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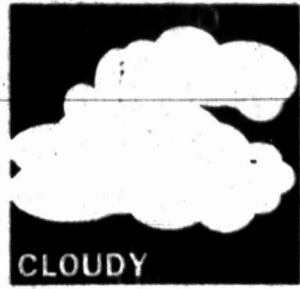
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TONIGHT 65°-70° **WEDNESDAY** 85°-95°

Reception set Thursday for new CVB director

A reception for Andrea Earle, new director of the Convention and Visitors Bureau of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, will be held from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. Thursday at the chamber, 3rd and Gregg.



EARLE

In her new capacity, Earle will work to help organizations and groups attract meetings and conventions to Big Spring.

She will also work to promote the community on a regional and statewide basis in an effort to grow tourism as a sector of the community.

A graduate of Angelo State University, Earle was most recently employed by the Abilene Independent School District.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Quarterback Club, 7:30 p.m. All football parents and fans welcome. For more information call Monika at 263-6729.

□ 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.

□ VFW Post No. 2013, VFW Hall, 7 p.m.
□ Coahoma Senior Citizens luncheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.

□ Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.
□ Book Club, 7 p.m., Howard County Library. The book for discussion will be "The God of Small Things," by Arundhati Roy.

WEDNESDAY

□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center in the Industrial Park. Call 398-5522, or 267-1628.

□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Terry Hansen at 264-5175.
□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

Spring Tabernacle Church has free food for area needy from 10 a.m. to noon.

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Heat streak could be broken today with 'cold' snap forecast

By **JOHN H. WALKER**
Managing Editor

Big Spring and Howard County's string of consecutive days over 100 degrees was forecast to be broken today, ending the string at 12 — second-longest of the summer.

But even with cooler weather forecast for the remainder of the week, the summer of 1998 will go down as one of the hottest ever according to records maintained at the USDA's Big Spring Research Station.

When the mercury climbed above 100 on Monday, it was the 61st time since

May 14 that the century mark had been broken.

And with the long-range forecast for August and September predicting more hot weather, there's still an outside chance that the record heat wave of 1957 will be broken.

It was then, at the tail end of the 1950s drought, when the mercury exceeded 100 degrees more than 100 times during the year.

June has already gone down as the hottest June in history, with an average high temperature of 103.3 degrees, while July averaged nearly 102 degrees for the average high.

In fact, there have been 17 records set

so far this year for the highest minimum temperature recorded. Five days were in June and the rest in July. In all, there have been five nights this summer when the temperature failed to drop below 80 degrees.

But for this week at least, a brief respite from the heat is in the forecast, along with some much-needed precipitation.

The National Weather Service says there is a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms tonight with temperatures dropping as low as 65. On Wednesday, highs are forecast from 85 to 90 degrees with lows in the mid 60s to low 70s.

That same forecast is in place for the

remainder of the week, with a chance of thunderstorms staying in the forecast through Saturday.

Through Monday, rainfall totals at the Research Station were 4.34 inches below normal. Total precipitation for the year is 6.48 inches, while the 97-year average for Howard County is 10.82 inches.

Forecasters said Crossroads area residents should have noticed a switch in the wind direction from mid-to-late morning as a "cold" front moved through the area.

An upper-level disturbance will increase daytime showers that should

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Mary Alice Blacketer takes time on a summer afternoon to feed some hungry ducks at Comanche Trail Park. HERALD photo/Linda Choate

Still time to beat the heat with a dip in the pool

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Back to school means more than alarm clocks, set bed times, school supplies and class schedules. School beginning also means an end to beating the heat in a public swimming pool.

Local public swimming pools will close for the season when school begins the second week of August. The YMCA will maintain its recreational or open swimming pool hours for the next few weeks, as the fall

schedules are being prepared, said office manager Maggie Gonzales.

"We've been busy all summer. It's been different kids, more kids, every day," Gonzales said.

The fall schedules should be out by mid-August, she said. Until then the usually summer hours for the indoor pool are: Monday through Thursday, 2-5 p.m. Friday the pool is open for swimming from 2-6:30 p.m. Saturdays swimming is available from 10 a.m. till 4:30 p.m.

The Boys Club has closed for the remainder of the summer holiday for staff vacations, said

executive director Bert Andries. It will reopen Aug. 17 for the after-school program.

"As hot as it is, we've been busier than usual this summer. The swimming pool has been very busy. Our membership holds pretty close each year," he said.

This summer, the Boys Club was open for morning and afternoon programs, and was closed for the lunch hour. Swim hours began at 2 p.m. at the north side pool, and boys returned to the club about 4:30 p.m. each day, he said.

A total of 267 boys renewed

membership or joined the club this year, he said. Boys 6-17 are eligible to join, and membership renews each June 1. Cost is \$1 for the year, he said.

"Most of the boys are in the 9-12 year-old group. This year we had volunteers who provided arts and crafts for the boys," Andries said.

The after-school program operates from 3:45 p.m. Monday through Friday. Saturdays the club is open from 9 a.m. till 1 p.m.

Boys may participate in pool,

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Open house tonight for prospective drama students

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Howard College's new drama instructor Clay Grizzle extends an invitation to an Open House tonight at 7 o'clock for anyone interested in the performing arts.

"This will give me an idea what we'll have this year," Grizzle said.

Grizzle plans to have the open house in the theater, so students might have an opportunity to view the facility and ask questions. The theater is located

just north of the front entrance of the administration building of Howard College.

"I have some scholarship money and this is to see what students are interested in theater classes," he said.

Howard College is offering drama courses this fall. Grizzle will teach Oral Interpretation, Development of the Motion



GRIZZLE

Picture, Acting I, Introduction to Theater and Theater.

"It's easier to prepare a season of productions if I know the people," Grizzle said.

Auditions for fall productions should begin the end of August, he said. Howard College fall semester of classes begins Aug. 24.

Grizzle said he hopes to open the productions up to the community. Plans are in the works for performances to include use of the Amphitheater at Comanche Trail Park.

Ken Tunstall, vice president for instruction, said Howard

College is the center for cultural awareness in Howard County.

"We're pleased we've found someone like Clay who can get our program back up to speed and have productions this year, in both the Howard College theater and the Amphitheater at the park," Tunstall said.

Grizzle said his vision of the drama program for the college is threefold, and includes community involvement.

"One, we're a community college, so our goal is to serve our

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Trial begins for brothers charged with possession

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

The trial of two brothers charged with cocaine possession began today at 9 a.m. in 118th District Court.

Charged with possession of cocaine over one gram but under four grams, a third degree felony, are Shon Ray Krueger, 19, and Eric Paul Krueger, 25.

Jury selection concluded

Monday, said District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson.

The two men are accused of an offense that occurred about 1:25 a.m. on July 5, 1996, he said.

On that day, former Big Spring Police Officer Keith Jones responded to a call about illegal popping of fireworks within the city limits in the 4300 block of West Hwy. 80, Wilkerson said.

"This was a case of an officer

on the scene who observed the conduct, and he made an arrest," Wilkerson said.

The charge against the Kruegers is possession of 1.3 grams of cocaine. The third degree felony carries a two-to-five year maximum sentence, and a fine up to \$10,000.

"Both defendants have filed an application for probation, which means they are both eligible for probation," he said.

Neither defendant has prior

felony convictions, and are therefore eligible for probation if found guilty during this trial, he said.

Wilkerson said he expects to call few witnesses, and the trial may conclude today.

Robert Miller, attorney for Shon Krueger, was in court and could not be reached for comment.

Don Richard, attorney for Paul Krueger, declined to comment.

TAAS

Local campuses earn exemplary rating from TEA

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Area schools received their report cards Monday from the Texas Education Agency, and locally, Kentwood Elementary and Sands Elementary campuses received an exemplary rating, the highest given.

"We think this is outstanding for Kentwood. This is the second year in a row, and our students, teachers and teaching staff are doing a great job preparing the kids for the TAAS test as well as preparing for an all-around education," said Kentwood principal Steve Waggoner.

An exemplary score requires at least 90 percent of all students at the campus passing each subject on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test.

Also, a no more than a one percent dropout rate for the 1996-97 school year, and at least 94 percent attendance are required to receive the highest rating.

Zelda Bilbo, elementary principal for Sands Consolidated Independent School District, said the entire Ackerly community is excited about the exemplary rating.

"This is our second year to make it, and we've got dedicated kids, parents, well, it's the whole community.

"Everyone is so supportive, it's really everybody working together. I really appreciate my parents and my dedicated teachers," Bilbo said.

