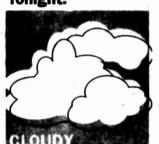
MONDAY September 278, 1998

Tonight:



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Howard College presenting play on Tuesday, Thursday

Howard College will present the play El Norte, in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, on Tuesday and Thursday.

Tuesday's performance will be in Spanish, while the one set for Thursday will be in English.

Both performances, to be held in the Student Union Building, are free to the public, and will feature the talents of the theater department at the college, as well Mexican American Student Association members and community mem-

WHAT'S UP...

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

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.

Runnels Junior High open house, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

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 Room

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

THURSDAY

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

Citizens Center art classes. 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and over.

□ Evening line dancing class, 6:30 p.m., Spring City Senior Center.

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

☐ Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library.

☐ Texas Tech Ex-Students Association Big Spring Chapter, 6 p.m., Sparenberg Building, 309 S. Main.

☐ Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Ron Long at 267-8715.

Dook Club meeting, Howard County Library conference room. "These High, Green Hills" by Jan Karon will be discussed.

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From boose to the Bible, former bar reborn as Christian center

By T.E. JENKINS

Staff Writer

The building that once housed the Brass Nail night club will be getting a rather "enlightening" facelift.

"Once completed, this will be the only non-denominational Christian Renewal Center in West Texas," said Wash. Joyce "We will be

JOYCE WASH doing a lot of new construction on the build ing, and when it is completed, it

Wash, who owns the Brass Nail along with her husband Charles, said they got the idea for the center while at a Christian walk.

"We got the idea for the center while we were on a Christian walk," said Wash. "It became incredibly clear what we should do with the building, and by being non-denominational, we can help people understand the unconditional love that is so important to spiritual success.

"Denominations have nothing to do with the unconditional love that we should have for one another. We have to learn to put aside our individual denominations, and accept the love of God as he gives it, unconditionally."

completed, the center will have 38 rooms available, and should sleep approximately 80 people.

"We will have meeting and lecture rooms, as well as kitchen and dining facilities," said Wash. "The center will be available for 72-hour periods, and will be well-suited for seminars, lectures, and other educational programs.

According to Wash the center will be owned and operated by the Christian Renewal Center, a charitable corporation born out of this project.

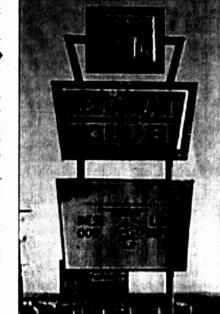
"We are currently working to get everything in place for the charitable corporation," said Wash. "We still have to get a board of directors in place, and See CENTER, Page 2

Wash said once the facility is finish up the finer points of the matter, but we hope to have it in place soon."

Wash said the project completion timetable is uncertain, the project is being funded strictly by donations.

"If everything were in place tomorrow, and we had all of the funds necessary for completion already in hand, it would take approximately five months to complete," said Wash. "However, there are a lot of uncertainties involved when you work off of donated funds, so we may have to work strictly as the money comes in.

Renovations to the building will include a second story



Boys Club offers guidance to its members

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second in an 11-part series on the member agencies of the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County. NEXT MON-DAY: DoraRoberts Rehabilitation Center.

will be more than 33,000 square

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

Saturday morning, travelers along Highway 350 heading north out of Big Spring passed a group of volunteers picking up cans, bottles and other trash from the side of the road.

Nearby was a mini-bus, and writing on the side identified the work crew. It wasn't prison inmates or workers from the highway department.

No, these were members and workers with the Big Spring Boys Club, proving once again that the local non-profit organization isn't just about shooting some hoops or playing pool.

Big Spring Boys Club is a United Way agency, and has relied on those funds since 1971.

Our purpose is always guidance," said Bert Andries, executive director and one of the original organizers of the club back in 1967.

Andries is a good example of that discipline. He gave up a job as an electrical engineer with Cosden to direct the club.

For the past 30 years, Andries has been a father figure to many of Big Spring's young boys, always evoking discipline, a work ethic, teamwork, and, of course, a good time.

"There's been quite a bit of personal satisfaction," he said. 'You think maybe you've helped somebody along the way."

In three decades, there is little doubt that Andries has touched the lives of thousands of local and area youth.

Currently, the Boys Club has more than 400 members. Dues are \$1 or \$2 a year — hardly enough to keep the club going, much less pay the electric bill. But local donations, grants and other sources have kept the club operational all these years.

Though never endowed with enough funding, charitable giv-



Bert Andries, executive director of the Big Spring Boys Club, shows 8-year-old Jacob Cerda of Bauer-Magnet Elementary School how to operate a scroll saw.

monies has kept the club viable. In addition to offering basketball, pool, woodworking and the like, the club provides computer sessions and helps kids with homework. The boys learn not only skills, but responsibility and pride

ing and innovative use of hence the trip up Highway 350. And expansion may be in the works. Recently, the adjacent building was donated to the club by the late Dorothy

Garrett. "You always worry about money, that's part of it," said Andries, now 70. "You don't learn, to play, and to be safe."

always get what you want, but you make do with what you get.

That's how it goes. Tony Gonzalez, a former Boys Club member, works alongside Andries. Together, they do their part to make sure any boy in Big Spring has a place to



Hirschfeld Steel Co. field representative John Henry Benés (left) and welding instructor Snuffy Simmons prepare the hangar at the McMahon/Wrinkle Airpark for the arrival of raw steel materials.

Voter registration deadline is now just five days away

By T.E. JENKINS

Staff Writer

If you want to vote this November, but haven't yet registered to do so, time is running

"October 5 will be the last day to register in person," said Kathy Sayles, Howard County Tax Assessor and Collector and voter registrar for the election. "For those who want to mail their registration in, they will have to be postmarked by Oct. 5 as well."

Sayles said registration for 1998 has already eclipsed numbers from two years prior.

"As of Sept. 9, there were 18,887 voters registered in Howard County," said Sayles. "That is in comparison to 17,481 total registered voters in 1996."

Sayles said that she doesn't know the reason for the increase in registrations, but is glad to see the turnout.

"I'm glad to see so many people registering to vote this year," said Sayles. "I've been voter registrar for Howard County since 1988, and I was raised that it was my civic duty to vote. It's so important that everyone who can register does so, and that they cast their ballot for who they think will do the best job."

According to Sayles, it is important for voters to talk to the candidates

"People need to find out where the candidate they support stands on the issues that are important to them," she said. "You have to get to know them, and their views."

Early voting by personal appearance will begin Oct. 19, unless the elections administrator orders voting to start on Saturday, Oct. 17. Early voting will end Oct. 30.

Polls will be open on Nov. 3 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information on registration or polling locations, citizens can contact Sayles at 264-2232.

Welfare reform top priority in 70th district

By T.E. JENKINS

Staff Writer

According to constituent surveys conducted by Rep. David Counts, D-Knox City, the citizens of the 70th District agree

that welfare reform should be a top priority for Texas in coming years.

"Obviously the vast majority believes that we should not retreat from

COUNTS the welfare reforms recently passed by the Legislature." said Counts in a recent press release. "I strongly supported, and the Legislature passed, a sweeping overhaul of the state's welfare and job training laws. placing a new focus on personal responsibility. The reforms are designed to move lowincome families off public assistance through personal responsibility, parental

dinated job training. According to the survey, 94 percent of the residents in the 70th District favor work requirements for those on welfare, with a slim 1.9 percent opposed. Two percent were undecided, and 2.1 surveyed did not respond.

accountability, and better coor-

According to Counts, House Bill 1863 now requires applicants for cash assistance, such as Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), to sign an agreement outlining the respective responsibilities of the state and the recipient.

"The agreement will require a recipient to establish paternity and maintain immunizations for any qualifying children," said Counts, "remain alcohol and drug free, and participate in activities designed to increase self-sufficiency, such as education, job training, and volunteerism.

"Additionally, a strong message has been sent to deadbeat parents by requiring the suspension of a variety of licenses for failure to pay child support. including suspension of business and professional licenses, marriage licenses, driver's licenses, and recreational

Residents surveyed also seem to strongly agree on time limits for those who participate in these cash assistance programs, with 86.4 percent in favor of the requirement. Only 5.3 percent opposed the measure, with 5.4 percent undecided, and 2.9 percent not responding.

