommended funding cuts to equalize funding among Texas' 11 state schools. As a result, several state schools have announced layoffs.

Denton State School lost \$4 million this year, Austin State School lost \$2.5 million and the San Antonio school lost \$1.9 million, an Associated Press report stated.

As a result, many state schools officials fear resulting layoffs will adversely affect their institutions' services.

"I don't think 'devastating' is overstating it," said Jim Sibley, director of education and training at the school. "Depending on what gets cut and the types of services affected ... a lot could cease immediately and that will have a direct effect on our clients."

Parents of retarded people at the affected facilities also are worried about what layoffs will mean to their children.

"I am gravely concerned about this," said Nancy Ward, who has formed a statewide organization called Parent Association for the Retarded of Texas. "We just think it will be a disaster for our children."

Locally, however, state school functions operated by West Texas Centers for MHMR will remain unaffected, said WTC spokesman Lisa Brooks.

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JIM SIBLEY
Denton State School

WTCMHMR will operate under a \$19 million budget for this fiscal year, leaving its current operations intact, Brooks said.

Brooks' organization operates 10 assisted-care facilities in Big Spring. Those facilities, known as Intermediate Care Facilities and Home and Community-Based Services, were formerly operated by the Abilene State School. In addition, WTCMHMR operated more than 60 such facilities throughout its service area.

WTCMHMR operates these facilities for state schools in San Angelo, Abilene and Lubbock.

Intermediate Care Facilities have attendants on duty 24 hours a day. HCS homes are rented by the clients, with center personnel providing support services.

West Texas Centers operated two intermediate care facilities and eight HCS homes in Big Spring, Brooks said.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Colorado City becomes smallest community in state to win TEDC award

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

Colorado City became the first community in the state with a population of less than 5,000 to be recognized at the annual conference of the Texas Economic Development Council (TEDC) when it was honored for its Covenant Communities' Hillcrest Development.

The project, described as a unique public/private partnership providing affordable housing to an area in need.

The award was presented in Fort Worth earlier this month and recognizes contributions of TEDC member communities toward the economic vitality of the community itself and the state through creativity, leadership and partnership.

In selecting Colorado City for the award, judges looked considered community commitment and leverage, innovation, transferability, achievement of objective and secondary benefits.

According to Mitchell County Economic Development Board

Executive Director Nancy Sullivan, new prison facilities in Colorado City has caused an influx of new residents, which underscores the communities housing shortage.

"Combining public commitment with the development expertise of Covenant Communities is giving Colorado City's problem an answer that fulfills everybody's needs," Sullivan said.

Local utilities make the nominations for the award, and Colorado City received its nomination from TU Electric

District Manager John Toone.

"Previously, they (TEDC) looked at communities under 15,000 people and that's the category we would have to compete in, but what we accomplished is comparable, I think, to projects done in much larger cities," Sullivan said.

"I wrote the proposals for the prisons here, but that was nothing compared to putting together a housing development and getting a developer to commit to Colorado City," Sullivan added.

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Covenant Communities President Bill Lee, Mitchell County Executive Director of Economic Development Nancy Sullivan and Mitchell County Judge Ray Mayo accept the TEDC award.

28-year-old Big Spring man killed in one-car crash

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

A Big Spring man died as a result of injuries sustained in a one-vehicle accident just east of Big Spring Sunday afternoon.

Jamie David Davila, 28, was fatally injured after he was ejected from a vehicle that



DAVILA

veered off FM 700 at about 5:05 p.m. Sunday.

According to police reports, Davila, the lone occupant of the car, was ejected from the vehicle after it veered off of FM 700 just north of Interstate 20, then rolled over several times.

Published reports state that Davila drove through two intersections before the accident. It was unknown whether he was wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident.

Local Emergency Medical Service personnel responded to the accident and transported

Davila to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. From there, he was transported to University Medical Center in Lubbock, where he was pronounced dead at 9:34 p.m. Sunday.

Davila was born in Big Spring in 1968 and graduated from Big Spring High School. He then joined the U.S. Army and served for two years at Fort Hood near Killeen. In March of this year, he began working for Nabors Drilling Co. as a floor hand. Prior to that, he had worked at Pearce Inc. Construction Company.

He is survived by his wife, Maria and five children. In addition, he is survived by his parents, Jose and Sara Davila of Big Spring, three brothers and a sister.

Funeral services will be held Thursday morning at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, with burial to follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home. For more funeral information, please see the obituary section on Page 2.

WEATHER

Tonight:



Wed:



Thur:



Weekend:



Tonight, fair. Lows upper 50s to mid 60s. Wednesday, sunny. Highs 90-95. Wednesday night, fair. Lows around 60. Extended forecast, Thursday through Saturday, fair. Lows from the upper 50s to the lower 60s. Highs from the mid 90s to near 100.

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OBITUARIES

George C. Walters

Graveside service for George C. Walters, 79, Big Spring, will be 1 p.m. today at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with Rev. Bob Underwood, Minister of Missions at First Baptist Church, officiating. Mr. Walters died Monday, Sept. 29, 1997, in a local hospital. He was born on Sept. 14, 1918, in Dixon, Ill., and had been a resident of Big Spring Care Center since August of 1987. He was a Baptist and was a veteran of the United States Army. There are no known survivors. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Edward Douglas Gaines

Service for Edward Douglas Gaines, 80, Sand Springs, will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, 1997, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Jim Fields, pastor of Sand Springs Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. Mr. Gaines died Monday, Sept. 29, in a Midland hospital. He was born on Feb. 3, 1917, in Gorman. He worked for Cabot Corporation for 30 years before retiring. He had lived in Wickett for a number of years then transferred to Big Spring in 1953. He was a Baptist. Survivors include: two sons, Edward Ray Gaines, Midland, and James Gaines, Lubbock; three daughters, Faye Jacobson and Gerry Rudd, both of Big Spring, and Sue Mitchell, Oklahoma; four sisters, Stella Files, Carbon, Mary Williams, San Antonio, Lucille Burrows, Bowie, and Pauline Davis, Fort Worth; and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The family suggests memorials to the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, P.O. Box 3190, Big Spring, Texas; 79721-3190. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Beulah "Jackie" Biby Jordan

Service for Beulah "Jackie" Biby Jordan, 76, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. She died Tuesday, Sept. 30, 1997, in a Midland hospital.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288 Jamie David Davila, 28, died Sunday. Rosary will be 8:00 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral Mass will be 10:00 AM, Thursday at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331 Edward E. Everett, 84, died Sunday. Services will be 2:00 PM Thursday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Edward Douglas Gaines, 80, died Monday. Services will be 10:00 AM Thursday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. Beulah "Jackie" Biby Jordan, 76, died Tuesday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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Jaime David Davila

A prayer service for Jaime David Davila, 28, Big Spring, will be 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, 1997, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with Rev. Jerry McCarthy, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Mount Olive Memorial Park. Mr. Davila died Sunday, Sept. 28, at University Medical Center in Lubbock from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was born on Dec. 29, 1968, in Big Spring. He attended and graduated from Big Spring High School. After graduating he joined the U.S. Army and served from 1989 to 1991 and was stationed at Ft. Hood. In March of 1997 he began working for Nabors Drilling as a floor hand, and prior to that he had worked for Pearce, Inc. Construction Company. He is survived by: his wife, Maria Davila, Big Spring; four sons, Jaime Davila, Jr., Cameron Davila, Collin Davila, and Nathaniel Davila, all of Big Spring; one daughter, Laken Davila, Odessa; his parents; Jose and Sara Davila, Big Spring; three brothers, Oscar Davila, Rolando Davila, and Luis Davila, all of Big Spring; one sister, Cyndi Villareal, Big Spring; paternal grandmother, Lydia Lopez, Edinburg; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.



DAVILA

George W. Whitney, Jr.

George W. (Bill) Whitney, Jr., 75, died in Mercy Hospital in Independence, Kan. on Sept. 17, 1997, after a lengthy illness. He was born on June 1, 1922, to George W. and Loy Grace Whitney of Denison, Texas. He graduated from Denison High School and served as a member of the U.S. Navy Submarine Supply Division at Pearl Harbor during World War II. After World War II, he earned a business degree from the University of Texas in Austin. He started with Sinclair Oil Company in Fort Worth (which later became ARCO) until his retirement from ARCO after 32 years on July 31, 1985. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. While a resident of Independence, he was a member of the Independence Chamber of Commerce, Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity, and was on the boards of the community Concerts, Independence Public Library, Mercy Hospital Auxiliary, and Independence Housing Authority at Penn Terrace. After retiring, he devoted his time to assisting others by serving as a volunteer for Meals on Wheels, Mercy Hospital and on other public service committees and charities. He is survived by: his sister, Gail Bonner Legg, Big Spring, his nephew, W.A. Bonner, Jr., Austin, a stepson, Brian David Black, San Diego, Calif., a stepdaughter, Beverly Black Stutzman, Denver, Colo.; and his miniature schnauzer, "Roscoe." He was preceded in death by his wife, Melinda Moir Whitney, of Independence, Kan., on Dec. 1, 1988. The family wishes to thank the pastor and staff of the First Presbyterian Church, the doctors and staff at Mercy Hospital and his many friends for their continued friendship, assistance and support provided during his life and last illness. A memorial service was held on Sept. 21, at the First Presbyterian Church in Independence, Kan. Funeral service was Monday, Sept. 22, at Potts Funeral Home. Arrangements under the direction of Potts Funeral Home, Independence, Kan. Paid obituary

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"This was a lot of work that involved a lot of people and we appreciate being nominated and thank TU Electric and all of the people involved with the project. It really was a community effort."

