





# With home equity measure passed, changes already considered

AUSTIN (AP) — Now that Texas has joined the other 49 states in allowing people to obtain home equity loans, some already are thinking about ways to permit bigger loans for even more purposes.

"Once we've got it passed, then we can sit down and intelligently, without any emotion, discuss how to make it the way it ought to be," said Sen. Jerry Patterson, an author of the equity loan constitutional amendment.

He said he would like to lift the restriction that says a homeowner's total debt, including original and second mortgages, can't be more than 80 percent of the home's market value.

Patterson, R-Pasadena, said he also wants to give people access to lines of credit secured by a house, which are prohibited.

Others said changes won't be easy — and they're glad when it comes to consumer protection.

Tom Smith of Public Citizen said Texas' law is one of the best for consumers, citing such measures as caps on fees and mandatory counseling for

senior citizens. The home equity lending measure provides for a cooling-off period to allow borrowers to back out of a loan without penalty and has a "non-recourse" provision, so only the home can be taken if someone defaults on a second mortgage.

"I think that putting the consumer protections in the constitution was a brilliant move. They're going to have a hard time finding two-thirds of the members of the House willing to change those," Smith said.

A two-thirds vote of the Legislature is required to put a proposed constitutional change before voters.

Even with protections, Smith said, "Consumer debt will rise. And, inevitably, more Texans will lose their homes."

With 100 percent of precincts reporting, the vote was 60 percent, or 698,815 for and 40 percent, or 474,418 against Proposition 8, one of 14 proposed amendments on the ballot.

Texas had been the only state to prohibit general-purpose loans based on

equity, which is the difference between a home's market value and the amount owed on it. The state allowed equity loans only for limited purposes, such as paying for taxes or home improvements.

According to legislative analysts, the value of untapped home equity in Texas is estimated to be between \$124 billion and \$142 billion.

"It means I get to use something that 100 percent belongs to me as I see fit, and not as the government sees fit," Patterson said.

Several banks planned to start taking loan applications right away, although the loans can't be closed until Jan. 1.

UC Lending, a Baton Rouge, La.-based company that specializes in home-equity loans, plans to open offices in Texas beginning in January. The company said the measure will mean loans for Texans with less-than-perfect credit.

"We can help them get financial stability again, without charging the high rates typical of credit cards and finance companies," said company

president and chief operating officer, John Dienes.

Voters also ratified 12 other amendments. Among those were Propositions 10 and 13, which would make the state's crime victims' compensation and prepaid college tuition funds off-limits to raids by the Legislature.

"By approving Proposition 13, Texas voters have sent a loud message to future legislatures — keep your hands off the Texas Tomorrow Fund," said State Comptroller John Sharp, whose office administers the college fund.

The other results:

**Proposition 1:** Allowing a person to hold the position of municipal judge in more than one municipality. Defeated: 37 percent in favor; 63 percent opposed.

**Proposition 2:** Permitting the Legislature to limit the maximum average annual increase in home-stead appraisal valuations to 10 percent or more for each year since the most recent tax appraisal. Also would permit school districts to retroactively apply the 65-and-over property tax freeze to a person's new homestead. Approved: 76 percent to 24 percent.

**Proposition 3:** Allowing counties, cities, towns and other local taxing entities the power to grant exemptions or other property tax relief on property where approved water conservation initiatives have been implemented. Approved: 62 percent to 38 percent.

**Proposition 4:** Updating the Texas Constitution to reflect amendments to federal law, delete obsolete provisions and renumber provisions with duplicate numbers. Approved: 79 percent to 21 percent.

**Proposition 5:** Allowing the Texas Supreme Court to hold sessions at any location in the state. Approved: 59 percent to 41 percent.

**Proposition 6:** Repealing prohibition on Texas Growth Fund investment in companies that fail to disclose investment in South Africa or Namibia. In favor, 50 percent; opposed, 50 percent. In the final vote total, 564,015 voted against and 562,386 were in favor of the measure.

**Proposition 7:** Allowing the Texas Water Development Board to consolidate existing voter-approved bond authorizations for water supply, water quality, flood control and other programs into a new fund. Approved: 64 percent to 36 percent.

**Proposition 9:** Permitting Harris County rural fire districts to increase tax rate. Approved: 53 percent to 47 percent.

**Proposition 11:** Prohibiting the Legislature from authorizing additional state debt payable from general revenue if the resulting annual payments would exceed 5 percent of the average general revenue available over the past three years. Approved: 68 percent; opposed, 32 percent.

**Proposition 12:** Requiring the Texas Supreme Court to rule on a motion for rehearing within 180 days of its filing or have the motion deemed denied. Approved: 75 percent to 25 percent.

