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**TONIGHT**



## Wyatt to exhibit paintings locally

First United Methodist Church will host artist and minister Kenneth Wyatt for an art show in Garrett Hall, featuring several pieces of his world renowned Christian and western art, Saturday 4 to 6 p.m. Everyone is invited. Wyatt works in various media, including oil and watercolor painting and sculpture. He has two galleries — one in his hometown of Tullia and another in New Mexico. Visitors to Garrett Hall will be familiar with his rendition of the 12 disciples which hang in the hall. Wyatt also painted "Offer Them Christ," to commemorate 200 years of Methodism, which now hangs in more than 90 countries. The artist will also speak at the church's 10:50 a.m. service on Sunday. For more information, call FUMC at 267-6394.

## WHAT'S UP...

**TODAY**  
□ Evening line dancing class, 6:30 p.m., Spring City Senior Center. Enter north gate (Simler drive), cross first intersection, building on left, park in east parking lot and enter by east door. For more information call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522 or e-mail at drkbigspring@xroadstx.com  
□ Rackley-Swords Chapter 379 Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Road.  
□ American Legion Post 506, 7 p.m., Call 263-2084.  
□ Fall dance, Canterbury, 1700 Lancaster, 7 to 10 p.m. The Country Classics will be playing and there is a \$3 cover charge. All senior citizens invited.

**FRIDAY**  
□ Spring City senior citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., music provided by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.  
□ Greater Big Spring Rotary Club Spaghetti Supper, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Big Spring High School cafeteria. \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12.

**SATURDAY**  
□ Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Everyone welcome.  
□ Big Spring Squares call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.  
□ Eagles Lodge pot luck supper, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 E. Third.

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## Asbestos problem temporarily halts work at Settles building

By **BILL McCLELLAN**  
News Editor

A call to the Environmental Protection Agency Wednesday by a Big Spring resident put a temporary halt to the ground floor clean-up of the former Settles Hotel because of possible asbestos contamination.

"City officials notified me at about 2:30 Wednesday afternoon that someone had called the EPA and that they had had someone come over and inspect the lobby area and stop the project," said John H. Walker.

Walker is chairman of the Friends of the Settles Haunted House, scheduled for Oct. 27 and 29-31. A volunteer work day

had been scheduled for Wednesday afternoon to begin preparations for the haunted house.

"We had met with city officials prior to discussing the project and everyone thought we were OK," he said. "We knew asbestos had been identified as still being on the two top floors in addition to the bagged materials on the ground floor."

"The inspector from the Texas Department of Health was concerned that there might be asbestos dust in the pile of rubble we were going to move."

Walker said that while the more than 20 volunteers who showed up for the work day were disappointed, the problem

is being addressed and planning is continuing for the haunted house and street festival.

"This slows down one part of the project, but there are other things to work on while the asbestos question is resolved," Walker explained.

"Even after learning of the reason for the delay, the volunteers still wanted to work," he said. "As a group, we weren't concerned about the possibility (of asbestos in the pile), but I would rather err on the safe side than create a problem."

"I was given the name that was given to EPA officials," Walker said, "and I hope theirs

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J.R. Piper, left, and Garner Thixton were among those who came to help clean up the Settles building Wednesday but were turned away.



Dueto Crystal are Martha Roy, left, and Diana Gomez performed melodic Spanish music during the Mexicana luncheon at Howard College Wednesday.

## Hispanic heritage celebrated

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**  
Staff Writer

Hispanic Heritage Month began Wednesday at Howard College with an *El Diez y Seis de Septiembre* celebration featuring melodic Spanish guitar music by Dueto Crystal, and a special Mexicana luncheon in the cafeteria.

"El Diez-y-Seis de Septiembre celebrates Mexico's final independence from Spain in 1810. Each Sept. 15 through Oct. 15, Hispanics around the country have cause to celebrate," said Mina Benavides, assistant librarian for Howard College, and sponsor of the Howard College Mexican American Student Association.

"This is not only a time for Hispanics, it is a time for all Americans to observe and explore how Hispanics have put their own special imprint on the fabric of American culture and society," she said.

Howard College has planned several events for the month of celebration, like the play *El Norte*, which is set to be performed in Spanish Sept. 29 and in English Oct. 1, at the Student Union Building.

*El Norte*, by Hispanic playwright Rudolfo Valier



**BENAVIDES**

## Hispanic population growing according to census information

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**  
Staff Writer

Census figures indicate the Hispanic population is growing, and the Texas Education Agency reports that Hispanic students in Texas have experienced a 45 percent growth rate in the past 10 years.

In 1997-98, Hispanic students comprised 38 percent of all Texas public school students. Minorities now account for 55 percent of the 3.89 million students in Texas public schools.

African American students comprise 14 percent of the overall population, a 19 percent growth in the past 10 years. Other minorities, such as Asian Americans, comprise 3 percent, and recorded a 63 percent growth in the 10 year span.

White students population grew by 5 percent, for a total of 45 percent overall.

Economically disadvantaged students reached an all time high, 48 percent, recording a 65 percent growth rate in the past 10 years.

Economically disadvantaged students are determined by the number of students who are eligible for free and reduced lunch

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Alvarado, depicts true events of 1987, when 18 Mexican nationals risked, and lost, their lives, in an attempt to smuggle into the United States.

The play will be cast by the Howard College Theater Department, as well as the Mexican American Student Association. There is no charge for either performance.

A special Tejano Dance, featuring Popo and Company, is scheduled for Oct. 8, 9 p.m. to midnight in the Student Union Building. There is no charge for HC students. Others will be

charged \$5 per person.

In the Anthony Hunt Learning Resource Center, a special display of Hispanic artwork, featuring notable Howard County Hispanics, has been created.

The Meso-American art work of Ron C. Martinez in on display, as well as some Mayan artifacts. Listed as Mayan deities, the paintings show vibrant colors and bold lines.

"He says these are Mayan devils," Benavides said.

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## Fire ants!

### Solutions to eradicate pests are in the works

By **T.E. JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

The tiny pests that many West Texans know as fire ants may have finally met their match, as the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) has joined forces with several Texas universities to begin highly technical surveying and computer mapping to determine vital information concerning the insects.

"The distribution and abundance of imported fire ants and Texas and the location of native and exotic ant species including those that compete with the fire ant were included in surveys conducted this year," said TDA Commissioner Rick Perry. "Data from these surveys will ultimately result in better advice on reducing fire ant mounds in urban and rural areas."

"Something definitely needs to be done about the growing problem these insects pose," said assistant Howard County Extension Agent Brandon McGinty. "We will be working in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the TDA to try to find a solution to this problem, and these new surveys will really help us accomplish that."

According to Bart Drees, Texas A&M researcher and coordinator of the statewide program, the surveys have already facilitated a possible solution to the growing fire ant problem.

"For the first time, we have a bait product that can be applied to land that is going to be cultivated for soybeans, food crops like corn and sorghum, as well as to pastures where you're raising livestock," said Drees.

The announcement by Drees came after the Environmental Protection Agency approved the new product, which will be the first federally approved ant-

fighting, growth inhibiting bait for farmers.

According to Perry, the surveys conducted this year were the most intensive ever, and the information gathered may give the needed insight into an old problem, with several more ant weapons on the horizon.

"Surveys are an important component of the state plan because they help us fill in a lot of blanks about exactly where fire ants are located, how widespread they are, and far and fast they might be spreading into new areas," said Perry.

TDA worked with researchers from Texas Tech University, the University of Texas, University of Texas at El Paso, and Texas A&M University to survey 47 West Texas counties near the leading edge of a fire ant quarantine zone.

"The good news is that of all the counties surveyed, new fire ant populations were found in only two counties," said Perry. "The surveys have confirmed what our agency has seen over the last two years. Fire ants do not appear to be moving into new areas as quickly as in the past."

Perry attributes the lack of movement to the drought conditions over the last few years, saying that the ants tend not to thrive during extended hot and dry periods.

According to McGinty, the worst is yet to come from these tiny invaders.

"We can look for the movement and activity of the insects to increase as our yearly rainfall increases, and the temperature begins to become more favorable," said McGinty. "As it gets cooler, the ants will begin moving to areas where there is more warmth. That means homes, sheds, basically anywhere that is warmer than the mounds where they have spent the summer."

"The ants seem to be attracted to electricity. We've had a lot of problems with the ants building nests in electrical service boxes, and causing problems with the wiring."

McGinty said that although

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**MCGINTY**

## City planning coordinator to pursue her career in metroplex

By **T.E. JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Tara Kersh, planning coordinator for the City of Big Spring and city representative for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, announced Wednesday afternoon during the Chamber's Board of Directors meeting that she will be leaving to pursue a career in Plano.

"I have accepted a position with the City of Plano Community Development Department as a Neighborhood Planner," said Kersh, "and although I am very excited about this new chapter in me and my husband's lives, it has been a very difficult decision to make as many of our friends are leaving behind the wonderful friends that we have made in Big Spring."

"Big Spring has been a wonderful home for Gary and me. My work as planning coordinator has been both challenging and rewarding, and I know that the experience that I have gained here will serve as a valuable reference throughout my career."

According to Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce tourism vice-president Mel Prather,

community spirit that exists here, I know that Big Spring has a very exciting future ahead of it, and I regret that I will not be here to experience it," said Kersh, who will begin her move to the Dallas area Friday. "I know that the number one reason for the successful completion of any of the objectives of the comprehensive plan was the strong network of colleges, friends, and members of the community who have been willing to jump in and help with any project, committee, or task that would better Big Spring."

Prather said Kersh was instrumental in much of the work done by the CVB, including everything from getting billboards set up, brochures designed and ready, to prepar-

ing the committee's budget. "It is going to be very hard to replace her," said Prather. "It has really been a long time since we had anyone who was so involved. Some people don't ever extend themselves out into the community, and when you finally find someone who is willing to volunteer, it makes it really hard to let go."

Kersh said she appreciates the fellowship and assistance that the residents of Big Spring offer, and extended her thanks. "That network of support has made the past two years rewarding," said Kersh, "and I would just like to say thank you to everyone who extended a hand of friendship and acceptance to me and my family. We will miss you very much."

"Having seen first hand the



**KERSH**



OBITUARIES

Glen Edward Pitts

Funeral service for Glen Edward Pitts, 73, formerly of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, 1998, in the First Baptist Church of Lone Star.

Mr. Pitts died Wednesday, Sept. 16, in Mount Pleasant. He was born on June 10, 1925. He attended Big Spring schools and worked for the T&P Railroad.

Survivors include: three sons, David Pitts of Round Rock, Danny Pitts of Dallas, and James Pitts of Lone Star; one brother, Max Pitts of West Columbia; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Nail-Haggard Funeral Home, Dange, field.

Kenneth R. Thompson

Service for Kenneth R. Thompson, 48, Andrews, is pending with McNett Funeral Home, Andrews.

He died Wednesday, Sept. 16, 1998, at his residence.

Mrs. G.B. "Irene" Harding

Mrs. G.B. "Irene" Harding, 77, of Coahoma, died on Wednesday, Sept. 16, 1998, at her residence.



HARDING

Service will be 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, 1998, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Walter Lee, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Coahoma, officiating.

Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. She was born on March 23, 1921, in Ada, Okla., and married G.B. "Red" Harding on Nov. 20, 1949, in Munday. He preceded her in death on July 20, 1998.

Mrs. Harding was a Protestant and had lived in Coahoma since 1959.

She had served as secretary treasurer for the Coahoma Band Boosters and was one of the founders, and had served as secretary of Coahoma Youth Center.

Survivors include: a son and daughter-in-law, Gaylan and Gwen Harding of Coahoma; a step daughter, Gayle Lee Harding of Mesquite; two grandchildren, Kris Harding and Sheena Harding, both of Coahoma; one sister, Pauline Aldrine of Topeka, Kan.; and many nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Tommy Lee, Tommy Ward, Jim Dyer, Russell Grant, Kris Harding and Wendell Shive.

Irene's love was her family and she will be missed greatly by those who knew her.

The family suggests memorials to: Family Hospice; 3210 E. 11th Place; Big Spring; or to a

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NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331

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favorite charity. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Paid obituary

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es, a federal nutrition program. According to the U.S. census, Hispanics are expected to become the most populous minority, surpassing African Americans, within the next 50 years.

Hispanic children under the age of 18 have already reached that point, surpassing African American children by 35,000, according to the census.

In Texas, 41 percent of first graders were Hispanic in 1997-98, compared to 15 percent African American and 2 percent other minorities.

Only grades 11 and 12 have more white students than minorities within the Texas public school systems.

According to the census, Texas is the only state that has six counties with at least a 90 percent Hispanic population. These are Starr (98 percent), Webb (95 percent), Maverick (95 percent), Jim Hogg (93 percent), Zavala (92 percent) and Brooks (91 percent).

Texas ranks third in the nation for the number of Hispanic residents, 29 percent, close behind California's 31 percent and trailing New Mexico's 40 percent.

Texas is second in the total number of Hispanic residents, 5.7 million, compared to California's 9.9 million.

According to the census, Hispanic owned businesses in the United States increased by 76 percent since 1987. About two-thirds of these were located in Texas, California or Florida.

The 862,605 Hispanic-owned businesses comprise about 5 percent of U.S. companies, and make about \$76.8 billion, a 134 percent increase in receipts since 1987.

For more information, contact the census bureau's public information office at 301-557-3089. The Texas Education Agency report is available by sending a check or money order for \$2.50 to TEA, Publications Distribution, P.O. Box 13817, Austin, 78711-3817.

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Biographies of several Hispanic leaders in Howard County are featured, along with their pictures. Big Spring Independent school board member Irene Bustamante, Howard College board member Mike Flores, former HC board member David Gomez, and city councilman Oscar Garcia are among the notables.

"It is important that we teach our youth the magnitude of our culture. Hispanic Heritage Month gives the next generation of Hispanic leaders hope. We need role models to encourage them to stay in school and get an education," Gomez said.

Also, artifacts from the Mayan culture are available for viewing. A huge dark, porous stone, used for grounding corn and chocolate, a child's blanket from Bolivia and a wooden, beaded rosary are a few of the items in the display.

The display will be available for viewing until Oct. 15, the end of the heritage celebration month. Benavides said she already planning next year's celebration.

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the ants' movement has slowed down, he doesn't expect it to stop until a way to exterminate the insects is developed.

"The fire ant problem has really moved since it was first identified in East Texas," said McGinty. "The problem used to be fairly isolated to East Texas. Pretty soon, the ants started spreading to the north and west, and now they are pretty much all over Texas.

