MONDAY September 21, 1998

Tonight



TUESDAY TONIGHT 60°-65° 90°-95°

Export workshop set for Thursday

An Export Trade Assistance Workshop will be held Thursday at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Sponsored by Moore Development for Big Spring and TU Electric, the workshop is designed to give people more information on what is involved in exporting their products.

There is no charge for the workshop and local business owners are encouraged to attend.

The workshop will begin at 10:30 a.m. and is expected to be over by 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided for those in attendance.

To register, call Moore Development at 264-6032.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

☐ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Janis Dean, 267-3068.

☐ Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 47, 6:30 p.m., VAMC room 212. Call Bob Madigan at 267-

TUESDAY

 Beginning line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-

Quarterback Club, 7:30 p.m. All football parents and fans welcome.

WEDNESDAY

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

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., **Howard College Cactus**

☐ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Terry Hansen, 264-5175.

☐ Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 E. Third.

THURSDAY

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

☐ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and

☐ Evening line dancing class, 6:30 p.m., Spring City Senior Center. Gideons International Big Spring Camp No. 4206, Hermans, 7

☐ Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

☐ Export Trade Assistance workshop, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Dora Robert Community Center. There is no charge but please RSVP, 264-6032.

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BSPD Sgt. Scott Griffin, 33, found dead at home Sunday

Managing Editor

Sunday afternoon.

Scott Griffin, 33, a 13-year veteran of the Big Spring Police Department was found dead at his home

Griffin, who had been on full medical leave since April, was last alive Saturday night, according to Chief Lonnie Police

Smith said Griffin's housekeeper found him and police were called to



GRIFFIN

"She had called a couple of times and had gotten no answer," Smith said. "She called again, got no answer and came over and found him.'

Assistant Chief Pam Jordan said the death was being treated as "unattended at this time.

Smith said there were no signs of any wounds to the body and that Peace Justice Marilyn Carson had ordered an autopsy on the body. The autopsy was to have been performed today.

Smith also said that because of Griffin's status as a peace officer, the Texas Rangers had been called in to investigate the case.

Midland's Co. E is heading up the investigation.

A sergeant, Griffin was fired from the department in March 1997 after allegations he had submitted falsified time sheets were levied against him.

An internal investigation resulted in his termination on March 4, 1997 which was upheld by city manager Gary Fuqua before retired Judge Curt Steib of San Angelo ordered him reinstated back to March 5. Steib's order included the proviso that Griffin be demoted from lieutenant.

A Big Spring native, Griffin joined the department as a patrol officer in Sept.

Texas Ranger Bob Bullock of 1985. He later served as a detective and was promoted to sergeant in 1990.

Griffin worked both as a plainclothes and uniform officer and was injured in the line of duty while responding to an incident of family violence in June 1991.

He was nominated as supervisor of the year in 1994, shortly after being promoted to lieutenant, for his work in heading up the detective and narcotics divisions at the police department.

Following his reinstatement, hesupervised the animal control department. He is survived by his parents, Bill and Mel, and two children.

Funeral services are pending with Hawthorn Funeral Home in Carthage.

United Way's helping hand works at Northside

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first in an 11-part series on the member agencies of the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County. NEXT MONDAY: Boys Club of Big Spring.

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Staff Writer

A call from a father recently released from prison, with questions about his back child support payments.

A proud grandmother searching for a newborn baby's layette.

Mounds of paperwork, that if completed successfully, might mean a grant for a new basketball court.

These situations occur in a typical hour at the Northside Community Center, with director Max Webb.

"It's hard to talk about the Northside Community Center without mentioning Max Webb. He is the center. He has no staff, he does it all," said client Linda Land.

The Northside Community Center, a United Way Agency, has a client roster of 640, and provides services on a monthly

Land, originally from New York, contacted Webb at the NSCC at the urging of some of her neighbors at the Northcrest Apartments.

"I met with him, and we became quite close. He has supported me, not just financially, but intellectually and morally. He has become like a father type figure for me. I have no family here, and he's that family for me," Land said.

Unemployed when she first came to the center, Webb arranged a job interview for Land, and transported her to the interview.

"They hired me on the spot, and times when I haven't had a ride to work, he's picked me up and taken me to work. He's an all around good guy, and he helps anybody who's trying to help themselves," Land said.

She said Webb is a no-nonsense kind of person, who goes beyond the usual boundaries and truly expresses an interest in the welfare of his clients.

"When I've been in emotional distress or my self esteem has been low, he's said 'hey, you can do it. There is a silver lining around that dark cloud'," Land said.



Sharaya Owens, 9, left, new mother Kendra Owens holding 3-day -old Ayanna DeShae Owens, and mom Linda Land call the Northside Community Center and executive director Max Webb, friend and

Community Center offers several programs to the residents of Big Spring, like the GED classes currently underway.

The center has sponsored nearly 20 people for a certified nursing training course at Howard College.

"We've spent \$2,300 in student fees, and all we've funded, except one, have found employment. I'm proud of that," Webb

Also, the center offers after school tutoring, a new program, a back to school clothing program and rental and utility assistance for needy families.

"I try to open the door for people, so they can go find the answers they need," Webb said. As director, Webb spends a great amount of his time refer-

ring clients to other agencies. He offers career counseling, and time management and budget management assistance. He offers employment counseling and helps clients learn to dress for a job interview.

Webb also refers battered received \$15,000, he said.

Webb said the Northside women to the agencies that may help them, and West Texas Legal Services visits the center twice a month. Webb facilitates those meetings.

> "We do mainly family law, like custody battles, divorces, child support and paternity suits. Also, we'll get some landlord-tenant disputes and wills and probates," he said.

Webb also provides laundry vouchers for his clients, and disposable diapers. He said he researched providing cloth diapers, but found once the cost of additional laundry vouchers and soap was accounted for, disposable were more economi-

Of the total \$48,000 yearly budget, half provides direct services to clients. The other half pays for the utilities for the center, as well as postage, printing, repairs, janitorial supplies and Webb's salary and car

The United Way provides about a fourth of the center's budget. Last year the center

"The United Way provides funds so I can provide services to the clients. Without it, I would have to cut services provide," Webb said.

The center functions with a minimum of modern conveniences. Client information lists are kept on index cards in a shoe box, and paper work is prepared on an electric type-Volunteers help Webb with

special projects, like the Christmas season. Christene Hernandez and her daughter Jennifer volunteer each year. "I enjoy helping Max anytime he needs any kind of help. He

really does help, even with our older children. He's helping us try to get our oldest son, he's 24, a job," said Hernandez. The center gave her son a bicycle, so he could go to job

interviews Webb was setting up for him, she said. And one season, Hernandez

said she and her husband were unable to provide Christmas for

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Lusk leaves DRCC to manage mall

By T.E. JENKINS

Staff Writer

Kathy Lusk, Director of the Dora Roberts Community Center, hopes she will be moving on to bigger and better things as she prepares to take over as manager of Big Spring Mall at the end of September.

"I'm really excited about the: move," said Lusk. "This will: give me a chance to work with the various retail merchants, as well as keep my certification as a Certified Property Manager."

Lusk said that although she has enjoyed working for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and managing the facility, she needs to move on to ? a larger property to maintain; the certification.

"There are guidelines as to how big the property you manage has to be to maintain your certification," said Lusk. "The DRCC doesn't quite make the minimum requirements for the certification, but the mall will." Lusk said that although she is

looking forward to the new challenge that the Mall will offer her, she still has mixed feelings about leaving the Community Center.

"The Community Center has been a lot of work, but I certainly will miss it," said Lusk. "I have really enjoyed working for the Chamber of Commerce, and I have had the chance to meet a lot of different people in the three years that I have been here.

"I am really looking forward to working with the retail merchants, as well as planning the events that go on there. Tammy Watt, the former manager of the Mall, has certainly left some big shoes to fill, but I am really excited about the chance to try."

Prior to joining the chamber staff at the community center, Lusk owned and operated the Green House Restaurant and Green House Catering. She continued to operate the catering business after taking the community center job.

Deaf Awareness Week offers SWCID the chance to reach local community

By MARSHA STURDIVANT Staff Writer

Deaf Awareness Week this week gives the Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf an opportunity to reach the Big Spring community and make them aware of deafness and deaf persons.

John Green, director of college relations at SWCID, said ideally, he would like to see awareness and communication extend year round.

"Our community sees us every day, at Wal-Mart, at businesses, downtown. Some of us have jobs in Big Spring, and we would like them know about us," Green said.