**Proposition 14:** Authorizing the Legislature to establish qualifications for constables. Approved: 78 percent to 22 percent.

## Election Day '97 tough on Democrats

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Trumpeting statehouse victories in Virginia and New Jersey, Republicans swept off-year voting and claimed bragging rights heading into next year's pivotal midterm elections. "You cannot allow Republicans to get the advantage on taxes," a prominent Democrat said after the GOP had done just that.

In New Jersey, GOP Gov. Christie Whitman won a cliffhanger re-election in the marquee race of 1997, defeating a surprisingly strong Democratic opponent and overcoming disenchantment among some conservative Republicans.

Republican victories were powered by heavy national party spending that Democrats couldn't match. That paid off on New York's Staten Island, among other races, where a GOP newcomer easily retained custody of the sole House seat at stake in Tuesday's elections.

Republicans earned an unprecedented sweep of Virginia's three top offices. Former Atty. Gen. Jim Gilmore won the governor's race, riding opposition to the state's car tax.

Democrats kept one lever of power, denying Republicans control of the House of Delegates.

GOP Mayor Rudolph Giuliani marched to re-election in New York City, one of many mayors of both parties returned to office by satisfied voters. Mayors of Cleveland and Detroit were among those reelected.

Thought to have aspirations for national office, Giuliani refused in the aftermath of his victory to pledge to serve out a full four-year second term. "I don't cut off options," said on NBC's "Today" show.

"Great momentum!" crowed Republican Party Chairman Jim Nicholson, sizing up the party's successful night. He predicted the anti-tax message that worked for the GOP in Virginia could be replayed nationwide next year.

"You cannot allow Republicans to get the advantage on taxes," said Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, chairman of the Democratic Governors Association. "You have to neutralize them on that issue."

Shut out in all the top races, members of President Clinton's party were left to find solace

anyplace they could.

Democratic Party Chairman Roy Romer called it a "great victory" that his party came close against Whitman, who eked out a win, 47 percent to 46 percent, over Jim McGreevey.

Romer also found cause for cheer in a decision by Houston voters to maintain the city's affirmative action policy. "When you see a race as close as we came in New Jersey, that boosts morale; it doesn't lessen it," Romer insisted.

Gilmore replaces Republican Gov. George Allen, barred by law from serving another term. Republicans were also elected as lieutenant governor and attorney general, with help from GOP donations that the Democrats could not match.

The stakes for both parties will be far higher in 1998, when all 435 House and 34 Senate seats and 36 governorships will be at stake.

Voters surveyed at Virginia polling places identified taxes as the top issue, and those who made it their top priority went overwhelmingly for Gilmore.

Nicholson said that should be Lesson No. 1 for GOP congressional and gubernatorial candidates in 1998.

## Union Pacific loses DoD business

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The government says it has decided to stop using Union Pacific trains to haul weapons and munitions shipments for the government — at least until the railroad improves its operations.

The Defense Department said Tuesday that Union Pacific failed recently to guard tanks that the company left parked on a rail siding for four days.

Officials said Tuesday that the military will use Union Pacific only if it can find no cheaper alternative that meets the military's security requirements.

The San Antonio Express-News reported today that the decision was taken by the Military Traffic Management Command after a shipment of 63-ton M-1 Abrams tanks sat uninspected on a Lafayette, La., railroad siding.

The military requires checks within an hour of a train's stopping for any reason.

Military officials said the cross-country train from Barstow, Calif., was 24 days late when it reached its destination in Jacksonville, Fla.

"Someone has to monitor them; in other words, look at them, make sure the tanks are there and make sure they are properly secured," command spokeswoman Lyn Kukral said.

The decision to temporarily disqualify Dallas-based Union Pacific, which hauls more military goods than any other railroad, is the first time the military has taken such a step for a company's entire rail network, officials said.

"It is unusual," Union Pacific spokesman John Bromley said. "I don't recall a systemwide disqualification before."

Officials told the newspaper the order was issued last month, confirmed Tuesday and will be reviewed in January. If Union Pacific has improved its service record, military officials said, the limited disqualification will be rescinded.

Union Pacific has been a major military hauler of ammunition, tanks, jeeps and personnel carriers.

Trains stop for hundreds of reasons. If the train has Abrams tanks, they require a

check," Bromley said. "That is difficult to do even under the best of circumstances."

The past few months have not been the best for rail giant Union Pacific.

A federal regulatory board Friday opened tracks in the Houston area to competitors after determining that Union Pacific gridlock had created a "transportation emergency."

The Federal Railroad Administration launched a sweeping safety investigation of the company last week, its second in 67 days. An audit completed in August found a "fundamental breakdown" in operational safety.