"The main problem the ants pose is to homeowners. They build large mounds in people's

Scenic Mountain Medical Center 1601 W. 11th Place 263-1211

yards, which makes it very difficult for residents to mow their grass. Also, children playing in the yard can agitate them, and they are very aggressive insects.

McGinty said that the ants also pose a problem to ranchers.

"If there is a big enough infestation, the ants can really hurt the calves, and sheep that so many Texas ranchers raise," said McGinty. "Anywhere the animal's skin is exposed is very susceptible to the ants, and if enough of them attack one animal, they can do some serious damage.

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was a concern for the safety of those persons who had volunteered for the clean-up and not just trying to stop the project. I know there were a lot of disappointed volunteers."

Walker said city officials notified him of the problem immediately after they were visited by an inspector from the Texas Department of Health.

"Until the asbestos problem is addressed on the ground floor, we won't be able to do anything in the building," Walker said.

Walker said city officials were checking out at least one option they had for getting the materials removed from the ground floor.

At the same time, he added, employees of a local oilfield service company came forward to volunteer their services.

"These folks are certified and licensed for hazardous material removal, including asbestos," Walker explained. "They heard about our situation and got as upset as we were... they volunteered their services to get the lobby area cleaned out."

According to Walker, he had put the new group of volunteers in touch with assistant city manager Emma Bogard to see if the problem could be overcome.

"I'm glad someone was concerned enough that they called to voice that concern," Walker said. "It would have been nice if they had called me or the city as well, but they didn't, so we'll just move on with the project."

Walker asked that those persons who showed up Wednesday watch the Herald and listen to KBST for news of the next work day to get the lobby area ready for the haunted house.

"A lot of folks would view this as a problem, but problems are just unsolved opportunities," Walker said.

"We'll get this problem solved and move on to get the lobby area ready for the haunted house."

SUPPORT GROUPS

THURSDAY •Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.

•Alzheimer's support group, noon, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, third Thursday of the month. Call Janice Wagner at 263-1211.

•Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-6523.

•Alzheimer's Association Support Group, last Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m. Call Viola Barraza at 267-9459.

•Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m.

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

•Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

FRIDAY •Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers. •Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

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

BRIEFS

THERE WILL BE A Homecoming Barbecue Sept. 25, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Coahoma Elementary cafeteria. The cost is \$5 per plate and dine in or carry out is available. This is sponsored by the Coahoma FFA Booster Club.

GRADY HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATES 25 years of education, and has planned a special Homecoming Friday, Sept. 25 following the football game that begins at 7:30 p.m. in Lenora.

That first class of 1973-74 had 11 students. The first superintendent of Grady High School was Bill Baker, and Gary Harrell was principal that year.

There will be a reception honoring all Grady High School exes and current high school students following the game. A dance is planned, beginning at 10 p.m. till 1 a.m. in the gymnasium.

Grady High is located 25 miles west of Big Spring on Hwy 176.

HARVEST SATURDAY AT BIG Spring State Park is planned Oct. 3, with a pumpkin hunt for children, hayrides around Scenic Mountain and other activities. No reservations are needed, but a \$1 event fee will be charged in addition to park entrance fees. For more information, call 263-4931.

SANDS PTO WILL BE hosting a meal before the football game on Friday, Sept. 25. The meal will include Mexican pile on, dessert and drink. Prices are \$5 for adult and \$3 for 10 years and under. Serving will begin in the school cafeteria at 5:30 p.m. until game time and will continue serving after the game. All proceeds go to the Sands PTO.

HOWARD COLLEGE CELEBRATES HISPANIC Heritage Month Sept. 16-Oct. 15 with a special display in the Anthony Hunt Learning Resource Center.

The display features the artwork of Hispanic artist Ron. C. Martinez, with several of his paintings depicting Mayan deities.

The college will present El Norte, in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, on Sept. 29 and Oct. 1.

The Sept. 29 performance will be in Spanish, while the one set for Oct. 1 will be in English. Both performances in the Student Union Building are free to the public, and will feature the talents of the theater department at the college, as well as the Mexican American Student Association members, and community members.

TEXAS LOTTERY

PICK 3: 6, 4, 9 LOTTO: 31, 33, 9, 19, 32, 24

Two boys return cash found in mall restroom

EL PASO (AP) — Eight-year-old Seth Brown and his 5-year-old brother, Sam, don't think they did anything so special.

They found some money in a shopping mall restroom and saw that it got back to its owner, that's all. So what if the money bag held \$23,399?

A lot of other folks are buzzing, though.

"This is really something outstanding, because all you ever hear these days are negative stories about youth," El Paso police spokeswoman Linda Olvera said Wednesday. "These are little boys that apparently are growing up the way every parent wishes."

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 88 Wednesday's low 63 Average high 87 Average low 62 Record high 101 in 1965 Record low 43 in 1951 Precip. Wednesday 0.00 Month to date 0.00 Month's normal 1.27 Year to date 9.12 Normal for the year 14.07

MARKETS

Dec. cotton 74.85 cents, down 12 points; Oct. crude 14.79, up 26 points; Cash hogs steady at \$1 higher at 33; cash steers steady at 60 cents even; Oct. lean hog futures 40.55, down 32 points; Aug. live cattle futures 61.42, down 2 points.

Table with market data including ATT, Amoco, Atlantic Richfield, Atmos Energy, Calenergy Inc., Chevron, Cifra, Coca Cola, Compaq Computer, Cornell Correc., De Beers, Diagnostic Health, DuPont, Excel Comm., Exxon, Fina, Halliburton, IBM, Intel Corp, Medical Alliance, Mobil, Norwest, NUV, Phillips Petroleum, Palex Inc., Pepsi Cola, Paralel Petroleum, Rural/Metro, Sears, Southwestern Bell, Sun, Texaco.

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FIRE/EMS

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

1:02 a.m. — 2100 block Highway 176, trauma call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. 10:53 a.m. — 500 block Westover, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 12:22 p.m. — 800 block W. Marcy, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC. 1:47 p.m. — 2600 block Central, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 6:15 p.m. — 500 block Westover, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 7:06 p.m. — 100 block Airbase Road, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 10:59 p.m. — 2600 block Chanute, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

POLICE

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

- JAMES MAGERS, 37, was arrested on local warrants. • JENNIFER CLEM, 24, was arrested for driving while license invalid. • DOYCE COYLE, 29, was arrested for assault/family violence. • STEVEN BELVIN, 39, was arrested for fictitious registration. • THEFT in the 400 block of Johnson, the 300 block of Gregg, the 2500 block of Wason, the 400 block of E. 4th, and the 1200 block of 11th Place. • FORGERY in the 2000 block of Gregg. • DOG BITE in the 1300 block of Sheppard Lane. • ASSAULT in the 400 block of N.W. 10th, and at the corner of 6th and N. Main. • FAMILY VIOLENCE in the 400 block of E. 10th.

SHERIFF

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

- ARNULFO CHAVERA, JR., 18, was arrested for issuance of a bad check. • DALTON WILL WHITE, 21, was arrested for driving without liability insurance.

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United Blood Services "Can I Donate Blood" BLOOD DRIVE When: Saturday, Sept. 19 1-5 pm Where: Mobile Unit in Mall Parking Lot Why: Because "You" Care Contact: Mall Office M-F 267-3853 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For Appointment

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# Congress, Clinton administration tussle over battle against drugs

WASHINGTON (AP) — If the Clinton administration doesn't have the will to get tougher in the fight against drugs, Congress will step in, House Speaker Newt Gingrich says.

He spoke shortly before the House voted 384-39 on Wednesday to add \$2.6 billion over three years to the government's drug-interdiction efforts.

The Senate has not yet voted on the measure, and the White House's drug policy coordinator has urged lawmakers to reject it.

Retired Gen. Barry McCaffrey said extra money is always wel-

come. But he criticized the bill as an ill-conceived exercise in micromanagement possibly motivated by election-year politics.

"This bill is not the answer," McCaffrey told reporters Wednesday after speaking before a joint meeting of two Senate subcommittees. "I understand that elections are coming, but they should not vote for this bill."

Republicans have long criticized the administration for what they believe is a lax and failed drug policy that puts too much emphasis on education

and prevention and not enough on law enforcement and punishment.

They contend that until Clinton took office in 1992, close to 33 percent of the government's drug-fighting budget was devoted to interdiction and activities in countries where raw materials for illegal narcotics are grown. Today, that percentage is about 13 percent.

Introduced in both the House and the Senate, the bill would authorize spending \$2.6 billion over three years for illegal drug-fighting efforts involving interdiction, law enforcement and

U.S. activities in countries where illegal drugs are produced. The bill does not say where the money would come from.

McCaffrey called the bill's goals unrealistic and said its provisions are not tied to a coherent strategy or based on informed analysis of the drug problem. Furthermore, some provisions authorize the purchase of equipment he's never heard of and micromanages decisions that would be better left to officials paid to make them, he said.

Sen. Paul Coverdell, R-Ga.,

disagreed, saying the bill would help restore balance in the nation's anti-drug strategy.

"During the late 1980s, our drug policies produced encouraging results," Coverdell said at a joint meeting of the Senate's Foreign Relations Committee and its Caucus on International Narcotics Control. "We have, since 1992, virtually abandoned this approach. ... The bottom line is that as we shifted resources away from interdiction, it became easier for drug traffickers to transport illegal drugs into this country."

McCaffrey insisted the

amount of money spent on interdiction has increased in recent years and is being spent more efficiently than a decade ago, and that the bill infringes on the authority of the president and the secretary of state.

The House also voted 396-9 to pass a separate bill that would establish several programs designed to reduce the use of illegal drugs in the United States, including one that would promote medications used to treat addiction. It also would authorize \$195 million each year to expand an anti-drug media campaign.

## Judiciary committee considers release of Clinton video testimony

WASHINGTON (AP) — Riven by partisanship, the House Judiciary Committee is considering whether to make public President Clinton's videotaped grand jury testimony about his relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

Officials close to the committee who spoke on condition of anonymity said Wednesday that Republicans, who control the panel, have proposed to vote today and release the tape to the rest of Congress and the public on Friday.

Republicans argue that the public has a right to view the tape and decide whether Clinton lied before the grand jury, one of the reasons Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr said the president should be impeached.

Committee Democrats have

complained that releasing the video would only humiliate the president and serve no public purpose. It reportedly shows a combative, evasive Clinton storming off under explicit questioning by prosecutors in Starr's office.

If anything, a transcript of Clinton's four-hour testimony should suffice, Democrats say. Many in the party worry that such footage would be used to political advantage in GOP campaign commercials this election season.

The fight over the tape came as Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., who chairs the Judiciary Committee, admitted to "indiscretions" with a woman in the 1960s at a time both were married. Hyde was responding Wednesday to a story in an Internet publication, Salon

Magazine, that detailed an affair with a woman identified as Cherie Snodgrass.

Hyde called the article "an obvious attempt to intimidate me" and vowed that it would not affect any impeachment proceeding.

Republicans immediately suspected White House involvement in developing the Hyde story.

One senior GOP source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that if Clinton didn't fire anyone responsible on his staff, or otherwise rein in allies, Republicans would retaliate.

Retaliation could include a variety of investigations that could be intensified to the discomfort of the administration and its allies, the source said.

Salon said it did not get the

story from the White House, and White House Press Secretary Mike McCurry also denied that anyone there was involved.

Clinton, who was attending Democratic fund-raisers in Cincinnati and Boston today, has raised no objections to the prospect of the videotape's release.

"To the contrary, the president's lawyers have repeatedly said that the Congress and the country must judge the Starr report in the context of the president's presentation of his side of the story, and that is precisely what this evidence does," Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., told reporters.

Clinton on Wednesday advised against getting "mired in all the details" of his relationship with Ms. Lewinsky.

## Rep. Hyde's former lover speaks out

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A San Antonio woman said she had an extramarital affair in the 1960s with Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., the head of the House Judiciary Committee that is considering impeachment hearings against President Clinton over a sex scandal, the San Antonio Express-News reported in Thursday's editions.

The woman told the newspaper that Hyde, who was married at the time, told her he was single.

"I did not know he was married," Cherie Soskin, now 62, said late Wednesday night. "He portrayed himself as a single person, and I didn't bother to check or anything like that."

An Internet magazine, Salon, first reported the affair between Hyde and Cherie Snodgrass, Ms. Soskin's name from a previous marriage. On Wednesday, Hyde admitted to "indiscretions" with a woman in Chicago in the 1960s while both were married.

Hyde said, "The statute of limitations has long since passed on my youthful indiscretions. Suffice it to say, Cherie Snodgrass and I were good friends a long, long time ago. After Mr. Snodgrass confronted my wife, the friendship ended and my marriage remained intact."

Hyde called the report "an obvious attempt to intimidate me." He vowed it would have no impact on impeachment proceedings.

kill. Another involves sensors that warn of a foe's approach and then trigger weapons.

Carol Bellamy, director of the U.N. International Children's Fund, congratulated the countries that ratified the treaty.

"We stand at an historic moment in the struggle to end the anguish that these weapons have already inflicted on tens of thousands of the world's children, their families and their communities," she said.

## Global land mine treaty to go into effect in six months, United Nations says

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — A treaty aimed at eliminating anti-personnel land mines will take effect in six months, the United Nations announced Wednesday, after the West African nation of Burkina Faso became the 40th country to ratify the pact.

The treaty was signed by more than 120 countries at a landmark meeting in Ottawa in December. Nations that ratify the treaty pledge to destroy all

stockpiles of mines within four years and clear away all mines from their territory within 10 years.

With Burkina Faso's approval, the treaty will go into force in March in those 40 countries, U.N. officials said. The pact required the ratification of forty nations and their legislatures to go into effect.

"Today, the world has taken a step toward becoming a safer and more humane place,"

Secretary-General Kofi Annan said in a statement. The treaty "will have far-reaching implications for both mine-affected and mine-producing countries."

The United States has refused to sign or ratify the treaty, maintaining such weapons are needed on the Korean peninsula to deter North Korea from invading South Korea. Russia and China are also holding out, contending they need land mines for defensive purposes.

Tens of millions of land mines are scattered in more than 60 countries, and an estimated 20,000 people are killed or injured each year, mostly innocent civilians. The mines have also rendered huge swaths of productive land unusable.

Last December, the International Campaign to Ban Landmines, and its American coordinator, Jody Williams, won the Nobel Peace Prize for its six years of worldwide cam-

aigning that resulted in 122 countries signing the treaty in Ottawa.