The scores are based on three separate areas; attendance reports, dropout rates and the passing rates of the TAAS test, according to TEA.

The spring 1998 TAAS test results are used for that portion of the computation. Dropout rates reflect the 1996-97 year, and attendance of 94 percent is required for all ratings on the report.

A recognized score requires at least 80 percent passing of all subject of the TAAS test, and no more than a 3.5 percent dropout rate.

An academically acceptable score provides for 40 percent of all students passing the entire TAAS test, and no more than a six percent dropout rate.

Marcy and Washington campuses improved and received a recognized rating this year, joining Moss Elementary. Those three Big Spring campuses received the second highest rating.

Big Spring Independent School District received an acceptable overall score. Big Spring High School, Bauer and College Heights elementaries, Goliad Middle School and Runnels Junior High all received acceptable ratings.

"We've received outstanding scores district wide. This goes back to the hard work of the kids, the parents and the teachers. This is a combined effort and everyone has worked hard, and we are very, very pleased," William McQuary, Big Spring ISD superintendent, said.

Coahoma ISD received a recognized overall score - the second highest possible rating. All

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OBITUARIES

Joe Puga

Service for Joe Puga, 41, Houston, formerly of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. He died Monday, Aug. 3, 1998, in a Houston hospital.

Ethel A. Hickson

Service for Ethel A. Hickson, 92, Rowlett, formerly of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. She died Monday, Aug. 3, 1998, in a Rowlett nursing home.

Mildred Tunnell

Service for Mildred Tunnell, 81, Lubbock, will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5, 1998, in the Lamesa Church of Christ. Burial will be in Lamesa Memorial Park.

Mrs. Tunnell died Sunday, Aug. 2, at her residence.

She was born on Aug. 4, 1916, in Lamesa. She married Cullen Tunnell on Jan. 14, 1952, in Lamesa. She was a lifelong resident of Lamesa, moving to Lubbock six months ago. Mrs. Tunnell was owner and operator of the Kid's Shop. She and her husband owned and operated Tunnell's Jewelry. She was a member of the Lamesa Church of Christ.

Survivors include: her husband, Cullen Tunnell, of Lubbock; one son, Larry Bristow of Ocala, Fla.; three brothers, John Joseph (Joe) Medlin of Lubbock, Cecil Jerome Medlin of Edmond, Okla., and Isaac (Ike) Medlin of Lamesa; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Arrangements under the direction of Branon Funeral Home, Lamesa.

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three Coahoma campuses, elementary, junior high and high school, also received a recognized rating.

"It takes a tremendous amount of work to accomplish this kind of student success. We are very proud of the hard work of our students, the support of our parents and the dedication of our teachers. We hope to continue having this type of success," said Cindy Fowler, principal for Coahoma Elementary.

Forsan ISD scored second highest, with an overall recognized rating for the district. Elbow Elementary and junior high/senior high school campuses each received a recognized score.

"We're really excited about these scores. Things like this don't come easy. This is due to the hard work of the teachers and students who get the job done. We also have a lot of parents who are willing to go that extra mile," said Gary Rotan, assistant principal for Forsan Jr/Sr High School.

Glasscock County ISD in Garden City received the second highest score, with a recog-

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nized rating going to the district and the elementary campus. Garden City High School received an acceptable rating.

Grady ISD received an acceptable rating for the both the district and the campus.

Stanton ISD received an overall acceptable rating for the district. The elementary, middle school and high school campuses also received an acceptable score.

Statewide, 1,037 districts were given ratings by the TEA. Of those, 120 received exemplary scores, compared to 65 districts last year.

Recognized districts in the state totaled 328, up from 321 last year. Five hundred and eighty-one districts received academically acceptable ratings, a drop from 650 districts last year.

Six districts received academically unacceptable ratings, and two districts received unacceptable scores, with a special accreditation investigation footnoted.

Campus totals of 6,053 statewide received scores. Sixty campuses received low ratings, a drop from the 67 campuses reporting low scores last year.

Exemplary ratings were handed out to 1,042 campuses. Last year 683 campuses received the highest score.

Recognized scores last year totaled 1,617, and increased to 1,641 campuses for this year. Acceptable ratings were given to 3,310 campuses this year, a decrease from the 3,679 campuses who scored acceptable last year.

"Improvement of this magnitude doesn't happen easily. This is a direct result of teachers, students and administrators working hard each and every school day to improve academic performance," said Education Commissioner Mike Moses.

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increase afternoon and nighttime thunderstorms following afternoon heating.

The change in the weather came about after a high-pressure dome that had been dominating the weather over the entire state for much of the summer weakened and moved to the east.

It was when that dome was over West Texas that the area recorded its hottest temperatures of the year, including 112 degrees on June 27.

Since it has moved to the east, temperatures from Dallas to Corpus Christi have reached as high as 108 degrees with the heat index at 122 degrees in Tyler on Sunday.

SWIM

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foosball, ping pong and wood-working shop in the program. Basketball and other games are available in the gymnasium. The club has a computer room, and also a quiet study room for homework after school, he said.

Andries, who celebrates 30 years with the Boys Club in Big Spring this year, said staff camp was canceled this year because of the heat.

The City of Big Spring Swimming Pool at Comanche Trail Park will close for the season Aug. 14. Assistant manager Devon Swafford said staff are still considering how to send off the 1998 summer.

"We were pretty busy at the beginning of the season, but it's slowed down lately," he said.

An average of 50-100 persons visited the pool each day this summer. Generally, attendance is about 150 a day, he said.

"We had 200 kids for Splash In," he said.

Many swimmers were leaving the pool with sunburn, he said.

"It's so hot, it (the heat and sun) cooks you," he said.

The city swimming pool charges \$1.50 per person per day. The YMCA pool costs \$2 per day per person.

DRAMA

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community," he said. "Second, we have a responsibility to the student to challenge them academically and artistically," he said.

His third vision for the pro-

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gram is to include more traditionally classic productions, such as Shakespeare, as well as contemporary pieces like Neil Simon.

"I got into theater to play parts like Oedipus and Iago, classic pieces that will still be around 100 years from now. I hope to introduce these into the season's schedule," Grizzle said.

SUPPORT GROUPS

TUESDAY

•Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.

•Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.

•Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 268-5077.

•"Most Excellent Way," an addiction support group, 3610 Dixon, call 264-9900.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.

•Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at 319 Runnels. For more information call Shannon Nabors at 263-0027.

•The Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 409 Runnels (formerly the TU building) For further info. nation call Sondra at 267-7220

•Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Dr. Ronald Meyer, D.Min., LCDC, LMFT, specializing in individual and marriage counseling, Attention Deficit Disorder and chemical dependency, available for clients at the First Christian Church. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 4-800-329-4144.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

WEDNESDAY

•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

•Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.) Step study.

•Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Sharon Beam, who is a licensed professional counselor interim specializing in play therapy for children, adolescent counseling and women's issues, available for clients at the First Presbyterian Church, Runnels and Eighth St. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

BRIEFS

JURORS CALLED TO APPEAR in County Court for Judge Ben Lockhart on Wednesday need to be aware of a change in schedule. These jurors should not appear until 9 a.m. Thursday.

FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE LUNCH policies have been announced by local and area schools. These programs serve children under the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program. To review the policy, or for more information, contact the school district office.

ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW available for the Howard County Fair Queen Contest. Entrants will be judged on Saturday, Aug. 29, at the Big Spring Mall and the 1998 Queen will be crowned on Monday, Aug. 31, during the Fair.

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Entry forms are available at the Howard County Extension office, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Athletic Supply and Joy's Hallmark. Entries must be returned to the County Extension office by Aug. 26 and a \$25 sponsorship fee must accompany all entries.

THE COUNTRY KIDS CONTEST, sponsored by the Howard County Fair, will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, at the Fair Grounds. Boys and girls ages 0-5 years old are eligible to enter and will be judged according to age groups.

Entries are due to the Howard County Extension office by Sept. 2, and must be accompanied by the \$10 entry fee.

Children entered in the Country Kids contest must be attired in a sportswear garment of at least 50 percent cotton.

Entry forms are available at the Chamber of Commerce and the County Extension office. Contact the County Extension office at 264-2236 for entry guidelines.

WESTSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER WILL have registration for the school term program on Aug. 5-7 at the Westside Community Day Care Center from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

For more information call 263-7841.

Strait sets record for CMA award nominations

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — George Strait became the most-nominated performer in Country Music Association history today, getting five nominations — including one as Entertainer of the Year.

