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## Senator to host Stanton meeting

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison will host a town hall meeting at 2:15 p.m. Thursday in the Martin County Courthouse in Stanton.

Hutchison will brief residents on her current legislative agenda and discuss issues of concern to the community.

## Evening Lions staging annual barbecue feed

The annual football barbecue, sponsored by the Big Spring Evening Lions Club, will be Friday from 5-7 p.m. in the East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Advance tickets are on sale now for \$6 each. The meal includes smoked brisket, beans, potato salad, bread and iced tea. Takeout is available.

This new location for the barbecue will allow those attending the Steers football game to simply walk across the parking lot to the stadium after the meal. For more information, call Donna Groenke, 393-5298.

## WHAT'S UP...

### TODAY

□ Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., library.

□ Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

### FRIDAY

□ AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.

□ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY

□ Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

□ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

□ The Pottin House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens are encouraged.

□ Big Spring Squares call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

### MONDAY

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

□ Women's Aglow 7 p.m. meeting, 6 p.m. meal, Howard College Cactus Room. There will be a nursery provided.

□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.

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## From filling boots to events at the mall, Big Spring backs MDA

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

Labor Day in Big Spring is more than just another holiday with pay. From Fill the Boot to motorcycles in Big Spring Mall, efforts are under way to raise funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.



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"The International Association of Firefighters raises the most money in the nation for MDA each year," said Paul Brown, a local firefighter and president of the Firefighters Association.

Howard County contributed \$19,867 to MDA in 1998, and firefighters raised \$4,591 with their Fill the Boot campaign.

Brown said firefighters will be positioned at intersections of FM 700 and US 87, or Gregg Street, Saturday beginning about 8 a.m., seeking donations for MDA.

"Firemen will be carrying a fireman's boot, asking for donations. We will be there all day, from 8 till 5, depending on the traffic flow. And it's always hot. I believe just one year did it rain on us," Brown said.

Firemen will solicit donations from motorists as they pause at intersection stop lights, he said. A fire truck and ambulance will be parked in the grassy island just to the south side of the intersection, he said.

Pizza Inn will provide food and drinks for the firefighters during the Fill the Boot campaign, Brown said.

"We have a friendly challenge between the firefighters and the Harley Owner's Group. They beat us last year, but we feel confident we will collect the most this year," said Brown, adding that local firefighters have been participating in MDA for about 15 years.

Monday, Harley Owners Group will have a tent, provided by H.E.B., at the Big Spring Mall. The tent will shade the barbecue smoker, where sandwiches, hot dogs and chili will be available for purchase about noon.

Lezlie Kurklin McCurdy, director for HOG, said a silent auction will be another fundraiser for the event.

"We will have items positioned inside the mall, with a minimum bid. About 4 or 5 in the afternoon, we will check for the maximum bid, announce the winner and collect the money. We are accepting donations of any type item for the silent auction, things such as coffee cups or sweatshirts. We've had vitamins donated

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## Howard County Fair has become a family affair

Editor's Note: Nancy Koger is once again the Herald's correspondent "At The Fair." She reports on the Howard County Fair daily.

Remembering when her grandmother helped with the flower show that used to be a part of the fair, Howard County Fair Board Director Janeice Barnes says that she always said, "I wouldn't do that for anything."

She's been working with the arts and crafts division of the fair for 15 years and been a board member for at least eight years. She started volunteering sometime in the '70s and just continued to work.

"We (including her co-director Nancy Howard) drug our kids up here when they were little things, and our families have just grown up doing this."

Lola Myers was Janeice's "Big Mama," who worked with the flower show, and her children, Becky and Bill, are grown and married. Becky, a lab technician at Westwood in Midland, is expecting the Barnes' first grandchild in October.

The fair tradition continues with Bill's wife, Lisa. As manager of the deli at HEB, she will be judging in the food division of the fair this year.

Smiling, Barnes remembers that when she first became a member of the fair board, when mentioned that she thought it was nice to have a priest on the board. Most of the other members call long-time board member Arnold Marshall "Father," so she had assumed that he was a priest.

She's been on the board long enough now that she and Nancy Howard are called the

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When not working at the



Four-year-old Bryen Sizenbach, son of Robert and Dorothy Sizenbach of Big Spring, enjoys a sausage on a stick while watching with wonder the climbers on the rock wall attraction at the Howard County Fair.

"Sisters" of the board. She hinted that other members have been given nicknames but declined to divulge them.

Changes and innovations have taken place during Barnes' tenure with the fair. She and Patsy Fryar started the Country Kids style show to help promote cotton several years ago. The "cage" that was used to display the quilts has been torn down and the chicken wire protecting the displays has been replaced with permanent cyclone fencing, giving

exhibitors more security.

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fair, this friendly woman is busy as the Knott postmaster, a position she's held since last February, although she's worked at the post office there for about 12 years. The other title she holds is Mrs. Joe Barnes, wife of a farmer. She's looking forward to being called grandmother as well.

As busy as she is, Janeice hasn't regretted a minute she's spent at the fair over the years. "I just grew up around

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## Woman in critical condition after being stabbed

RICK McLAUGHLIN  
Staff Writer

A 40-year-old Big Spring woman is in critical condition after being stabbed early today.

Martha Adams was transported to Scenic Mountain Hospital after being stabbed in the neck and chest, said Sgt. Roger Sweatt of the Big Spring Police Department.

Thirty-seven-year-old Tomasa

Orozco of Big Spring has been charged with attempted murder and is in custody. Bond has been set at \$40,000.

Sgt. Sweatt said police were alerted to the stabbing when a van pulled up behind a



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Big Spring police officer on patrol.

The driver of the van told the officer there was an injured woman in the vehicle, said Sweatt.

Sweatt said Orozco was arrested in the 200 block of NW Second after she allegedly stabbed Adams twice about 1:44 a.m. Adams was stabbed one time each in the neck and in the chest, he added.

Sweatt said the investigation is continuing and details are sketchy as of this morning because Adams was being taken to surgery while police were still attempting to question her during the night.

From information they were able to gather from the victim, investigators were able to interview Orozco at the NW Second address, where she was later arrested.

## Decrease in area school enrollment not as bad as expected

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

Enrollment figures for area schools are better than was first anticipated by district officials, with as few as 20 students less in any one district and more expected after Labor Day.

"We started the year with 910 students, which is down from last year, but up from the end of last year.

"We have 915 now, so our enrollment is slowly going up," said Coahoma Superintendent Dr. Bill Kingston.

Coahoma student enrollment at the beginning of the 1998-99 school year was 945. The year



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ended with 899 students enrolled, he said.

Stanton Independent School District enrollment has slightly increased from last year, said Superintendent Jim White.

Total enrollment at the end of the 1998-99 school year was 835, and the year began with about



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860 students, he said.

"We're still a little low, because we're used to about 880 students.

"But we're up about 25 students from the end of last year, and we expect more in the next few weeks," White said.

High School enrollment is 242 students, with 203 junior high students and 403 elementary students attending Stanton schools, he said.

Forsan student enrollment has actually increased somewhat over last year's numbers, said Superintendent Jim Yancey.

"We've got 707 students total now, and we know we will be

getting some more because we know of some students who are just not here yet," Yancey said.

Yancey said the loss to the district this year was not students, but was in property valuations.

"We've not suffered any major losses in enrollment. We've lost value, but we haven't lost kids," Yancey said.

Grady ISD has 19 teachers and 221 students enrolled this year, a slight increase over last year's enrollment, he said.

"This is mainly due to transfers. We've had people from Midland who learned of our school and want their children in a small school setting," he said.

Glasscock County ISD began the year about 20 students less than last year, according to Superintendent Charles Zachry.

"We're down a little bit from last year, but we're expecting more kids. We should be up to about 380 students after Labor Day," Zachry said.

Enrollment at Sands Consolidated Independent School District remains about the same as it did last year, according to elementary principal Zaida Bilbo.

"We're around 218 or 220, about where we were last year," Bilbo said.

More students are expected after Labor Day, she said.

## VA Home

Earth-moving equipment to be on site today, contractor says

By BILL McCLELLAN  
News Editor

Long-awaited construction of the Big Spring Veterans Home appears imminent as the contractor is bringing dirt-moving equipment on site today.

"We're looking forward to getting started," said Leonard Greco, operations manager for M.W. Builders, the company constructing the 76,000 square-foot facility, as well as veterans homes in Temple, Floresville and Bonham. "It's nice to do a project in Big Spring."

Greco is responsible for all four projects.

"We're getting ready to begin some earth work there. We're actually still waiting on the final funding, but we're going to go ahead and get started," Greco said this morning. He expects dirt work to take 30 to 45 days.

"We have a 13-month construction schedule which would complete us the end of October or into November of next year," said Greco, who is in the process of negotiating with contractors.

"At times I expect there will be 75 to 100 people working on the project," he noted.

When completed, the facility will house 160 veterans and employ 150 workers.

Built with what design engineers are calling a "neighborhood" concept, it will feature natural lighting, shelves in each residents' room and a play area for children visitors. A secure, 32-bed Alzheimer's unit will be included. Other features will include a library, chapel and gift shop, said Paul Sturrock, spokesman for the state land office.

"It will be designed for veterans who need skilled, long-term care," he said.

The facility will provide physical, speech and occupational therapy, on-going health care assessments, hospice care, respite care, social services, therapeutic activities and wound care.

Graeber, Simmons & Cowan, an architectural design firm in Austin, will serve as construction management oversight representative for the state.



# Veto of Republican tax cut certain, but then compromise possible

WASHINGTON (AP) — There is room for compromise with Republicans on tax cuts, but they must be modest and not come at the expense of adequate spending on critical programs, a top White House aide says.

John Podesta, the White House chief of staff, said President Clinton hopes to begin serious negotiations with the GOP-led Congress on spending and tax issues after he vetoes the 10-year, \$792 billion Republican tax cut.

"We believe that some tax relief is appropriate," Podesta said following a National Press Club speech Wednesday. "It ought to be balanced against the

other important national needs."

Podesta stressed the administration's contention that the tax bill passed by the GOP-led Congress spends too much of projected budget surpluses — at the expense of Social Security and Medicare — and is improperly weighted toward wealthier taxpayers. He said Clinton would veto the measure as soon as congressional leaders send it to the White House, which will occur as early as Sept. 14.

"Please send us the tax cut bill so that we don't have to keep fooling around with the phony debate," Podesta said. "Send it down to us so that we

can veto it, and then move forward."

Republicans kept the tax bill locked away on Capitol Hill during the August recess as they tried to drum up public support for the measure and demonstrate their commitment to cutting taxes as a prelude to the 2000 congressional elections.

Over 10 years, the bill would reduce all income tax rates by 1 percentage point, ease the marriage penalty on many two-income couples, eliminate estate taxes and the alternative minimum income tax, reduce capital gains taxes, expand pension and 401(k) laws and provide business tax breaks.

There are mixed feelings within the GOP about whether to seek compromise with the president on a smaller tax bill. Some hard-liners would rather force a veto on the \$792 billion bill and use that as a political issue, but others believe voters prefer a concrete accomplishment even if it is more modest.

Clinton has said a tax cut of up to \$300 billion over 10 years might be acceptable, and moderate lawmakers of both parties in Congress are working on alternatives somewhat higher than that.

Although Podesta discounted any growth in public support for the GOP plan, many

Republicans believe Clinton's willingness to compromise shows that parts of the bill are popular.

"This latest exercise is further proof that President Clinton does not want to admit that he is dead set against giving any tax relief to married couples, small business owners, investors and millions of other Americans," said Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Ultimately, the size of any tax cut depends on how lawmakers cope with tight spending caps imposed as part of the 1997 balanced budget deal. Unless the

caps are lifted — neither the White House nor GOP leaders are suggesting that — many programs are going to suffer.

In his speech, Podesta accused Republicans of shortchanging vital science and research programs in various spending bills, including a cut of \$1 billion from Clinton's fiscal year 2000 request for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and a cut of \$1.8 billion for civilian research and development.

