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BSISD trustees to mull vacation policy Thursday

Trustees of Big Spring Independent School District meet Thursday at 5:15 to discuss the three week vacation policy for non-professional employees.

During budget workshop in July, trustees decided to eliminate the three-week vacation for those employees with 15 or more years of service to the district. Instead, a double step pay increase was approved, and two additional holidays was also approved.

Since then, some trustees have had second thoughts about eliminating the extra week of vacation. Several options have been presented trustees by administrators, and a final decision is expected at this meeting.

Also, trustees will have a public hearing concerning the Academic Excellence Indicator System, and hear a presentation from Census 2000 director Charlene Wertz.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

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

THURSDAY

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

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

□ Christmas in April, noon, Lions Club Den, 1607 E. Third.

□ Friends of the Library, noon, Howard County Library.

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ American Legion Auxiliary, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall.

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

□ Big Spring Newcomers Club contact Pat Mireles for time and location at 267-8741.

FRIDAY

□ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Bring a lunch.

□ AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.

□ Immaculate Heart of Mary Church fall festival, 5 p.m. Dinner, games, garage sale, live musical entertainment and crafts, 1009 Hearn.

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

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Labor Day period a quiet one for Big Spring and Howard County

RICK McLAUGHLIN
Staff Writer

Thirty-eight people were killed and 36 injured in traffic crashes throughout the state during the 78-hour Labor Day weekend, the Texas Department of Public Safety reported Tuesday, but there were no deaths or serious



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injuries in the Big Spring and Howard County areas.

According to preliminary reports, the 34 fatal accidents statewide included 13 one-vehicle crashes, 14 two-vehicle collisions, two that involved more than two vehicles, four auto-pedestrian accidents and one auto-bicycle accident.

In Big Spring, there were no fatal crashes. There were two major crashes in which no one was seriously injured, six minor accidents and five driving-while-intoxicated, said Sgt. Roger Sweatt of the Big Spring Police Department.

"It was quieter than what we anticipated. We were pleasantly surprised," said Sweatt. "We're usually quite busy on a holiday weekend. There were less accidents and less reports than we anticipated. We don't know if the rain kept everyone inside and quiet or what, but it was definitely quieter than we anticipated."

The local office of the DPS was pleased as well. "It was just steady traffic all weekend — above average of course since it was a holiday weekend," said Sgt. Larry Meadors. "It (the weekend) was about average,

not much really and quite routine. There were a few minor accidents. It was quiet in a lot of ways and for us, that's good," concluded Meadors. "It's the kind we like."

For the Howard County Sheriff's Office, it was about the same. "Pretty quiet," said Sheriff Bill Jennings. "Nothing major happened and that's good," he said.

Statewide, there were four fatal collisions Friday, 10 on Saturday, 14 on Sunday and 10 on Monday. Sixty-three percent of the fatalities occurred between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m.

In cases where seat belt usage was pertinent and could be determined, the DPS said 48 percent — 13 of 27 of those killed weren't wearing safety belts. Seven people were ejected from their vehicles.

Thirty-four percent, or 13, of the deaths involved people 19 years old or younger. Only 20 percent of those killed in that age group were wearing safety belts. A 2-month-old girl and a 9-year-old girl were among those not properly restrained, said the DPS.

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United Way drive takes off in Howard County

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

The United Way Kickoff Luncheon burst forth with a laugh, music, and a bull's eye strike, reporting 12 percent of the \$225,000 goal has already been raised.

"We know we have William Tells a-plenty. So we've strung the bow tight, and the archers are ready and we're ready to let the arrows fly," said Campaign Chairman Clara Savage.

The annual luncheon, which marks the beginning of the fall campaign, featured the talents of the Bellamy Brothers, with Carroll Jennings, United Way executive director, who gave guests a touch of a roast.

"This is an exciting program, an exciting day and this will be a great campaign," Jennings said.

According to Richard Steel, United Way president, thus far the Pacesetters Division, organized by Stan and Sue Partee, has raised \$18,000.

Murphy Murphy has received a \$5,500 commitment from four campuses within Big Spring Independent School District, and another \$4,000 has been promised through the Professional Division, according to Steel.

"So before the season officially begins we've raised \$30,500," Steel said.

United Way exceeded its goal in 1998, and Savage said the organization, which supplies funds to 11 different social service agencies in Howard County, has met its goal for the



Howard and David Bellamy entertained a full house at Wednesday's United Way kickoff luncheon in Garrett Hall at First United Methodist Church. They ended a four-song set with international hit, "Let Your Love Flow."

past three years. "It is very important to know that all the money raised here stays here," said Cavan McMahon, United Way second

vice president. Representatives from the 11 different agencies attended the luncheon and received recognition, as well as their September

disbursement of funds, presented by McMahon.

The United Way provides

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Bellamy Brothers don't mind lending a helping hand to those around them

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

To meet Howard and David on the street, chances are you'd never realize that these low-key, down-to-earth guys are the internationally acclaimed Bellamy Brothers.

"We're just homefolks like everybody else," said David.

That's true, if "home" can be defined as being on the road more days than not.

The brothers average about 175-200 play dates a year, performing their music in concert halls, college cam-

puses and charity benefits — such as the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County's kickoff luncheon Tuesday.

"We've been involved in a lot of charitable organizations," said Howard, who at 53 is four years older than David. "We've been able to see a lot of end results from that."

They credit their upbringing for getting involved in charitable concerns.

"Our mother was one of the most generous people I've ever known," said Howard. "She's truly remarkable."

Beyond that is the personal satisfaction, said Howard.

"After you get your wits about you and a little age under you, you realize it all goes full circle and you have to pass things along," he said. "I feel sorry for people that don't understand that. I know every time I have given, it has come back at least three-fold for me." The Bellamy Brothers got

involved with United Way through Carroll Jennings, the local organization's executive director.

"I think he just kinda showed up at our place in Florida," said David. "He just popped in one day in the mid-80s."

Jennings was in charge of United Way for Pasco County, Fla. and asked the brothers to let him use two of their songs — "Feeling to Feeling" and "Let Your Love Flow" in a video to promote the organization.

"He is such an outgoing, charming character. He convinced us to get involved," said Howard.

In addition to United Way, the brothers have helped a number of other organizations during their 25 years in the music business.

"One of the organizations we've worked with is St. Jude's Hospital," said Howard. "It's a great organization and we're glad to have been able to be a part of that."

"That, United Way and the Red Cross have been the three major organizations," said David. "This year, we've done a lot with the American Cancer Society, too."

Some of the charitable events are worked into the schedule as openings arise. That was the case with the brother's perfor-

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Flynn V. Long Jr. serves his plate at the United Way kickoff luncheon Wednesday in Garrett Hall at First United Methodist Church. An overflow crowd came to hear the Bellamy Brothers in celebration of the community's United Way fund drive.

Jury to deliberate fate of man charged with sexual assault of a child

By JOHN H. WALKER
Editor

It took just one hour, 18 minutes for the state to present its case against Alfredo Edward Garza in 118th District Court this morning. District Judge Robert H. Moore III gave the jury a 30-minute break at 9:45 so he could complete the charge to the jury.

Garza, 27, is charged with sexual assault of a child and aggravated sexual assault of a child.

Assistant District Attorney Dale Dupree called three witnesses to testify — the alleged victim, the defendant's ex-wife and Big Spring Police Department detective Jim Rider.

The alleged victim testified in a low, sometimes almost unin-

telligible voice that she and Garza had sex on two occasions — once when she was under 14 years old and once when she was older than 14.

Age is an important issue in the case. If the victim were less than 14, the incident becomes a first-degree felony, punishable by a prison term of between five and 99 years. If the victim were 14 or older, the offense is a sec-

ond-degree felony punishable by a jail term of between two-and-20 years.

Defense attorney Charles Myers, in his opening statement, asked the jury to pay close attention to the dates and ages given in both statements to the police as well as in testimony.

"Listen closely," he cautioned. "Listen for any discrepancies ...

you are the gatekeepers."

The victim said the first offense occurred while the then-Mrs. Garza was at work and the defendant, who was employed at Cornell Corrections as a guard, came home for lunch.

The girl, now 17, said she was babysitting the couple's son at the time and that the defendant

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Leaders

Chamber seeks applicants for Leadership Big Spring program

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is looking for a few good men...and women...to become graduates of the 17th annual Leadership Big Spring program.