Sullivan added Bobby Lemons, vice president of the Mitchell County Economic Development Board was vital to the project, handling all of the legal work on property acquisition and monitoring day-to-day details of the project. The 72-home Covenant Communities Hillcrest development has been a success in Colorado City and recently celebrated its grand opening. According to Sullivan, the projects demonstrates that affordable housing can make good business sense to the developer. As part of the project Covenant Communities and the Mitchell County Economic Development Board formed partnerships with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Mitchell County, Colorado City, Fina and TU Electric. As developer for the project, Covenant Communities cut costs by utilizing manufactured homes for the 72 residences and the other partnerships provided infrastructure and financing assistance to home buyers to reduce the developer's risk. According to Covenant Communities president Bill Lee, the project is a situation in which everybody wins because people get homes they can afford, Colorado City's tax base increases and everyone involved proves the project can be a successful business. "We are all honored to receive this award," Sullivan said. "Our next reward will come when the home purchases start to close and we see the rise of a vibrant community."

BRIEFS

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS 55 Alive/Mature Driving Course will be offered Oct. 7-8 at Big Spring Mall. The sessions are from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. with an hour for lunch, and participants must attend both sessions to receive a certificate. Cost is \$8. Students do not have to be a member of AARP, but must be at least 50 years old to take the class. Call the mall office, 267-3853 during business hours, or call 267-2070, evenings, for more information.

THE COMMUNITY PEP RALLY for Big Spring High School homecoming will be 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2 at the city compost site, McMahon/Wrinkle Airpark. The homecoming parade begins 4:30 p.m. Friday at 10th and Main, following a route through downtown Big Spring. Classes, clubs and many community groups will be participating.

BIG SPRING BAND BOOSTERS Homecoming chili/stew supper fundraiser, 5 to 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 3, in the Big Spring High School cafeteria. Adults \$5 and children 12 and under, \$3. Tickets available at the door or from any Big Spring Band student.

THE CLASS OF 1967 will have a float in the homecoming parade. Those classmates interested in riding on the float are to meet at 14th and Main at 3:45 p.m. Friday. Those going to the football game Friday night should buy general admission tickets and sit in section B. The classmates will arrive about 7 p.m. to sit together.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH will offer flu shots to those 18 and over every Wednesday of the winter months (October through February). The injections are available from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For those on Medicare, there is no co-payment, but the card must be presented at the time of the injection. For others, the fee is \$5.

BIG SPRING WOMAN'S CLUB annual coat drive is set for Oct. 1-31. The group will collect coats, windbreakers, scarves 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.

FLU SHOTS WILL BE available at Wal-Mart for \$10 on Oct. 20. The program, in cooperation with the Visiting Nurses Association of the Texas Gulf Coast, will use a new injection system without a needle. The injections, using a Biojector 2000 system, will be available from 2 p.m.-6 p.m. Those with Medicare Part B can receive the shot free.

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.

FLU SHOTS WILL BE offered Oct. 9, 9 a.m.-noon at the YMCA, 801 Owens. Cost is \$8.50 per person. The shots will be administered by Nurses Unlimited Managed Care.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 289; BETWEEN 8:30 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

TODAY -Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. -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. -Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

WEDNESDAY

-Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Archie Kountz, 267-3821. -Line dance classes, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, following lunch. For more information call 398-5522 or 267-1628. All ages welcome. -Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.

THURSDAY

-Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. -Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.

Texas Lottery PICK 3: 7, 3, 7 CASH 5: 22, 27, 28, 30, 37

-Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older. -Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria. -NA meeting, 6 to 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

MARKETS

Oct. cotton 70 cents a pound, down 54 points; Nov. crude oil 21.27, up 1 point; Cash hogs steady at \$1 higher at 49; cash steers steady at 66; Oct. lean hog futures 68.55, down 107 points; Oct. live cattle futures 67.82, down 42 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation. Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

Table with 2 columns: Index 7942.31, Volume 175,234,900. Lists various commodities and their prices: ATT 44%, Amoco 96%, Atlantic Richfield 84%, Atmos Energy 25%, Calenergy Inc. 33%, Chevron 83%, Cifra 2.27-2.30, Coca-Cola 61%, De Beers 29%, DuPont 61%, Excel Comm. 24%, Exxon 63%, Fina 66%, Ford Motors 45%, Halliburton 51%, IBM 103%, Intel Corp 93%, Laser Indus LTD 17%, Medical Alliance 3%, Mobil 74%, Norwest 61%, NUV 9%, Phillips Petroleum 51%, Palex Inc. 15%, Pepsi Cola 40%, Paralell Petroleum 6%, Rural/Metro 30%, Sears 56%, Southwestern Bell 60%, Sun 43%, Texaco 61%, Texas Instruments 135%, Texas Utility Co 35%, Unocal Corp 42%, Wal-Mart 36%, Amcap 16.57-17.58, Euro Pacific 29.51-31.31, I.C.A. 30.61-32.48, New Economy 21.07-22.36, New Perspective 21.86-23.19, Prime Rate 8.50%, Gold 332.60-333.10, Silver 5.17-5.20

RECORDS

Monday's high 93, Monday's low 60, Average high 82, Average low 55, Record high 101 in 1977, Record low 37 in 1936, Precip. Monday 0.00, Month to date 0.03, Month's normal 2.22, Year to date 17.69, Normal for the year 15.05. **Statistics not available

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday: -RICHARD RAMIREZ, 32, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence. -THEFT was reported on the 2300 block of Wasson twice, the 1700 block of Marcy and the 900 block of Willia. -DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported on the 2500 block of Chanute. -CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported on the 200 block of W. Marcy, the 600 block of Caylor, the 700 block of Aylford, the 300 block of

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday: -DONNIE GORDON HALE JR., 31, 1214 Lloyd, was arrested on a revocation of probation warrant for possession of marijuana under two ounces. -FEDERICO JOSE BUSTAMANTE, 46, 2504 E. 16th, was arrested on a revocation of probation warrant for DWI. -BILLY WAYNE STARR, 19, 802 E. 14th, was arrested on a revocation of probation warrant for burglary of a habitation. -JUAN MATILDE RODRIGUEZ, 31, 804 Lancaster, was arrested on a revocation of probation warrant for resisting arrest. -RICHARD GLEN THURMAN, 36, 306 S. Moss Lake Road, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence. -DISORDERLY CONDUCT was reported on Hooser Road. -ASSAULT was reported on the south service road of Interstate 20.

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports: Monday 10:29 a.m. - Memorial Stadium traffic accident, patient transferred to Scenic Mountain Medical Center, service refused by two. 1:24 p.m. - 1200 block Mulberry, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC. 1:48 p.m. - 1900 block Wasson, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC. 3:54 p.m. - 1900 block E. 25th, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC. 5:42 p.m. - 1900 block N. 87, trauma call, patient transferred to SMMC. 9:22 p.m. - Hooser Road, trauma call, SMMC. 9:58 p.m. - 4100 block Parkway, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC. 5:20 p.m. - 1300 block Mt. Vernon, gas leak. 5:52 p.m. - East Sixth, false alarm. 11:04 p.m. - 1100 block Austin, gas leak.

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Judge in Terry Nichols case promises to start with 'clear page'

DENVER (AP) — With a promise from the judge that he is starting with a "clear page," Oklahoma City bombing defendant Terry Nichols went on trial Monday in the same courtroom where Timothy McVeigh was convicted and sentenced to die.

Nichols, 42, smiled and waved to his mother in the front row as he was escorted into the courtroom where the process of selecting 12 jurors and six alternates began.

Prosecutors say Nichols was a supporting player in the deadliest act of terrorism on U.S. soil, acquiring fertilizer and other components, robbing a firearms dealer to finance the attack and helping McVeigh build the bomb. They also say Nichols helped McVeigh stash the getaway car in Oklahoma City three days before the blast.

U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch noted there were many

similarities to McVeigh's trial, including identical charges that could bring the death penalty. But he added: "This is a different case. ... It begins with a clear page."

Nichols appeared for the first day of trial in an open-collar shirt, blue blazer and khaki pants.

In the courtroom and throughout the federal building, security was tight, with police making periodic patrols. Outside, the crowd was significantly smaller than the one at the opening of McVeigh's trial. An hour before court began, there were four spectators in line, compared with about 50 for the McVeigh trial's first day.

There was a smaller media contingent too, with many organizations sending smaller staffs.

The courtroom was only three-fourths full for the first day of jury selection; it was full when McVeigh's trial opened.

For Charles Tomlin, who lost his grown son, Rick, in the bombing, the turnout was predictable. But he said the trial is no less significant.

"This trial is important because Nichols helped McVeigh," Tomlin said. "I don't see how they could find him any way but guilty."

Attorneys questioned six

prospective jurors Monday, dismissing one woman because she had a chronic back problem. They dismissed another after a doctor submitted a medical excuse. The process of selecting a jury from a pool of 500 is expected to take two weeks to a month.

Nichols' attorneys also challenged an attempt by the gov-

ernment to dismiss another prospective juror who was a convicted felon, arguing that the unidentified person's civil rights had been restored. Matsch agreed and ordered the prospective juror to report for questioning.

The first prospective juror was a nurse, who spoke of her concern for family members in

her native Idaho, where a series of bombings had been blamed on white supremacists. She tearfully said she could impose the death penalty.