"We should all be working toward bipartisan progress, not playing politics with an issue so fundamentally crucial to our nation's future," Podesta said.

## House panel issues subpoenas in Puerto Rican clemency case

WASHINGTON (AP) — A House panel is demanding the Clinton administration hand over records on 16 militant Puerto Rican nationalists who were offered clemency by the president.

The Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, headed by Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., on Wednesday issued subpoenas to the White House and Justice Department. Information the Bureau of Prisons provided to the Justice Department was also subpoenaed.

Clinton offered immediate freedom to 11 of 16 prisoners last month in exchange for renunciations of the use of violence, a decision that has drawn a firestorm of criticism. Two others would have to serve additional prison time before release, and three would have the unpaid balance of their criminal fines canceled.

Meanwhile in a parallel investigation, Sen. Orrin Hatch, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, also requested information from the Justice Department in anticipation of expected Congressional hearings on the politically-charged matter later this month.

In his letter to Attorney General Janet Reno, Hatch, R-Utah, said he was troubled by reports indicating the Justice Department had not made a formal recommendation to the White House on the clemency issue, despite the vigorous objections of the law enforcement community.

He said he was also bothered by reports of Bureau of Prisons recordings of the inmates in question in which they allegedly plotted to again use violence.

"I would hope that, on a matter of such importance, the

Department of Justice, and the attorney general in particular, would make its views known to the White House," Hatch wrote.

The Bureau of Prisons has declined to confirm or deny existence of the tapes but a spokesman did say that inmates' social calls are routinely monitored by officials.

The president's clemency offer has outraged the law enforcement community and Republicans; some accuse Clinton of using it to help his wife's all-but-announced Senate candidacy from New York. The state is home to nearly 1.3 million Puerto Ricans.

White House spokesman Jim Kennedy called that assertion "absolutely false" but said he could not comment on the issue of the subpoena itself.

Even some Democrats oppose the clemency offer.

## Federal marshals secure Waco evidence

WASHINGTON (AP) — Previously undisclosed evidence in the FBI's 1993 tear-gas assault on the Branch Davidian cult near Waco, Texas, has been impounded by federal marshals as Justice Department officials begin talking with possible candidates to head an outside investigation of the escalating tear-gas controversy.

The marshals took custody of an infrared videotape recorded during the early morning of April 19, 1993, when FBI agents lobbed incendiary tear-gas canisters at a concrete bunker adjacent to the Davidians' compound, an FBI source said Wednesday, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Hours later, the wooden compound erupted into flames. Cult leader David Koresh and some 80 followers died during the inferno, some from gunshot wounds, others from the fire.

The FBI and Attorney General Janet Reno, who have been heavily criticized over the Waco tragedy, have said there was no evidence to suggest the blaze was set by the combustible canisters.

Senior Justice officials directed the marshals to seize the evidence Wednesday afternoon after being informed by the FBI that new information had been discovered in the files of the FBI's Hostage Rescue Team at Quantico, Va., Justice and FBI officials said.

The Dallas Morning News and The New York Times in today's editions quoted officials as saying an audio track on the infrared tape picked up the voice of an agent seeking and receiving permission from a commander to fire incendiary tear-gas grenades at the bunker.

Reno has decided upon an independent inquiry — as rec-

ommended by the White House, the head of the FBI and several lawmakers — instead of one run from within her department, the Times and The Washington Post reported.

An informal list of several potential outside candidates to head the probe was in circulation, and some of them have been contacted, a Justice source said Wednesday. Reno was out of the country on official business through today.

Department sources said Reno and her top aides were angered at the latest twist in the newly resurgent Waco controversy. Just a week ago, the FBI was forced to retreat from six years of denials that it had used incendiary tear gas during the final hours of the 51-day siege, which had begun in a bloody shootout when federal agents tried to arrest Koresh on weapons charges.

## A weaker Dennis punishes Outer Banks

WAVES, N.C. (AP) — Tropical Storm Dennis stumbled down the North Carolina coast, half the storm it was when it first spun into the Outer Banks earlier this week but still making life hard for 5,000 people here.

The fragile barrier islands were lashed by 60 mph winds and 14-foot waves as relief crews worked frantically to deliver supplies to thousands of stranded people.

President Clinton declared 50-mile-long Hatteras Island a disaster area and a National Guard convoy ferried meals to the island before ocean overwash forced them to turn back.

"Between Avon and Buxton, it's completely washed out," Sgt. Joe Baker of the National Guard said Wednesday while the convoy rushed to get off the island before high tide.

More than 5,000 people, mostly residents, stayed on Hatteras Island after officials ordered an evacuation Sunday, then were stuck when the island's only

north-south highway, became impassable.

The convoy braved ocean overwash and 4-foot-deep sand to deliver 3,700 ready-to-eat meals to three fire stations before turning back.

"The main thing is getting the road clear so we can get some help to those people," said Sgt. Craig Garriss of the state Highway Patrol. "They're in dire need of help."

Hatteras Island was without electricity, telephone service and, in some cases, water because electric pumps were knocked out, Garriss said. In Hatteras village, ham radio operators reported extensive flooding.

A Coast Guard helicopter airlifted a pregnant Hatteras Island woman, 19-year-old Amber Simerly, to Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City, where she gave birth.

Elsewhere on the Outer Banks, at least three cars were buried in sand up to their door

handles in Nags Head. One cottage collapsed at Kitty Hawk, and five were reported destroyed at Rodanthe on Hatteras Island.

On Ocracoke Island flooding was widespread. Some 1,000 islanders remained without power, but ham radio operator Dale Muro said everyone seemed to be getting along all right.

Nine coastal counties also were issued with federal disaster declarations, meaning the government will cover 75 percent of the cost of relief efforts.

At 5 a.m. today, Dennis was nearly stationary, 110 miles east of Cape Hatteras, still lashing the barrier islands with gusty wind and high waves. No significant motion was expected today.

A tropical storm warning remained in effect from Surf City to Chincoteague, Va. A gale warning was in effect from Chincoteague to Fenwick Island, Del.

## Clinton legal fund tries to tap unlikely donor

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton's defense fund has played on the sentiments of many a Democratic sympathizer in an attempt to cover the Clinton family's legal bills, but at least one prospective donor was left cold: Monica Lewinsky's father.

Bernard Lewinsky, a Beverly Hills doctor who has contributed to the Democratic Party over the years, recently received a request from the Clinton Legal Expense Trust asking for help in paying off the \$10.5 million in legal expenses of Clinton and his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Lewinsky wrote "Return to sender" on the envelope, scrawling underneath, "You must be morons to send me this letter!" according to a Lewinsky family friend.

The friend asked not to be identified.

Anthony Essaye, the fund's executive director, said Wednesday that he couldn't confirm the form letter was sent to Lewinsky but assumes it was.

"It's just one of those things that happens," Essaye said. "I'm sorry to burden him with that."

The fund mails its donation requests to lists of people recommended by a direct mail


group, he said.

It's possible the same group is working with the Democratic National Committee.

Less than a month ago, Lewinsky's friend said, the DNC sent the father of the former White House intern a photograph of Clinton and Mrs. Clinton with a fund-raising plea and the message, "Thank you for your understanding during the last year."

### CORRECTION NOTICE

In our September 2 advertisement, we offered a Hewlett-Packard color printer (model 812C) for \$149.99. The correct price for this printer is \$199.99. We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused.



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OUR VIEWS

Let's support area grid teams on Friday night

The 1999 football season gets into full gear Friday, as Big Spring's Steers play their home opener and the Crossroads Area's seven other high schools open their seasons.

While Big Spring opened its season last week with a 17-7 upset of Plainview's then No. 10-ranked Bulldogs, it will be Grady's Wildcats that step onto the field first this Friday.

The Wildcats travel to Midland where they'll face Midland Trinity in a game set for a 5:30 p.m. start. Two hours later, Big Spring will take on Frenship and Coahoma's Bulldogs will host Lorenzo's Hornets. Two more games are also set for 7:30, as Sands' No. 3-ranked Mustangs take on Grandfalls' Cowboys and Borden County's Coyotes take on Wilson.

Rounding out the Friday schedule are 8 p.m. games that see Forsan's Buffaloes playing host to Crossroads Area rival Garden City's Bearkats and Stanton's Buffaloes playing host to Midland Greenwood's Rangers.

Sadly, in a great many stadiums around the state, Friday's focus will be on something other than football following this summer's conflicting rulings by two federal appeals courts concerning the legality of pregame prayer.

To some extent, that will be the case at Big Spring's Memorial Stadium.

Prior to Friday's playing of the national anthem, an unannounced moment of silence will be observed, and a group of concerned residents are encouraging fans to recite the Lord's Prayer in unison at that moment.

Regardless of how we choose to express our religious freedom, however, it should be remembered that "Friday night under the lights" is the time young people in our communities rightfully take center stage.

It is a time for them to display their talents honed by hard work and sacrifice, and we should offer our support.

We can do that whether or not court decisions allow us to formally express gratitude to the Higher Power of our understanding.

We encourage readers to go out and support the team of their choice tomorrow night and to thank God for the right to do so.

OTHER VIEWS

The Federal District Court in New York ruled properly that the city's attempt to prevent the so-called Million Youth March violated the constitutional right to free speech. Instead of appealing to a higher court, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani needs to issue the necessary permits and concentrate on making this a safe and orderly gathering.

To escalate the public statements and the legal battle would only inflame racial tensions — and provide the arch-bigot Khalid Abdul Muhammad with free publicity and a wider audience.

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Ken Starr wants to leave the independent counsel's post and has told a three-judge panel that he plans to leave before the end of the year.

Given the thankless nature of the job, who can blame him?

However, Starr ... should stay on to see his work through to completion. After all, this investigation is hardly ordinary. It resulted in the impeachment of the president and his near-removal from office.

We could understand Starr's point if there were only loose ends left and subordinates could wrap up the loose ends and edit the final report. But Starr won't say if that's the case and has declined to tell the three-judge panel what, if any, significant prosecutions remain.

Starr has said that he expected the investigation and the final report to be done by November 2000.

We would hope it is a lot sooner than that.

It would be better if it ended before the end of this year.

SOUTH COUNTY JOURNAL, KENT, WASH.

Slow days at the high court not likely to change

The final figures for the Supreme Court's 1998 term are at hand. Once again they raise a question some of us observers have hollered about before: Are the Supremes earning their pay?

Look at the record: During the term that ended on June 23, the court decided only 75 cases by signed opinions.

Justices Clarence Thomas and David Souter each wrote only seven majority opinions. Justices Antonin Scalia, Anthony Kennedy and Stephen Breyer were more productive. They wrote eight apiece. Next came Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, John Paul Stevens and Chief Justice William Rehnquist, with nine. Sandra Day O'Connor wrote 10. Hear, hear!

This is not what you would call heavy lifting. I don't mean to seem ungrateful, but on a scale of productivity, those 75 opinions add up to small potatoes. In the federal judicial system, a circuit judge typically will turn out 50 signed opinions a year. Half of

these will be published opinions dealing with significant questions of statutory or constitutional law.

What's the problem? The first explanation is that the workload of the high court cannot fairly be measured in formal opinions alone. More than 2,000 fully paid petitions for review are filed every year. Another 5,000 cases are filed by paupers, mostly prisoners, who swear they cannot afford the \$300 filing fee. A thousand cases linger on from the prior term.

All told, 8,083 cases were on the court's docket when the term ended in June. Somebody has to read this stuff — or at least glance at it. Most of this labor may be delegated to clerks, but the nine justices themselves have final responsibility for choosing the cases they will hear.

The court also bears final judicial responsibility in cases of capital punishment. Hours must be devoted to conferences on case selection. Drafts of opinions must be circulated among the nine members. Concurring and dissenting opinions must be written, and the incoming tide of petitions never stops.

The court's Rule 10 accounts for some of the meager statistics: "A writ of certiorari will be granted only for compelling

reasons." The court does not sit to settle disputes. It sits to settle the law. Not many petitions, it is said, present truly compelling issues.

