

TUESDAY
August 11, 1998

Tonight



PARTLY CLOUDY
TONIGHT WEDNESDAY
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Emergency funds workshops slated

West Texas farmers and ranchers will get the chance to learn more about emergency funds and their availability as the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) hosts disaster loan workshops all over Texas.

There will be a workshop in Stamford, Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. at the St. John Methodist Church basement at 201 S. Ferguson.

Plainview will host a workshop on Aug. 25, 1:30 p.m. at the Ollie Liner Center, 200 S. Columbia.

San Angelo will participate on Aug. 26, 1:30 p.m. at the Texas A&M Center, 7887 Highway 87 N.

For more information, call (512) 463-7593, or your local TDA regional office.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

Quarterback Club, 7 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.

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.

Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy from 10 a.m. to noon.

Evening line dancing class, 6:30 p.m., Spring City Senior Center at the industrial Park. Enter North gate of former Air Base (Simler Drive), cross first intersection. Senior Center is first building on left. Park in the East parking lot and enter by the East door. For more information call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522 or e-mail at drkbigspring@xroadstx.com

Gideons International Big Spring Camp No. 4206, 7 a.m., Hermans.

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Billy Smith at 267-6479.

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County commissioners hold to 45.89-cent tax rate for 1999

By T.E. JENKINS
Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners Court agreed Monday to leave the 1999 tax rate the same as the previous year to prevent a tax increase.

"There will be no increase or decrease," said Commissioner Bill Crooker.



CROOKER

"We will hold the tax rate at what it was last year, and there will be no tax increase in the county."

The 1999 tax rate will not be officially set until September, said County Auditor Jackie Olson, but the auditor's office will use the same .4589 rate used for 1998.

Commissioners agreed that the drop in oil prices will not only effect this year's proceedings, but will spill over into next year's budget as well.

"This is certainly bad enough," said Crooker, "but next year will be an

absolute nightmare."

Olson said there will be no room for mistakes with the current numbers.

"We are estimating a total tax revenue of \$4.89 million based on a net collection of 95 percent," he said.

"With these numbers so tight, we simply can not go over budget, under any circumstances."

"Last year, the same tax rate produced \$5.04 million in net revenues. If we were to maintain the same expenditures as last year, we would have to raise taxes.

The departments in the county have really had to tighten their belts to avoid a tax increase."

"We can piddle around with the tax rate," said Commissioner Sonny Choate, "and in the end we would increase revenues by \$20,000, which wouldn't really accomplish much."

Howard County commissioners also reviewed total tax expenses on the county's buildings and equipment, and approved the auditor's proposal for services.

School days return

Class bells set to ring throughout Big Spring and surrounding area

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Students return to the classroom Wednesday as Big Spring Independent School District kicks off the 1998-99 school year.

School cafeterias open at 7:45 a.m. Breakfast costs \$1. Elementary lunches are \$1.25 and secondary lunches are \$1.50. Adult meals are \$1.25.

Locally, elementary students attending Marcy, Washington, Moss, Kentwood, College Heights and Washington, and Anderson Kindergarten Center, must report to their classrooms by 8:15 a.m. School dismisses for elementary students at 3:15 p.m.

Goliad seventh grade students' bell rings at 8:20 a.m. Sixth-graders at Goliad must

be in their seats at 8:24. The middle school day ends at 3:25.

Runnels students attend classes beginning at 8:25 a.m. Their day ends at 3:20 p.m. Big Spring High School students should be in their seats by 8:20, and their day ends at 3:10.

"The first bell rings, to let students into the building, at 8:13 a.m.," said high school principal Kent Bowermon.

Coahoma students return to school Thursday, and their day begins at 8 a.m. The tardy bell rings at 8:05, and classes are dismissed at 3:30 p.m. Coahoma school cafeterias will be open this week for breakfast and lunch. Breakfast prices are 75 cents, lunch costs \$1.50.

Stanton, Grady and Garden City schools begin Thursday. Forsan students begin school Friday.

Watch those school zones!

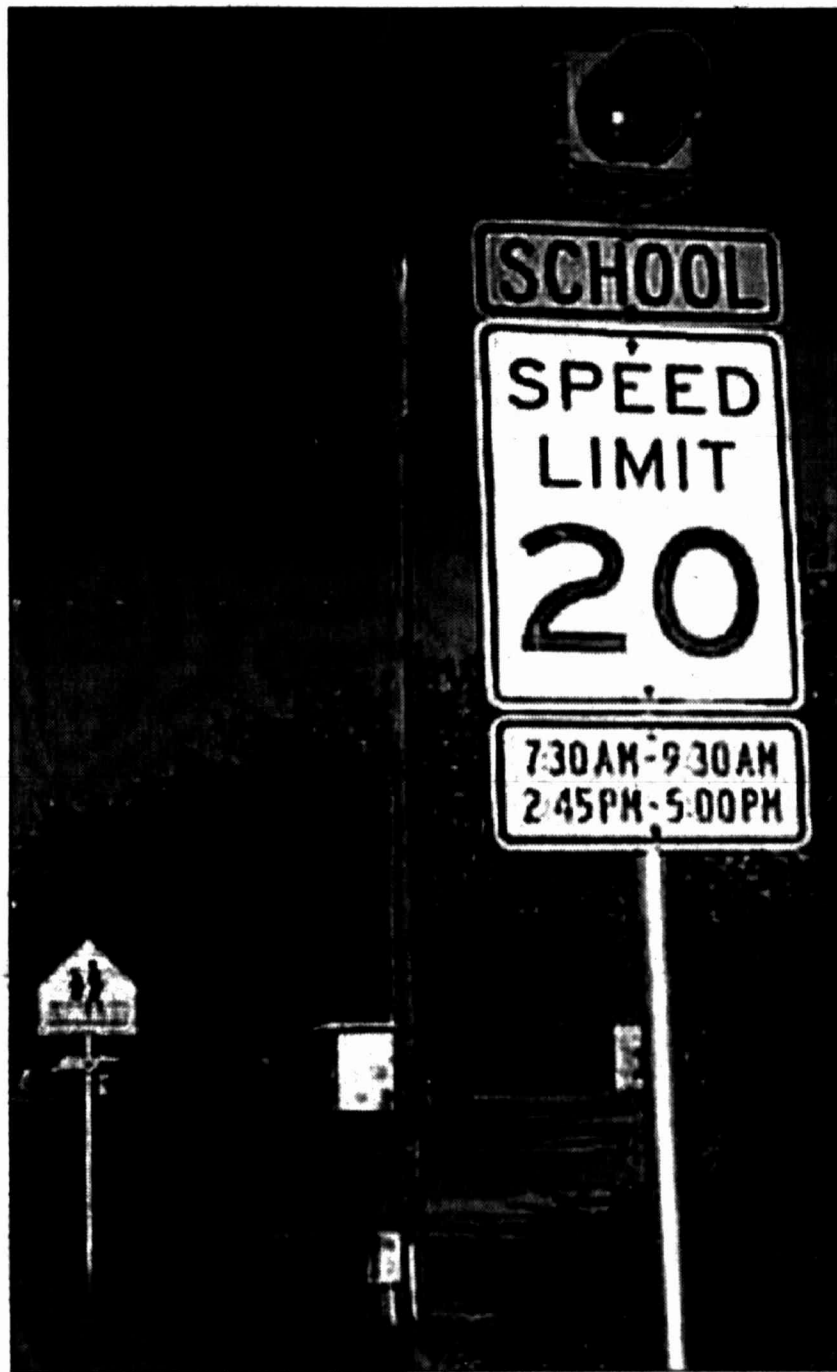
By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

With school starting tomorrow, school zones will be enforced by the Big Spring Police Department, and the fine for speeding in a school zone is \$150, according to municipal judge Gary Tabor.

Sgt. Roger Sweat, with the BSPD, said the fines are really not the point of school zones.

"Our main aim is to get people to slow down and not hit any children. We're asking people to use common sense and watch out for children and to slow down. We've had too many kids hit,

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SCHOOL Bells ring throughout the area Wednesday and motorists are reminded that school speed zones will be in effect once again. The fine, officers say, for speeding in a school zone is a pretty hefty one - \$150.