The Defense Department in 1994 disqualified Virginia-based CSX Corp. from bidding on military contracts, but that decision covered only a limited region.

A Texas Railroad Commission study found Union Pacific's service woes had cost business \$1 billion in higher shipping costs as well as lost production and sales. The Chemical Manufacturer's Association said the cost of slow train delivery is \$100 million a month.

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The parade will start promptly at 5 p.m. and head north on Gregg Street toward downtown, arriving in time for the fourth annual Trail of Lights organization's lighting ceremony.

We look forward to your participation in the 11th annual Herald Community Christmas Parade!

Parade theme - "Our Favorite Christmas Carols"  
Entry deadline - Noon, Friday, Nov. 21

First-place plaques will be awarded in each of four categories:

1. Civic organizations
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3. Commercial & Manufacturing
4. Lighted entries

\*\*\* PARADE RULES \*\*\*

1. The parade's official Santa Claus will be provided by the parade committee. No other Santa Claus will be permitted in the parade.
2. Floats should not exceed 65 feet in length, 8 feet in width and 14 feet in height.
3. The only undecorated vehicles allowed in the parade will be antiques.
4. Vehicles of a strictly commercial nature will not be permitted in the parade.
5. Parade entries not in line by the start of the parade will be placed at the end of the parade route and will not be eligible for prizes.
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SPORTS EXTRA

AREA SCHEDULE

Here is a composite schedule for the seven high school football teams in the Crossroads Country area for the final week of the regular season:

**FRIDAY, NOV. 7**  
Andrews at Big Spring, 7:30 p.m.  
Coahoma at Wall, 8 p.m.  
Roscoe at Forest, 8 p.m.  
Stanton at Anthony, 8 p.m.  
Bronco at Garden City, 7:30 p.m.  
Grady at Sandi, 7:30 p.m.

LOCAL BOWLING

**DOUBLE TROUBLE**  
RESULTS-Denny's 6-2, Bob's Custom Woodworking 2-6, Aliens 6-2, Inlaws 2-6, Fina 8-0, Awesome 4-0-8, hi sc game team-Fina 8-0, Denny's 7-31, Aliens 6-68, hi sc series team-Fina 2167, Denny's 2087, Aliens 1891, hi hdp game team-Fina 980, Aliens 841, Denny's 833, hi hdp series team-Fina 2593, Aliens 2410, Denny's 2393, hi sc game ABC Philip Ringener 219, Tony Shankles 214, Robert Beaty 213, hi sc series ABC-Richard Rowden 592, Robert Beaty 595, Philip Ringener 548, hi hdp game ABC Philip Ringener 268, Robert Beaty 237, Tony Shankles 234, hi hdp series ABC Philip Ringener 695, James Smith 653, Arthur Moffett 642, hi sc game WBC Evelyn Williams 219, Monette Rowden 179, Peggy Huckabee 178, hi sc series WBC Evelyn Williams 588, Peggy Huckabee 502, Karen Albano 479, hi hdp game WBC Evelyn Williams 241, Monette Rowden 223, Lisa Hobbs 211, hi hdp series WBC Evelyn Williams 654, Peggy Huckabee 598, Monette Rowden 580, most over ave game ABC Philip Ringener 81, most over ave series ABC Philip Ringener 134, most over ave game WBC Evelyn Williams 47, most over ave series WBC Evelyn Williams 72

**STANDINGS-Denny's** 50-30, Fina 47-25, Awesome 44-36, Aliens 40-32, Inlaws 35-45, Bob's Custom Woodworking 32-48

**MENS CAPROCK**  
RESULTS-Unaccounted Four over Bud Light 6-2, Nasty Boys over Willie's Boys 8-0, Large Boys over Tough As Nails 7-2, Big Spring Farm Supply over Team 14 8-0, Scotty's Bar N Grill over

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE		NATIONAL CONFERENCE	
Team	WLT	Team	WLT
<b>East</b>		<b>East</b>	
N.Y. Jets	6 3 0	N.Y. Giants	6 3 0
Buffalo	5 4 0	Washington	5 4 0
Miami	5 4 0	Dallas	4 5 0
New England	5 4 0	Philadelphia	4 5 0
Indianapolis	0 9 0	Arizona	2 7 0
<b>Central</b>		<b>Central</b>	
Jacksonville	6 3 0	Green Bay	7 2 0
Pittsburgh	6 3 0	Minnesota	7 2 0
Baltimore	4 5 0	Tampa Bay	6 3 0
Tennessee	4 5 0	Detroit	4 5 0
Cincinnati	2 7 0	Chicago	1 8 0
<b>West</b>		<b>West</b>	
Denver	8 1 0	San Francisco	8 1 0
Kansas City	7 2 0	Carolina	5 4 0
Seattle	5 4 0	Atlanta	2 7 0
San Diego	4 5 0	New Orleans	2 7 0
Oakland	3 6 0	St. Louis	2 7 0