After all these explanations have been taken into account, the lean and scrawny statistics speak for themselves. The chief justice draws an annual salary of \$175,400. The eight associate justices are paid \$167,900 for a year's work. Peripheral benefits are generous. Working conditions appear to be ideal. Job security is unbeatable. The justices rank with the president, the speaker of the House and the Senate majority leader as the most powerful figures in our government.

Why doesn't the court decide more cases? The short answer is that the court doesn't take enough cases in the first place. This isn't for want of good cases from which to choose. U.S. Law Week carries a monthly roundup of disagreements among the 11 federal circuits. These split decisions cover the full range of federal jurisprudence.

No question of criminal law has caused more dissension among federal judges than the sentencing of convicted defendants. The guidelines established by the moribund U.S. Sentencing Commission were intended to encourage uniformity among the circuits, but

conflicting interpretations have created wholesale confusion.

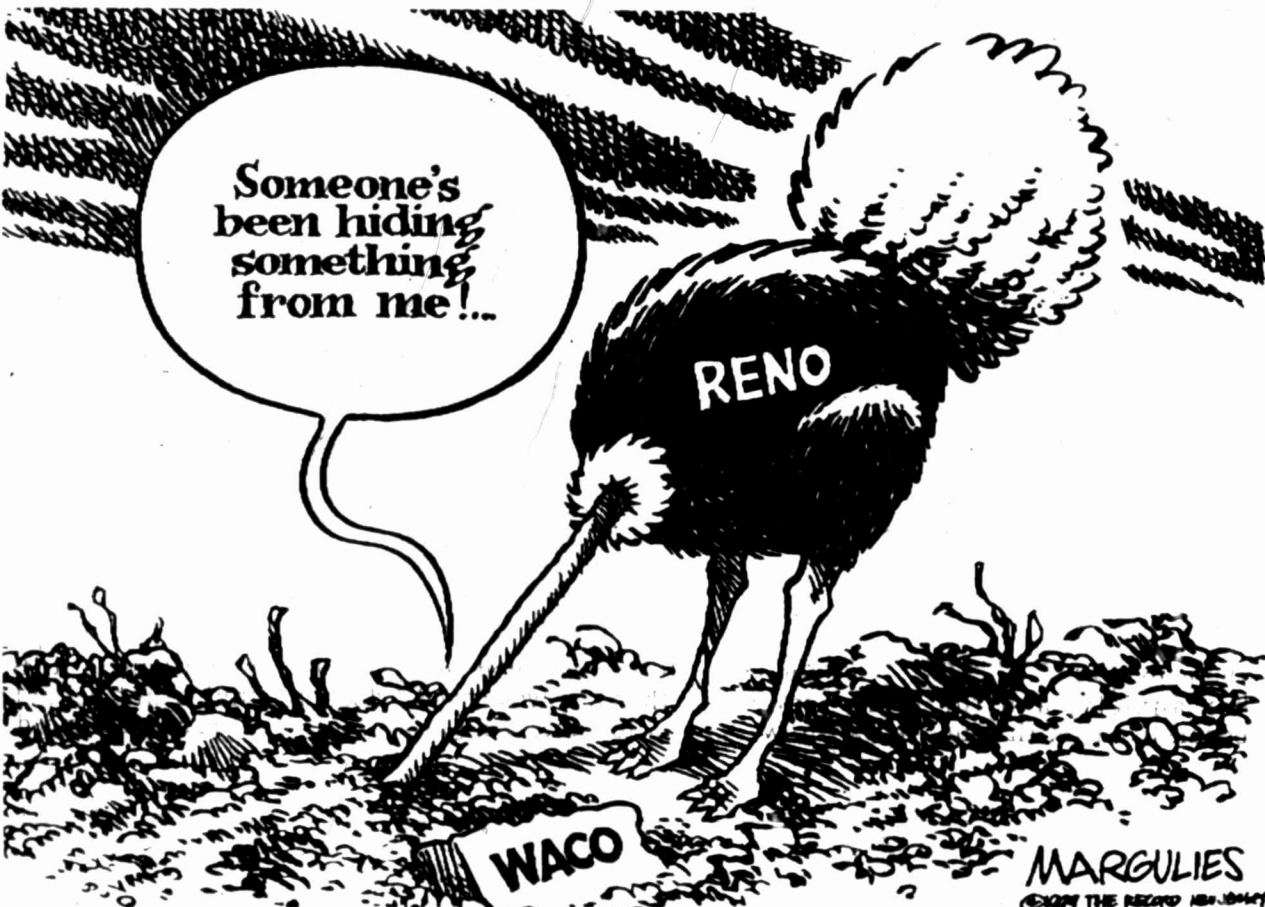
For example, the rules permit a reduction in a defendant's sentence for providing "substantial assistance" to a prosecution. The 1st Circuit reads the rule in one way, the 4th Circuit in another. Thus there is one law in Massachusetts, a different law in Maryland. The 5th and 6th Circuits are split on penalties for certain firearms offenses. The result is that such cases are handled one way in Mississippi, another way in Kentucky.

Surely the Supreme Court has some obligation to recognize more of these split decisions than it now accepts. Petitions abound for review of cases involving the First and Fourth Amendments. All that is required is that four justices vote in conference to take a particular case. The justices are picky-picky-picky. They will resolve 20 or 30 inter-circuit conflicts every term, but they will ignore a hundred more.

No change is in sight. The court will hear oral argument on only 39 days in the coming term. It will convene on only five mornings next month, and will hear no cases at all after April 26. Reporters who ask for comment will get nowhere. The court is in the middle of a three-month recess.



JAMES J. KILPATRICK



We could call them the toxic Olympics

If you were going to clean up a toxic-waste dump, would you build a house on the site and have your family sleep there? That is precisely where our Olympic athletes will be sleeping.

One of Australia's top geologists explained the situation to us.

Ten years ago, the site of the 2000 Summer Olympics was a forsaken, noxious marsh dubbed the "dioxin capital of the world."

The 1,900-acre area, called Homebush Bay, just nine miles west of downtown Sydney, Australia, was a toxic dump for 50 years, storage for an estimated 9 million tons of household and industrial wastes.

This industrial graveyard was used by chemical giants such as ICI and Union Carbide. They are gone now, but their legacy remains in toxic wastes buried in unmarked sites. Swimming and fishing have been banned for nine years in the water and wetlands surrounding the area, after discovery of 50 drums of dioxin — some with rusting holes — that

had been dumped in the Bay. The fish are toxic and not fit for human consumption.

But Sydney's Olympic bid committee came up with the idea of using the Games as a way to clean up the mess and create a new community. Sydney's winning 1993 bid included optimistic artistic renderings of Homebush Bay, an environmental and eco-friendly place to compete and enjoy nature.

The environmental aspect of the bid was considered to be the key facet, but many argue that Sydney hasn't cleaned up the dangerous site, instead just masking the toxins. Bulldozers have shifted toxic soil, not removed it, according to local authorities, and a waterway less than a mile from the Olympic Village still remains heavily polluted with highly toxic organochlorines and heavy metals.

Despite this, the Olympic Coordination Authority in Sydney is building a massive village and Olympic venues that will host 15 of 28 sporting events, the opening and closing ceremonies, and the athletes themselves. The Authority even refers to the events as the Green Olympics, so pleased is it with the results of a seven-year clean-up effort.

The city boasts that \$89 million has been spent in remediation and that much of the waste was consolidated into

four areas and sealed. Waterways and wetlands are still being cleansed, and birds are even returning — not a complete return to the aboriginal paradise of 100 years ago, but an improvement.

The issue, though, is not whether the Authority has cleaned up an environmental mess, but if the construction of permanent housing units on the site is really a prudent decision. How many times have we been told that everything is fixed only to be told later that everything was not? This is troubling enough when we take medicines that turn out to be harmful, but those are risks we take in an effort to cure illnesses. But why take the risk when it is unnecessary? Why not turn toxic sites into garbage dumps or railroad switching yards or any number of uses that do not include human habitation?

It was not necessary to use Homebush Bay as an Olympic site, yet oddly enough, we are told, it was the very idea of toxic cleanup that encouraged the International Olympic Committee to choose Sydney. Then again, considering the IOC's tarnished reputation emanating from bribery in the selection of Salt Lake City for the Winter Olympics, who can say what motivated this extraordinarily strange selection of a site in Sydney.



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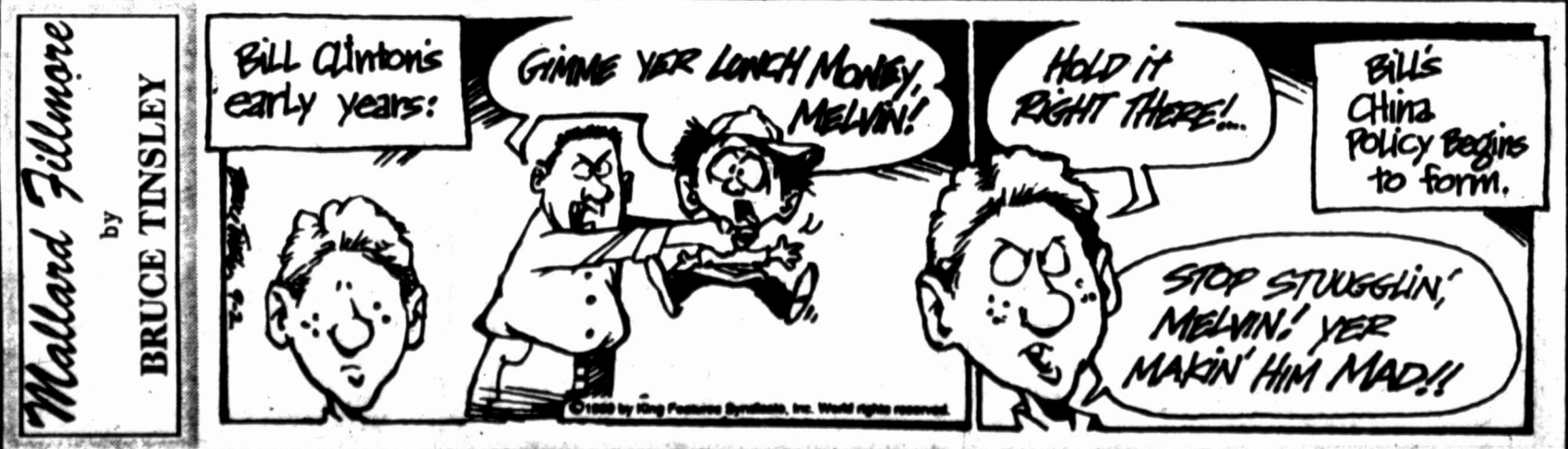
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### QUICK TRIVIA

◆The hippopotamus is an excellent swimmer and can run as fast as a human.

◆Father's Day was first observed in West Virginia in 1908.

### Got an item?

Do you have a story idea for the life! section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 236.

## RCVS seeks volunteers for tough, rewarding job

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

Most volunteer job opportunities promise rewards. But few come with the kind offered at Rape Crisis/Victim Services.

A non-profit agency that assists victims of violent crime, RC/VS relies on volunteers to make the first response for victims and their families in some cases. Those volunteers have undergone at least 40 hours of training.

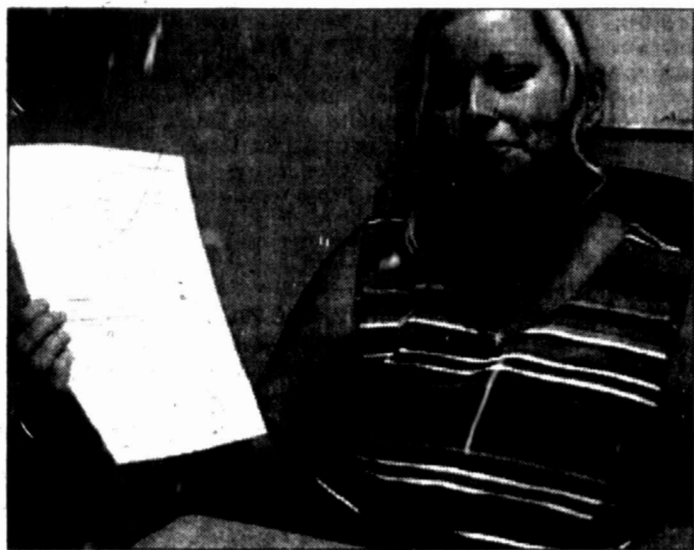
Those who complete the training, pass a test and make the commitment, however, can do some of the most rewarding work there is, said Ruthie Gilbreath, victim service and volunteer coordinator for the agency.