County workers to see hike in prescription co-pay

By T.E. JENKINS
Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners Court approved the county's current health insurance contract with the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) Monday afternoon, increasing pharmacy co-payments on non-generic drugs by as much as 50 percent.

"Up until now, those with county provided health insurance have paid a \$5 co-payment

on generic prescriptions, and a \$10 co-payment on brand-name drugs," said Howard County Auditor Jackie Olson. "TAC is strongly recommending that we keep the same \$5 co-payment on generic drugs and increase the co-payment on branded drugs to \$15."

Olson explained that prescription drug prices have nearly tripled in the last few years, and if a change isn't made, the insurance coverage will have to be altered to make up the difference.

"I have reviewed the information from TAC," said Olson. "Health insurance costs are up 13.5 percent, dental coverage has increased by 2 percent, and there haven't been any changes in the life insurance plans."

"The newer policies would call for users to take the generic drugs unless the doctor specifically calls for the branded ones."

The TAC report also announced a 13.5 percent cost increase in benefits for retired employees.

"Do we have any choice in the situation with the retirees benefits?" said Commissioner Jerry Kilgore.

"Not unless we make changes in what is provided by the policy," said Olson. "We'll just have to contact TAC, and see what options, if any, are available to us."

The commissioners court voted to renew coverage with the only change being the increase in prescription co-payment, and passed the item unopposed.

Jailer's dual role ensures care for inmates' ills

By T.E. JENKINS
Staff Writer

As county agencies find new ways to cut their 1999 budgets down to size, Howard County Sheriff's Office has taken a

rather new approach. "Back in June of last year we came to an agreement with a nursing service to provide medical services for the inmates," said Chief Administration Assistant Mike West. "They

would be used on a 'need' basis only, and of all the proposals we received, their's was the best. Sheriff Jennings has wanted the best service for the best price since the very beginning."

"I kept a running total of the expense of the services, and after four months of watching figures, it was running the county between \$25,000 to \$30,000 a year."

According to West, he felt the county could provide better service for less money by hiring an emergency medical technician (EMT) as a full-time jailer.

"We sacrificed one of our jailer positions to hire an EMT. We hired Bobby Roever, who is not only an EMT, but also a paramedic."

"I'm a certified paramedic," said Roever. "I take care of the inmates medical needs, from a toothache to a hurt toe. It's my responsibility to make an assessment of the situation, and then work with the doctors to

solve the problem."

All county agencies have had to make cut-backs on their budgets for this coming year, including a 7.5 percent cut across the board.

West said that Roever was a good choice for the position, not only for his qualifications, but because he taught emergency medical technician courses at Howard College for some time.

"We are very fortunate to have Bobby," said West. "Bobby is around these inmates everyday, so he really gets to know them better than the nurses from the nursing service did. He just sees a lot more. That personal contact can be very helpful to him, as well as the rest of the sheriff's office."

"He has helped us tremendously," said Howard County Sheriff Bill Jennings. "He is basically a liaison between the inmates and the doctors. It's



ROEVER

Budget

Howard College trustees settle on deficit budget

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Howard College board of trustees approved a \$13,710,730 deficit budget during Monday's special board meeting.

"We feel this is the best budget to present to keep out tax rate at its current level of 21.23. Our levy will be less than we've received in the past, and the result will be a deficit budget, so we will pull money from the reserves to make this budget work," said Dr. Cheri Sparks, president of Howard College.

Trustees said maintaining the current tax rate is necessary in today's economy.

"Conditions have been very bad in Howard County this year. Maybe next year will be better," said Harold David, college board secretary.

"Although we're not increasing taxes, we're not getting as much money as we've been getting. We're getting less taxes and we're making it up out of the reserves," he said.

Sparks said approximately \$665,000 will be pulled from the reserves, and trustees needed to make the decision before the fiscal year end Oct. 1.

"We're taking money from our reserves to invest in our future. We hope these amounts will come back to us on a higher level. We are very pleased with the preliminary indications we have," she said.

Sparks said budget revenue figures lean toward conservative and some recovery of expenditures might be recouped through tuition, fees and dormitory charges.

Drew Mouton, attorney for Howard County, presented trustees with the annual delinquent tax report, and the options for the Permian Building.

"This has been the second best two year period we've had in the last four years. The harder we work, the more money we collect," he said.

Total collections for Howard College for the 1997-98 tax year were \$62,886. The county total collections for that same year were \$618,614, for all taxing entities, including the city, the county and the school district.

Howard College has had a total of \$574,124 in taxes placed on the delinquent tax rolls in the past five years. The 1997 delinquent tax roll is \$71,546, according to figures supplied by Mouton.

Mouton also told trustees that the Permian Building is a potential hazard, and that the board could decide to accept a proposal or choose to take no action.

"Al Moore, owner of the Permian Building, has indicated he will deed the building to the taxing entities and pay the two delinquent years he is presently responsible for," Mouton said.

Following separate executive sessions, trustees decided not to take action on the Permian Building, and instructed their attorney, Trey Dolezal from Austin, to pursue a subrogation



SPARKS

OBITUARIES

Angie Honeycutt

Memorial service for Angie Honeycutt, 36, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, 1998, at Myers & Smith Chapel. The family will receive friends following the service at the funeral home.



HONEYCUTT

Ms. Honeycutt died Friday, Aug. 7.

She was born on April 27, 1962, in Lamesa. She moved to Big Spring in 1972 from Lamesa. She graduated from Coahoma High School in 1980. Ms. Honeycutt was a senior office specialist at the Federal Department of Corrections and had been with the department since 1987.

She is survived by: her mother and step-father, Judy and Mohamed Semri of Big Spring; her father and step-mother, Buddy and Linda Honeycutt of Lubbock; a brother, Kris Honeycutt of Big Spring; a sister, June Herrera of Big Spring; three nieces and several aunts, uncles, cousins including a great-aunt, Mrs. W.L. King of Big Spring.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

James Paul Wozencraft

Funeral service for James Paul Wozencraft, Ret. Maj. United States Army, 71, Herber Springs, Ark., was 10:30 a.m. today at the Olmstead Funeral Chapel, Herber Springs, Ark., with William Tracy Durham, of Ft. Smith, Ark., officiating. Burial followed in the Cleburne County Memorial Gardens with military graveside service by VFW Post No. 3543.

Mr. Wozencraft died Friday, Aug. 7, 1998, at his home.

He was born on Dec. 29, 1926, in Seagraves. He and his wife moved to Herber Springs, Ark. in 1966, following his retirement from the Army. He enlisted in the US Army in 1944, serving in World War II and Korea. He received many military awards and recognitions during his career.

Survivors include: his wife, Rosemarie Wozencraft of Herber Springs, Ark.; a son, Thomas Wozencraft of Ft. Smith, Ark.; and three sisters, Doris E. Wozencraft of Denver, Colo., Nina Barbera of Elmer, N.J., and Betty Franklin of Big Spring.

Arrangements under the direction of Olmstead Funeral Home, Inc., Herber Springs, Ark.

Alvin Roberts

Service for Alvin Roberts, 64, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He died Tuesday, Aug. 11, 1998, at his residence.

Monroe Bennett

Service for Monroe Bennett, 56, Sand Springs, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He died Tuesday, Aug. 11, 1998, at his residence.

COLLEGE

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case. "That's all I can say now, until the case becomes public," Sparks said.

Summer enrollment figures, while slightly down from last year in student population, showed a marked increase on contact hours, according to Linda Conway, vice president for institutional advancement.

"The students enrolled are taking more hours. These are preliminary figures, but our contact hours are up by 3,000 more than last year," Conway said.

"Comparing base year to base year, we are up 5,000 contact hours. This means we are going in the right direction," Sparks added.

Dr. Ron Brasel, provost for the Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, said students moved into the new Burke-Mehan Residential Complex Sunday.

"We've still got things we're working on, and there's work to be done, but we are tickled to be in the new dorms and out of the old dorms," Brasel said.

In other business, trustees approved new employee handbooks and catalog changes to include a waiver of non-residential fees for parents or guardians who buy a home and begin paying local taxes, said Conway.

Trustees also approved purchase of \$184,865 worth of computers and printers, using recently received Technology Infrastructure Fund grant money from the state.

Worker's compensation insurance, athletic insurance and computers for Swcid were approved.

Lee, Reynolds and Welch remain the district auditors, following board action.