TRANSACTIONS

**BASEBALL**  
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with LHP Brian Anderson on a one-year contract. Declined to exercise their 1998 option on RHP Jack McDowell.  
NEW YORK YANKEES—Declined to exercise an option on Pat Kelly.  
COLORADO ROCKIES—Signed Don Baylor, manager, to a one-year contract extension through the 1999 season. Named John H. Shell director of team travel.  
NEW YORK METS—Declined to exercise their 1999 option on 2B Carlos Baerga.  
**BASKETBALL**  
NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION  
PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS—Fined G Isiah Rider \$1,000 for missing a practice.  
FOOTBALL  
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE  
PITTSBURGH PANTHERS—Signed LB Greg Lloyd \$15,000 for a flagrant hit on Jacksonville WR Keenan McCardell.  
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed C Rob Davis.  
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Waived FB Roosevelt Potts. Signed WR Nate Jacquet from the practice squad. Signed DB Rico Clark to the practice squad.  
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Signed WR Russell Copeland. Signed LB DeShawn Fogle from the practice squad. Released WR Justin Armour and L Ronny Calichio.  
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Released TE Al Pupa and FB Carwell Gardner. Placed LB Bobby Houston on injured reserve. Signed LB Michael Hamilton and FB Robert Chancey from the practice squad.  
**HOCKEY**  
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE  
FLORIDA PANthers—Suspended Florida Panthers coach Doug MacLean for two games, without pay, and fined him \$5,000 as a result of a confrontation with officials Nov. 1.  
ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS—Recalled D Pavel Trnka from Cincinnati of the AHL.  
COLORADO AVALANCHE—Recalled RW Christian Matte from Hershey of the AHL.  
EDMONTON OILERS—Assigned C Jason Bonisignore to San Antonio of the IHL.

SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

**Phillips gets first hole-in-one**  
Rodney Phillips Jr. recorded the first hole-in-one of his golfing career Saturday, holing his tee shot on the 15th hole at Comanche Trail Golf Course.  
Phillips hit an 8 iron in recording the ace which was witnessed by Russell Hodnett, Max Coffee and Ed Wilkerson.  
**HC Classic to benefit food drive**  
The Howard College Men's Classic, set for Friday and Saturday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, will benefit the community's food drive with fans being admitted with the donation of one can of food.  
Games are scheduled for 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. both nights. The Hawks will face Murray State College of Oklahoma in the late game Friday and Kilgore College's Rangers at 8 on Saturday. The 6 p.m. games will have Odessa College facing Kilgore on Friday and Murray State on Saturday.  
**TP&WD officials offer recommendations**  
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials are reminding local landowners and hunters that the white-tailed deer season opens Nov. 1 and continues through Jan. 4, 1998.  
The bag limit is four deer with no more than two bucks.  
Deer population surveys in Howard County have resulted in TP&WD officials recommending that hunters not harvest antlerless deer north of I-20 and recommend that they take one doe per 800 acres and one buck per 1,300 acres south of I-20.  
For more information concerning deer harvest rates, wildlife management procedures and Big Game Awards, contact wildlife biologist Bill Del Monte at (915) 798-3152.  
**Local chapter needs softball umpires**  
The Permian Basin chapter of the Southwest Softball Umpires Association needs umpires to work high school softball games throughout

West Texas, including the Big Spring area, this spring.

For more information, contact Mack Gipson at (915) 520-5961 or Freddie Ezell at (915) 520-6502.  
**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 Tuesday**  
The Coahoma Booster Club's next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday 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.  
All Bulldog fans are encouraged to attend.  
**Quarterback Club meeting on Tuesday**  
The Big Spring Quarterback Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Big Spring High School Athletic Facility's film room.  
The club meets each Tuesday at 7 p.m. to review films from the previous week's Steers game.  
**Mini-basketball camp slated at college**  
Howard College will conduct a mini-basketball camp benefiting Big Spring Special Olympics programs from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.  
The event is for all boys and girls in grades K-6. A registration fee of \$10 per participant will be charged.  
Participants, who will get a chance to meet the college's Hawks and Lady Hawks players, should bring tennis shoes and a basketball if they own one.

SANCTIONS

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regarding irregular coursework, did not want to discuss the recruiting impact NCAA penalties might have. However, their effects have been chronic.

Alabama and Miami, national football powers who endured scholarship reductions in 1995, each sit at a mediocre 4-4 today. Upperclassman-starved Texas A&M went 6-6 last year and is still recuperating from sanctions.

Aggies coach R.C. Slocum said competing schools make sure prospective recruits know about such sanctions.