Big Spring and Howard College have the prestigious honor of being home to SWCID, which is the only self-contained deaf college in the world, he



"We are the only junior college program,

self-contained, for the deaf."

RON BRASEL SWCID provost "SWCID is very unique and

very special." Green said. SWCID is also one of the few secondary educational facilities for deaf students in the country. Gallaudet University, and the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, a part of the Rochester Institute of Technology in New York, are the only two programs designed specifically for

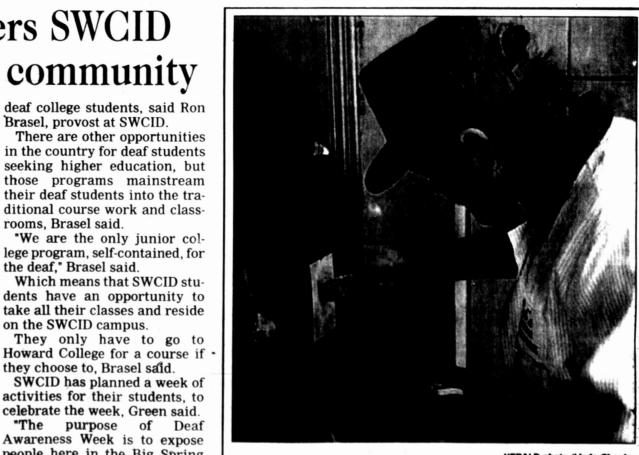
deaf college students, said Ron Brasel, provost at SWCID.

There are other opportunities in the country for deaf students seeking higher education, but those programs mainstream their deaf students into the traditional course work and classrooms, Brasel said.

lege program, self-contained, for the deaf," Brasel said. Which means that SWCID students have an opportunity to take all their classes and reside

on the SWCID campus. They only have to go to Howard College for a course if they choose to, Brasel said. SWCID has planned a week of

celebrate the week, Green said. "The purpose of Deaf Awareness Week is to expose people here in the Big Spring community to our culture and our needs," Green said.



HERALD photo/Linda Choat

A worker cleans the brass buttons on the doors at Municipal

OBITUARIES

Scott Griffin

Service for Scott Griffin, 33, Big Spring, is pending with Hawthorn Funeral Home in Carthage.

He died Sunday, Sept. 20, 1998, at his home.

Local arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

NORTHSIDE

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her children, because his business was slow and their income was affected.

"It was three days before Christmas, and my children were asking, 'where are our presents?' I told them it was about sharing and showing God's love, and that they should trust Jesus.

"Then, as I was stacking cans at the center that had been given for the families, a man came in with a gift of money raised to help five needy families. And I learned we had been selected as one of those fami-

was wonderful. We "It received a voucher for \$172 worth of clothes and toys. My daughter looked at me and said, 'Mom, we're going to have Christmas'!" Hernandez said.

Hernandez said she enjoys her association with Webb and the center, and she's been volunteering for the past five

"We have been blessed. He is a friend, he's a really good friend," Hernandez said.

Miss America pledges to help diabetes aid

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Diabetes has a new face: Miss America's.

Hours after being crowned Miss America 1999, Nicole Johnson, who suffers from juvenile diabetes and wears an insulin pump 24 hours a day, promised Sunday to use her newfound fame to spotlight the

"It makes me the perfect spokesperson for that issue," said the aspiring TV news anchor from Roanoke, Va.

The 24-year-old native of Seminole, Fla., is a graduate of the University of South Florida and Regent University in Virginia Beach, Va., who has worked for the Christian Broadcasting Network.

Seeking scholarship money, she competed twice in the Miss Florida Pageant before moving to Virginia to attend graduate school and competing in that state's pageant three times, finally winning this year. She walked off with the Miss , ing.

America crown — and a \$40,000scholarship — on Saturday after performing "That's Life," a song about triumph over adversity.

It's a topic she knows plenty about.

"I've been taught, since I was a little girl, to never give up,' she said.

She was diagnosed with juve-

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24th & Johnson 267-8288

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nile diabetes, an uncommon form of the disease, at the age of 19. For four years, she had to eat meals at the same time each day, take insulin injections and carefully monitor her blood sugar levels.

Fourteen months Johnson got an insulin pump, a small instrument that looks like a telephone pager. It delivers insulin through a needle and regulates the flow, giving her as much as she needs.

The device has freed her from the restrictions and injections,

She wore it during all phases of the pageant except the swimsuit competition.

One thing she won't be wearing is the crown.

Pageant officials are deemphasizing the royal aspects of Miss America in hopes of casting her as a relevant, downto-earth role model, and Johnson declined to put the crown on during a news conference Sunday, offering instead to hold it.

Her diabetes didn't interfere with tradition. After getting 2> hours sleep, she frolicked in the surf for photographers, a tradition for all new Miss Americas. And it won't get in her way as Miss America, she said.

"I've always been a go-getter," she said.

Asked for her opinion on the White House sex scandal, Johnson called on President Clinton to resign for 'he good of the country.

"I personally think it would be better for him to resign," she said. "That's my personal opinion because I think it is so sad. He is the number one role model in the world, basically.

"We're dealing with far more than his personal life. It is affecting children, it is affecting

Albright says U.S. must keep heat on North Korea

NEW YORK (AP) - The United States and Japan must 'keep the heat on" North Korea to abide by its promise to give up nuclear weapons development in exchange for free energy supplies, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright says.

"Neither of bur mations is under any illusions about the government of Pyongyang or the potential threat it poses to peace and stability in the region," Albright said Sunday after she and Defense Secretary William Cohen met with their Japanese counterparts.

Although Japan has delayed its \$1 billion contribution to build two light-water reactors as part of the 1994 nuclear freeze pact, the Tokyo government suggested it eventually would adhere to the deal and put aside its anger over an Aug. 31 missile test by the North Koreans. The rocket, in a failed attempt to launch a satellite, flew over Japan with no warn-

The agreement is "the best method for preventing nuclear development by North Korea, said Japanese Foreign Minister Masahiko Komura. "On this score, Japan and the United States see eye-to-eye.'

In light of North Korea's ballistic missile development, the United States and Japan agreed Sunday to conduct joint research on a missile defense system that could protect the island nation from attack.

"No one should doubt our commitment to defend our interests and to work together for peace and stability in Asia,' Cohen said at a news conference. "And this is the best way to protect both the United States and Japan."

The United States has 100,000 troops in North Asia, about onethird of them guarding the always tense demilitarized zone between North and South

Japan has conducted preliminary studies, some with this country, on ways to defend against missiles. The United States is developing several theater missile defense systems as well, although American scientists haven't been able to overcome technological hurdles to knock a fast-moving target out of the sky.

REUNIONS

THE BSHS CLASS OF '68 is having a 30 year class reunion on Oct. 9-10.



We need your help in locating the following classmates: Jerry Altom, Glenna Armstrong, Jack Dana Bailey, (Pennington), Wanda Ball, Ruth Beltz, Maria Benitz, Bill Bortner, Don Burchell, Charles Byrd, Terry Camarigg, Alura Cannon, Clarie-Marie Caulfield,

Martha Choat, Sue Clark, Jenna Clinkscales, Lavera Coffey, Steve Cook, Claudene Cooper, David Cooper, Steve Correira, Dana Craven, Toni Dailey, Pat Davis, Mario De Leon, James Deese, Gloria Disney, Donna Ferguson (Howard), Linda Fuller, Debbie Gilmore, Joe Gonzales, Cleveland Gossett, Ethel Green (Wakefield), G.T. Guthrie, Robert Hall, Diane Harkins, Charlotte Heiman, Lenora Hierman (Hargrove), Henderson, Patti Jessie Houston, Nan Howard, Linda Hughes (Huston), Gary James, Cynthia Johnson, Wayne Johnson, Jerry Jones, Robert Kathleen Jones, Kemp, Christine King (Shrum), Helen

(Bustamante), Allan Martin, Arnulfo Martinez, Richard Martinez, Carolyn McCann, Patsy McClanahan, Judy McHaney, James McNutt, Terry Mitchell, David Mize, Barbara Morris, Wayne Murphy, Juan Navarro, Coy Nelson, Larry Nelson, Richard Nelson, David Newton, Nick Nillo, Burt Nix, Kay Palmer, Judy Patton, Gwyn Peer, Alice Perkins, Jeff Phares, James Phillips, John Phillips, Henrietta Piper (Carson), Ray Pope, Shirley Ray (Petascho),

Labowski, Gary Lagerstrom,

Diana Landrum, Isabel Lopez

Larry Russell, Marty Russell, Sandra Ryder, Ambrocio Sanchez, Eugene Scott, Greg Shepherd, Dee Shortes, Linda Sigmon, Shirley Simunovic, Carolyn Sisson (Almon), Joyce Smith, William Smith, Colette Took, Regina Trivett, Danny Turney, David Vasquez, Mike

Warren, Danny Westbrook, Glenda Wilkes (McMallan), L.C. Williams, Frances Wilson, Michael Wilson, William Wood, Kathy Woods, and David Wright.