The second, an unemployed dairy farmer, said Nichols should share the same fate as McVeigh if convicted.

"If he's guilty like McVeigh, I feel he's caused enough damage

Union Pacific looks to the sea to move merchandise

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The nation's largest railroad says it will ship hundreds of containers full of TV sets, clothing and appliances by sea to ease a backlog of rail shipments that are two weeks overdue.

"To unclog that area we had to look in the box for something we normally would not do," UP's Mark Davis said Monday. "It is safe to say this is the first time that we have ever done anything like this."

The railroad said a shortage of rail flat cars caused a 3,000-container backlog in the Los Angeles area. Traffic is backed up from California across Arizona, New Mexico,

Texas and to the East Coast.

As a result, Union Pacific said shipping company APL Ltd. of Oakland, Calif., will move 660 of the truck-size containers full of clothing and appliances from Los Angeles to Savannah, Ga., via the Panama Canal.

It will take about twice as long as the six-day rail trip.

Despite the delays, analysts predicted that Union Pacific's problems will be short-lived, and the railroad expects improvements by early November.

"This sort of problem is dealt with very quickly," said David Leibowitz of Burnham

Securities in New York. "It receives the attention of everybody involved up and down the scale of command."

Omaha-based Union Pacific predicted growing pains when it merged with Southern Pacific a year ago to become the country's biggest railroad. Computer systems, labor agreements and dispatching duties are being cobbled together.

Adding to the merger difficulties were three train derailments that killed seven people over the summer and prompted a safety crackdown by the Federal Railroad Administration.

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Quote of the Day

"We are never so happy nor so unhappy as we imagine."

-La Rochefoucauld

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OUR VIEWS

What to do about pesky boll weevils?

If cotton is to remain king in this area, something will have to be done about one of the biggest threats to the throne.

Cotton farmers have been trying to get rid of boll weevils for hundreds of years, and as this year's area crop attests, the battle does not go well for producers.

Boll weevils survive and, unfortunately, thrive. After two or three years of severe drought conditions, it looked like this would finally be a year when cotton farmers would harvest a bumper crop. But a June sandstorm blasted fields north of Big Spring, and weevils made a pronounced entrance recently.

Suddenly, a bumper crop has been downgraded to "better than average" in most parts of the area. While better than average is certainly reason enough to cheer — especially considering what the drought did to farmland the past few years — it still leaves many producers wondering what might have been.

Certainly something needs to be done about weevils, but what? A recent referendum to approve a statewide weevil eradication program failed, meaning that it's basically every farmer for himself in dealing with the pests.

However, help may come from the scientific community. One of the more interesting items to come out of the recent Extension Service Crop Tour is the ongoing development of genetically engineered cotton that is resistant to boll weevils.

"It's called BT cotton," said Howard County extension agent David Knight. "Genes are inserted into the cotton to kill the worms when they infest the plant."

This approach illustrates the increasingly high-tech business that farming has become, but if it gets rid of the weevils, then we're all for it.

OTHER VIEWS

Vice President Al Gore, a law school dropout, has hired two criminal lawyers.

Paula Jones is searching for new legal counsel in her suit against President Clinton while her former attorneys are dunning her for \$800,000 in legal fees.

Clinton and first lady Hillary Clinton, themselves both lawyers, have a legal defense fund to pay all their lawyers.

Attorney General Janet Reno has appointed a record number of independent counsels and all of their targets have lawyers. The witnesses before the House and Senate investigating committees have lawyers. Even the Buddhist nuns have lawyers.

The new tax law will provide steady employment for a whole new generation of tax lawyers.

President Clinton was elected on a promise to create 8 million jobs. Who knew they'd all be for lawyers?

-SCRIPPS HOWARD

The Senate's exposure of IRS iniquities makes the agency ripe for reform. Heads are rolling among the revenuers themselves: The IRS has suspended some managers for rewarding agents who plagued the most taxpayers with fines and seizures. Congress, meanwhile, promises systemic changes. The reform process could usefully start with passage of the Taxpayer Confidentiality Act — a measure that would handcuff IRS thought police.

Currently, IRS agents aren't limited to collecting mere facts to verify a citizen's tax returns. On a lark, agents can also demand non-factual opinions, theories,

even "mental impressions" both from taxpayers and their advisers. This psychic snooping supposedly helps paint the "big picture" about citizens. One of its tools, the financial status audit, licenses bureaucratic fishing expeditions into people's personal lives — where their vacation, where their kids attend school. A citizen is subject to this probing even when the IRS has no inkling that he or she did anything crooked.

Aside from its Orwellian aspect, the snooping comes with a double standard. If your tax adviser is a lawyer, the agency recognizes the privileged nature of the client-attorney relationship and backs off. If your adviser is an accountant or your brother-in-law Harry, no such luck. This two-tier approach prefigures one of the evils highlighted by the Senate — the IRS tendency to pursue Americans of modest means, who are less able to fight in court.

Co-sponsored by Rep. John Tanner, D-Tenn., and Rep. Jennifer Dunn, R-Wash., the Taxpayer Confidentiality Act would put a stop to the arbitrary use of the IRS summons authority. No longer could the agency gather personal information or plumb private thoughts without evidence of wrongdoing. This is a proper standard in a free country.

At last, Washington has staged hearings that move the public. But it isn't to raise its own stock that Congress should act swiftly for IRS reform. It's because reform is needed. Transforming IRS thought police into fact police would be a good step one.

-SCRIPPS HOWARD



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Congress needs to write simple tax code — and then leave it alone so it can work

Congress declares that it is going to reform the Internal Revenue Service and that hearings,

already begun in the Senate, can be counted on to produce horror stories of abuse. Don't be fooled by this charade. The rat in this attic is Congress, not the IRS.

Of course, there are individual cases of abusive treatment. It would be a shocking surprise if there weren't, given that an agency of several thousand employees must deal with 209 million returns from taxpayers, none of whom, it can be fairly said, is overjoyed at the idea of paying taxes.

But the relatively small number of legitimate cases of abuse is really a credit to the agency. And there is no evidence whatsoever that the IRS condones abuse or fails to take correc-

tive action when it is discovered.

To give credit where it is due, Secretary of the Treasury Robert Rubin, easily the president's most competent and intelligent Cabinet officer, has already made improvements. He has instituted a modernization management board to provide better oversight, improved use of technology and better customer service.

Rubin also supports the IRS Improvement Act, which has been introduced in the House. This act creates a permanent IRS management board, requires annual reports to Congress, sets up an IRS advisory board and would make the IRS commissioner's job a five-year fixed term.

The crackbrained idea, dreamed up by the National Commission on Restructuring IRS (one of those pass-the-buck outfits that Congress creates when it doesn't want to take the heat) to turn IRS management over to a private sector board would be a disaster.

Conflicts of interest, lack of accountability and demoralization of government service would inevitably follow. The

IRS belongs right where it is, as part of the Treasury Department. Mixing private and public has the same bad results of mixing church and state. These hybrid public-private deals inevitably have the worst characteristics of both sectors and the virtues of neither.

But let's get back to the real culprit — Congress. Congress writes the tax laws, and the single greatest reform it could make of the IRS would be to give it a simple, clear tax law to enforce. The present byzantine labyrinth of tax laws is as confusing to IRS employees as it is to taxpayers, yet they have to try to figure it out and enforce it.

The second greatest reform would be for Congress, once it has written a simple, clear tax code, to leave it alone. Congress has been tinkering with and changing the tax code on an almost continuous basis in recent years, which creates confusion and difficulty for everybody involved, from IRS to the taxpayers to tax accountants to tax courts. By the time people think they have finally figured it out,

Congress changes it again.

It's no mystery why the tax code is extraordinarily complex and continuously being changed. Congress uses the thicket to hide favors it writes in for big contributors. The single biggest impediment to a simple, fair, transparent tax law is the selfishness of the politicians on the Hill. They don't want to give up the power to shake the money tree.

So keep it all in perspective. Don't let congressmen shift the blame from themselves to an executive branch department that has no choice but to enforce the laws Congress passes. Don't make the IRS the fall guy for your dissatisfaction with government in general. Don't fall for the claptrap peddled by the tax protest movement, which is both factually and morally wrong. Be careful about "reforms." God knows we wouldn't want an IRS that operated the way Congress operates.

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Beauty is sometimes a lighted chicken house

BRUSHY POND, Ala. — I am on my way to Georgia from Mississippi. It is late, and the many chicken houses of Cullman County are ablaze, looking for all the world like honky-tonks for short drunks.

As a friend once said of the chicken industry, "It's the prettiest ugly thing I've ever seen." I put the car window down, no use in wasting one of my senses. An Iris DeMent tape is playing, and she is singing flat-out about her childhood memories. It takes courage to sing flat-out about childhood memories.

A harvest moon rises over the chicken houses, and my Ford shows a full tank. Now Iris is singing an old Lefty

Frizzell waltz. Life is sometimes good.

The death of a colleague last week put me in a funk. I barely knew him, but I cannot get him off my mind.

The desperation that suicide reflects shocks those who survive. You keep thinking that there might have been something you could have done if you'd known. And then you realize that's pure and foolish egotism to believe a lunch with you might have cured a deep and abiding loneliness.

Once, almost 27 years ago, I was hired to work in a newspaper bureau in Greenville, Miss. The young man who had been there was called to the main office in Memphis. He was exuberant. But he had to stay on one week and show me the ropes.