"The Legislature required public assistance time limits based on a recipients level of education or work experience," said Counts. "The bill also established a two-tiered system of assistance consisting of regular AFDC payments and transitional benefits related to medical coverage and child care. The time limits on cash grants vary from one to three years.

"These changes in the welfare system were long overdue and

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OBITUARIES

Joy Weaver

Service for Joy Weaver, 69, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept 29; 1998, at Myers Smith Chapel with Rev. Darrell Hendrickson, pastor of First Church of God, officiat-Burial will be in Trinity

Memorial



Mrs. Weaver died Saturday, Sept. 26, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a short illness.

She was born on Feb. 17, 1929, in Tye. She married Buster Gene Weaver in 1945 in Big Spring. He preceded her in death in 1983. She had lived most of her adult life in Big Spring, moving from Ranch. Mrs. Weaver was a member of the Baptist faith and a homemaker.

Survivors include: one son, Bill Weaver of Kerrville; two daughters, Cheryl Stansel of Big Spring, and Norma Brown of San Angelo; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchil-

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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room, accompanied by a bell tower above the entrance.

"We are adding about 16,000 square feet of new construction," said Wash. "The new meeting room will accommodate approximately 300 people, and the renovated kitchen facilities will be able to feed 100 eas-

"We want all denominations to take advantage of the center once it is completed.

Wash said the overall cost of the renovations and new construction aren't inexpensive, but the challenge hasn't deterred her or her husband.

"The project will cost more than \$500,000 by the time it is over," said Wash. "We project that about 30 percent of that will be for labor costs. Fred Dan Steenburgh, a resident of Colorado City, is handling the contracting, and is doing a wonderful job."

Wash said she understands the irony that follows the decision to take a building that once housed a night club and dedicate it to the advancement of Christianity, but doesn't believe it should have any negative impact on the project.

"The structure of a building

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH **Funeral Home**



Robbie Marie Stewart, 92, died Friday. Graveside services will be 10:00 AM Tuesday at Trinity Memorial

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

E. J. Henry, Sr., 76, died Friday. Services were 11:00 AM today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Mount Olive Cemetery.

Joy Weaver, 69, died Saturday. Services are 2 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Interment in Trinity Memorial Park.

Raymond Barrow, 49, died Sunday. Services are pending.

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has nothing to do with what it was, she said. "It does, however, have everything to do with what it will be. We feel very strong about where we stand on this, and we think that many wonderful things can, and will, come out of this.

SURVEY

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represented a significant philosophical shift regarding public assistance. These reforms ensure that the most needy are still given assistance, but requires that all welfare recipients make a visible effort toward improving their own lives. After all, benefits are tools of opportunity that allow people to help themselves, and should not be an inducement to give up trying.'

Coroner sends wrong body to be cremated

HOUSTON (AP) - A mix-up at the Harris County Medical Examiner's Office has resulted in the wrong man being cremated, the Houston Chronicle reported Sunday.

Euripedez Perez, 44, was to be cremated Friday. But the medical examiner's office accidentally sent the body of Jose Montalvo to the Perez family's funeral home on Friday.

"I'm at a loss of words over this," said Greg Compean, president of Compean Funeral Home, who is handling Perez' funeral arrangements. "I wasn't even able to sleep last night over this whole thing.'

Both Perez and Montalvo were about the same age and died around the same time.

Examiner's Medical spokesman Alex Conforti confirmed the mix-up and said it occurred when a worker took the wrong body out of the morgue's cooler.

"Somebody read the wrong toe tag," Conforti told The Associated Press on Sunday.

He said he did not know the men's causes of death and added that the office would have further comment Monday. Medical Examiner Joye Carter was out of town and unreachable until Monday, workers in her office said.

Cancer march honors survivors, pushes for more research money

WASHINGTON (AP) Muscular dystrophy has its telethon. AIDS has its commemorative quilt. Now cancer has The March.

The nation's first march on cancer drew thousands to the National Mall over the weekend, including many cancer survivors, patients, loved ones and health workers. Smaller events were held throughout the country to show support for The March.

"This is not the end of it, this is just the very beginning,' said Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, a cancer survivor who was honorary chairman of

the event. The leader of American forces in the Persian Gulf War reminded those at the rally that elections offer an opportunity to influence their members of

Congress. "Call them up and ask them 'Do you give your unqualified support?" he said, referring to the campaign for more cancer research money. "If the answer is 'no,' kick their butts out and

get somebody else in there." The disease kills more than a half-million people a year, and some think current efforts in the fight against cancer are not adequate. They fear others have done a better job gaining attention for other diseases in the fierce competition for

research money. 'We can't count on the bureaucracy to take care of this," said Mary Beth Heaphy of Lindenhurst, N.Y., who lost her husband to brain cancer last year. "It is a disease of everyday people.'

And the March drew those

DUNLARS **Estee Lauder**

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SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAY

•Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615

•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 267-7220 •The Big Spring Alliance for

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 267-7220.

 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 sup-

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

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

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

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

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

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 The Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill meets the p.m. at Runnels. 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

 Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Dr. Ronald Meyer, D.Min., LCDC, LMFT, specializing in individual and marriage counseling, Attention Deficit Disorder and chemical dependency, available for clients 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

THE BSHS CLASS OF '48 will celebrate its 50th reunion from Oct. 2-4. The reunion begins at noon on Friday, Oct. 2, with registration at the Best Western with a reception. Big Spring vs. Levelland Friday night (tickets available at the gate). Saturday, 8 a.m., golf tournament at Comanche Hills; 10:30 a.m. decorate and visit at the Big Spring Country Club; 12:30 p.m. lunch at the country club; on your own until 7 p.m. dinner also at the country club. Dress is casual; finally, breakfast on Sunday morning at the Best Western.

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

POPO AND COMPANY WILL conclude Hispanic Heritage Month at Howard College when they perform for a Tejano dance in the Student Union Building.

Students are admitted free to the dance, which begins at 9 p.m. on Oct. 8. Cost for admission to the dance is \$5 for nonstudents. The dance will conclude at midnight.

SPRING THEBIG **WOMAN'S** Club is asking for your help to provide warm clothing to local citizens in need.

Our annual coat drive will be from Oct. 1-31. Items requested for donation include gloves, mittens, coats, wind breakers, caps, scarves, blankets, etc. Collection sites will be located at Harris Lumber, Scenic Mountain Medical Center and Howard Courthouse.

OFFICIALS FOR RUNNELS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL have planned a Homecoming/Open House reception at the junior high school for Sunday, Oct. 11.

The open house coincides with Big Spring High School Homecoming, and is to commemorate Runnels in its last vear of service to the Big Spring community.

Officials are asking anyone with Runnels memorabilia. such as annuals, pictures or other keepsakes who would like to place them in a display for the event, to contact Bill Tarleton, principal, or Teri



. **Big Spring Driver** Education

is now offering Teenage Driver Education for kids 15 yrs. of age minimum. First class begins Thursday, Oct. 1st. For registration and info. come by the Big Spring Mall location,

Mon.-Thur. 5:30 to 8:00. Call 268-1023 • Lic# 1200.

Bamert, school secretary, at **264-4135**.

The open house is set for 2-4

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

DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to assist our team of professional health care providers at Family Hospice. If you would like more information please contact Mary Kuykendall at 263-4673.

MARKETS

Dec. cotton 73.95 cents, down 36 points; Nov. crude 15.69, down 6 points; Cash hogs steady at 30; cash steers steady at 59 cents even; Oct. lean hog futures 42.35, up 55 points; Oct. live cattle futures 60.07, down 42 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation.

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CORRECTION

The photograph of Head Start child health screenings that appeared in Thursday's Big Spring Herald incorrectly identified the medical facility where the screenings took place. They took place at Methodist Malone Hogan Clinic.

Records

Sunday's high 93

Sunday's low 65

Average high 81 Average low 56 Record high 104 in 1953 Record low 41 in 1924 Precip. Sunday 0.00 Month to date 0.03 Month's normal 2.21 Year to date 9.15 Normal for the year 15.01

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between noon Saturday and 8 a.m. Monday:

JUAN MARTINEZ, 55, was arrested for public intoxication. ALVINO NOYOLA, 46, was arrested for public intoxication. JIMMIE BRYANT, 63, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

FELIPE SAIZ, 25, was arrested for driving while license invalid.