Strait, 46, a Texas-based traditional country music singer, now has 47 CMA award nominations over his 17-year career, surpassing Merle Haggard's record of 43.

Strait has won 10 CMA awards, including best male vocalist and album for the past two years. He was named best entertainer in 1989 and 1990.

Singers Deana Carter, Neal McCoy and Jo Dee Messina announced the nominations at a morning news conference. The winners will be announced on Sept. 23.

Carter and Messina both were nominated for best video, for Messina's "Bye" and Carter's "Did I Shave My Legs for This?"

Strait also was nominated for best male vocalist, album ("One Step at a Time"), music video ("Carrying Your Love With Me") and single ("I Just Want to Dance With You").

Folk singer-songwriter John Prine picked up a nomination for Song of the Year for co-writing Strait's hit "I Just Want to Dance With You" with Roger Cook.

Last year's Entertainer of the Year, Garth Brooks, got four nominations: best entertainer, male vocalist, vocal event ("In Another's Eyes" with Trisha Yearwood) and album ("Sevens"). Faith Hill, Patty Loveless and Tim McGraw also got four nominations apiece.

Rounding out the best entertainer category with Strait and Brooks are Vince Gill, McGraw and the duo Brooks & Dunn. The best male vocalist nominees are Strait, Brooks, Gill, McGraw and Collin Raye.

The 6,100 industry workers who vote on the awards snubbed two popular singers. Neither Alan Jackson nor

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LeAnn Rimes got any nominations.

Hill, Loveless, Martina McBride, Lee Ann Womack and Yearwood will compete for best female vocalist. Up for best vocal group are Alabama, Diamond Rio, the Dixie Chicks, The Mavericks and Sawyer Brown.

Competing with Strait and Brooks for best album are Shania Twain with her "Come On Over," McGraw with "Everywhere" and Loveless with "Long Stretch of Lonesome."

Elvis Presley, Tammy Wynette and George Morgan, and country music business executive E.W. "Bud" Wendell, will be inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame during the awards show.

Gill will be host of the show for the seventh consecutive year.

RECORDS

Monday's high 102
Monday's low 73
Average high 96
Average low 71
Record high 110 in 1943
Record low 61 in 1975
Precip. Monday 0.00
Month to date 0.00
Month's normal 0.06
Year to date 6.48
Normal for the year 10.82

MARKETS

Dec. cotton 70.12 cents, up 4 points; Sept. crude 13.80, up 10; Cash hogs steady at 36.50; cash steers steady at 59 cents even; Aug. lean hog futures 50.02 up 37 points; Aug. live cattle futures 58.92, up 60 points.

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Coca Cola	80 1/2 - 1/4
Compaq Computer	33 1/2 + 1/4
Cornell Correc.	15 1/2 nc
De Beers	16 1/2 + 1/4
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Excel Comm.	21 1/2 + 1/4
Exxon	68 1/2 - 1/4
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Halliburton	34 1/2 - 1/4
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Intel Corp	85 1/2 + 1/4
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NUV	9 1/2 nc
Phillips Petroleum	43 1/2 + 1/4
Palex Inc.	8 1/2 - 1/4
Pepsi Cola	38 1/2 - 1/4
Parallel Petroleum	3 1/2 - 1/4
Rural/Metro	11 1/2 + 1/4
Sears	48 1/2 - 2
Southwestern Bell	41 1/2 - 1/4
Sun	37 1/2 + 1/4
Texaco	58 1/2 + 1/4
Texas Instruments	60 1/2 + 1/4
Texas Utils. Co	39 1/2 - 1/4
Unocal Corp	32 1/2 - 1/4
Wal-Mart	61 1/2 - 1/4
Amcap	17.61-18.68
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FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:

MONDAY
12:28 a.m. - 3200 block Cornell, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

8:13 a.m. - 500 block NW 7th, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

1:30 p.m. - 1200 block Gregg, traffic accident, patient transported to SMMC.

2:57 p.m. - 100 block Airbase Road, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

3:59 p.m. - 2000 block Virginia, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:50 p.m. - 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

11:04 p.m. - 1500 block E. 11th, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

POLICE

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

• MARICELA GONZALES, 18, was arrested on local warrants.

• MARTINEZ OSWALASUB, 44, was arrested on local warrants.

• THEFT in the 1100 block of N. Lamesa, the 2700 block of Carol, the 3300 block of Duke, and the 1200 block of E. 11th.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING in the 900 block of E. 2nd.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 700 block of E. 4th, and the 400 block of E. 4th.

• CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING in the 400 block of N. Scurry.

• HARASSMENT in the 2300 block of Marshall.

• ASSAULT in the 800 block of Creighton, and the 900 block of Runnels.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

• TERRY BYRD, 28, was arrested for harassment/telephone.

• RUTHIE MARIE MURPHEE, 28, was arrested on a motion to revoke parole/driving while intoxicated.

• ALISHA FAY MCGEE, 20, was arrested for criminal trespass and two counts of theft.

CORRECTION

Joe Juarez, 25, was arrested for public intoxication only, not for possession of marijuana, as was reported by the Big Spring Police Department Monday.

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White House efforts to block lawyer testimony reaches last resort

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House battle to keep prosecutors in the Monica Lewinsky case from questioning its lawyers about their advice to President Clinton has reached its last avenue as Chief Justice William Rehnquist weighs an emergency request to intervene.

A federal appeals court on Monday turned down a White House request to stop prosecutors from questioning presidential lawyers like Bruce Lindsey, the Clinton confidant at the center of the months-long legal fight over the legal doctrine known as attorney-client privilege.

Prosecutors also subpoenaed

another White House lawyer, Lanny Breuer, and ordered him to appear before the grand jury today.

The White House wants to temporarily block the testimony until the Supreme Court considers this fall whether to decide the issue of whether government lawyers enjoy the same attorney-client confidentiality as private attorneys.

Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr is pressing to wrap up his investigation into an alleged presidential affair and cover-up, and has won rulings by a judge and the U.S. Court of Appeals ordering the testimony.

The dispute now goes to

Rehnquist, who must decide whether to issue an emergency stay that temporarily blocks the testimony or simply allow prosecutors to proceed with questioning.

Lindsey, the White House deputy counsel and one of Clinton's closest and oldest friends, is recovering from back surgery and the more immediate concern for presidential lawyers was Breuer.

Legal sources familiar with his subpoena last week said Breuer, who has helped the White House respond to subpoenas in various investigations, was expected to appear as ordered but wasn't expected to

possess much firsthand information about the relationship between Ms. Lewinsky and the president.

But prosecutors probing possible obstruction of justice and witness tampering wanted to question him about what he may have observed in the early days of the Lewinsky controversy when the White House sought to contain damage.

The White House has been arguing unsuccessfully that lawyers such as Lindsey and Breuer should not be forced to testify about their conversations with Clinton because it would violate the president's right to seek confidential legal

advice.

But in a case that focused on Lindsey, U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson and a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals have sided with Starr in ruling that government-paid lawyers cannot use the attorney-client privilege to keep from testifying in a federal criminal investigation of possible government wrongdoing.

The White House disclosed Monday its planned appeal to the Supreme Court, and it filed the request for an emergency stay that would put the lawyers' testimony on hold until the appeal was decided.

"The attorney-client privilege is a bedrock principle of our legal system," White House Counsel Charles F.C. Ruff said.

But the full U.S. Court of Appeals immediately refused to grant the order, leaving the matter in the hands of the nation's chief justice. Rehnquist could decide alone whether to issue the emergency order, or send the matter to the full nine-member court.

Rehnquist refused to intervene last month when the White House made a last-minute plea to him to block testimony by Secret Service officers until the Supreme Court considered the legal issues.

FBI seizes guns, spy books from suspect's cabin

WASHINGTON (AP) — FBI agents searching the remote mountain cabin of a man charged with killing two police officers inside the Capitol found spy manuals, a diagram, ammunition and guns.

Russell E. Weston Jr.'s alleged motives are unclear, but investigators searched his cabin, his parents' Illinois home and other places for evidence Weston planned the July 24 killings.

In the Rimini, Mont., cabin where Weston lived part-time, agents found a shotgun, a .22-caliber handgun, a plastic bottle of gun powder and books titled, "The Spy Game," "Don't Bug Me," and "Private Intelligence

Secrets."

An FBI account of the search was unsealed by a federal court in Montana on Monday. The account also revealed that agents seized various documents, including an envelope described as, "public info Freeman - CNN," and a "CIA packet."