"A victim that is going through trauma really needs someone," said Gilbreath. "There is just nothing like that feeling that you were there for someone who needed you."

Gilbreath and other staff members will start a new training session for volunteers beginning Oct. 4. Applications are due Sept. 23.

Training sessions will be Monday through Friday, 5:30-9 p.m. for two weeks, and there is some home study involved.

Gilbreath acknowledged it is not easy to find the type of people who make good RC/VS volunteers. They must be at least 18 years old, able to respond to a pager for several days (and nights) each month, and cope well in difficult situations.



HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen  
Ruthie Gilbreath, volunteer coordinator, holds an application form that is the first step in becoming a volunteer for Rape Crisis/Victim Services.

They must be able to work as part of a team, empathize with others and have good listening skills. They must be able to keep absolute confidentiality.

Gilbreath said volunteers are essential to the work of RC/VS, and they can have a great impact on the agency.

"When you consider the cases a volunteer goes out

on," she said, "they are our voice for that client at that time. They can make a good impression and help the situation, or they can hinder it."

Volunteers who are answering the pager normally are called out for assault, sexual assault or similar cases. They will usually be asked to respond to the emergency room, sheriff's office or police department.

Volunteers are also called to the police department to wait with women who are leaving an abusive spouse, for a van from the battered women's shelter in Midland to arrive.

"Volunteers are the only people who are there just for the victim," Gilbreath said. "The hospital, the police, they have a job to do. But most victims are happy to see someone who is there just for them."

But the job, which offers no pay, does require a time commitment that many people can't give, Gilbreath said.

"People these days have such busy lives," she said. "It is getting harder and harder for us to find people who can give the kind of time we need."

Those who do, however, can rest assured their work is valued.

"We would not be able to keep our doors open, to do the work we do, if we did not have volunteers," Gilbreath said.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for Rape Crisis/Victim Services, call 263-3312. Gilbreath will send a packet of information about the agency and what the job requires, so interested people can make an informed decision.

## Tracing ancestors who were politicians

I want to discuss tracing politicians on your family tree.

When our ancestors came to America, they brought with them many of the ideas of government they had in their native lands. When they began to set up our new government, they kept the same form of political makeup that existed back home. And of course England still owned and controlled the new land our ancestors were settling.



BOBBY RAWLS

They set up courts, and political structures to take care of the

problems arising from the various situations which came to light in a new land with new ways in sight of the settlers. The House of Burgesses was formed and there were also elected officials in each borough to help keep the laws intact, and local unrest to a minimum.

There are sources you can search for these officials, and find where your ancestor was residing in the area he served.

In 1639-40, for Isle of Wright Co., Virginia, the Burgesses were:

1. From Lawnes Creek to Castle Creek, William Barnett, Richard Jackson, William Lawson.
2. From Castle Creek to the Alp's, Justinian Cooper, Henry King, William Ellis.
3. From the Alp's to Basses Choice and the Indian Field, Peter Hill, Lawrence Ward, John Sparkman.
4. From the Indian Field to the Levie Neck and so on both sides of the creek, Arthur Smith, Joseph Cobb, Robert Hyde.
5. From the Rodd Point to the head of Pagan Point Creek, Joseph Salmore, John Miles, George Rawles.
6. From Hampstead Point to John Lewin, William Cramnage.

These records indicate how important lists of this type are in placing our ancestors in a specific area. They also let us know to look in the records concerning the state papers as well.

For if they were worthy of elected or appointed positions, then they were likely to be included in reports to the legislature for their respective state.

From the biographical directory of the South Carolina House of Representatives, Volume V, 1816-1828, by Alexander Moore, Page 219.

Willis Rawls, a farmer of Kingston District, represented his home district for a single term in the Twenty-second (1816-1817) general assembly. He was on the house committees on grievances (1816-1817), privileges and elections (1816-1817), and public buildings (1816-1817). According to the 1800 census Rawls resided in Horry (Kingston) district and owned four slaves. In 1801 Rawls obtained a state grant of

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## Child's fear of dark is behavior that can be changed

QUESTION: My child is afraid of the dark. How can I lessen this fear?

DR. DOBSON: I consulted with another mother who was also worried about her 3-year-old daughter's fear of the dark. Maybe her story will be helpful to you. Despite the fact that her bedroom door was left open and there was a night-light, Marla was afraid to stay in her room alone. She insisted that her mother sit with her until she went to sleep each evening, which became very time-consuming and inconvenient. If Marla happened to awaken in the night, she would call for help. It was apparent that the child was not bluffing; she was genuinely frightened.

Fears such as this are not innate characteristics in the child; they have been learned. Parents must be very careful in expressing their own fears because their youngsters are inclined to adopt those same anxieties. For that matter, good-natured teasing can also produce problems for a child. If

a youngster walks into a dark room and is pounced upon from behind the door, he has learned something from the joke: The dark is not a l w a y s empty!

In Marla's case, it is unclear where she learned to fear the dark, but I believe her mother inadvertently magnified the problem. In her concern for Marla, she conveyed her anxiety and began to think the child must be justified. "Even Mother is worried about it." The fright became so great that Marla could not walk through a dimly lit room without an escort. It was at this point that the child was referred to me.

I suggested that the mother use a process known as "extinc-

tion" to change Marla's pattern of fear. She needed to help her see that there was nothing to be afraid of. (It is usually unfruitful to try to talk a child out of fears, but it helps to show that you are confident and unthreatened in response to them.) The mother bought a package of stars and created a chart that showed how a new CD player could be "earned." Then she placed her chair just outside Marla's bedroom door. Marla was offered a star if she could spend a short time (10 seconds) in her bedroom with the light on and the door open.

This first step was not very threatening, and Marla enjoyed the game. It was repeated several times, then she was asked to walk a few feet into a slightly darkened room with the door still open while Mother (clearly visible in the hall) counted to 10. She knew she could come out immediately if she wished. Mother talked confidently and quietly. The length of time in the dark was gradually lengthened, and instead of producing

fear, it produced stars and eventually a CD player -- a source of pleasure for a small child. Courage was being reinforced; fear was being extinguished. The cycle of fright was thereby broken, having been replaced by a healthier attitude.

Extinction may be useful in helping your own child overcome her fear of the dark. In summary, the best method of changing a learned behavior is to withhold its reinforcement while rewarding its replacement.

QUESTION: You have described the nature of willful defiant behavior and how parents should handle it. But does all unpleasant behavior result from rebellion and disobedience?

DR. DOBSON: No. Defiance can be very different in origin from the "challenging" response I've described before. A child's negativism may be caused by frustration, disappointment, fatigue, illness or rejection, and therefore must

be interpreted as a warning signal to be heeded.

Perhaps the toughest task in parenthood is to recognize the difference between these behavioral messages. A child's resistant behavior a

message to his parents they must decode before responding. For example, a disobedient youngster may be saying, "I feel unloved now that I'm stuck with that screaming baby brother. Mom used to care for me; now nobody wants me. I hate everybody."

When this kind of message underlies the defiance, the parents should move quickly to pacify its cause. The art of good parenthood, then, revolves around the interpretation of behavior.

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

## Fifth grade essay contest winners display creativity along with grammar skills

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following three essays were winners in the contest sponsored by the Big Spring Herald and Blue Bell Creameries.

### Summer vacation 1999

by Cherish Taylor

It all started in May. It was the last day of school. I was waiting forever. I knew I was going to have a wonderful time. Waking up late, going to bed late, watching TV all day if I wanted. Eating candy and drinking Dr Pepper.

What I forgot about is that my mom had to work. And it got worse. Grandma had me and my sister clean every day! Making up the beds, sweeping the floor, washing dishes, washing clothes, cleaning the yard. My vacation had turned into a nightmare!

No matter how much I complained to my mom, the cleaning never stopped! And just when I was going to give up and die, Mom said to pack our bags. "We're going to Austin to see Dad." I was so excited! Maybe my life would not end.

When we got to Austin, Dad

gave us a big hug and we stayed in a big hotel that had a swimming pool inside. The next day Dad took us to eat at Jack-in-the-Box then he took us to the store and bought all of us a swimsuit.

And then the best thing ever happened. We drove around forever I thought, but when we stopped, we were at Schlitterbaun!

It was wonderful! So much to do! I will never forget how happy my Mom and Dad were. I even liked my sister that day. We all felt good and had a lot of fun. I guess it wasn't so bad to clean up and make grandma happy. Not after Dad took us all out on a date to Schlitterbaun.

### Moving to Texas

by Jonathan McMeans

My family and I just moved to Texas from Burley, Idaho. Because we had lived in Big Spring before, I was really excited.

It all started about a month before school ended last year. My dad told us that we were going to fly to Texas to see about moving back to our old

church and home. The trip was really fun. It was great to see old friends again. When school ended, we knew we were moving home soon.

Back in Burley, we opened our small summer suitcase and began to pack for a big move. For the next month we packed, cleaned, and had a giant garage sale. The whole family helped with the work.

Then moving day came. We woke up early so dad could get the truck and trailers. All day long people came to help. We loaded and loaded. By night time everything was ready to go. We had to spend the night in a motel.

Because my grandmother and granddad were with us, we traveled more slowly. It took four days and nights to make the long trip. We took turns riding in the different vehicles. Some of the hills took forever because the moving truck just wouldn't climb. We finally made it.

In Big Spring, lots of people came to help us unpack. It is really good to be back at home. We like living by our friends

again.

By the way, we still have some boxes to unpack. Why don't you come over?

### How I Spent My Summer Vacation

by Nicholas Ross

My summer story camping in Abilene begins right after school May 21, 1999. I rode on the bus to Ninth and Nolan and raced back to my brick house on the block.

I saw my brother Chris and his friends having a water balloon fight. I dodged the balloons and took off to my room. I threw my backpack and changed and got ready for the first day of summer vacation.

First, when I was through changing, I hopped to the Nintendo 64 and retrieved a control and Super Mario. As time passed my relatives started coming. My mom and my aunts cooked a marvelous dinner. We had a great time. Soon everyone was leaving. My cousins Josh and Micheal spent a night at our home. In the morning my cousins left. We had to pack because we were

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### SLICE of life!

#### NEWS ABOUT YOU

Are your grandparents the greatest? Tell us why in a letter, e-mail or fax, and you (and your grandparents) may be featured in an upcoming story.

Do your grandparents go the extra mile in helping to care for you? Or have your parents taken a vital role in caring for your children, their grandchildren?

Have they endured difficult times in the family, or inspired you and others to better lives? We want to know!

Send your thoughts to: life! section, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring; or e-mail to: [walker@ccrc.com](mailto:walker@ccrc.com) with a note "for life! section" in the subject line; or fax your note to 264-7205, attention Debbie or Gina.

#### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**SENIOR CITIZENS WHO HAVE** witnessed the effects of childhood diseases are needed to staff a new volunteer program that will promote immunizations.

Volunteers 55 and older are sought for the effort, to be known as the Seniors for Childhood Immunization Program. RSVP volunteers will visit new mothers at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and remind them of the importance of the immunizations.

To find out more about the program or to volunteer, call 264-2397.