David was 10 or 12 years younger than I, but he had the swagger and confidence of a veteran. I can see him now, leaning from a precarious perch on a courthouse stairway, trying to snap a picture of a murderer on his way back to jail. (We got a extra \$5 for

published pictures.)

In one week's time I learned the best cop and courthouse sources, the hottest night spots on Nelson Street and my way around the funky office filing system. (Most important telephone numbers were scribbled on the wall.)

We toured the rice fields of the Delta, with David speeding while rhapsodizing over the flat and beautiful territory. He had a zest for the job that I envied, and a poet's approach to all of life.

Not only did I inherit David's job, I got his apartment, a real efficiency unit in the back of an organ teacher's house. For weeks after David was gone, I answered phone calls from his friends, relatives and creditors. I learned a lot more about him — that he was lovable, ambitious, a romantic.

The clerks in Greenville's federal courthouse never forgave me for taking his place. He pampered them with flowers and candy he could ill afford. He played cards with them during lunch breaks.

The organ teacher told me about the fiction he was trying to write, how he longed to make a name for himself. She said he had read his stories aloud to her. She told me about his several girlfriends, about his legendary long-distance bills. I felt colorless when I heard about David's exploits.

I never saw him again. He quickly went from Memphis to a larger newspaper. That didn't work out somehow. I think it was our old landlord who phoned and told me about his suicide. She was crying.

Life is made up of moments, not years, of words, not entire stories. Beauty is not just a harvest moon; sometimes it's only a lighted chicken house. I think often of what David missed, of what others missed not knowing David.

Depression is a secret club, and only those who know the handshake can forgive and understand the unthinkable.

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Insurance commissioner weighs discount for hail-resistant roofs

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas homeowners who invest in hail-resistant roofing material could see a sizeable cut in their insurance premiums under a proposal Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer is considering.

The discount program would divide the state into eight regions and establish four grades of roof coverings. Based on a home's location and the grade of its roof covering, homeowners' insurance premiums could be cut

by up to 36 percent.

Regulated insurance companies would have to honor the discount if Bomer approves it.

"If this rule is adopted, it would be the first time homeowners anywhere will have the opportunity to shop for impact-resistant roofs and save money on their property insurance rates," Bomer said.

The commissioner will hold a public hearing on the matter Dec. 3.

The discount program also would apply to roof coverings on dwelling and extended coverage policies. The state would be divided into six regions to determine the premium cuts for those types of policies.

Jerry Johns, president of Southwestern Insurance Information Service, said industry officials generally support the idea.

"Hundreds of millions of dollars are paid-out each year by insurers to

replace or repair roofs damaged by hail," he said. "The relevance of these discounts will vary from one region of Texas to the other."

Earlier this year, Bomer raised a key factor in determining how much Texas homeowners pay for insurance by more than 14 percent. That takes effect next year.

The statewide benchmark is an average of benchmarks set in 23 insurance rating territories across the state.

Insurance companies can set their rates from 30 percent below to 30 percent above the benchmark in the areas they cover.

At the time of the benchmark increase, Johns blamed continued severe weather patterns.

"Computer models indicate that rapid growth in home construction across Texas makes the potential for weather-related losses greater each year," he said.

Denton State School getting ready for job layoffs

FORT WORTH (AP) — The Denton State School is preparing for layoffs in the wake of a loss of \$4 million in state funding.

Parents of the 648 mentally retarded people cared for there and some employees of the state institution fear that the cuts will lower the school's standard of care.

Officials say that employees who work directly with the residents are assured of their jobs, but that accounts for only half of the school's 1,502 workers.

Services provided to residents should not be directed affected, according to Superintendent Pat Jessee. But she said she's not sure now how deep the personnel cuts will have to be to lower the annual budget from \$35 million

to \$31 million.

The cuts will bring to an end some of the school's long-established programs, such as field trips to malls, churches and movie theaters, employees and relatives say.

"I don't think 'devastating' is overstating it," said Jim Sibley, director of education and training at the school. "Depending on what gets cut and the types of services affected... a lot could cease immediately and that will have a direct effect on the clients."

Parents, led by Nancy Ward, whose 36-year-old daughter, Dianne, lives at the school, have formed a statewide organization called the Parent Association for the Retarded of Texas, or PART.

"I am gravely concerned

about this. We just think it will be a disaster for our children," Ward said, adding that her daughter has an IQ of 8 and functions on the level of a 16-month-old.

Two other state schools for the mentally retarded, the Austin State School and the San Antonio State School, are also preparing for layoffs because of budget cuts.

But their cuts were not as severe as those at Denton.

The Austin school lost \$2.5 million in the fiscal year that began Sept. 1, and administrators there have estimated that they could eliminate up to 100 jobs.

The San Antonio State School lost \$1.9 million, but has made no estimate about how many layoffs this will entail.

The Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation recommended the funding cut to the Texas Legislature this year to equalize funding among Texas' 11 state schools.

Ward says parents of Denton residents are concerned that the school may lose some nurses, forcing the school to use less-skilled employees to coordinate and monitor residents' medications.

"Some of the medications are very controlled medications. Also, a lot of times when you have nurses coming into the building to administer medicines, they can pick up on illnesses that maybe will not be detected as early," Ward, of Fort Worth, said Monday.

Judge delays jury selection, splits tobacco trial into three separate elements

DALLAS (AP) — The federal judge presiding over Texas' \$14 billion lawsuit against the tobacco industry has postponed the trial's start another week.

The same day that potential jurors reported to the court to complete initial paperwork, U.S. District Judge David Folsom of Texarkana on Monday pushed back formal jury selection until Oct. 14.

Neither the tobacco industry or the state had requested the delay in the trial that had been scheduled to start next Monday, Oct. 6.

But numerous motions remain before the court and the extra time will allow the judge to review and rule on all of the requests.

Folsom scheduled a hearing today on several motions.

Also on Monday, Folsom ruled that the case would be split into three separate elements. The first section to be tried will be the charges of racketeering, followed by liability issues. The third element will be the possibility of damages.

"The tobacco industry wanted to present this as scrambled eggs," he said.

Gregory G. Little, an attorney for Philip Morris, said he was disappointed with the ruling.

"Clearly, the state is not prepared to try the entire, undivided case, and is attempting to avoid evidence of its own conduct being introduced to the jury during the initial and most important phase of the trial," he said. "However, the judge has decided the jury will consider this case on a piece by piece basis."

Some of the many issues still pending before Folsom include a tobacco industry request for sanctions against Morales for public comments he has made comparing the industry to murderers. Tobacco industry attorneys also want Folsom to bar Morales from addressing the jury.

Folsom will consider that motion and several others at a hearing Tuesday.

Morales filed the lawsuit last year against several cigarette makers, industry trade groups and a public relations firm, claiming they had violated state and federal laws, including those prohibiting deceptive trade and fraud.

Morales is seeking to recoup state and federal money spent from 1980 through 1996 to treat Medicaid recipients suffering from tobacco-related illnesses.

Houston police union leader suspended for UPS edict

HOUSTON (AP) — A police union leader who urged his members to stop "scab" United Parcel Services truck drivers during the August strike has been suspended for 15 days without pay.

The suspension of Terry Martin, president of the Houston Police Patrolmen's Union, was announced Monday.

Houston police spokesman Jack Cato said Martin will receive no pay during the suspension and will not be allowed to work off-duty security jobs.

Martin could not be reached for comment Monday, the Houston Chronicle reported today. The union's lawyers did not return calls to the newspaper, but the union said a statement on the suspension will be released today.

The letter was signed Friday by Police Chief C.O. Bradford and the suspension took effect Monday, Cato said.

"Mayor Bob Lanier and Chief Bradford both expressed their displeasure at what Martin expressed in his memo," Cato said. "After thorough investigation into the background and subsequent publicity of the memo, Chief Bradford determined the appropriate course of action was a 15-day suspension for Officer Martin."

After he begins the suspension, Martin has 15 days to file an appeal. He can either ask the Civil Service Commission for a hearing or request to go through arbitration.

Union lawyers are expected to appeal.

In a memorandum to union members on Aug. 6, Martin urged union members to pull over "scab" drivers and to issue a ticket "if any violation can be found."

"We as union members should go into a 'zero tolerance' mode, and do everything possible to get that UPS 'scab' truck off the

road," the memo said.

Martin said that if the officers did so, they could call on the Teamsters union to support them when they seek a pay raise.

Lanier immediately called the memo "intolerable behavior."

Martin said he realized that the spirit of the letter was misinterpreted a day after he wrote and issued a statement to union members that the replacement drivers should instead be given "free rein."

But the police chief said Martin had violated department rules by encouraging officers to use their police powers to harass law-abiding citizens.

Hans Marticiuc, president of the rival Houston Police Officers Union, said he was surprised at the length of the suspension.

"I feel, maybe that is a little harsh, but obviously the chief wants to send a message," he said.

Family to receive \$4.6 settlement in Ozona rig death

DALLAS (AP) — A drilling company and other businesses agreed Monday to pay \$4.6 million to settle a lawsuit brought by the widow and children of a man killed in a 1994 oil derrick accident in Southwest Texas.

Rodolfo Zamudio, 28, was working at a gas well near Ozona, when he was struck in the head by a 45-foot-long pipe weighing about 600 pounds, said plaintiffs' attorney Dan Sciano.

The Wes-Tex Drilling Co. employee was hit when one of four joints of casing pipe being lifted to a drilling platform floor fell from a sling, Sciano said.

"They were lifting four at a time in direct violation of the company safety policy," he said.