"This is an excellent program, and gives community members an opportunity to learn more about the Big Spring and the various businesses here," said Terri Newton, chamber of commerce executive director.

Newton said there are several reasons to join the program, which requires attendance one day a month for 10 months. The first class is set for Sept. 16, and will be a day-long leadership workshop.

"Anyone who wants to be in the program must attend that day. Then on the third Thursday of each month, the class members will have a half day of leadership training, and tours through various entities in the afternoon," Newton said.

Liz Lowery, Howard College division director for general studies, will teach leadership classes to those who attend, Newton said. This year the program will feature the Stephen Covey program, "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People."

"Liz has recently become certified to teach that program, and she will also be using other knowledge she's acquired. Liz has a lot of leadership skills that she will share with the group," Newton said.

The cost of the 10-month course is \$250, which includes meals, materials and all tours, Newton said.

"Often businesses will send their key employees, to allow them to learn more about Big Spring," she said.

One reason to participate in the Leadership Big Spring program is to learn about the many industries and businesses in Big Spring, she said.

"Also, this is a good networking opportunity to get together with other business leaders and discuss ideas and concerns," she said.

And the opportunity to learn management skills is an additional bonus to the program, she said.

This year Danelle Castillo,

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Report: Oilman asked for Bush to get Guard post

DALLAS (AP) — Late Houston oilman Sidney A. Adger reportedly asked former Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes to help young George W. Bush gain a spot in the Texas Air National Guard during the Vietnam War.

In a copyright story for Wednesday editions, The Dallas Morning News quotes two friends of Barnes as saying the request came from Adger, who died in 1996.

Barnes, a businessman, lobbyist and Democratic politician, was speaker of the Texas House when Bush became a Guard jet pilot in 1968. He served as lieutenant governor from 1969-73.

According to the report, Barnes' friends said he told them that one of his staff members forwarded Adger's request

to Brig. Gen. James Rose, who died in 1993.

While campaigning Tuesday in New Hampshire for the GOP presidential nomination, Bush told the newspaper that if such a contact occurred, then it was without his knowledge or consent.

Asked whether Adger, a longtime friend of Bush's father, former president George Bush, or anyone else approached Barnes about the Guard, Bush said, "I have no idea and I don't believe so."

"I applied to be a pilot in the Guard and I met the requirements and the people who decided I was going to be in the Guard have said publicly that there was no influence," Bush said.

A spokeswoman for the elder Bush confirmed his friendship

with Adger but said the former president was "almost positive" he never talked to Mr. Adger — or anyone else — about getting his son into the Guard.

"He said he is fairly certain — I mean he doesn't remember everything that happened in the 1960s — but he said he and Sid Adger never, ever talked about George W. and the Texas Air National Guard," Jean Becker said.

Adger, a businessman and former pilot for Pan American World Airways, lived in the same Houston neighborhood and sent his children to the same private school as the Bushes.

Barnes, who acknowledges he sometimes received requests for help in obtaining Guard slots, has denied getting a call

from anyone in the Bush family.

However, he has declined to comment on whether someone else contacted him on Bush's behalf.

He is scheduled to be questioned Thursday about the matter during a deposition to be taken in connection with a wrongful termination lawsuit filed by former state lottery director Lawrence Littwin.

Littwin's attorneys are trying to find out whether Barnes, a former lobbyist, for GTECH Corp., the state's lottery operator, helped Bush get into the Guard.

In papers filed in a federal court in Dallas, Littwin said Barnes "is alleged to have helped the current Governor George Bush avoid active duty during the Vietnam War."

DPS calls discovery of flares among evidence 'important'

DALLAS (AP) — Illumination flares were fired before the fatal end to the government's standoff with Branch Davidians, prompting the Texas Public Safety Commission chairman to question why more illumination was needed at the sect's spotlighted compound, according to a published report today.

The Dallas Morning News' copyright story detailed discovery of expended military illumination flares amid tons of evidence recovered from the Mount Carmel compound near Waco.

"These flares are potentially a very important issue, inasmuch as the government had enormous spotlights trained on the compound throughout the standoff," James B. Francis Jr. of Dallas, head of the Texas Department of Public Safety, told The Dallas Morning News on Tuesday.

"They didn't need these flares to light the compound. One or more was fired," he said. "For what purpose or reason would these rounds be used?"

But Francis said he could not say which government officials — the FBI or military — fired the flares.

David Koresh and 78 followers died in the April 19, 1993, fire at the Branch Davidian compound. In the ATF raid that led to the siege, four federal agents died and 16 were wounded. Six Davidians died in the gun battle.

The newspaper said Texas Rangers searching a Waco storage facility Friday for missing pyrotechnic tear-gas grenades discovered a star parachute flare.

And evidence logs showed more flares were recovered in the weeks after the compound burned following the FBI siege and tear-gas assault, Francis said.

John Collingwood, an FBI spokesman, said he could not flatly rule out the agency's use of illumination rounds at the siege.

"Several times during the standoff, they had people sneaking in or out of the compound at night. Whether they ever used them then, I don't know," said Collingwood. "But I can say categorically, we did not use illumination rounds on the 19th."

Reno offers Danforth independent inquiry post in Waco siege

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Janet Reno is negotiating with former Republican Sen. John Danforth the possibility of heading an independent inquiry into the government's use of force at the fiery end of the Branch Davidian standoff in Waco, Texas, government sources said.

The sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press on Tuesday that the Justice Department was in final negotiations over the details of the independent inquiry and an announcement could come as early as today.

Congressional officials who spoke with the Justice Department Tuesday said they understood Danforth was willing to take the job.

According to government lawyers and congressional officials, the Justice Department was considering appointing a second person to assist Danforth in the investigation and help to manage the day-to-day operations.

Danforth, 63, would bring solid Republican credentials as well as a background in law enforcement. Before entering the Senate, he served as attorney general in Missouri for eight years. He retired from the Senate in 1995.

Danforth also is an Episcopal priest, and both admirers and detractors have noted his moral integrity and his stubborn independence.

Some GOP lawmakers want to know whether the FBI lied about using incendiary tear gas canisters during the final raid. The FBI's revelation has led to plans for an independent inquiry into the government's use of force there.

Use of the pyrotechnic rounds, Attorney General Janet Reno has said, violated her strict instructions that nothing capable of sparking a fire be used during the FBI tear-gas assault.

Hispanic investors buying telephone lines in Texas, N.M.

DALLAS (AP) — GTE Corp.'s pending sale of thousands of telephone lines in rural Texas and New Mexico to a group of investors would create one of the nation's largest Hispanic-owned telecommunications companies, according to the prospective buyers.

The investors' company, dba Communications, includes former New Mexico Gov. Toney Anaya, former U.S. Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan and 10 other Hispanic businessmen.

Irving, Texas-based GTE on Tuesday agreed to sell about 400,000 lines for between \$1.1

billion and \$1.4 billion, unnamed sources familiar with the deal told The Dallas Morning News.

"Today is an exciting day for the Hispanic business community, our new customers in New Mexico and Texas, and GTE employees in those states," read a joint statement by the group of 12 investors. "We look forward to working with the dedicated employees who are currently serving GTE's customers in Texas and New Mexico to provide enhanced, high-quality telecommunications services to these customers."

The closely held telephone company, based in Washington, D.C., would be among the 20 largest local exchange companies in the United States, as measured by access lines, with the deal, according to GTE.

"We are very pleased with this transaction," said John Appel, president-GTE Network Services. "It represents another significant milestone in our wireline property repositioning process and a major step toward increased ownership diversity in the telecommunications industry."

"Equally important, the agree-

ment includes provisions for the fair and equitable treatment of the affected GTE employees in Texas and New Mexico," Appel said in a prepared statement.

The Texas company said the transaction includes 197 of GTE's local telephone exchanges and 307,180 access lines in the state, along with all 36 GTE local exchanges and 91,904 customer access lines in New Mexico.

The transaction, according to GTE, would include Andrews, Brownfield, Dumas, Levelland, Perryton, and Pecos.

Men and women differ widely in gun control poll

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most Americans favor tougher gun laws, though sentiment for gun control has dropped somewhat in the four months since the deadly Littleton school shootings boosted support for such restrictions, an Associated Press poll suggests.