#### THE LAST WORD

People will not look forward to posterity who never look backward to their ancestors.  
**Edmund Burke**

Nothing is troublesome that we do willingly.  
**Thomas Jefferson**

To be surprised, to wonder, is to begin to understand.  
**Jose Ortega Y Gasset**

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, SEPT. 3:

Your career remains a high priority. Work on developing an even stronger image and building upon your reputation. Others are drawn to you. Because of your hard work and dedication, you'll gain professionally in stature and prestige. You'll make several important contacts this year. If you are single, you are likely to meet a new romantic interest through your work or while performing a community service. If attached, the two of you might often make public appearances together. You grow as a couple because you share so much. A parent or older relative plays a significant role. GEMINI pushes you to achieve. 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)

\*\*\*\*New beginnings can happen, now that others are more in the mood to talk turkey. A child or loved one demonstrates his affection. If you ask him to put it into action, he will. A change in plans could be in the offing. Keep talks clear. Tonight: Chat, visit and do your Friday night thing. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*Another asks for your indulgence and time. You put a certain family member on a pedestal. Talk about long-run plans for security. Take time to purchase some flowers or a gift for a loved one. A boss appreciates your consideration. Tonight: Happy at home. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\*For once, you can do no wrong! Your sensitivity and caring warm others up. Carefully think through a decision, weigh

ing its impact on your situation.

Check in with a relative. Plans for a long-distance trip could change. Tonight: So many possibilities - what would you like to do? CANCER (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\*Keep a secret, even though you might really want to share it with others. An expenditure or purchase delights you. Examine what you want from another. Listen carefully to feedback, but follow your intuition with a money matter. Your sixth sense is on target. Tonight: You need some rest. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\*Aim for what you want. Others can hardly refuse you. Timing allows you to ask for that raise or special wish. Emphasis is on meetings, success and making progress. Network and reach out to others. Pursue heartfelt goals.

Tonight: Kicking up your heels. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\*\*Keep a high profile as others seek you out. Your nerves might be more frazzled than you are aware of. Other: look to you for answers. You call the shots. A boss smiles at your kindness and high performance. Success is yours. Tonight: Getting the job done. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\*You don't always see eye to eye with others, but right now agreement happens easily. Don't take another's attitude for granted. Act on it. By tomorrow, you could be dealing with a whole new set of circumstances. You might even see a different person! Tonight: Take off as soon as you can. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\*You relate well to a key person in your life. Your caring

comes out with another. Someone feels strongly about both emotional and professional concerns.

Take time for a conversation. Let others express their views. Listen! Tonight: Make nice-nice. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\*Others make an effort, despite your recent hot attitude. Another really does care about you, even though he has an odd way of showing his affection at times. Unexpected news helps you change your position. You can now view a situation differently. Tonight: Let another make plans. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\*Pace yourself and enjoy your work. Share a hobby or favorite pastime with a loved one. Express caring through your nurturing ways. Another reads your message loud and clear. Walk a

tight line financially. Changes seem to be a given, presently.

Tonight: Run errands first. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\*Express your lively, fun side. You are quirky and full of unpredictability. A flirtation could be building - be sure you want this. Another is clearly taken by you. Allow romance to build, if attached. Children bring pleasure. Tonight: Let it all hang out. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\*Home remains the most appealing spot. Clear out work and escape the office as soon as you can. Others enjoy being close to you - why not invite them over? Take time with a key family member; you count on his good will. Your caring way draws others. Tonight: Happy at your castle. ©1999 by King Features Syndicate Inc.

ESSAY

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went back to the campsite and rested. After a while we went fishing. My little cousin John Ethan caught a pregnant catfish so we threw it back. Right at that moment I caught a bass and I got to keep it. We also caught two other fish. My mom and aunts made super duper chicken fajitas with flour tortillas and french fries. We all sat down and pigged out. It was delicious!

Everybody quieted down for a while. Later we played water guns and we got soaked. After a while we went to bed. Day 3, we woke up early and everybody went swimming and we aired up two rafts and hovered around the lake. Then my four cousins and my brother went way far out with the rafts and they got into serious trouble.

Later on my cousin Lisa gave us a ride on my dad's boat. I flew off but it was fun. When we came to shore I saw my mom and dad sitting in chairs in the shallow water. An umbrella was shading them from the sun. It was relaxing. It was turning dark and everybody returned to camp.

I went to catch fireflies. Then we ate hot dogs, hamburgers, and made s'mores. My uncle must of put the whole canister of gasoline on the fire because it was shooting 4 feet off the ground. That night we packed up so we would be ready in the morning.

Finally the bright pretty stars and the shining moon came out and it was time for bed. We had to go tomorrow. The warm blazing red fire made us warm and cozy for the night.

Day 4 time to leave. We packed up and headed over the bridge that took 59 sec. to cross it. I counted. We were on our way home.

That's what I did for my summer vacation.

RAWLS

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211 acres of land in Georgetown District.

By 1820, he had increased the number of his slaves to seven but in 1830, Rawls no longer owned slaves. Federal census records suggest that Willis Rawls married and had children but the names of his wife and children are not known. Rawls was also free school commissioner of Horry District (1817).

Twenty-second general assembly Horry (Kingston) 1816-1817

Sources: census, 1800 Horry Dist., 774. Census, 1820, Horry Dist., 139. Census, 1830, Horry Dist., 262. General assembly resolutions, 1817, No. 4. House committee book, 1816, state grants, 71:398.

From the Biographical Directory of the South Carolina House of Representatives, volume IV, 1791-1815, by N. Louise Bailey, Page 468.

RAWLS, BENJAMIN (RAWLES).

Benjamin Rawls resided in Georgetown District through grants (1785, 1801) he received 710 acres near Drowning Creek. According to the 1790 federal census, he owned two slaves in Prince Winyah Parish, however, in 1800 the census listed four slaves as his property in Liberty County. Elected to the house, he represented Horry District in the 12th general assembly (1796-1797). Benjamin RAWLS was a member of the house committee on privileges and elections (1796-1797).

Twelfth general assembly Horry 1796-97.

Sources: Census, 1790, 56. Census, 1800, MARION District, 438. House journals, 1796, 6. State grants, 5:375, 71:255.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Evening Lions Club slates football barbecue Friday

The Big Spring Evening Lions Club has scheduled its 39th annual Football Barbecue for 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday in the East Room at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The barbecue meals will be priced at \$6 per plate. To go plates will also be available.

#### Big Spring Steer tickets still on sale to public

Season tickets to Big Spring Steers 1999 football games are now on sale to the general public at the BSISD Business Office.

The four-game ticket packages are priced at \$16, and will be available until Friday.

Tickets will be sold from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. The office will be closed from noon until 1 p.m.

#### Coahoma-Lorenzo game to start at earlier time

The starting time for the Coahoma Bulldogs' season opener with Lorenzo's Hornets has been changed from 8 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Lorenzo officials reportedly requested the earlier starting time Monday, in an effort to allow students and fans to make the trip and return home earlier.

#### County roping scheduled for Sept. 2 at Rodeo Bowl

A "county roping" for Howard County residents has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

Books open for the event at 5 p.m. and close at 6:30 p.m. Fees are \$40 for four head, and participants may enter as many as five times.

For more information, call Steve Fryar at 267-8333 or Diane Hofack at 267-8041.

#### Beach volleyball tourney scheduled for Sept. 18

A beach volleyball tournament sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Sports Committee has been scheduled for Sept. 18 at Comanche Trail Park.

Entry fees for the event are \$40 per team. Each team must have at least six players.

Three sand courts will be set up just west of the Dora Roberts Community Center for the tournament.

For more information, call Javier Becerra at 664-9874 or 267-4560.

#### YMCA inline hockey registration continues

Registration is now under way for the Big Spring Family YMCA's fall inline hockey program.

Boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 17 are eligible to play.

Fees for the program are set at \$15 for full YMCA members, \$25 for program members and \$32 for non-members.

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

#### YMCA swim team begins practice for fall season

The Big Spring YMCA swim team has begun practices for its fall season.

Team membership is open to anyone between the ages of 6 and 14 who can swim one length of the pool.

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

### ON THE AIR

**Radio**  
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE  
7:30 p.m. — Preseason, Jacksonville Jaguars at Dallas Cowboys, KBST-FM 90.5 and KBST-AM 1490.

**Television**  
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL  
7 p.m. — St. Louis Cardinals at Milwaukee Brewers, FXS, Ch. 29.

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL**  
7 p.m. — Oregon at Michigan State, ESPN, Ch. 30.

**TENNIS**  
6:30 p.m. — U.S. Open, men's and women's second rounds, USA, Ch. 38.

## Rangers finally unload on Tigers, rallying for 14-7 win

DETROIT (AP) — Juan Gonzalez is going to have a monster September. Texas manager Johnny Oates can just feel it.

Certainly, nothing would help the Rangers more in their stretch run for the AL West championship.

Gonzalez, Luis Alica and Gregg Zaun homered Wednesday night to help Helling stretch his winning streak to six as the Rangers pounded the Detroit Tigers 14-7.

"I was saying before the game that this could be Juan's month," Oates said. "I can tell by the way he lifts his knee and strides into the pitch that he's feeling good. Plus, Juan hasn't had that monster month yet."

Not that he's been in a slump or anything.

Gonzalez is hitting .312 with 31 homers and 109 RBIs. This is the fourth straight season he's had at least 30 homers and 100 RBIs, and the sixth time in his career.

"In my mind, I see myself hitting 40 homers every season," Gonzalez said. "But you need consistency more than anything. That's the key. So I just try to play game by game — no plan."

Gonzalez has three homers in his last five games, driving in six runs in the six games on this Texas road trip.

Dean Palmer, Tony Clark and Damion Easley homered for Detroit.

Helling (12-7) was in trouble early,

falling behind 5-1 after three innings. But he allowed just two hits in the next four innings, retiring the Tigers in order in the fifth and sixth.

"Even in the early innings, I felt good," Helling said. "I told myself to stay with it and maybe I'd quit making mistakes — or maybe they'd quit hitting my mistakes."

In seven-plus innings, Helling allowed six runs and eight hits with one walk and seven strikeouts.

"I wasn't struggling," Helling said. "It wasn't like I was getting singled to death. It's just that every time I made a mistake, they were unloading on it."

John Wetteland got the last five outs for his 37th save in 44 opportunities.

Helling, relieved by Tim Crabtree after Palmer's single leading off the eighth, hasn't lost since June 21 at Boston, going 6-0 with seven no-decisions in his last 13 starts.

"Rick changed some things around," Clark said. "He started throwing more breaking balls, and kept it away from the middle of the plate."

Detroit starter Jeff Weaver (8-10) was tagged for six runs and nine hits with one walk and four strikeouts.

Tom Goodwin's triple broke a tie, driving in Royce Clayton for a 6-5 Texas lead in the sixth.

The Rangers touched reliever Maseo Kida for six runs in the ninth, three on Zaun's first home run of the year.

## Steers facing another big foe

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

Big Spring's Steers didn't get much time to celebrate their 17-7 upset of then No. 10-ranked Plainview last week.

Instead, the Steers went right to work preparing for Friday's 7:30 p.m. home opener when Frenship's Tigers pay a call on Memorial Stadium.

"We enjoyed the win, but we had to keep it in perspective," Steers head coach Dwight Butler explained. "We've got another big football game this week. In fact, our schedule is loaded with good teams, and we can't spend a lot of time thinking about how well we played the last time out."

As a result, Butler and the members of his staff have been task masters this week, putting the Steers through a series of tough workouts.

However, Butler does believe the momentum gained in the season opener should be a plus for his team.

"Hopefully, last week can't do anything but help our confidence," he explained. "The key will be to stay back and think about the beating Plainview is going to make it easy when Frenship comes in here."

"That's why we've had some tough workouts this week," Butler added. "We're going to be facing a team that's even bigger than Plainview. They're probably not as flashy a football team, but they're a good, solid football team ... they do things pretty well."

There shouldn't be many surprises from Frenship, however, since the Tigers' stock and trade has been power football.

"They're not going to try and run past you, they're going to try and run right over us," Butler said of the Tigers' information offensive scheme.

"That power running attack sets up their play-action pass-



HERALD photo/Jim Fiero

Big Spring defenders swarm toward Plainview tailback Rod Ansley in the first half of the Steers' season opener. The Steers, who recruited Ansley in the second half, will again be challenged by a powerful offense Friday night when they play host to Frenship's Tigers.

ing game that they're good at ... always have been," he added. "That's going to put a lot of pressure on our defensive line. We've got to find a way to play on their side of the ball, and that means we've got to be more aggressive defensively than we were early in the Plainview game."