RUDY HERNANDEZ, 27. was arrested for public intoxication. ADOLFO FRANCO, 31, was

arrested for class C assault. SCOTT HOPKINS, 34, was arrested for unlawful use of criminal tools.

MARCHELLO .WILLIAMS. 17, was arrested for no driver's license.

FORGERY was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg. BURGLARY OF A VEHI-

CLE was reported in the 1600 block of E. Third. **BURGLARY OF AN AUTO**

was reported in the 700 block of Johnson. **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was** reported in the 3400 block of Airport and 4200 block of

Hamilton. THEFT was reported in the 1100 of N. Lamesa, 1700 block of Wasson and 1800 of E. Marcy.

THEFT LESS THAN \$50 was reported at 11th Place and Settles.

FIRE/EMS

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

FRIDAY 8:19 a.m. — 3400 block Jesse Road, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

11:45 a.m. — 1000 block Hilltop Road, grass fire extinguished by responding up SATURDAY

12:15 a.m. — 2500 block Lynn. medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 8:45 a.m. - 1300 block Gregg,

medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 10:12 a.m. - 500 block W.17th, structure fire reported,

false alarm. 6:42 p.m. -1500 block Stadium, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

8:16 p.m. — 400 block Abrams, medical call, service refused. 10:22 p.m. — 1900 block W. 87,

medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 10:30 p.m. 1200 block Harding, residence fire reported, false

alarm. 10:51 p.m. - 3300 block E. Highway 20, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC. 11:59 p.m. — 1500 block

Goliad, traffic accident, service refused. SUNDAY

2:03 a.m. — 500 block W. 17th, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 1:27 p.m. - 1700 block W. Third, medical call, patient

transported to SMMC. 1:50 p.m. - 200 block W. 9th, trauma call patient transported to SMMC.

 $3:08 \, p.m. - 2500 \, block$ Walnut, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 4:10 p.m. 200 block S. Moss

Lake Road, traffic accident, patient transported to SMMC. 5:24 p.m. — 1500 block Lincoln, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

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Georges pounds Mississippi Gulf Coast as winds reach 172 mph

PASCAGOULA, Miss. (AP) — Hurricane Georges howled ashore today, lashing the Gulf Coast with 172 mph wind gusts and as much as 20 inches of rain, as thousands of people huddled in shelters.

New Orleans, where 10,000 evacuees spent the night in the Superdome, was spared and there were no immediate reports of deaths or injuries in any of the Gulf states.

Roof damage forced 404 storm refugees out of a shelter on a college campus in the coastal town of Gautier. An apparent tornado in Pascagoula damaged the roof of a school where 90 people had taken refuge, but they had to stay put.

Power outages affected thousands of customers all along the Gulf Coast. Airports and highways closed, curfews were imposed and flash-flood warnings abounded.

National Guard troops using

trucks and boats had to rescue about 200 people from flooded homes in the Florida Panhandle, where most roads were reported flooded and Interstate 10 was washed out near the Alabama line.

Waves as tall as a house clipped off fishing piers in Alabama, and the wind peeled siding and roofing off homes and shredded palm trees.

More than 1.5 million people had been told to leave the Gulf Coast, spurring "probably the largest evacuation we have ever achieved," said Lt. Col. Ronnie Jones of the Louisiana State

A slight deviation to the east in the storm's course eased fears that New Orleans would be socked with a double whammy · unending, heavy rain and a storm surge that could submerge a city whose elevation averages 6 feet under sea level. Instead, rain and wind diminished this morning.

The hurricane's eye, surrounded by wind blowing at a sustained 105 mph, moved ashore this morning at Ocean Springs, between Biloxi and Pascagoula, and the National Hurricane Service in Biloxi reported a gust to 172 mph. Within two hours, the wind rising again at started Pascagoula.

At 6 a.m. CDT, the hurricane's center was just outside Biloxi. The storm was moving northnorthwest at 7 mph and was expected to slow down during the day.

Because Georges was moving so slowly, Harrison County, Miss., for example, could face as much as 30 hours of hurricaneforce wind and 21/2 days of galeforce wind. Alan Johnson of the weather service in New Orleans said the hurricane could bring 25 to 30 inches of rain.

Twenty inches of rain had

fallen by this morning in the homes. Florida Panhandle, with 10 inches reported in southern Alabama.

Georges' effect on the South was tame compared with its path through the Caribbean, where more than 300 people were killed.

All along the Gulf Coast, Georges was an instrument of torture:

· In Mississippi, a possible tornado damaged a business complex that housed the Jackson County studios of WLOX-TV. In Wiggins, about 40 miles north of the coast, a 200foot microwave tower collapsed between two buildings.

Mississippi's Gulf Coast has been spared a major hurricane since Elena caused widespread destruction 1985. Since then, billions of dollars have been invested in the construction of 11 casinos, more than two dozen hotels and thousands of new

• In Alabama, wind gusts of up to 85 mph peeled siding from beach condominiums early today, while heavy rain swamped roads and blinded the few motorists who ventured out.

· In the Florida Panhandle. high surf on top of a 5-foot storm surge threatened the foundations of beachfront homes on barrier islands.

 And in Louisiana, more than 100,000 people were without power. A storm surge topped a levee in Florissant, east of New Orleans, letting loose 8 to 9 feet of water, according to Bob Turner of the St. Bernard Parish Department of Public Works.

Tens of thousands flocked to New Orleans' nine shelters, including the cavernous Louisiana Superdome and the sprawling Ernest Morial Convention Center. The city had capacity to shelter 100,000

of its 450,000 people.

"I'm scared. I decided I better try to get somewhere safe," said Frankie Dody, 56. "If prayer can keep my house safe through this it'll be standing when I get home. It's been well prayed over.

In the French Quarter, most of the bars on Bourbon Street were closed and covered with plywood. At least three Bourbon Street bars kept peddling alcohol after a 6 p.m. curfew, and a handful of stragglers partook.

At Daiquiri's Delite Shop, Jill Zibkow of New York drowned her sorrows in a Martian — a 2foot-tall daiquiri in a green alien-shaped glass. She arrived in New Orleans on Friday night for her 30th birthday.

"Gee-OR-ges," the negligence attorney said as she sat at the bar. "We're just learning how to say it now. You have to have a couple of these Martians to say it properly."

Mauro welcomes old pal to state

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Garry Mauro says he's no fair-weather

As Mauro, the Democratic nominee for governor, welcomed President Clinton to Texas on Sunday, he said he disapproves of the Clinton-Monica Lewinsky affair but is willing to forgive the man he's

known for more than 25 years. "At the worst, people will see me as somebody who will stand up and stick with their friends and won't run and try to do what's politically acceptable," Mauro said. "I'm not running from my friends.

Clinton attended fund-raising events for Mauro in San Antonio and Houston, gatherings Mauro said he hoped would generate \$1 million for him to use against Republican Gov. George W. Bush.

Mauro met Hillary and Bill Clinton in 1972, and he chaired both Clinton's presidential campaigns in Texas.

At the home of San Antonio lawyer Frank Herrera, Mauro restated his support for Clinton.

"President Bill Clinton, well, he's my friend. I stand behind this president. I stand behind his policies. I stand behind him

100 percent," Mauro said.

The Democrat, who's been state land commissioner for 16 years, said he plans to use proceeds from two events to buy TV commercials. Three recent opinion polls in Texas have shown Mauro trailing Bush by as much as 51 percentage

The Democrat said he's not worried about that. He predicted Clinton's visit would spark public interest in voters who've been paying more attention to the heat wave and football than

"I don't think Texans are thinking about the governor's race," Mauro said. "But with the president's visit today, I think it's really the kickoff of the governor's race.'

Mauro also used the day to take some of his toughest shots yet at Bush, saying the popular son of the former president had failed to lead the state during his first four years in office. "Name one thing that Bush

has done to move our state forward," Mauro said. "You can't. He hasn't done squat. Nothing. Nada. Zilch."

returned Sunday.

In recent days, and again Sunday, Mauro described Clinton's affair with White House intern Monica Lewinsky as "indefensible, but not unforgivable."

But while the Democratic gubernatorial nominee was eager to stand with the president, not all the party's candidates shared his enthusiasm.