Strong backing for tougher gun laws by women is a major reason for the majority support, according to the poll by ICR of Media, Pa.

American women say stricter weapon laws would curb violence, while men want better enforcement of existing laws, the poll finds.

The telephone survey found

that 56 percent of American adults favored stricter gun laws and 39 percent opposed them. Sixty-six percent of women favored the tougher laws, compared with 45 percent of men. Thirty percent of women and 49 percent of men were opposed.

Theresa Flippin, a 24-year-old factory worker from Yellville, Ark., believes people should be able to own guns and use them for hunting. But she wants tougher gun restrictions on people who have criminal records.

"In the last five years, it's really gotten out of control," she said, "the school shootings, the drive-by shootings, the road-rage shootings."

In mid-April, just before the Colorado shootings, 55 percent of adults favored tougher gun laws. When the question was repeated in an AP poll a week after the shootings, the proportion jumped to 63 percent.

But while a majority favors stricter gun laws, only 43 percent in the latest poll said new laws would be more effective in reducing gun violence than better enforcement of existing laws. Those numbers are statistically unchanged from the poll taken before the shootings, but represent a sharp shift in opinion as measured in the post-shooting poll, when 51 percent chose tougher gun laws and 39

percent picked better enforcement of existing laws.

Public opinion on this question is fluid, evidenced by the shifts in the AP polls.

More than half of Americans say recent shootings in the news have made them worry about their own safety. Almost two-thirds of women said they were likely to feel that way.

"I worry about my daughter when she goes to school," said 47-year-old Karen Cloud, a nurse from Lexington, Ky. Several women in the poll, when asked in interviews later how recent violence affects them, mentioned school shootings first.

The Big Spring Harley Owners Group would like to take this opportunity to thank all the businesses and individuals that helped make the thermal imaging camera project a success.

The response from the citizens and business of Big Spring and Howard County was beyond our wildest expectations. When we started this project in February we envisioned at least one year's time to collect the \$16500.00 needed to purchase this piece of lifesaving technology. However with your help we were able to accomplish it in seven short months.

People young and old, businesses large and small came to our fund raising events. You came to The Harley Davidson Shop, Mel's and The Bookworm and dropped money in collection buckets. Members of our group were even stopped on the street and given donations for the project. The culmination of this project will be Saturday, September 11th at 3:00 p.m. at the 70th anniversary party of the Harley Davidson Shop, when we present the camera to the fire department.

The names listed below are in no particular order, because it does not matter whether you gave big or small. The important thing is that the citizens of Big Spring and Howard County set the example for the surrounding area by showing that any project no matter how big can be accomplished if we all work together.

The only problem with making a list is that someone is invariably left off. If you are that person or business you have both our deepest apologies and heartfelt thanks.

Jeanie Johnson Knocke	Elva Rodriguez	Thomas & Dorothy Mullen	B.S. Rod & Custom Car Club
Denise J. Robles	Charles & Patsy Cawthon	Paul & Shannon Neighbors	Disabled American Veterans
Delmar Martin	Wal-Mart #513 Associates	Chas & Frankie Brown	Lorraine Hartfield
Terry L. Hanson	Sound Decisions	Burt & Eileen Johnson	Gerald & Janell Groves
Steve & Vicky Stanley	Mel & Denise Dickerson	Fraternal Order Of Eagles	Martha Caffey
Brian & Debbie Jensen	Bee Hickman Zinn	Red Mesa Grill	Steve & Vicky Stanley
Art & Ann Sinclair	Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Lamb	Indian Community of B.S.	Maxwell Green Shotguns
Lou Grant	C & M Garage	B.S. Womens Club	Jack & Donna Love
Joy Rambo Roberts	Greater B.S. Rotary Club	Lee's Rental Center	The Bookworm
Hayes & Dorothy Stripling	BS Prospectors Club	Lee George Construction	Inez Bearden
Ken & Pam Henson	American Business Women	Cossacks Motorcycle Club	Mel's Seafood
Richard & Deborah Sanders	Baxter Moore	Frank & Toni Davis	Lucille Knox
Juanita Hamlin	Ben Bancroft	Max & Nevla Green	DelMar Martin
Mrs. P. A. Wynn	AAA Mini Storage	William & Nancy Gonzalez	Mr. & Mrs. Danny Heckler
Ricks Auto Shop	Howard College Baseball	Paul & Pat Smith	Red Mesa Grill
Jay & Lucy James	Sonic	KBST & KBTS	B.S. Police Officers Assoc.
The Big Spring Mall	The Big Spring Herald	First Baptist Church	Big Johns Feed Lot
Roy Plumlee	Mr. & Mrs. R. K. Taylor	Howell Auto Sales	Mr. & Mrs. Glen Helger
A. K. Guthrie	B.S. Womens Club	Bill & Una Morris	Mark Shortes
Frances Wheat	American Muffler	John Freeman	Masonic Lodge #598
Howard & Marijo Walker	Barry & Patsy Barnett	Reggie & Christa Friday	Cooter & Lezlie McCurdy
The Harley Davidson Shop	M. Whitley	Steven Hedges	Maria C. Hartman
Louise Hale	Doris Good	Mr. & Mrs. Bill Smith	Robert & Melinda Stapp
Donnie & Genia Andrews	Mrs. Ernest Boyd	James Lancaster	Howard Salisbury
Kelly & Sandy O'Dell	Dr. J. Gale Kilgore	Burt Johnson	Janie Baker
Carriage Inn	Boosie Weaver	H. C. Volunteer Fire Depts.	Colleen Slaughter
B.S. Professional Fire Fighters	Ralph or Ladie Fred Caffey	Mr. & Mrs. Stewart Anderson	Greg Biddison
Power Resources	Vickkey Stanley	Bill Biells	Jean George
Big Spring Citizens Police			
Academy Alumni Association			

How to keep your kids healthy for school

ABILENE (AP) — Pediatricians and school nurses agree that common sense is the best advice for keeping your child healthy during the school year.

To help your child get to the top of the Perfect Attendance list, several professionals suggested the following list of tips:

- Eat a good breakfast.
- Mary Ann Anderson, nurse at Cooper High School, advises, "Students need to eat something for breakfast, even if it's just a piece of toast. If children don't feel good, they can't think well and their resistance goes down."
- Hungry students run out of steam and headaches and stomachaches may appear. Sometimes, especially in high school or middle school, lunch periods are late. A good breakfast should stay with the child and see him through until lunch.
- Get a good night's rest.
- Linda Peel, nurse for the Abilene school district's Wellness Team, stresses getting plenty of rest. "A rested and well-nourished body is the best," she says.
- Sandy Bridges, Director of Health Services with AISD, agrees. "Children are so tired when school begins in August. They're used to both staying up and sleeping later. Being tired is a hardship for everyone."
- Keep track of homework assignments and don't start them too late.
- Keep immunizations updated.
- Mar Ann Anderson reminds parents that immunizations are a state requirement and should be updated.
- Dr. Tushar Shah, pediatrician with Abilene Children's Medical Association, stresses the importance of physical check-ups before school begins. "Many times chronic medical problems such as diabetes and asthma show up during a back-to-school physical. This allows the condition to be treated early."
- Wash hands frequently during the day.
- Dr. Karen Kemper, a pediatrician, said that frequent washing kills more germs and doesn't give them a chance to recollect as quickly.
- "Antibacterial soaps are not necessary," Bridges says, but be sure to use soap of some kind. "Wipes and waterless soaps are not substitutes for handwashing."
- She continues, "It's especially important to wash before eating, after using the rest room, and coming in from the playground. Use warm water — cold water doesn't work even though children may not like warm water. Students need to wash long enough, too, at least 10 seconds."
- Don't share drinks or hairbrushes.
- Dr. Elvira Garcia, also a pediatrician, stresses proper hygiene to protect yourself from germs. "Don't forget to use tissues for colds and don't share drinks, hair gear or things that come in contact with your mouth," she says.
- Kemper reports school children are definitely old enough to understand about not putting things in their mouth like pens or sharing cokes.
- Buckle up and wear bike helmets. Accidents are a leading cause of injury and death in children, said Dr. Steve Faehnle, with the Professional Association for Pediatrics.
- "Parents should take care to cut down on the risk of these," he says.
- Keep children with infectious diseases home.
- Anderson reports that teenagers, especially, don't take the time to get well. "Children need to keep taking their medicine even if they begin to feel better. This is especially true for antibiotics," she says. "All students should follow the doctor's orders and go back if necessary."
- Faehnle warns parents that they might expect to see some new stresses in their children. "At the start of the school year, in pediatrics, we see lots of tummy aches. The pain is real, listen to your child, but send him on to school unless the pain is accompanied by fever, nausea or diarrhea," he says.