"It's frustrating to start off trying to defend yourself on every (recruiting) visit," Slocum said. "They call it a penalty because that's exactly what it is."

Slocum said negative recruiting by other schools, not the loss of scholarships, is the most damaging aspect of pending probation. But unlike A&M, Tech raked in a bountiful crop of football freshmen during the first year of the investigation.

Tech might have to survive another recruiting winter with sanctions still unknown, though.

"Eventually everyone will have a guess at what the penalties will be for Tech, but no one knows until you go before that committee," Slocum said. "There is some uncertainty for recruits because they don't know and no one can tell them."

Montford, a former state senator hired last year to flex Tech's fund-raising muscle, said the NCAA cloud hasn't affected his ability to bring in cash. Donors have pledged more than \$100 million since he took over.

"We have been living with this for 20 months now," said Montford, who arrived well after the NCAA probe began.

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**NBA**

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rebounds and six blocks for Dallas.

The Grizzlies' home opener was spoiled 90-88 by the Mavericks on Oct. 31.

"Our crowd was really into it," Finley said. "When you get that type of crowd behind you it is easy to feel comfortable. Dennis hit some big shots. He got into the zone and every time he shot it looked like the ball was going in the hoop."

**Hawks 82, Pistons 71**

Alan Henderson scored 19 points for the Hawks, while the Pistons tied a franchise low in points. A crowd of 13,961 attended the first of Atlanta's 28 games in the Georgia Dome, the Hawks' part-time home for the next two seasons while a new downtown arena is being built.

**Knicks 102, Celtics 70**

Patrick Ewing scored 26 points as the Knicks routed Boston for their 20th straight regular-season victory over the Celtics. Boston's point total was its lowest against New York since the 24-second shot clock was introduced in 1954. Boston's Rick Pitino, who coached the Knicks from 1987-89, made his first appearance at Madison Square Garden as an NBA coach since leaving the Knicks.

**Raptors 104, Warriors 86**

John Wallace scored 17 points for Toronto, which forced 25 turnovers while committing only nine in its home opener. Doug Christie had 11 points, eight rebounds and six assists for the Raptors and also played excellent defense against high-scoring Latrell Sprewell, who was held to 12 points.

**Cavaliers 80, Pacers 77**

Shawn Kemp scored 18 points and rookie Brevin Knight hit a jumper with 4.9 seconds left as the Cleveland Cavaliers beat Indiana for their first victory in a home opener since 1991.

**Sonics 118, Rockets 94**

Gary Payton had 27 points and 12 assists, and Seattle held Hakeem Olajuwon and Clyde

Drexler in check to beat the visiting Rockets. Detlef Schrempf added 22 points and Vin Baker 20 for Seattle. Charles Barkley led the Rockets with 17 points and 11 rebounds. Olajuwon was held to eight points and four rebounds, while Drexler finished with nine points.

**Bucks 110, Magic 76**

Ray Allen scored 20 points and Terrell Brandon added 15 to lead Milwaukee over visiting Orlando. Penny Hardaway led the Magic with 16 points, even though he only played 26 minutes and sat out the fourth quarter.

**Suns 106, Jazz 84**

Kevin Johnson scored 23 points, including 16-of-16 from the foul line, as Phoenix improved to 2-0 with a victory over struggling Utah. Jason Kidd had 11 points, 13 assists and seven rebounds for the Suns, who lost their first 13 games last season. Karl Malone had 22 points and 11 rebounds for the Jazz, who fell to 1-3.

**Wizards 120, Nuggets 96**

Rod Strickland had 10 assists to reach the 5,000 career mark as Washington beat Denver. Tracy Murray added 20 points for the Wizards, who snapped a five-game losing streak in Denver. Eric Williams scored 26 points and Danny Fortson 22 for the Nuggets.

**Blazers 122, T-wolves 105**

Kenny Anderson scored 24 points, including 6-of-7 from 3-point range, and Arvydas Sabonis added 23 points as Portland beat visiting Minnesota. Isaiah Rider, in his season debut after being suspended the first two games by the NBA for his off-court troubles, scored 20 for the Blazers. Tom Gugliotta and Stephon Marbury scored 27 apiece for Minnesota.

**Lakers 101, Kings 98**

Elden Campbell made five straight free throws in the closing minutes as Los Angeles rallied to win at Sacramento. Mitch Richmond scored 24 points for the Kings.

**Ike's impressive totals could be even bigger**

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If Victor Ike would carry the ball more often, there's no telling how many yards he could have.

Ike ran just 17 times last weekend, but gained 294 yards and scored five touchdowns as Austin Bowie pounded Austin High 56-28. For the year, the speedy senior has 1,630 yards on 160 attempts.