Sparks said instructors and administrative staff are ready for the coming fall semester. "We anticipate good enrollment. Aug. 24 is the first day of classes, and it's also the date of the next board meeting," she said.

PARAMEDIC

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Just like a paramedic who gets on the scene of a medical emergency. He assesses the situation, does what he has to do to get the situation under control, then turns the case over to a doctor. If they have to go to the hospital, he stays with them constantly. It's the same protocol as any other medical sys-

tem. West said that since the sheriff's office hired Roever, there has been an immediate and obvious drop in medical service costs.

"Figures show that since we've brought Bobby aboard, our medical expenses have dropped drastically," said West. "We are doing our best to cut expenses, and this has really helped our department. When you look at the figures, Bobby has actually paid for himself already."

"Roever has already saved the county a tremendous amount of money," said Jennings. "He has been very receptive to us. He prepares all of the medical records that have to be sent before a prisoner is transferred, as well as the paperwork that we have to send the Texas Department of Criminal Justice."

Jennings said that although the addition of an EMT to his jailer staff has helped cut costs, it has still left him one jailer short of a full staff.

"Right now I am pulling double-duty," said Roever. "I have to tend to my responsibilities as a jailer, as well as look after the medical needs of the prisoners."

"We are making a request to the county commissioners to allocate us another jailer position," said Jennings. "Once we have accomplished that, everything should go great."

SCHOOL ZONES

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although not seriously injured, and we want to avoid serious injury or death," Sweat said.

A special traffic control program, The Selective Traffic Enforcement Program, or STEP, officers patrol school zones on a rotating basis, he said.

STEP officers are assigned to different campuses each day, three times a week, and other police officers are also assigned in traffic zones where the STEP officers are not, he said.

"We try to cover as many campuses as we can each day," he said.

With the STEP officers normal three times a week assignment, there's a good chance officers will be at each school the rest of this week, he said.

School speed limits are posted at 20 miles per hour. Penalties are expensive for violation of these limits, and officers will be patrolling school campuses, he 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.

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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 Rannels. 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 Rannels (formerly the TU building) For further information 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 1-800-329-4144.

MARKETS

Dec. cotton 69.80 cents, down 25 points; Sept. crude 12.83, down 22; Cash hogs steady at 36.50; cash steers steady at 61 cents even; Aug. lean hog futures 51.80 down 37 points; Aug. live cattle futures 62.10, down 42 points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation. Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

Index 8407.50	
Volume 254,293,740	
ATT	57% - 1/2
Amoco	47% + 6/8
Atlantic Richfield	64% - 1/4
Atmos Energy	28% - 1/4
Calenergy Inc.	26% - 1/4
Chevron	76% + 1/2
Cifra	13 to 13 1/2
Coca Cola	78% - 1/4
Compa Computer	33% - 1/4
Cornell Correc.	14% + 1/4
De Beers	15% - 1/4
Diagnostic Health	8 - 1/4
DuPont	59% - 1/4
Excel Comm.	21% - 1/4
Exxon	67% + 1/4
Fina	66% - 1/4
Halliburton	30% - 1/4
IBM	126% - 3/4
Intel Corp	84% - 2/4
Medical Alliance	2 1/2 nc
Mobil	64% + 1/4
Norwest	33% - 1/4
NUV	9% + 1/4
Phillips Petroleum	41% + 1/4
Palex Inc.	8% nc
Pepsi Cola	34% - 1/4
Parallel Petroleum	3% - 1/4
Rural/Metro	11% - 1/4
Sears	46% - 1/4
Southwestern Bell	39% + 1/4
Sun	37% - 1/4
Texaco	57% + 1/4
Texas Instruments	58% + 2/4
Texas Utils. Co	39% - 1/4
Unocal Corp	30% - 1/4
Wal-Mart	62% - 1/4
Arcap	17.30-18.36
Euro Pacific	27.35-29.02
I.C.A.	30.10-31.94
New Perspective	22.02-23.36
Prime Rate	8.50%
Gold	287.20-287.70
Silver	5.26-5.30

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the follow-

Texas Lottery

PICK 3: 8,7,6
CASH 5: 38,11,19,7,37

ing activity between 8 a.m. Sunday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

•TERRY VISANNA, 43, was arrested for public intoxication.

•MICHAEL KINARD, 18, was arrested for failure to identify.

•NOEL NOYOLA, 38, was arrested for unauthorized use of a vehicle.

•TEDDY ROY, 40, was arrested for unauthorized use of a vehicle.

•DONALD WHEAT, 52, was arrested for unauthorized use of a vehicle.

•KELLY ELLIOT, 20, was arrested on local warrants.

•TOMMY MIZE, 35, was arrested for assault.

•KIMBERLYNN RAMBY, 30, was arrested for public intoxication.

•BOBBY RUTH, 22, was arrested on local warrants.

•FOUND PROPERTY in the 400 block of E. 4th, and the 500 block of Westover.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 400 block of E. 4th, the 900 block of N. Lamesa, and the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

•THEFT in the 1700 block of W. 4th, the 400 block of E. 2nd, the 2300 block of Wasson, the intersection of Hwy. 87 and 120, the 400 block of Birdwell, the 1700 block of E. Marcy, the intersection of 3rd and Owens, the intersection of 11th and Settles, the 2600 block of Clanton, the 300 block of Owens, and the 1200 block of E. 11th Place.

•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE in the 1500 block of E. Marcy, and the 800 block of W. Marcy.

•DISORDERLY CONDUCT in the 1000 block of Johnson.

•ASSAULT in the 800 block of Lorilla, the 200 block of Gregg, the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd., the 100 block of N.W. 12th, and the 1100 block of Lamar.

•RAUL MENDEZ, 19, was arrested on a motion to revoke parole/criminal trespass on school property, unauthorized carrying a weapon.

•RAYMOND RAMIREZ, 47,

was arrested on a parole violation.

•ANTHONY ANDREW INGRAM, 31, was arrested for criminal mischief.

•PABLO MARTINEZ, JR., 45, was arrested for terroristic threats.

RECORDS

Monday's high 100
Monday's low 75
Average high 94
Average low 70
Record high 106 in 1953
Record low 59 in 1915
Precip. Monday 0.00
Month to date 0.49
Month's normal 0.41
Year to date 6.97
Normal for the year 11.17

FIRE/EMS

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

MONDAY

10:09 a.m. - Highway 350, traffic accident, service refused.

11:37 a.m. - 100 block South Goliad, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

6:05 p.m. - Third and Johnson, traffic accident, patient transported to SMMC.

8:06 p.m. - 100 block Airbase Road, medical call, service refused.

9:05 p.m. - Fifth and Circle automobile fire, extinguished by responding units.

10:03 p.m. - 3200 block Parkway, trauma call, patient transported to VA Medical Center.

11:14 p.m. - 1200 block Sycamore, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

11:50 p.m. - 1600 block Martin Luther King, automobile fire, extinguished by responding units.

SHERIFF

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

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8288
Angie Honeycutt, 36, died Friday. Memorial services will be 2:00 PM, today at Myers & Smith Chapel.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331
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Alvin Roberts, 64, died Tuesday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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U.S. pledges to boost security at its embassies

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States will boost security at embassies worldwide after deadly terrorist bombings at two African missions and more than a dozen bomb threats since, but President Clinton declared that the nation won't cower in the face of "forces of destruction."

"We must not be deterred by the threat of other action," Clinton said Monday. "There is no way out if we start running away from this kind of conduct."

Clinton, who made his comments during a health care event in Louisville, Ky., is cutting short a planned three-day trip to return to Washington on

Wednesday to meet with his national security advisers about the bombings Friday at U.S. Embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

A dozen Americans died in the explosions, which killed more than 200 Africans and injured more than 5,000 people in one of the worst terrorist attacks aimed at the United States since the 1980s.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, who travels to Germany Wednesday to accompany the bodies of Americans home on Thursday, announced a \$2 million reward for information leading to the arrest or conviction of those responsible for the nearly simultaneous

attacks. Albright said the Clinton administration is preparing a substantial budget request for Congress to rebuild the embassies in Kenya and Tanzania and to increase security at many of the 280 U.S. missions worldwide that don't meet the strictest State Department standards against terror attacks.

