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After Hours slated today at Beth Ann's

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Business After Hours get-together from 5-7 p.m. today at Beth Ann's.

The public is invited to the informal event. There is no charge.

Business After Hours is a chamber program designed to encourage networking and to showcase sponsors.

Door prizes will be given away and refreshments will be served.

Business owners are encouraged to exchange business cards and information. The public is also invited to come and meet business leaders and learn more about the products the women's clothing store has to offer.

Beth Ann's is located at 2112 Scurry.

City to work on water main

Big Spring residents along Wasson Road from Parkway to Randolph Street and all areas south to the Garden City Highway need to be aware that the city of Big Spring will be making water main repairs in their area Friday.

The work will begin at 9 a.m. Customers in that area will have no water pressure or low water pressure.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY
 □ Rackley-Swords Chapter 379 Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Road.
 □ American Legion Post 506, 7 p.m. Call 263-2084.
 □ 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. All seniors invited.

SATURDAY
 □ Big Spring High School Choir boosters car wash, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Accepting pledges of 10 cents per car washed, or donations.
 □ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 □ The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, open from 1 to 5 p.m.

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Local DAR chapter spreading the word about Constitution Week

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Ring bells, special announcements and programs will mark Friday's beginning of Constitution Week.

This week, observed nationally Sept. 17-23 each year, commemorates the anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America.

Locally, the Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is spreading the word about Constitution Week.

Member Sarah Tipton said honoring the Constitution is important.

"This document has certainly stood the test of time," said Tipton. "I don't think we should let down on it now."

DAR has sponsored obser-

will participate in a variety of ways. At Bauer Elementary, students will gather in the school cafeteria to ring handbells. At Marcy, the school will ring the bell that normally signals the end of classes. Then Rey Villareal, principal, will make an announcement about Constitution Week.

Villareal plans to make short announcements each day of the week to remind students about the observance.

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At Moss Elementary, students will mark the occasion at 3 p.m.

Friday by walking the halls, ringing bells from the music department.

DAR has received proclamations from Texas Gov. George W. Bush, Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart, and Big Spring Mayor Tim Blackshear. Some of those will be read over local school intercom systems.

To commemorate the event, DAR members from the Big Spring chapter will meet with those from Midland and Odessa

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TIPTON



Above, Christopher Nunez and Alycia Garza lead a Diez y Seis de Septiembre parade today from the Lake View Head Start Center to Morgan Park and Sacred Heart Church. The Mexican holiday commemorates Mexican Independence Day. At left, Jacob Calvio, president of the Mexican American Students Association at Howard College, takes an oil painting from advisor Mina Benavides while the two were hanging a show of Hispanic art in the library. The show is part of the college's observance of Hispanic Heritage Month.

HERALD photos/Rick McLaughlin and Debbie L. Jensen

Port-to-Plains

Chamber board approves up to \$2,500 to promote summit on trade corridor

RICK McLAUGHLIN
Staff Writer

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce directors approved spending up to \$2,500 to help fund and promote a Ports-to-Plains "summit" conference in Lubbock Nov. 4-5.

The action came at the chamber's monthly luncheon meeting Wednesday.

In other business, the chamber announced the nomination of five members of the community for seats on the chamber's board of directors. They are Mike Hammock of TXU, First Church of the Nazarene pastor Roger Huff, Debbie Sheppard of Dakota's Flowers and Gay Herren of Gaze's Crystal Kitchen.

Port-to-Plains is an effort by about 30 communities and entities to establish the Southwest to Northwest International Trade Corridor down through Big Spring by way of U.S. Highway 87 to the border, to promote economic development along the route.

The Port-to-Plains route will link Denver to Laredo.



STEEL

"The trade corridor is an effort to enhance the highway infrastructure from Colorado to South Texas and the border," said Chamber Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman Richard Steel.

The Port-to-Plains effort was preceded by an effort to extend I-27 in the early 1990s," said Steel. "We have been told that is not going to happen. In lieu of that, we have the Port-to-Plains Trade Corridor."

In our area, the proposed corridor will go through San Angelo and Sonora, follow the Rio Grande and terminate at Eagle Pass, Steel said.

"The effort is being spearheaded by Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, the Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Commission," said Steel. He noted that the effort has raised more than \$437,000 from cities and counties along the route — including Big Spring and Howard County — which have been and are being asked to help promote the corridor.

There are two options proposed for the route, State Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, said Monday at a San Angelo Chamber of Commerce luncheon. The preferred route runs from Denver through Raton, N.M. to Dumas then on to San

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Coahoma ISD planning tax decrease; sets public hearing for 7 p.m. Monday

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Trustees for Coahoma Independent School District are proposing a reduction in the 1999-2000 tax rate to \$1.407 per \$100 valuation, and have scheduled a tax hearing Monday at 7 p.m. for community input.



KINGSTON

"We're looking at \$1.407 rate, which is a couple of cents less than last year's rate. I don't foresee too many problems this late in the game, and after we close the hearing we will have a regular board meeting," said CISD Superintendent Dr. Bill Kingston.

Relief from projected oil and gas revenues as well as property taxes have allowed trustees to lower the tax rate, he said. However, the district will still operate with a deficit budget for the year.

"This will generate about \$1.5 million in local taxes, based on

the \$1.407 tax rate," Kingston said.

Coahoma ISD trustees in August approved a budget of nearly \$6 million. Kingston said local taxes will account for about one-fifth of that budget.

"The rest we will receive through state and some federal money, as well as other sources such as delinquent tax collections," he said.

Kingston said trustees were pleased to lower the tax rate this year, in spite of several predictions toward the declining

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Big Spring man dies of injuries from blaze that took wife's life

HERALD Staff Report

A 78-year-old Big Spring man has died as a result of a residential fire Friday night in which his wife perished.

Lonnie Moore died at University Medical Center in Lubbock about 9 a.m. Wednesday just two days after the funeral for his wife, Faye Moore, 72.