Please call Jeanie Johnson Knocke at 263-1757 or Vivian Dickson Glickman at 267-6808 if you have any information about any of the names listed.

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAY

•Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.

 TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

 Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups. Alcoholics Anonymous, 615

Settles, noon open meeting.

 Encouragers Support Group (formerly Widow/Widower support group) first and third Mondays each month. First Monday meetings are at a local restaurant at 6 p.m. Third Monday meetings are at 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church Seventh and Runnels (enter through north door). We have various activities, such as guest speakers, play games, have covered dish supper, visit or go out to eat. For more information call 398-5522 or 399-4369.

 Alzheimer's support group, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 N. Lancaster, first Mondays of each month. Call Galynn Gamble at 263-1271.

 Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

 New Voice Club, a support group for laryngectomees and their families, 6:30 p.m., 2410 Wasson Dr., the house behind the 7-11 store. For more information call 267-2800

 Alzheimer's support group, 6:30 p.m., Marcy House, 2301 Wasson. Call 268-9041.

 Association of Retarded Citizens of Howard County meet 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month at 806 E. Third Street, the HARC bingo building. Call 264-0674 for more information.

 Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the last Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at 409 Runnels, Clyde Alsup Building. TXAMI meeting to follow. For more information call 263-0027 or

The Big Spring Alliance for

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

the Mentally Ill meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at 409 Runnels (formerly the TU building) For further information call Sondra at

 Encourager's support group (for widows and widowers) will meet Sept. 21, at 6 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels (enter through North door). Bring a covered dish and enjoy a game of Bingo. Erma Steward will provide boards and prizes. For more information, call 398-5522 or 399-4369.

·Survivors of Suicide will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Pastoral Care Office of Memorial Hospital and Medical Center in Midland. Lettie Englund, MSW, a counselor in Big Spring, will be the speaker.

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

Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles. ·Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.

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

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

Dixon, call 264-9900. ·•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.

addiction support group, 3610

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

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

Counseling •Samaritan Center of West Texas will have Dr. Ronald Meyer, D.Min., LCDC, LMFT, specializing in individual and marriage counseling, Attention Deficit Disorder and chemical dependency, available for clients in Midland. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144. Narcotics Anonymous, 6

p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT

GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

BRIEFS

SPRING **TABERNACLE** CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSO-CIATION SUPPORT Group, West Texas Chapter, will meet Thursday, Sept. 24 at Comanche Trail Nursing Center at 7 p.m. The topic will be "Dealing with holiday stress.'

A BENEFIT DANCE IS planned Friday, Sept. 25, at La Vedera for Yolanda Saldana, who needs a heart transplant. Music will be by El Grupo Mi Gusto, with disc jockey Jennifer Mata. Time for the benefit is 8 p.m.-midnight and admission is \$5 at the door.

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.

WILL BE THERE Homecoming Barbecue Sept. 25, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Coahoma Elementary cafeteria. The cost

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is \$5 per plate and dine in or carry out is available. This is sponsored by the Coahoma FFA Booster Club.

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 fee.

For more information, call **263-49**31.

MARKETS

Dec. cotton 75.50 cents, down 30 points; Oct. crude 15.45, down 4 points; Cash hogs steady at 50 cents lower at 30.50; cash steers steady at 60 cents even; Oct. lean hog futures 40.90, up 17 points: Aug. live cattle futures 62.25, down 25 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation.

Other markets were unavailable by

FIRE/EMS

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

12:27 p.m. - 1700 block Lancaster, medical call, transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. 1:16 p.m. — 1600 block Settles,

trauma call, patient transported to SMMC. 1:23 p.m. — 4200 block

Walnut, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 1:25 p.m. — 400 block Bell, medical call, patient transport-

ed to SMMC. 4:26 p.m. - 600 block Circle, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 5:58 p.m. - 3600 block

Hamilton, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 6:06 p.m. - 1900 Lamesa Hwy, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:45 p.m. - 100 block Airbase

Road, medical call, service 8:42 p.m. - 800 block Timothy, medical call, patient transport-

ed to SMMC. **SATURDAY**

11:25 a.m. - 800 block Lancaster, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

6:57 p.m. - 100 block Airbase, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:15 p.m. - 2200 block Gregg, medical call, service refused. SUNDAY

12:46 p.m. - 1700 block Young, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 5:50 p.m. - 1200 block Tucson,

medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 6:02 p.m. - 400 block Main, medical call, patient transport-

ed to SMMC. 8:18 p.m., 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

9:03 p.m. - 500 block Eighth,

medical call, patient transported to the VA Medical Center.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Sunday and 8 a.m. Monday: • DELAND SAVELL, 40, was

arrested on local warrants. • PAMELA HAMILTON, 22, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

· ROBERT GARZA, 23, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

• TONY CASTELLANO, 25, . Normal for the year 14.35

arrested for public intoxication. ERNEST GOMEZ, 36, was arrested for public intoxication.

was arrested on local warrants.

JOHN HERMAN, 43, was

 JONNIE MCDONALD, 25, was arrested on local warrants. · ROGER FIERRO, 22, was

arrested on local warrants. · JESSIE FIERRO, 28, arrested on local warrants.

DAVID OBRIEN, 19, was arrested for minor in possession of alcohol. · KIRK FOELER, 19, was

arrested for minor in possession of alcohol. · COLE OKYTRA, 19, was

arrested on local warrants. JAMES HAYES, 36, was arrested for public intoxication. · ELLEN SARTAIN, 39, was

arrested on local warrants. JUAN GARZA, 34, was arrested for public intoxication. PAULA BAKER, 39, was arrested for public intoxication. · ARTHUR JACKSON, 31, was arrested for public intoxication.

· JOE JOHNSON, 27, was arrested for assault/family vio-

 THEFT in the 400 block of E. 4th, the corner of 11th and Settles, the 500 block of Donley, the 2300 block of Wasson, the 1500 block of Wood, the 1100 block of N. Lamesa, the 200 block of W. Marcy, and the 1700 block of E. Marcy.

· CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 2000 block of W. 3rd, the 1000 block of N. Main, the 1600 block of Johnson, the 400 block of Bell, the 1100 block of E. 13th, and the 1800 block of E. Marcy. CRIMINAL TRESPASS

W. I-20. BURGLARY OF A BUILD-ING in the 1000 block of Mountain Dr., and the 1500

WARNING in the 700 block of

block of E. 4th. BURGLARY OF A VEHI-CLE in the 400 block of E. 4th. and the 1400 block of Oriole. BURGLARY OF A HABI-

TATION in the 100 block of Virginia, and the 1400 block of · INJURY TO A CHILD TO the 600 block of W. 6th.

LICENSE INVALID in the 400 block of E. 4th. · LOST PROPERTY in the

400 block of E. 4th. PHONE HARASSMENT in the 400 block of E. 4th.

 THREATS in the 1600 block of Young. • DOG BITE in the 400 block of E. 4th.

· SEIZED PROPERTY in the 600 block of State.

SHERIFF

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

 JODY LYNN STOLP, 36, was arrested for driving while intoxicated/third or more offense.

 GLORIA ANN MORALES, 37, was arrested for contempt of a child support order.

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Four hours of president's videotaped testimony goes before public

WASHINGTON (AP) - The nation is braced for an unvarnished look at President Clinton in four hours of videotaped grand jury testimony and 2,800 pages of transcripts Congress is releasing to an eager media and a wary public.

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Lawmakers who viewed the tape of Clinton's Aug. 17 testimony concerning his relationship with White House intern Monica Lewinsky said it is at times boring, at times riveting. as the president's emotions range from evasive to angry to remorseful. White House officials, seeking a sympathy boost, called the Republican-driven decision to release the material today a "garbage dump" on the president.

The tape was likely to produce a handful of highlights that will be played and replayed endlessly on television.