"We want to give him the ball 20 times per game; we're not doing a very good job coaching if we don't," Bowie coach Tommy Cox said. "But when he has 13 carries for 250 yards at halftime (as he did against Austin High), we tone it down a little bit."

Because of Ike's tendency to put up big yardage numbers on few carries, he seldom pads his stats. That also means that he usually gains his yards against opponents' first-team defenses and not their backups.

"All his yards come from going against teams when they're fresh," Cox said. "There are places he could play at and probably have 3,000 yards by now."

For his career, Ike has 3,711 yards, making him the all-time leading rusher in Austin Independent School District history. He set that mark two weekends ago.

Ike's career started slowly. He didn't play in middle school or

as a freshman. He made the varsity as a sophomore, but didn't start until late in the year.

"He was just a raw talent," Cox said. "He didn't have enough exposure to have discovered his skills, but you could always see that he had the skills."

Ike's best asset has always been blazing speed. He finished third in the state's 100-meter dash last year. Cox said he's run the 40 in 4.28 seconds.

"When he breaks it, there aren't many people who can catch him," the coach said.

But it takes more than that to become a great back. Ike reached that level once he learned how to pick holes, change directions, elude defenders and bounce out of tackles.

Ike cemented his status as an elite back in the playoffs last year against Converse Judson. Although Bowie lost, Ike ran through the Rockets for about 180 yards, highlighted by an 80-yard touchdown run.

Since then, Ike has received a lot of attention, especially from college recruiters (for now, his top three picks are Texas, Texas A&M and Nebraska). But Ike has taken it all in stride.

"It hasn't affected his play any — if it has, it's been for the better," Cox said. "He's stepping up and playing at the caliber everybody expects."

Bowie (4-5, 2-2) needs one more big game from Ike on Thursday. Bowie must beat Austin Crockett by at least eight to cement a playoff spot.

"He won't come out this time," Cox vowed. "He may get 30 (carries)."

Other outstanding Week Nine performances included:

**SPECIAL TEAMS**

—Sophomore Nick Rankin kicked a Class 1A record 51-yard field goal and a 32-yarder in Throckmorton's 39-6 victory over Petrolia.

—The star of Splendora's 45-39 seven-overtime victory over Coldspring was Donald Moore, who scored four of his team's five overtime touchdowns on runs of 25, 20, 17 and 9 yards.

—Mark Walker's interception in the seventh overtime — yes, another one — made Chris Boyton's touchdown the game-winner as Southlake Carroll outlasted McKinney 39-33. The two seven-overtime games are the most since the state added extra periods last year. The national record is nine.

—Wes McLean was 8-of-8 on PATs in Rogers' 56-6 victory over Florence.

—Thomas Sanchez kicked field goals of 33, 43 and 48 yards and was 3-of-3 on PATs in Fort Worth Arlington Heights' 30-0 victory over Fort Worth Eastern Hills.

—Anthony Wilson's 31-yard touchdown with 40 seconds left

gave Mansfield a 28-21 victory over Fort Worth Southwest and clinched a playoff berth.

**ALL-AROUND**

—Devon Phillips ran 17 times for 275 yards and five touchdowns, made seven tackles and intercepted a pass as Lockney wiped out Hale Center 49-0 in a game between district co-leaders.

—Astolfo Venzor ran 22 times for 248 yards and five touchdowns, plus kicked three PATs and ran in a 2-point conversion to account for all of Dumas' points in a 35-7 victory over Canyon. It was his fifth 200-yard game of the year.

—Jose Morales caught three passes for 116 yards and a touchdown, ran for 84 yards and a touchdown and made 11 tackles and two sacks in Candian's 57-0 victory over Sunray.

—Ell Roberson III was 8-of-13 for 99 yards and two touchdowns and ran for touchdowns of 5, 10 and 30 yards in Baytown Lee's 35-12 victory over Beaumont West Brook.

**ON THE GROUND**

—Jason Brown gained 356 yards on 13 carries and scored three TDs in Greenville's 43-14 victory over Quinian Ford.

—J.J. Finch ran 43 times for 301 yards and four TDs in Hart's 32-21 win over Amarillo Highland Park.