It is unclear whether Weston was a sympathizer with the antigovernment Montana Freeman, or whether he corresponded with news agencies such as CNN.

Agents also seized a partial copy of the Montana legal code, letters, a notebook and a suitcase containing a diagram. The

search warrant account did not detail those findings.

Meanwhile, Weston's lawyer argued Monday that his client is in no shape to appear in court. Weston is charged with killing federal police officers and could face the death penalty if convicted. He remains hospitalized in stable condition, recovering from gunshot wounds he received in the exchange of gunfire July 24.

"He is in no condition to be able to be brought to court," federal Public Defender A.J. Kramer wrote in papers filed in U.S. District Court. Kramer suggested Aug. 18 or 19 for Weston's arraignment, which

will be the first time he formally hears the charges against him.

Arraignments are supposed to take place within three days of a person's arrest but may be delayed at the request of one side or the other. In Weston's case, prosecutors do not object to holding off on the arraignment, which will be their first glimpse of the suspect, although the federal judge in the case is wary of a long delay. In the meantime, Weston is held without bond and under heavy guard at D.C. General Hospital.

Weston has not entered a plea. His lawyers appear to be exploring an insanity defense.

House rushes \$5.5 billion farm aid package to president

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress has sent President Clinton legislation allowing farmers to get \$5.5 billion in payments sooner than already scheduled — and more is coming as lawmakers rush to address an election-year farm downturn.

"I recognize there are other things that need to be done," said Rep. Larry Combest, R-Texas. "This is in fact only one of the arrows in a quiver that we hope we can combat this crisis with."

Congress is considering a \$500 million emergency aid measure — a consensus is emerging that it will have to be raised to \$1 billion or more — for farmers who have suffered from drought, disease and wet weather.

And bipartisan support is gaining to replenish the International Monetary Fund to help tottering Asian economies resume buying U.S. farm goods and other products.

The bill approved by House voice vote Monday would allow farmers to receive all or part of their federal transition payments for fiscal 1999 on Oct. 1, instead of waiting for two installments during the year. President Clinton has indicated he would sign it.

"It is a sound step that we can take today that can reassure producers and their bankers that the farmers' entire assets can be available to address the current situation," said Rep. Bob Smith, R-Ore., chairman of the House Agriculture Committee.

The transition payments, created by the 1996 "Freedom to Farm" law to help wean farmers off subsidies that fluctuated based on commodity prices, are gradually declining and are on track to end by 2002.

The money would speed some ready cash to farmers who are enduring a projected \$7.5 billion decline in income this year compared with last year because of flagging Asian exports and huge worldwide crop production. In this year's first quarter, farm income was down 35 percent from the same period in 1996 — a time of high commodity prices.

Since the farmers were due to receive the money anyway, some lawmakers said it shouldn't be viewed as a permanent answer to the downturn, especially in regions hit by disasters like the drought-stricken Southwest or the overly wet northern Plains.

"This legislation does not in any way address fully the severity of those problems," said Rep. David Minge, D-Minn.

Feds investigate possible violations by ATM networks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government investigators are looking into whether the nation's largest networks of ATM machines are illegally preventing small banks from eliminating double charges.

The Justice Department's Antitrust Division is examining the possibility of "discriminatory practices" by the major ATM networks, Justice spokeswoman Gina Talamona said. She declined further comment.

Doug Rozman, a spokesman for credit card giant MasterCard International, said his company was "cooperating

fully with this investigation."

MasterCard owns the Cirrus ATM network, one of the nation's two biggest. He declined to elaborate.

The other giant ATM network, Plus, is owned by Visa USA Inc. Nearly all the nation's major banks, in turn, are members of the MasterCard and Visa groups. Spokesmen for Visa weren't immediately available for comment.

At issue is whether smaller banks that belong to the networks, some of which wish to form their own rival groups that wouldn't impose ATM sur-

charges, are unfairly forced to follow the networks' rules.

ATM surcharges kick in when customers use an automated teller machine operated by a bank other than their own. ATM surcharges now average \$1.27, with the most common being \$1.50, and 64 percent of the nation's banks impose them, according to a recent study by congressional investigators.

Critics of the practice, most notably consumer groups and Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, maintain that the ATM surcharges put smaller

banks and credit unions at a disadvantage to big institutions. Customers, they say, are driven to switch their accounts to a bigger bank rather than pay surcharges for using its ATM.

Large banks oppose the bill, insisting that ATM fees are clearly disclosed and consumers enjoy having the 24-hour convenience. But some small banks also have criticized the ATM surcharges as anti-competitive.

Stephen Mahinka, an antitrust attorney who represents MAC, said that "there have been subpoenas" issued by the Justice Department

Report: United States renewing NATO military threat for Kosovo

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration says NATO has approved contingency plans to use firepower against advancing Serb forces in Kosovo and that a "humanitarian catastrophe" could envelop tens of thousands of ethnic Albanians who have fled their homes.

The plans, which are centered on an aerial assault, are in the process of undergoing final "refinements," State Department spokesman, James P.

Rubin, said Monday. He called the development important.

A NATO official, speaking from the organization's headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, said that "by next week all the planning will be more or less finished."

The NATO Council sought to demonstrate its resolve to Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic by postponing its usual August vacation, State Department officials said.

There was no immediate word

on what would trigger an attack by NATO. Nor was it clear whether the administration was trying mostly to unnerve Milosevic by raising the threat again publicly.

In Kosovo, a weekend of fighting displaced tens of thousands of people, some of them forced to take refuge in forests outside towns and beyond the immediate reach of relief organizations.

"The living conditions are clearly deplorable," Rubin said. "What I'm talking about is the

humanitarian catastrophe that could occur in a matter of weeks if we don't get the aid to the people who are in desperate need."

The offensive broke a pledge by Milosevic to halt Serb attacks so U.S. and European diplomats could try to arrange talks for a settlement between Belgrade and ethnic Albanian insurgents in the Serbian province.

State Department officials declined to offer analyses on

whether Milosevic was trying to strengthen his negotiating hand by making territorial gains or was trying to rupture the diplomatic drive.

Instead, they raised the possibility that NATO may strike the Serbs to assist the beleaguered ethnic Albanian civilians.

A NATO bombardment helped drive Milosevic and the Yugoslav Republic into negotiations to end an ethnic war in Bosnia-Herzegovina in 1995.

But Croats and Muslims in

that conflict had already fought Serb insurgents to a virtual draw on the ground, proving to Belgrade that it could not win a clear-cut victory in Bosnia.

A senior U.S. official emphasized that the current planning is focused on an air attack.

Rubin said an attack would not have to be approved by all of the six countries that make up the contact group on the former Yugoslavia — the U.S., Russia, Britain, France, Germany and Italy.

Protein linked to nerve cell death

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — The discovery of a protein that acts as a catalyst for the rapid destruction of nerve cells could lead to treatments to slow Alzheimer's disease and help cancer patients, researchers say.

Mark P. Mattson, a professor at the University of Kentucky's Sanders-Brown Research Center on Aging, announced Monday that he and fellow researcher Qing Guo found high levels of the protein "Par-4" in the brain nerve cells of Alzheimer's patients.

Depending on the part of the brain examined, Alzheimer's patients were found to have from four to 18 times the level of Par-4 compared to those without the disease.

Tests showed that preventing the genetic creation of the protein made the nerve cells more likely to survive, said Mattson, whose findings were published

in the August issue of the journal Nature Medicine.

In Alzheimer's, where nerve cell death is the cause of the disease, blocking Par-4 could slow the disease's advance, and could also have application to other neurodegenerative disorders such as Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease and Lou Gehrig's disease, he said.

Any Par-4-based therapies for Alzheimer's would not be a cure for the degenerative disease but a way of slowing or preventing

the death of irreplaceable nerve cells that are crucial to learning and memory, Mattson said. He added that such therapies are at least five to 10 years away.

Rudy Tanzi, an associate professor of neurology at Harvard, called the research promising, but said Par-4 is only one of a series of proteins involved in nerve cell death.