John Sharp, the Democrats' lieutenant governor nominee, was among those bypassing the

Jim Mattox, the party's candidate for attorney general, joined Democratic chair Molly Beth Malcolm and several state legislators in greeting the president. Among prominent Democrats attending the fund-raiser were U.S. Rep. Ciro Rodriguez, 20th Congressional District nominee Charlie Gonzalez and former Texas Gov. Ann Richards.

Clinton's appearance didn't please everyone.

His motorcade from the airport to the home of lawyer Frank Herrera was greeted by both supporters and protesters. Signs along the way ranged Two calls to Bush's campaign from "Texas LULAC Loves U" office weren't immediately to "Liar, liar, pants on fire."

Germans voters sweep Kohl from office; Social Democrat Gerhard Schroeder wins

BONN, Germany (AP) — Eager for a change and weary of nagging unemployment, German voters swept Chancellor Helmut Kohl from power after 16 years in office and replaced him with the left-leaning Gerhard Schroeder.

The conservative Kohl, who oversaw the reunification of East and West Germany and helped usher Europe toward economic union, was no match Sunday for the fresh face and shiny promises of Schroeder, a Social Democrat 14 years Kohl's junior.

In a stinging humiliation for the West's longest-serving leader, Kohl and his Christian Democrats won just 35 percent of the vote. which translates to a loss of 49 of the 294 seats it held in the old parliament.

"This is a hard evening for me, and for us all," Kohl said in conceding defeat Sunday night. "I wish Herr Schroeder the best of luck and a successful time in office.'

Now it's up to Schroeder — whose Social Democrats won 41 percent of the vote — to make good on pledges to end unemployment and to bring long-awaited tax and economic reforms.

with the environmental Greens party about joining in a coalition government. Such a coalition would be the most radical in

The designated chancellor began talks today

postwar Germany and a test of the Greens' ability to curb their sometimes eccentric ideals to cooperate with a more mainstream party.

During the election, the Greens campaigned Balkans. on platforms that outraged some Germans and Germans voted for a fresh face of government, and a 60 mph speed limit on the autobahn.

These ideas were unlikely to rock a future government ernment, but the two parties might still struggle to agree on policies for nuclear energy and the

With the Greens, which won 6.7 percent, a Social Democratic-led government would command a 21-seat majority in the new 669-seat parliament. "I think 21 seats is enough of a majority to form a stable government," Schroeder told the national ZDF television network today.

The liberal Free Democrats won 6.2 percent of

The Social Democrats' strong showing ruled out, at least for the moment, sharing power with the Christian Democrats in a so-called "grand coalition."

The Christian Democrats general secretary. Peter Hintze, said voters put his party in opposition, and that it could play more active role as a conservative counterweight to the Social Democrats center-left leanings.

Schroeder reiterated he would not consider including in his government the ex-communist Party of Democratic Socialism, which won enough votes to stay in parliament. Many in the West view the party as a troubling remnant of the former communist East German state.

Kohl had sought an unprecedented fifth term on the strength of his image of stability and clout with world powers at a time of economic turmoil in Russia and ongoing conflict in the

amused others: raising gas prices 100 \$3 per liter and Kohl conceded the race by announcing he would step down as the leader of his party.

Perot: Clinton "mentally unstable" and should resign

1996 presidential campaign, Ross Perot warned that re-electing President Clinton would bring "Watergate II," a constitutional crisis that would cripple the country.

No wonder, then, that many of his supporters at this weekend's Reform Party convention brought along "Ross Right" bumper stickers.

The billionaire businessman never predicted that a sex scandal would imperil the White House — he was then musing on Whitewater and alleged campaign finance abuses. But he had attacked Clinton's character, which Perot now describes as hopelessly compromised.

"Any man who would conduct himself in such an emotional, unstable manner and bring worldwide shame, first to his family, and then to a vulnerable young woman and finally to the United States of America is unfit to be president of this great country," Perot said. "If he loves his country, he will go.

"The part of the brain that controls morality and honesty never got connected," Perot said. "The president is mentally and emotionally unstable."

Perot's comments were met with a standing ovation Saturday night by more than 340 delegates of the Reform Party, which he founded before running for president in 1996. He also ran in 1992, getting 19 percent of the vote.

Perot's speech was part of the party's second national conven-

ATLANTA (AP) - During the tion, which began Friday and by Bob Dole, the Republican ended Sunday with discussion about how the party should nominate candidates for the 2000 elections. Perot gave no indication whether he would

run for president again. Among their actions Sunday. party members voted to require their potential presidential candidates to gain access to ballots as independent candidates in states where the party is not listed on the ballot.

Party Chairman Russ Verney said the party has the right to place a candidate on the ballot in about 31 states.

Perot's speech was criticized low, to tell you the truth.

standard-bearer in 1996.

"Ross Perot says a lot of things that I think are beyond the pale, and he hasn't changed any," Dole said Sunday on CNN's "Late Edition." "Again I think Ross Perot deals in overstatement a lot and it doesn't serve any real purpose.'

Clinton adviser **James** Carville took a shot at Perot on "Meet the Press," calling him "a man that would sure be able to recognize mental and emotional instability. So I wouldn't pay much attention to what he said. He's about a half a quart

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Prospects for the Middle East Peace Process What is the likelihood of its ending successfully?

There seems to be much concern, especially in United States government circles, that the so-called peace process has reached an impasse and that it may be ultimately endangered. The fault for this is generally attributed to the Israelis and especially to the alleged "intransigence" of Israel's prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu.

"The policy is still...to advance the struggle

and to damage and hopefully to destroy

Israel. There can be no peace until that

mindset totally changes"

What are the facts?

Promises unkept-agreements broken. Yasser Arafat made promises and assurances that he obviously never had any intention of fulfilling—the principal. and really the easiest to comply with, being the promise to rescind the infamous covenant of the PLO, which unequivocally calls for the destruction of Israel. Also, the PLO has taken no measures to curb terrorist activity, which was Israel's primary concern and consideration in agreeing to the far-reaching concessions

of Oslo. In fact, the Palestinian Authority (P.A.) continues to shelter well-known members of terrorist groups and, more often than not, to enlist them in their so-

called police force. This "police force" is now estimated to be over 50,000 members strong—more than twice the number allowed under the Oslo accord. There is also the never-ending incitement to violence on the part of the Palestinians, the poisoning of the minds of school children, and the steady anti-Israel invective in Palestinian media. Israel is always described as the enemy, never as the peace partner. "With blood and fire we shall liberate Jerusalem" is not a slogan that conveys peaceful intentions and a desire for reconciliation. The basic flaw in the process. But the basic flaw in the peace process is the fact that the Arab world has not come to terms with the very existence of Israel, the Jewish state. The presence of such a state in the midst of Arabdom is intolerable to the Moslem Arabs, an insult that has to be

removed. No "sacrifice for peace" can change that. This mindset includes all Arabs—their leaders and their respective populations—including, for certain, Egypt and the Palestinians. The only exception may be King Hussein of Jordan, who, after having participated in three unsuccessful wars against Israel, appears to be truly desirous of peace.

Mr. Netanyahu's alleged "intransigence" is based on his reluctance or unwillingness to give away, without getting anything in return, vital strategic assets to those who are sworn to destroy Israel. And it isn't clear why Israel should yield any territory at all. The whole concept of "land for peace" is a new one in the history of mankind. It had always been clearly under-

stood that, if a country launched an aggressive war and lost it, a price would have to be paidusually including the loss of territory. Why should things now be

reversed and why should Israel, the repeatedly aggressed-against but victorious party, pay a price in territory? And, in any case, if "land for peace" is such a good idea, why, for the sake of such peace. shouldn't the Arabs make some such "sacrifice?"

Our State Department, unfortunately, also seems to have fallen under this spell and keeps exhorting the Israeli government to make ever greater accommodations to the Palestinians in order to bring about peace. This is the more remarkable since it should be clear that the only consideration that keeps Arab aggression against Israel in check is Israel's strength. Once that strength is diminished, war will follow, and not peace. Israel is America's unsinkable aircraft carrier, its most important strategic asset in that part of the world. It would be folly to weaken Israel and to make it a strategic liability for America, instead of an asset.