Perhaps the biggest weapon in the Steers' offensive backfield is fullback Nick Riddle. A 195-pound senior, Riddle is not only a hard-nosed runner, but is also an excellent receiver and quarterback. Trace Vineyard likes to throw to him in the flat.

Vineyard, a senior, is one of two returning quarterbacks that split time as a starter in

the Frenship backfield a year ago. The other is senior Brandon Scroggins.

While Vineyard has a strong arm, his ability to handle pressure is suspect. So, should the Steers manage to mount a solid pass rush, don't be surprised if Scroggins is called on to lead the Tiger attack.

Frenship also has solid wide receivers in split end Ryan Kirby, a senior and returning starter, and junior flanker Bryan Moore; as well as tight end Robert Caballero, a 214-pound senior who started at the position a year ago.

In addition to Caballero, the Steers have a solid line loaded with 200-pound linemen including tackle Brandon Davidson,

center Wes Havens and guards Curtis Riddle and Nathan Cates.

Havens is the smallest of that quintet at 215 pounds, while Davidson tips the scales at 223. But Riddle and Cates are clearly a load, both weighing just over 260 pounds.

Defensively the Steers are also big up front and Butler says there's little mystery to Frenship's plan.

"They like to take those four big guys up front and come right at you," he explained. "They want to try and blow you offensive linemen back into the backfield. If they can do that, they've disrupted your offense before it ever gets untracked. We can't let them roll us up."

## Venus Williams advances to third round of Open

NEW YORK (AP) — Venus Williams is older, taller and one step ahead of sister Serena.

Richard Williams, their father and coach, is predicting the U.S. Open women's singles title match will be a sister act. With a 6-4, 6-3 victory over Anne-Gaëlle Sidot on Wednesday, the third-seeded Venus grabbed a spot in the third round of the year's final Grand Slam tournament.

Seventh-seeded Serena Williams was to play her second-round match today against Jelena Kostanic of Croatia.

Both Venus and Serena have

won two Grand Slam tournament titles each — all in mixed doubles last year. Venus teamed with Justin Gimelstob to win the Australian and French Open championships. Serena and Max Mirnyi won Wimbledon and the U.S. Open.

Of the two, only Venus, now 19, has been in a singles final at one of the four major tournaments, falling to Martina Hingis at the National Tennis Center two years ago. But if they are to play each other on the hard courts of Arthur Ashe Stadium this year, it will have to be in the championship match

because they're on opposite sides of the draw.

"I hope we can do that well. It would be great," said Venus, who is taller than her sister.

Serena, who will turn 18 later this month, agrees. "That would be really exciting, because either way one of us would be able to win our first Grand Slam," Serena said after her first-round victory. "I'm six matches away."

Wednesday evening, Sidot matched Venus in the power department. But Williams was the steadiest of the two, moving her French opponent around

the court until she found the right opening.

In all, Williams had 23 winners, seven more than Sidot, and made five fewer unforced errors to win the match in 77 minutes.

"Ever since Stanford, right after Fed Cup, I decided I was really going to start hitting the ball," Williams said. "I'm a powerful player, but I start taking some pace off the ball and make mistakes. I wasn't making full use of my power that I had."

"I started hitting the ball, going for my shots more, and that really made a difference."

## Meaningless or not, Jaguars taking on Cowboys tonight

IRVING (AP) — The exhibition finale tonight between the Jacksonville Jaguars and Dallas Cowboys will match opposite coaching philosophies.

The topic has nothing to do with offenses, defenses or special teams. It's about the significance of preseason games, especially this one, which will feature — at best — one quarter from the starters.

Cowboys coach Chan Gailey doesn't care who wins a game that doesn't count in the standings. He's often said that if winning mattered, the starters would be playing the fourth quarter.

So for him, the point of these glorified scrimmages is the chance to better evaluate his players. Dallas will have to trim 17 guys from its roster to reach the 53-man limit on Sunday.

"You can only get so many full-speed reps during the course of camp," said Gailey, whose theory worked last season

as the Cowboys went 0-5 in August, then won eight of their first 11 regular-season games.

"This is a way we get some reps. Our offense and defense will be lining up against a good football team and we'll get a chance to evaluate ourselves further."

Jaguars coach Tom Coughlin believes in the theory that any time you keep score you should be trying to win. That doesn't mean he'll leave his starters in any longer than Gailey, but he wants all his players thinking about winning instead of just playing.

"It's very important we win," Jacksonville quarterback Mark Brunell said. "That's the ultimate goal. Sure, there are a lot of things we want to work on. But the first thing on our minds is to win football games."

Coughlin wants his players thinking about something else during the trip to Dallas — establishing good habits on the

road. "It's the mentality, the attitude, the approach, the focus, the concentration," Coughlin said. "It's staying in the right frame of mind even though you're in an unusual setting. You have to deal with that, prepare yourself properly and build yourself up."

Both teams come into this game following their best performance of the summer. Dallas beat Denver 20-12 for its first exhibition victory in two years and Jacksonville is coming off a 31-6 pounding of Kansas City.

Coughlin, though, is still upset over a lack of effort in the Jaguars' previous game, a 27-20 loss to the New York Giants during which the team allowed 269 passing yards in the first half.

Jacksonville's most interesting position battle is at cornerback, where Fernando Bryant is trying to dislodge starter Dave Thomas, who missed con-

tact drills this week with a broken nose. Dallas also will be scrutinizing its cornerbacks after learning Tuesday that Kevin Smith will be out another four to six weeks. The Cowboys still don't know whether they'll have Deion Sanders back for the first, second or third game.

Other roles that could be decided by this game are the rotation at defensive tackle in place of Leon Lett, who is suspended, and the No. 3 running back job, which was opened when Tarik Smith suffered a season-ending knee injury.

"There's some even battles where we're looking for a reason to choose someone and it may happen in this game," Gailey said. "There also are some situations where we've got our minds pretty much made up, but if the other guy makes some great plays, then we might rethink where we are."

The hamstring injury that kept receiver Ernie Mills out of the Broncos game.

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BOSTON RED SOX—Activated 2B Jiffy Frye from the 15-day disabled list. CLEVELAND INDIANS—Activated OF Kevin Lofton from the 15-day disabled list. Purchased the contract of RHP Jeff Brower from Buffalo of the International League. Named Tim Kusner scout.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Recalled C Sal Iasano from Omaha of the ICL and OF Dermal Brown from Wichita of the Texas League. Purchased contract of 1B Jose Velez from Omaha and SS Felix Martinez from Wichita.
NEW YORK YANKEES—Purchased the contract of OF Darryl Strawberry from Columbus of the International League. Recalled INF Clay Bellinger and RHP Dan Naulty from Columbus.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Purchased the contract of LHP Ron Mahay from Vancouver of the PCL. Recalled LHP Tim Kubinski from Vancouver.
SEATTLE MARINERS—Recalled INF Mike Blowers from Tacoma of the PCL. RHP Dennis Stark from New Haven of the Eastern League and OF Charles Gispson from Everett of the Northwest League.
ATLANTA BRAVES—Activated OF Orel Hershiser from the 15-day disabled list. Recalled LHP Derrin Elbert from Richmond of the International League. Purchased the contract of INF Howard Battle from Richmond. Outrighted RHP Mike Carter to Richmond and RHP Joe Winkles to Greenville of the Southern League.
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Recalled RHP Eric Sabiel from Tucson of the PCL.
CHICAGO CUBS—Acquired 3B Cole Lusk from Boston to complete an earlier trade.
CINCINNATI REDS—Activated RHP Steve Parris of the 15-day disabled list. Recalled OF Mark Swenson and Jeff Kerry Robinson from Indianapolis of the International League. Purchased the contract of SS Travis Dawkins from Chattanooga of the Southern League.
COLORADO ROCKIES—Called up RHP Luther Hackman, RHP Mike DeJean, LHP Bobby Jones, C Ben Petrick and OF Derrick Gibson from Colorado Springs of the PCL and INF Juan Sosa from Salem of the Carolina League.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Activated OF Derek Bell from the 15-day disabled list.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Activated INF Tripp Cramer from the 15-day disabled list.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Recalled RHP Mike Grace from Trenton/Wilkes-Barre of the International League.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Activated LHP Pete Schourek from the 15-day disabled list.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Recalled RHP Miguel Del Toro, RHP Julian Tazewell and INF Wilson Delgado from Fresno of the PCL.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS—Signed G Vontae Cummings and C Tim Young.
LOS ANGELES LAKERS—Acquired F A.C. Green from the Dallas Mavericks for F Sean Rooks.
NEW YORK KNICKS—Re-signed F David Wingate.
Football
National Football League
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Waived DB Thomas Randolph. Waived P Brad Costello with an injury settlement.
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Traded OT John Michels to the Philadelphia Eagles for DE Jon Harris. Claimed P Chris Hanson off waivers from the Oakland Raiders. Waived DE Chris Reed and DB Denorse Mosley.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Waived RB Brian Sharp and FB Ron James. Placed DE John Browning on injured reserve. Waived CB Sean Williams on injured reserve.
NEW YORK GIANTS—Claimed CB Emmanuel McDaniel off waivers from the Miami Dolphins. Waived CB Brandon Sanders.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Released OL Jerry Craft.
National Hockey League
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Re-signed G Nicoletti Thibault, D Brad Brown and D Jamie Allison to multiple-year contracts.
DALLAS STARS—Signed RW Warren Lufbery to a two-year contract and C Keith Aldinger to a one-year contract.
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Beck makes his Boston debut an impressive one in 4-3 win

Rod Beck showed again a closer's flair for the dramatic. It didn't show up on the mound Wednesday night — his only inning went 1-2-3 — but rather in how he got to the ballpark to join his new teammates. Beck, obtained by Boston on Tuesday in a trade with the Chicago Cubs, earned his first American League save and the 258th of his career in the Red Sox's 4-3 victory over the Kansas City Royals. The six-hour flight from San Diego, where the Cubs were playing, landed in Boston around 6 p.m. Beck caught a cab from the airport to the ballpark and with the combination of game traffic and Boston's rush hour, the 10-mile trip took about 45 minutes. He did an abbreviated stretching routine in the clubhouse, made a quick pass through the dugout and headed to the bullpen. "He probably hadn't even met all those guys on the field when he was out there pitching. I still really haven't had a chance to talk to him," manager Jimmy Williams said. "But he helped us get a 'W.'" The win kept the Red Sox two games in front of Oakland in the AL wild-card race and stretched their winning streak to a season-high six games. Playoff quests and winning streaks weren't what Beck and his teammates had been talking about with the last-place Cubs. "Obviously, at this time of year, you always want to be playing in a game that means something," he said. "Over there, we hadn't played in a game that meant something since June." In other American League games, it was Baltimore 3, Oakland 1; Toronto 4, Minnesota 0; Cleveland 8, Anaheim 1; Texas 14, Detroit 7; Oakland 1, New York 1; and Seattle 3, Chicago 2. In National League games, it was Atlanta 8, Cincinnati 7; New York 9, Houston 5; San Francisco 5, Philadelphia 3 in 11 innings; Pittsburgh 9, Colorado 8; Milwaukee 5, Los Angeles 4; St. Louis 9, Florida 3; Cubs 1, Padres 0; and Expos 8, Diamondbacks 1. Kent Mercker (1-0), another late-season NL addition by the Red Sox, struck out five and walked six. He saw a 4-0 lead in the seventh cut to one run with the help of three walks and two errors, but third baseman Wilton Veras made a game-saving catch on Mike Sweeney's hard line drive down the line. Beck came on in the ninth to cheers from the Fenway Park faithful, and it was louder after he earned the save. "If I'd blown that save, I'm sure I would have heard about it," he said. Jose Rosado (7-13) threw his fourth complete game, but lost his fifth consecutive start. He allowed four runs and six hits, striking out five in eight innings as the Royals lost their sixth straight.