To prepare viewers for the unprecedented spectacle of a president testifying before a grand jury, and on sexual maiters at that, CNN aired special statements Sunday warning that the video contains "both language and descriptions" that "may be offensive to some viewers and unsuitable to children."

Yet with the prior release of Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's report alleging Clinton committed perjury, obstruction of justice and abuse of power in the Lewinsky case, the way the president comes across on television may prove more important than what he actually says.

There are some points in time where the president looks in the camera and makes a pretty compelling acquitting of himself, of how he feels about what Ken Starr has done to him, to his family, to his friends, and how he felt the Paula Jones (sexual harassment) case was politically motivated. And I think he was very sincere," said Rep. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., a member of the House Judiciary Committee that voted last week to release the material. "You can tell that this has hurt the

At other times, though, the tense of a verb. Clinton appears to be "dancing on the head of a pin to try to describe what sexual relations are," Graham said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press." He predicted disclosure of the tape would not be a knockout blow to the president.

On the video, Clinton admits "inappropriate intimate contact" and "sexual banter" with Ms. Lewinsky but resists prosecutors' efforts to define the conduct further, according to an opening statement described to The Associated Press by lawyers familiar with the president's testimony.

"I regret that what began as friendship came to include this conduct," the president answered when he was first asked a sex-related question by prosecutors just seven minutes into his testimony.

The moments of presidential regret are interspersed with legal debates involving the terms "sexual relations" and "alone" and, in one exchange,

"I think the president comes across answering some difficult questions. He does reasonably well," Rep. Martin Meehan, D-Mass.. another Judiciary Committee member, said on ABC"s "This Week." "I don't think it will have a political effect."

Rep. Asa Hutchinson, R-Ark. also a committee member, said the material has "more value as evidence than entertainment. Quite frankly, large portions of it are rather boring.

Uneasy about defending Clinton's sometimes legalistic answers, Democrats are discussing whether to concede the president committed perjury and accept Ms. Lewinsky's version of their sexual encounters even though he disputes her allegations that he touched and sexually stimulated her.

"I'm almost willing to say, 'Let's stipulate that President Clinton touched Lewinsky where he shouldn't have," Rep. Robert Wexler, D- Fla., said on NBC' "Meet the

Press." The GOP-led Congress risked a political backlash in releasing

a videotape that a CBS poll found 52 percent of Americans said they planned to watch but that 69 percent felt was unnecessary to release. According to the survey, 59 percent of the public believed the tape's release had more to do with embarrassing the president than letting the public judge him. The poll of 533 adults, taken Saturday, had a margin of error of plus or minus 4 per-

centage points. Deputy White House chief of staff John Podesta said the tape "will be painful to watch" as Clinton struggles with the consequences of his actions on his family and his presidency. "But I think there might be a surprising reaction," Podesta added.

"They (lawmakers) decided that rather than just doing a document dump they would do a garbage dump ..., and I think people are going to wonder about that."

The risk for the White House was that the sight of Clinton squirming under prosecutorial questioning might reverse opinion polls that now show the public solidly opposed to impeach-

"What's good about this is the American people will be able to evaluate this without having to be filtered through the media or through the opinions of members of Congress," Hutchinson said.

A Clinton ally in the Senate suggested, meanwhile, that Clinton immediately volunteer to testify to the House Judiciary Committee and answer all questions fully to spare the country further embarrassment.

"I believe the president would be well served to explain exactly what he did, exactly what he was thinking, do it to the Judiciary Committee and let's vote and let's move on one way or the other," Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., told NBC.

Former Del Rio mayor says dam project killed by politics could have prevented recent flooding, deaths

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - The damage and loss of lives in Del Rio from San Felipe Creek during Tropical Storm Charley could have been avoided if construction had proceeded 20 years ago on a proposed dam, a former mayor in the border

Nine people in the area died during the flooding, and nearly 600 residences in a historic neighborhood were destroyed. Six people remain missing, and damages from the Aug. 23 flooding of the normally placid creek have been estimated at **\$34.5** million.

Former Del Rio Mayor Alfredo Gutierrez Jr. says much of the tragedy could have been averted if the dam project hadn't been mired in political and financial battles.

"That morning, when we woke up, that was the first thing to come to my mind," Gutierrez, who supported the dam project, told the San white ranchers who had been running the show forever," only had that flood control

designed to prevent San Felipe Creek, a waterway well known for its destructive potential, from turning deadly and destroying property, according to a federal study completed in

But two events occurred in 1968 that set into motion the political struggle over the dam. First, Del Rio residents elected Gutierrez to be their first Hispanic mayor. Then the courts placed the Lowe Ranch, where the dam was to be built, under the guardianship of Louita Wilson's objection to the proposed dam caused public support for the project to cool, former city officials said.

Gutierrez, 66, inherited an Army Corps of Engineers plan to build a massive, 90-foot-tall dam that would have cost \$6.7 million in 1970 dollars.

"Here comes little me against

The proposed dam was hard to gather any support."

Plans called for an earthen dam in the middle of the 1,800acre Lowe Ranch just north of the city limits.

"Our project would have controlled floods even larger than what occurred last month,' said Elston Eckhardt, chief of hydraulics for the Engineers' district office in Fort Worth.

But Del Rio was required to contribute \$528,000 — money the city government did not

In 1972, the San Felipe flooded and the city asked another federal agency — the Natural Resources Conservation Service — to prepare a less expensive, scaled-down version of the dam.

The result was a 1973 proposal for a dam half the height of the first and at a cost of

Congress authorized the dam and approved funding, contingent on the city and county providing land rights. But officials said Gutierrez, the mayor from were unable to obtain ease-1968-80 and 1988-96. "It was ments to 500 acres behind the stymied construction."

-dam that would hold the flood-

"They wanted to keep the land because they wanted to develop it and subdivide it,' said James Hester, city manager from 1969 to 1978. "They felt they would get more out of it if they held on to it and sold it as parcels. ... I think it was purely a financial motivation.'

A piece of the Lowe Ranch was sold in 1978 to build the Plaza del Sol shopping mall, according to Val Verde County probate court records. As development inched north, the value of the Lowe Ranch property increased.

At Ms. Wilson's urging in the 1970s, the federal government declared that the San Felipe Creek was a critical habitat for the endangered Devils River Minnow. Any changes, including a dam, would need Interior Department approval.

"We could not construct the dam until the environmental issue was resolved, Hester

Candidates looking more to Hispanic voters to win

DALLAS (AP) — Candidates from both political parties say courting Texas' Hispanic voters now is the key to winning in the November election.

Democrats are especially pressed to hold onto the Hispanic vote as they fight to maintain a dominant presence in state government. Hispanics represent the largest growing constituency in that party and, some say, its future.

Texas Democratic The Convention had a distinctive Hispanic flavor this summer. Every candidate made an effort to say at least something to delegates in Spanish.

Land commissioner candidate Richard Raymond, the only Hispanic Democrat running statewide, spoke of "el tiempo de mis abuelitos," the time of his grandparents.

Raymond, a state representative from Benavides, said it used to be that Hispanics supported Democratic candidates. "Now we must fight for every vote, i he told delegates.

Republicans, meanwhile, also realize they must secure Hispanic votes. Gov. George W. Bush's campaign is broadcasting two Spanish-language radio ads in which he speaks briefly in Spanish.

GOP leaders say they're making inroads, and having a popular governor at the head of their ticket helps.

"There's an old saying in South Texas that anything south of San Antonio belongs to the Democrats. We're breaking that bondage," Roy Casanova Jr., Texas legislative director of the Republican National Hispanic Assembly, said.

Projections are that by 2008. Texas' population will be less than one-half white. By 2030, whites will make up 36 percent of the population and Hispanics will account for 46 percent.

But whites have voted in greater percentages than Hispanics. In the 1994 governor's race, 78 percent of the voters were white and 11 percent

Texas already has more than one-third of the country's 5,000 elected Hispanics, followed by California and New Mexico.

Of 1,800 Texas Hispanics in office, 804 are Democrats and 22 are Republicans, according to the National Association of Latino Elected Officials. The rest hold nonpartisan offices on school boards and city councils, but are mostly Democrats.

Democratic gubernatorial nominee Garry Mauro is depending on huge support from Hispanics in his bid to upset Bush, especially in South Texas.

Mauro told reporters last week he isn't worried about losing Hispanic votes because, he said, Bush has done little for them. He said the governor opposes affirmative action and has not appointed many Hispanics during his term.

"The problem is he's wrong on all the issues," Mauro said. Bush disagreed, saying he has

'set a tone that says to the Hispanic community, you're a part of the future.'