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ing wristbands and the parent takes a beeper. Children must be 3 to 7 years old, and no more than a dozen youngsters can be cared for at one time at HuggieLand and no more than nine at Kids' World.

However, neither store is licensed for day care. Store officials say workers receive first aid training.

"We want to ensure that the parents feel extremely comfortable in leaving their precious commodities with us," Kroger spokesman Gary Huddleston said.

"We watch our people," said Mike Mikeska, manager of the

Plano Minyard. "We watch the TV monitors, and we watch people as workers before we put them into a situation where they have to watch kids."

Neither chain would say how much the kids' centers cost or whether they return a profit in the form of increased purchases by parents.

"We believe there is a pay-back in terms of customer loyalty and additional sales," said Huddleston, the Kroger spokesman. "We believe that the customer has a little more time to shop, that they'll complete their list and maybe even purchase more items."

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and burglary while on parole in 1986 and '93.

Sims briefly took part in a sex offender treatment program three years ago but was kicked out, he said, dismissing it as "a joke."

During a risk-assessment hearing before his release, prosecutor Sandy McLeod told the judge that Sims has "serious psychopathic tendencies ... the highest risk that the evaluator has ever seen."

Neighbors couldn't believe the LaPalmes would expose their children to such risks. Mark LaPalme said the family was not fearful.

"There's been a peace that's come over us," he said.

And neighbors, too, began tentatively making peace with the situation. Last week, a few resumed their evening walks, and others held a neighborhood meeting to discuss how the law on released sex offenders might be refined.

Then, as suddenly as he had arrived, Sims left the neighborhood.

Returning to the LaPalmes' house Monday after his first day at a new job cleaning uniforms, he found a camera crew from the syndicated television show "Extra" waiting for him.

He packed his bags and fled without even saying good-bye.

"They drove him out of here," Mark LaPalme said of his neighbors. "They didn't want him in this neighborhood. They didn't want him in this town. And that's what they accomplished."

But Mrs. Ellsworth said nobody won anything here. Especially not Sims, who said he was just looking for another chance.

"We don't know how to give him a chance," she said. "What are we supposed to do? Just ignore him and lock our doors?"

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Faehnle warns parents that they might expect to see some new stresses in their children. "At the start of the school year, in pediatrics, we see lots of tummy aches. The pain is real, listen to your child, but send him on to school unless the pain is accompanied by fever, nausea or diarrhea," he says.

IN BRIEF

Stefanie Waggoner wins BSCC club championship
Stefanie Waggoner claimed the women's club championship Monday during the final round of the Big Spring Country Club's annual Women's Golf Association Club Championship Tournament.
Peggy Wilson finished second in the gross scoring division.
Jane Jones had the low net score for the tournament, while Sandra Rhodes was the runner-up in that category.

Lamesa takes three-game sweep from Lady Steers
It was all Lamesa on Tuesday night, as the Lady Tors swept three matches from Big Spring volleyball squads.

In varsity action, Lamesa dealt the Lady Steers a 15-8, 15-8 defeat, leaving Big Spring with a 9-6 match record going into this weekend's final non-district matches.
The Lady Steers will play host to Water Valley and Monahans in a three-way match at 1 p.m. Saturday in Steer Gym.
District 5-4A play begins Tuesday, Sept. 14, for the Lady Steers, as they open on the road facing Fort Stockton's Prowlers in a 7 p.m. match.
In junior varsity action, Lamesa took a three-game victory 15-7, 10-15, 15-4; while the Lady Tors freshmen took a 15-7, 17-15 win over the Lady Steers frosh.

Tickets for Bulldogs' game now on sale
Advance tickets for Friday's Coahoma-Grape Creek football game are currently on sale at the Coahoma superintendent's office and the Coahoma High School office.
The tickets, which will be available until noon Friday, are priced at \$4 for adults and \$2 for students. All tickets purchased as the gate in Grape Creek will be \$5.

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. No tryouts will be conducted, all children registering will be placed on a team.
Fees for the program are set at \$15 for full YMCA members, \$25 for program members and \$32 for non-members.
A seven-game schedule will begin the week of Sept. 13. Games and practices will be played at Marcy Elementary School.
For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

ON THE AIR
Radio
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
6:40 p.m. — Cleveland Indians at Texas Rangers, KBST-AM 1490.
Television
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
6:30 p.m. — Houston Astros at Philadelphia Phillies, ESPN, Ch. 30.
7 p.m. — Cleveland Indians at Texas Rangers, FXS, Ch. 29.
9:30 p.m. — Toronto Blue Jays at Seattle Mariners or Chicago White Sox at Anaheim Angels, ESPN, Ch. 30.
Tennis
6:30 p.m. — U.S. Open men's and women's quarterfinals, USA, Ch. 38.

Cowboys hope quantity of linemen makes up for dip in quality

IRVING (AP) — Whatever quality the Dallas Cowboys lack on the defensive line, they hope to make up for it with a group of young backups.
Dallas will go into the season opener against Washington on Sunday with nine defensive linemen, including five tackles. That doesn't include their best tackle, Leon Lett, who is suspended indefinitely.
The Cowboys often have gone with eight defensive linemen. When they've kept nine, the extra player usually has been an end.
Lett's absence is the main reason Dallas needs help inside. It's not easy replacing a 6-foot-6, 295-pound veteran who's made the Pro Bowl his last two

full seasons.
Alonzo Spellman will start in Lett's place, but he's still learning tackle after playing end most his life. He also faces the challenge of trying to come back from a year out of the NFL.
"It's coming along well, but I've still got things to work on," said Spellman, who'll probably be a backup at end and tackle when Lett returns. "It's all about repetitions — the more you see it, the more you get used to it."
Chad Hennings is the other starting tackle. The starting ends are Kavika Pittman and Greg Ellis.
The four starting linemen have played a combined 16 years in the NFL. There are only 18 games of experience among

backup ends Ebenezer Ekuban and Peppi Zellner and reserve tackles Nathan Davis, Michael Myers and Brandon Noble.
"We have a lot of youth with speed and quickness and older guys with strength and know-how," said Pittman, who is playing with a bulky cast on his right hand while recovering from surgery to repair two bones broken on the first day of training camp.
Without Lett, Hennings is the only link to the dominating line led by Charles Haley that helped Dallas win three Super Bowls in four seasons earlier this decade.
The current edition can't live up to that standard, but it can be better than

last year's unit, which was near the bottom of the NFL with 34 sacks.
That inability to get to quarterbacks was part of the reason the Cowboys were in the bottom third of the league in pass defense. There also was improvement in their run defense, but Lett was a big reason for that — and now he's gone again.
"I think there's a lot of potential for this line," Ellis said. "Our group has to go out there and work hard every day, every practice and be persistent."
Pressure from the line is even more important than usual for Dallas because injuries to cornerbacks Deion Sanders and Kevin Smith have made the sec-



Clay Hart of Knott (center) poses with Joe Johnson of Chicago (left) and Brad Deauman after having won the international skeet division at the National Junior Olympic Shotgun Championships in Colorado Springs, Colo. Johnson finished second behind Hart, while Deauman was third.