President Clinton wants the United States to approve the treaty by 2006, but only if the armed forces are able to come up with an alternative weapon by then. The Pentagon has requested \$4.7 million in the fiscal 1999 budget for the program.

One possibility is a weapon that would temporarily disable an approaching enemy, but not

## FCC considering changes to make telephone bills easier to understand

WASHINGTON (AP) — Telephone customers are having trouble deciphering their bills and detecting unauthorized charges on them, but federal regulators hope to change that.

The Federal Communications Commission planned to offer proposals today that not only aim to make bills easier to understand but also to keep people from falling prey to the latest telecommunications scam: cramming.

That's when phantom charges from third parties pop up on phone bills for services or products never used or requested. The problem has mushroomed in the last year and is bilking consumers out of millions of dollars.

"Phone bills are too confusing. It's as simple as that," FCC Chairman Bill Kennard said. "Consumers are angry, and it is

creating opportunities for fraud and abuse."

Generally, the proposals would have phone companies reorganize bills to flag new charges and provide clear descriptions of all charges and detailed information about how to contest them. A final plan could be adopted early next year.

In the first five months of the year, the FCC received 10,000 phone calls a month from people who did not understand their phone bills.

The commission also has seen a big spike in complaints about cramming and about new itemized charges for government-ordered phone subsidies once included in rates.

"Understanding takes a little more work," said Charlie Dolson, a phone company subscriber in Bella Vista, Ark. "The detail can be intimidat-

ing."

Under one proposal, the FCC is considering a requirement that phone companies use a page of the bill to summarize existing services and another page, or a separate section, to flag any changes or new charges, said FCC officials speaking on condition of anonymity.

That would make it easier for customers to determine whether they have been crammed or whether they have been "slammed," or had their long-distance provider switched without their permission, the FCC officials said.

Another proposal would require brief, plain-language descriptions for all kinds of charges.

For instance, descriptions would specify type of phone service, local or long-distance, or the type of product, such as

voice mail, rather than use the generic term "phone service."

The descriptions also would detail charges often "crammed" into people's bills for what are called nontelecommunications services.

Such unauthorized charges frequently are for psychic hotlines, dating services or club memberships.

The FCC is considering whether to require uniform descriptions for these charges and explanations of charges for government-ordered subsidies.

"I'm not interested in dictating exactly what companies have to have on their bills," Kennard said. "But I think there should be some reasonable guidelines."

Another proposal would require bills to report the name, business address and toll-free phone number of each company that posts a charge on the bill.

For the most part, local and long-distance companies already provide such information about their own charges, but that information usually is not posted for charges from third parties.

Often when customers are crammed they spend hours on the phone trying to track down companies charging for unwanted services.

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## OTHER VIEWS

Lost in the news concerning the contents of independent counsel Kenneth Starr's report to Congress was the collapsing state of this country's policy toward Iraq. Earlier this year, the United States appeared headed for military action with Iraq to force Saddam Hussein to give United Nations inspectors free access to weapons sites. Saddam appeared to back down after U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan intervened in February to defuse the crisis.

The situation has deteriorated since the February agreement. In August, Iraq ended all cooperation with weapons inspectors.

The United Nations' reluctance to respond to Iraq's actions prompted American Scott Ritter, a six-year veteran of the inspections team, to resign from his post. Ritter criticized the U.N. for being unwilling to enforce the Gulf War mandate.

The policy of the United Nations — and, through its complicity, this country — has been one of appeasement.

It does a disservice to the men and women who fought in the Persian Gulf War. Once the dust settles from the Monica Lewinsky matter, whoever is sitting in the Oval Office must put teeth back into our policy toward Saddam Hussein.

THE HERALD-SUN OF DURHAM, N.C.

Western nations are right to be cautious about immediate aid to Russia, gripped by a political and financial crisis that has rattled world markets as well as made lives of the Russian people more difficult.

Lawrence Summers, the U.S. deputy secretary of the Treasury, is seeking to lower Russian expectations that an emergency meeting of finance and foreign ministry officials will generate a big new check.

Already, the International Monetary Fund is slated to send the Russians \$4.3 billion to rescue the ruble. The problem with this aid, and with many calls for a "Marshall Plan" for Russia in the near future, is that there is no financial or legal infrastructure of a free enterprise economy.

Not only does Russia not have that framework, it has a population averse to the very notion of profit.

Americans might, one day soon, be called upon to write a very big check to aid Russia. It might not be a bad idea at some future date, but not now.

THE ADVOCATE OF BATON ROUGE, LA.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration claims it is one of the loudest advocates for food safety, but it could be one of the largest obstacles.

According to a report by the Ludwig Von Mises Institute in Auburn, Ala., the FDA resisted low-level radiation pasteurization of red meat, which would reduce the amount of bacteria more than 90 percent. Although extensive scientific experience has shown the process to be very safe and leaves the nutritional value and taste of food unchanged, the FDA required an additional three years of research before legalizing radiation last December.

The FDA must reconsider whether its actions are helping or hurting the American consumer.

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# Warning: Landmark law case lies just ahead

**M**ilwaukee's controversial program of tuition grants has now arrived on the doorstep of the Supreme Court. My guess is that the court will take this baby in — and this baby could grow up to be a giant of a case.



JAMES J. KILPATRICK

We are talking landmark law. The First Amendment says that Congress (and by extension, the states) shall make no law "respecting an establishment of religion." By authorizing grants to children attending sectarian schools, Milwaukee's tuition vouchers directly affect establishments of religion, but constitutional words are not always what they seem. "No law" doesn't mean "no law." It means "no law that five members of the court regard as going too far."

Does the Milwaukee plan go too far? I expect the high court will rule that it does go too far.

I venture that prediction with regret. The state's proper role in education, as I see it, is simply to provide equal opportunities for the education of its

children. It should be of no concern to the state how the opportunities are made available, so long as certain reasonable standards are met. The law ideally would treat all qualifying schools alike — public schools, private schools, sectarian schools, even home schools — and let parents and children decide for themselves.

That is the basic purpose of the program in Milwaukee. Instituted in 1983 and expanded in 1995, the program has the virtue of simplicity. The city has approximately 100,000 children of school age. Fifteen percent of them come from low-income families. Under the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program, these children are eligible for annual state grants amounting to roughly \$3,650. Checks for the grants are made payable to the parents, but the checks are mailed directly to participating schools.

In August of last year, Wisconsin's Supreme Court ruled 4-2 that Milwaukee's program does not violate the establishment clause of the First Amendment.

The facts are uncomfortable. Of the 122 private schools in Milwaukee, 89 are sectarian. They make no bones about it. The Holy Redeemer Christian Academy, for one example, identifies itself in a handbook as "an integral part" of the church's ministry. All learning "will be rooted in the understanding of faith in God and

power of His word." The school's objective is to lead students "to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ." The school intends "to present all academic subject areas in light of the Scriptures."

The Milwaukee program does not require that the tuition grants be expended solely for secular programs. On the contrary, a participating school may apply the public funds to any purpose it deems appropriate, including the payment of teachers' salaries and the purchase of religious literature and materials.

This is a far cry from cases the Supreme Court has considered in the past. The leading precedent is known simply as "Nyquist," after the state commissioner of education in New York.

Twenty-five years ago the high court found that New York's program of tuition vouchers — a program strikingly similar to Milwaukee's program — violated the establishment clause and could not be continued.

To uphold Milwaukee's statute on parental choice, the Supreme Court will have to overrule Nyquist. In effect, the high court must also overrule the landmark case of Lemon v. Kurtzman (1971), which laid down a three-prong test for state programs respecting establishments of religion. Such programs will be upheld only if (1) they have a secular

purpose, (2) their principal effect is neither to advance nor to inhibit religion, and (3) they do not foster an excessive entanglement of church and state.

Twenty-five years have taken their toll on both Nyquist and Lemon. In a long string of cases the high court has developed a new approach that is far friendlier — or less hostile — to organized religion. The idea now is the idea of benign neutrality. If a public school rents its unoccupied facilities to one secular organization, such as the Boy Scouts, it cannot discriminate against a church. If a university subsidizes a secular publication, it may not deny similar aid to a sectarian publication.

These are sound principles, but the Milwaukee case clearly goes beyond them.

Just last year, in what is known as the Agostini case, the Supreme Court approved the use of publicly salaried teachers to teach secular classes in parochial schools.

It was a good decision. The trouble is that Milwaukee's program covers payments to Catholic teachers to teach courses infused with Catholic doctrine.

I love a benign neutrality; I would loathe a state church. It will be the high court's delicate task to approve the one and refuse to sanction the other. What is needed is a landmark between them.

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# Foreign policy affects all Americans' lives

**C**ontrary to the rhetoric of the Clinton administration and the Beltway babblers, terrorism is not a criminal act in the ordinary sense.

Terrorism is a political act, a response to U.S. foreign policy. It is an act of war waged by people too weak to have a conventional army or one large enough to take on the United States.

Therefore, chasing down and capturing an individual terrorist does not even address the problem. People who execute terrorist actions are expendable and replaceable soldiers. Catch one, kill one, and two will take his place.

Because the terrorism is political, so, too, is the solution. One ends terrorism by ending the policies that create it.

Yes, I know, many Americans believe that we and our government are so good, so beneficent, so kind, so idealistic, that it is an absolute mystery why anyone in the world would dislike us, much less hate us enough to kill.

The Clinton administration perpetuates this wrong assessment of reality by implying that terrorists are just evil and mad, like some demons, who for no rational reason strike out at the innocent. They like to

say, as if they were heroic defenders en route to liberate France, that "we will not be deterred."

Notice, however, that they never say what we will not be deterred from doing. Is it maintaining cruel sanctions on Iraq, which have already cost a half-million innocent lives? Those sanctions alone are enough to spawn terrorism for the next 40 years. They are unjust, injuring and killing people who are innocent of any wrongdoing. They are stupid, as they only strengthen Saddam Hussein's government. They have enraged not only Iraqis but also Arabs throughout the Middle East who are sick of the U.S. double standards, lies and hypocrisy.

For example, the U.N. nuclear inspectors recently gave Iraq a clean bill of health, certifying that the Iraqis have no nuclear weapons and no physical plants to produce them. They recommended closing the book on the nuclear issue. The United States said, "No." So many U.S. officials have said publicly that the United States will not agree to lift the sanctions no matter what Iraq does that I don't know why they even maintain the pretense of looking for weapons.

Actual U.S. foreign policy is far from idealistic. We arbitrarily sided with former Nazi allies in the Balkan civil war and bombed Serbs who fought with us with in two wars. We slapped sanctions on Sudan allegedly because someone in Washington doesn't like Sudanese internal human rights policies, which, you can be

sure, are far more humane than China's or those of some of the African dictators we so ardently supported. I suspect the real reason is that the current government won't cut a deal on the oil discovered in Sudan many years ago.

Why do Iraqis hate Americans? We overthrew their government in the 1950s and installed a dictator whom we backed for decades while he executed and tortured his opponents. Why does anyone expect the survivors of a U.S.-imposed tyrant to like the United States?

The one-sided support of Israel, even when Israel is clearly an aggressor or an abuser of human rights, creates enemies. When your wife and children are killed with U.S. weapons wielded by a government backed by the United States and protected from U.N. sanctions by the United States, it doesn't sit too well.

What I hope people will get from this column is this: Foreign policy does affect your life. It can get you or your children killed. It can make it unsafe for you to travel. Don't tell the parents of those Americans who died on Pan Am flight 103 that foreign policy has no effect on Americans.

A U.S. government that actually lived up to our ideals and treated people justly would eliminate terrorism. All the security measures and macho rhetoric in the world can't and won't eliminate it.

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## Controversial telecommunications report shelved

DALLAS (AP) — A controversial report on telephone right-of-way fees will be rewritten, with precautions taken to minimize the industry's influence, a key lawmaker said Wednesday.

The original report was recalled Wednesday by the co-chairmen of a legislative committee that approved it last month.

The about-face came after a report in The Dallas Morning News that indicated large sections of the report were similar — and in places, identical —

documents submitted by lobbyists for telephone companies.

At issue is whether to limit fees that telephone companies pay when using public rights-of-way. The industry opposes the fees, but Texas cities earn more than \$150 million a year from the fees.

Critics of the industry-drafted report said the recommendations, if enacted by the Legislature next year, would create a windfall for the industry at the expense of cities and their taxpayers.

One of the committee co-chairmen, Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville, said he wants each lawmaker to appoint a staffer who will help completely redraft the first report. He blamed a "lazy" staffer for letting the telephone industry leave a heavy imprint on the first report.

Yet, Lucio also predicted that some, "if not the majority" of the first report will be included in a reworked version.

The Dallas Morning News reported that both Lucio and

the other co-chairman, state Rep. Bill Carter, R-Fort Worth, received campaign contributions from telecommunications companies that have a stake in the legislation.

Earlier this week, eight representatives of the industry paid up to \$2,500 each to attend a Lucio golfing fund-raiser, the newspaper said. It also reported that Carter owns \$28,000 to \$140,000 in stock of companies that could benefit if the full Legislature adopts the committee recommendations.

## Bush hoping to do better among Hispanics this time

EL PASO (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush's election year overtures to Texas Hispanics have been set to music.

Bush hit heavily Hispanic pockets of the state Wednesday, which was also independence day in Mexico, with Tejano singer Emilio in tow in a direct attempt to bring more Mexican-Americans into the fold.

The stops in El Paso, Harlingen, San Antonio and Corpus Christi included the unveiling of a reworked Emilio song with the verse: "With Pride, And Bush, We're on the right track."

"I'm waging a campaign with the intent of doing better than I did the last time with the Hispanic vote," Bush told reporters after his brief El Paso rally. "I believe I have set a tone that says to the Hispanic community, you're a part of the future."

Bush said he hopes to show other politicians that it's better to promote unity than to practice the politics of division.

Political analysts also have said that in order for Bush to crack traditional Democratic strongholds such as El Paso and the Rio Grande Valley, he must win over the Hispanic community.

Polls had shown Bush has been doing well in El Paso until earlier this year when he spoke out against Indian gambling in El Paso County and refused to oppose a radioactive dump planned just 90 miles away in Sierra Blanca.

But his efforts did go over well with the crowd of roughly 300 who heard him speak in El Paso. "He's the best voice for Mexican-Americans that we've ever had," said resident Joseph Ayoub.

A spokesman for Garry Mauro, Bush's Democratic opponent, blasted Bush's cross-state trek.