Orioles 3, Devil Rays 1 since the All-Star break. Albert Belle reached the 30-homer mark for the eighth straight season. His homer gave Baltimore a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the fourth. He also singled, stole second and scored in the seventh to make it 3-1. The Orioles moved out of the AL East cellar by beating Tampa Bay for only the fourth time in 11 games this season. Braves 8, Reds 7 The Cincinnati Reds are happy they won't see the Atlanta Braves for the rest of the regular season. The Braves took their eighth victory over the Reds in nine games this year. Atlanta has won 24 of the last 29 meetings. Cincinnati remained 11/2 games behind Houston in the NL Central, but fell four games behind the Mets in the NL wild-card race. Atlanta's Bret Boone hit a two-run homer and Brian Hunter added a three-run shot as the Braves built a six-run lead for starter Terry Mulholland (8-7). Cincinnati starter Ron Villone (7-5) allowed five runs in five innings to earn the loss. Mets 9, Astros 5 Robin Ventura hit his 200th career homer and drove in four runs, and Mike Piazza went 4-for-5 as New York won at Houston. Octavio Dotel (6-1) limited the Astros to four runs and five hits in five innings. The rookie right-hander is 6-0 in 11 starts since losing his major league debut. Ventura hit a two-run homer, his 29th, after Piazza doubled in the first inning. Ventura, who went 3-for-6, added an RBI single in the fifth and a run-scoring double in the sixth. Jeff Bagwell hit his 39th homer for Houston. Athletics 7, Yankees 1 Kenny Lofton returned to the Cleveland lineup and made an immediate impact, sparking a six-run third inning with a run-scoring double. Lofton, coming back from a right hamstring injury that kept him out of all but one game in August, finished 2-for-3 with a walk. Pitching before a record regular-season crowd at Jacobs Field of 43,399, Dave Burba (12-7) gave up one run and eight hits over eight innings. Cardinals 9, Marlins 3 Mark McGwire homered and Garrett Stephenson posted another strong outing for the Cardinals. McGwire ended a drought of 25 at-bats without a homer when he hit his 52nd of the season, in the fifth inning off Ryan Dempster. He passed Lou Gehrig to become the career leader at first base with 494. McGwire remained four homers behind Sammy Sosa with a 359-foot drive off the scoreboard in left field for his first homer in eight games. Sosa homered against San Diego. Cubs 1, Padres 0 Sosa homered off a TV camera in center field for his major league-leading 56th homer as Chicago won in San Diego. Sosa's shot with two outs in the fourth came on the first pitch he saw from left-hander Sterling Hitchcock and went an estimated 431 feet. The Cubs won for just the ninth time in 39 games and avoided a three-game sweep by the Padres.

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**FISHING REPORT**

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Sept. 1. (Report also available on Web as www.txfishing.com.)

**CENTRAL**  
**BROWNWOOD:** Water clear; 92 degrees; Black bass good on Chug Bugs and Fat Free Shad fished early and late along the banks. Mid morning change to spinnerbaits or Carolina-rigged junebug 7 inch Power Worms fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows fished around the dock lights at night. White bass are good on topwaters fished early and small spoons during the day. Hybrid strippers are slow.

**BUCHANAN:** Water stained; 90 degrees; Black bass are slow on 1/4oz. chartreuse/white Terminator spinnerbaits. 5" Magic Shad jerk baits and 1/4oz. chrome/chartreuse Ret Traps fished early in the creeks and along stump fields in the upper lake area in 3 to 8 feet. Crappie are fair on minnows fished at night under lighted docks. White bass are fair from the mid lake up to the mouth of the river vertically jigging 1/8oz. Horizon Perk Minnows or chug bugs 1/8oz. Spin Traps. Striped bass are slow to fair on live bait drift fishing in 25 to 35 feet (some early morning schooling action). Channel and blue catfish are good on trotlines baited with cut shad and perch.

**SOUTH**  
**AMISTAD:** Water fairly clear; 87 degrees; 36.5' low; Black bass are good on topwaters fished early and spinnerbaits, watermelon seed or pumpkinseed Carolina-rigged worms fished around the hydrilla. Crappie and white bass are fair on minnows and slabs fished at night. Striped bass are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish to 25 pounds are slow to fair on droplines baited with goldfish.

**WEST**  
**ALAN HENRY:** Water slightly stained; 83 degrees; Black bass are fair on live salamanders fished in 20 to 30 feet. No reports of Alabama Spotted bass, small mouth bass, or crappie. Channel and blue catfish are good on minnows, shrimp and salamanders fished in 25 feet. Yellow catfish are fair on perch and large minnows.

**ARROWHEAD:** Water clear; 85 degrees; 6' low; Black bass are good on chartreuse buzz baits fished near the Henrietta Bridge. Crappie are excellent on small minnows fished in 12 to 14 feet around the docks. White bass are good on minnows and white jigs fished near the Henrietta Bridge. Channel and blue catfish are good on cheese bait and chicken livers fished in 18 to 20 feet. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with perch in 15 to 20 feet on the south end of the lake.

**BRADY:** Water slightly stained; 84 degrees; 14' low; Black bass are fair on plastic worms and crankbaits fished in 5 to 10 feet. Crappie are poor on minnows fished in brush in 6 to 10 feet. White bass are good on crankbaits fished in 2 to 4 feet. Blue and channel catfish are fair on stink bait fished in 4 to 10 feet. No reports on yellow catfish.

**COLORADO CITY:** Water slightly stained; 87 degrees; 12' low; Black bass are poor. White bass are poor. Catfish are good on chicken livers and shrimp.

**FT. PHANTOM HILL:** Water clear; 81 degrees; 15' low; Black bass are good on spinnerbaits and minnows fished in 5 feet. Crappie are good on small minnows fished in 5 to 10 feet on the west side of the lake. Sand bass are poor on small minnows fished shallow. Hybrid strippers are good on buss baits and shad fished in 5 to 7 feet. Blue catfish are good on carp and perch fished in 5 to 8 feet. Yellow catfish are good on carp and perch fished in 5 to 7 feet.

**HUBBARD CREEK:** Water clear; 88 degrees; 6.75' low; Black bass to 9.98 pounds are good on worms fished in 4 to 8 feet around grass beds and rocks. Crappie are fair on small minnows and jigs fished in 8 to 15 feet and around brush piles. White bass are fair on small spinners while trolling. No reports on hybrid strippers. Channel catfish are fair on dip bait, nightcrawlers, perch and shad fished in 15 to 20 feet near boat houses. No reports of blue or yellow catfish.

**KEMP:** Water slightly stained; 81 degrees; 15' low; Black bass are poor fished in 2 to 5 feet. Sand bass are poor on minnows. Crappie are poor on minnows fished in 4 to 5 feet. Striped bass are fair on jigs and sassy shad fished in 30 to 32 feet. Blue and channel catfish are fair on perch and cut bait. No reports on yellow catfish.

**NASWORTHY:** Water stained; 88 degrees; Black bass are fair on red crankbaits and black and chartreuse Zipper worms fished in the gator weed and around docks. Crappie are fair on minnows and small crankbaits fished at night under lights. White bass are poor on small crankbaits and jigs fished under lights at night. No reports on redbell. Hybrid strippers are fair on shad patterned crankbaits fished under lights at night. Channel and blue catfish are fair on cut bait. Yellow catfish are poor on trotlines baited with goldfish, shad and perch.

**NOCCONA:** Water stained; 87 degrees; 3' low; No fishing report available.

**OAK CREEK:** Water clear; 86 degrees; 11.5' low; Black bass to 4 are fair on spinnerbaits, crankbaits, top waters and minnows fished in 10 to 19 feet. White bass are good on minnows and jigs fished in 4 to 18 feet at night. Crappie are poor on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 15 feet. Blue and channel catfish are fair on stink bait, minnows, shrimp and liver fished in 4 to 10 feet. Yellow catfish are fair on shad, gold fish, minnows, perch and cut bait fished in 6 to 12 feet.

**OH. IVE:** Water clear; 91 degrees; 8.5' low; Black bass are fair to good on top waters fished in 3 to 8 feet around grass beds on Carolina-rigs in 25 to 30 feet. Crappie are poor at night fished under lights along river channels in 35'. White bass are good at night under lights on the main lake near the dam. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live bait in 30 to 40 feet next to river channels.

**POSSUM KINGDOM:** Water clear; 85 degrees; 4' low; Black bass are poor on flukes and spoons early and on ring worms fished in 5 to 20 feet later in the day. White bass are poor on minnows fished in 10 to 20 feet and on small top waters fished early with schooling strippers. Striped bass are poor on live shad fished in 30 to 40 feet. Crappie are poor on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 20 feet. Blue catfish to 20 pounds are poor on cut shad and perch fished in 20 to 40 feet. Yellow catfish are poor on perch fished in 20 to 30 feet.

**SPENCE:** Water slightly stained; 85 degrees; Black bass are poor on plastic baits fished near structure. White bass are excellent on small crankbaits and top waters fished near shallow sand bars in the main lake (schooling). No reports on crappie. Striped bass are good on cut bait, live shad and top waters fished in 10 to 15 feet. Channel and blue catfish are good on shrimp and night-crawlers fished near the bank. No reports on yellow catfish.

**STAMFORD:** Water clear; 85 degrees; 12' low; Black bass are good on crankbaits and plastics fished deep. No report on crappie. White bass are good on jigs and roadrunners fished in the boils near the power plant with schooling action. Yellow catfish to 20 pounds are good on trotlines baited with perch. Channel catfish are good on trotlines and rod and reels baited with shad. Blue catfish are good to excellent on trotlines baited with shad in 4 to 6 feet.

**SWEETWATER:** Water slightly stained; 86 degrees; 14' low; Black bass are poor on red shad worms fished in 8 to 10 feet. No report on crappie or white bass. Blue and channel catfish to 15 pounds are excellent on shrimp and minnows fished in 5 to 6 feet. No reports of yellow catfish.

**TWIN BUTTES:** Water stained; 88 degrees; 35 feet low; Black bass are poor on crankbaits fished along the dam. White bass are poor on minnows and very small crankbaits with some schooling action. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished along channels in brush. Channel, blue and yellow catfish are fair on cut shad and worms.

**WHITE RIVER:** Water clear; 85 degrees; Black bass are poor on spinnerbaits and minnows fished shallow. Crappie are poor to fair on small minnows fished early and late. White bass are fair on minnows. No reports on yellow catfish. Channel catfish are good on shrimp and nightcrawlers fished in the mouths of the rivers and creeks. No reports on blue or yellow catfish.

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By BETTY DEBNAM

**A Good Look at Role Models  
You Can Be Great!**



We sometimes look to athletes and music, film and TV stars as heroes and heroines. We often think these rich and famous celebrities are great. We want to be like them.

There are celebrities who do many good deeds for others and are good role models, too.



Cal Ripken Jr. is the shortstop for the Baltimore Orioles. In 1996, he set the world record for the most baseball games played in a row. He also does a lot off the field in his city to support reading, health and recreation programs.



Oprah Winfrey is a very successful talk-show host, actress and businesswoman. She is generous in giving her money and time to help other people. She, too, is interested in encouraging reading.

But while we admire these people for what they do on the stage or on the field, do we really know about how they rate in the other part of being great? It's their life off the stage or field that really counts.

There is more to greatness than hitting home runs, having a hit album or starring in a blockbuster film or TV show.

**Doing good**

True greatness is based on doing good. When you do something over and over again, it becomes a habit. Then it becomes a trait, or something you are known for.

Before you pick out a superstar to admire, make certain he or she has good character traits, too. Make certain your role model is worthy.

The Mini Page thanks Dr. Charles Haynes, Character Education Partnership, Washington, D.C.; Linda McKay and Judy Owens, Character Plus of the Cooperating School Districts, St. Louis, Mo.; and Val J. Heilmann of the Caring Institute, Washington, D.C., for help with this issue.

Some role models might be close to home. Who would you put on your list?