In the settlement agreement, Wes-Tex Drilling Co.; well operators J. Cleo Thompson and James C. Thompson Jr.; Thompson Petroleum Corp.; and W.T. Oilfield Services, agreed to pay \$4.6 million to Zamudio's heirs, Sciano said.

Zamudio is survived by his 27-year-old wife, Elisa Zamudio of Rocksprings, and three children, ranging in age from 4 to 9.

The wrongful death lawsuit sought damages for Zamudio's pain and suffering, medical

bills and funeral expenses and for his family's emotional turmoil, loss of income and companionship, Sciano said.

The defendants admitted no wrongdoing in the settlement, both plaintiffs and defense attorneys said.

"I think from the standpoint of Wes-Tex and J. Cleo Thompson and those defendants that it showed they did care about Mr. Zamudio, that they did go the extra mile to make sure his family was taken care of," said attorney Terrence Martin, who represented W.T. Oilfield Services, which paid

less than 5 percent of the total judgment.

Sciano said the payment reflects how seriously defendants considered the risk in the case.

"It was a very clear case of liability that was hotly disputed in the beginning and by the end of the case, it was evident that a horrible mistake had been made on the job site," he said.

"The reality is in my opinion it's a good resolution for the children, and I think it will make a difference. The policies that were established will now be enforced on the job sites."

UNT professor suspended over attendance remark

FORT WORTH (AP) — A remark that minority students have poor class attendance habits has led to the suspension of a University of North Texas professor.

Don Staples, a radio, television and film professor, made the remark last Friday during a school forum.

He immediately issued an apology after the remark, but it sparked outrage on campus and prompted UNT Chancellor Alfred F. Hurlley to issue a memo Monday that racism will not be tolerated.

The professor said he has not been told when he can return to work, but UNT officials said it likely will be after an Oct. 10 diversity workshop he pledged to attend.

"My remark was an unfair generalization about minority students enrolled at the university," Staples said Monday. "I hope people understand how apologetic I am."

But the apology didn't satisfy students, who held a protest rally attended by about a dozen students Monday at the student union building.

Students were urged by Kebharu Smith, president of the university's chapter of the NAACP, to report cases of race and gender discrimination.

The university has 25,026 students, including 1,871 black and 1,645 Hispanics.

Hurlley, who was at Friday's forum, wrote a memo Monday to the university commu-

nity saying racism cannot and will not be tolerated.

"We support and defend in every way possible the right of free speech here. At the same time, we recognize that the well-being of this community and our nation depends on our striving to speak factually and civilly," the memo said.

Staples' remark came in the last five minutes of a daylong forum in which 200 faculty, staff and students gathered to discuss how to advance the university.

The professor, who has been at UNT since 1979, said he does not recall his exact words, but he said he was addressing a concern raised by a black student.

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Baseball playoffs start today ... can anybody beat the Braves?

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Once again, baseball in October begins with this question: Can anybody solve Atlanta's pitching and beat the Braves?

Greg Maddux was set to throw the first pitch of the 1997 postseason — in September, this time — today when the Houston Astros visited Atlanta for the first playoff game at Turner Field.

"I don't feel like we've got a lot of holes," said Maddux, opposed by Darryl Kile. "We stacked up well against any team in baseball."

Of course, that's what the Braves figured last season. And they were right, up until the New York Yankees bounced back to win the final four games of the World Series.

The wild-card Yankees begin defense of their title tonight at home against the AL Central champion Cleveland Indians. A pair of postseason veterans, New York's David Cone and Orel Hershiser, pitch the opener.

"It's a tough matchup," Cone said. "It's a good team matchup, and a good matchup individually."

In the other best-of-5 series that starts today, Barry Bonds and the NL West champion San Francisco Giants visit the wild-card Florida Marlins, making their first postseason appearance.

In what could be a tell-tale opener, Kevin Brown starts for the Marlins. He's 4-0 with an 0.61 ERA lifetime against the Giants, including a no-hitter on June 10.

A big part of Brown's success has been his ability to shut down Bonds. The Giants star is just 1-for-18 in his career against Brown.

"Let's just hope you're asking me the same question after Tuesday's game," Brown said. "When you do well against somebody, you're not sure you want to know the answer."

Bonds, meanwhile, will be trying to reverse his past postseason fortunes. In playoff appearances from 1990-92 for Pittsburgh, he batted .191 with one home run.

Not that Marlins manager Jim Leyland, who guided Bonds and the Pirates in those playoff flops, is resting easy.

"Barry is a time bomb," Leyland said.

The final first-round series starts Wednesday night at the Kingdome. Cal Ripken and the AL East champion Baltimore Orioles take on Ken Griffey Jr. and the West champion Seattle Mariners. Randy Johnson starts for Seattle against Mike Mussina in a big matchup.

"I don't think they want to come here," Mariners closer Heathcliff Slocumb said. "Besides the noise of the dome, they're going to have to face Randy Johnson inside."

"I think they're a little intimidated by our bats, especially starting on the road," he said.

This is the third year that baseball has had an extra set of playoffs and, for the most part, it's been dullsville instead of drama in the first round.

Four of the eight sets have been sweeps. Three others have been over in four games. Only the Yankees-Mariners meeting in 1995, which Seattle won on Edgar Martinez's two-run double in the 11th inning, went a full five games.

Will it be any different this time? Jeff Bagwell hopes so. He knows his Astros, winners of the NL Central, aren't given much chance with the Braves.

"There's absolutely no pressure on us. No one is expecting us to win," Bagwell, who had 43 home runs and 135 RBIs, said Monday. "We usually play to the level of our competition. We play bad against bad teams and good against good teams, and we've played good against the Braves."

Astros say pressure's on Atlanta

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — The Houston Astros are cognizant of their place in the NL division playoffs.

"We know we're not the superstars. We know we're not the greatest club in the world," first baseman Jeff Bagwell said. "Nobody really picks us to do anything."

Certainly not in the best-of-5 series that begins today against the Atlanta Braves, who are making an unprecedented sixth straight postseason appearance.

After all, the Braves won the East Division with the best record in baseball (101-61). They have the best pitching. They have a roster loaded with players used to playing at this time of the year.

The Astros? They won the Central with the fewest wins (84-78) of any playoff team and were closer in the standings to worst teams in the NL (Chicago and Philadelphia, both 68-94) than they were to Atlanta, their superior by 17 games.

While the Braves are accustomed to the postseason, the Astros are entering a strange, new world. This is their first postseason appearance since 1986 and the only regular with playoff experience is Derek Bell, who batted three times with the Toronto Blue Jays in 1992.

Atlanta's Bobby Cox has managed in 70 postseason games and won 38. Houston's Larry Dierker? He is a rookie manager who never reached the playoffs during 14 years as a big-league pitcher.

"Well, I have a lot of company from my players," Dierker quipped. "A lot of them are first-timers, too."

The apparent mismatch seems to have had a calming effect on the Astros. They joked and smiled during their workout Monday at Turner Field, looking like they had not a care in the world.

"I believe there is no better situation for us to be in," said Bagwell, who figures to play a vital role for the Astros after another monster season.

In the opposite dugout, however, Atlanta pitcher Denny Neagle remembered the knot in his stomach before his first postseason game five years ago.



Coahoma's Kurt Bennett (7) and his teammates learned all they wanted to know about Stanton's Kory Williams (2) and his Buffaloes teammates two weeks ago. The Buffs moved into the No. 9 spot in this week's Associated Press Class 2A poll.

HERALD photo/Jim Fiero

Stanton finally climbs into Top 10 in Class 2A

From staff and wire reports

Following Friday's 56-7 demolition of Midland Christian, Stanton's Mark Cotton made it clear he believed his Buffaloes belong in the top 10 in the Associated Press Class 2A poll.

Apparently several of the voters agreed, and the Buffs debut, this week as the No. 9 team. A week ago, they were the No. 13 team.

"I think the kids deserve the recognition ... they've worked hard for it," Cotton said after learning of the latest poll. "Hopefully it will motivate us even more."

While some coaches are convinced having a spot in the top 10 can be a distraction, as well as something for motivate opponents past the level they would normally play.

Apparently, Cotton's not that concerned. "People are already shooting at us anyway," he explained, noting that the Buffs' opponents have been steeling for Stanton since *Texas Football* magazine listed them as the team to beat in District 6-2A. "Besides, you can only get so motivated."

There's certainly no shame in being three points worse than Class 5A's top-ranked Tyler John Tyler. When that team is from Class 4A, such a loss is considered quite an accomplishment.

Voters in the poll took all that into consideration and kept La Marque atop 4A in the ranking released Monday despite a 35-32 loss.

Never before has a No. 1 team lost and held onto the top spot. That's just another first to come from the first game between No. 1 teams from different classes.

While La Marque's non-movement is a highlight of this week's poll, there was plenty of movement in 5A and 2A as newcomers took

over the eighth through 10th spots in both classes.

Lufkin, Beaumont West Brook and San Antonio Churchill moved into the 5A poll, replacing Fort Bend Dulles, Converse Judson and North Mesquite.

The season-long merry-go-round in the 2A rankings continued with defending champion Iraan falling out along with Rosebud-Lott and Stamford. Garrison, Lexington and Quanah joined Stanton in taking their place.

The 4A, 3A and 1A lists barely changed. That's not usually the case when a ranked team loses, even if it is to a ranked team from a bigger class.

In the only other such game this year, Burkeville dropped from No. 7 out of the 1A poll after losing 55-0 to 2A No. 5 Alto.