Democratic leaders say it's just a matter of time before those elected at the local level begin advancing to county and state offices, providing more incentive to Hispanics to vote.

House tax cut bill takes care of business

WASHINGTON (AP) — While of the most sponsors Republican tax cut bill tend to talk about the benefits to milmiddle-class Americans, the GOP made sure it also took care of key business interests

Insurance companies, banks and securities firms doing business overseas and privateindustry research and development would benefit from provisions tucked into the five-year. \$80 billion collection of cuts moving in the House. Small businesses also would gain several breaks.

The House is expected to vote this week on the tax bill, which President Clinton has threatened to veto because it is mainly funded by projected budget surpluses. The president wants those reserved to ensure Social Security's future solvency.

Business has been a long-time bedrock of Republican political support. An analysis by the non-partisan Center for Responsive Politics of 1995-96 campaign contributions found that Republicans got 60% of the \$391.4 million contributed by all kinds of businesses.

The most intense lobbying

and development credit, a provision that expired June 30. It gives companies a tax credit for part of the wages, supplies, computer costs and contract expenses for a wide range of research.

The bill approved last week by the Ways and Means Committee would extend the credit for 20 months — retroactive to July 1 — at a cost of \$3.9 billion.

"It has been our biggest priority," said Monica Maguire of the National Association of Manufacturers. "This credit benefits the broadest number of companies and those of the most different sizes.

A recent study by the Coopers & Lybrand consulting firm estimated that U.S. companies would spend an additional \$41 billion on research and development through 2010 as long as the credit is in place, generating \$58 billion in higher economic productivity.

Because the credit has been in place for years, most businesses are looking at its re-enactment as inevitable.

'They would regard it as a horrendous tax increase if it were taken away," said Clint

came on renewal of the research Stretch, director of tax and leg- a credit allowing businesses to islative affairs at the Deloitte & Touche accounting firm.

> The other big-business item in the bill would exempt insurance companies, banks and securities firms from certain U.S. taxes on their international activities. It is aimed at reducing the combined U.S. and foreign taxes these companies pay.

> A study produced by the American Council for Capital Formation, a group that advocates lowering business taxes, found that U.S. insurance firms now pay combined taxes that are 145 percent higher than those paid by foreign companies competing in a third country: for example, a British company competing with a U.S. firm in

"It is hard to imagine any tax policy justification for this result," said Thomas Horst, a former international tax director at the Treasury Department. 'U.S.-owned financial subsidiaries are at a clear competitive disadvantage.'

The House legislation would permit this exemption for fiscal 1999 at a cost of about \$535 mil-

One other big-business provision in current law would be extended through Feb. 29, 2000:

write off part of the wages of workers they hire from economically disadvantaged groups. That one costs \$737 million. .

For small business operators and farmers, the GOP bill would immediately allow selfemployed people to deduct 100 percent of their health insurance premiums, instead of just 45 percent this year. Under current law, full deductibility wouldn't occur until 2007; total cost is \$5.1 billion over five

Moreover, small businesses would save an estimated average \$1,700 on their taxes next year because they could expense \$25,000 of their depreciable assets, up from \$18,500

This means people who run small businesses could avoid the time and expense of calculating long-term depreciation schedules for purchases of equipment and other assets. Total cost is \$1.05 billion over five years.

"These are pocketbook issues that small business owners remember at the ballot box,' said Jack Faris, president of the National Federation Independent Business.

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OUR VIEWS

'Destination Dignity' a beneficial program worthy of support

or those with disabilities, dignity is not always easy to come by. The stereotypes, fear and misunderstanding of others only add to the challenges a disability can create.

But, simply put, dignity is something we all deserve equally. Understanding and quality of life, too, are things we all need.

That's why this month has been designated "Destination Dignity" month by a proclamation from Texas Gov. George Bush. It has become a time to recognize the challenges faced by those with disabilities, and to promote information about the services available to assist.

Locally, a number of programs are making certain those with disabilities have a chance to become productive members of our community — with dignity. One of those is West Texas Centers for MH/MR.

The center, which offers treatment, training and family support, will observe Destination Dignity Month with a special musical event Friday. A community effort is bringing actor and musician Chris Burke, former star of the television show, "Life Goes On.

Burke, who has Down Syndrome, will perform with his bandmates John and Joe deMasi, at 1 p.m. Friday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Schoolchildren are being brought in from all over the area for this show.

Then at & p.m. vin Garrett Hall, at First United Methodist Church, the trio will once again perform its He had . 'one da**ytkummono of the following music for the community**

The public is welcome at either event, and no admission will be charged. West Texas Centers, Howard County ARC, and the Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau have joined efforts to make this pos-

It should truly be a treat, and a special performance for the whole family. Burke and his bandmates are said to "deliver a message to everyone who thinks disability is a barrier to success."

Plan to attend, and help make this effort — at promoting dignity for all of us - a success.

Your Views

TO THE EDITOR:

In reply to an article I read in the Pasadena Citizen's about the Howard County Humane Society. Have any of the persons so critical of this shelter, tried to HELP such as doing a little work such as donating a few hours to clean these cages? Donate a few materials to enlarge the shelter's care facilities? It is so easy to complain also just as easy to offer a little assis-

Some vets can offer to spay or neuter these animals, other people could offer a few mate-

rials. Teenagers can spend a little of their FREE time. Judges could use this as a community service to work off their punishment, fines, etc. Can think of many ways the whole lazy county can

My mother and I have tried to help others and never have I given of my time or money that was not repaid to me 10 times over. So to encourage critics this could be an idea to salve the selfish attitudes.

> MARIE DUNIVAN Deer Park, Texas

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The mussel man of Bear Creek

BEAR CREEK, Miss. -Tishomingo County stone is pink, the color of a rabbit's ear, and

famous in this region. The wall in front of Elvis Graceland. for lofty example, is made of **Tishomingo** stone.

And so are the walls of GRIMSLEY Bear Creek, IOHNSON at certain points, any-

way, where the water narrows and the bank climbs straight up like a canyon wall. On a summer day there is the reflection of the creamy-colored rock in the green water, and the world you can hear rumbling by on a nearby four-lane doesn't seem to matter much at all.

Tommy Johnson spent five years of his life in Bear Creek. quite literally in it, beneath the smooth surface for an hour at a time, feeling his way along the bottom for mussels. He dived in the shallow parts, the

deep parts, the mysterious parts that hid Indian burial mounds submerged when TVA built Pickwick Lake on the Tennessee River, which Bear Creek feeds.

"It's like sitting in a cave, total quietness," Tommy remembers. He is a small man, all muscle and hair, most of it pulled back in a working man's ponytail. For a while, in that black

quietness, he made good money diving for mussels.

Most of the shells went to Japan, where fragments are planted in oyster shells as a seed bead for cultured pearls. But the shells were used for other things, too, like buttons and hairpins and jewelry.

Good weeks could mean as much as \$1,000 for veteran divers like Tommy who knew which shells to look for and where to look.

But the cost of an Alabama license rose from \$16 to \$750 for nonresidents, he says, as more and more divers tried to harvest the high-cash crop. State authorities also imposed size limitations and fined violators as much as \$300 for each illegal shell.

The Japanese market started to shrink as the science of seeding pearls evolved and the economy there took its own

Worst of all, Tommy injured his back and no longer was able to heft the sack of shells he wore attached to his waist: it weighed 70 pounds when full.

He is now a part-time bounty hunter, looking for bailjumpers instead of mussels. But the thrill of those early diving days, when the return was higher and competition slower, is something he likes to remember.

It was never simple. There are different kinds of mussels, for one thing, some a lot more valuable than others.

"You have your three-ridge, your maple leaf, the purple hull, the lake washboard, the black hull, the heel splitter,' he quickly lists.

(The once endless supply of mussels has started to dwindle, but there are still shells and a market for them.)

"Not even a dog would eat the meat inside." Tommy says, so he usually boiled the shells clean in his own back yard.

You were required to sell in the state where the mussels were gathered.

Tommy worked alone, mostly in the Alabama portion of Bear Creek. His diving flag waved above a 14-foot johnboat equipped with an air compressor and a 40-horse Mercury. He wore a sealed beam attached to a baseball helmet and sucked air from a hose. Some of his dives were 6 feet, some deep as 70. When the musseling was good, he dived year-round.