"It takes more than a song and a dance to win the Hispanic vote," said Mauro spokesman Billy Rogers. "Gov. Bush ought to know better. Gov. Bush is wrong on most of the issues Hispanics care about. Gov. Bush does not fully support bilingual education. He opposed affirmative action. He supports the dump at Sierra Blanca."

## Texas Tech: Montford raise is not yet official

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech officials, who last month said Chancellor John Montford was getting a \$46,000 pay increase, now say the raise isn't official after all.

Board of Regents Chairman Ed Whitacre, in an August letter, said the panel had approved a pay raise for Montford.

The letter said the 5-percent raise and other contractual changes, which in total raise Montford's base salary from \$290,184 to \$336,193, would be effective Sept. 1.

Montford's salary or contract was never discussed in an open regents' meeting.

Tech officials contend the raise was part of the general budget and was thus publicly approved when the budget was approved in open session.

A Sept. 11 press release from the school also said the board had approved a pay hike for Montford.

But on Wednesday, Tech vice chancellor and vice counsel Pat Campbell said regents have yet to make a decision on changing

Montford's contract.

"That contract can't be altered without board action," Campbell said, adding that the action will come at the Nov. 13 regents meeting.

Nevertheless, Campbell said, he is sure Montford started receiving the higher salary on Sept. 1.

Asked how a pay raise becomes effective before it is approved, Campbell said, "I don't think that was unusual at all."

The Texas Open Meetings Act

allows governmental bodies to deliberate on employee evaluations and salary matters in closed session. It does not allow action or decisions to be made in closed session on contract changes.

Montford, who was not at regents' Aug. 14 closed meeting where the matter apparently was addressed, said the board wasn't being underhanded.

"I think the intention was to make that recommendation during a subsequent board meeting," Montford said.

## Environmentalists arrested in protest at World Congress

HOUSTON (AP) — Environmentalists opposed to oil exploration took their protest of this week's World Energy Congress to the air Wednesday by commandeering a construction crane at Houston's new ballpark site.

Four climbers for the California-based Rainforest Action Network and Project Underground mounted the 250-foot crane in downtown Houston at daybreak. Dangling from cables, they unfurled a banner reading, "Houston, We Have A Problem — Stop New Oil Exploration!"

The protesters say they were trying to gain the attention of this week's 17th Congress of the World Energy Council meeting downtown through Thursday. The London-based council is an international policy forum that researches all forms of energy, from oil and gas and hydro power to renewable energy

sources such as solar power and wind.

The incident began before 6:30 a.m. and ended around 10:30 a.m. Felony criminal mischief charges are pending because the four-hour delay in construction time cost contractor Brown & Root an estimated \$210,000, police said.

Second degree felony criminal mischief involves losses between \$100,000 and \$200,000. If found guilty, the protesters could face two to 20 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000 each.

Arrested were Jon Christopher Callender, 31 and Genevieve Clare Raymond, 24, of San Francisco; Daniel Kennedy, 25, and John Franklin Sellers, 31, of Berkeley, Calif.; and Troy Allen Jones, 37, of Russellville, Ky.

Sellers was the on the ground with a two-way radio. The others scaled the crane.

## Target opening date pushed back again, this time to January

CARLSBAD, N.M. (AP) — Federal officials once again have pushed back the target date for opening a nuclear waste repository for the nation's defense industry.

The Waste Isolation Pilot Plant near Carlsbad is unlikely to open before January because of legal challenges and uncertainty over whether any waste is ready for shipment, U.S. Department of Energy officials said Wednesday.

The DOE previously said it hoped to open WIPP this month.

It was the latest in a series of WIPP delays dating back decades.

"January is now the realistic case," said John Arthur of the DOE's Albuquerque Operations Office.

That estimate was backed up by Tom Baca, head of environmental management at Los Alamos National Laboratory, where the first 17 truckloads of WIPP cargo are to originate.

At the root of the latest delay is a dispute between the DOE and the state Environment Department over whether there might be hazardous chemical waste mixed in with the 116 barrels of radioactive waste destined for shipment to WIPP from Los Alamos.

The DOE claims there is no

Delay caused by dispute over possible hazardous chemical waste mixed in with the 116 barrels of radioactive waste destined for shipment to WIPP.

hazardous waste but is striving to satisfy state demands that Los Alamos scientists prove it.

The two agencies are haggling over how that will be accomplished.

Arthur said he hopes that agreement will be reached by next week.

But once that occurs, Arthur said, it would take two months to actually extract the samples from the drums and analyze them.

And then it would then take another two months before waste shipments could begin, he said.

WIPP is designed to bury plutonium-contaminated waste from the nation's defense industry 2,150 feet underground in ancient salt beds 26 miles east of Carlsbad.



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## Dobbs delights fan with home visit

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

Even without his trademark makeup and costume, local rodeo clown Quail Dobbs delighted one of his fans Tuesday morning.

Hospice patient Clarice Shafer, 84, has been a fan of Dobbs' work in the rodeo since the 1970s, when she painted a picture of him from a magazine photograph. She finally got to meet Dobbs after a Family Hospice staff member heard about her wish.

"We love to do this kind of thing if we're able to," said Alice Stacy, assistant patient care coordinator for the agency. "This is the patient's final chapter, and we try to fulfill those wishes whenever we can."

Family Hospice (Vista Care) cares for patients with terminal diagnoses, offering medication, regular checkups and home care.

Dr. Eugene Stokes, a medical director for the agency and good friend of Dobbs, set up the meeting. Dobbs went to visit Shafer despite battling his own

illness. He is receiving intravenous therapy three times a day for a bone infection.

"This is great," Shafer said, beaming after her meeting with Dobbs. "I never dreamed about him doing something like this."

The two discussed rodeos, home health care, and Shafer's paintings, which hang throughout her house. Dobbs gave the patient a T-shirt from the 20th anniversary of the Coahoma Kindergarten Rodeo, two autographed photos and some flowers.

"They tell me I've got cancer," Shafer told Dobbs, explaining that she could no longer paint. "But they're keeping me from feeling too bad."

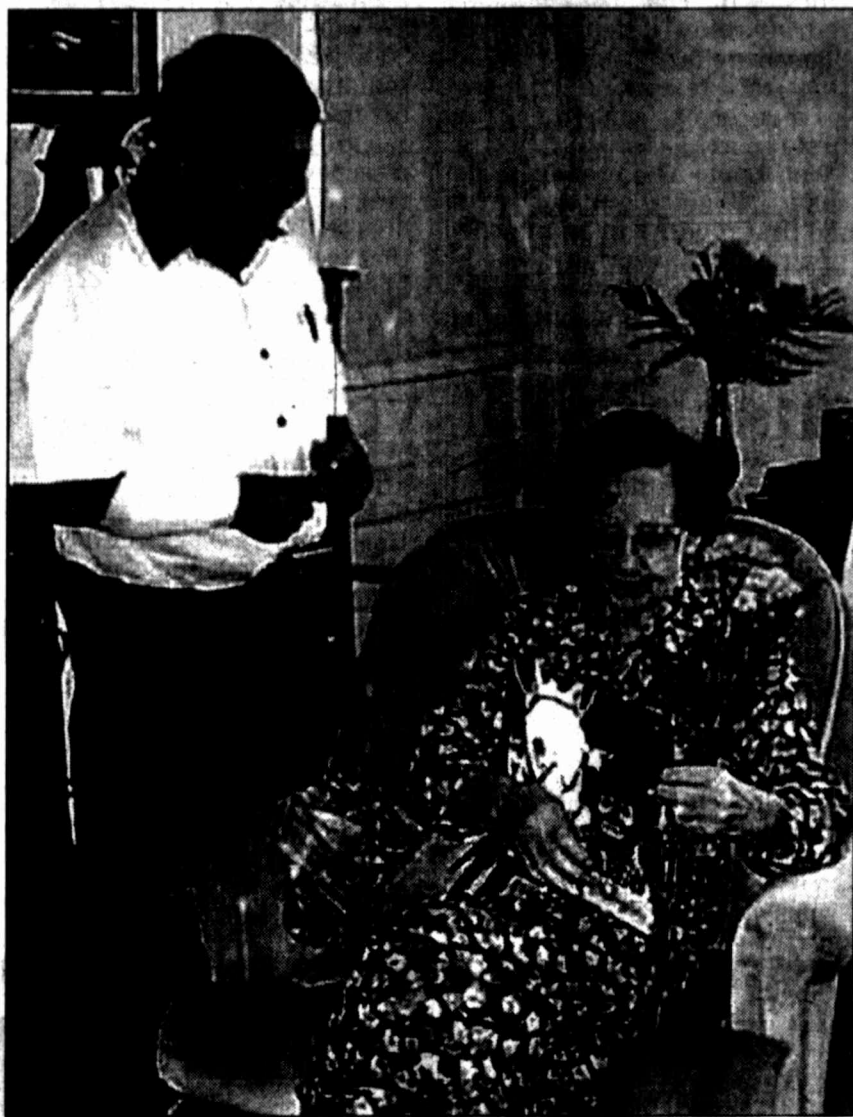
Dobbs said he was pleased to meet one of his fans.

"I get to see and meet a lot of people," Dobbs said. "But it's usually during a rodeo. It just never ceases to amaze me that people want to see me."

"I do enjoy what I'm doing, and visiting with people is part of that. I was just tickled to do it. It's a way of giving back."

"Hope you feel better," Dobbs told Shafer as he left.

"You, too," she said, taking his hand. "You get well."



Quail Dobbs, rodeo clown, visited one of his longtime fans Tuesday morning, to the delight of Family Hospice patient Clarice Shafer, 84. She is holding a picture she painted of the clown.

## Balance love and discipline with kids

QUESTION: Philosophically, I recognize the need to take charge of my kids, but I'd like more specifics. Give me a step-by-step approach to discipline that will help me do the job correctly.

DR. DOBSON: All right, let me outline six broad guidelines that I think you'll be able to apply. These principles represent the essence of my philosophy of discipline.

First: Define the boundaries before they are enforced. The most important step in any disciplinary procedure is to establish reasonable expectations and boundaries in advance. The child should know what is and what is not acceptable behavior before he is held responsible for those rules. This precondition will eliminate the sense of injustice that a youngster feels when he is punished for his accidents, mistakes and blunders. If you haven't defined it -- don't enforce it!

Second: When defiantly challenged, respond with confident decisiveness. Once a child understands what is expected, she should then be held accountable for behaving accordingly. That sounds easy, but as we have seen, most children will assault the authority of their elders and challenge their right to lead. In a moment of rebellion, a little child will consider his parents' instructions and defiantly chose to disobey.

Like a military general before a battle, she will calculate the potential risk, marshal her forces and attack the enemy with guns blazing. When that nose-to-nose confrontation occurs between generations, it is extremely important for the adult to win decisively and confidently. The child has made it clear that she's looking for a fight, and her parents would be wise not to disappoint her! Nothing is more destructive to parental leadership than for a mother or father to disintegrate during that struggle.

When a parent consistently loses those battles by resorting to tears, screaming or showing other evidence of frustration, some dramatic changes take place in the way he or she is "seen" by the children. Instead of being secure and confident leaders, these parents become spineless jellyfish, who are unworthy of respect or allegiance.

Third: Distinguish between willful defiance and childish irresponsibility. A child should not be punished for behavior that is not willfully defiant. When he forgets to feed the dog or make his bed or take out the trash -- when he leaves your tennis racket outside in the rain or loses his bicycle -- remember that these behaviors are typical of childhood. It is the mechanism by which an immature mind is protected from adult anxieties and pressures.

Be gentle as you teach him to do better. If he fails to respond to your patient instruction, it then becomes appropriate to administer some well-deserved consequences (he may have to work to pay for the item he abused or be deprived of its use, etc.). Just remember that childish irresponsibility is very different from willful defiance, and should be handled more patiently.

Fourth: Reassure and teach as soon as the confrontation is over. After a time of conflict during which the parent has demonstrated his or her right to lead (particularly if it resulted in tears for the child), the youngster between 2 and 7 (or older) may want to be loved and reassured. By all means, open your arms and let her come!

Hold her close and tell her of your love. Rock her gently and let her know, again, why she was punished and how she can avoid the trouble next time. This moment of communication builds love, fidelity and family unity.

Fifth: Avoid impossible demands. Be absolutely sure that your child is capable of delivering what you require. Never punish him for wetting the bed involuntarily, or for not becoming potty-trained by 1 year of age, or for doing poorly in school when he is incapable of academic success. These impossible demands put the child in an unresolvable conflict; there is no way out. That condition brings inevitable damage to human emotional apparatus.

Sixth: Let love be your guide! A relationship that is characterized by genuine love and affection is likely to be a healthy one, even though some parental mistakes and errors are inevitable.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. James C. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" appears each Thursday as a cooperative effort of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Herald. Letters to Dr. Dobson may be sent to P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, Colo.; 80903.



DR. JAMES DOBSON

## Silly Putty thrives; history still murky

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — For 49 years, millions of kids (and a few adults) have gotten silly with a bouncy, stretchable gob of goo packaged in a little plastic egg.

But Silly Putty almost missed its chance to become one of America's classic toys. It failed in the purpose scientists intended for it — a rubber substitute during World War II.

"We thought it was a loser," said Earl Warrick, who is credited as being one of Silly Putty's official creators.

"The really smart fellow is the man in New York who saw the possibility of a kid's toy out of it," Warrick said. "I think he's a multimillionaire. I got a dollar for my patent."

That man was Peter Hodgson, an advertising copywriter working at the time on a catalog for Ruth Fallgatter, owner of a New Haven, Conn., toy store called The Block Shop.

"It's hard to imagine any other culture, any other country, in which this could have made sense ... and nobody less eccentric than my old man could have carried it off," said his son, Peter Hodgson Jr.

Depending on whom you believe, Silly Putty was created during World War II either by

Warrick and fellow Corning Glass Works scientist Rob Roy McGregor or by James Wright, a GE researcher.