La Marque proved to be the exception because of its exceptional play against John Tyler. The three-point margin of victory was John Tyler's smallest of the year (the closest had been 11) and the 32 points for La Marque were nine more than JT had allowed in its other three games combined.

The performance convinced 15 of the 20 voters from around the state to keep La Marque at No. 1. The Cougars had 19 first-place votes last week.

Second-ranked Denison, which has lost to La Marque in 4A title games the last two years, received four first-place votes and No. 3 Sweetwater was No. 1 on one ballot.

John Tyler actually lost one of its first-place votes, going from 16 to 15 but still holding a comfortable lead over No. 2 Austin Westlake.

JT will be challenged several more times this season. The Lions are in District 12-5A with No. 3 Longview and No. 8 Lufkin and district teams are a cumulative 21-3 this season.

Niners bring rushing back into the attack in win over Carolina

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — A new route landed the San Francisco 49ers in an old, familiar spot.

Shedding their image as a team reliant on a finesse passing offense, the 49ers opted for smash-mouth football Monday night against the Carolina Panthers.

The result was 219 rushing yards in a 34-21 victory by San Francisco, boosting the 49ers' bid to reclaim their dominance in the NFC West.

The Panthers interrupted San Francisco's reign by sweeping the 49ers last year and ending their string of four straight division titles. This time around, the 49ers are two games and a tiebreaker up on the Panthers, and San Francisco's next three games are against St. Louis, Atlanta and New Orleans, who have a combined record of 3-12.

"This is a prideful organization, and we needed to start showing our true colors again," said safety Merton Hanks, who had two interceptions as the 49ers (4-1) won their fourth straight game.

Carolina (2-3) fell to 0-3 at Ericsson Stadium, where the Panthers went 9-0 last year.

Turnovers and poor rushing defense hurt the Panthers in their first two home games this year, but instead of getting better, it got worse in the franchise's first-ever Monday night game.

Quarterback Kerry Collins was intercepted three times and lost one fumble, and the Panthers allowed the franchise's highest rushing total. One week earlier, they gave up the highest point total in the club's three-year history in a 35-14 loss to Kansas City.

But this time the loss came against a division opponent, one that the Panthers defeated three times in the previous four meetings.

"We got embarrassed, and it hurts," cornerback Eric Davis said. "I hope that it hurts everybody on this team. I hope everybody in the locker room feels the way I feel, because if they don't, then we are in trouble."

The 49ers drove 79 yards for a touchdown on their first possession, led 17-0 after 18 minutes, 27-7 in the third quarter

and put the game away with an 81-yard drive in the fourth quarter. The 15-play drive took just four seconds short of 10 minutes and featured 14 rushes that accounted for all 81 yards.

"That's kind of unheard of in our West Coast offense," first-year coach Steve Mariucci said. "I'm not exactly Woody Hayes — 3 yards and a cloud of dust. But when you've got to chew the clock and it's working, you stick with it."

Garrison Hearst had 141 rushing yards to lead the 49ers' new-look offense. His 3-yard scoring burst gave the 49ers a 20-point lead late in the third quarter.

"I don't remember the last time we were able to rush for six and seven yards on first down," quarterback Steve Young said. "So what we did was we just kept expanding on it."

By the time it was over, San Francisco had averaged 4.5 yards per carry, a figure that was hurt by Young taking a knee three times in the final seconds.

Young, who threw for 556 yards and five touchdowns in his two previous games, didn't need nearly as prolific a performance this time. He was 16-of-24 for 152 yards, and he threw for one touchdown and ran for another.

The 49ers' running backs and defense did the rest.

Collins has eight turnovers in his last two games.

The Panthers' fans booed him last week when he threw four interceptions against Kansas City, and he got more of the same. After Collins went out briefly with a leg injury in the fourth quarter, Dom Capers decided he had seen enough.

Collins ran up the sideline, heading toward the end of the field where the Panthers were in a huddle with backup quarterback Steve Beuerlein. But as Collins ran past Capers, the coach grabbed him by the arm and restrained him, opting to let Beuerlein finish the game.

"I am personally kind of reeling right now, confidence-wise. I think this offense is and I think this team is," said Collins, who was 11-of-24 for 126 yards. He was intercepted three times and lost one fumble.

Beuerlein was 9-of-11 for 94 yards and threw for a pair of touchdowns in the final 12:50.

With a sigh of relief, Rangers' season mercifully ends

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARLINGTON — The Texas Rangers have won their first game and their last game. In between, they didn't resemble the team that won the AL West last year.

Texas won the west by 4 games in 1996. The Rangers had a \$51 million payroll this year, but finished 13 games behind Seattle.

Texas was 90-72 a year ago and 77-85 this year.

"It was a tough season," manager Johnny Oates said. "We just ran out of firepower. There was no consistency."

Texas dropped from 221 homers to 187 and runs allowed from 799 to 823.

The Rangers still drew a club-record 2.9 million fans — an average of 26,815 per game — to The Ballpark at Arlington despite their sorry defense of the title.

Oates: 'We kind of let them (fans) down'

"The fans followed through this year with what we started but we didn't," Oates said. "We kind of let them down."

Not only did the Rangers fail to keep up with the Seattle Mariners, their top challenger for the crown last year, they let the Anaheim Angels take second place in the division.

"A lot of things didn't go according to plans this season," said Texas outfielder Rusty Greer, one of the few bright spots. "The fans supported us through thick and thin but we flat didn't produce."

Last year the Rangers led the majors in fielding percentage. This year they became the worst fielding team in

Oates' managerial history.

They committed 121 errors, compared with 87 errors last year.

Last year, the Rangers used only eight starting pitchers and led the majors in rotation wins with 75.

This year's rotation used 12 different starting pitchers and they couldn't win 50 games.

The Rangers had three starters from last year fall to the injury bug, Mickey Tettleton, who eventually retired, Will Clark and Mark McLemore. Juan Gonzalez missed the first month of the season because of injury.

Two others were huge disappointments: Benji Gil at shortstop and Damon Buford in center field. Both

were eventually benched.

Ken Hill, Roger Pavlik and John Burkett all spent time on the disabled list. Hill eventually was traded.

"Our job is to win and anything short of that is not acceptable," Oates said. "It was not a whole lot of fun."

Next year the Rangers must find two starting pitchers and a shortstop and worry about whether second baseman Mark McLemore and Clark, both scheduled for off-season surgery, will be ready to play.

"We need to add some strong people to our starting pitching rotation," Oates said. "Our goal is to have five consistent starters ready to go. Those five are not here so it's up to (general

manager) Doug Melvin to come up with something."

"We definitely have to improve our pitching and our defense."

Texas hopes Rick Helling, who was picked up from Florida, Darren Oliver and maybe Bobby Witt, who is a free agent, can make the pitching roster next year.

"We have to sign Witt first," Oates said. "We'll see how it goes."

Oates said the Rangers' farm team won't help much.

"I can't see any of the kids making it except for maybe Fernando Tatis at third base," Oates said. "He hit in the low .200s and still has a long way to go."

Tatis became the starter after Dean Palmer was traded to Kansas City for outfielder Tom Goodwin.

"We're going to have a busy off-season," Oates said.

SPORTS EXTRA

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
National League
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Fired Dan Wathen, pitching coach.
CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Signed G Bob Sura to a six-year contract extension.
DENVER NUGGETS—Acquired C Priest Lauderdale from the Atlanta Hawks for the rights to F Enhinios Rentzias and the team's second-round draft pick in 2000.
MILWAUKEE BUCKS—Signed C Michael McDonald to a one-year contract.
NEW YORK KNICKS—Re-signed G Scott Brooks.
PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS—Signed F Rasheed Wallace to a six-year contract. Signed G Alvin Williams.
UTAH JAZZ—Named Mark McKown strength and conditioning coordinator.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Re-signed TE Tyrone Davis. Placed TE Reggie Johnson on waivers.
MIAMI DOLPHINS—Placed LB Ronnie Ward on injured reserve. Waived OT Andre Johnson.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Released S Vashone Adams.
TENNESSEE OILERS—Released S Rafe Robinson and CB Tomur Barnes.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NHL—Suspended Los Angeles Kings F Matt Johnson four games without pay and fined him \$1,000 for slashing San Jose Sharks RW Todd Ewen in an exhibition game Sept. 24.
BUFFALO SABRES—Traded C Pat Lafontaine to the New York Rangers for a 1998 second-round draft pick and future considerations.
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Assigned LW Ulf Dahlien to Indianapolis of the IHL. Signed LW Daniel Cleary to a three-year contract.
COLORADO AVALANCHE—Assigned F Yves Sarault to Hershey of the AHL.
PHOENIX COYOTES—Assigned RW Scott Levins, D Sean Gagnon,