"We must also find and punish the cowards that committed this act," Albright said, addressing some 700 State Department employees who gathered to mourn their colleagues.

"President Clinton and I will also do all we can to protect our

citizens and employees abroad, as well as the citizens of our host countries," she said.

A delegation of African diplomats planned to pay a condolence call on Albright today.

As U.S. investigators, including more than 100 FBI agents, launched a cooperative investigation with Kenyan and Tanzanian officials, Clinton vowed to take every measure necessary "to bring the murderers to justice."

Clinton plans to speak Thursday during a ceremony at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., where the bodies are being flown, and will meet privately with victims' families, White House officials said.

Pope will broadcast prayers over Internet

WASHINGTON (AP) — Live, on the Internet, it's ... the pope. The Vatican announced that Catholics around the world will soon be able to watch live video of the Pope John Paul II across the Internet. The church's broadcast debut begins Saturday, when Catholics celebrate the Feast of the Assumption.

The Vatican called it "another sign of the Vatican's effort to promote its image in the world of modern social communication."

Catholics in the United States typically see the pope on television only at Christmas and Easter.

"This will give Catholics in the U.S. the opportunity to see the holy father live at least weekly, if not twice a week," said David Early, a spokesman for the U.S. Catholic Conference in Washington. "Historically, the church has always been quick to take advantage of the technology available to spread its message."

People can watch the broadcasts using popular software that can be downloaded free from RealNetworks Inc., a Seattle-based company. A link on the Vatican's Web site, www.vatican.va, will launch the software and start the broadcast.

The broadcasts will be organized by the Vatican's Television Center and Vatican Radio.

The television center will provide live feeds of all the pope's public celebrations and an archive of the weekly religious magazine, "Octavia Dies."

Microsoft asks judge to throw out federal lawsuits

WASHINGTON (AP) — Saying the government will be unable to prove its case, Microsoft wants a judge to throw out the antitrust lawsuits filed by the Justice Department and 20 states.

Microsoft, the \$14 billion company that makes the popular Windows operating systems, also accused the government Monday of asking it to develop "a new and inferior operating

system" that doesn't include its bundled Internet browser.

The Justice Department said Microsoft's most recent court filings contained "nothing new."

"Ever since we brought this case, Microsoft's position can't be squared with the company's own documents, much less with the large body of evidence that will be introduced at trial," Justice spokeswoman Gina

Talamona said.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson, presiding over the antitrust case, appeared unlikely to grant Microsoft's request when the company told him of its intentions during a hearing last Thursday, saying he still anticipated a Sept. 8 trial.

"It's not surprising that somebody would attempt to file a summary judgment motion,"

said Microsoft critic Mike Pettit, head of the Project to Promote Competition and Innovation in the Digital Age. "Defendants do that all the time, but the way they've teed this thing up, it's a public relations exercise."

William Neukom, a company vice president, said in an interview Monday that Microsoft was confident its request would get a fair hearing by Jackson.

Thomason summoned to testify before grand jury

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reconstructing what happened inside the White House in the early days of the Lewinsky investigation, prosecutors are pressing further into the circle of advisers President Clinton turned to for help last January.

Presidential friend and Hollywood television director Harry Thomason was testifying today before the same grand jury that Monica Lewinsky appeared before last Thursday.

A source familiar with the case said Monday that Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's prosecutors were seeking information on what

Clinton might have confided to those close to him about his relationship with the former White House intern.

Starr is looking into whether Clinton and Ms. Lewinsky had sex and whether he urged her to lie about it. Clinton has denied a sexual relationship with Ms. Lewinsky, 25.

But she, according to legal sources, told the grand jurors that contrary to the president's sworn denial and her own affidavit in January, she in fact did have a sexual relationship with him.

She also told prosecutors that while Clinton didn't tell her to

lie, they discussed ways to conceal the relationship, including returning gifts she had received from the president to his secretary, the legal sources said.

Thomason's testimony comes as Clinton's lawyers prepare for the president's testimony next Monday.

In advance of Clinton's risky grand jury appearance, some of

his advisers are convinced that the president should try to avoid a tell-all grand jury appearance.

A longtime Clinton confidant said one option under discussion would have him repeat his broad denials to the grand jury but refuse to answer specific questions about his relationship with Ms. Lewinsky.

Strike finds third day with managers pinch-hitting and workers picketing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite hopes by both sides for a quick settlement, Bell Atlantic officials and union leaders entered a third day of bargaining today still short of a deal to end a strike affecting telephone customers from Virginia to Maine.

The company said the strike was not disrupting the bulk of its service, but there were delays in reaching directory assistance and other services requiring direct contact with workers.

"Under the circumstances, we think things are going pretty well," Bell Atlantic spokesman Eric Rabe said Monday night. "People have been able to make calls pretty much routinely."

Talks to end the strike continued Monday night in Washington and New York without signs of a new contract. About 73,000 workers stayed off the job in 13 Eastern states and Washington, D.C.

Union officials reported some progress Monday night, but

said a number of sticking points remained unresolved. "There was a sense that we were making progress this afternoon," said Jeff Miller, spokesman for the Communications Workers of America.

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OUR VIEWS

Take some time to watch out for the school kids

It seems like we're always running back and forth to baseball and softball games, shopping for clothes at the mall, stopping at the grocery store to grab something for supper, heading to the post office to mail those packages, taking the kids to the dentist for their annual checkups, and on and on.

We joke that we've taken the kid to baseball practice so many times, the car just drives itself to the field anymore. We're kidding, of course, but sometimes we are driving so much, and in such a hurry, that the truth is we don't remember all the turns, stops and starts we had to make to get where ever it was we were going.

That's a little scary to think about - becoming so rushed, so concentrated on getting to our destination that we don't think about each intersection, each stop sign.

But beginning Wednesday, it's going to be even more important for us to take the time to be patient on the roadway. Wednesday, school bells ring, and school zones are in effect again.

Children will be toting books, laughing, talking, and pretty much immersed in thoughts of the school day. Some will be late, rushing to make it to the classroom before the bell rings. They know to watch out for traffic, but they may not be paying enough attention.

That's all the more reason the vehicle owner - who is old enough and educated enough to be the responsible party - must use safe driving skills.

There are laws controlling speed in school zones, of course, and anyone who receives a ticket will probably slow down the next time. Those tickets are expensive.

Getting a ticket one of the better scenarios that can happen when a motorist enters a school zone at high speed, though. We don't even want to think about the worst ones.

So if you have to travel through a school zone in conducting your daily business, or if you are a parent, dropping your loved one off for a day of education, slow down and take caution.

Don't rush; leave home a little earlier. Our children's lives are at stake.

OTHER VIEWS

Once there was a time to admire Attorney General Janet Reno's flinty independence.

But now, as Reno stands increasingly isolated on the Clinton fund-raising scandal, she looks more stubborn than sensible.

After a lengthy, 10-month inquiry, her own top investigator has concluded that she has no alternative but to seek an independent prosecutor to investigate fund raising by the 1996 Clinton campaign.

The investigator, Charles La Bella, was picked for that job by Reno to prove her Department of Justice could review the campaign without triggering the Independent Counsel Act.

In so doing, Reno rejected advice from FBI Director Louis Freeh, who said he

"could not imagine a more compelling situation for appointing an independent counsel ... it's a conflict for the attorney general to investigate her superiors."

No one assumes Reno is consciously protecting Clinton and Vice President Al Gore. ... Reno, if anything, is a loyalist to her own department, insisting that career prosecutors can be trusted with investigating the White House. ...

La Bella's conclusion shreds Reno's long-held argument against a special prosecutor for Clinton fund raising.

Plainly, she is wrong. -She must invoke the act or consider whether a different attorney general should make the call.

THE SEATTLE TIMES

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Serbs, Croats: Whose side are we on, anyway

Too many Americans suffer from historical Alzheimer's. Like those with the physical disease, they do not know where they are or how they got there or where they are going or what they are doing.

As a result, they sin grievously. No sin blots American politics today more than the betrayal of the Serbs. No one ought to be more ashamed of U.S. treatment of the Serbs than American Jews. Yet most Americans, Jew and Gentile alike, duped by the clever public relations counsels for the former Nazi Balkan allies, have in their ignorance turned against the Serbs who, when it meant life or death, stood by the Jews.