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When word got around that you could get \$7.50 a pound for mussel shells and that some of the biggest shells weighed as much as 25 pounds (a rarity). well, the creek got crowded. (There are uncertified and unlicensed divers abroad, not to mention constant squabbles over territory.) Tommy says he's heard of shells being stolen off of boats while divers are underwater.

In the back yard of Tommy Johnson's Mississippi home are plastic buckets with shells soaking from long ago dives, a marinade for memories.

Fate yanked at Tommy Johnson's air hose and brought him to land for good.

AL GORE'S YEAR 2000 PROBLEM...



Cumbersome U.S. confirmation process on show with Richard Holbrooke hearings

By WALTER R. MEARS **AP Special Correspondent**

WASHINGTON — Caught in a confirmation wringer, Richard Holbrooke is on hold, so he won't be installed as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations before next year. He's still being investigated, three months after President Clinton chose him.

The balky process of checking and clearing nominees, then getting them confirmed by the Senate, is on display again. In Holbrooke's case, the White House hasn't yet sent his formal nomination to the

Senate. An anonymous complaint to the State Department led to an inquiry into his financial disclosure report and his contacts with former colleagues after he left the government in 1996. That was referred to the Justice Department and triggered an investigation by the

Office of Public Integrity. It turns out he used a room in the Washington home of a Democratic donor and former ambassador and beginning in 1994 lived there for more than a year without listing it as a gift on his disclosure form. The estimated rental value has

been added now, \$12,000. There's also an allegation that during the year after his last tour in the government, as assistant secretary of state. Holbrooke improperly contacted State Department officials in connection with his private business pursuits. But he also

took part-time diplomatic assignments to Cyprus and the Balkans, unpaid duties that made contacts inevitable.

Tame stuff in a season of sex scandal and impeachment accusations against Clinton but enough to detour a nomination in a system that invites delays. Some stem from politics

the nominee to head the Census Bureau supports the use of statistical sampling in 2000, Republicans oppose it, and that appointment is stuck in the middle, stalled for three months so far.

Some, like Holbrooke's, are snagged in the process of background checks, clearances and financial inquiries, which have become more extensive and searching as even seemingly routine confirmations have become contentious.

Clinton has had confirmation troubles since he chose his first Cabinet, and he has complained that the process has reached the point at which some potential appointees refuse to submit themselves to it. "It is nasty and brutish without being short," said Anthony Lake, who withdrew after a long dispute over his 1997 nomination to head the Central Intelligence Agency. Clinton named Holbrooke on

June 18 to succeed Bill Richardson, now secretary of energy. He says he looks forward to prompt resolution of "this review" and to submit ting the nomination to the Senate.

Once there, it would wait

until next year, with no prospect of Senate action before this Congress adjourns.

Holbrooke is a diplomatic veteran, an assistant secretary of state in two Democratic administrations, the broker of the 1995 accords that ended the war in Bosnia.

There's been no argument about his qualifications.

The holdup means that the United States will be represented by an acting ambassador, A. Peter Burleigh, in the U.N. session that begins Monday.

Clinton is to address the General Assembly as the United Nations opens a session that will be dealing with such issues as Iraqi arms, Bosnia, the strife in Kosovo, terrorism.

On topics like those, Holbrooke's high profile and influence would be assets in making the U.S. case. But they'll await the confirmation

Clinton misspoke in his last plug for Holbrooke. "I hope, if we can overcome the inertia of Congress, he will soon be a member of the team again,' the president said Monday. But he can't blame Congress for delay on a nomination he hasn't yet submitted, and his aides retracted the misplaced blame. The inertia is built into the process.

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N BRIEF

SPORTS

Steers JV runners top field at King Invitational

Big Spring's Steers JV cross country team swept the first three places in a field of 66 runners Saturday at the King Invitational cross-country meet in Lubbock.

Rolando Ladesma, Ben García and Mike Martinez turned in a 1-2-3 finish for the steers, while Jonathan Alcantar was seventh and

Orlando Muniz finished 11th. In addition, the Steers got a 15th-place finish from Joey Rosas and Anthony Garza was

In the girls' varsity division, none of Big Spring's four competitors - Miranda Vinsana, Brandi Wilkerson, Mandy Martin and Jennifer Evans finished among the top 20.

The Big Spring runners will play the role of host this weekend during the Big Spring Invitational meet.

Lady Steers frosh take consolation final win

Big Spring's Lady Steers "Black" freshman volleyball team took the consolation championship Saturday at the Freshman Greenwood Invitational, knocking off host Greenwood's "A" team in the

After dropping a 3-15, 15-12, 11-15 match to Crane in the opening round of the tournament, the Lady Steers rallied from a 9-11 third game deficit to take a 15-10, 11-15, 16-14 win over Greenwood's "B" team to reach the consolation final.

Coach Mike Wallace noted several players turned in strong performances throughout the tournament, including Molli Mayberry, Bridgett Cain, Nicole Chesworth, Teial Patel, Jessica Woodward, Taylor Kennedy and Nikki

Garden City girls finish seventh at Big Lake meet

Garden City's Lady Bearkats finished seventh in the team standings at the Reagan County cross-country meet in Big Lake on Saturday behind the lead of Michelle Fuchs.

Fuchs finished fourth in the individual field with a 13:41 clocking, while teammate M'Lynn Neihues was 17th with a 14:47.

Summer Eoff finished 49th Maggie Lopez was 50th and Patti Garza was 51st in rounding out the Lady Bearkats

team scoring. Also running for Garden City were Juana Rodriguez. Dana Wilde and Chasity

Garden City also had three boys' entrants running in the meet. Roger Alvarado led the way by finishing 25th individually, while Brady Kujaski and Steve Moreno also com peted.

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 coach

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. Entry fees are \$25 per player

plus cart fee. For more information, call Paul Brown or Mitch Gill at

ON THE AIR

TODAY: BASEBALL

9 p.m. — Texas Rangers at

7 p.m. - Dallas Cowboys at

Giants offense has something to prove against Cowboys

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) -Charles Way is frustrated, and so are Danny Kanell and Ron Stone.

It's hard to find a member of the New York Giants' offense who is satisfied with the way the unit is playing heading into tonight's game with the Dallas

In a year where it seemed the Giants had a chance to make things happen with the ball, it's the same old story. The defense is carrying the team and the offense is trying not to make mistakes to lose the game.

Two weeks into the season, the Giants rank next to last in the NFL in total offense, averaging 234 yards. It breaks down to 157.5 passing and 76.5 rushing.

Way said the Cowboys' defense is probably looking forward to playing New

York, which is 1-1 like Dallas.

"If I was them, I would think: 'They can't run on us," Way said. "They have to think our running game is trash. So we have something to prove not only to them but to the whole league that we can

"I don't think people respect our running game and they sure enough don't respect our passing game."

Stone, a former Cowboy who is the starting right guard, has no doubts the Giants have the personnel to run the ball. The same group averaged 124.3 yards last season, seventh best in the

"It's just been a breakdown here and a breakdown there," Stone said. "We just have to stop them. A one-man breakdown can spoil a play. We just have to

get it going. We've had enough time. The mistakes have put the offense in some terrible third-down situations. New York is 3 of 26 on third-down

attempts. That's 11.5 percent, the worst in the NFL.

"Frankly we are horrible on third down now, mostly because it's been third-and-10 and third-and-20, and those are tough to make," halfback Tiki Barber said. "I think we have more of a sense of urgency to get this down."

"It's a little embarrassing," added Kanell, who is averaging less than six yards a completion.

The Cowboys should be an interesting test. Dallas gave up 515 yards, including 209 rushing, in a 42-23 loss last Sunday at Deriver, a game in which Troy Aikman was lost for an indefinite period with a

broken collarbone.

"I think we have the potential to be a good football team," Dallas coach Chan Gailey said. "You have got to prove that on a weekly basis. You can't just say that pretty soon we are going to be a good football team."

Jason Garrett will start in place of Aikman.

Giants coach Jim Fassel said not to make too much of the Denver game. The Broncos had a good game plan and they had two things the Giants don't have -John Elway at quarterback and Terrell Davis running the ball. Elway hit 16 of 22 passes for 268 yards and two touchdowns and Davis rushed for 191 yards and three TDs.

Fassel is considering using Tyrone Wheatley at halfback some this week.

Franklin rolls 231.5 average Leaf, Manning to win Big Spring PBA Open

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Sports Editor

Tony Franklin of Grapevine saw his average drop a couple of pins Sunday from the 233.3 registered during Saturday's qualifying rounds but his 231.5 was good enough to win the eighth annual Track-Big Spring Merchants PBA Open.