MAJOR LEAGUE PLAYOFFS

DIVISION SERIES
American League
Baltimore vs. Seattle
Wednesday, Oct. 1
Baltimore (Mussina 15-6) at Seattle (Johnson 20-4), 7:02 p.m. (NBC)
Tuesday, Oct. 2
Seattle (Ericson 16-7) at Baltimore (Moyer 17-5), 3:07 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday, Oct. 4
Seattle (Fasero 16-9) at Baltimore (Key 16-10), 3:30 p.m. (Fox)
Sunday, Oct. 5
Seattle at Baltimore, 3:07 p.m., if necessary (ESPN)
Monday, Oct. 6
Seattle at Baltimore, 3:07 p.m., if necessary (ESPN) ***
Cleveland vs. New York
Tuesday, Sept. 30
Cleveland (Hershiser 14-6) at New York (Cone 12-6), 7:13 p.m. (Fox)
Wednesday, Oct. 1
Cleveland (Wright 8-3) at New York (Pettitte 18-7), 7:13 p.m. (Fox)
Saturday, Oct. 4
New York (Wells 16-10 or Gooden 9-5) at Cleveland (Nagy 15-10), 6:37 p.m. (NBC)
Sunday, Oct. 5
New York at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m., if necessary (Fox)
Monday, Oct. 6
New York at Cleveland, 7:11 p.m., if necessary (Fox) ***
National League
Atlanta vs. Houston
Tuesday, Sept. 30
Houston (Kile 19-7) at Atlanta (Maddux 19-4), 12:07 p.m. (ESPN)
Wednesday, Oct. 1
Houston (Hampton 15-10) at Atlanta (Givahne 14-7), 12:07 p.m. (ESPN)
Friday, Oct. 3
Atlanta (Smoltz 15-12) at Houston (Reynolds 9-10), 3:07 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday, Oct. 4
Atlanta at Houston, 12:07 p.m., if necessary (ESPN)
Sunday, Oct. 5
Atlanta at Houston, 12:07 p.m., if necessary (ESPN) ***
San Francisco vs. Florida
Tuesday, Sept. 30
San Francisco (Reuter 13-6) at Florida (Brown 16-8), 3:07 p.m. (ESPN)
Wednesday, Oct. 1
San Francisco (Estes 19-5) at Florida (Letter 11-9), 3:07 p.m. (ESPN)
Friday, Oct. 3
Florida (Fernandez 17-12) at San Francisco (Alvarez 4-3), 7:07 p.m. (NBC)
Saturday, Oct. 4
Florida (Saunders 4-6) at San Francisco, 10:07 p.m., if necessary (ESPN)
Sunday, Oct. 5
Florida at San Francisco, 10:07 p.m., if necessary (ESPN)
G Sylvain Daigle, and G Scott Assigned F Dave Roche, F Langkow to Springfield of the AHL. Signed D Sven Assigned D John Stanley to Las Vegas of the AHL. Assigned F Rusty Fitzgerald to Cleveland of

LOCAL SCHEDULE

the IHL.
SAN JOSE SHARKS—Signed C Patrick Marleau.
ST. LOUIS BLUES—Assigned RW Jamal Mayers and D Libor Zabransky to Worcester of the AHL.
Here is a five-week composite schedule for the seven high school football teams in the Crossroads County area:
FRIDAY, OCT. 3
Levelland at Big Spring, 7:30 p.m.
Coahoma at Winters, 8 p.m.
Wall at Forsan, 8 p.m.
Reagan County at Stanton, 8 p.m.
Garden City at Sterling City, 7:30 p.m.
Grady at Ira, 7:30 p.m.
SATURDAY, OCT. 4
Meadow at Sands, 2 p.m.
FRIDAY, OCT. 10
Big Spring at Pecos, 7:30 p.m.
Eldorado at Coahoma, 8 p.m.
Forsan at Baird, 8 p.m.
Stanton at McCamey, 8 p.m.
Garden City at Irion Co., 7:30 p.m.
Sands at Wellman, 7:30 p.m.
Loop at Grady, 7:30 p.m.
FRIDAY, OCT. 17
Lake View at Big Spring, 7:30 p.m.
Coahoma at Ozona, 8 p.m.
Forsan at Winters, 8 p.m.
Tomillo at Stanton, 8 p.m.
Miles at Garden City, 7:30 p.m.
Sands at Dawson, 7:30 p.m.
Grady at Klondike, 7:30 p.m.
FRIDAY, OCT. 24
Big Spring at Ft. Stockton, 7:30 p.m.
Eldorado at Coahoma, 8 p.m.
Stanton at Van Horn, 8 p.m.
Garden City at Christoval, 7:30 p.m.
Loop at Sands, 7:30 p.m.
Dawson at Grady, 7:30 p.m.
FRIDAY, OCT. 31
Big Spring at Sweetwater, 7:30 p.m.
Grape Creek at Coahoma, 8 p.m.
Forsan at Ozona, 8 p.m.
Iraan at Stanton, 8 p.m.
W Valley at Garden City, 7:30 p.m.
Sands at Klondike, 7:30 p.m.
Wellman at Grady, 7:30 p.m.

SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Special Olympics bowling tourney Oct. 11
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.

The tournament, which draws athletes from not only Howard County but from Midland, Odessa and Monahans, gets under way with a coaches' meeting at 9 a.m., followed by opening ceremonies.

For more information concerning the tournament, contact James Finn by calling (915) 684-5024.

YMCA forming swim team

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

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.

For more information, contact the YMCA by calling 267-8234.

Coahoma Booster Club meeting tonight

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

The club meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. and each meeting includes a brief review of the previous Friday's game film.

Disc golf tournament set for Saturday

The 5th Ever Discover Big Spring Disc Golf Tournament has been scheduled for Saturday 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.

Youth soccer league results

Heath York scored three goals and Braden Witt scored another for the Big Green Machine in its game with Space Jam during Under 6 division play in the Big Spring Youth Soccer Association's schedule Saturday.

Defensively, the Big Green got strong play from Jonathon Lo, Chad Bowles, Alix Ortega and Luke Lewis.

In another Under 6 division game, Hunter Williams and Dakota Griffith came up with goals for the Cowboys, while Emily Kosh, Zackary Hatfield and Paxton DeLaGarza provided defensive saves against the Gold.

Mikael Hill scored twice and Evan Burton added another in the Hot Shots' game with the Purple. Grantley Cahoon and Shon Raymond added strong defensive play.

And in a fourth Under 6 game, the Tornados got four goals each from Zachary Gillan and Justin Villareal, two more from Brenden Tarleton and another from Joshua Castillo in their game with the Eagles.

Defensive standouts for the Tornados were Cole Campbell, Lucas Ontiveros, Kelsey Moore, Krista Tarleton, Tori Ontiveros and Kayla Howard.

In Under 8 play, the Scorpions took a 3-2 win over the Orange, while the Hot Shots and Blue played to a 1-1 tie, as Lance Fitzgibbons provided the tying goal for the Hot Shots.

And in Under 10 play, the Big Green Machine got three goals from Ryan Tanshill in taking a 5-1 win over the Shockers.

Blake Myers and Jake White added goals for the Big Green, while Heather York provided the Shockers' only goal.

Shockers goaltender Taylor Parks was under heavy fire, coming up with 14 saves, while the Big Green used the play of two goaltenders, Jacob Nichols and Kyle Piercefield, in taking the win.

Lady Yearlings win 2-of-3 games with Greenwood
HERALD Staff Report

Runnels' Lady Yearlings took two of three matches from Midland Greenwood teams Monday, all three of them going the full three games.

In the opener, the Lady Yearlings' "Gold No. 2" team posted a 15-4, 10-15, 15-1 win as Laci Hagg paced the first game with six points, followed by Lindsey Shaffer's four points, Trael Beltran's three and Pejal Patel's two markers.

In the second game loss, Sherry Gent scored five of Big Spring's points, while Mollie Mayberry added three and Tammy Dixon and Ashley Keener came up with one apiece.

In the rubber game, Beltran led the way with six points, while Shaffer had five and Patel had two. Mayberry and Chasiti Marshall rounded out the scoring with one point apiece.

The Lady Yearlings "Black," having finished fourth in a Saturday tournament in Andrews, seemed to get scoring from every corner in taking a 15-7, 6-15, 15-3 win over their Greenwood opponent.

In the first game, Jessica Woodward scored four points, while Heather Canales, Meghan Pudliner and Amber Mayes each scored three points apiece. Ashley Newton and Alicia Kremsky added one point each.

Shiloh Fritz scored four points in the second game loss, while Newton and Jesse Weir had one apiece.

In the third game, it was Newton and Canales scoring the lion's share of Big Spring's points. Newton finished with seven points, while Canales had five. Mayes chipped in two points, while Pudliner had one.

Greenwood managed to save some measure of face with a 15-13, 11-15, 15-9 win over Runnels' "Gold" lineup in the final match.

Big Spring's scoring again seemed evenly distributed. In the first game, Latrisha Rollins, Paige King and Enchantra Lara each had three points, while Trista Casey had two. Brittany Bryant and Chelsea Churchwell had one apiece.

In winning the second game, King came up with five points, while Bridget Cain and Melissa Ray had two points apiece. Rollins tacked on two points, while Nikki Leyva and Lara had one each.

Churchwell, Casey and Lara had two points each in the third game loss, while Rollins, Cain and Tracy Padilla had one apiece.

The Lady Yearlings Black team will again be on the road this weekend, taking part in the Sweetwater tournament, while the entire Runnels' lineup will travel to Sweetwater Monday.