The Oslo peace process never had a very good chance to work because the gap between the two sides was too wide. What Israel could concede without totally compromising its security was not sufficient for the Palestinians. Arafat, having become the victim of his own rhetoric, has promised his people what Israel has always been unable to give, especially surrendering vital strategic assets, endangering its water supply, admitting hundreds of thousands of so-called refugees, and conceding any part of Jerusalem. Much of this could have been overcome if Arafat, in the more than four years since the handshake, would have shown real evidence of a desire for making peace with Israel and if he would have kept his obligations under the Oslo agreement. But that is not the case. The policy is still to break every promise and to violate every provision, as long as it serves to advance the struggle and to damage and hopefully to destroy Israel. There can be no peace until that mindset totally changes. Unfortunately, Oslo or no Oslo, that does not seem to be in the cards for the immediate future.

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OUR VIEWS

Crossroads Concerts offer cultural outlet for those who attend

aturday night, during the second of four programs making up the fall schedule of the Crossroads Community Concerts, singer/songwriter TR Ritchie sang a love song he had written for a girlfriend at one time in his life.

The lyrics included the refrain, "Death, taxes and me loving you."

It would be easy enough to modify that a bit to suit the local market and sing, "Death, taxes and complaining about nothing to do."

While the first performance of the Crossroads series drew an encouraging audience, Saturday's attendance, while still considerably better that what had been drawn the last season of the Coahoma Community Concerts, was disappointingly low.

The one constant with the first two performances has been the wonderful quality and variety of the per-

Bill and Mary Muse and TR Ritchie both sang of experiences in parts of the country very similar to our own. They sang about bluebonnets and playing dominoes and love songs. They made us think about some lyrics and they made us laugh with others as they entertained us.

If you wonder about the quality of the program, ask Sue or Chuck Bagwell or Paul Nabors or Larry Shaw

Some folks have said they didn't attend because the concerts were on a Saturday night and they didn't want to have to get dressed up and go out.

Well, you do have to go out to get to the Municipal Auditorium, but you don't have to dress up to either attend or enjoy the program — and to help you out, the next two programs are on Tuesday nights.

On Oct. 13, Boxcars — Chris Gage and Christine Albert of Austin will bring their wonderful sound to the auditorium, followed by Bernice Lewis on Oct. 27, and the evening promises to be entertaining for those who take the time to come out.

We hope to see you for an evening with Boxcars.

FOREIGN VIEWS

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Whatever Clinton's next

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Clinton has transformed the

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New Delhi

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The summary arrests of Anwar Ibrahim on Sunday night and four leading members of the Malaysian Muslim Youth Movement on Monday are a sign of desperation on the part of the Malaysian Prime Minister, Dr. Mahathir. Far from securing his position, this clumsy act of raw power under the Internal Security Act — which allows indefinite detention without trial — has increased the likelihood of his own downfall, sooner rather than later. It has also underlined the fundamental weakness of an authoritarian system of government which has not developed sufficiently to provide, in times of stress, an orderly transfer of power if and when that is needed. ... When the time comes for

supposedly serious charges to be laid against someone in Anwar's position, the first reaction is to disbelieve them, and suspect a politically motivated smear campaign, thuggishly enforced by outdated security laws. Dr. Mahathir might have the upper hand for the moment. But this is a power struggle with a long way to run yet. The forces for change might not be wholly with Anwar. But they are definitely against Dr. Mahathir. -THE MORNING

Sydney, Australia

While America plays out its domestic soap opera, key pillars of the Pax Americana are being shaken severely in the world outside. Clinton continued former president Bush's crusade for a world order based on democracy, nonproliferation and the free market. But people and events have been overturning many of those certainties.

From East Asia and Japan to Russia and Brazil, free market

mong leftists, dead communists are all democratic martyrs. Because this month is the 25th anniversary of the

coup that disposed of Chile's Salvador Allende, you will hear the usual leftist bilge'about Gen. Augusto Pinochet Urgarte.

The left version of history is that Gen. Pinochet destroyed democracy. The truth is, he

saved it.

ownership.

Allende, with the backing of communists and socialists, won 36 percent of the vote in 1970 in a three-way race. He quickly began "nationalizing" copper mines and large farms and expropriating the major means of production. In other words, he created the usual

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Chileans, who have a long history of democratic govern-

communist program of state

ments, rallied against Allende and his communist pals and in midterm congressional elections in 1973 opposition parties won 54 percent of the seats. So Allende, who was a minority president, faced a legislature in which the opposition held the majority.

Allende, far from being a democrat, began to make plans to seize power completely, and it was at that point that the army stepped in. In other words, there was a military coup to head off a communist coup. Allende died during the coup. While Pinochet and the

Chilean armed forces ruled politically with an iron hand, exterminating or exiling the leftists, they also restored the Chilean economy. Pinochet brought inflation under control, which, under Allende, had reached triple digits.

He brought in American economists from the University of Chicago and shrank the role of government in favor of the market, liberalized trade, promoted nontraditional exports, slashed fiscal outlays, privatized public enterprises, pruned social services and

Let's stop vilifying Chile's Gen. Pinochet broke the power of the unions. This resulted in an economic boom from 1977 to 1981

Pinochet, in a move that hardly fits the pattern of dictators, invoked a plebiscite in 1980 that approved a constitution that would allow him to remain in power until 1988 when another plebiscite would be held. A majority voted yes.

Now, get this: In 1988, opposition parties defeated Pinochet in the plebiscite, 55 percent to 43 percent. And what did the man the left calls a dictator do? He accepted the results of the democratic vote, and in 1989 free presidential elections were held and Christian Democrat Patricio Aylwin won and took office in March 1990.

Now what dictator do you know who set up a plebiscite and when he lost it agreed to step aside and allow a civilian government to take power? Had Allende succeeded with his coup, Chile would have been stuck with a Stalinist dictator and the slaughter of non-Communists would have been much greater than the casualties of Pinochet's war against the left.

Gen. Pinochet is a Chilean

hero, who saved Chile from a communist dictatorship, revitalized its economy and peacefully returned it to a democratically elected civilian government. I hope Chileans appreciate what the old man did for them.

Of course, in America, with the left so prominent in the media, Pinochet is continuously vilified and the communists are depicted as poor, innocent democrats instead of the thugs and would-be dictators that they were. The American left has never met a communist it didn't like and has consistently vilified anyone who frustrated a communist takeover.

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Suggest that they worry more about a true dictator still in power in Cuba than about a man who saved and restored democracy in Chile.

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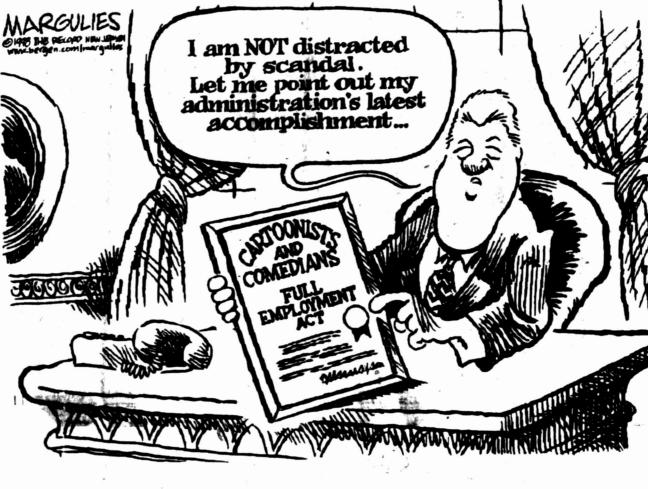
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was crowned the home run king of a once-troubled national pastime after a in which both

glorious year smashed the 37-year-old record of former New York Yankee Roger Maris. With two

home runs on Sunday, McGwire finished with 70 round-trippers. Sosa has 66 with a game left today.

CARL

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The slugging contest between McGwire and Chicago Cubs Sammy Sosa could have been prayed for by baseball's magnates, ordered by President Clinton's Commission on Race, or scripted by Hollywood. It has engrossed and enthralled the nation because it embodies a plethora of human emotions and dreams, and it just happens to involve two young men of many admirable qualities.

McGwire is the white Irishman from wealthy Los Angeles who has been a majorleague star for 12 years; he's also hit more than 50 homers in each of the last two seasons. He was expected to challenge Babe Ruth and Maris.

BRUCE TINSLEY

Sosa is the ebony-hued "foreigner" from the impoverished, now hurricane-ravished Dominican Republic who hit only 36 homers last year and was not expected by anybody to challenge either Maris or McGwire this season.