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6:30 PM	News (CC)	Simpsons Home Imp.	Science Guy	Waltons	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	Coach	MI Quirida Isabel	The Computer	Dukes of Hazzard	(15) Movie: Devil in a	Turtles III (CC)	(CC) Family Video		Law & Order (CC)	Gimme Shelter	Lois & Clark-Superman	FOX Sports	PBA Bowling	Movie: Deep Heart	Planet Groove	
7:30 PM	Spin City (CC)	Beverly Hills 90210 (CC)	Lewis & Clark: The Journey	Rescue 911 (CC)	Nanny (CC)	Spin City (CC)	3rd Rock-Sun Frasier (CC)	NBA Basketball: Orlando	El Alma No Tiene Color	Shoes (CC)	Life and Times	Blue Dress (CC)	Movie: Grease	Movie: Independence Day (CC)	Praise A Thon	Biography	Wild Discovery	Movie: The Outlaw Josey	ball: Dallas Mavericks at	Ebonite Challenge			
8:30 PM	Drew Carey (CC)	Party of Five (CC)	of the Corps of Discovery	Diagnosis Murder (CC)	Figure Skating	Drew Carey (CC)	3rd Rock-Sun Frasier (CC)	Magic at Chicago Bulls	Alguna Vez	D.A.R.Y.L. (CC)	Prime Time Country (CC)	Movie: Kill Me Again		once Day (CC)		American Justice	Discover Magazine	Wales	Charlotte Hornets	MLB Players' Choice	War of Major Benson	Comicview	
9:30 PM	Primetime Live (CC)	Star Trek: Voyager (CC)	National Geographic	Hawaii Five-0 (CC)	Chicago Hope (CC)	Prime Time Live (CC)	Law & Order (CC)	(CC) Inside-NBA	Fuera Lente Loco	(15) Movie: Cloak and	The Road	(35) Movie: Dead Man's (45) Fast	Movie: The	Maker (CC)	Praise A Thon	Law & Order (CC)	Justice Files	Movie: For a Few Dollars	FOX Sports News	Sportscenter (CC)	(15) Movie: Bend of the	BET Tonight	
10:30 PM	News (CC)	Home Imp. Mad Abn. You	News-Lehrer	700 Club	News (CC)	News (CC)	News Tonight Show	Police Academy 4	P. Impacto Noticiero Uni.	Dagger (CC)	Dallas	Body Heat (CC)	Track (CC) Holyfield	Movie: The		Biography	Wild Discovery	More	FOX Sports News	B3	River (CC) (45) Movie: 227 (CC) Midnight Love		
11:30 PM	Nightline (36) Keenen	Vibe	Nature (CC)	Three Stooges	Show (CC) Married... With	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc.	(CC) (32) Late	Patrol (45) Movie: Life Strikes	Al Ritmo de la Noche	Movie: The Mark of Zorro	Dukes of Hazzard	Movie: Machine Gun	(12:15) Movie: Con-	(12:15) Movie: On-		Biography	Wild Discovery		FOX Sports News	Triathlon: Ironman	Dear Heart		
12:30 AM	Navy Wayans Politically Inc.	Martin (CC) In the Heat of	National Geo.	Paid Program	Late Late Show	News Ent. Tonight	Night (CC) Gayle King	Life Strikes	Club America	(12:15) Movie: The	Prime Time Country (CC)	Blues	(12:15) Movie: Con-	(12:15) Movie: On-		American Justice	Discover Magazine	(45) Movie:	Big 12 Show NCAA: Stant	Triathlon: Ironman	Dear Heart		

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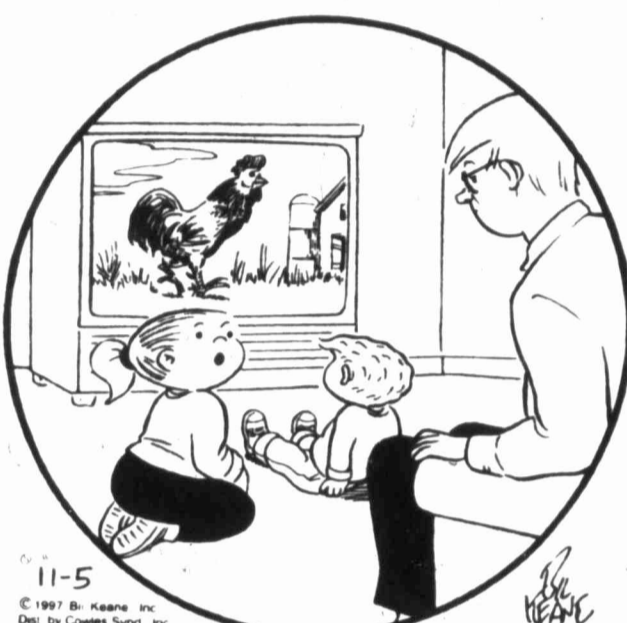
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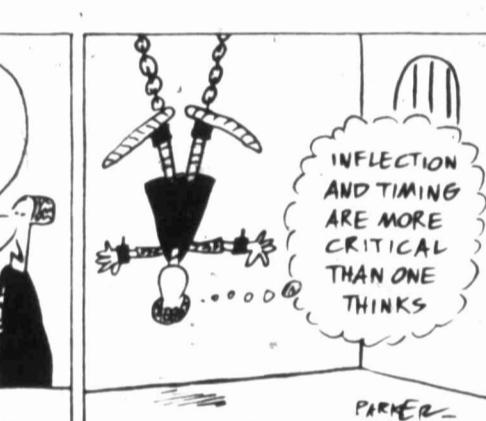
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Today is Wednesday, Nov. 5, the 309th day of 1997. There are 56 days left in the year.