Hart wins skeet championship at Junior Olympics nationals

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor
KNOTT — Sands High School senior Clay Hart added another title to the long list of honors he's won this summer, claiming the national championship in international skeet at the National Junior Olympics Shotgun Championships on Sept. 3.
Hart, the 17-year-old son of Van and Cindy Gaskins of Knott, hit 135 of 150 targets on the U.S. Olympic Shooting Complex in Colorado Springs, Colo., to claim the championship, finishing with a six-target lead over silver medalist Joe Johnson of Chicago.
Another young Texan, Brad Deauman of Crockett, claimed the bronze medal, hitting 127 targets.
After getting off to a somewhat slow start — he trailed by two targets following the first round — Hart took the lead in the second round, grabbing a two-target lead he took into the sixth and final round.
That Hart would win the championship came as little surprise. After all, he spends most of his time with a shotgun in his hands, practicing his international skeet skills on the shooting range located in his back yard.
On any given day, Hart will spend hours on the range, shooting 200 or more targets.
Hart was already a member of the U.S. Junior Olympic team. In addition, he was coming off an impressive showing at the USA Shooting National Championships in Atlanta, Ga., in June where he took the intermediate juniors

division (15- to 17-year olds).
The weekend's victory moved Hart up a notch from the intermediate juniors division he won at the Junior Olympics championships last year and second-place finish in the open division.
He figured to be the favorite, since 1998 open champion Mark Weeks of Cincinnati and bronze medalist Bret Simon of George Mason University both turned 22 this year and graduated out of the junior ranks.
The win allowed Hart to maintain his spot on U.S.A. Shooting's National Development Team.
However, there will be little time to relish his victory.
As captain of the National 4-H Shooting Sports Foundation Ambassadors team, Hart and six other Texas shooters will be heading to Las Vegas this weekend for a celebrity shoot.
He'll have little more than time to repack his bags before leaving Monday for the Fall Selection Matches in Colorado Springs.
The Fall Selection Matches will determine the makeup of the United States' team for World Cup competition in 2000. A strong showing there would allow him an opportunity to earn enough points in international competition to earn a spot on the U.S. Olympic team for the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia.
Regardless of how well he fares at the selection matches, though, Hart has already received an invitation to compete in the two-part U.S. Olympic Trials set for next year.
He'll take part in a 300-bird shoot at Fort Benning, Ga., in April, then will compete in the second round, another 300-target event in Atlanta.

Sele again shines as Rangers post win over Indians

ARLINGTON (AP) — As the playoffs near, the Texas Rangers' starting pitching is getting ready for prime time.
Aaron Sele continued his impressive stretch run, pitching seven strong innings to win for the ninth time in 10 decisions as the Rangers beat the Cleveland Indians 4-3 Tuesday night.
Sele (16-7) allowed three runs and six hits, struck out eight and walked two in his 12th straight start of six or more innings. Only one AL pitcher has more wins than Sele — Boston's Pedro Martinez with 20.

Wrist injury puts Palmeiro on sidelines

ARLINGTON (AP) — Texas Rangers first baseman Rafael Palmeiro was expected to miss at least two games and possibly more with a bone bruise on his left wrist.
The injury may mean Palmeiro's quest for the Triple Crown may be over before he gets started.
Palmeiro sat out Tuesday night's game against the Cleveland Indians with the deep bruise. He had been tied with Seattle's Ken Griffey Jr. for the AL home run lead with 42, but was hit on the wrist by a pitch from Chicago's Jim Parque in the first inning of the first game of Monday night's doubleheader.
"I don't have to be 100 percent," said Palmeiro, adding that he never saw the pitch because of late-afternoon glare that went with Monday's 5:05 p.m. start.
"I just need the swelling to go down a little bit so I can hold on to the bat," he said. "I can handle the pain."
Palmeiro said he had hoped to take advantage of Thursday's off day and play Friday at Kansas City, missing only two games in three days.
Currently, he is fifth in the league in batting average and second in RBIs.
"I need to be healthy to go out there," he said. "I'm only going to hurt myself and this team if I play with one hand."
"It's always a good win when you beat the best team in the league," Rodriguez said. "It's especially good to win when you come from behind."
For the Indians, questions about the Rangers are getting old.
"We really want to play them tough," Indians starter Charles Nagy said. "You know you might have to play them in the playoffs."
Cleveland took a 3-2 lead into

"My confidence comes from my teammates," Sele said. "We've got a great team, we've been playing good defense and getting good hitting. When you're in a tight game like this one, you have to bear down and make every pitch count."
Sele's sharp curveball had the Indians off balance for most of the night, and when they were looking for the curve, Sele had an effective fastball.
"I've told him many times that when he shows his curve, hitters have a hard time with his fastball," Oates said.
Ivan Rodriguez hit a two-run homer to give Texas a 4-3 lead in the seventh inning. Despite the loss, the Indians clinched at least a tie for their fifth straight Central Division Central title when Chicago lost 14-1 at Anaheim.
The White Sox are 23 games behind the Indians.
The Rangers, who lead the AL West, have won six of nine games against the Indians this season and are 27-16 against Cleveland since 1996.

No longer Yearlings and Mavericks, junior high teams Steers

A new era in Big Spring football begins Thursday in Monahans.
That's when Big Spring Junior High School's Steers opens their 1999 seventh- and eighth-grade football seasons facing young Lobos squads.
With the opening of the new junior high school, Big Spring's football players in the seventh and eighth grade no longer attend separate schools.
With the closure of Runnels Junior High, there are no more Yearlings teams.
However, there could still be Mavericks at Goliad, if the school's students vote on keeping the nickname when they are scheduled to vote on the subject later this year.
As a result, a long standing tradition has come to an end, and henceforth, Big Spring's junior high teams compete as Steers and Lady Steers.
The decision to change the nicknames for the junior high teams was one made

by the Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees — one that junior high school principal Bill Tarleton wholeheartedly endorses.
"I think they primarily decided on Steers as our mascot when they were considering the possibility of the high school's teams using our gymnasium," Tarleton explained. "They decided on the Steers nickname and our color scheme when they were painting the gymnasium. And I personally think it was the right decision."
Tarleton, who has worked in the Big Spring ISD for the past eight years, said he can't remember a time when Big Spring's seventh-grade teams weren't Mavericks and eighth-graders weren't Yearlings.
High school assistant principal Craig Fisher, the keeper of BSIS's Athletic Hall of Fame and unofficial historian of the school's sports programs, says he also can't remember a time when Goliad's teams didn't carry the Mavericks moniker and Runnels' athletes were Yearlings.
Fisher can, however, remember when there were seventh- and eighth-grade teams at both schools.

That didn't change until the 1977-78 school year.
"Back when we were a Class 5A school ... when we had 2,000 students ... Goliad and Runnels both had seventh and eighth graders," he explained. "Back then they played one another and it was a big rivalry ... a really big deal. It was that way until we put all the eighth graders on one campus and all the seventh graders at the other."
The change to the Steers nickname hasn't seemed to strike a sensitive nerve, however.
"As a matter of fact, I haven't had a student express an opinion one way or the other," Tarleton said. "To be honest, I think these kids have been so excited to be starting the year in the new building, they haven't given it much thought. And I know the kids on the football team have been practicing, trying to get ready for the season. That's been their focus."
In keeping with the start of a new era, a pep rally has been scheduled for 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the junior high school.
The pep rally is open to the public and Tarleton is encouraging residents