Family member
Friend
Neighbor

**Be great yourself**

You could be someone else's role model. You don't have to be a big star to be great yourself! You can be great in your very own way. The more you practice good character traits, the better person you become. People with good character traits are usually happier and lead fuller lives than people with bad traits.

HERE ARE SOME GOOD CHARACTER BUILDING BLOCKS.

- Respect
- Responsibility
- Fairness
- Cooperation
- Caring
- Honesty
- Courage
- Service
- Self-control
- Trust
- Perseverance
- Tolerance
- And many more good things

**MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes**

Q: BY DID THE ORANGE GO TO THE DOCTOR?  
A: SNOW!

Q: WHAT FALLS DOWN BUT NEVER GETS HURT?  
A: SNOW!

Q: WHAT DID THE MAN SAY WHEN THE PICTURE FELL ON HIS HEAD?  
A: "I'VE BEEN FRAMED!"

(all jokes sent in by Mia Trest)

**Meet Mya**

The singer Mya may be just 19 years old, but she is already a big musical star. Her first album came out last year and had the hit song, "It's All About Me." Mya, whose last name is Harrison, was named after author Maya Angelou. She was born in Washington, D.C. From age 2 until 8, she took ballet, tap and jazz dance lessons. At 12 she took up dancing again and joined a dance group. She also studied dance in New York, and has taught dance to kids. Her singing career began when her father played some tapes of her singing to a record company president.

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**Rookie Cookies Recipe**

**Caring Clusters**

You'll need:

- 1 (6-ounce) bag chocolate chips
- 1 (6-ounce) bag butterscotch chips
- 2 tablespoons peanut butter
- 4 cups crisp rice cereal

What to do:

- Place contents of both bags of chips and peanut butter in a microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on HIGH 2 minutes or until melted. Stir halfway through cooking.
- Stir in cereal.
- Drop by teaspoonfuls on a cookie sheet.
- Refrigerate until firm. Makes about 24.

**GOOD CHARACTER FIND**

Words that remind us of good character are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: HONEST, CARING, COURAGE, COOPERATION, RESPECT, SELF SERVICE, GOALS, JUSTICE, TRUST, WORK, HOME, KIDS, FAIR, KINDNESS.

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**Mini Spy ...**

Mini Spy and her friends are helping Rookie Cookie to study better for her next test. That shows caring. See if you can find:

- flyswatter
- basket
- muffin
- sailboat
- rolling pin
- ruler
- caterpillar
- number 3
- safety pin
- elephant's head
- carrot
- bell
- bandage

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**Build Your Own Great Character**

Great people

Entertainer Bill Cosby has given much time and money to educational causes.

Musician Midori Goto, a world-famous violinist, devotes much of her time to giving free concerts to children in New York City.

Former President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, work with Habitat for Humanity, a group that builds houses for the homeless.

The Carters have been awarded National Caring Awards. The Hall of Fame for Caring Americans, sponsored by the Caring Institute, is in Washington, D.C.

Look through your newspaper for pictures and stories about people who might serve as role models.

Next week, The Mini Page celebrates the year 2000 with a story about housing through the ages.

**Respect**  
Showing consideration for: yourself, others, property, rules, and authority.

**Responsibility**  
Taking care of your duties in a dependable way.

**Cooperation**  
Working together in a positive way to reach a goal.

**Caring**  
Giving time, effort and thought to others.

**Honesty**  
Telling the truth.

**Fairness**  
Being open-minded and thinking how your decisions will affect others.

**Courage**  
Holding to your beliefs, even when it might be unpopular to do so.

**Sites to see:**  
These are good character-education sites for adults:

- www.caringinstitute.org (The Caring Institute)
- www.character.org (Character Education Partnership)
- http://info.csd.org/staffdev/charred/prup.html (Character Plus)

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THURSDAY SEP. 2

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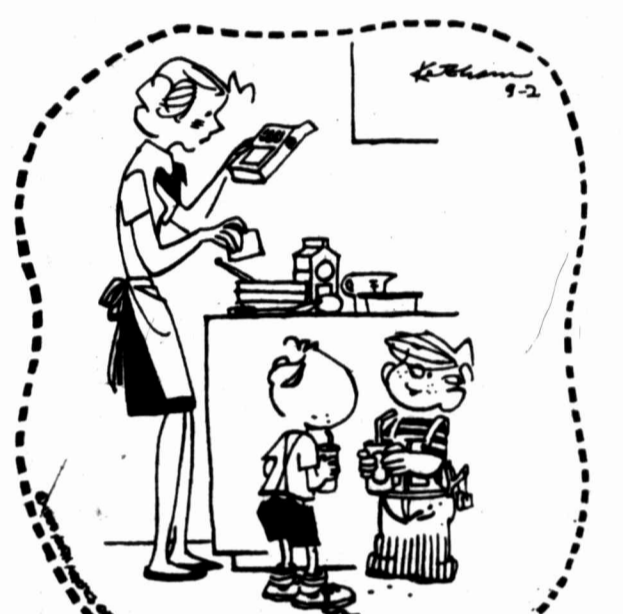
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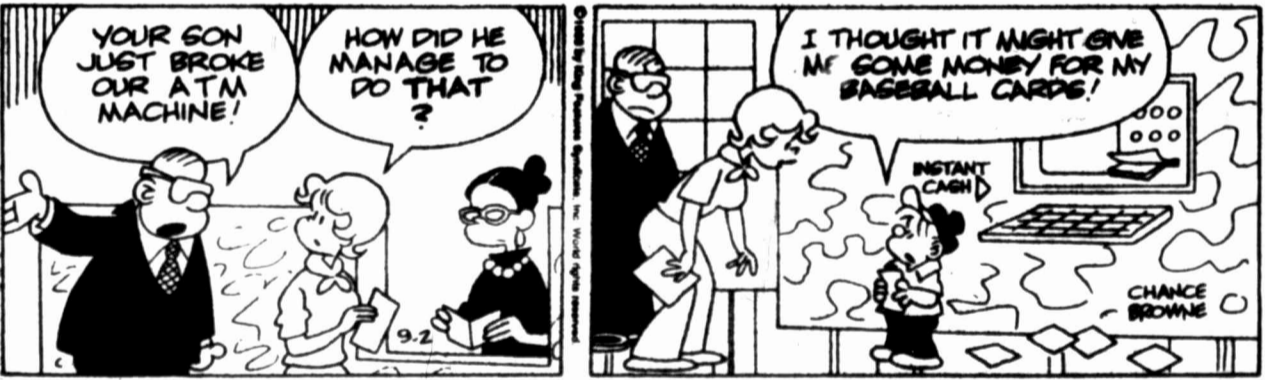
The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Thursday, Sept. 2, the 245th day of 1999. There are 120 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Sept. 2, 1945, Japan formally surrendered in ceremonies aboard the USS Missouri, ending World War II. In 1666, the Great Fire of London broke out, claiming thousands of homes, but only a few lives. In 1789, the U.S. Treasury Department was established. In 1864, during the Civil War, Union General William T. Sherman's forces occupied Atlanta. In 1901, Vice President Theodore Roosevelt offered the advice, "Speak softly and carry a big stick," in a speech at the Minnesota State Fair. In 1924, the Rudolf Friml operetta "Rose Marie" opened on Broadway. In 1935, a hurricane slammed into the Florida Keys, claiming 423 lives. In 1945, Ho Chi Minh declared Vietnam an independent republic. In 1963, Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace prevented the integration of Tuskegee High School by encircling the building with state troopers. In 1969, North Vietnamese president Ho Chi Minh died. In 1985, it was announced that a U.S.-French expedition had located the wreckage of the Titanic about 560 miles off Newfoundland.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

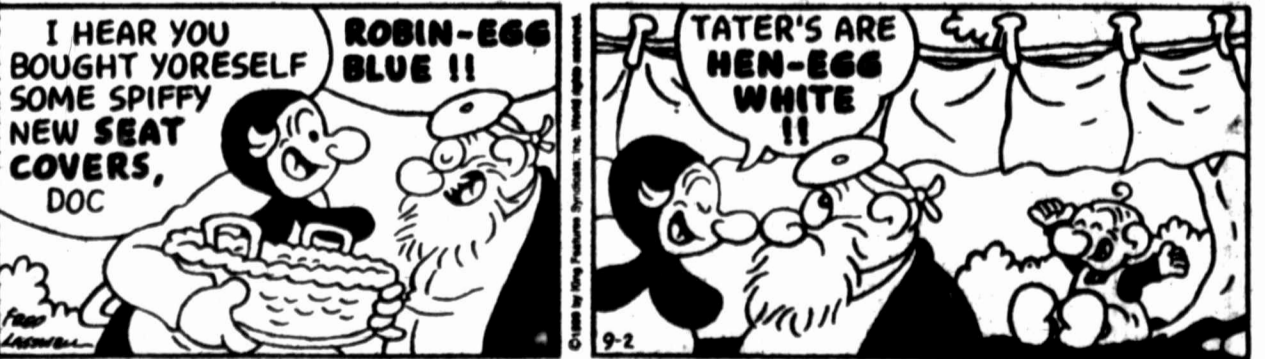
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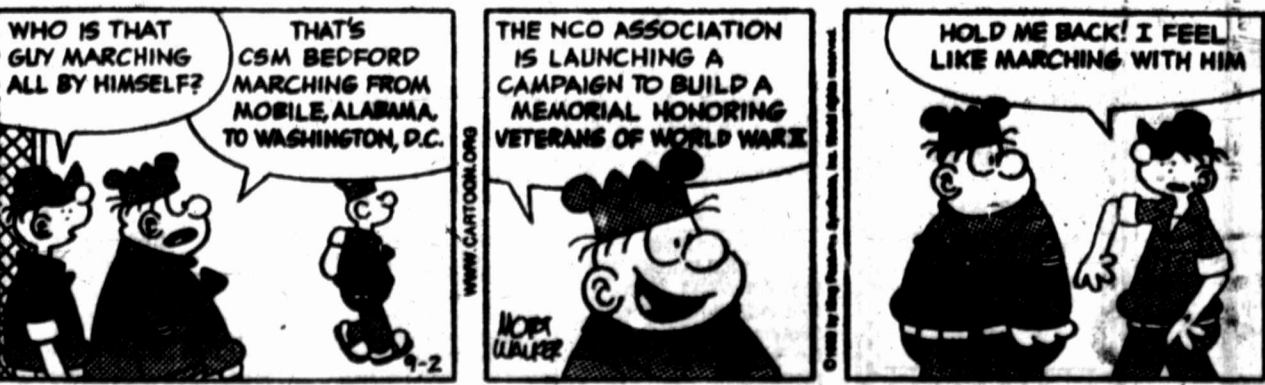
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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved section with a grid and solutions for various words.

Big Spring Herald advertisement with contact information and office hours.

Ten years ago: In Nicaragua, a 14-party opposition coalition chose Violeta Barrios de Chamorro as its presidential candidate. (Chamorro went on to win the election the following February.)

Five years ago: The government reported the nation's unemployment rate for August was unchanged from July, at 6.1 percent.

One year ago: A Swissair MD-11 jetliner crashed off Nova Scotia, killing all 229 people aboard. Pilots for Air Canada began a two-week strike, the first in the carrier's history. President Clinton concluded his Moscow summit with Russian President Boris Yeltsin.

Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician Horace Silver is 71. Former Senator Alan K. Simpson (R-Wyo.) is 68. Former Baseball Commissioner Peter Ueberroth is 62. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sam Gooden (The Impressions) is 60. Singer Jimmy Clanton is 59. Singer Rosalind Ashford (Martha & the Vandellas) is 56. Singer Joe Simon is 56. Football Hall of Famer Terry Bradshaw is 51. Actor Mark Harmon is 48. Tennis player Jimmy Connors is 47. Actress Linda Purl is 44. Rock musician Jerry Augustyniak (10,000 Maniacs) is 41. Country musician Paul Deakin (The Mavericks) is 40. Actor Keanu Reeves is 35. Actress Salma Hayek is 31. Rhythm-and-blues singer K-Ci (Jodeci) is 30. Singer Tony Thompson is 24.