Mrs. Moore was pronounced dead Friday night by Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs at her home at 640 Manor St.

Big Spring Fire Marshal Burr Lea Settles said firemen were called to the house about

10 p.m. where they found flames coming out of two windows on the north side of the house.

Settles said they found Mr. Moore, conscious, in the back yard.

Settles said the fire appeared to be caused by smoking materials igniting a slow, smoldering fire on a sofa before it burst into flames and spread to other combustibles.

The fire marshal said Mrs. Moore appeared to be an invalid and surmised that her husband had attempted to res-

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Garden City homecoming activities set

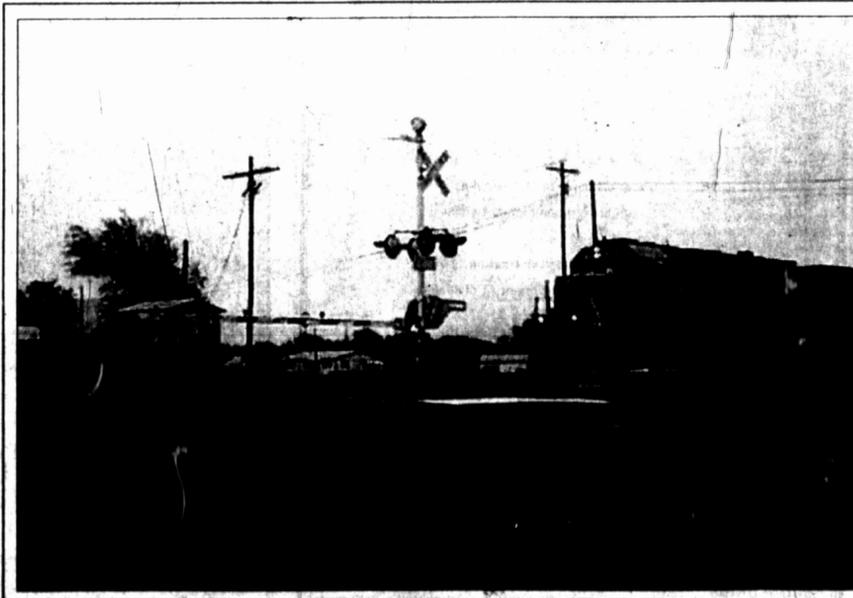
By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Garden City's homecoming Friday, when the Bearkats meet the Jal Panthers, culminates a week of spirit-raising festivities, sponsored by the student council and cheerleaders.

"We've had a whole week preparing for homecoming. We started with a hall decorating contest, and there have been different games of competition between the classes all week," said high school principal Faith Scott.

A traditional bonfire tonight will find all the students marching in a popular "snake dance," with painted faces, she said.

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A westbound Union Pacific containerized freight train nears the Main Street crossing in Coahoma. Motorists are reminded that it is against the law to enter a crossing, either after the signal lights and bells are operational, or after the safety gates are down.

HERALD photo/John H. Walker

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OBITUARIES

Lonnie D. Moore Jr.

Lonnie D. Moore Jr., 78, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Sept. 15, 1999, at University Medical Center in Lubbock. Service will be 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Doug Shelley, pastor of Eastside Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park with military honors.



MOORE

Mr. Moore was born Nov. 3, 1920, in Delta County to Lonnie D. Moore Sr. and Bessie Austin Moore. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in Japan, Germany and Italy; and also served in the Korean Conflict. Mr. Moore retired after 23 years.

After retiring from the Army, he became a surgical technician, working at the Veterans Administration Hospitals in Temple and Big Spring. He was a member of Eastside Baptist Church.

Mr. Moore is survived by two daughters, Katherine Bedrich and her husband Charlie of Cameron, and Sandra Patzki of Garland; three grandchildren, Thomas Bedrich and his wife Kathleen of Brenham, and Karin Patzki and James Patzki, both of Garland; three sisters, Myrtle Kimbrough of Odessa, Ruby Goforth of Texico, N.M., and Billye Yaws of Seagoville; and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Faye B. Moore, and one grandson, Kevin Bedrich.

The family suggests memorials may be made to Allison Cancer Center in Midland, UMC Burn Center in Lubbock, or the Mobile Meals program, Big Spring.

Casketbearers will be Edmond Tillman, Steve Chancy, Malcolm Chancy, Jabo Chancy, Chuck Tipton and Michael Tipton.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Sam Thurman

Funeral service for Sam Thurman, 69, Ruidoso, N.M., formerly of Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 17, 1999, at Community United Methodist Church in Ruidoso. Burial will follow at the Fort Stanton Cemetery with the Rev. Harry Riser officiating.

Mr. Thurman died Tuesday, Sept. 14, at his home. He was born Dec. 4, 1929, in Lubbock. He married Curt McCauley Sept. 1, 1951, in Big Spring.

Mr. Thurman retired from Fina after 30 years as south

ter of Albert Bain and Mae Eletha Brown, pioneer Martin County settlers. She was raised and grew up in the Brown Community and lived there until she and her husband moved to Big Spring in 1966. She had managed a country store in the Brown Community and was an Avon representative for five years. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include: his wife, Curt, of Ruidoso, N.M.; a son, Curtis Thurman of Georgetown; a daughter, Cathy Thurman of Ruidoso; a half-brother, R.C. Grider of Pampa; three grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Friday from 9 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. at the Community United Methodist Church.

The family has suggested memorials to the memorial fund at the church.

Arrangements under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

B.D. Massingill

Funeral service for B.D. Massingill, 71, of Lubbock, will be 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, 1999, at Calvary Baptist Church in Lubbock with the Rev. Claude Craven and the Rev. Clyde Blakeley officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

He died Tuesday, Sept. 14, 1999, at his residence. He was born Oct. 13, 1927, in Crane. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was the founder of Massingill & Son Construction Company, Well-Co Oil Service and Black Gold Properties.