of the community to come out and show support for Big Spring's newest Steers.
"It'll be the first pep rally of the year, so I'm sure there's a possibility that we'll run into a snag or too, but that's to be expected," Tarleton said. "Still, we'd like for anyone that wants to come out and kick off the new season to join us."
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While schoolboy football and volleyball programs are grabbing the lion's share of interest these days, basketball season is just around the corner.
Although most of the Crossroads Area's high school hoopsters are either playing football or volleyball, some are toiling through off-season practices.
But there are no off-season practices at Howard College where Tommy Collins' Hawks are preparing to defend their Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) championship.
The Hawks went through WJCAC play undefeated during the 1998-99 season, due in large part to the play of 6-foot-3 swingman Derrick Franklin.
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TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
SEATTLE MARINERS—Recalled RHP Brett Hinchliffe, LHP Steve Sinclair and OF Shane Monahan from Tacoma of the PCL.
TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Extended the contract of Chuck LaMar, senior vice president for baseball operations and general manager, through 2004.
TEXAS RANGERS—Acquired OF Mike Simms from the 15-day disabled list.
National League
CINCINNATI REDS—Signed a five-year affiliation with Louisville of the International League beginning in 2000.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Extended their affiliation with New Orleans of the PCL for two years through 2002.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Purchased the contract of RHP Jason Bere and OF Lyle Overbay from Louisville of the International League.
NEW YORK METS—Recalled INF Mike Kinnade and RHP Dan Murray from Norfolk of the International League.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Called up OF Chad Hermansen, 3B Aramis Ramirez and RHP Jason Boyd from Nashville of the PCL.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Signed 3B Phil Nevin to a two-year contract extension.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Activated RHP Alan Benes from the 15-day disabled list.
National Basketball Association
SACRAMENTO KINGS—Signed CB Will Werington.
WASHINGTON WIZARDS—Signed G Richard Hamilton to a three-year contract.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS—Signed LB Melvin Bradley, DB Justin Lucas, RB Clarence Williams and WR Tywan Mitchell to the practice squad.
ATLANTA FALCONS—Signed WR Reggie Miller, CB Deleone Randle, WR Jamie German and LB Lamont Green to the practice squad.
BUFFALO BILLS—Signed FB Brian Edwards, RB Lennox Gordon and WR Jeremy McDaniel to the practice squad.
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed NT Kelly Gregg to the practice squad.
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Signed OT Roger Chonine to the practice squad.
DALLAS COWBOYS—Signed RB Beau Morgan, FB F. Ansel, DL Robert Newkirk to the practice squad.
DENVER BRONCOS—Signed DL Viliami Maumau and OL Robert Hunt to the practice squad.
DETROIT LIONS—Signed CB Dell M. Gee, WR Andre Rone, DE Paul Spicer, DE Henry Taylor and WR Corey Thomas to the practice squad.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Signed DB Thomas Randolph, Waived DL Nate Hobgood-Chitnick.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Waived WR Will Moore, RB Jax Wesley to the practice squad.
MIAMI DOLPHINS—Waived S Rayna Stewart, signed FB Jax Wesley, TE Kevin McKenzie, WR Derrick Steagall and G O'Leary Pope to the practice squad.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed DT Garrett Johnson, TE Kerry Taylor, LB Marc Megna and WR Kirk Edde.
NEW YORK GIANTS—Signed LB O. J. Childers, WR James Kidd, DE Frank Ferrara, G Scott Kierman and CB Emmanuel McDaniels.
NEW YORK JETS—Signed RB Bernie Parralea, Waived RB Keith Byrnes, signed CB Jeremiah Jones, TE Greg Lohz, LB Casey Daies, LB Orick Johnson and CB James Ardler to the practice squad.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Signed S Rashard Cook, WR Damaeue Clauges and TE Ron Leshinski off waivers.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Signed RB Hankerson and TE Andrew Jordan.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Acquired CB Craig Newton from Green Bay Packers for an undisclosed draft pick.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANERS—Signed C Eric De Groh to the practice squad.
National Hockey League
ATLANTA THRASHERS—Appointed Bob Mason goaltending consultant.
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Named Tom Rooney chief operating officer and Ken Sawyer chief financial officer.
American Hockey League
AHL—Named Brett Stothart director of communications and media relations.
International Hockey League
CHICAGO WOLVES—Signed C Ryan Lindsey and agreed to terms with RW

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

Table with columns for American League East Division, Central Division, West Division, National League East Division, Central Division, West Division. Includes team names, wins, losses, percentages, and games behind.

NFL SCORES

Table listing NFL scores for various games including Arizona at Philadelphia, Baltimore at St. Louis, Buffalo at Indianapolis, etc.

Hingis-Venus showdown set for semifinals at U.S. Open

NEW YORK (AP) — The war of words has moved to center court. Martina Hingis and Venus Williams. No. 1 vs. No. 3 at the U.S. Open semifinals. "I think it will be very, very close," Anke Huber predicted. "It's going to be a tough match for Martina, I think. Venus is hitting the ball hard and very aggressive."

In her first U.S. Open two years ago, Venus Williams reached the final, where she was hastily dispatched by Hingis. "Last time, I honestly did not know what I was doing," Williams said of the 1997 meeting. "I'm a different player now."

COWBOYS

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ondary vulnerable. Even if Sanders returns Sunday, he won't be 100 percent. "We've got speed on the outside and strength on the inside," Pittman said. "That's the way it works — pressure up the middle, contain them outside and hopefully the quarterback can't see the guys downfield, and we can make some plays."

time. Williams is 19, three months older than her Swiss opponent. Hingis, however, has dominated, winning seven of their encounters, including their last meeting in San Diego. "We both go out there knowing we're going to have to play good tennis," Venus Williams said of Hingis. "We both go out there ready to play..."

PUBLIC AUCTION

SUNDAY, SEPT. 12, 1999
STARTS 1:04 PM VIEWING 12:00 P.M.
Removed to: Dorothy Garrett Coliseum - East Room, 1001 Birdwell Ln., Big Spring, TX
AUCTIONEERS NOTE: There is a large variety of many special items in this auction.
Furniture 53 Pieces: French Oak Hunt Cabinet with carved figures c(1870-1880), Mahogany (S) roll top desk, Large Philadelphia chest on chest, Burial front marble top side board c(1910-1920), Victorian marble top chest of drawers, Chippendale settee, French wardrobe with beveled mirror front c(1895-1905), Nice dome top China cabinet with carving, Early French marble and brass center tables c(1905-1910), Nice shell back plantation sofa, 9 piece carved Belgium dining room set c(1910-1920), Two large teak wood carved wardrobes, Beautiful marble top side board with beveled glass top c(1890-1905), Tilt top parlor table with pie crust edge, Rare mission style oak cabinet with carvings c(1905-1910), Marble top parlor table with fancy flowers and leafs on rod iron base, Large Mahogany claw foot dining table with 8 matching chairs, Too many items to list.

MOSELEY

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considerable progress during his freshman season, becoming a dominating figure by season's end. That maturation process did not go unnoticed. Franklin will enter the 1999-2000 season ranked by some observers as the nation's top JUCO player among small forwards, swingmen and shooting guards. Weighing 205 pounds and possessed of excellent leaping ability and a deft 3-point touch, Franklin can make his presence known in so many ways that The Sporting News made him their top preseason pick among JUCO swingmen in the 2000 recruiting class for major colleges. On thing seems almost certain, Franklin should be one of the conference's dominant players this season.

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Red Sox making run at Yankees, pulling away from Oakland

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Boston Red Sox are closing in on the New York Yankees and pulling away from the Oakland Athletics.

With Tim Wakefield making a winning return to the rotation, the Red Sox beat the Athletics 5-3 Tuesday night to greatly improve their chances for a postseason berth.

Boston's victory, coupled with New York's 6-3 loss at Kansas City, moved the Red Sox within 5 1/2 games of the Yankees in the AL East. Perhaps more important, it gave the Red Sox a four-game lead over the Athletics in the wild-card race.

"There's no doubt it's important to beat the team right behind you," Boston's Mike Stanley said. "This is what we have control over right now."

Meanwhile, the Texas Rangers beat the Cleveland Indians 4-3 in a matchup of division leaders. Despite the loss, the Indians clinched a tie for their fifth straight Central Division title when the second-place Chicago White Sox lost 14-1 at Anaheim.

The Indians, who lead by 23 1/2 games, can clinch tonight with a victory over the Rangers, who are 6-3 against Cleveland this year, or another loss by the White Sox.

Elsewhere in the American League, Baltimore beat Minnesota 5-0 and Seattle knocked off Toronto 7-4.

In National League games, Houston 8, Philadelphia 6; San Francisco 7, New York 4; Atlanta 3, St. Louis 2; Arizona 11, Milwaukee 9; Montreal 4, Colorado 1; Pittsburgh 3, San Diego 1; and Florida 2, Los Angeles 1.

Cincinnati and Chicago split a doubleheader, the Cubs taking a 2-1 win in the first, while the Reds rebounded with a 10-3 victory in the second.

Wakefield (5-9), who replaced Ramon Martinez in the rotation, allowed three runs and five hits in 6 1/3 innings to win as a starter for the first time since May 28. He struck out seven and walked three in his first start in 10 days and third since June 8.

"He has been a special pitcher for our club all year," Boston manager Jimmy Williams said. "He's been a starter, and when we asked him to close, he goes out and gets 14 saves. He's done it all. He's been instrumental in keeping our pitching staff together this year with what's he's done."

The four-game lead in the wild-card race is the biggest since July 29 for Boston, which has opened a critical 12-game road trip with victories in four of its first five games. Boston has won

nine of 11, while the A's have lost six of 10, including three straight.

The Red Sox will be going for the sweep in tonight's series finale at Oakland before heading to New York and Cleveland to conclude the road trip against division leaders.

"That game is important," Oakland's Matt Stairs said. "It would be nice if we're three back instead of four."