"It's not clear yet exactly which proteins in the cell death pathway are the best target," Tanzi said

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OUR VIEWS

Teachers merit respect, thanks

It wasn't that long ago when moms and dads stood with smiles on their faces as they watched their sons and daughters receive their diplomas, a rite of passing into adulthood. It was just over two months ago - May 22 for Big Spring, to be exact. A week later for some area seniors. How could it be that the process is beginning to start all over again. Educators are returning to the classroom next week to begin preparing another class of seniors, another class of sophomores, sixth graders, kindergartners. Teachers today have an incredible responsibility. Not only are they required to educate our children in English, algebra, science and history, too many times the role of surrogate parent has been thrust upon them. They are counselors, confidants, psychologists, peace keepers and nurses of the mind and body. Teaching is a chosen vocation; it's not a job one wanders into. Most educators teach because they have a compelling desire to help others. They have a genuine love for people, and a desire to see them prosper, to grow. They are the ones we, as parents, entrust our children to as many as eight hours a day, five days a week, for the better part of nine months. We expect demand, in fact - that they turn our sons and daughters into well-mannered, competent, educated young men and women... even when sometimes they arrive for class as unkempt, unfed, disrespectful hooligans. Let's remember that these educators are charged with shaping the minds which are responsible for the future. They deserve our thanks and our respect.

OTHER VIEWS

In a recent discussion, NAACP President Kweisi Mfume contended that black Americans face more obstacles to success today than in the past. That's simply not true. Certainly racism has become less visible now that the "Whites Only" signs have been taken down. That doesn't mean it has disappeared, but racism is not the overwhelming barrier to success that it was only a generation ago. Thanks to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and other groups and individuals, we have made immense progress. Progress brings new challenges. New challenges require new responses. And institutions that fail to confront new challenges with new responses eventually crumble from disuse. That even applies to an organization as famous and revered as the NAACP.

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is glutted right now, and if U.S. sanctions prevent Pakistan from buying American wheat, other producers will happily fill the orders. The effect of the sanctions would be to reward Canadian and Australian growers and punish Northwest farmers. A broader review of sanctions is in order. In the case of Pakistan, the imposition and revocation of sanctions sends a mixed message that undoubtedly will be read as a softening of U.S. opposition to nuclear testing. It would have been better to choose appropriate sanctions after the testing occurred, rather than having to back away from sanctions that were automatically imposed under the 1994 law. The United States can clearly state its belief that Pakistan should use its resources to feed its people, not to build nuclear weapons. But denying Pakistan the opportunity to buy Northwest wheat won't help make that point.

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Latest in long string of media lies about Vietnam vets

The media lie about the use of nerve gas in Vietnam is only the latest of a long string of lies about Vietnam vets in what former Secretary of the Navy James Webb calls "the media's war on Vietnam vets."



CHARLEY REESE

Webb, by the way, ought to be persuaded to run for president. He's that rare public figure these days who combines intelligence and courage with a high sense of honor. He is hated by the right people - feminists, opportunists, political generals and admirals who sell out their men for their own careers, and the average whining leftist. That is a sterling recommendation.

Webb recently ripped into the subject of the war on Vietnam vets in an article in which he pointed out the hostility toward those who fought has

deep roots "in the elite among the old anti-war left whose members not only avoided military service but openly derided those who went to Vietnam as either stupid or evil."

When their claim that the Vietnamese communists had benign intentions was refuted by their Stalinist actions, the anti-war left just lied even more. That is the pattern among the riffraff that makes up today's elite. Many of these despicable people occupy high positions in the media, the universities and, of course, government.

Webb lists several lies repeatedly told about Vietnam veterans and then exposes them.

It was claimed, for example, that the war was fought by the poor and the minorities forced to go by the draft. Webb says acidly that while the elite ducked out, the middle class showed up.

Of those who died, 86 percent were white and 12.5 percent were black. Volunteers accounted for 77 percent of the battle deaths.

He upends the lie peddled that Vietnam veterans were "overdecorated" by showing the contrasts between the

medals issued in World War II and those in Vietnam. Vietnam soldiers were not overdecorated. They earned their medals the old-fashioned way. They fought bravely and often died for them.

Furthermore, Webb exposes the canard that the Vietnam vet was a disgruntled, disillusioned soldier. In the largest survey ever done of them, a whopping 91 percent in combat said they were glad they served their country, 74 percent said they even enjoyed their time in the military, and two out of three said they would go back to Vietnam - even if they knew in advance what the outcome would be.

The men who fought in Vietnam were as good as the Americans who fought in any other war.

What was different for them was that the country they fought for wasn't as good as it had been in the past. Instead of receiving a well-done, they got spit on by lousy leftists other civilians didn't have the guts to confront.

Webb also lashes Hollywood for its uniformly negative picturing of the American soldier in Vietnam. The American

fighting men won the war on the ground. Hanoi admitted it lost 1.1 million soldiers dead plus another 300,000 missing in action. That's against 58,000 American and 254,000 South Vietnamese losses. The war was lost, just as the communists predicted, not in Vietnam but in the American media and on American streets and campuses.

A lot of the anti-war propaganda was fueled by people who pretended to have been in combat in Vietnam. Many of these were fakes. Webb says a new book by B.G. Burkett, "Stolen Valor," looks into 1,700 cases where people distorted or lied about their service in Vietnam.

This book, Webb says, "constitutes a damnation of the major media so great that the CNN-Time story on sarin will take its rightful context as a rare moment when the purveyors of dishonesty got caught, rather than as the journalistic aberration many would like to term it."

Let's start a "Webb for President" movement!

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Bomb blast survivor refuses to be intimidated

There are roses, lots of them, in beribboned florist vases and varying stages of wilt. Blood-red petals pool on bookshelves and tabletops.

The dead roses and other reminders of the crime are everywhere in the yellow, subdivision home of nurse Emily Lyons.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

There is the piano she can no longer play; a plastic surgeon worked on her hands, but she still has trouble punching a telephone, using a knife and fork, fastening a bra.

There is the new, wide-screen TV, the only one Emily can see since she lost her left eye and much of her vision.

There are the big clumps of hair in the hairbrush, evidence of the thinning of the long, dark shock that might have been Emily's only vanity.

There are the newspapers, with daily reports of the search for bombing suspect Eric Robert Rudolph, a man some North Carolina residents see as a hero, a modern-day Robin Hood. Rudolph was spotted Jan. 29, the day of the bombing, outside the abortion clinic where Emily Lyons worked.

And if external reminders aren't enough, there is her own body. Emily Lyons wears a Coke bear shirt and cutoffs that show her leprous legs.

There have been nine surgeries since Emily was injured and a policeman killed at the clinic. Every time she feels she's making headway, it's time for another nail to be pulled from abscessed tissue, or a hole in her leg to be plugged, or a ruptured eardrum fixed.

Not long after she started getting around on her own, Emily had surgery on her right leg to remove five nails. "It was five days before I could walk again," she says. "I felt I was right back where I'd started."

That's not true, of course. She is better. With a lighted magnifying glass she can see to

read a little, and when the phone rings, she can answer.

When they called to ask Emily to come to Washington to testify against gutting the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization (RICO) law, she answered. "I thought, 'Me? You want me? I'm nobody.'" Then she thought about it. She thought about how more people could end up dead or maimed if certain politicians have their way. She called her ear surgeon to make sure the recently repaired eardrum was ready to stand an airplane ride.

"Whether it is or it isn't, I'm still going," Emily told the doctor. Her husband, Jeff, went with her.

She took a friend to help her dress. Her mother bought her some new clothes for the trip. (Emily's weight has dropped dramatically since the bombing.)

The woman who once was nervous every single day for two years while teaching an Arkansas nursing class stood before Washington cameras and was cool as an October morning.

"I've been blown up, I can't

be intimidated."

For someone who has been live with Larry King, written up in Cosmopolitan and featured on "American Journal," Emily Lyons is reserved, quiet. She doesn't complain, or see herself as some kind of emerging feminist heroine.

Resting on a couch with her cat, Snowball, Emily tries to figure out which of the Tom Clark gnomes she loves is missing from her collection. A hobby store has a big sale going on.

Her sense of humor is alive and well. She took one of those Halloween, rubber eyeballs with her to Washington and threatened to "pluck" it from her face and let it fall to the floor for dramatic effect.

If it weren't for an occasional laugh, she says, the hospital bed would be in her living room instead of an exercise bicycle "and I'd be wallowing in it every day."

When someone sent a limousine to ferry Emily home from the hospital, she asked it to stop at the clinic. Blood stained the pavement, but that day, at least, Emily's eyes were too weak to see.



IN BRIEF

City golf championship scheduled for Aug. 15-16

The Big Spring Herald City Golf Championship tournament has been slated for Aug. 15-16 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Players will be divided into six divisions — men's and women's open, seniors and super seniors divisions. Only the open divisions will be flighted.