Survivors include: his son, Mark Massingill and wife Cindy of Levelland; a daughter, Lynn Massingill of Lubbock; a brother, James Massingill of Big Spring; three sisters, Oteka Hunt of Odessa, Leola Green of Big Spring and Jamie Crittenden of New Iberia, La.; and one granddaughter, Laurie Massingill of Levelland.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice of Lubbock or the American Cancer Society. The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. today at Resthaven Funeral Home, Lubbock.

Paid obituary

Lorena Ethel Shortes

Lorena Ethel Shortes, 95, Big Spring, died Tuesday, Sept. 14, 1999, at her residence.

Graveside service will be 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 17, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. R.T. Havener, pastor of First Assembly of God Church, and the Rev. Ted Latham, pastor of First Baptist Church of Perryton, officiating.

She was born March 25, 1904, in Winters and married L.O. Shortes on July 19, 1925, in Sparenburg.

Mrs. Shortes was the daughter



SHORTES

worked for veterans hospitals in Temple and Big Spring. Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Myers and Smith Chapel.

She was a member of First Assembly of God Church and was very active. She taught Sunday School, played the piano and preached many times. She was instrumental in helping found and build the Brown Assembly of God Church on land that was donated by her father.

Survivors include: her husband, L.O. Shortes of Big Spring; a daughter and son-in-law, Doris and Ray Carlton of Tulsa; a son and daughter-in-law, Lowell Delwin and Maggie Shortes of Depew, Okla.; one grandson, Jim Carlton of Tulsa; four granddaughters, Carla Latham of Perryton, Patsy Nell Van Riper of Van Etten, N.Y., Tonya Watkins of Salpula, Okla., and Debra Rademacher of Pocatello, Idaho; nine great-grandchildren; and Tasha Grummitt, a surrogate granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers. Honorary pallbearers will be Jim Carlton, James Schumpert, Kenneth Rademacher, Gene Watkins, Ronnie Wheeler, Donnie Wheeler, Jason Johnson, Kenneth Schuelke, James Grummitt, Robert Oliva, Robert Rivera, Marc Dutch and Larry Shaw.

The family suggests memorials to the First Assembly of God Church, 310 W. Fourth, Big Spring, or the donor's favorite charity.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

CONSTITUTION

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to hear speaker David Barton discuss the First Amendment.

Individuals, Barton said, should use this week to read the Constitution, learn what it says and how it impacts them.

"I would encourage everyone to familiarize themselves with the document," Barton said. "It's something we should all care about."

FIRE

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cue his wife from the fire but could get no further than the back door.

Mr. Moore was taken first to Scenic Mountain Medical Center and later air-lifted to University Medical Center where he had been listed in critical condition.

Moore was retired from the U.S. Army and was a former surgical technician. He had

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

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West Texas economy.

"This turned out much better than we anticipated," he said. Also at this public hearing, the budget which was adopted, as prescribed by law, in August, may be discussed.

CHAMBER

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Angelo leading off to Highway 277 to Laredo.

The alternate route, Duncan said, goes from Denver to Dumas by way of Boise City, Colo. before heading to San Angelo. From there, the route goes to U.S. Highway 83 and down to Carrizo Springs before heading to Laredo.

Invited to speak at the combination conference and lobbying effort are U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, Sen. Duncan, Texas Department of Transportation Commissioner Robert Nichols, Colorado Department of Transportation Commissioner Don Morrison, Oklahoma Department of Transportation Commissioner Ed Sutter and Lubbock Mayor Windy Sitton.

Others are Federal Highway Administration Executive Director Michael Kane, Texas Department of Economic Development Executive Director Jeff Moseley, Border Trade Transportation Assistant Executive Director Edward A. Wueste, and Randy Neugebauer, chairman of the Lubbock Metropolitan and the Ports-to-Plains Coalition. Residents are encouraged to

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Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

attend. For more information on the two-day conference, call the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641.

GARDEN CITY

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"It starts at the bank, and we call it the snake dance because of the long line from the bank to the school, where we have the bonfire. The students march in a single or a double line, shouting yells and cheers all the way," Scott said.

A pep rally 3 p.m. Friday will announce the winners of the contests that have occurred all week between the classmen. Also, the winner of the hall decorating contest will be announced, she said.

"We'll be decorating for the

pep rally tonight," she said. Each class competed at lunch time this week for the honor of winning the games, she said.

Homecoming queen and Mr. Bearkat will be announced at half time activities of the football game Friday.

Band sweetheart and escort will be announced prior to the game, Scott said.

In homecoming court this year are Jill Hoelscher, Deidra Hirt and Lora Braden, football sweetheart nominees; Zane Cummings, Kyle Kight and Justin Hillger, football escort nominees; Lora Braden, Tracey Machicek and Dana Wilde, band sweetheart nominees; and Sergio Colunga, Jason Wilde and Justin Crowley, band escort nominees.

A homecoming dance is scheduled after the football game.

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Austin Ferguson, 59, died Tuesday. Services are pending.

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Gunman walks into church, kills seven before committing suicide

FORT WORTH (AP) — Police combed a killer's trashed home today for clues to his motive for a shooting rampage that began when he spewed anti-Baptist rhetoric, burst into a church service for teen-agers and opened fire.

Seven people were fatally shot Wednesday night before the gunman — identified by police today as 47-year-old Larry Gene Ashbrook of Fort Worth — killed himself in a pew at the Wedgwood Baptist Church. Seven others were wounded, three of them seriously.

"It looked like a skit, it looked like something out of a movie," said Bethany Williams, 16, her eyes red with tears and her green crocheted purse splattered with blood. "And I

thought it was a fake gun making fake noises."

Authorities this morning still had no idea what motivated the shooting. Ashbrook carried no note, and none was immediately found at his nearby home, which was being searched this morning.