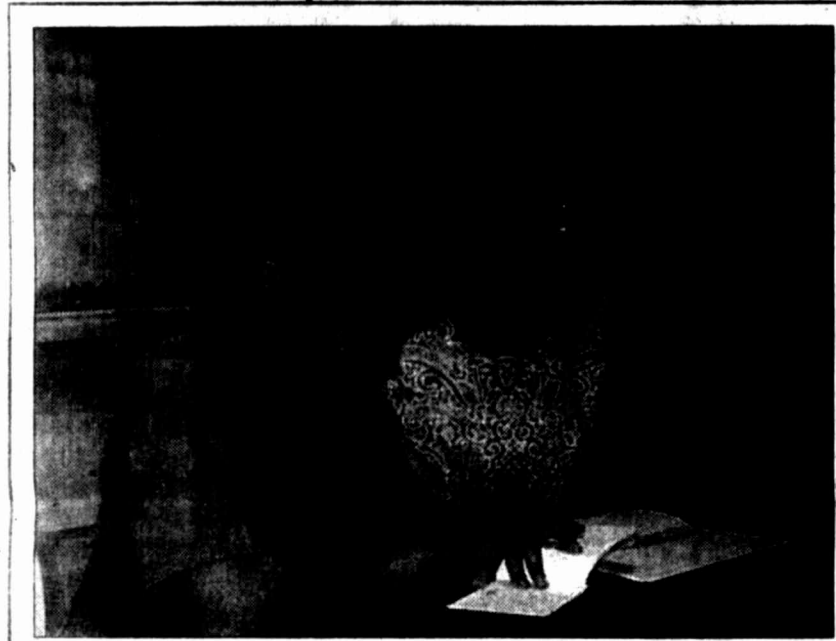
According to Silly Putty's current maker, Binney & Smith, Hodgson and Fallgatter were attending a party hosted by a General Electric executive when the mysterious material was passed around the room.

In 1949, Hodgson and Fallgatter decided to include some of the "bouncing putty" in her catalog. It was packaged in a clear, compact case and sold for \$2. It outsold everything in the catalog except a 50-cent box of Crayola Crayons.

Fallgatter lost interest in the new product, but Hodgson didn't. In 1950, he borrowed money to buy a batch of the gooey substance and packaged 1-ounce wads of it in plastic eggs selling for \$1 each. He dubbed it Silly Putty.

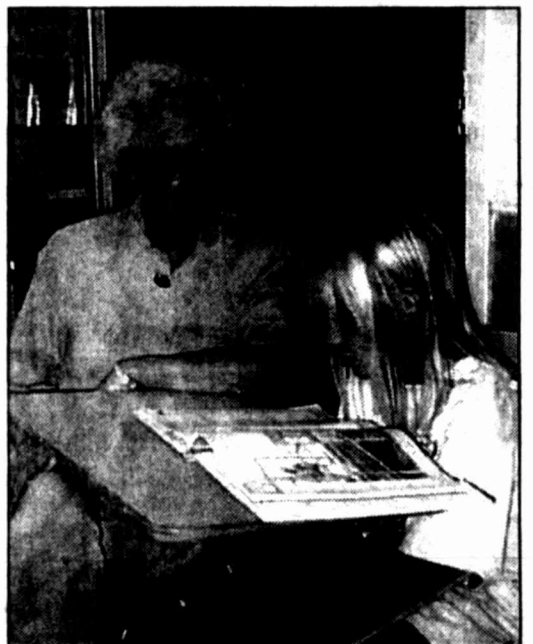
Shrugging off advice by marketers at the International Toy Fair in New York to give up on his idea, Hodgson displayed it at bookshops. Sales skyrocketed after a Silly Putty story appeared in The New Yorker magazine.

Commercials aired on the "Howdy Doody Show" and "Captain Kangaroo."



Retired Senior Volunteer Program workers Oleta Weaver (above) and Pat Dickenson (right) work with Kentwood Elementary students Jonathan Womack and Rechah Tasiar, earlier this week, in the RSVP Read to Me Program.

HERALD photos/Linda Choate



## That new guy on campus? He just might be a police officer

SOUTH PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Ken Greenleaf is headed back to school, but he isn't packing a new spiral notebook or worrying where to sit at lunch.

He's the guy dressed in blue, wearing a badge — and armed with a gun.

In response to school shootings across the nation, rural states like Maine have asked police departments to detail an officer to spend the day at school.

They aren't necessarily

patrolling the parking lot and hallways — they're also advising students, interacting with parents and acting as a deterrent.

"We are trying to get ahead of the curve," said Westbrook Police Chief Steven Roberts. "This is prevention rather than response. We've had no crime problems and we went to keep it this way."

After fatal shootings at schools in Pearl, Miss.; West Paducah, Ky.; Jonesboro, Ark.; Springfield, Ore., and a school

dance in Edinboro, Pa., teachers, parents and students in rural places realized they aren't immune to what was once perceived as simply an inner-city problem.

"Kids are being killed every day in the inner city," said Richard Verdugo, coordinator of the National Education Association's Safe Schools Program. "But once it went into rural and suburban areas, suddenly we had a school safety problem."

Since the shootings, school administrators have been pressed to come up with strategies to deter violence and prepare for worst-case scenarios.

In Georgia, officials set up a toll-free safety hotline that students can call to provide anonymous tips on threats in the public school system.

And in Marshall County, Ky., backpacks and large book bags are forbidden because they are convenient hiding places for weapons.

An officer patrolling school is only one way to reduce the pos-

sibility of violence, Verdugo said. Other strategies include crisis management plans and workshops with parents, authorities and social service agencies.

At least 40 states have full-time police patrolmen — dubbed "school resource officers" — in high schools and middle schools, according to Dr. Pam Riley, at the Center for the Prevention of School Violence in Raleigh, N.C.

"I'm here as a police officer to become part of the school

and to be proactive as well as reactive," said Greenleaf. "People who think that they are going to come to the school and cause problems may think twice if there's a policeman here."

Fresh from a special training course for school officers in North Carolina, Greenleaf said his new job won't end when the final bell rings. He said he will be highly involved, even attending extracurricular activities like football games, barbecues and dances.

<p><b>SLICE of life!</b></p>	<p><b>COMMUNITY NEWS</b></p> <p>Ellen Dunn-Sablan is joining the staff of Samaritan Counseling Center, planning to see clients in Big Spring in the near future. A play therapist and children's counselor, she was previously clinical director at Harmony Home in Odessa. She has extensive training in working with children and their families where sexual abuse has occurred, and will work with adult survivors of abuse also. For more information about Dunn-Sablan's work with clients in Big Spring, call the center at 1-800-329-4144.</p> <p>Samaritan has set the date for its Family of the Year banquet, which will honor families from Midland and Odessa as well as the Dick Helms family of Big Spring. The Helms family, chosen from nominees submitted by local people, was chosen as a healthy role model, and will be honored Oct. 29 at the banquet at Green Tree Country Club. Table sponsorships and general admissions are available by calling 563-4144.</p>	<p><b>FOR YOUR INFORMATION</b></p> <p><b>THE FALL MEETING OF</b> the Permian Historical Society will be Saturday, Oct. 17, in the Cactus Room of the Student Union Building at Howard College, Big Spring, and is open to all persons interested in the history of the Permian Basin. Registration, coffee and the Board of Directors meeting will be a 9:30 a.m. followed by the program at 10 a.m. Papers to be presented include: History of Police Chiefs in Big Spring by Joe Cook. Lunch will be catered by the Howard College cafeteria at \$7.25 per person. Reservations should be made by Friday, Oct. 2. Contact Eileen Welch at (915)683-0839 or Bobbie Jean Klepper at (915)362-3654 or (915)552-2381.</p>	<p><b>THE LAST WORD</b></p> <p>Life does not cease to be funny when people die, any more than it ceases to be serious when people laugh. George Bernard Shaw</p> <p>Hush, little bright line, don't you cry. You'll be a cliché by and by. Fred Allen</p> <p>Neither man nor nation can exist without a sublime idea. Feodor Dostoevski</p>
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**SAN DIEGO (AP)** — Who's foolish enough to ride a wooden roller coaster for 10 weeks straight, sleep in its cars and endure some 18,151 nauseating laps?

Meet Debbie Arnold, Robert Cromer, Lee Vath, Kryst Golaski and Mary Amoroso — five people who hung on for 70 days aboard the Giant Dipper at Belmont Park, each hoping to outlast the other and win \$50,000.

In the end, contest officials had to stop the dizzying ride Tuesday and split the winnings: \$10,000 for each and a five-day trip to Hawaii.

"Everyday, what we've gone through and what our families have gone through, it wasn't worth it," said a shook-up Arnold, who thinks she may actually have lost money by foregoing wages all summer.

Since climbing aboard on June 30, the so-called "Party of Five" were pulled through a pitch-black tunnel, cranked up to a 73-foot high point and yanked over 12 more slopes as fast as 55 mph for 14-1/2 hours a day.

They slept overnight in the coaster — which counted for

eight hours — without blankets or pillows, and got only two half-hour breaks and three 10-minute breaks a day.

Though the Guinness Book of World Records no longer keeps official records on the subject, on Aug. 31 the Giant Dipper crew topped the 61 days racked up by three coaster riders in Atlanta earlier this year.

"Enough's enough," said Amoroso, a 35-year-old mother of three. "We've been through a lot, all five of us."

"This is the hardest \$10,000 I've ever made," quipped Cromer.

**CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP)** — A man armed with a butter knife robbed a hotel clerk and then slipped away with an undetermined amount of cash.

Just a butter knife? "That's a serrated butter knife," said Sgt. James Pace of the weapon used in Monday's robbery at a Holiday Inn.

Pace said the man came in about 5 a.m., asked the clerk about renting a room and then followed the clerk into a private office where he produced the knife and demanded money.

Police were trying to determine whether the hotel robbery was linked to an earlier stickup at a nearby gas station.

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Andrew Belcher was about to eat a worm, but he dropped it. "You don't want to eat that!" said Christi Cullen, a 25-year-old museum guide. "It's been on the floor."

So she fished out a new cheese-covered worm and handed it to the 5-year-old.

"Tastes like a cheese doodle," Andrew said.

Cheese-covered meal worms are just one of many treats awaiting the brave-hearted, strong-stomached visitors to The Insectarium.

The museum is filled with thousands of butterflies, moths and other insects — some alive in naturalized habitats, the rest mounted on the walls.

The museum wants to teach children that insects do more than just sting, bite and annoy — they're also a vital part of the ecosystem.

"Without bugs the world would be very different," museum director Maureen Kennedy said. "It'd be a lot dirtier, and probably not as pretty."

# Older adults, among others, returning to the classroom

**GALVESTON, (AP)** — Once upon a time, the senior years were for retiring and rocking grandchildren. These days, seniors are among the thousands of people heading back to the classroom every year to reclaim a fundamental skill — reading.

"There's a change in mentality that we have today in the United States that says 'it's never too late,'" said Iris Hirmas, lead adult basic education instructor at Galveston College. "A lot of people are just starting their second careers and are doing things they've always wanted to do at a time when we're supposed to retire."

Rebecca Gonzalez, a 65-year-old Galveston woman, is one such student. Ms. Gonzalez learned to drive at age 51 and enrolled in Galveston College's adult education program eight years ago to learn to speak English. Language was not her only barrier, however.

Before enrolling at Galveston College, she had had no formal education since the third grade — the time when many students were learning to read and other basic skills. She lacked literacy in both her native language and in English.

"I have four children, and I never could help them with their homework because I couldn't read or speak English — that was hard," said Ms. Gonzalez who has been in the United States since 1952. "You can learn in English better when you have education in your own country, but I didn't have it after third grade."

According to a recent National Adult Literacy survey, more than 40 million Americans age 16 and older have significant literacy needs.

And the 1990 census revealed that 3.4 million Texans 18 and older had not graduated from high school, and 25 percent functioned on literacy level 1 — a reading level of eighth grade and below.

The National Literacy Act defines literacy as "an individual's ability to read, write and speak in English, compute and solve problems at levels of proficiency necessary to function on the job and in society, to achieve one's goals, and develop one's knowledge and potential."

Galveston County's adult education program serves about 3,000 people every year, giving them the tools to learn to read, write and learn basic math skills. Sandra Evans, associate dean of adult education at Galveston College, said many people were returning to the classroom out of necessity to learn to read.

"We're seeing more people on the lower reading levels because of the workforce — they want to improve their skills," she said. "Employers have an option of either keeping someone without their GED or hiring someone with their diploma or GED. So there are now requirements being put on people by businesses."

Ms. Hirmas said she was seeing many seniors return to learn to read to keep from being

taken advantage of in their daily transactions. And some are simply hoping to enhance their lives with better understanding.

"Many of them are active in churches, and they want to be able to read and understand the Bible better," she said.

In Galveston County, residents who are interested in adult education can take courses at local colleges, churches, high schools and community centers, Ms. Evans said.

Through self-paced classes, students learn prose, document and quantitative literacy. Prose literacy involves the knowledge and skills needed to understand and use information from the text of news stories, poems and fiction.

Document literacy involves the knowledge and skills required to find and use information contained in everyday materials such as job applications, payroll forms, schedules, maps, tables or graphs.

Students learn quantitative literacy to apply arithmetic operations, either alone or sequentially, using numbers within printed materials — balancing a checkbook, completing an order form or figuring a tip.

While literacy seems necessary for day-to-day functions, Ms. Evans said many adults spend their lives without those skills "because they have other skills to compensate for reading, and they learn to skirt around the issue of reading," she said.

"They will say things like

they forgot their glasses, and they learn to work within the system instead of solving the problem."

Once some adults muster the courage to seek help, there are still some inhibitions. Many have been away from school and books for a long time and are afraid they will not be able to keep up with everyone in a classroom setting, Ms. Hirmas said.

Ms. Gonzalez, now an old pro at writing checks, paying her own bills, writing simple sentences and reading directions, said she remembered a time when learning wasn't so easy.

"I was embarrassed reading and answering questions," she said. "Now I feel more comfortable. It's good to not feel so embarrassed to ask the teacher for help. This year I'm going to take math."

For some people who lack literacy skills, the problem begins in childhood, Ms. Hirmas said.

"If for any reason a child has had to move around a lot during their school year, that causes some feelings of inadequacy," she said. "They just miss blocks of time. They really can't keep up, and they find themselves behind and never quite getting back up with everyone."

Children who have unkind teachers or bad experiences at school might also fall behind, she said.

There's not really an ideal way to combat illiteracy, but volunteerism could make tremendous difference, Ms. Hirmas said.

# Truancy

## New approaches tried for dealing with problem

**BOSTON (AP)** — Tardy students soon won't be able to use the trusty my-alarm-clock-broke defense when they show up late to classes this fall.

Thanks to donations from local companies, the Boston School District will be distributing hundreds of alarm clocks to jolt students out of their cozy beds and into the classroom.

Last year, 17,444 students, or 27 percent of Boston's student population, missed 15 days or more.

And 7,400 of those truant students were absent more than 27 days.

Now students can only record 12 unexcused absences before facing disciplinary action.

Officials also have raised the number of truancy officers from eight to 12.

"We're trying to find out if

of the highest absentee rates in the nation.