Angels 14, White Sox 1

Brian Cooper won his major league debut by allowing four hits in seven innings, leading Anaheim over visiting Chicago.

Cooper allowed a home run to Chris Singleton leading off the game, then shut down the White Sox. Tim Salmon hit a three-run homer in a six-run eighth, and Darin Erstad went 4-for-5 as the Angels won for only the third time in 14 games.

Anaheim broke open a 1-1 game with a six-run fourth against Mike Sirotko (8-13). Gary DiSarcina keyed the rally with a two-run single.

Royals 6, Yankees 3

Jose Rosado matched his season high with eight strikeouts, and Jermaine Dye passed the 100-RBI mark, leading Kansas City over visiting New York.

After going 0-10 against the Yankees in 1998, Kansas City leads the season series 5-3.

Rosado (8-13) allowed one run and eight hits in seven innings — but held the top five batters in the Yankees' order to three hits in 17 at-bats. Dye went 2-for-4 and drove in two runs, giving him a career-high 101 RBIs.

David Cone (11-8) dropped to 1-4 with a 4.22 ERA since his perfect game against Montreal on July 18.

Orioles 5, Twins 0

Scott Erickson pitched a three-hitter to win his eighth straight decision against his former team, and Albert Belle homered for the third time in two games as Baltimore won at Minnesota.

Erickson (12-11) retired 13 straight batters at one stretch for his fourth win in his last five starts, and third shutout of the season. Erickson, who also shut out the Twins 2-0 on Aug. 18 in Baltimore, has not lost to Minnesota in 10 starts since July 24, 1996.

Belle, who homered twice Monday against Cleveland, hit a solo shot in the fourth, his 33rd. Joe Mays (5-8) took the loss.

Mariners 7, Blue Jays 4

Ken Griffey Jr. hit his AL-leading 43rd homer to lead Seattle over

Toronto at Safeco Field.

Griffey hit David Wells' 1-2 pitch over the left-center wall to drive in two runs in the fifth. Griffey has hit seven career home runs off Wells (13-10) — the most he's hit off any pitcher.

Seattle starter Gil Meche (6-4) put together a solid performance on the night before his 21st birthday by allowing three runs and six hits in six innings.

Cubs 2, Reds 1

Reds 10, Cubs 3

Someone hit three homers at Wrigley Field. This time, it was Greg Vaughn instead of Sammy Sosa.

Vaughn had his first career three-homer game as Cincinnati reignited the newest version of the Big Red Machine by hitting six homers in a 10-3 win over the Cubs.

Sosa didn't homer during the doubleheader and remains at 58 with 24 games to go. He was 2-for-8 in the doubleheader, with four strikeouts.

Aaron Boone hit two homers and Mike Cameron connected once for the Reds, who hit a major league record 14 homers in a two-game span Saturday and Sunday in Philadelphia, but had one homer Monday and none in Tuesday's opener.

Cincinnati dropped three games behind Houston in the NL Central, but moved within 3 1/2 games of the Mets in the wild-card race.

Chicago won the opener as 16-game loser Steve Trachsel (6-16) allowed four hits in eight innings, winning consecutive decisions for the first time this season.

RANGERS

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the seventh behind six strong innings from Nagy.

Steve Reed (3-2) walked Royce Clayton leading off the seventh, and after Mark McLemore's bunt advanced Clayton to second, Rodriguez lined his 32nd homer into the right-field seats to put Texas in front 4-3.

"I wasn't trying to hit a home run, I was just trying to hit the ball hard," said Rodriguez, who is two short of matching the league record for homers by a catcher set by Oakland's Terry Steinbach in 1996. "When I hit the ball in the air, sometimes it goes. But I'm not looking to hit a home run."

John Wetteland pitched the ninth for his 40th save and third in two nights.

Giants 7, Mets 4

Marvin Benard's RBI single capped a two-run eighth-inning rally and Rich Aurilia had three hits and drove in two runs as San Francisco won at New York.

San Francisco, which dropped two straight following a season-high eight-game winning streak, remained 6 1/2 games behind first-place Arizona in the NL West.

The Mets, who had a three-game winning streak snapped, are 3 1/2 games behind Atlanta in the NL East.

Turk Wendell (3-4) lost for the third time in four appearances. Rich Rodriguez (3-0) pitched one inning to earn the victory.

Astros 8, Phillies 6

Ken Caminiti hit a tiebreaking, two-run single off Wayne Gomes (4-5) in the ninth inning at Philadelphia to help Houston win its fifth straight.

Jay Powell (5-4) pitched 1 1/3 innings for the victory and Doug Henry got three outs for his first save.

Braves 3, Cardinals 2

Pinch-hitter Howard Battle singled home the winning run with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning, leading Atlanta to its 14th win in 17 games.

Terry Mulholland and Mike Remlinger (7-1) combined on a six-hitter for Atlanta.

Mark McGwire went 0-for-4 with a pair of strikeouts and is hitless in 12 at-bats and stuck on 54 homers.

Darren Oliver (7-9) lost despite his second complete game of the season.

Diamondbacks 11, Brewers 9

Matt Williams' grand slam highlighted a seven-run sixth inning as Arizona won at Milwaukee in a game that featured a major league record-tying 15 pitchers.

Steve Finley also homered and tripled in the sixth as the Diamondbacks won for the 16th time in 21 games.

Arizona used eight pitchers and Milwaukee had seven as the teams equaled the major league record for most pitchers used in a nine-inning game. St. Louis and Cincinnati set the record in 1993, and Montreal and Atlanta matched it in 1996.

Expos 4, Rockies 1

Vladimir Guerrero went 2-for-3 and drove in four runs to increase his team-leading RBI total as the Expos stopped a four-game losing streak.

Rockies manager Jim Leyland confirmed after the game that he was retiring after the season.

Pirates 3, Padres 1

Brian Giles hit a two-run homer off Sterling Hitchcock (11-11), and Jason Schmidt (12-9) shut out San Diego for 7 2/3 innings following Quilvio Veras' leadoff homer.

Marlins 2, Dodgers 1

Alex Gonzalez hit a go-ahead triple in the eighth inning off Matt Herges (0-1) to lead Florida.

Jesus Sanchez (5-6) got the win and Antonio Alfonseca earned his 17th save.

Ramirez tied it at 2 with a third-inning RBI single.

Cleveland took a 3-2 lead in the sixth when Ramirez doubled and later scored on David Justice's RBI ground-out.