Both men have enriched the competition and baseball and humankind with their incredible display of friendship and sportsmanship, even as some have tried to find something ugly in this contest of great gladiators. There have been many arti-

cles about how McGwire is the candidate of white America, including some stupid suggestions that white pitchers in the National League might throw him gopher balls to ensure that Sosa doesn't win the home run contest. But, other articles say, Sosa is the "racial" candidate of America's Latinos and blacks — or that baseball has short-changed Sosa in terms of honor and respect because he is a dark-skinned import.

The Washington Post had a big article Thursday about how Sosa trails McGwire by perhaps 50 percent or more in the endorsement market because advertisers prefer an athlete with "an all-American image, and all-American background.'

But none of that has blinded many Americans to the fact that this home run derby is a great advertisement for racial amity, for America's diversity, and for the truth that merit is where you find it. In joking

about the impact of hurricane Georges on the Dominican Republic, NBC's Jay Leno said: "Fifteen shortstops are miss-This quip about the dispro-

portionate number of excellent

baseball players produced by this little half-island says a lot about how players from Hispaniola to Aruba to Japan to Australia are now making baseball truly a world sport. Without ever saying a word,

or preaching a sermon, McGwire and Sosa embrace or slap hands and give their answer to that urgent cry, "Can't we just get along?"

That's one reason why so many Americans abandoned their favorite football teams on Sunday to watch the Chicago Cubs play the Houston Astros and the St. Louis Cardinals play the Montreal Expos. I knew a lot of people who

thought it would be the ultimate justice if the day ended up with McGwire and Sosa tied, both basking in the applause of Americans from Coogan's Bluff to Cooperstown. Just one little caveat: Since

the Cubs wound up tied in the wild-card contest with the San Francisco Giants, they will have a playoff game today. Any home run hit by Sosa in such a game will count in the race with McGwire. Happy watching!

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IN BRIEF

Lady Yearlings win one at Andrews tournament

Runnels' Lady Yearlings "Black" team suffered through a nightmarish consolation final Saturday at the Andrews Junior High volleyball tournament, dropping a 15-3, 15-0 defeat at the hands of Brownfield.

The Lady Yearlings' only points in the final came from Eve Tobar, Alicia Brunson and Krystle DeLeon.

That loss was a far cry from the 3-game match the Lady Yearlings posted Greenwood to reach the final.

Tobar would play a big role in that 15-8, 14-16, 15-4 win. She and Casey Tunstall scored four points each in the first game of the match, while Rebecca Fugua and Rachel Wester added three points apiece. Alicia Brunson rounded out the scoring.

In the second game loss, Katie Strain scored five points, Dana Lockhart added four, Amanda Lassiter and Kristen Lewis had two each and Shameka Johnson had

In the rubber game win, Tobar and Brunson scored five points each, Fuqua added four and DeLeon tacked on the final point.

The Lady Yearlings opened the tournament with a 3-15, 9-15 defeat at the hands of Seminole.

Brunson and Tobar scored the only points in the first game. In the second, Lockhart scored four points, Wester had two and Brittany Griffin, Tunstall and Lassiter added one point each.

Runnels teams will be in action today at Greenwood Matches start at 5:30 p.m.

Howard teams finish 7th at West Texas A&M

Howard College's Hawks nd Lady Hawks rodeo so both finished seventh in the team standings during the weekend at West Texas A&M University's rodeo in Canyon.

Chris Boullion led the Hawks effort, tied for third in the first go-round of bull riding, was second in the short round and was second on average. Teammate Jeremy Hughes finished in a 3-way tie

for third in the short round. Paul Lirette finished fifth in the initial go-round and fifth in the average in bareback riding, while Keenan Ivy was fifth in the short round.

Cody Owens finished sixth in the first go-round of steer wrestling, then teamed with Walker Wallace to finish fifth in both the short round and the average in team roping.

Rebekah Bland finished second in the first go-round of goat tying.

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 coaches.

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 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

267-3362.

7 p.m. — National League one-game playoff, San Francisco Giants at Chicago Cubs, ESPN, Ch. 30.

FOOTBALL

7 p.m. — Tampa Bay Buccaneers at Detroit Lions, 7 p.m., ABC, Ch. 2

Raider interceptions doom Cowboys in 13-12 defeat

IRVING (AP) — On the flight back to by making an inside move that shook Oakland, Charles Woodson, Eric Turner and John Jett could've gotten together to

argue over whose catch was the easiest. As for degree of importance, call it a

Interceptions by Woodson and Turner prevented Dallas touchdowns, while Jett's catch went for a career-best 75yard touchdown. Combined, they were easily the three biggest reasons why the Raiders beat the Cowboys 13-12 Sunday. - "Some teams in our league can make

win," Cowboys coach Chan Gailey said. "But we're not one of them right now." Dallas trailed 10-3 late in the third quarter, but Jason Garrett - who had seemed infallible in his first three career

starts in place of Troy Aikman — drove

more mistakes (than their opponent) and

the Cowboys to the Oakland 7. Michael Irvin got open in the end zone

Woodson. Garrett, however, threw the ball outside, hitting Woodson between the numbers.

"I don't know what they were thinking," the reigning Heisman Trophy winner said of his first career interception. "He threw the ball right to me. All I had to do was catch it."

In other games Arizona beat St. Louis 20-17; Kansas City topped Philadelphia 24-21; Oakland beat Dallas 13-12; the New York Giants beat San Diego 34-16; San Francisco topped Atlanta 31-20; Pittsburgh edged Seattle 13-10; Baltimore defeated Cincinnati 31-24; Green Bay beat Carolina 37-30; Denver thumped Washington 38-16; Jacksonville beat Tennessee 27-22; Minnesota edged Chicago 31-28; and New Orleans edged Indianapolis 19-13 in overtime;

Tonight, Tampa Bay is at Detroit.

Off this weekend were the Patriots, Bills, Dolphins and Jets.

Garrett had a chance to redeem himself with Dallas trailing 13-10 and 1:31 left, but his 43-yard bomb into the end zone sailed over Billy Davis and into Turner's hands.

"It came right to me," Turner said. Unlike Turner and Woodson, Jett could not say his ball came right to him. If anything, it went right to Dallas cornerback Kevin Smith.

However, the ball bounced off Smith's shoulder pad and Jett grabbed the carom. He ran the final 32 yards to the goal line without any pursuit.

"I saw the ball and tried batting it down," Smith said. "I didn't know he had the ball. I thought the play was

The Raiders are usually the team that plays sloppy and makes silly blunders.

This time, the league's most-penalized team was flagged just four times for 20 yards and didn't have any turnovers.

Oakland's offense was able to run while its defense kept Dallas from doing the same. As a result, the Raiders emerged from its season-opening stretch against Kansas City, New York, Denver and Dallas at 2-2.

"I thought we had the toughest first four weeks of any team in the league the Super Bowl champs, two division champions and then the Cowboys, quarterback Jeff George said. "To come out 2-2, it's a pretty good mark, some thing to build on."

For the Cowboys (2-2), this wasn't the way they hoped to start their seven-game run against teams with losing records.

"We've just got to regroup," Smith said. "It's tough right now, but it's still early in the season.

Ashley Burson leads two of her teammates, Mandy Martin and Miranda Viasana, around the two-mile girls' course during Saturday's Big Spring Invitational cross-country meet. Burson finished 31st in the individual standings, while Viasana was 34th and Martin was 35th in the field of 46 runners. This week the Lady Steers will take part in the Lubbock Invitational at Mae Simmons Park on Saturday, a meet that will draw more than 200 competitors.

Nebraska picks up ground on No. 1 Ohio State in poll

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nebraska doesn't stray far from the No. 1 ranking these days.

second-ranked Cornhuskers picked up six first-place votes and 66 points on No. 1 Ohio State in The Associated Press' Top 25 college football poll, but the Buckeyes still hold a commanding lead.

Ohio State (3-0) received 58 first-place votes and 1,737 points Sunday from the 70 sportswriters and broadcasters on the AP panel, while Nebraska (4-0), a 55-7 winner over Washington, totaled seven first-place votes

and 1,660 points. Last week, Ohio State led the Huskers 64-1 in first-place votes and 1.744-1.601 in points. The

Buckeyes were off Saturday. For the Huskers, it was the 280th consecutive week they've been in the Top 25 and the 92nd in a row in the Top 10.