Ashbrook acted alone, and there was no indication that he knew anyone at the church, police chief Ralph Mendoza said. The killer had no known police record.

He carried a 9mm semiautomatic handgun and a .380-caliber handgun, pausing during the attack to reload, using three clips in all, Mendoza said. He did not have a handgun permit, according to the Department of Public Safety.

Investigators later found six loaded 9mm clips in his jacket pocket. Mendoza didn't know how much .380-caliber ammunition Ashbrook carried.

Wedgwood Baptist Church pastor Al Meredith said the congregation was pulling together to cope with the tragedy.

"I am usually the bearer of good news, but it's tragic news that we are witness to today," Meredith said this morning. "Our hearts are broken but not crushed."

Ashbrook, apparently trashed his home, about 10 minutes from the church, before the rampage. FBI agents who searched the home found overturned furniture, holes in walls, concrete poured down toilets and family photos hacked to

pieces, said FBI special agent in charge Robert Garrity.

"He virtually destroyed the interior of his house," Garrity said. "This has the appearance of being a very troubled man, who, for whatever reason in his own mind, sought to quiet whatever demons that bothered him."

Several years-old journals found in the home yielded no clue as to what caused Ashbrook to snap, Garrity said.

"I don't know that we'll ever know the answer to the question of why it happened," Garrity said. "It may just be an enigma for a long time."

Linda McConn, who has lived in Ashbrook's neighborhood since 1961, was a high school classmate of the gunman's sis-

ter. She described Ashbrook as a harmless eccentric.

"I always saw him driving around in his father's old Chevy," Ms. McConn said. "We always just kind of thought he was kind of useless."

Ashbrook apparently had lived alone since the July death of his father, 85-year-old Jack Ashbrook.

The elder Ashbrook was described in his obituary as a charter member of Pleasant Ridge Church of Christ.

Aaron Ashbrook, the gunman's brother, declined comment when reached at his home near Fort Worth.

The shootings happened during a service for teen-agers at the large, red brick church on the southwest side of the city.

More than 150 people were inside the building, and the Christian rock group Forty Days was performing after the annual "See You at the Pole" gathering at local schools where students affirm their faith and concern for the problems of society by holding prayer time around school flagpoles.

Witnesses said the teens were in the sanctuary when the shooter, wearing a black jacket, jeans and a white T-shirt, arrived.

"He hits the door real hard to make his presence known and he just immediately started firing," said Dan Hughes, the church's college minister.

Witnesses said the man cursed as he fired.

Dragging trial: Prosecution may wrap up case today

BRYAN (AP) — Prosecutors planned to call their final witnesses, present final evidence and rest their case today against the second of three white men charged with killing a black East Texas man by dragging him to death behind a truck.

The defendant, Lawrence Russel Brewer, 32, is on trial for capital murder in the June 7, 1996, slaying of James Byrd Jr. He could be sentenced to death if convicted.

John William King, 24, was convicted in February and condemned. Shawn Allen Berry, 24, is awaiting trial.

Jasper County District Attorney Guy James Gray said today's testimony will include expert testimony about DNA and tire-track evidence, Byrd's

autopsy and a second public unveiling of the chain which prosecutors said the three used to attach Byrd by his ankles to the rear of the pickup truck.

The chain provided one of the more dramatic moments of King's trial, when it was hauled into the courtroom and entered into evidence as testimony neared its close.

Drama was sparse Wednesday, however, as prosecutors called 16 witnesses, most of them involved in the collection and transportation of the evidence.

The proceedings, which Gray termed "boring, boring, boring," seemed at times like a slow-motion relay race, following the evidence from its discovery all the way to the FBI's Crime Lab in Washington.

Gray said the lengthy roster of witnesses, which included nine from the FBI, was necessary to ensure a conviction which will stand.

"Ninety percent of today was spent for appellate courts down the road," Gray said after testimony ended Wednesday.

It also helped prepare the jury to hear testimony from the experts who tested the DNA, performed the autopsy on Byrd and compared tire track impressions taken from the 3-mile route to the tires on Berry's truck, he said.

The DNA expert had been scheduled to testify Wednesday, but was delayed in Washington, Gray said. DNA evidence in King's trial linked all three suspects to Byrd's murder.

FBI Agent Mark Young on

Wednesday identified several photographs taken of the undercarriage of Berry's pickup truck, which Young searched.

One photo showed what Young described as bloody flesh caught on the left front portion of the frame, and the others showed apparent blood stains near the right front wheel well and along the tailpipe.

Young, a member of an FBI evidence collection team sent in the day after Byrd's body was found, said he took samples from the two underbody locations and also removed the tailpipe for testing.

In King's trial, DNA testing showed the blood belonged to Byrd, 49, who witnesses said was seen riding in the back of the pickup the early morning hours of June 7.

Plaintiffs lawyers welcome delay of wrongful-death trial

WACO (AP) — Plaintiffs attorneys are applauding a federal judge's decision to delay next month's trial in which surviving Branch Davidians have sued the government for wrongful death, saying it will give them more time to look at evidence.

U.S. District Judge Walter Smith on Wednesday delayed the trial set for Oct. 18 so that federal officials will have time to produce the evidence he has demanded.

"It's good news," said lead plaintiffs attorney Mike Caddell of Houston. "I always thought Judge Smith would give us a reasonable amount of time to conduct discovery."

Smith said he will set a new court date after the logistics of the transfer of the evidence has been resolved. But, he said the government's earlier request for a fall 2000 date was "unrealistic" and he will not postpone the trial for a year.

Although Caddell said he could be ready for trial by January, another plaintiffs attorney wants the case put off until the resolution of congressional and independent inquiries under way in Washington.

"The best thing to do is let all of this clear and then proceed with the civil trial," said Russell Solomon of New Orleans. "These people are all dead, so what does time matter now?"