According to the Boston-based consulting firm Bain & Company, the city's high school students miss an average of 28 days of school a year. That's four more days than the average of the country's 10 largest cities.

After that, meetings with their parents or guardians may be required.

In Springfield, which posted a respectable daily attendance rate of 92 percent last year, district officials are promising to transfer students to other schools if they are truant.

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the students are having a problem before they become a problem," Lynch said. "Last year the high schools had an attendance rate of about 85 percent. We want to get that up to more than 95 percent."

Students who are having a hard time making it to classes may be referred to disciplinary panels, Lynch said.

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# Birdbrains not what you expect

## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

To scientists' surprise, birds have been found to have the kind of memory that enables people to recall where they left their car keys.

The research by British and American behavioral scientists shows that birds can remember not only where, but when, they hid critical items such as worms and other food. The birds even dig up less perishable food if too much time has passed and their favorite worms have probably rotted.

The study of scrub jays, published in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature, marks what the researchers said is the first demonstration of episodic, or event-based, memory in animals other than humans.

Previously, many scientists believed episodic memory was unique to humans.

This type of memory is jokingly referred to as "mental time travel" because it involves mental images of past events. To remember where you put your car keys, you might "see" yourself walking into the house the night before and dropping the keys on a table in the hall.

Episodic memory functions in a fundamentally different way from and uses other parts of the brain than knowing a fact, such as what car keys are. That is a form of semantic memory.

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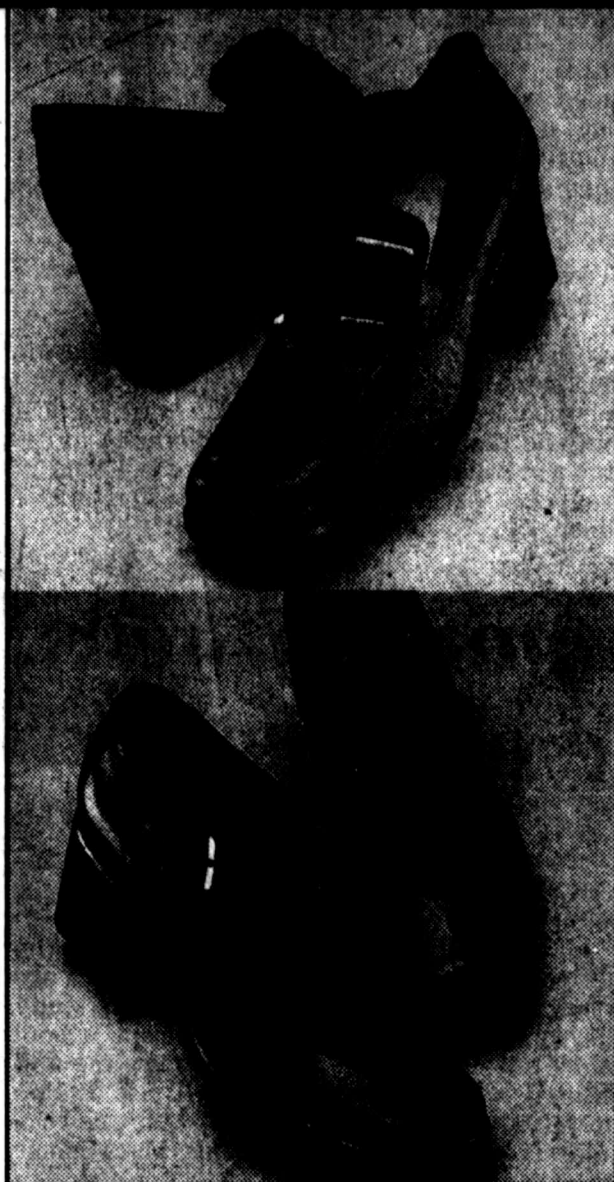
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### IN BRIEF

#### Chargers take big win in youth soccer action

The Chargers romped to a 7-1 win over the Jets in Under 10 division play of the Big Spring Youth Soccer Association on Tuesday. Lance Gross, Caleb Choate, Brandon Stowers and Taylor Parks combined for the Chargers scoring, while defensive standings included Katie Kistler, Lance Tissue, Ryan Harris and Chris Freeman.

#### Coahoma boosters slate meeting for Tuesday

The Coahoma Athletic Booster Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Coahoma Elementary School cafeteria. A business meeting will precede taped highlights from Friday night's game and commentary from Bulldogs coaches.

The public is invited to attend.

#### CGA, Knights of Columbus slate benefit tournament

The Chicano Golf Association of Big Spring and the Knights of Columbus will co-sponsor a four-man scramble Sunday at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Players should pick their own ABCD teams. Entry fees are \$15 per player and tee time will be 11 a.m.

All players must be registered and have fees paid prior to the 11 a.m. start.

Plaques will be awarded to the first, second and third-place teams.

For more information, call the course's pro shop at 264-2366.

#### Fire Fighters Association schedules golf tourney

The Big Spring Professional Fire Fighters Association will hold its annual golf tournament to benefit the Disaster Relief Fund on Friday, Oct. 2, at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The four-person scramble will begin at 8:30 a.m. with prizes awarded to the first, second and third-place teams, as well as the longest drives by both men and women players. Closest to the pin contests will also be held.

Entry fees are \$25 per player plus cart fee.

For more information, call Paul Brown or Mitch Gill at 267-3362.

#### Big 12 reprimands coach for officiating complaints

DALLAS (AP) — The Big 12 Conference has reprimanded Kansas football coach Terry Allen for criticizing referees after Saturday's 41-23 loss to Missouri.

"It is our conclusion that coach Terry Allen's statements violated the Big 12 Conference's Code of Conduct regarding public comments relative to officiating," said interim Big 12 Commissioner Dave Martin.

The Big 12 opened a review of remarks made by both Allen and Missouri coach Larry Smith after the game, asking both schools for tapes of the game.

But action was taken only against Allen. The public reprimand carries no other punishment. Conference rules state that a subsequent violation carries a \$5,000 fine.

Smith said during the Big 12 coaches media teleconference call on Monday officials missed three clipping calls on a punt Kansas returned for a touchdown.

### ON THE AIR

#### TODAY:

##### BASEBALL

6 p.m. — Boston Red Sox at Baltimore Orioles, FXS, Ch. 29.

7 p.m. — Anaheim Angels at Texas Rangers, Big Spring Cable TV Channel 98.

9 p.m. — Atlanta Braves at Arizona Diamondbacks, TBS, Ch. 11.

##### COLLEGE FOOTBALL

7 p.m. — Colorado State at Air Force, 7 p.m., ESPN, Ch. 30.

## Rangers share AL West lead after 5-3 win over Angels

ARLINGTON (AP) — Gregg Jefferies doesn't know about all the Anaheim Angels' September failures.

But he's learning. Fast. Anaheim's 5-3 loss to Texas on Wednesday night was its sixth in eight games and dropped the Angels into a tie for first place in the AL West with the Rangers for the first time since taking the lead on Aug. 14.

Each team has 11 games left this season, four of them head-to-head, including tonight.

Although Anaheim can't afford to be swooning now, the timing shouldn't be a surprise. The Angels haven't had a winning September since 1991. They're 5-8 this month, reviving memories of 1995, when Seattle overcame a big September deficit to win the division.

"I'm the new guy here, but I don't

sense any panic," Jefferies said.

Manager Terry Collins wasn't with Anaheim in '95, but he was in Houston in '96 when the Astros had a terrible final month and were passed by St. Louis.

"We have a bunch of new players, so I'm not worried about that," said Collins, a second-place finisher in all four seasons he's managed.

Texas has a bunch of new players acquired at the July 31 trading deadline, and three came up big Wednesday night.

Todd Stottlemire (4-4) pitched what was easily his best game for the Rangers, and fellow newcomers Royce Clayton and Todd Zelle each went 2-for-4 and combined for three RBIs and two runs scored.

"When you get traded for, there are a lot of expectations, and I'd say that up to

this point I probably came up a little short," Stottlemire said. "But I also know that if you have a good September, everybody forgets about August."

Stottlemire definitely looked like an ace this time, allowing one run on six hits in eight innings, with seven strikeouts and one walk.

Jefferies doubled to open the game and again in the third, then hit a solo homer in the fifth. He came up again with two outs in the seventh with runners and second and third and the score 4-1.

After five fastballs away yielded a 3-2 count, Stottlemire surprised Jefferies with an inside curveball. The pitch hung a bit, but Jefferies swung and missed, sending Stottlemire running off the mound pumping his right arm.

"Pudge (Ivan Rodriguez) put down a curve and I got excited because it was a

gutsy call," Stottlemire said.

Said Jefferies: "I can't sit on a 3-2 curveball."

Stottlemire will see Jefferies again in five days, and Texas again will see Chuck Finley (11-8), whom they've beaten all three times they've seen him this year.

Finley allowed four runs in the second inning and was tagged for five in 6 2-3 innings. He gave up nine hits, walked five and struck out six.

"He had a bad inning," Collins said. "Otherwise, he got us where we needed to be."

**Notes:** Rick Helling (19-7) will try becoming the third 20-game winner in Texas history tonight. Anaheim starter Steve Sparks (9-3) has won six of his last seven decisions and has beaten the Rangers twice this year.



HERALD photo/Jim Fierro

Big Spring tailback Colby Ford (14) is tackled by a diving Roy Porras (24) of Monahans, as the Lobos' Ruben Garcia moves in to assist before Jason Mathews (40) can provide a block during the second half of the Steers' 26-14 win last week. Steers coach Dwight Butler says Ford and his teammates on the Big Spring offense will need to move the ball effectively from the outset if they hope to win when Lubbock's Estacado comes for Friday's 7:30 p.m. kickoff at Memorial Stadium.

## Steers primed for Estacado team looking for first win

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

Big Spring's Steers will have their hands more than full Friday night when they play host to Lubbock Estacado's Matadors at 7:30 p.m. in Memorial Stadium.

Of course, Steers head coach Dwight Butler, says that's nothing new.

"We've played them every year since 1991 and they're always the same," Butler said of the Matadors. "They're always big and fast. The only difference this year is that they've been putting the ball on the ground."

The result has been back-to-back Estacado losses to open the season.

And that, Butler says, is not the way he'd really like to be facing the Matadors with a team that makes extensive use of six sophomores and a number of juniors still learning how to play their positions.

"They're 0-2 and I'm pretty sure they don't take very kindly to that," the Steers boss explained. "They're going to have plenty of motivation to play well against us."

One of the biggest concerns for Butler is that although the Matadors have opened with a couple of losses, they've been close football games — a 14-0 season-opening defeat at the hands of Pampa's Harvesters and a 14-10 setback to Vernon's Lions last week.

"They're playing excellent defense ... just like they always do," Butler explained. "It's as good as it has been in the past and that's a concern for us. It puts a lot of pressure on us to perform well offensively from the very start this week."

While the Steers mounted plenty of offense in posting a 26-14 win over Monahans last week, they trailed 14-6 at halftime and the majority of the Big Spring offensive push came in the second half.

In the process, sophomore Colby Ford, moved to tailback from fullback in replacing injured senior Tory Mitchell, racked up 195 yards on 25 carries and three touchdowns.

"That was awfully good to see ... the way we

turned things around in the second half," Butler said as he prepared to put the Steers through workout paces Wednesday afternoon. "We've got to be able to do that again this week. We've got to be able to keep their offense off the field as much as possible."

"If we get out there and go three-and-out all night, it's going to get ugly," Butler added. "You just can't give their offense any more chances than you absolutely have to. They live and die with the big play. They'll rock along there and not get anything out their positions and all of a sudden they break loose for 70 yards for a touchdown ... go a little longer with nothing happening for them and break another one for 60 to 80 yards."

Mitchell and senior offensive tackle Kurt Miranda are both expected to miss another game Friday. In fact, Butler says neither one is expected to play until District 5-4A play begins on Oct. 9.

"There's just no sense in playing either one of them and taking a chance on aggravating their injuries," he explained. "We want to make sure they have plenty of time to heal so that they're ready when it counts."

If the Matadors can keep a handle on the ball, veteran Estacado coach Louis Kelley has the talent he needs to create an offensive explosion.

Kelley started the season saying this Matadors offensive backfield is the most talented he's ever had at Estacado.

The workhorse in the Estacado offensive scheme is senior tailback Todrick Thomas who operates well behind a big offensive line and excellent blocking fullback in Craig Worthy.

And this week, the Matadors will have the services of quarterback Justin Hibler, who missed last week's game against Vernon.

"Hibler can really throw the ball ... 45 or 50 yards down the field ... and has the best receiver we've seen at tight end (E.J. Ume)," Butler said. "They haven't thrown a bunch because they've moved the ball well in both of the games they've played. They'll be extremely tough to stop if they quit fumbling the ball."

## Cowboys trying to reconstruct devastated defensive unit

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys usually could count on their defense to keep them in the game.

It didn't Sunday, and suddenly, solid defense is a problem for the Cowboys who rank No. 23 in the NFL.

The defending Super Bowl champion Denver Broncos, behind John Elway, went over, through and around the Cowboys in a 42-23 humiliation Sunday that stunned coaches and players.

The Cowboys coaches and players had to admit they were out-schemed.

"It's hard for linebackers to cover wide receivers and tight ends and that's the position we got caught in at times," said linebacker Randall Godfrey. "We couldn't adjust until halftime."

Safety Darren Woodson said the Broncos "came out with a different game plan. We didn't match and we didn't cover. We were all over the place."

Defensive coordinator Dave Campo admitted "they caught us on some things and we got unnerved. We got calmed down at halftime."

By then they were down 35-17 and had yielded 379 yards offense, the most in a half in franchise history.

The collapses came as a shock because the defense had played well in the opening 38-10 win over Arizona.

"It was like Omaha Beach," said defensive tackle Chad Hennings.

"We haven't had a game like that in four years," said defensive coach Bill Bates. "The 49ers did it to us in the 1994 NFC championship game 38-28."

Dallas coach Chan Gailey said he has-

n't lost confidence in Campo or his staff.

"We watched the tape and we were disappointed and embarrassed," Gailey said. "But I still have a great deal of confidence in the defense. We had matchup problems we didn't react to quick enough as a staff."

"I don't think it was indicative of how we can play defense. Of course, we have to prove it on the field but I think the way we played against Arizona is closer to how we play defense than our showing against Denver."

## Howard rodeo team opening new season tonight at ENMU

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

With plenty of motivation derived from a frustrating experience the year before, Howard College's rodeo team officially opens its 1998-99 season with the first performance of the Eastern New Mexico University Rodeo in Portales, N.M.