Washington (2-1), meanwhile.

AP's TOP 25

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	2. Nebraska (7)	4
	3. Tennessee (2)	3-
•	4. UCLA (1)	2-
	5. Kansas St. (2)	4
	6. LSU	3-
	7. Penn St.	3-
	8. Florida	3-
	9. Florida St.	3-
	10. Virginia	4
	11. Syracuse	2-
	12. Georgia	3-
	13. Wisconsin	4
	14. Arizona	4
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	18. Texas A&M	3-
	19. Virginia Tech	4-
	20. Washington	2.
	21. Southern Cal	3-
	22. Arkansas	3-
	23. Missouri	2-
	tie. Notre Dame	2.

dropped from No. 9 to No. 20 after its most lopsided defeat since a 52-0 loss to Alabama in

25. Michigan

spot to No. 3 after a 42-7 win State, UCLA and Tennessee.

over Houston, while UCLA (2-0), which had its game against Miami postponed because of Hurricane Georges, slipped to No. 4. Kansas State, a 62-7 winner over Northeast Louisiana, remained No. 5.

The Vols had two first-place votes and 1,544 points, while the Bruins had a first-place vote and 1,538 points. The Wildcats (4-0) collected two first-place votes and 1,503 points.

LSU was No. 6, followed by Penn State, Florida, Florida State and Virginia.

Syracuse was No. 11, followed Georgia, Wisconsin, Arizona, Colorado, Virginia, Oregon, Texas A&M, Virginia Tech and Washington. Southern California dropped three places to No. 21, followed by Arkansas, Missouri and

Notre Dame, and Michigan. In the USA Today/ESPN

coaches' poll, the top five were: Tennessee (3-0) moved up a Ohio State, Nebraska, Kansas

Rangers hammer Maringers, 12-6, in Seattle's finale

SEATTLE (AP) — Johnny Griffey had caught the ball Oates knows his Texas Rangers can score runs in bunches. That's a given.

So it will be up to Oates' rotation of Todd Stottlemyre, Rick Helling, Aaron Sele and John Burkett to determine if the AL West champs have any chance of upsetting the New York Yankees.

And there's not a left-hander in that quartet.

"If our starting pitchers can pitch the way they've pitched the last couple of weeks, we've got a chance," the Texas manager said after his team ended its regular season with a 12-6 victory over the Seattle

Mariners on Sunday. "Our momentum is only as s Tuesday night.'

The Rangers got home runs by Rusty Greer, Roberto Kelly, Milt Cuyler and Lee Stevens to finish their season with an 88-74 record.

Texas will need all the power it can get if its going to have a chance against the Yankees. New York was 8-3 against the Rangers this season, including 4-2 in Yankee Stadium, where

the series opens.

After the game here, the Rangers flew to New York, where they were scheduled to work out this afternoon. They know they're big underdogs against the Yankees, who won 114 games.

The Yankees hit .335 against Texas, including 22 home runs. Rangers pitchers had a 6.89 ERA against New York.

New York has lots of pitching,

The Rangers, who clinched their division Friday night, will face 18-game winner David Wells, the author of a perfect game this season and a Cy Young Award candidate, Tuesday night.

"You look at what they've done over the course of a 162game season," Oates said. "The only thing more amazing is what Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa have done.'

Greer's two-run homer off Paul Spoljaric (4-6) in the third inning almost wasn't.

Ken Griffey Jr. made an outstanding try to catch Greer's home run, leaping over the 8>foot center-field fence to get his glove on the ball. But it went off his glove over the fence.

Greer stopped at second base because he didn't know if disappointing."

"He can do a lot of things, Greer said of Griffey, smiling "I couldn't tell if he had it."

Jonathan Johnson made his major league debut after being recalled from the minors to pitch in Rick Helling's place. but he did not get the victory because he couldn't get through the fifth. He was taken out after giving up a two-run single to

Raul Ibanez. Johnson pitched for the first

time in 21 days. Oates was trying to get him a victory.

"But I was getting a little ner vous," Oates said when asked about Johnson, who was Texas' first-round draft pick in 1995. "He's going to be a valuable good as Todd Stottlemyre pitch commodity for us and he hadn't pitched for a while I didn't want him to hurt his shoulder or anything."

Tony Fossas (1-3) got the vic tory with 1 1-3 innings of score less relief. Fossas, 41, found out before the game that he had made the Rangers' postseason roster. He was released by the Mariners and the Chicago Cubs this season.

"It's nice to come back to Seattle and show people I'm not done, I'm not washed up," said Fossas, who was the Mariners' opening night 10-9 loss to Cleveland in the Kingdome March 31. "So this has been

great day." The Rangers had four regu lars in their starting lineup Juan Gonzalez, Royce Clayton Tom Goodwin and Green Gonzalez, Greer and Goodwin were replaced in the fourth and

Clayton came out in the sixth. Gonzalez doubled in the thin to set a franchise record with 5 doubles in a season. He did not drive in a run and finished the season with 157 RBIs; Sosa leads the majors with 158

Griffey, who led the AL with 56 home runs for the second straight season, and All-Star shortstop Alex Rodriguez each played in their 162nd game of the year for the Mariners. They were both removed in the third

Griffey's locker was cleaned out and he was gone after the game. But before the game, he said he was deeply disappointed by the Mariners' performance this season.

"I did everything I sould a help the team this year," he said. "Any time you go home and your sport is still play, it

McGwire finishes amazing year hitting Nos. 69 and 70

the home run record with a mind-boggling 70. Mark McGwire wouldn't mind it a bit if the new mark stood for a while.

"I don't know if I want to break my own record," McGwire said after hitting Nos. 69 and 70 Sunday in the St. Louis Cardinals' season finale. "I think I'd rather just leave it as is.'

As is. Right. What McGwire has done is awe-inspiring for teammates as well as the fans who abandoned the concession stand lines whenever he picked up a bat and stood cheering for every at-bat the final month of the season both at home and on the road. McGwire is four homers ahead of Sammy Sosa, who gets an extra game tonight in a wild card playoff with San Francisco, and an incredible nine better

than Roger Maris' 1961 record.

strolled the clubhouse.

outfielder Brian "Unbelievable," Jordan said. "Yesterday he hit two and I said 'Wow'. Today, it was 'Wow, Wow.' Hitting 70 homers, and hitting one in your final swing, that's a storybook ending right there. See you. Let's go home

for the winter. General manager Walt Jocketty, who engineered the deal that brought McGwire from Oakland on July 31, 1997, for pitchers T.J. Mathews, Eric Ludwick and Blake Stein, was glowing as he

"We may never see anything like this again," Jocketty said. The storybook season began with a

grand slam on opening day, and McGwire surpassed Roger Maris' 37year-old record on Sept. 8. He had a homers in his final 11 at-bats. Buried in the hubbub over his achievement was the fact his three-run shot in the seventh inning off Carl Pavano (6-9) was the game-winner in a 6-3 victory.

There were only two things missing. For one, McGwire was a bit envious that it was Sosa and not him with a shot at the postseason. For another, with a 3-for-3 finale he ended up one hit shy of .300.

"I've hit a lot of home runs, but maintaining an average, I'm pretty proud of that," McGwire said. "Being one hit short of .300, that's just the way it goes.'

Mostly, McGwire's finale was a feelgood experience for everyone, even for a largely inexperienced Montreal Expos' pitching staff that served as his personal punching bag throughout the final week-

mighty finishing kick, belting five end. Manager Felipe Alou instructed his pitchers to challenge McGwire.

"I left it up to God and the kids on the mound," Alou said. "I didn't want to

tamper with history. Pavano didn't mind his place in history. The same went for Mike Thurman.

victim No. 69. With two outs in the third and at 2:10 p.m. CDT, Big Mac hit a 1-1 breaking ball from Thurman 377 feet into the left field seats. After stomping on home plate, he took a few slow steps, then

The usual sellout crowd that had stood well before his at-bat demanded and got not one, but two curtain calls.

made several salutes to the crowd.