What follows are excerpts from a letter from a Jewish physician published in the

book, "The Serbs Choose War," by Ruth Mitchell, sister of the famous Gen. Billy Mitchell. Here is what the doctor told his friend:

"No German measures in Belgrade were able to upset the friendly relations between the Serbs and the Jews. During the forced-labor period, Serbs talked to their Jewish friends in the streets even in front of the German soldiers and police. During the period when over 300,000 Serbs were massacred by the Croat Utashi in Bosnia, Herzegovina and Lika and some 60,000 shot by Germans in Serbia, during the period when Serbian students and peasants were hung in the main square in Belgrade, the Serbs of the capital had sufficient courage to protest publicly their indignation at the treatment of the Jews."

Americans blessed by never having lived under military occupation have no idea what magnificent courage that protest took.

"The example of the Serbian people," the Jewish physician wrote, "with regard to the Jewish people is unique in Europe ... In spite of intensive German propaganda in writing

and through the wireless, the Serbs remained unaffected ... It is my desire as a Jew and as a Serb that in free democratic countries where Jews are still enjoying full freedom and equality they should show gratitude to the Serbian people, pointing out their noble acts, their humane feelings, and their high civic consciousness ... I cannot conclude this report without mentioning how the Serbian Orthodox Church tried to save Serbian Jews and Gypsies. Serbian Orthodox priests and the Serbian peasantry risked their lives to save Serbian Jews and Gypsies."

In the book, Mrs. Mitchell tells how outraged the Serbs were when the Yugoslav government (a federation of Serbs, Croats and Muslims) signed a pact with the Nazis. Within two days, the Serbs rose up and overthrew it.

"Then an almost incredible thing happened, a thing so important to the history of the world that freedom-loving men will speak of it with admiration and with gratitude down through the centuries. The Serbs rose. A little race of not more than eight million souls deliberately, sternly decided to

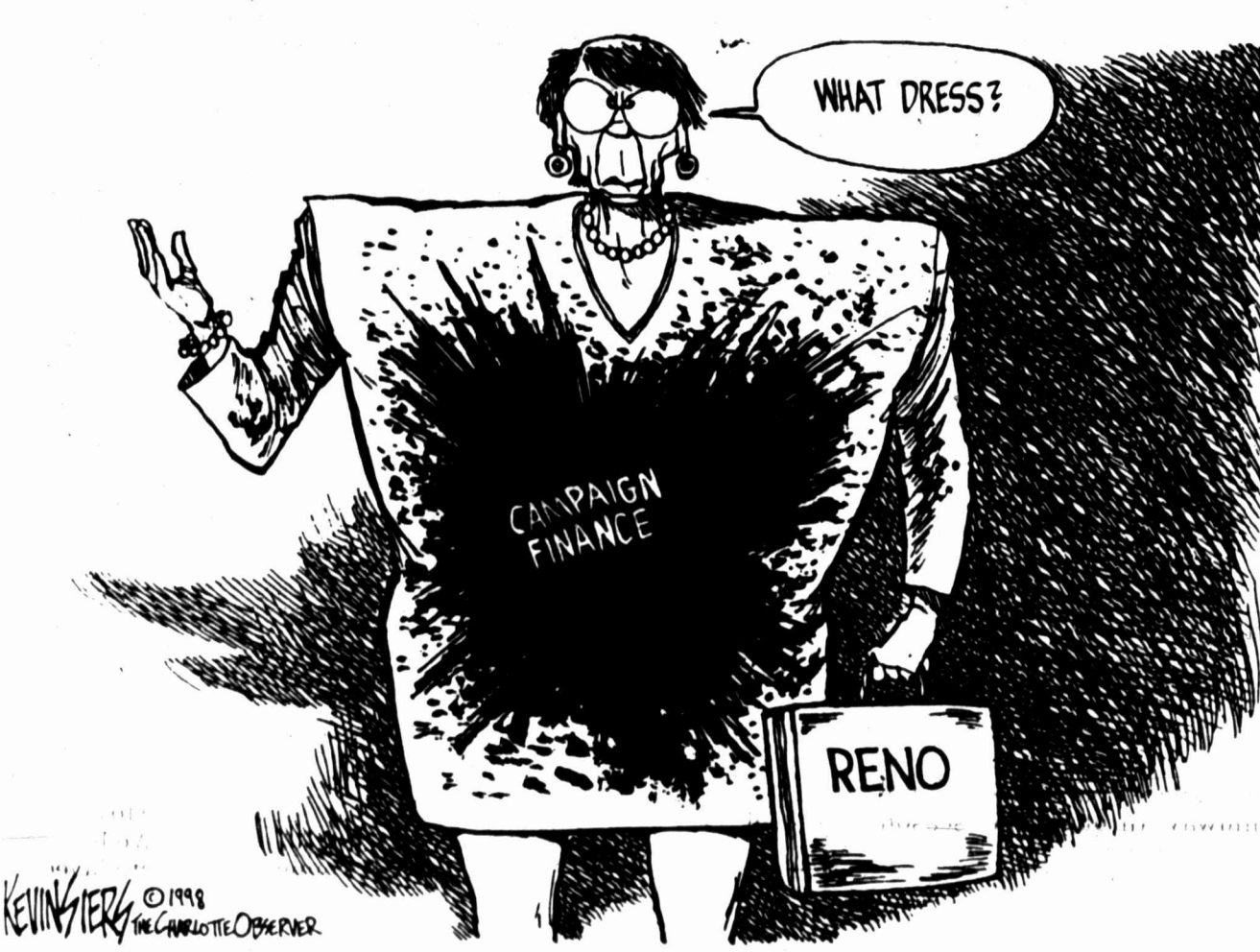
die rather than submit to Axis vassalage. They were the only small race of Europe to come in openly on the side of the Allies before they were themselves attacked and while they still had promises of complete security of frontiers, of lives, and of property; the first and only small race themselves to declare war -- a war they knew to be absolutely hopeless -- against the invincible German war machine."

Their reward? They were betrayed after the war into the hands of a Croatian communist, Marshal Tito. And today, America arms and supports the Croats, who have again massacred Serbs. A Croat diplomat, describing the 1940s massacres, wrote of a boat set adrift crammed with Serbian children's heads, of rape and mutilation of Serbian women and children, of a vessel holding 31.5 kilograms of Serbian eyes, of wreaths made of Serbian tongues. And these Croats are the people we help to kill the Serbs, who stood with us against the Nazis. Shame, shame, shame.

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Apostrophe most abused mark of punctuation

Not long ago, Town and Country magazine carried an ad for a mansion on Worth Avenue in Palm Beach -- 5,300 square feet of floor space, five marble baths, pool and spa, the whole works. The builder proclaimed the house, "Palm Beach living at its finest."

IT'S finest? Come now! Obviously it's time for our semiannual lament for the apostrophe, the most abused of all marks of punctuation. A few words also need to be said about the hyphen, a friendly little mark that is slowly disappearing.

The rules governing the apostrophe are so simple, and so easily mastered, that one is puzzled to understand how Town and Country could have missed the error. The unwanted apostrophe in "it's finest" leaps off the page like a toad on a trampoline.

The apostrophe serves two purposes only. It indicates possession, or it indicates the omission of certain letters and figures. These are horrid Examples having to do with

possession:

-- An ad in Pensacola, Fla.: "Effective June 1, 1998, American Physician Services will be consolidating its inventory and medical records ... NO!"

-- "Wizard of Id": "Our state of military readiness is at its highest ... NO!"

-- An ad for Comtrade Business Network Systems: "Thank goodness I use it's power for good and not for evil." NO!

In each instance the pronoun was meant to show simple possession -- ITS inventory, ITS highest, ITS power. When the apostrophe indicates missing letters, we get "It's a crying shame" and "It's a boy!"

Other apostrophobic confusions abound. A manufacturer of get-well cards expressed an odd sentiment: "Sorry your ill." Another card creator produced a greeting to someone "because your so much fun to know!" How do these boners get by? The designers wanted "you're ill" and "you're fun."

Some apostrophes have a way of creeping into places where they don't belong. In the comic strip "Funky Winkerbean," a character says of the common people, "They're the one's who need to make themselves heard." ONE'S? In Las Vegas, a man relocated from Arizona with his wife "who is six month's pregnant." In

Sarajevo, "United Nation's Authority continues to unravel."