THE Daily Crossword

ACROSS  
1 Quarrel  
5 Acting award  
10 Witty remark  
14 Cat sound  
15 Raccoon's cousin  
16 Finished  
17 Sandusky's lake  
18 Small sweet pies  
19 Add to the workplace  
20 Dover's state  
22 Eucalyptus eaters  
24 Ocean motion  
25 Fein  
26 Performed  
29 In Australia  
34 "the rub" (Hamlet)  
36 Competes  
37 GI hangout  
38 Beats soundly  
39 Bears, Bulls, etc.  
41 Palo --, CA  
42 Current unit  
43 Old sailor  
44 Cinnamon and nutmeg  
46 Athletes  
49 Take -- (relax)  
50 Exclamations  
51 Footnote abbr.  
53 Picture taker  
55 Defacing  
60 Landed  
61 Ceases to sleep  
63 Old Greek theaters  
64 One: pref.  
65 Get up  
66 Peppast  
67 Equal  
68 Strossand film  
69 Nobleman

Today's Highlight in History:  
On Nov. 5, 1605, the Gunpowder Plot failed when Guy Fawkes was seized before he could blow up the English Parliament.  
On this date:  
In 1872, suffragist Susan B. Anthony was fined \$100 for attempting to vote in a presidential election. (She never paid the fine.)  
In 1895, George B. Selden of Rochester, N.Y., received the first U.S. patent for an automobile.  
In 1912, Woodrow Wilson was elected president, defeating Progressive Republican Theodore Roosevelt and incumbent Republican William Howard Taft.  
In 1940, President Roosevelt won an unprecedented third term in office, beating Republican challenger Wendell L. Willkie.  
In 1946, Republicans took control of the Senate and the House in midterm elections.  
In 1956, Britain and France started landing troops in Egypt during fighting between Egyptian and Israeli forces around the Suez Canal. (A cease-fire was declared two days later.)  
In 1968, Republican Richard M. Nixon won the presidency, defeating Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey and third-party candidate George C. Wallace.  
In 1990, Rabbi Meir Kahane, a Brooklyn-born Israeli extremist, was fatally shot after a speech at a New York hotel. (Egyptian native El Sayyed Nosair was acquitted of state charges but was later convicted in federal court of Kahane's killing.)  
In 1994, former President Reagan disclosed he had Alzheimer's disease.  
Ten years ago: Supreme Court nominee Douglas H. Ginsburg admitted using marijuana several times in the 1960s and 70s, calling it a mistake. President Reagan named Frank Carlucci as secretary of defense to succeed retiring Caspar W. Weinberger.  
Five years ago: Malice Green, a black motorist, died when he was beaten by Detroit police officers outside a suspected crack house. (Larry Nevers and Walter Budzyn were convicted of second-degree murder, but the Michigan Supreme Court has ordered a new trial for Budzyn, saying jurors were improperly influenced.)  
One year ago: Voters returned President Clinton to the White House for a second term but kept Congress in Republican control. Mississippi Gov. Kirk Fordice was seriously injured when his car rolled off an interstate. Russian President Boris Yeltsin successfully underwent heart bypass surgery.  
Today's Birthdays: Actor-singer Roy Rogers is 86. Singer-songwriter Ike Turner is 66. Actress Elke Sommer is 57. Singer Art Garfunkel is 56. Actor-playwright Sam Shepard is 54. Singer Peter Noone is 50. Singer Bryan Adams is 38.



by Virginia B. Hopewell 11/05/97



Tuesday's Puzzle solved:

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10 Sebastian Bach  
11 Diabolical  
12 Antitoxins  
13 bien  
21 Extensive  
23 Disagreeable necessity  
25 Do the backstroke  
26 Cartographer's book  
27 Athletic VIP  
28 Beat  
30 Egg-shaped  
31 et decorum est...  
32 Park, Colo.  
33 Perch  
35 Store for future use  
40 Desire Under the...  
41 Landing field  
43 Play the lead  
45 Twosome  
47 Speaker  
48 Most pleasant  
52 Swiss city  
53 Vacation spot  
54 vera  
55 Excavation  
56 Under the -- (at heart)  
57 Thought  
58 Approach  
59 Exasperate  
62 Have being

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