Franklin, who'd entered Sunday's round in second place behind Bill Oakes of Lawton, Okla., finished the tournament with 6,021 pins and an average of 231.58 at Big Spring's Bowl-

A-Rama. In the process, Franklin won 12 of the day's 16 games and a

\$3,000 top prize. Oakes dropped to third place in the final standings, finishing behind Jimmy Young of Pasadena, who'd entered the finals in 12th place. Oakes dropped 11 of the 16 games he played Sunday, but still rolled good enough scores to finish among the tournament's top

Young finished with a 223.81 average, earning a \$1,500 payday, while Oakes received \$1,000 for third. Chris Warren of Dallas moved up from seventh place to finish fourth with a 218.62 average and \$800 in winnings.

noney winners:

Fifth place went to Greg Kemp of Conroe who averaged 217.65 and received a check for

Sean Swanson of Springfield. Mo., was sixth, earning \$660 for his efforts.

Judging from the interest he received from fans during the pro-am portion of the tournament Saturday night, perhaps one of the most popular players entered in the tournament was Henry Gonzalez of Colorado Springs, Colo. He finished seventh and earned \$630 with a

217.62 average. Rounding out the 16-man Denison, 203.5, \$500.

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Michael

Chapes feels he was deprived of

a piece of history, and he has no

doubt Mark McGwire was

Chapes caught the ball that

would have been home run No.

66 had second-base umpire Bob

Davidson not ruled fan interfer-

The ball was quickly snatched

from Chapes' mitt, and when

the 31-year-old high school gym

teacher protested to security

officials, he got no sympathy, a

\$518 fine for interfering with a

robbed, too.



HERALD photo/Linda Choate John Foster of Big Spring lets go of the ball during action at the Track-Big Spring Merchants PBA Open at the Big Spring Bowl-A-Rama on Saturday. Foster, one of several local amateur bowlers competing against the professionals, finished 68th overall.

field that qualified for the finals, their averages and winnings are: Mitchell Beasley of Jacksonville, Ark., 216.65, \$600; Michael Gaither of Corpus Christi, 217.77, \$580; David Anthony of Austin, 215.19, \$560; Brian McClure of Wichita Falls, 214.5, \$550; Randy Watson of Corpus Christi, 214.12, \$540; Paul Fleming of Bedford, 212.54, \$520; Mike 9croggins of Amarillo, 210.31, \$520; Phil Prieto of El Paso, 209.0, \$510; and Jack Spears of

McGwire hits 65th homer, almost No. 66

"It was definitely a home

run," Chapes said. "This whole

McGwire knows the feeling.

looked like it was a home run,"

McGwire said. "The man who

caught the ball, he never came

McGwire hit No. 65 in the

first inning to extend his record

in the St. Louis Cardinals' 11-6

victory over the Milwaukee

Brewers. But the day was taint-

"After further review, it

out of County Stadium.

thing makes me sick."

across the yellow line.'

ed by the debatable call.

Nine other players, who failed to qualify for Sunday's finals also took home winnings from the tournament.

They included Hank Jordan of Lubbock, \$255; Gary Smith of Rio Rancho, N.M., \$255; Jorge Gutierrez of Las Cruces, N.M., \$240; Tony Lanning of Lewisville, **\$225**; Ringener of Big Spring, \$225 Scott Pope of Midland, \$215 Patrick Cahalan of Gilbert Ariz., \$208; Mike Shoemaker of San Antonio, \$208; and Tom Moreno of Houston, \$200.

my citation," Chapes told The

Associated Press in a phone

interview from his home in

Cardinals manager Tony La

Russa said the club is appealing

to the National League to make

the unprecedented move of

reversing the umpire's call and

awarding the homer after the

"The home run chase has

drawn attention all over the

world," La Russa said. "Most

importantly, the way the inning

played out, it didn't make any

Waterford, Wis.

struggle through in rough losses turnovers. Sanders gained only The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ryan Leaf learned what Peyton Manning already knew: Being a celebrated rookie quarterback doesn't guarantee success in the NFL.

Leaf, hospitalized earlier in the week with flu symptoms, committed five turnovers in his first seven possessions and completed only one of 15 passes as San Diego lost to Kansas City

23-7 Sunday. "We didn't play well, especially on my part," said Leaf, the second overall pick in the draft behind Manning. "I take full blame.'

Leaf had led the Chargers to a 2-0 start, the best for a rookie quarterback since John Elway in 1983. But he had a rough day against the Chiefs, fumbling three times and throwing two interceptions at chilly and rainy Arrowhead Stadium.

"He had a long day today." said Chiefs linebacker Anthony Davis. "A rookie is a rookie.

But he'll get better.' Meanwhile, Manning struggled again as the Indianapolis Colts were routed by the New York Jets 44-6. He was 20-of-44 for 193 yards and was intercepted twice as the Colts fell to 0-3.

"The last two weeks, mistakes cost us," Manning said. "This week, we got outplayed physically. To be 0-3 is a bummer. All we can do is go back to work

and try to get better.' In other NFL games, it was Minnesota 29. Detroit 6; Green Bay 13, Cincinnati 6; Miami 21, Pittsburgh 0; St. Louis 34, Buffalo 33; New England 27, Tennessee 16; Seattle 24, Washington 14; Tampa Bay 27, Chicago 15; Jacksonville 24, Baltimore 10; Denver 34, Oakland 17; and Arizona 17, Philadelphia 3.

The Monday night matchup is Dallas at the New York Giants.

Dolphins 21, Steelers 0

The Dolphins intercepted Kordell Stewart three times and held him to 82 yards passing. Sam Madison picked off two passes and Zach Thomas scored on a 17-yard interception return as Miami posted its first shutout in six years. Miami improved to 3-0, and Pittsburgh fell to 2-1.

Vikings 29, Lions 6

The Vikings shut down Barry Sanders in the second half and rattled rookie quarterback Charlie Batch into three

12 yards on 13 carries in the second half, and finished with 69 yards on 22 carries. Gary Anderson kicked five field goals for the Vikings (3-0), who beat Detroit (0-3) for the first time since 1996.

Packers 13, Bengals 6

Green Bay (3-0) contained Neil O'Donnell and Corey Dillon and won despite gaining only 86 yards on the ground. O'Donnell, who came into the game with a league-best 72 percent completion rate, completed only 16 of 30 passes for 151 yards and was sacked three times. Dillon, last year's AFC offensive rookie of the year, was held to 28 yards on 16 carries for the Bengals (1-

Jets 44, Colts 6

Vinny Testaverde threw four TD : d passes, -- Leon -- Johnson scored three times and Curtis Martin rushed for 144 yards to give the Jets their first victory of the season. Johnson scored on an 82-yard pass play, a 16vard run and a 1-yard dive as the Jets (1-2) rushed for 302 yards, second most in team history. Testaverde, subbing for injured Glenn Foley, had the second four-TD game of his

Chiefs 23, Chargers 7

Pete Stoyanovich kicked three field goals, Andre Rison caught a 44-yard TD pass from Rich Gannon and Tony Richardson scored on a 1-yard run as the Chiefs (2-1) rolled to a 23-0 lead. Natrone Means gained a careerbest 160 yards for San Diego, including a 72-yard TD run in the third quarter.

Patriots 27, Oilers 16

The Patriots took control by scoring two touchdowns during an 18-second span late in the game. Terry Glenn scored on a 51-yard pass play from Drew Bledsoe with 4:25 left and Lawyer Milloy returned an interception 30 yards for a touchdown three plays later for the Patriots (2-1).

Rams 34, Bills 33

Tony Banks, stopped less than a yard short of the end zone on the final play against Minnesota last week, scored the winning touchdown on a 2-yard run with 11 seconds left at Orchard Park, N.Y. Trailing 33-28, St. Louis began the winning drive on its 20 with 3:57 left.

ball in play and a police escort "I hope Mark McGwire signs Ripken ends streak in Baltimore after 2,632 games

in 16 years, Cal Ripken didn't know what to do with himself during a

Baltimore Orioles baseball game. He squirmed in the dugout. He watched from the bullpen. He shook hands with some fans and posed for pic-

For the first time since May 30, 1982. what Ripken didn't do was play.

After 16 years and 2.632 consecutive games, Ripken sat out Sunday night's game against the New York Yankees with just one week left in the season. It was the Orioles' final home game of the season, and the sellout crowd of 48,013 will remember it for one reason

Ripken's absence. He ended his amazing streak on his own terms and own turf.