Tournament director Jack Birdwell noted that senior and super seniors players will not be required to pay more than one entry fee, but will win only one award.

The tournament is open to any Howard County resident, as well as those from neighboring counties that play the Comanche Trail course on a regular basis.

Entry fees are \$35 per person and players must be registered no later than 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13.

For more information call the Comanche Trail pro shop at 264-2366.

BSHS season tickets currently on sale

Season tickets for Big Spring High School's five home games are currently on sale to previous season ticket holders at the school's administrative offices through Aug. 16.

The \$20 ticket packages will go on sale to the general public on Aug. 17 and continue through Sept. 4.

Sales will be conducted from 8:30 a.m. until noon and from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. on Fridays.

For more information, call Iris Thayer at 264-3640.

Herald seeking stringers for fall football coverage

The Herald is currently seeking writers and photographers interested in working as correspondents during the high school football season.

Correspondents and stringer photographers will be assigned to cover area teams on Friday nights.

For more information, call sports editor John A. Moseley at 263-7331, ext. 233.

CRMWD now accepting applications for hunting

Applications for public hunting permits for the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Wildlife Management Areas will be accepted through Aug. 15 at the Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD).

A public drawing for hunting permits is set for 10 a.m. on Sept. 1 at the lake's field office.

For more information call the CRMWD at 267-6341.

Hunter education course scheduled for Aug. 8-9

A hunter education course, required for all hunters born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, will be offered on Aug. 8-9 in Big Spring.

The course will be taught by Boyce Hale and a \$10 fee will be charged. Class sessions will begin at 8 a.m. each day.

The minimum age for certification is 12 years. Those successfully completing the course will be issued a hunter education certificate by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

For more information, contact Hale at 267-6957.

ON THE AIR

TODAY:

BASEBALL

6:35 p.m. — Cincinnati Reds at Atlanta Braves, TBS, Ch. 11.

7:30 p.m. — Toronto Blue Jays at Texas Rangers, FXS, Ch. 29.

BOXING

8 p.m. — Junior middleweights Oba Carr vs. Alfred Ankamafi; super middleweights Glen Johnson vs. Joseph Kiwanuka, USA, Ch. 38.

Area football, volleyball squads begin practices Wednesday

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

The day that schoolboy football players both dread and anticipate with excitement — the first day of football practice — is Wednesday.

It is also the day the University Interscholastic League allows high school volleyball programs to open practice.

Grady's Wildcats will be the area's first team to open drills in shorts Wednesday with practice set to start at 7 a.m., but all but one of the Crossroads Country's eight teams will have joined them within an hour.

The last team to begin workouts will

be defending six-man state champion Borden County's Coyotes.

Coach Bobby Ayery has scheduled Coyote workouts to begin at 5 p.m.

Big Spring's Steers will open two-a-day practices with an 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. session before returning for an 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. practice. The team's picture session has been scheduled immediately following the second workout.

Coahoma and Forsan players will also begin two-a-days at 8 Wednesday morning, but Steve Park will have his Buff players return for a second workout at 11 a.m., while Jim Edwards and his Bulldogs will have their second practice session at 5 p.m.

Several of the area's teams, including

Roger Smith's Wildcats at Grady, will not follow the traditional pattern of two-a-day workouts.

Grady's workouts prior to the start of school will be from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. daily.

Avery said Borden County players will only have one practice session per day. "We'll only go once a day, but we'll be out there until it's too dark for us to see," he explained.

Sands' Mustangs will also have just one practice session per day with the exception of Thursday. Coach Billy Barnett has scheduled Wednesday's workout for 8 a.m. until noon.

The Mustangs will workout from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

on Thursday. Friday's session will be from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Stanton's Buffaloes will begin preparation for what coach Mark Cotton hopes will be a second straight Class 2A state championship with a 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. practice session. Following a 30-minute break, the Buffs will return for a 10 a.m. to noon session.

New Garden City head coach Mike Meek has scheduled the Bearcats for 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. practice sessions.

Big Spring's Lady Steers volleyball team will workout from 3 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Steer Gym. Coach Traci Pierce said a lengthy break will be included, breaking the practice into two sessions.



Cassie Gover, 16, of Ackerly displays a number of awards she's received in the last few months during bowling competitions. The most recent award came during the Games of Texas competition in Lubbock. Gover, who'll be a junior at Sands High School this fall, finished third in the Lubbock tournament with a 210 average.

Dallas' Strickland meeting challenge to keep starting job

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — Fred Strickland knew the challenge he would face this season to keep his job as the Dallas Cowboys' starting middle line-backer.

He could hear the coaches and the media talking about it. Randall Godfrey, the fast and active second-year outside line-backer from Georgia, was going to get a clean shot to beat out the 11-year veteran.

"Age caught up a little with Fred last year," said defensive coordinator Dave Campo of the 31-year-old Strickland. "He knew he was going to have a battle with Godfrey. He came back in great shape."

Strickland, who came to Dallas in 1996 as a free agent from Green Bay, said he wasn't about to lose the job by default.

"The competition has just made me a better player," Strickland said. "I didn't listen to all the talk Randall was going to be the starter."

"Playing hurt like I did last year I figured I'd be the starter without any question. I was a little upset at first but I figured this is just a business. I decided nobody was going to get my job."

Strickland hired a personal trainer in the off-season, met constantly with a diettitian and spent the off-season at Valley Ranch instead of going home to Upper Saddle River, N.J.

As it turned out, outside line-backer Broderick Thomas suffered a season-ending injury in the first week of training camp, ensuring there would be a starting job for Strickland.

"It hurt us to lose Broderick," said Strickland. "He had a lot of leadership and tenacity. He was pushing all of us to get better."

Godfrey said moving back to the outside was OK with him because of the way Strickland is playing.

"He's doing a great job," Godfrey said. "I was all psyched up to play in the middle but I don't mind the outside at all. I think the linebacking crew is looking great. Fred is playing well."

Strickland, who dropped 15 pounds to get into the 245-pound category, said it's easy to pinpoint why the Cowboys had the 20th ranked run defense in the league last year.

"We really missed Leon Lett," Strickland said. "It's a big difference with him in there tying up two or three blockers. Leon was gone for 13 games (with an NFL-ordered drug suspension). The combination of no Leon and some of the injuries we suffered really hurt."

Strickland had 132 tackles last year which was down from his 153 tackles in 1996.

"I had a brace on my right knee the whole year," he said.

Oakland's Oquist bears brunt of Yankees' bats in 14-1 rout

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

MAJOR LEAGUES

When Mike Oquist came to the dugout after each inning, Oakland Athletics manager Art Howe offered little more than condolences.

Trying to preserve his bullpen for today's doubleheader, Howe sacrificed Oquist and sent him back out for more torture as the New York Yankees overwhelmed the A's 14-1 Monday night.

Oquist (6-9) became the first pitcher since 1977 to give up 14 earned runs, setting an A's franchise record. He gave up 16 hits in five innings and lost his fourth straight start.

"Okie took one for us," Howe said. "It's a terrible feeling to have to do that with anyone on your team. Life's cruel. I was bleeding with the kid."

Chuck Knoblauch homered twice and drove in a career-high five runs for the Yankees. Paul O'Neill and Darryl Strawberry also homered.

Every starter in the New York lineup had at least one hit and scored a run by the fourth inning. O'Neill had three hits, including his 16th homer.

Bill Travers was the last major leaguer to allow 14 earned runs, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. He did it on Aug. 14, 1977, in 7-2-3 innings of Milwaukee's loss to Cleveland.

Oquist said he understood the situation.

"I know he (Howe) didn't

want to do it. I didn't want to do it," Oquist said. "But you've got to keep making pitches and going at them. You make a mistake and they don't miss them. I've never been hit like that before."

In other American League games, Anaheim defeated Cleveland 11-4, Seattle beat Boston 3-1 and Chicago downed Tampa Bay 6-1.

Matt Stairs tied an Athletics franchise record by homering in his fifth straight game.

In National League games, Los Angeles defeated the New York Mets 8-5, San Francisco beat Philadelphia 6-1, Montreal defeated San Diego 6-1, Florida defeated Houston 11-3, Colorado topped Pittsburgh 7-2, Arizona beat Chicago 6-5 and Milwaukee downed St. Louis 6-5.

Orlando Hernandez (6-3) pitched a three-hitter and struck out eight in his second complete game. New York, which was coming off a loss at Seattle, won for the 10th time in 13 games.