Now and then an apostrophe is asked to perform heavy lifting. In Nevada, an editorial writer inquired of a tax cut, "So what's it mean for Nevadans?" In Spotsylvania County, Va., a proposed recreational facility would have not only indoor courts for hockey and tennis. "It'd also have batting cages."

The best thing to do with "it'd" is to take this phony contraction outside and shoot it. We could then inter it in "The Denver Post with 'Bob, who's son lives on the street ..."

In contrast to the rules on the apostrophe, which stay pretty well fixed, the rules on use of the hyphen tend to winder-wander. There was a time when style-makers used hyphens with reckless abandon.

This was the era of anti-submarine warfare. Members of Congress met in sub-committees. Some magazines were semi-monthly. All those hyphens have vanished.

Today the rule on ANTI seems to be (except in the Associated Press Stylebook) to use a hyphen only on proper nouns (anti-German) and words beginning with "i" (anti-icing). A similar rule applies to NON (non-American) and SUPER (superfund).

PRO- words generally have dropped their hyphens, but pro-choice and pro-family remain in good standing. Merriam-Webster gives us pro-abortion (one word), but oddly hyphenates pro-abortionist. Such Latin phrases as pro rata and pro forma uniformly appear as two words, but Random House approves both pro-bono and pro bono services.

The hyphen survives in all the WELL words (well-advised, well-informed, well-heeled) and in such LONG adjectives as long-ago and long-range, but here consistency appears in hobgoblin guise. Webster's likes long-standing and long-suffering; Random House prefers longstanding and long-suffering.

It's hard to catch the distinction between long-term and longtime, but the folks at both Random House and Webster's like their hyphens that way.

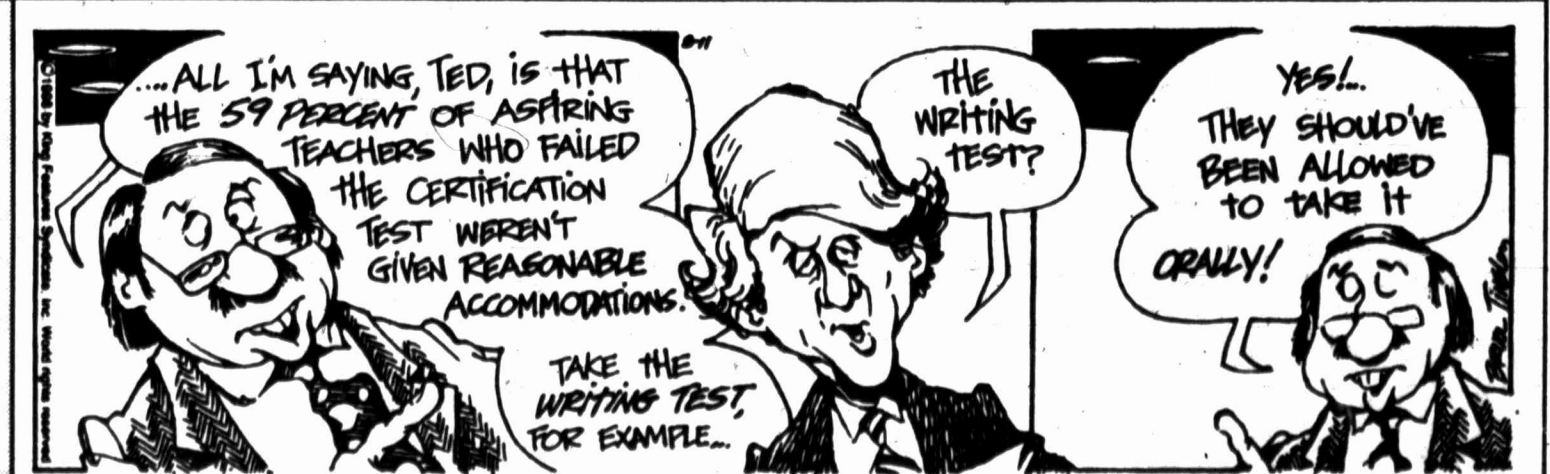
Incidentally, both dictionaries approve alternative pronunciations for long-lived and short-lived. Webster's finds "i" (as in pivot) and puts it in first place. Random House has it the other way, rhyming short-lived with Mort dived.

Writers will simply have to master "it's" and "its" on their own, but on the use of hyphens the old rule applies: Look it up, you lazybones, look it up!

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Lady Steers slates Thursday

The Big Spring Booster Club's first meeting of the year for 6 p.m. at the BSHS Athletic Facility. Parents of sophomores, juniors and seniors are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Kelly McBe...

Ice cream social to 'Meet the Coach'

A community ice cream supper sponsored by the Big Spring Booster Club will be held Tuesday, August 11, at the Coahoma Elementary cafeteria. The ice cream social will be an opportunity for members of the club to meet the 1998 football team, coaches...

Soccer season registration

The Big Spring Association will hold registration for soccer on August 11, 1998, at the Spring Mall. The registration will be open both before and after 5 p.m.

City golf championships scheduled

The Big Spring Golf Championship has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, August 15 and 16. Players will compete in six divisions: men's open, women's open, super seniors, the open division, and a tournament for Birdwell and super seniors. Registration is not required for any division. The tournament will be held at the Comanche Trail Golf Club on a regular basis. Entry fees for men and women are \$10 and \$15, respectively. For more information, contact the Comanche Trail Golf Club at 264-2366.

BSHS season currently on

Season tickets for Spring High home games are on sale to previous holders at the administrative office.

The \$20 ticket goes on sale to the public on August 11 through September 1.

Sales will be from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Fridays.

For more information, contact Iris Thayer at 264-2366.

Herald seeks for fall foot

The Herald is seeking writers interested in high school football. Correspondents will be assigned to cover teams on Friday nights. For more information, contact sports editor at 263-7331, ext. 11.

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TODAY: BASEBALL 7 p.m. — Cleveland Indians vs. Cable TV Channel 7 p.m. — Brewers at Houston, FXS, Ch. 29 9 p.m. — San Diego Padres at 11.

IN BRIEF

Lady Steers Booster Club slates Thursday meeting

The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club has scheduled its first meeting of the new year for 6 p.m. Thursday at the BSHS Athletic Training Facility.

Parents of all freshman, sophomore, junior and senior Lady Steers athletes are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Kelly McBee at 267-8169.

Ice cream supper slated to 'Meet the Bulldogs'

A community wide ice cream supper has been scheduled by the Coahoma Athletic Booster Club for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, in the Coahoma Elementary School cafeteria.

The ice cream supper will be an opportunity for members of the community to meet the 1998 Coahoma football team, cheerleaders and coaches.

Soccer association sets registration dates at mall

The Big Spring Soccer Association will conduct fall registration on Saturday and again on Aug. 22 at the Big Spring Mall.

The registration booth will be open both days from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

City golf championship scheduled this weekend

The Big Spring Herald City Golf Championship tournament has been slated for Saturday and Sunday 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. They 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.

ON THE AIR

TODAY: BASEBALL

7 p.m. — Texas Rangers at Cleveland Indians, Big Spring Cable TV Channel 98.

7 p.m. — Milwaukee Brewers at Houston Astros, FXS, Ch. 29

9 p.m. — Atlanta Braves at San Diego Padres, TBS, Ch. 11.

NBA files papers with NLRB, promises season ticket refunds

NEW YORK (AP) — The NBA will issue refunds to season-ticket holders, along with 6 percent interest, if the league's lockout forces the cancellation of regular-season games.

That announcement came Monday from the league office on another day of developments in the six-week-old work stoppage.

The league also gave the National Labor Relations Board its official response to the complaint filed last month by the players union, alleging the NBA committed an unfair labor practice by imposing a lockout before reaching an impasse in negotiations.

In Atlanta, union director Billy Hunter held a briefing for some of the locked-out players, and attendees included Kevin Garnett and Stephon Marbury of the Minnesota Timberwolves.

No new bargaining talks are scheduled. The last formal session ended abruptly last Thursday when owners walked out of the room after hearing the players' latest proposal.

"Regrettably, after last week's negotiating session there seems to be a greater likelihood that the season may not start on time," deputy commissioner Russ Granik said in a news release announcing the refund policy.