With two on and two outs in the seventh and the score tied 3-3, McGwire connected off Pavano

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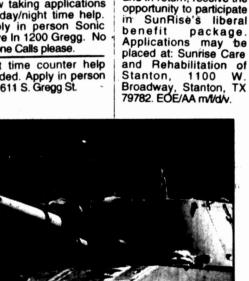
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of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.
Requests for a public hearing from adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be ubmitted in writing, within fiftee days of publication, to the ntal Services Section Oil and Gas Division: Railroad ission of Texas; P.O. Drawe 2967 - Capitol Station: Austin Texas 78711-2967 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, SEPT. 29:

life, and be open to the unexpected. Do you fear taking risks? This is as good a time as any to divest yourself of insecurity. Increased job opportunities help you build a stronger foundation. If you want to change your image, you can do it more gracefully than you thought. If you are single, excitement marks your relationships. But do not count on a tie being long-term until it is. Still, someone special will enter your life and turn things around. If attached, a mutual sense of caring and a willingness to break patterns greatly enrich your relationship. CAPRICORN understands your emotions.

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) What seemed a quagmire yesterday now transforms to an avenue of opportunity. Take the lead. Celebrate an unexpected understanding. Allow yourself to run with spontaneity. Intuition helps you with a boss. You reach a new understanding. Tonight: Feel reward-

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Try to see the big picture. You'll understand what has happened. What was difficult before becomes a sensational opportunity. Go with co-workers' fun ideas. Enthusiasm surrounds projects. Gather with friends, network and express your feelings. Tonight: A new spot.****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) News from a distance shifts your mind and ingenuity into overdrive. What you come up with is more than worth it. Allow more fun and love into your life. A boss smiles upon you. Now is the time to ask for that pay raise or promotion. Tonight: Togetherness counts.****

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your faith in someone proves to be right on. You are finally rewarded for work long overdue. Realize how much is in your favor. Someone wants to be closer to you. Don't distance yourself or place an unrelated personal problem in the way. Tonight: Enjoy friends.*****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your hard-working attitude pays off. Think through a change in someone's position. Unexpected news opens doors. Return calls, and be open to suggestions. Working closely with a partner on a financial project adds to your success. Tonight: Buy flowers on the way home.****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Consider what could be a positive omen. Others surround you with options. You might feel your plate is full, and it is! An unexpected work opportunity knocks on your door. You see many financial possibilities. Only affirmative answers are called for. Tonight: Celebrate.****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Straighten out a situation that's been irking you. You open up a small window when this contentious associate will deign to listen. Be logical, and make rapid-fire points. Family means a lot to you. Consider a home office, or put extra effort into home renovations. Tonight: Order in.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Reach out for others. See what is happening with a critical financial and security-related issue. Creativity needs to come forth when dealing with others. Friends respond to your charm and charisma. A family member surprises you with his actions. Tonight: Hang out. *****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

An unusual offer from a friend delights you. You seem able to adjust and keep your focus. Unexpected developments shed light on a goal. Absorb information, then discuss it. Use your strengths to create financial gain; show your fiscal savvy. Tonight: Treat someone to dinner.****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

You are empowered. There is little that can stop you now. You excel in communications: others hear you loud and clear. The unexpected occurs with a boss and finances. You gain because you are logical. Intuition allows greater followthrough. Tonight: Beam in what you want.****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Take a deep breath first, then consider what you want. What appears as a mental flash has great potential. Follow through on your ideas, and play hunches. Intuition serves you well. Take an overview, rather than getting too focused on just one small area. Tonight: Do your own thing.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) One special friendship makes all the difference. You feel good about this person, and even if he does something a bit offcolor, you will look past it. Your keen intuition serves you with office gossip, You don't want to listen to unnecessary tidbits. Tonight: Have a good

time.**** **BORN TODAY** TV host Bryant Gumbel (1948), actress Madeline Kahn (1942), singer Jerry Lee Lewis

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Syndicate Inc. Teen doesn't want to choose sides in family name game

DEAR ABBY: I am a 13-yearold girl with a big problem. My parents have been divorced for 12 years, and my mother and her family have pretty much raised me.

Not long ago, my mom told me she thought should change my last name so our whole family one. Abby,

that has the same why didn't she think of this when I was 2? I'm used to my

other last name. The other reason this is hard is that just a few months ago, I visited my dad's side of the family. I learned many things from and about them, and now I feel closer to them. I don't want to hurt their feelings. What should I do? -- NO NEW NAME IN OREGON

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DEAR NO NEW NAME: It is difficult to understand why your mother has waited so long to suggest a name change. Of course you are used to your last name. Perhaps there is a legal reason your mother has proposed this. If not, ask her to consider a compromise and let you hyphenate the two names.

Good luck. DEAR ABBY: I'm writing about the letter from the diner who entered a Chinese restaurant 15 minutes before the posted closing time and was rushed through dinner.

Abby, in some restaurants the posted closing time means that is the time the kitchen closes; in others, the kitchen closes 15 to 30 minutes before the restaurant closes.

I paid my way through beauty school by working in restaurants, and every one of them meant something different by the sign on the door. I now run a hair salon, and our hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. That means we take our first appointment at 8:30 a.m. and the last at 5:15 (but an appointment that late must be a simple, quick procedure such as a comb-out). I understand that clients want to know when they can come, not when I go home. However, the salon down the street posts a sign that closing time is 5:30 p.m., and they mean they want to get out the door at 5:30.

The best one can do in this crazy world is to ask what the hours mean. -- JOAN IN TUC-

DEAR JOAN: Thanks. Once again, the sage counsel is one we've all heard a million times. When in doubt, ASK!

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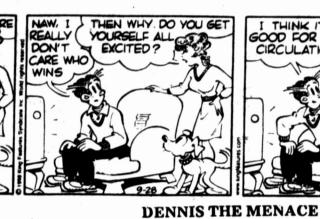
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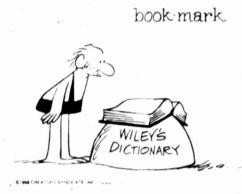
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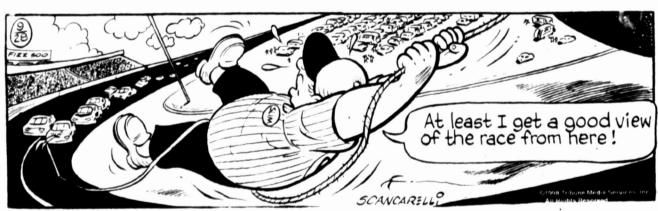


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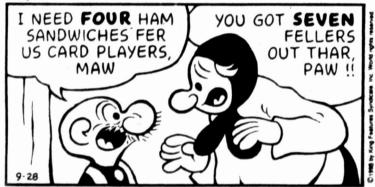




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Constitution of the United **States** to state legislatures for their approval. In 1850, flogging was abolished as a form of punishment

in the U.S. Navy. In 1924, two U.S. Army planes landed in Seattle, Wash., after completing the first round-the-

world flight in 175 days. In 1939, during World War II, Germany and the Soviet Union agreed on a plan to partition Poland.

In 1967, Walter Washington took office as the first mayor of the District of Columbia.

In 1972, Japan and Communist China agreed to reestablish diplomatic rela-

In 1974, First lady Betty Ford underwent a mastectomy at Bethesda Naval Medical Center in Maryland, following discovery of a cancerous lump in her breast. In 1987, U.S. Rep. Patricia

Schroeder, D-Colo., announced in Denver that she would not run for the Democratic presidential nomination.

In 1995, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat signed an accord to transfer much of the West Bank to the control of its Arab residents.

Ten years ago: President Reagan vetoed legislation designed to toughen curbs in textile, apparel and shoe imports, arguing it would have "disastrous effects" on the economy at a time when exports were growing.

Five years ago: First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton went to Capitol Hill to begin selling the administration's health care plan to Congress.

One year ago: Swiss voters overwhelmingly endorsed their government's liberal drug policies, including the controversial state distribution of heroin to hardened addicts. Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals hit his 58th home run on the final day of the regular season as his team beat the Chicago Cubs. 2-1.

Today's Birthdays: Actor William Windom is 75. Actor Arnold Stang is 73. Country singer Tommy Collins is 68. Actress Brigitte Bardot is 64. Blues singer Koko Taylor is 63. Singer Ben E. King is 60. Singer Helen Shapiro is 52. Actor Jeffrey Jones is 51. Movie writer-director-actor John Sayles is 48. Actress Sylvia Kristel is 46.

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