After having endured a season in which not one member of the Hawks team earned a berth in the College National Finals Rodeo, coach Mike Yeater says he expects much better results this time around.

"I honestly think this is the strongest team we've had since I've been here," Yeater said going into his eighth season at the Howard rodeo helm. "We've got 20 sophomores back from last year's team and have 23 or 24 really talented freshmen. That has us feeling pretty good going into the first rodeo."

But with plenty of experience under his belt, Yeater realizes that it takes more than just talent to have a successful season.

"There are just too many variables," Yeater explained. "You have to be more than good ... you have to get lucky, too. In this sport, you can go from having a strong team to not having anyone healthy to perform in the space of a week."

That fact came home this week for the Hawks when bull rider Trent Amedee, a sophomore from Gonzales, La., returned from a Professional Bull Riders Association event after having his right foot stomped by a bull.

While Amedee appeared to have escaped the scrape without breaking any of the small bones in his foot, he spent most of the week walking with the aid of crutches, leaving Yeater unsure of which 10 athletes he'll designate for computation of the team's score this weekend.

Although every member of the Hawks 44-man team will be competing in this weekend's rodeo in Portales, only the scores of 10 designated athletes will be used to determine Howard's team standing.

"That's another one of those variables," Yeater explained. "And that's one of those things that can make you look pretty silly. You try and base your team on who's been performing well, but that can change on you in a minute. Quite often you'll see several athletes score well who haven't been included in the team scoring list, but you have to stick to your guns and put your best people on the team."

If Amedee is unable to compete this weekend, Yeater said the Hawks team will include five sophomores and five fresh-

men. The five sophomores will include Rebekah Bland Kim Green, Cody Owens, Darrell Triplett and Walker Wallace. The underclassmen will be Matthew Burrow, Chad Castillo, Jennifer McCorkle, Jake Metheny and Renea Rasberry.

Bland will compete in breakaway roping and goat tying; Rasberry will compete in the breakaway roping, goat tying and team roping, while both Green and McCorkle will be entered in the barrel racing.

Burrow and Castillo are both bull riders. Burrow also rides bareback, while Castillo doubles as a saddle bronc rider. Triplett also competes in saddle bronc riding.

Owens and Wallace will both be entered in the calf and steer roping events, as well as the steer wrestling.

Amedee, however, will make every effort to compete this weekend, Yeater said, noting that his top bull rider spent much of the 1997-98 season leading the Southwest Region's bull riding standings only to miss the College Finals Rodeo when he failed to draw top bulls down the stretch.

"Trent's experience was one of the things that made last year really frustrating," Yeater explained. "We were awfully young last year ... had a lot of freshmen and that was a factor, too."

"Part of that frustration came from how we finished with nobody getting to the CFR," he added. "With the kids we had here, we felt like we should have done better. But we just didn't get very good draws last spring and it hurt us."

Having just finished a four-year stint as one of the Southwest Region's directors, Yeater says his entire focus is on making the Hawks one of the region's top programs.

And as far as he's concerned, there's not time like the present.

"We should be really good this year," he added. "I think we've got a shot at being one of the powerhouses. I don't see anyone coming back and being dominant in the men's events like West Texas A&M was last year. Of course, Western Texas at Snyder will have a tremendous women's team back. They lost a couple of their top women, but for every girl they lost, they recruited a couple of very good freshmen."

"But we're going to be in a position to reap the benefits of having taken our lumps with a young team last year," he added. "We'll have to see how things play out, but I feel really good about our chances this time around."







FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Sept. 17. (Report also available on Web as www.tdfrishing.com.)

**CENTRAL**  
**BROWNWOOD:** Water slightly stained; 79 degrees; Black bass to 7 pounds are excellent on chrome or fire tiger Chug Bugs fished early and late. Midday TV spinnerbaits and Rat-L-Traps fished in 2 to 5 feet of water along the banks. The bite is fading all day but is better in the morning and evenings. Crappie are good on minnows and white jigs fished at night under lights in 15 to 20 feet of water. White bass are good on jigs and small spoons fished on the drop offs in 10 to 15 feet of water. Also try trolling small chrome Rat-L-Traps. Hybrid stripers to 9 pounds are fair to good on white and chartreuse spoons and jigs fished in deep water along the drop offs. Channel and blue catfish are good on cut baits fished in the evening and at night under lights. Yellow catfish to 30 pounds are good.

**BUCHANAN:** Water clear; 84 degrees; 7' low; Black bass to 5 pounds are good on Terminator spinnerbaits and topwaters fished early around Paradise, White Bluff and Morgan Creek. Crappie are good on minnows fished around the docks and baited holes. White bass are fair on jigs and minnows. Striped bass to 8 pounds are good trolling with jigs in 30 feet of water. Some action early and late on topwater lures. Channel and blue catfish are fair on trotlines baited with chicken livers and cheesebait. Yellow catfish to 12 pounds are slow on live perch.

**SOUTH**  
**AMISTAD:** Water clear; 86 degrees; 42.6' low; Black bass are good on spinnerbaits, crankbaits and Carolina-rigged worms fished in 15 to 20 feet of water. Crappie are slow on minnows fished 15 to 20 feet of water. White bass are good on topwaters fished in front of the dam. Striped bass are good on Pencil Poppers and Red Fins. Channel and blue catfish are good on worms and minnows fished off the bank in 3 to 8 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow.

**WEST**  
**ALAN HENRY:** Water fairly clear; 86 degrees; 2.5' low; Black bass to 6 pounds are fair on blue fleck worms fished up the rivers in 4 feet of water. Crappie are slow to fair on minnows fished off the pier in 30 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are fair. Yellow catfish are occasional.

**ARROWHEAD:** Water clear; 87 degrees; 4' low; Black bass are fair on chartreuse spinnerbaits fished in 12 feet of water. Crappie are fair on minnows fished around the Henneke Bridge derrick in 6 to 10 feet of water. White bass are good on silver spoons and minnows. Fish are schooling around the bridge. Channel and blue catfish to 5 pounds are fair on stinkbait fished in 12 to 14 feet of water. Yellow catfish to 28 pounds are good on trotlines baited with live minnows set in 12 to 14 feet of water.

**BRIDGEPORT:** Water clear; 85 degrees; 8.5 feet low; Black bass to 6 pounds are good on worms and crankbaits fished in 2 to 15 feet of water. Crappie are fair on minnows fished over brush piles. White bass and hybrid stripers are excellent on topwaters and slabs with surface activity lasting all day. Channel and blue catfish are fair on shrimp and cutbaits. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live perch. There is a weekly tournament every Thursday at 6PM.

**COLORADO CITY:** Water fairly clear; 90 degrees; 12' low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Redfish to 18 pounds are good trolling live shad and slabs in 18 feet of water.

**O.H. IVIE:** Water fairly clear; 85 degrees; 5' low; Black bass are fair to good on Rat-L-Traps and spinnerbaits fished in 30 to 35 feet of water. Crappie are slow on jigs and minnows fished in the river channel at night under lights in 15 to 20 feet of water. White bass are slow to fair on minnows and jigs fished at night under lights 25 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are slow on trotlines baited with cut shad set in the river. Yellow catfish are slow.

**POSSUM KINGDOM:** Water clear; 82 degrees; 10' low; Black bass are slow on purple worms and jigs fished in 5 to 20 feet of water. Crappie are slow on minnows.

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**Building the Space Station  
Working Among the Stars**

The Mini Page talked with astronaut Greg Harbaugh, manager of extravehicular activity, or EVA, projects at NASA. EVAs will be very important in the next few years as the United States joins with 12 other countries to build the International Space Station.

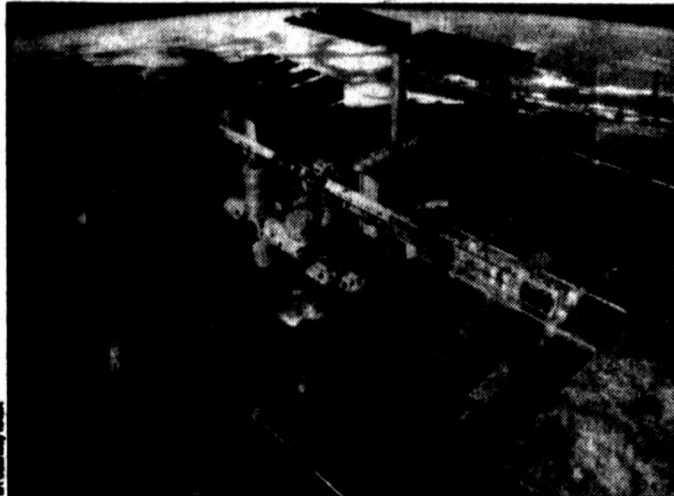
"Extravehicular" means outside the vehicle, or outside the spacecraft. When astronauts go outside, we say they are taking space walks.

**Astronaut Greg Harbaugh**

Greg Harbaugh has gone on four space flights and taken three space walks. He helped install new equipment on the Hubble Space Telescope. He also flew on the first U.S. mission to dock with space station MIR.

He said that humans need to seek out challenge. "The space program is a way for humankind to reach outward."

"How we do that remains to be seen, but 100 years ago people didn't believe you could fly. Who's to say where the real limits are? The space station is one step in that process."



This drawing shows the International Space Station as it will look when it is finished, in about 2003. It will be a city in space where people can take the first steps toward living away from our home planet. It will have several laboratories for research that cannot be done on Earth. For example, scientists hope they can make better medicines in a weightless environment. It will be powered by an acre of solar panels.

**Building the Space Station**

Scientists and astronauts are getting ready to build the International Space Station, or ISS. The first station-building missions are scheduled for launch in November and December of this year.

Astronauts will need to take about 160 space walks to build the station. Station parts will be built on Earth and put together in space.

"The United States will be doing the lion's share of building it. We're responsible in the end for being sure it all works together," Greg Harbaugh said.

Scientists and astronauts hope that discoveries made way up in space will lead to a better life down here on Earth.

**Advice to kids**

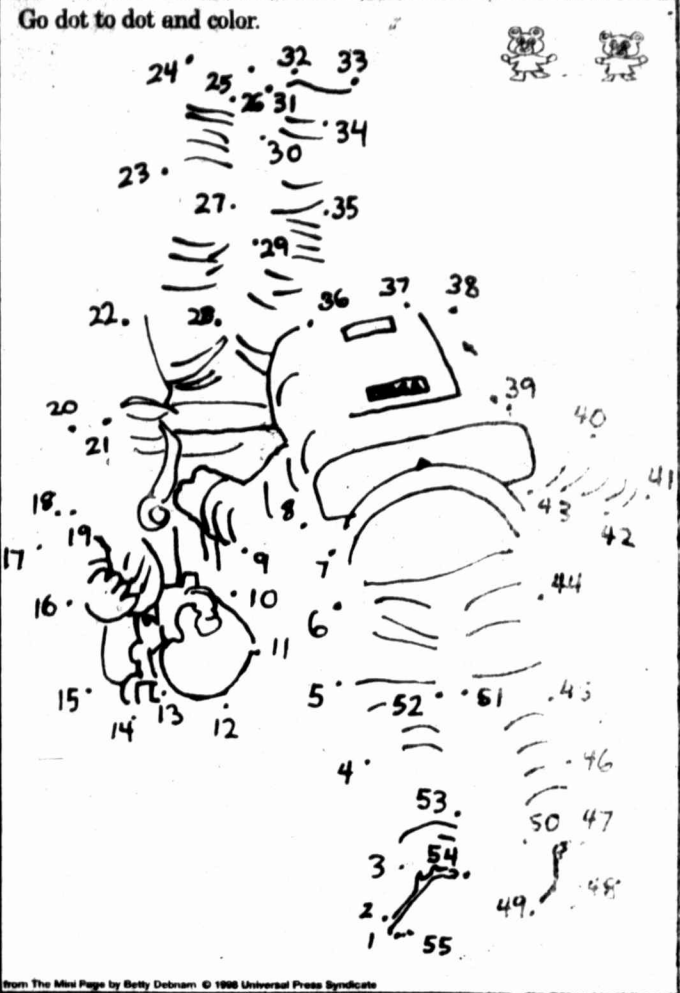
Greg Harbaugh said: "The key thing I'd like children to get is that people tend to view the job of an astronaut as one that is out of reach. They might view other things (professions) that way, whether it's being a surgeon, or lawyer or teacher. But the truth is that average people do extraordinary things because they love what they do."

"Cling to those dreams. Don't let go of them because people tell you it can't be done. I'm living proof that it can be done. Dreams do come true."

"One of my favorite quotes is, 'There's no traffic jam on the extra mile.' So go the extra mile. You'll be amazed at what it will accomplish."



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**MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes**

**WHY CAN'T IT RAIN CONTINUOUSLY FOR TWO DAYS?**  
**BECAUSE THERE ARE NIGHTS IN-BETWEEN!**  
(sent in by Danielle Paison)

**Q: When is the best time to buy parakeets?**  
**A: When they are going cheap!**

**Q: What do you do with sick birds?**  
**A: Have them tweeted!**  
(both jokes sent in by Joy Marsden)

**Rookie Cookies Recipe**

**Tuna Chili**

You'll need:

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 15-ounce jar spaghetti sauce
- 1 15-ounce can kidney beans, drained
- 1 6 1/2-ounce can tuna, drained
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 1 cup cheddar cheese, grated

What to do:

- Cook oil and onion in a large saucepan over medium heat 15 minutes or until onion is soft.
- Add remaining ingredients, except cheese.
- Cook 20 minutes, stirring often.
- Sprinkle with cheese when ready to serve. Serves 4.



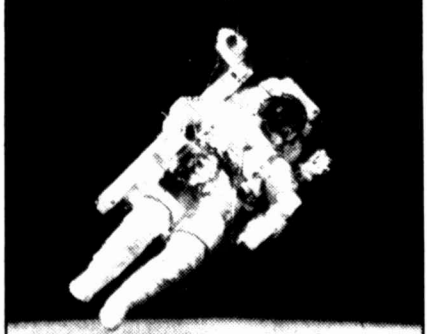
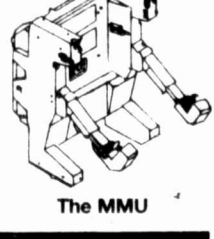
**A Walk on the Wild Side**

"It is the most incredible thing to be out there. It's awesome to look up and see the Earth. It's like being suspended between heaven and Earth."  
—Astronaut Greg Harbaugh

**History**  
Astronauts took the first space walks in 1965. In 1984, American astronauts began taking space walks without tethers tying them to the spacecraft. They wore manned maneuvering units, or MMUs, to help them move about.