Season ticket holders, most of whom already have paid for their seats for the 1998-99 season, will receive 6 percent interest on their money if regular-season games, which are due to begin Nov. 3, are canceled because of the lockout. Refunds would be made at the end of each month.

"Season ticket holders make substantial financial commitments to our teams and we think they should be treated fairly in the unfortunate event that games are missed," Granik said. "A refund policy that includes interest is the right thing to do in this instance."

Holders of single-game tickets will be

entitled to a refund or a rain check.

Refund policies for holders of luxury suites, club seats and other premium seats will be determined on a team-by-team basis, the NBA said.

On the NLRB front, the next move will be made by Daniel Silverman, regional director of the New York office, who must determine if the players' complaint has merit. He would then report to the full board in Washington, which would decide if the agency should ask a federal judge to issue an injunction restoring the old work rules that expired at midnight June 30 when the old collective bargaining agreement elapsed.

Coaches now getting real picture

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Now it's for real.

Perhaps the worst day of two-day football practices arrived Monday when the area's teams conducted their first practices in pads.

"It was a pretty tough day," Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler said after having put his Steers through their second practice session Monday afternoon. "It was just what you'd expect it to be ... looked like a bunch of people with 50-pound weights on their backs."

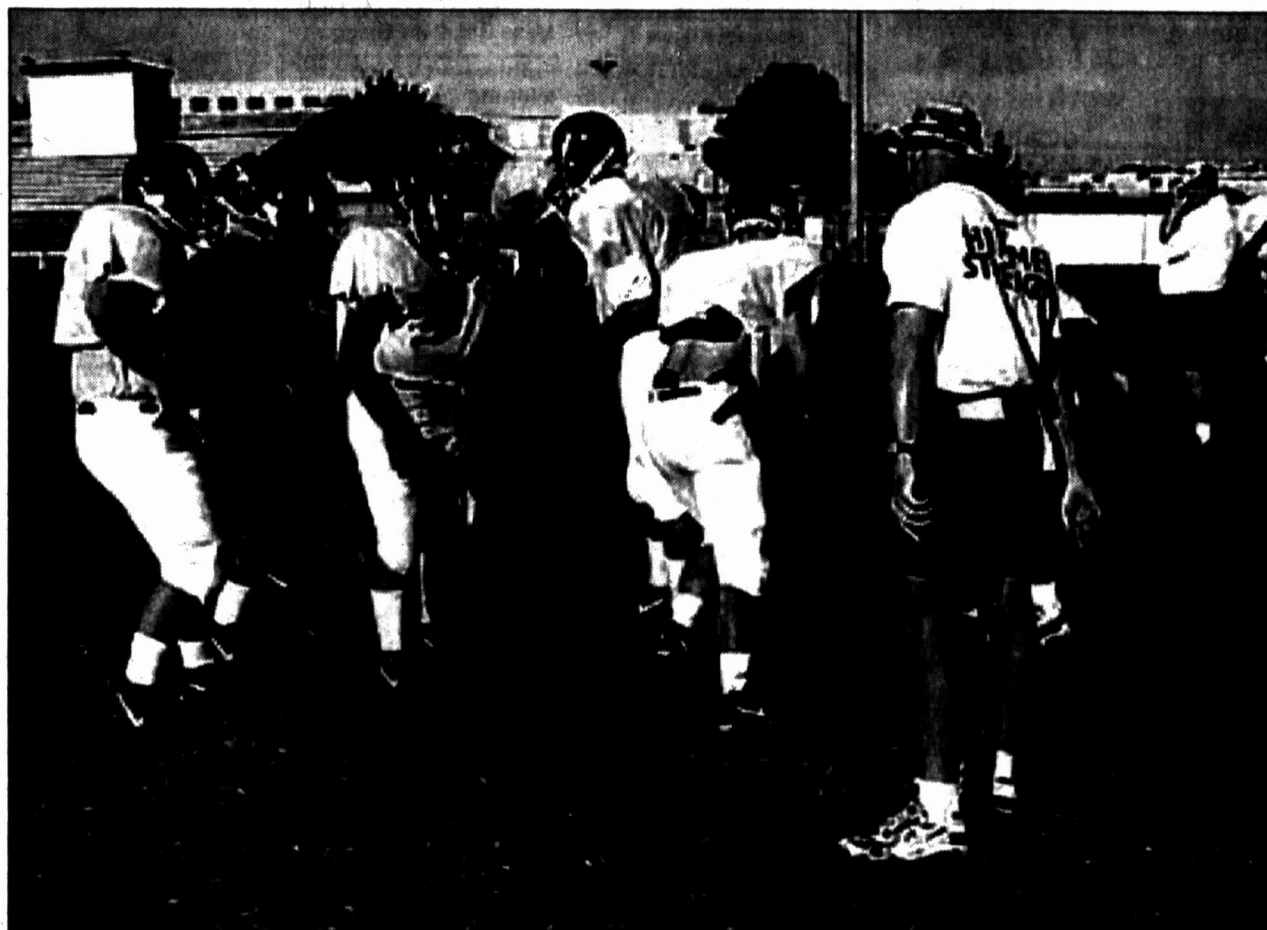
"We were pretty awkward during the first session, but it was a little better during the second one," he added. "Once we get through (today), we'll be over the hump."

However, Butler said it's still too early to make any predictions about how well the Steers will fare in newly realigned District 5-4A where state-ranked Andrews' Mustangs figure to be the favorite.

"It's still too early to really tell what to expect from this team," Butler said. "Every team is different ... some years you can pretty well predict what's going to happen after the first scrimmage, but others you're midway through the season and still don't know what to expect."

Butler did note that he and his staff have pretty well determined which players will be on the Steers' varsity roster, saying only six or seven younger players are still on the bubble between the junior varsity and varsity.

"Our biggest concern right now is finding the people that are going to handle the job at the defensive end positions and find people who can spell Kurt (Miranda), Tory (Mitchell) and Joe (Owens) the three kids that are going to spend a lot of time going on both offense and defense," the Steers boss added. "They're going to be on the field



Big Spring players begin to break their huddle after getting the play to run from Steers coaches during this morning's workout session at Blankenship Field. The Steers, like other teams throughout the area, began working out in full uniforms Monday morning.

a lot, but you have to be able to give them a little breathing room."

Coahoma's Jim Edwards walked away from the Bulldogs' first day in full uniform drills with more enthusiasm than one might expect from a coach who's bringing a 1-9 team from a year ago into a new district that not only includes defending state champion Stanton, but two other 1997 playoff teams in Post and Seagraves.

"We've got a little better looking bodies than we did last year," Edwards said following Monday's practice. "We had a good scrimmage between the junior varsity and the varsity at the end of practice. We feel like we've got some

kids that are beginning to come on for us," he added. "We had a lot of younger kids that played late in the season for us last year and that's showing up as a positive for us right now. Some of the younger kids that haven't been very efficient in the past have gotten better ... they've matured some."

And at Forsan, where Steve Park's Buffaloes are coming off one of their most successful seasons in recent memory, the return to workouts in pads was greeted with excitement.

"Our kids have a good attitude and they're already working hard," Park said. "In fact a lot of them have worked hard throughout the year and that's really showing right now."

"We've got all of our people back in the skill positions and that's always a plus," he added. "And we've got a lot of kids that were really young last year but stepped up when some of our starters got banged up. That gives us a lot of experience."

While Edwards said he'd have a better idea of which players would be grabbing starting jobs by the end of this week, Park said the number of returning starters and experienced personnel makes it somewhat easier at Forsan.

"We're not quite ready to announce the starters," he explained, "but as a coaching staff we pretty well know where people are going to be playing."

Scrimmage gives Shreveport peek at NFL

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — Ricky King walks to the counter and asks for a couple of tickets. He is shown some seat locations and decides on just the right seat.

He pays, and gets two tickets to the first National Football League event to come to Shreveport in nearly three decades — a scrimmage between the Dallas Cowboys and the New Orleans Saints.

"My son is a Cowboys fan," King said. "He's never really gotten a chance to see them. He hasn't been able to see them live and in-person. He really had his

heart set on going."

So Tuesday night, King and 9-year-old Ricky Jr. will be in the Independence Stadium stands watching their favorite team play.