On Feb. 28, 1993, U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents raided the rural home of Branch Davidian leader David Koresh and his followers. Four agents and six cult members died in a gun battle after the Davidians were tipped to the impending raid. Following a 51-day siege, Koresh and nearly 80 others died after a fire consumed the compound.

Surviving Davidians and the relatives of the dead later sued, challenging the government's conclusion that the cult members themselves started the fire and that they shot first during the initial raid. The lawsuits were consolidated into one case that was to open in Waco federal court next month.

In Smith's order, he acknowledged that the Justice department intends to comply with his order to transfer to his court all documents and evidence related to the 1993 siege.

"However, the physical transfer of control of all of this evidence will take longer than originally anticipated by the court, making the current trial date 'impossible to maintain,'" the order states.

Justice Department spokesman Myron Marlin praised the judge's decision.

State Sen. J.E. 'Buster' Brown apologizes to woman

ANGLETON (AP) — State Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown apologized Wednesday to a 20-year-old former employee who complained he had made unwanted sexual advances toward her, Brazoria County District Attorney Jeri Yenne said.

Brown, the top-Ranking Republican in the Senate, delivered the apology to Tiffany Black in a face-to-face meeting, Ms. Yenne said.

"Basically he delivered a letter of apology indicating that he was sorry and requesting that his

apology be accepted," Ms. Yenne said.

"Based on the admission, acknowledgement and apology, and in deference to (Ms. Black's) wishes, we will do nothing further with this matter. An apology was significant, and she's satisfied that this is an appropriate resolution."

Brown also indicated he would be willing to take "any necessary corrective measures, including counseling," the DA said.

Neither Ms. Black nor the dis-

trict attorney's office requested that he do so, Ms. Yenne said.

Lake Jackson police, who looked into the matter as possible official oppression — a Class A misdemeanor — concluded their investigation without filing charges, the district attorney said.

The alleged incident occurred Sept. 2 in Brown's Lake Jackson office where Ms. Black, a student at Brazosport College, had worked for about a year.

She filed a complaint with police the same day and later

quit her job.

The Facts newspaper of Brazoria County and the Houston Chronicle cited sources as saying Ms. Black alleged the senator touched her breasts and buttocks and tried to kiss her during an impromptu golf lesson.

Brown, who is married, said last week he was "working diligently to clear up this matter."

Brown, 57, did not return phone messages left Wednesday afternoon at his Lake Jackson and Austin offices.

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OUR VIEWS

Take some time to help honor our Constitution

If you have a bell, ring it Friday at 3 p.m. That's the official start of Constitution Week. This week, observed nationally Sept. 17-23 each year, commemorates the anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America. Locally, the Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), is spreading the word about the observance. So far, several local elementary schools and churches have agreed to participate by ringing bells. DAR, a patriotic organization that espouses no political beliefs, has sponsored observance of Constitution Week since the 1950s. And, as member Sarah Tipton so aptly put it this year, we should "never let down" in our honoring of the document that guides our government and justice system. At Bauer Elementary, students will gather to ring handbells. At Marcy Elementary, the school will ring the bell that normally signals the end of classes, followed by an announcement about Constitution Week. At Moss Elementary, students will mark the occasion by walking the halls at the appointed hour, ringing bells borrowed from the music department. DAR has received proclamations from Texas Gov. George W. Bush, Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart, and Big Spring Mayor Tom Clancy. Some of those will be read over local school intercom systems. We appreciate DAR reminding us of this vital observance. Our Constitution, as we have been reminded lately, is the backbone of our country. It is our duty as citizens to remember, and to share its importance with our children.

OTHER VIEWS

Texas Gov. George W. Bush offered a new idea on educational accountability that is at least worth discussing. Bush's proposal goes well beyond the tired idea of offering vouchers to any parent who wants them. That approach favors wealthier families who can bridge the difference between the amount of the voucher and the cost of a private school. Bush instead would tie federal support for schools to their performance. If a school receiving Title I money showed improved student achievement on test scores, it would continue to get the money. But if students showed no progress over three years, the school would lose the money. The federal government would match the Title I money with other federal education money and give it to the state, which would set up an education account of about \$1,500 a year for each affected student. Parents could keep the money and their child in the original school, or they could use it for a private school or tutoring. This focuses attention where it needs to be: poor performing schools in low-economic areas. A good school can help people rise above their circumstances; a bad one sentences them to another generation of poverty. Giving those schools an incentive to improve simply makes sense. Continuing to fund failure is foolish. Is Bush's idea the best incentive? Perhaps. Perhaps not. But at least it moves the voucher and accountability debate in the direction it needs to go.

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Today's liberals are not really liberals at all

One way to better understand American politics is to realize how definitions have changed. For example, today's liberals aren't — liberals, that is.



CHARLEY REESE

Most of them are authoritarian elitists who think people are too stupid to govern themselves. They have adopted their own ideas of how to run the country and, rather than sell them, they seek to impose them. Like all authoritarians, they believe any idea of theirs is revealed truth because it's their idea. This is about as far from classical liberalism as you can get. The classical liberal would today be called a libertarian. He was primarily interested in liberty and in small, weak government. The authoritarian streak in

today's pseudo-liberals can be seen in their viciousness in attacking all who disagree with them. They seek not to engage in a discussion of competing ideas but rather in simply excluding their opponents from the debate by branding them as members of unacceptable groups.

Thus, Americans concerned about immigration, always a legitimate topic for debate, are depicted by the pseudo-liberals as bigots or nativists. In other words, there is to be no discussion of the subject. The pseudo-liberal position is correct, and all who disagree are evil heretics.

Americans who are concerned about the undue influence of foreign governments, as was George Washington, are branded as anti-Semites if the foreign influence that concerns them comes from Israel. The objective of the tactic is the same: avoid a legitimate debate on the subject.