Astronauts fired jets on the MMU to move through space. They were used mainly on missions to retrieve satellites.

MMUs were so expensive that they were used only for a few years. Today satellites are retrieved with the space shuttle's robotic arm.



Bruce McCandless II was the first person to walk in space wearing an MMU.

Look through your newspaper for stories about the space shuttle and building the space station.

Next Week The Mini Page learns about the great artist Vincent van Gogh.



**A safer walk in space**

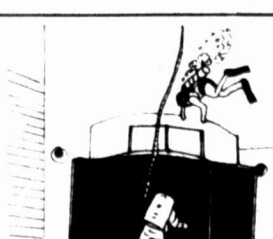
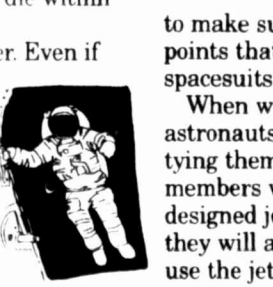
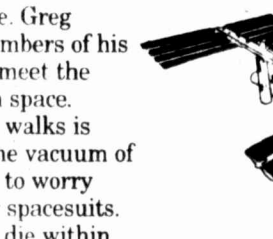
Space is a dangerous place. Greg Harbaugh and the other members of his NASA team are working to meet the challenges of a safer walk in space.

The main danger in these walks is that astronauts are out in the vacuum of space. Early astronauts had to worry about getting a hole in their spacesuits. If this happened, they could die within minutes.

Today, suits are much safer. Even if the astronaut gets an average-size hole, the spacesuit will continue to feed oxygen for at least 30 minutes. The astronaut will have that much time to get back to safety.

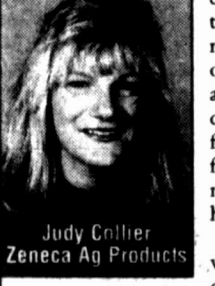
**Training**  
Astronauts learn to walk in space in a huge tank of water. The tank holds more than 6 million gallons and takes a month to fill.

Being underwater and buoyant gives a good idea of what it is like to be weightless, Greg Harbaugh said. "It's kind of like being inside a bubble that wants to rise."



**Harvest Aid Speeds Cotton Harvest**

With cotton harvest, timing is everything. Harvesting a week late can mean nearly \$30 an acre in yield and grade loss. But, using a cotton harvest aid that stimulates the maturing process of cotton bolls and desiccates and dries cotton leaves can provide for a quicker, more efficient harvest.



As long as weather and field conditions permit, cotton continues to produce foliage, flowers, squares and bolls. A harvest aid product, such as CYCLONE®, acts as a defoliant, which stresses the crop and forces the transfer of nutrients from the leaves to the bolls to accelerate maturation. This allows growers to harvest a more mature cotton with open bolls earlier in the season.

In addition, Cyclone also acts as a desiccant. It kills foliage abruptly so leaves fall from the plant and weeds, halting further growth. Cyclone reduces unwanted cotton foliage and kills weeds for a cleaner, faster harvest.

- When used in a harvest aid program, Cyclone herbicide allows growers to:
- increase cotton yields by cracking more mature, unopened bolls
  - schedule cotton harvest and reduce harvest problems
  - reduce regrowth of cotton foliage after cutout
  - eliminate late-season weed problems
  - improve lint quality and gin turnout by reducing levels of green foliage at harvest.

General recommendations and guidelines for Cyclone include using an adequate spray volume for good coverage, a nonionic surfactant and higher rates if weed or vine infestations are heavy or dense.

In addition, do not make more than two applications of Cyclone or exceed a total of 2.5 pints per acre. Apply a tankmix of Cyclone with phosphate or chloride defoliants when bolls are 80 percent open and the remaining bolls to be harvested are mature.

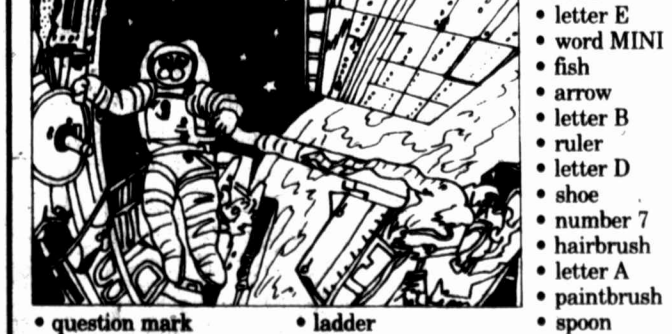
When tank mixing with other defoliants such as Def-Flex®, Dropp®, Harvade® and Prep®, treat when bolls are 60 percent open and remaining bolls are mature. After cotton has been properly defoliated, use Cyclone to open mature bolls and desiccate green seeds when 75 percent or more of the bolls are open and remaining bolls are immature.

Let Cyclone help you plan your harvest aid program. The better your timing, the more lint you'll put through the gin. For more information about Cyclone from Zeneca Ag Products, contact your local ag chem dealer.

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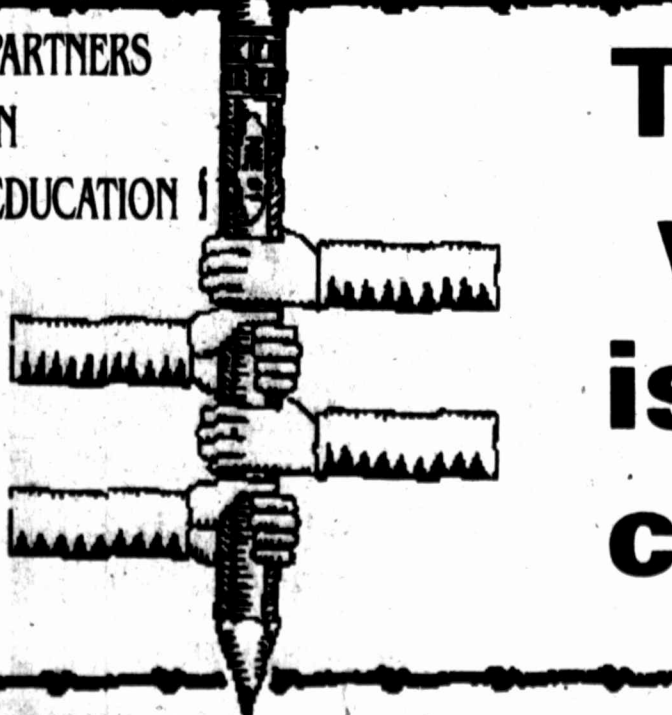
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Man gets family static when he takes phone feud to court DEAR ABBY: I read your column daily, but never thought I'd write to you. Now I need an objective opinion, because my family is on the verge of a meltdown. A lmost three years ago, I allowed my sister-in-law (the wife of my half-brother) to take over my cellular phone account. She ran up charges of nearly \$750, then refused to pay the bill, so I had to pay it. I have been trying to get her to pay me back since that time, and although she has told several members of the family that she'll pay me, she has not. After all this time, I have come to believe that she will never pay me unless she is forced to, so I have filed a suit against her in small claims court. Now my family is angry with me. They say I should have just let the money go. I say that's wrong, and she should not get away with it just because she's family. Please advise me, Abby. Was I wrong to pursue this matter in court? - TORN IN TEXAS DEAR TORN: "Because she's family" is no excuse for this woman to stiff you out of \$750. If she had intended to repay the money for the phone bill she ran up, she could have done it on installments and had the amount entirely reimbursed by now. I think you did the right thing. But I'm not family, and you may have to take some flak from yours for a while for standing up for yourself. DEAR ABBY: I am writing to confirm the observations of "No Longer Looking in Upstate New York." His description of the male bashing he heard going on in the kitchen, while at least a dozen eligible men mingled in the next room, hit the nail on the head. This is a sad, frustrating pattern in our society. I know, because for years I was one of the loudest male bashers. After being in one abusive, disrespectful relationship after another, I finally realized that the common thread in all these encounters was ME. I was choosing those men. Teetering on the edge of despair after years of pain and disillusionment, I was determined to go out with someone completely different from the men I was normally attracted to. Today I am married to that man. Abby, he did not say all the "right things." He didn't try to pick me up. He didn't thrill my heart and give me butterflies. But, as I tell him over and over, he's the most wonderful man in the world. It took me a while to adjust to being treated with respect and steady interest rather than the tery-selfishness-flattery. My husband treated me like an important person, of all things. And he expected me to treat him the same way. Each phase of our relationship has been different than what I was accustomed to, but changing myself and facing the unfamiliar has brought me love, joy and peace such as I never imagined. In my eyes, women have the responsibility to ensure that nice guys finish first and flourish. - JENNIFER IN ELYRIA, OHIO DEAR JENNIFER: Fairy tales and Hollywood productions aside, a high-quality man may not be the most handsome in the room or the smoothest talker. A diamond doesn't reach its full potential until it's been cut and polished. You made a mature decision and for that, I congratulate you. If more women (and men) thought the way you do, there would be more lasting relationships. ©1998 UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

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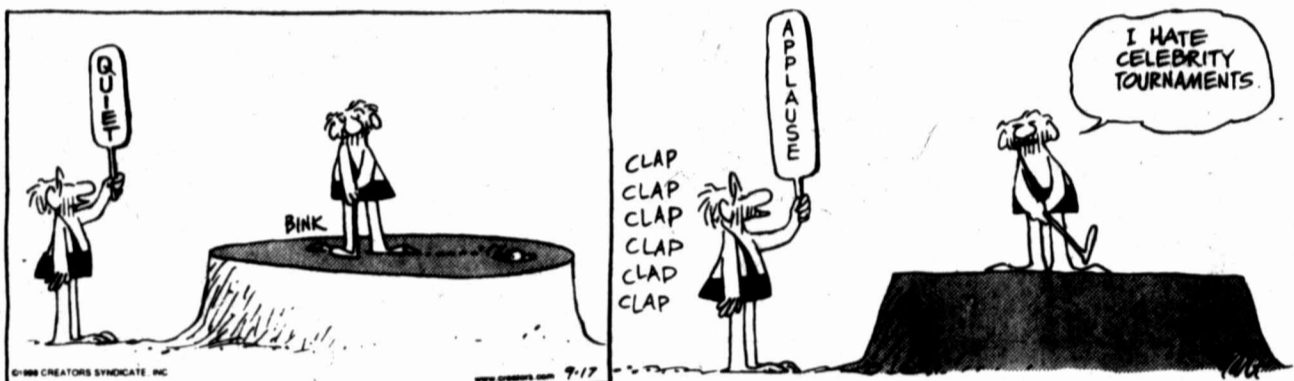
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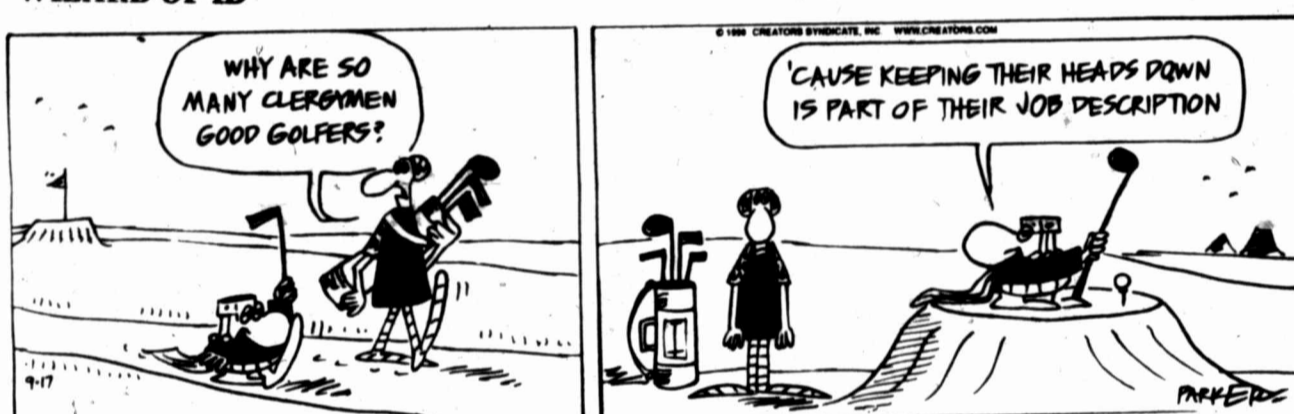
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On this date: In 1787, the U.S. Constitution was completed and signed by a majority of delegates attending the constitutional convention in Philadelphia. In 1862, Union forces turned back a Confederate invasion of Maryland in the Civil War Battle of Antietam. In 1939, the Soviet Union invaded Poland, more than two weeks after Nazi Germany launched its assault. In 1948, the United Nations mediator for Palestine, Count Folke Bernadotte, was assassinated in Jerusalem by Jewish extremists. In 1963, "The Fugitive," starring David Janssen, premiered on ABC. In 1978, after meeting at Camp David, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat signed a framework for a peace treaty. In 1980, former Nicaraguan president Anastasio Somoza was assassinated in Paraguay. In 1983, Vanessa Williams of New York became the first black contestant to be crowned "Miss America." The following July, she also became the first Miss America to resign in the wake of her Penthouse magazine scandal. Ten years ago: Opening ceremonies for the Summer Olympics took place in Seoul, South Korea. Haitian President Henri Namphy was ousted in a coup; Lt. Gen. Prosper Avril declared himself president the following day. Five years ago: President Clinton urged China to cancel an underground nuclear test, assuring the Beijing government it had nothing to fear from the world's other atomic powers. One year ago: A U.N. helicopter slammed into a fog-shrouded mountain in central Bosnia and burst into flames, killing German diplomat Gerd Wagner, five Americans and six others. President Clinton rejected a ban on land mines endorsed by 89 countries. Comedian Red Skelton died in Rancho Mirage, Calif., at age 84. Today's Birthdays: Actor Roddy McDowall is 70. Actor David Huddleston is 68. Actress Anne Bancroft is 67. Actress Dorothy Loudon is 65. Sen. Charles E. Grassley (R-Iowa) is 65. Author Ken Kesey is 63. Actor Paul Benedict is 60. Supreme Court Justice David H. Souter is 59. Singer LaMonte McLemore (The Fifth Dimension) is 59. Cartoonist Jeff MacNelly is 51. Actor John Ritter is 50. Singer Fee Waybill is 48. Actress Cassandra Peterson ("Elvira, Mistress of the Dark") is 47.

THE Daily Crossword

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