King will be joined by more than 25,000 fans who already have bought tickets to the scrimmage. Promoters are expecting a crowd of at least 30,000.

What those fans will get for their price of admission — tickets range from \$15 to \$35 — is some kicking drills, some passing drills and a series of controlled scrimmages.

The Cowboys and Saints will send their first-string offense against the other team's first-string defense and vice versa. Same with the second team. And on down the line.

"In preseason games, a lot of times early in the year, you see the starting lineup for a quarter or quarter-and-a-half and the rest of the time you get to see guys fighting for jobs and the draft choices," Saints marketing director Greg Suit said.

"But to see the starting lineup, you probably see as much in a scrimmage. Because they all get the same amount of reps."

Troy Aikman will take some snaps. He won't get hit. But he will run some plays. And so will Emmitt Smith. And Michael Irvin. And Willie Roaf.

"Don't confuse structure with intensity," said Cowboys owner Jerry Jones. "These men are trying to make a team and get ready to play a season covering 24 ball games. The competition will be fierce."

A New Orleans television station will broadcast the scrimmage back to South Louisiana. The Cowboys' five-state Silver Star Network also will televise the game.

Sosa homers twice, catches McGwire in Cubs' 8-6 win

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MAJOR LEAGUES

The numbers don't lie. Sammy Sosa has officially caught Mark McGwire. To Sosa, though, McGwire can't be equaled.

Sosa hit his 45th and 46th home runs to match McGwire for the major league lead Monday night as the Chicago Cubs defeated the San Francisco Giants 8-5 in a game that had seven homers.

With the winds blowing all over 3Com Park, Sosa hit a towering blast into the first row of the left-field bleachers in the fifth inning. It was the first of three consecutive solo shots by the Cubs.

Sosa's second homer cleared the center-field bleachers and was estimated at 480 feet. Although he's hit 37 homers in 66 games since May 25, Sosa thinks McGwire's still the one to watch.

"He's still my idol," Sosa said. "I still believe McGwire's the man, no matter what happens. He's the man. I still

believe he's going to come back and keep rolling. I know he can do it."

McGwire struck out three times in St. Louis' loss to New York on Monday night. Since hitting his 46th homer on Saturday, he has walked seven times and struck out six in 13 plate appearances.

Sosa and McGwire each need 16 homers to surpass Maris' record of 61. The Cubs have 43 games remaining, the Cardinals 45.

With the win, the Cubs held on to their half-game lead over the Mets in the race for the NL wild-card spot. The Giants, who have lost five straight to match their worst skid of the season, fell three games behind the Cubs.

Elsewhere in the National League, it was Florida 3, San Diego 2; New York 4, St. Louis 2; Houston 5, Milwaukee 2;

Philadelphia 3, Arizona 0; and Colorado 6, Montreal 2.

In American League games, Baltimore topped Tampa Bay 2-1. Anaheim defeated Detroit 6-2. New York beat Minnesota 7-3 and Chicago downed Oakland 5-3.

Barry Bonds hit his third homer in two games, a three-run blast, and Jeff Kent added a solo shot two pitches later for the Giants in the third inning.

Bonds' 398th homer tied him with Dale Murphy for 28th on the career list and moved him within two homers of becoming the first major leaguer with 400 homers and 400 stolen bases.

Marlins 3, Padres 2

Florida's Livan Hernandez pitched a five-hitter at San Diego for his seventh complete game, handing former teammate Kevin Brown his first loss since May 21.

Brown (14-4) was trying to win his 12th straight decision, which would have set

the Padres' record.

Hernandez (10-8) pitched his second complete game in three starts. He allowed two runs, struck out six and walked four.

Mets 4, Cardinals 2

Todd Hundley hit his first home run this season and Al Leiter (11-4) pitched seven strong innings at St. Louis.

Leiter helped silence McGwire, who struck out three times — twice against Leiter and once against Turk Wendell with a runner on in the eighth — as the Cardinals' five-game winning streak ended.

Hundley, who missed the first half of the season while recuperating from elbow surgery, hit a two-run homer in the third off Matt Morris (3-2) to snap a 2-2 tie. Hundley, who hit 30 homers last year and set a major league record for catchers with 41 in 1996, hadn't homered in 77 at-bats.

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
You are personality-plus. Information and ideas come forth, allowing even more opportunities. Let energy drive you. Curb a tendency to be impatient or abrupt. Use your diplomatic skills, and don't give into impulse. Tonight: Work through tension by playing *****
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Take a deep breath, and think twice before you leap. You are on overload, with too many ideas crossing your mind. Stop letting your imagination rent space in your head; go for action. Build security by taking steps for the future. Tonight: Avoid a difficult person. *****
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Aim for what you want. Conversations are deep and bring new insights. Make calls, to reach out for others and start triggering action. But avoid careless spending. A financial error could be costly. Listen carefully to feedback. Tonight: Chitchat, flirt and visit. *****
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Lighten up about what is going on. You easily misread someone who is in charge. Bite the bullet, and stay in control. Take charge of your finances; negotiate the kind of business deals you want. You could become quite the investigator. Tonight: In the limelight. *****
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You provide tremendous input for someone. Check out gossip with a great deal of cynicism. Your perspective and support mean a lot. Take risks, and voice different ideas. Plan a trip. Express frustration; don't internalize. Tonight: To the movies. *****
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Should I ask my dad if he knows who my biological father is? Or do you think it would hurt his feelings too much? If you think I should ask him, how should I go about it? Anyone can father a child, but it takes a very special person to be a daddy. In my heart, my dad will always be my daddy - now and forever. - **CONFUSED IN EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, N.J.**
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Your intuition serves you with others, especially close associates. You can get to the bottom of problems and move past immediate obstacles. Build what you want, but analyze if a goal is truly worth it. As you change, your goals change as well. Tonight: Make love, not war. *****
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Pressure results from dealing with an authority figure. Clearly, you are frazzled and have enough on your plate. Regroup, considering what you want. A friend comes through for you in a big way. Also, a partner backs you in an unexpected manner. Tonight: Be easygoing. *****
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Work dominates actions and thoughts. Take care of your health, and make a doctor's appointment. Review recent changes. Touch base with a friend or an adviser. Additional news enlightens you. Remember, there's more than one way to reach your goal. Tonight: Get that much-needed message. *****
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Let out your magnetic ideas. Others want that feedback. A new person in your life is quite taken by your mental prowess. Someone helps you tune in to your higher self. Use care in an established partnership. Tempers could rage. Tonight: Express a need to take risks. *****
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Pressure intensifies. An associate blows his fuse as he attempts to make a decision. He might be tired of waiting on you. Trying to juggle won't work. One-to-one relating remains your strong suit. You manage to convince someone that your way is the right way. Tonight: A cozy night at home. *****
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You won't be accused of being lazy, but you could be perceived as scattered. Be determined, and let others express their ideas, but know that you will make the final call. Take action about a long-overdue diet. Others enjoy your spunky personality. Tonight: Strut your stuff. *****
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Become a financial wizard, and handle a changing money picture. Beef up your workload, and get organized as you eye greater security. Question a loved one who causes an uproar. Share ideas with people in the same field. Tonight: Restructure your budget. *****

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Daughter fears hurting one dad while looking for another

DEAR ABBY: My mother had me when she was only 16. By the time I was 3, I also had a 2-year-old brother. My mom and dad split up and Mom let Dad take us to raise. Dad was only 24 and trying to raise two children on his own. My mom was very promiscuous. She had a total of four children - none with the same father. She dumped the others on the fathers or the fathers' families. My dad couldn't handle raising my younger brother and me, so I was sent to live with my maternal grandparents. For some reason, my grandparents didn't want my brother and me, so a family that Dad knew adopted my brother. When I was 7, my mother's sister got married, and then I was sent to live with her and her husband. My mother knew where I lived, but I only saw her occasionally - once every couple of years. My father was always a part of my life, though. I spent almost every weekend with him. It wasn't until I turned 17 that I found out that my dad wasn't my biological father. He had met my mom while she was pregnant, and, because my biological father wanted nothing to do with my mom or me, my "dad" married her and gave me his last name and a lifetime of devotion. I almost lost my dad last year because of a cerebral aneurism. I love him with all my heart. However, I am also curious to know who my biological father is.

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