Christians who, following their beliefs, condemn homosexual behavior as a sin are branded as homophobes and bigots. People who object to

pornography are branded as Victorians or Puritans or some times as people who have an unhealthy hang-up about sex (as if customers of pornography didn't).

Men who don't believe women belong in combat are sexist; scientists who take note of racial differences in IQ are branded as racists; Americans who defend their Second Amendment rights are called gun nuts; people opposed to affirmative action and racial quotas are racists; etc. and so on.

Recently, a columnist compared Pat Buchanan to Khalid Abdul Muhammad, which is an outrageous guilt-by-association mud ball. He started by asking what they have in common. The true answer, though not his, is that they have absolutely nothing in common.

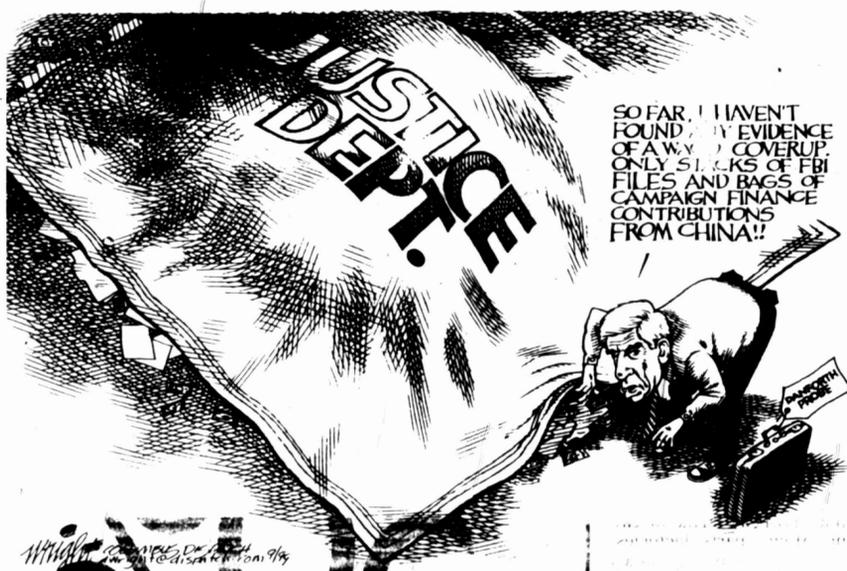
Buchanan is a Christian gentleman from start to finish without an ounce of bigotry or prejudice, while Muhammad is such a loose-mouthed ranter he was disowned by Louis Farrakhan. Buchanan is also one of the most intelligent men in politics today.

But because Buchanan dares to discuss such topics as runaway immigration, disastrous trade policies, failure to control our borders, and wasting lives and treasure on stupid foreign adventures, he is accused of "spreading fear, suspicion and resentment ..." of subliminal appeals to intolerance. And etc. and so forth.

The pseudo-liberal American closely resembles the professional communist. He preaches tolerance while practicing intolerance; he condemns bigotry while being a bigot; he claims to be for open debate while silencing all of his opponents; he claims to be for religious tolerance while routinely slandering Christians; he claims to be for multiculturalism while viciously attacking the culture native to America, which is European.

These pseudo-liberals should be recognized for what they are — authoritarians wearing a disguise who are the mortal enemies of a free society and the Bill of Rights.

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The real Y2K panic, from abroad

A recent book by two Chinese military planners called "Unrestricted War" acknowledges that it would be foolhardy for China to attack the United States because of America's superior military strength. But in a twist worthy of a Tom Clancy novel, the book goes on to assert that China could wage war against a powerful adversary through other means, including cutting off computers and propagating computer viruses.



JACK ANDERSON

The authors argue that a war that takes nonmilitary forms and strikes at the heart of a modern country's vulnerability is "the war of the future." Alarmed by the book's blunt talk, and its highly placed authors, government planners working on the Y2K problem now assume that a possible attack on U.S. computers by China is not just the stuff of fiction, but one of the scenarios they must prepare for. Separating the real from the surreal is the challenge facing the political odd couple overseeing the Senate Year 2000 Committee on Capitol Hill. Utah Republican Bob Bennett and Connecticut Democrat Chris Dodd are at opposite

ends of the spectrum politically, but they agree that malevolent intervention from abroad under the cover of Y2K threatens U.S. economic and national security.

The heightened threat includes industrial espionage, made easier by Y2K, and a new breed of "tech-terrorists" that seek to disable their enemies by cutting off the computers that serve a modern society's basic needs.

The United States has made great strides to become Y2K compliant, but other countries are far behind where they need to be. According to the Senate committee, the countries that pose the greatest danger to their populations, and to world stability, are China, Japan, Russia and Italy.

The Russians are so nervous about the possibility of errant missiles being fired that they will soon announce their participation in a new nuclear tracking site in Colorado Springs called the Center for Y2K Stability.

Within our own borders, the health-care industry is the most ill prepared for the millennial change. On any given day, there are 3.8 million patients in U.S. hospitals, and another 20 million people treated on an outpatient basis. All depend on computer technology for everything from billing to life-saving medical devices. Yet many companies refuse to declare themselves Y2K compliant for fear that any shortcoming would then invite lawsuits. Congress passed legislation

limiting legal liability, but a Y2K lapse that resulted in death or serious injury would still end up in court.

Adding to the anxiety, manufacturers of some medical devices warn that products made for the millennium should not be tested before Jan. 1.

Insurance companies have begun rewriting policies to exclude equipment tested beforehand from being covered. This sounds bizarre, but a Senate aide explains that a typical hospital has 6,000 to 8,000 pieces of technical equipment that are complicated to test and hard to re-boot. Cost-strapped teaching hospitals don't have the time or the money to run the tests, even if manufacturers encouraged them.