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TIEBREAKER 2 Total offensive yards (both teams) in this game

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

136 TOTAL POINTS

Name _____ Cincinnati at Jacksonville Minnesota at Arizona
Dallas at N.Y. Giants N.Y. Jets at Indianapolis
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Pittsburgh at Baltimore New England at Denver
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- Limit one entry per person per week. Each entry must represent the original work of one entrant. "Group" entries, "systems" or other attempts to enter multiple entries will be disqualified. Filing out extra forms and putting your friends' and relatives' names on them violates this rule. Any such entries are destroyed prior to grading.
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DEAR READERS: The many responses I received to the question, "How would you define the term 'elderly'?" were wonderful. Permit me to share a few: DEAR ABBY: I have a definition that has served me well most of my life: Anyone is elderly who is older than I am. This was confirmed when I heard my dad, who was 84 and in a convalescent home, speak of the "old coddler who lives down the hall." He was 87. — CARL FISHER (AGE 82), WALNUT CREEK, CALIF. DEAR ABBY: I am 79 and just beginning to think of myself as "elderly." Fifty, to me, is middle age. — DOROTHY KENT, HENDERSON, NEV. DEAR ABBY: I am 52 years old and consider the term "elderly" as being a synonym for dead! — JANE ANDERSON, CINCINNATI DEAR ABBY: How would I define elderly? I am reminded of the old joke that went, "I enjoy drinking; HE'S a drunk." I'm an older woman; SHE'S elderly! — BEA SHAW, TOLUCA LAKE, CALIF. DEAR ABBY: I don't know a great deal about how ladies view themselves, but to me they are forever young. However, I do know a little about men. By my reckoning, until age 36, he is an adolescent. From 35 to 55, he is a young man. From 55 to 75, he is middle-aged, and anyone who is 75 or older is a senior. — TOM DANAHER (AGE 71), LAS VEGAS DEAR ABBY: When you ask someone to define "elderly," you open a can of worms. It is my belief that few people think of themselves as a specific age. Society seems to want to label each of its members by age, race, religion, etc. Let's forget all that and just live. Elderly is as elderly does. Enjoy life and, as the French say, "Vive la difference!" — ROBERT L. CASEY, LAS VEGAS DEAR ABBY: I am 76 and don't consider myself elderly. When I curl my hair, which is naturally a blondish-gray, I have my makeup on, my nails nicely manicured and I'm dressed in a nice outfit, I don't feel or look a day over 65. So I think, "If I weren't married, I'd be looking for a live one." I define elderly as "over the hill." — STILL KICKING AND ABLE DEAR ABBY: Being elderly to me is having the dignity to grow older with dignity. — PEGGY O'NEIL, PUYALLUP, WASH. DEAR ABBY: "Elderly" is a politically correct euphemism for "old." What's wrong with being old? I am an aging boomer and I want to be as old as possible. In this baby- and youth-obsessed culture of ours, it's time to shout, "Old is great!" — MICHAEL PEARCE, PORTLAND, ORE. DEAR MICHAEL AND READERS: I'll second the motion. I regret that I am unable to print all of the delightful definitions I've received for "elderly"; however, from time to time, I will share more of them. ©1997 UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

TUESDAY SEP. 30. Table with columns for TV channels (KIND, KPEJ, KERA, etc.) and rows for time slots (6:30, 7:30, etc.) listing various programs and movies.

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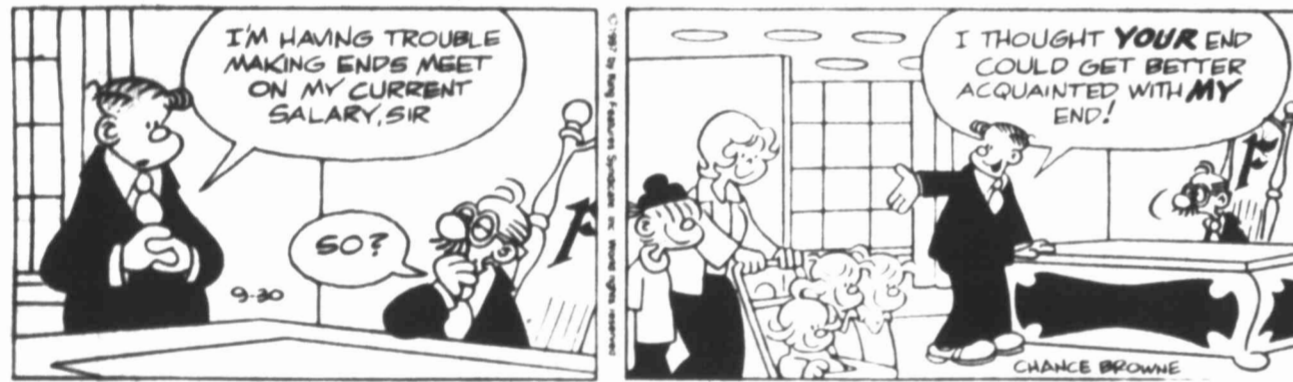
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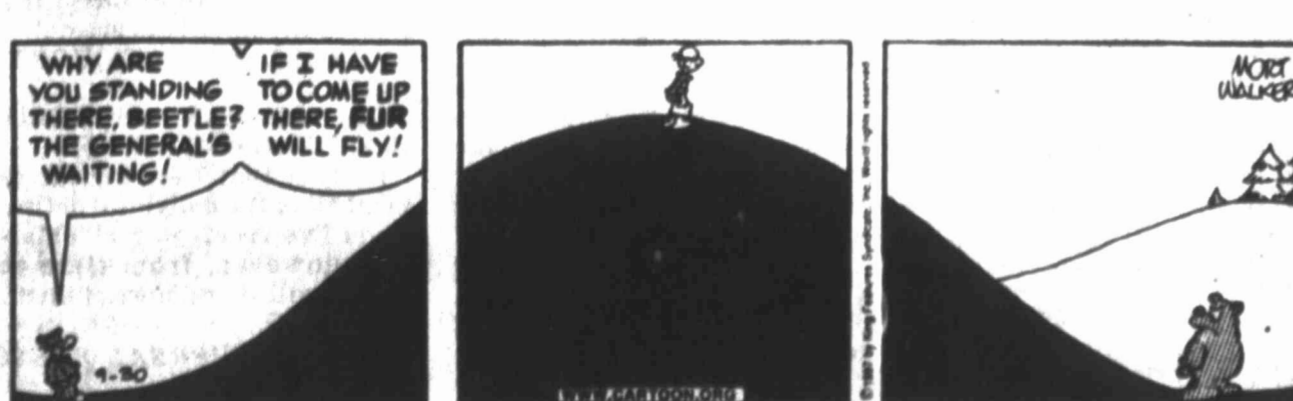
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Tuesday, Sept. 30, the 273rd day of 1997. There are 92 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Sept. 30, 1952, the motion picture process Cinerama — which employed three cameras, three projectors and a deeply curved viewing screen — made its debut with the premiere of "This Is Cinerama" at the Broadway Theater in New York City.

On this date: In 1791, Mozart's opera "The Magic Flute" premiered in Vienna, Austria. In 1846, dentist William Morton used ether as an anesthetic for the first time on a patient in his Boston office. In 1927, Babe Ruth hit his 60th homer of the season to break his own major-league record. In 1938, British, French, German and Italian leaders decided to appease Adolf Hitler by allowing Nazi annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland. In 1949, the Berlin Airlift came to an end. In 1954, the first atomic-powered vessel, the submarine Nautilus, was commissioned by the Navy. In 1955, actor James Dean was killed in a two-car collision near Cholame, Calif. In 1962, black student James Meredith succeeded on his fourth try in registering for classes at the University of Mississippi. In 1986, the U.S. released accused Soviet spy Gennadiy Zakharov, one day after the Soviets released Nicholas Daniloff.

THE Daily Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include: 1 - mutual, 5 Gravy holder, 9 Brag, 14 Delightful place, 15 Art deco artist, 16 Breathing lapse, 17 Angler's gear, 19 Ferocious person, 20 Statesman Balbo, 21 Singer's successes, 23 Sioux shelters, 25 Kook, 26 In order that, 29 Dinner style, 34 High hose, 39 Grass piece, 40 Summoning word, 41 Formal wear, 43 Director Kazan, 44 Sheepish, 46 Timpani sounds, 48 Philippine peninsula, 50 Gingko or mimosa, 51 Sis or bro, 53 Elusive one, 58 Comic's forte, 64 Delete, 65 Talking bird, 66 Grovels, 68 Maine campus site, 69 Famous Fitzgerald, 70 You, to King James, 71 Civet's cousin, 72 Spare, 73 Lorenz or Moss, 10 Brilliant fish, 11 Against, 12 Bench, 13 Improves a road, 18 Dirt deposit, 22 Deli hero, 24 Smudge on Sarta, 27 School abbr., 28 Go around, 30 Bolt, 31 Chorus refrain, 32 Blue-pencil, 33 Brewed drinks, 34 Dial, 35 Leningrad river, 36 Theater direction, 37 Sicilian spouter, 38 Insult, 42 Hook's henchman, 45 Hearing distance, 47 Carpentry tool, 49 Clear, financially, 52 Reason to sue, 54 School subj., 55 Cottage for Yeltsin, 56 Glacial ridge, 57 Adjust, 58 Pollution plague, 59 Erato's harp, 60 Soon, 61 Window feature, 62 Famous Porter, 63 Beverage nut, 67 Earth tone.

Monday's Puzzle solved: A crossword puzzle grid with the solution filled in. The solution includes words like EDINA, ROCK, ARK, INSTEP, ERIC, POSTS, AGUE, ALB, REMORAS, ATREUS, LEI, STE, SAHIB, PARSE, WAG, OBIES, ALL, THEBOAT, TAE, TOTE, FADEIN, SLATER, AREOLES, RATES, ITA, SUPER, FLAT, ATION, GAYLE, REMORAS, TSAI, ADORED, WREATH, AHA, HAD, CHA, SHORE, PATROL, EIDER, GEESSE, SPADE, EASES.

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