Knoblauch, in a 2-for-29 slump entering the game, hit a three-run homer, and O'Neill added a two-run shot as the Yankees scored seven times in the second inning.

Knoblauch hit a two-run shot, his 12th of the season, and Strawberry added a two-run homer as New York added five in the third for a 13-1 lead.

Strawberry leads the Yankees with 18 homers this season.

Stairs led off the second with his 20th homer of the season.

After the game, the A's released outfielder-designated hitter Kevin Mitchell and called up right-hander Jay Witasick to pitch in the first game of today's doubleheader.

Angels 11, Indians 4

Tim Salmon hit a three-run homer and Randy Velarde got three hits as Anaheim beat visiting Cleveland.

Velarde's hits were his first ones in the majors since 1996. He played in only one game last year because of elbow problems.

Knuckleballer Steve Sparks (5-2) was the winner.

Mariners 3, Red Sox 1

Rookie Shane Monahan hit his first major league homer, a two-run shot that broke a seventh-inning tie and sent Seattle over Boston at the Kingdome.

Monahan connected in his 20th game for the Mariners. Ken Cloude (6-7) won his third straight decision and Mike Timlin got his seventh save.

White Sox 6, Devil Rays 1

James Baldwin beat Tampa Bay for the third time this season, outpitching Rolando Arrojo at Tropicana Field.

Baldwin (7-4) shut out Tampa Bay until Fred McGriff hit his 350th career home run with one out in the ninth inning. Arrojo (11-8) lost to Baldwin for the second time in a week.

NCAA expected to announce ruling on Texas Tech today

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech officials expected to find out today whether self-imposed sanctions would be enough to deter the NCAA from adding more punishment for the school's rampant rule violations.

NCAA officials refused comment on any aspect of the ruling.

The school imposed three years of probation on its athletic program, including substantial scholarship cuts in six sports. An NCAA committee could add to the punishment.

Several officials at Texas Tech declined to comment on the issue. Texas Tech Chancellor John T. Montford could

not be reached for comment.

Investigations by the school and the NCAA found rampant rules violations and errors in academic certification and financial aid distribution.

Tech admitted last October that four sports awarded too much scholarship money and 76 athletes had competed while academically ineligible from 1991-97; the number has increased to 81 after recalculations.

The school also improperly paid 66 current athletes' fees to take the Texas Academic Skills Program test. Tech also admitted to several infractions stemming from booster money that was given

to athletes; in one case the money was used to pay an athlete's bail bond.

Because of Tech's self-imposed sanctions, football will lose 14 scholarships over the next two years, baseball will lose a total of 7 1/2 through 2002 and the men's basketball team will shrink from 13 scholarship players to 11 for the next three seasons.

Men's track and golf and women's basketball were hit with lighter scholarship sanctions. All six sports, along with men's tennis and women's volleyball, also forfeited every victory in which an ineligible athlete participated.

Cutting scholarships effects a school's

ability to recruit talented athletes, who are often swayed by the prospect of a free education.

Men's basketball already had forfeited all its Big 12 victories in 1997 and declared itself ineligible for postseason play. The team also forfeited its two NCAA tournament victories in 1995 and said it would repay the NCAA the approximately \$100,000 it earned.

Tech lost \$1.75 million in Big 12 bowl revenue last fall when the football team removed itself from postseason contention, forcing the athletic department to slash its budget by 15 percent across the board this fiscal year.

CAMP NOTES

Anderson not seriously hurt

The Cowboys, who had lost a defensive back and a linebacker for the season with injuries, got lucky on defensive tackle Antonib Anderson.

Coach Chan Gailey announced Monday that Anderson suffered only a right knee strain in Sunday's night's practice.

Anderson, a fourth-round pick from Syracuse two years ago, had to be carried from the field.

"It's just a strain and he'll be out a maximum of two to three weeks," Gailey said. "We'll get him back about the time we break camp on Aug. 15."

Thunderstorm cuts practice short

The Cowboys cut their practice short because of an approaching thunderstorm that dumped more than an inch of rain on Wichita Falls.

Winds gusted to 63 mph and water ran curb-deep, prompting a flash flood warning.

Aside from a few sprinkles a week ago, it was the first rain in the city since Dallas began training camp on July 15.

The Cowboys left the field at 5:25 p.m., about 35 minutes earlier than planned.

They had no morning practice but will work twice on both Tuesday and Wednesday, weather permitting.

Moose having no problems

One of the big question marks of training camp was how fullback Darryl Johnston could handle hits on his neck.

The 10-year veteran had fusion surgery during the season last year, prompting some reports he might retire.

So far, so good. "D.J. is feeling great," said coach Chan Gailey. "I feel very confident about him playing this season without problems."

Cost of a training camp

Dr. Howard Farrell, Midwestern University's vice president for student and administrative services, said the Cowboys will be billed for about \$250,000 after training camp ends on Aug. 15.

"Try putting a brace on your knee and see how it limits your mobility."

Campo said Strickland "has a great attitude this year and you can tell it."

Coach Chan Gailey said Strickland was one of the highlights in the Cowboys' 20-19 loss to Seattle in the first preseason game.

"Fred played well, he did a good job of taking on their linemen," Gailey said. "It was good to see."

Strickland agreed, saying, "I think I showed the coaches what kind of year I'm going to have. I felt good out there, particularly with that knee brace off."

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terns. Don't hesitate to increase
your professional expertise,
even if that means going back
to school or attending work-
shops and seminars. Schedule
and keep regular doctor's
appointments. You won't neces-
sarily have difficulty in this
area, but following careful diet
and health habits will pay off.
Seek to become more efficient.
If you are single, relationships
are full of fantasy and excite-
ment, but longevity will be
another matter. If attached,
your love life will be dicey.
Enjoy the changes, rather than
allowing them to upset you.
CAPRICORN has a healing
effect on you.

The Stars Show the Kind of
Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-
Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-
Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Be direct and clear with boss-
es. They admire your style.
Finally, you can get a lot done.
Pressure is high, but you can
meet the demands. Recognize
that others look at you for an
example. Use your leadership
skills. Tonight: In the lime-
light.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Go along with prevailing atti-
tudes, but don't hesitate to
challenge someone's thinking.
Answers lie between the
cracks. Think about a trip you
have been putting off. Now is
the time to start planning; visit
a travel agent during lunch-
hour. Tonight: Talk about your
plans.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Negotiate the terms you want.
Too often, you take a back seat
and do what others want. Change
that. Discussions with a partner
concern money, work and
emotions. Again, don't race
in with solutions. Let others do
some of the work. Tonight: Be a
duo.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Defer to others because they
really won't let you do other-
wise. Let someone feel in con-
trol. Dynamic thinking opens
doors for you right now. Estab-
lish limits as to how much
you will do and give. Caring
abounds, regardless. Tonight:
Enjoy being the socialite.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Dig into work. Don't let a ten-
dency to be excessive interfere
with your daily routine. Con-
sider a dietary resolution or
exercise program. Concentrate
on one item at a time. Some-
one has a lot to offer, but un-
derstand that the responsibility
lies with you. Tonight: To the
gym!***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Creativity is a must if you
need solutions. You struggle
when the answer is obvious.
Get feedback from a child or
loved one, even if you find him

HOROSCOPE

overly simplistic. Perhaps you
are making something more
complicated than it need be.
Tonight: Relish the
moment.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Take the lead with a family
member. You don't have all the
answers. Clear communica-
tions. Someone, as you know,
can be quite stubborn. Finding
viable solutions is difficult.
Take responsibility for your
home life; no one else can.
Tonight: In your favorite
chair.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Reach out for others, make
headway and discuss what is
necessary. Your more playful
side emerges. Consider alterna-
tives. Discussions are impor-
tant. You open creative valves
in yourself and in others.
Listen to a child; he means
what he says. Tonight: Around
town.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.
21)
Handle finances with the
savvy and knowledge associat-
ed with your sign. Do not take
a back seat; dig in. At work,
others respect your understand-
ing and money awareness. Re-
cognize how much you have
to offer. Buy a token of affec-
tion for a loved one. Tonight:
Order in.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.
19)
You help others realize what
is appropriate. There is a lot of
tension around you. Examine
long-term trends, with an eye
to revising what isn't working.
Be sensitive to a loved one or
child; he needs more from you
than you are giving. Tonight: A
force to be dealt with.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Maintain the low profile that
is called for. It is more effective
and allows you to see another
perspective. Learn how to
respond, not react. Hold some-
one's confidence; don't let that
secret out now. Concentrate on
work you can do alone. Ton-
ight: Curl up with a good
book.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Aim for what you want.
Friends need your support and
ask you to pitch in. Make
mandatory meetings, visit oth-
ers and take a risk. Networking
lets you expand your horizons.
Don't accept an offer just yet.
There could be more coming.
Tonight: With friends.***

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Actress Loni Anderson (1946),
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DEAR ABBY: In a recent col-
umn, a student complained that
a teacher forbade the children
to discuss "Dear Abby" because
it was considered adult materi-
al, inappropriate for
youngsters. You suggest-
ed the students ask the
principal what the school's
policy is about discussing
items they've read in the
newspaper.