The bumpy ride into 2000 will get bumpier if ordinary citizens overreact. Dodd recalls the panic that swept the country after Orson Welles' 1938 radio broadcast "War of the Worlds" convinced people that aliens were landing in New Jersey. There are Web sites now, says Bennett, "that would make Orson Welles jealous if he were still with us."

One Web conspiracy theory accuses President Clinton of inventing the Y2K crisis as an excuse to impose martial law and delay the 2000 presidential election. That way, Clinton remains in office. "It's nonsense," says Bennett. But would the senator fly in a plane on Jan. 1? Only in the United States, Bennett said. So who's panicking?

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HURRICANE

WILMINGTON, Hurricane Floyd today near Cape winds of 110 mph, coasts of North Carolina as tens of people huddled in. The eye of the arrived on the U.S. about 3 a.m., preceded by violent weather more than a foot several tornadoes 480,000 utility North Carolina, S and Virginia w power. "I've never been like this before," Childers, 62, a retir Va., nurse who ca Carolina on vacati

UAW and reach te

AUBURN HILLS, — The United Au and DaimlerChr reached a tentative today on a new n tract for 75,000 worl Terms of the agre not immediately ar UAW spokesman, F declined to provide said a ratification to be scheduled. The deal cam marathon round of between the UAW a pany formed by th Chrysler Corp. and Daimler-Benz AG. Both sides have re information about Wages, job security costs, overtime de the assignment of 1 side suppliers were be among the top is ing's talk, as the ing the last round i Union leaders ha workers were entitl of record automal DaimlerChrysler, Motors Corp. and Co. had combined more than \$5.5 bil second quarter of 19 There were few in what proposals the DaimlerChrysler. The union has disc to organize Daiml nonunion plants in States: a Mercedes utility factory in AL 1,600 workers and commercial truck p Carolinas. UAW leaders plained about com against organizers.

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Hurricane Floyd charges ashore, flooding Carolina coasts

WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP) — Hurricane Floyd tore ashore today near Cape Fear with winds of 110 mph, flooding the coasts of North and South Carolina as tens of thousands of people huddled in shelters.

The eye of the huge storm arrived on the U.S. mainland at about 3 a.m., preceded by hours of violent weather that included more than a foot of rain and several tornadoes. More than 480,000 utility customers in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia were without power.

"I've never been in nothing like this before," said Norma Childers, 62, a retired Rustburg, Va., nurse who came to North Carolina on vacation and was in

Wilmington's Marriott Courtyard Hotel when it lost power this morning. "I'm getting too much fuss from my children. They're at home. They think that's where I'm supposed to be."

At 8 a.m., the storm was centered 40 east of Greenville and moving at 23 mph to the north-northeast.

The hurricane was expected to churn across southeastern Virginia, then out to sea along the coasts of Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey before nearing New York's Long Island early Friday. Disaster preparations were being made in New York City, Massachusetts' Cape Cod and along the coast of Maine.

Hurricane warnings were posted as far north as Plymouth, Mass. Public schools were closed for the day across New Jersey and in New York City.

In Portsmouth, Va., flooding from the storm and power failures combined to shut down the city's water supply system early today, police Sgt. Elizabeth Romero said.

The system supplies 110,000 customers.

The rain had stopped near Wilmington. There were still brisk gusts, and black clouds floated quickly overhead, but the sun already was poking through.

Along the Intercoastal Waterway in Wilmington, por-

poises gently swam seaward past a 34-foot fishing boat that was thrown onto land across from Wrightsville Beach island. Surprisingly, there appeared to be little other damage on the mainland, aside from some road flooding and buckled piers.

Authorities had urged more than 2.6 million people along the southern Atlantic coast to clear out of Floyd's path — the biggest peacetime evacuation in U.S. history.

"It sounds like people are taking this seriously indeed and we're quite pleased with that," said forecaster Jack Beven at the National Hurricane Center.

While the storm delivered only a glancing blow to Florida and Georgia on Tuesday and

Wednesday, it still forced the cancellation of hundreds of airline flights. Amtrak suspended all train service south of Washington.

One death was attributed to the storm in North Carolina — a person died when a car hydroplaned on wet roads Wednesday afternoon and crashed.

A second person was presumed dead after being swept away by flooding near Greenville. One person was missing in the Bahamas.

When Floyd hit the coast near Cape Fear — about 25 miles south of Wilmington — the Category 2 storm was moving north-northeast at 20 mph. Floyd's winds were down from a

peak of nearly 155 mph at its core when it battered the Bahamas and were expected to weaken as it moved over land.

By nightfall Wednesday, areas of the North Carolina coast had up to 16 inches of rain. Wilmington got 13 inches of rain, flooding streets and low-lying areas.

Two twisters damaged homes and churches, but no injuries were reported.

Hurricane-strength gusts of 80 mph earlier buffeted Charleston, S.C., and more than 200,000 people in the area lost power. More than 15 inches of rain fell on Myrtle Beach by midnight, and authorities said they had never seen such severe flooding.

UAW and DaimlerChrysler reach tentative agreement

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — The United Auto Workers and DaimlerChrysler AG reached a tentative agreement today on a new national contract for 75,000 workers.

Terms of the agreement were not immediately announced. A UAW spokesman, Frank Joyce, declined to provide details and said a ratification vote has yet to be scheduled.

The deal came after a marathon round of negotiations between the UAW and the company formed by the merger of Chrysler Corp. and Germany's Daimler-Benz AG.

Both sides have released little information about the talks. Wages, job security, health-care costs, overtime demands and the assignment of work to outside suppliers were expected to be among the top issues in this year's talks, as they were during the last round in 1996.

Union leaders have said that workers were entitled to a share of record automaker profits. DaimlerChrysler, General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co. had combined earnings of more than \$5.5 billion in the second quarter of 1999.