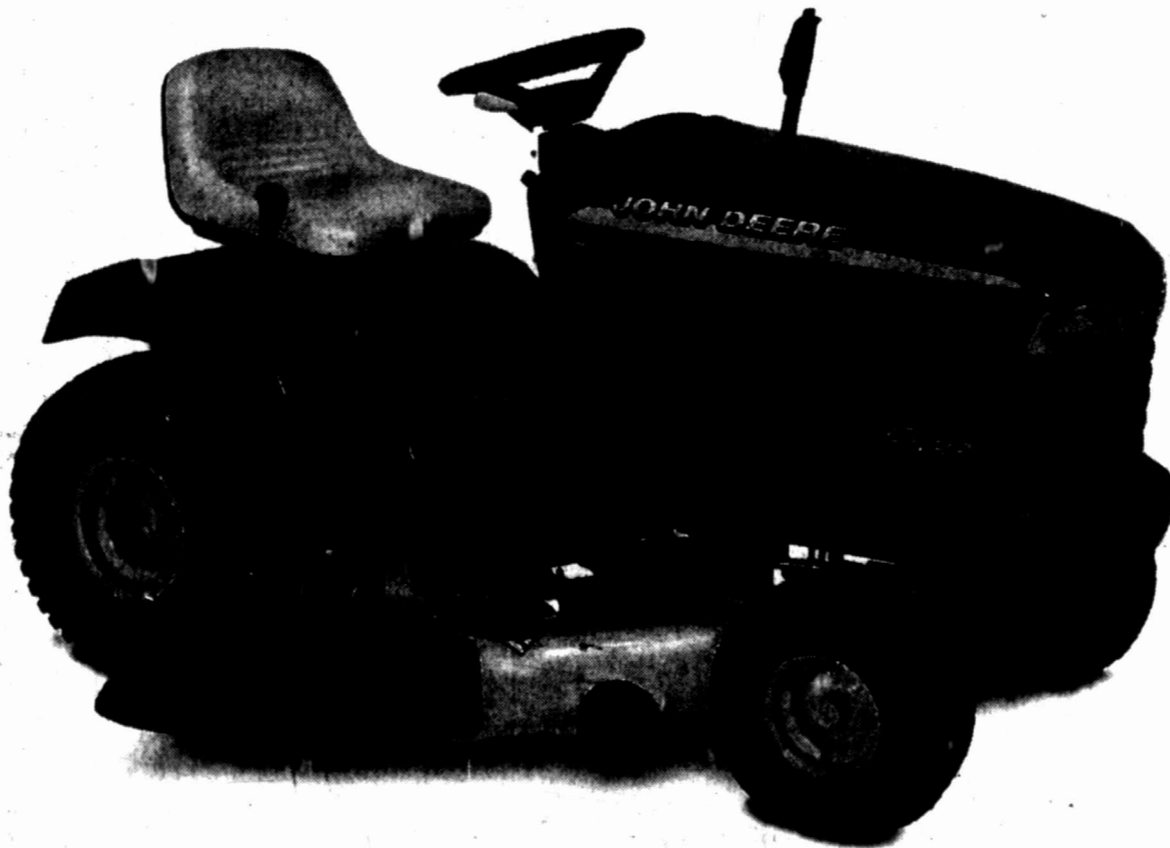
Notes: Nagy allowed two runs and six hits, struck out four and walked one. ... Texas first baseman-DH Rafael Palmeiro missed the game with a bone bruise on his left wrist. Palmeiro was hit on the wrist by a pitch in the first inning of the first game of Monday's doubleheader against the White Sox. ... The Rangers activated outfielder Mike Simms. Simms has been out all season with left heel problems. ... The Rangers list Palmeiro as day-to-day. ... At 84-56, the Rangers are 28 games over .500 for the first time in franchise history. ...

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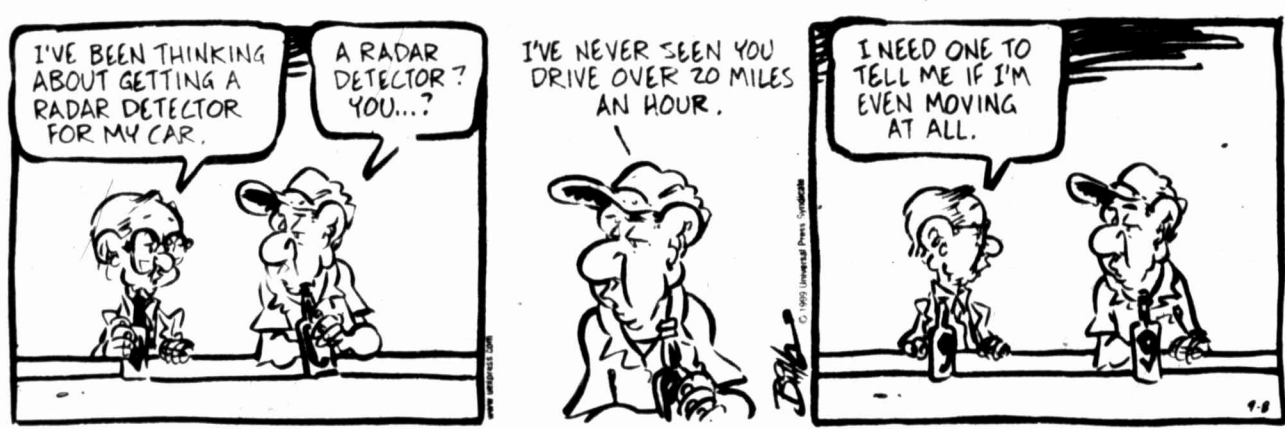
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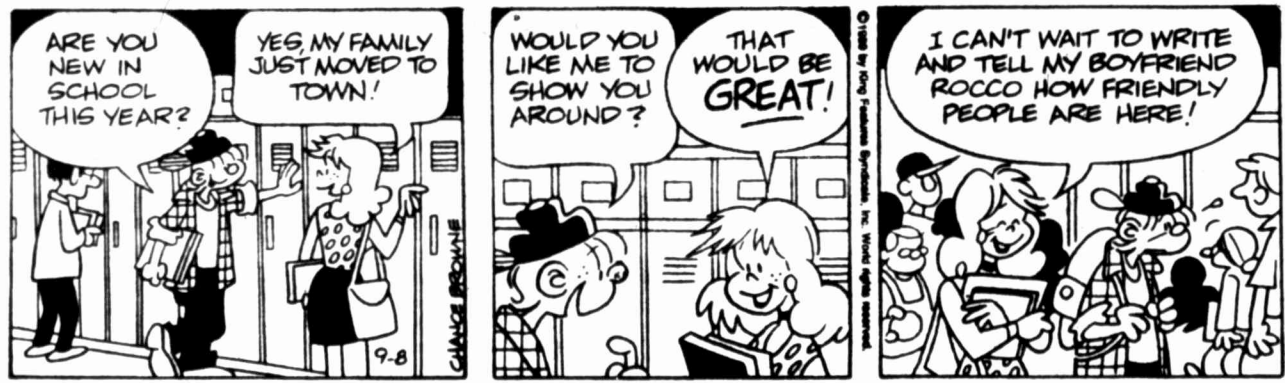
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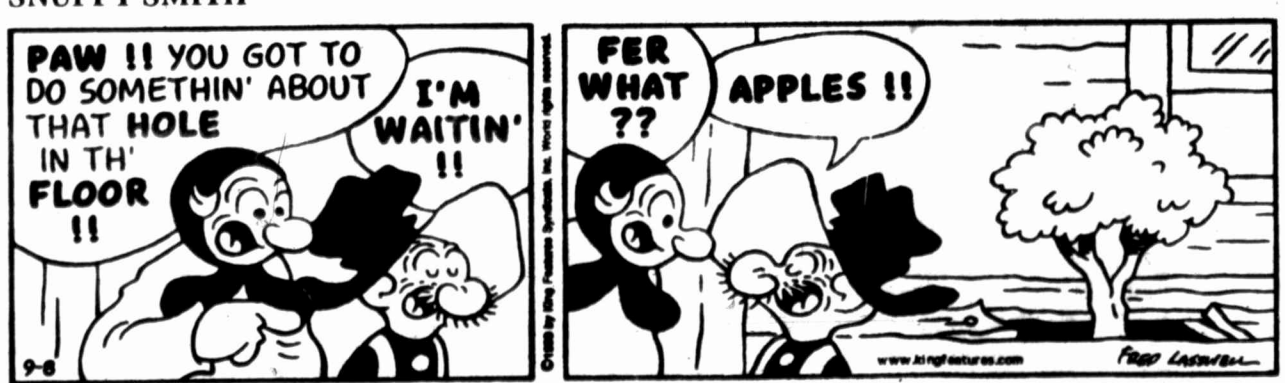
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In 1951, a peace treaty with Japan was signed by 48 other nations in San Francisco.
In 1952, the Ernest Hemingway novel "The Old Man and the Sea" was published.
In 1975, Boston's public schools began mandatory busing to integrate schools; there were scattered incidents of violence.

In 1985, Pete Rose of the Cincinnati Reds tied Ty Cobb's career record for hits with a single for No. 4,191 during a game against the Cubs in Chicago.
Ten years ago: Former President Reagan underwent surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota to relieve fluid build-up on his brain after a horse-riding accident.
Five years ago: A USAir Boeing 737 crashed near Pittsburgh International Airport, killing all 132 people on board.

One year ago: Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals broke Roger Maris' 37-year-old record for home runs in a single season, hitting No. 62 off Chicago Cubs pitcher Steve Trachsel.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian Sid Caesar is 77. Country singer-songwriter Harlan Howard is 72. Actor Alan Feinstein is 58. Author Ann Beattie is 52. Musician Will Lee ("Late Show With David Letterman") is 47. Actress Heather Thomas is 42. Pop musician David Steele (Fine Young Cannibals) is 39. Rhythm-and-blues singer Mable Gordon (Levert) is 35. Actor Henry Thomas is 28. Actor David Arquette is 28. Actor Larenz Tate is 24. Actor Jonathan Taylor Thomas ("Home Improvement") is 18.

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