While they are at it, the
students should also ask what
the school's policy is regard-
ing the Constitution and the Bill
of Rights. Is this a school or a
penitentiary? According to the
student, this teacher also won't
let the kids talk in private. Isn't
that teacher disregarding free-
dom of speech? It also doesn't
sound as though there is much
freedom of assembly at recess
while this teacher is in the
gator tower.

From where I sit, the teacher
should be applauding these
kids for reading the newspaper.
— PRESTON NEAL JONES,
HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.

DEAR PRESTON: I couldn't
agree more. Read on.

DEAR ABBY: The letter from
students who were reprimand-
ed by a teacher for discussing
your column at recess infuriat-
ed me. I am a senior in high
school, and during my 12 years
in the school system, I have
seen and experienced plenty of
censorship. I have seen peti-
tions ruthlessly squelched, and
I know some schools ban cer-
tain books. However, the inci-
dent described in that letter
takes the cake. That a teacher
should censor a private discus-
sion among friends (which she
had no business listening to, I
might add) is outrageous, dis-
gusting and un-American.

The First Amendment, which
grants Americans the freedom
of speech and assembly (among
other things), applies to every-
one — even students. The
Supreme Court upheld this
principle in 1969, in the case of
Tinker vs. Des Moines, when it
stated: "It can hardly be argued
that either students or teacher
shed their constitutional rights
to freedom of speech at the
schoolhouse gate." The court
ruled that students have the
right to express unpopular
opinions as long as they are not
being disruptive. Those stu-
dents were not even expressing
an unpopular opinion. They
were practicing pure free
speech — private speech among
individuals — which happens
to be the most protected form of
speech under the Constitution.
— CLAIRE BUSHEY, WILM-
INGTON, DEL.

DEAR CLAIRE: You are
absolutely correct. But I
thought the teacher would
accept it more readily if he or
she heard it from the school
principal, rather than the stu-
dents. Read on.

DEAR ABBY: Regarding the
letter about the teacher who
thinks that your column is only
for adults: As kids we attended
a Lutheran Bible study camp
here in Colorado. I don't
remember much about the
camp — it's been so long ago —
but one memory I do have is
that we had a group chat about
your column. It was led by the
principal of our school.

He would read a question and
then ask us to pretend that we
were, Abby and give our
answers. I felt pretty good
when I nailed your response to
a T. As an adult now, I can
hardly see where your column
would be inappropriate for a
child. Thank you for many
enjoyable years of columns. —
NATALIE MENTEN, GOLDEN,
COLO.

DEAR NATALIE: Thank you.
Your letter made my day.

DEAR ABBY: You advised
"Feeling Guilty in the Desert"
to allow her mother to live with
her temporarily if the mother
and father separate. Well, let
me tell you why that is NOT
good advice. How do I know?
I'm speaking from personal
experience.

I owned my own home and
was still unmarried when I
foolishly allowed my mother to
live with me. She stuck like a
leech and insulted every man I
dated. I had to fight for every
idea I wanted to implement in
my own home. It was a miser-
able fight all the way.

Mom worked and was capable
of having her own home, but
she was terrified of living
alone. Finally, in desperation,
I sent all her belongings to my
brother's home while she was
visiting him. I caught hell from
him and his family because
they knew it wouldn't work for
our mother to live with them.
She begged to come back to my
home, saying it would be tem-
porary, only until she could
find a place of her own.

I weakened and allowed her
to return. She lived with me
and made my life pure hell
until the day she died.

Abby, please retract your
advice to "Feeling Guilty."
Encourage her to stick to her
guns and not allow her mother
to take advantage of her. —
LEARNED THE HARD WAY

P.S. I married AFTER Mother
died, not before.

DEAR LEARNED: Your letter
was one of many warning
against allowing a manipula-
tive parent to get a foot in the
door. However, I stand by my
advice because the daughter
had lived in her mother's home
until age 29. That means her
mother provided for her long
past the time when most adults
should be self-sufficient. I think
she owes her mother at least
temporary shelter. And may I
emphasize, I advised TEMPO-
RARY shelter, not a permanent
home.

After a reasonable period of
time during which her parents
could resolve their marital
problems, it would then be
appropriate for the daughter to
give her mother her walking
papers. It may be difficult, but
it is possible to evict an indi-

TUESDAY AUG. 4

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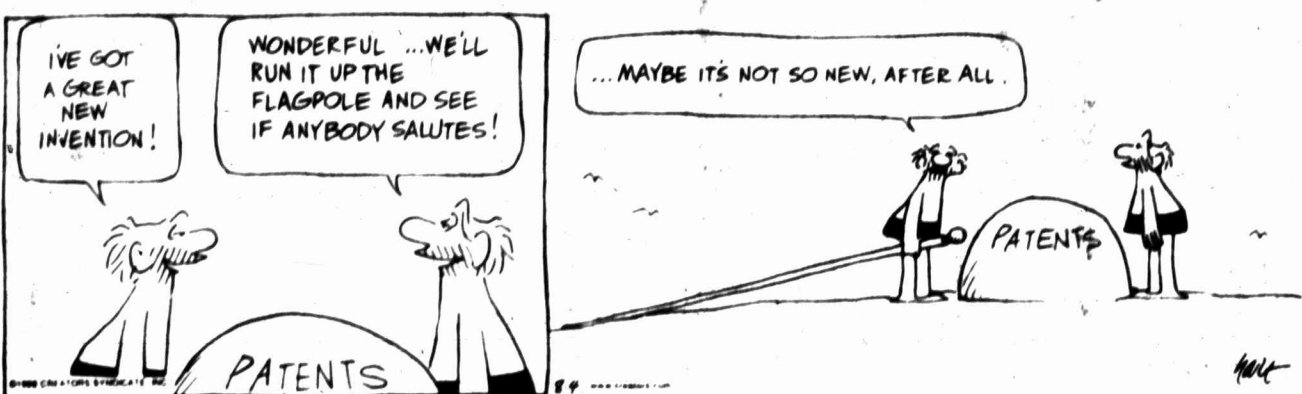
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 4, 1944, Nazi police raided the secret annex of a building in Amsterdam and arrested eight people - including 15-year-old Anne Frank, whose diary became a famous account of the Holocaust. She died at the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp.

On this date: In 1735, a jury acquitted John Peter Zenger of the New York Weekly Journal of seditious libel. In 1790, the Coast Guard had its beginnings as the Revenue Cutter Service. In 1830, plans for the city of Chicago were laid out. In 1892, Andrew and Abby Borden were axed to death in their home in Fall River, Mass. Lizzie Borden, Andrew Borden's daughter from a previous marriage, was accused of the killings, but acquitted at trial. In 1914, Britain declared war on Germany while the United States proclaimed its neutrality. In 1916, the United States purchased the Danish Virgin Islands for \$25 million. In 1964, the bodies of missing civil rights workers Michael H. Schwerner, Andrew Goodman and James E. Chaney were found buried in an earthen dam in Mississippi. In 1977, President Carter signed a measure establishing the Department of Energy. In 1987, the Federal Communications Commission voted 4-0 to rescind the Fairness Doctrine, which required radio and television stations to present balanced coverage of controversial issues. Ten years ago: U.S. Rep. Mario Biaggi (D-N.Y.) was convicted of charges that included conspiracy, extortion, tax evasion and acceptance of bribes in the Wedtech corruption scandal. Sentenced to prison, he was paroled in 1990. Five years ago: A federal judge sentenced Los Angeles police officers Stacey Koon and Laurence Powell to 2 1/2 years in prison for violating Rodney King's civil rights. The Senate approved a \$5.8 billion disaster bill for Midwestern flood victims. One year ago: Teamsters went on a 15-day strike against United Parcel Service after talks broke down with nation's largest package delivery service. Jeanne Calment, the world's oldest person at age 122, died in a retirement home in Arles, France.

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