Less than an hour before the game,

BALTIMORE (AP) — For the first time Ripken walked into manager Ray the one that counted. I kept my bat and Miller's office before the game with a simple, stunning message: "I think the time is right.

Although the assertion took Miller and several of Ripken's teammates by surprise, the decision was made several days earlier following a conversation with his wife, Kelly.

"I was going to take the last day of the season off in Boston, but I thought about it a long time and decided if this is going to end, let it end where it started — in Baltimore," Ripken said.

He shared the secret with his closest friend on the team, center fielder Brady

'Yesterday was, retroactively, the important day because that's the last day of the streak," Anderson said. "People will remember today, but yesterday is

a couple of balls from that game.' Throughout his record streak, Ripken insisted that he was doing nothing more than showing up for work and doing his job. He came to work as usual Sunday, only this time he didn't get his uniform

dirty That doesn't mean he still doesn't consider himself the Orioles' regular third baseman, and he sure didn't like the feel-

ing of watching his teammates play. "I'm used to being inside the game and looking out, and today I was outside looking in. Not being a part of it is a strange feeling, and now that I know what it feels like, I don't want to sit and

watch a game anymore," he said. "I still consider myself an everyday player. I plan on coming out every single day and proving that on a daily basis,"

Ripken added, saying he will start

tonight in Toronto. But it won't be the same because the streak is over. Ripken has plenty of emotional moments at Camden Yards, and

this night was high on the list. "It's not a sad moment. I'm not going to sit up here and bawl my eyeballs out for you — that's for sure," he said. "I

might hold it back until I get home.' With the Orioles out of playoff contention — their 5-4 loss officially eliminated them from the wild-card race -Ripken decided to end his incredible

"What Cal did is so unbelievable. That's one record I do think that will be around for a generation," baseball commissioner Bud Selig said. "What he's done, he's done a great thing for base-

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Allow yourself greater flexibility. Some of the ideas you spin are well worth looking at. Creative brainstorming leads to new options. Others provide valuable information. A relationship heats up; fan the flames. You are high energy. Tonight: Go along with

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Look at the big picture. Listen to and consider a coworker's opinions. Accept an opportunity to grow and develop in a new direction; take that course or seminar. A partner gives you strong emotional and financial feedback, which you

time.**** GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

find helpful. Tonight: Exercise

Allow your imagination and creativity to flourish. A financial investment or tie opens up many new possibilities. Take a risk; listen to your sixth sense. A child or potential love interest delights in your attention. Make time for an important discussion. Tonight: Enjoy the good times.****

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Carefully think through a decision. You might need to get down to fundamentals. Others are thrilled with you. Be careful not to view a situation as permanent or impossible. Flow with opportunities. Domestic and personal matters come forward. Tonight: Play time.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Initiate necessary discussions. Your drive is strong to get the job done. Creativity is high as you come up with unusual ideas. Reveal what is on your mind to a co-worker. A friend pushes you into what he perceives is the right direction. Tonight: Return calls.****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Your more possessive side emerges. Talk about strong feelings. You could get self-destructive with finances when upset. A relationship proves rewarding. Get together with others, and plan on adding more fun to your life. You sparkle. Tonight:

Indulgence works.**** LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Open up to new possibilities. You are in touch with your feelings. A friend pushes you to zero in on the bottom line. Take the feedback in the light it was intended. A family member reads you cold. Use instincts regarding a domestic matter. Tonight: Just ask.****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Listen carefully to someone's opinions. How you perceive this person could change because of his strong actions. Communications are intuitive. Consider making a change. A friend comes through for you in a big way. Be direct. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

Success naturally comes your way. You have a money hunch; follow it only if you can accept the ramifications of a loss. Network, touch base with others and arrange a meeting. Reach out for friends. Energizing news comes forward. Tonight: Join pals.*****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

When you follow inspiration, you break new ground. You see events far more clearly than before. Share knowledge with a partner. You can help yourself both financially and professionally. Accept the limelight by taking charge. Tonight: Make a must appearance.****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Listen to a partner. Not everything is as you see it. Allow your creativity to emerge. Suggest ideas that in the past you might have felt inhibited to share. Others knock on your door. A money offer just might be too good to be true! Go for it. Tonight: Where there is music.****

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DEAR ROCKY: Many women wish their husbands would ask this question. Being a willing student is the perfect first step. Look around you. Romance is everywhere, once you open your eyes to it. Learn from other couples who act as if they are in love. Watch their body language -- it's almost as though the rest of the world doesn't exist. Paying focused attention to your partner is romantic. So is thoughtfulness. Listen to your wife's cues. Study up. Read books -- there

aspect of romance. Watch classic romantic movies and pay attention to the small things the hero does. You'll get the picture. Then practice, practice, practice! Good luck.

DEAR ABBY: About three weeks ago, my girlfriend of five years and I had a terrible argument. We didn't speak for a week. During that time, I met another young lady whom I really started to like. She's seven months pregnant and is having a lot of problems with the baby's father, and I don't want to be in the middle of any-

Now I'm really starting to miss my old girlfriend. Maybe I got involved with another relationship too soon. I don't know what to do. Can you please help me? -- OVER MY HEAD IN **NEW JERSEY**

DEAR OVER MY HEAD: The solution to your problem is to be honest with both of these women. The girl who's seven months pregnant has problems of her own to resolve with the baby's father. And your girlfriend of five years needs to hear that you miss her. Don't procrastinate. The sooner you resolve this, the better for all

CONFIDENTIAL TO "CAN'T FORGIVE IN MINOT, N.D." Try harder. As Benjamin Disraeli put it, "Life is too short to be small."

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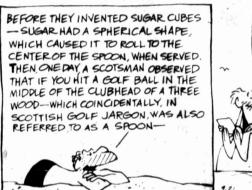
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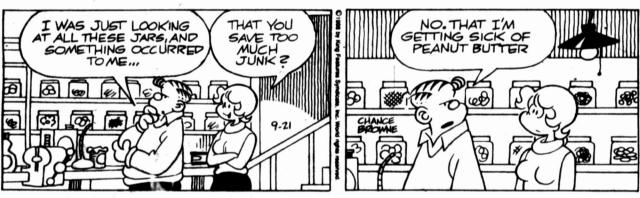
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Sept. 21, the 264th day of 1998. There are 101 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 21, 1938, a hurricane struck parts of New York and New England, causing widespread damage and claiming more than 600 lives.

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In 1792, the French National Convention voted to abolish the monarchy. In 1897, the New York Sun

ran its famous editorial declaring, "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus."

In 1931, Britain went off the gold standard.

In 1937, "The Hobbit," by J.R.R. Tolkien, was first published.

In 1948, Milton Berle made his debut as permanent host of "The Texaco Star Theater" on NBC television.

In 1949, the People's Republic of China was proclaimed by its Communist leaders.

In 1973, the U.S. Senate confirmed Henry Kissinger to be Secretary of State.

In 1977, after weeks of controversy over past business and banking practices, President Carter's embattled budget director, Bert Lance, resigned.

In 1983, in a speech to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Interior Secretary James G. Watt jokingly described a special advisory panel as consisting of "a black ... a woman, two Jews and a cripple." Although Watt later apologized, he ended up resigning.

In 1996, John F. Kennedy Jr. married Carolyn Bessette in a ceremony secret Cumberland Island, Ga.

Ten years ago: The Soviet women's gymnastics team won the gold medal at the Seoul Summer Olympics, with Romania placing second and East Germany third.

Five years ago: Russian President Boris Yeltsin announced he was ousting the hard-line, Communist-dominated Congress that had long opposed his reforms. The police drama "NYPD Blue" premiered on ABC.

One year ago: Saying their persistent demands for a special investigation had been vindicated, senior Republicans insisted Attorney General Janet Reno seek appointment of an independent counsel to look into White House fund-raising activities, a day after the Justice Department revealed it had begun a preliminary review.

Today's Birthdays: Cartoon animator Chuck Jones is 86. Actor Larry Hagman is 67. Poet-songwriter Leonard Cohen is 64. Actor-comedian Henry Gibson is 63. Author-comedian Fannie Flagg is 54. Author Stephen King is 51. Musician Don, Felder (The Eagles) is 51. Actor-comedian Bill Murray is 48. Rock musician Philthy Animal (ex-Motorhead) is 44. Movie producer-writer Ethan Coen is 40. Actor-comedian Dave Coulier is 39. Actor David -James Elliott ("JAG") is 38.