There were few indications of what proposals the UAW and DaimlerChrysler negotiated. The union has discussed efforts to organize DaimlerChrysler's nonunion plants in the United States: a Mercedes-Benz sport utility factory in Alabama with 1,600 workers and Freightliner commercial truck plants in the Carolinas.

UAW leaders have complained about company moves against organizers.

DaimlerChrysler has vowed to remain neutral in the UAW's efforts.

It is against federal labor rules for the issue to be part of the UAW's contract.

But problems in the organizing campaign will affect DaimlerChrysler's relationship with its largest U.S. union.

The UAW usually chooses one automaker to make a deal with first, then uses that deal as the pattern for other contracts. This year, the union kept talks going with both GM and DaimlerChrysler, and refused to publicly name a target.

According to DaimlerChrysler, its average assembly worker is 43 years old, has 16 years of experience and earns about \$70,000 a year, thanks to overtime and profit sharing.

The same worker gets 37 paid vacation days a year.

The UAW is expected to turn its attention now to GM, where lower level talks are being held. That contract covers 222,000 workers, including those at Delphi Automotive, GM's former parts division.

Wages are an issue at GM, which has sought to mend fences with the UAW after last summer's 54-day strike at two Flint, Mich., parts factories. The strike virtually shut down the automaker's North American production.

The thorniest issue appears to be at Ford, which would like to spin off its Visteon parts unit that employs 23,500 UAW workers.

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Friend to all animals

Devoted volunteer raises money and cares for abandoned pets of Big Spring Humane Society shelter

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**
Features Editor

Because she can't speak, Lana Anguiano often shares her feelings with her eyes. When she visits the animals at the Big Spring Humane Society, many times her eyes well with tears.

Such was the case on a recent visit, when Anguiano brought with her the tiny black kitten she has been bottle-feeding since it was found by shelter workers a few weeks ago. Anguiano went from one cage and enclosure to another — from puppies to cats to the large, outdoor dogs — petting furry coats through chain-link fences, feeding some crackers from her pockets and always smiling through her tears.

Anguiano, who lost her voice to throat cancer five years ago, said she has a special relationship with animals.

"Like me, they can't ask for what they want," she said, writing her thoughts on a notepad. "Like me, they've been hurt, and I think they know I just want to love them."

Her hurt includes being one of seven family members stricken with cancer, and the only one who has survived. She grew up and lived in Abilene

for many years, moving to Big Spring after a divorce.

"I wanted a new start," she said. She and her son, 15-year-old Phillip, now call the community home.

Anguiano has been a special volunteer for the Humane Society for nearly a decade, since before she battled cancer and it took her voice. When the organization, which relies on donations, announced recently that it hoped to buy two swamp coolers for its indoor cat shelter, Anguiano went into action.

She walked door to door, carrying a note, asking for donations for the project.

"Some people slammed the door in my face," Anguiano said. "Some were very kind." One woman gave her a \$100 bill.

And all that money went directly to the shelter, which was surprised and grateful for Anguiano's help.

"There aren't too many people who will go door-to-door



ANGUIANO

asking for money — it's difficult," said Margaret Lloyd, board member of the shelter.

"For Lana to do this even though she is unable to speak, it was unbelievable for us. She is a very special person."

For Anguiano, it was a natural response to the shelter's need. And she plans to go door-to-door again in late October or early November, soliciting funds to help the non-profit agency pay for spaying and neutering of animals.

In the meantime, she will remain one of the Humane Society's special friends, caring for the kitten that needs bottle-feeding, or visiting with animals who call the shelter home.

Anguiano said she hopes more people will see her point of view and support the group that cares for the community's unwanted pets.

"These dogs and cats can't get welfare," she said. "They don't have food stamps. And if we don't help them, who will?"

HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen
At right, Lana Anguiano feeds crackers to some dogs while carrying a cat on her shoulder during a visit to the Big Spring Humane Society shelter.



Ads use sarcasm to warn parents about student binge drinking

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — More than 100 universities are trying to alert parents to rampant alcohol abuse on campuses with a sarcastic full-page ad in newspapers for "Binge Beer."

Under the headline "Hitting college campuses this fall," the text reads: "It's tough being a college kid today. That's why we've developed Binge Beer. At Binge, we understand that sometimes you just need five or six drinks the night before that big test."

"Who says falling off a balcony is such a bad thing? And what's an occasional riot? Or even a little assault between friends?"

The ads were to appear in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, USA Today and more than 100 other papers. The National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges is sponsoring, and 113 college presidents signed the ads.

The ads, coordinated by Penn State University, are

aimed at stopping drinking deaths, alcohol poisoning and drunken riots at campuses.

"The whole idea all along was, we wanted to reach parents and opinion leaders more than students," said Stephen J. MacCarthy, Penn State's executive director of university relations. "It hopefully creates some conversation on the issue."

A Harvard study in 1997 found that 43 percent of college students reported being binge drinkers: five drinks a sitting for men, four drinks for women.

At Penn State last year, thousands of drunk college students and alumni massed on downtown streets after a summer arts festival, setting fires and looting.

And at the start of this school year, a Penn State student was hospitalized with a blood-alcohol level of 0.68 percent — almost seven times the legal limit for drivers — after drinking 21 shots to celebrate her 21st birthday. She survived.

Family dynamics beyond reach of science

QUESTION: What does behavioral research tell us about the best way to raise children? Have scientific studies spelled out what works and what doesn't, especially regarding how to discipline properly?

DR. DOBSON: My answer may sound like heresy coming from a man who spent 10 years of his life as a professor of pediatrics, responsible for medical and behavioral research, but I don't believe the scientific community is capable of determining the best parenting techniques. There have been some worthwhile studies, to be sure, but the subject of discipline almost defies definitive investigation.

Why? Because the only way to study this topic scientifically would be to place newborns randomly in "permissive" vs. "disciplined" families, and then keep them under close observation for 10 or 15 years. Since it is impossible to do that, researchers have tried to tease out information where they could find it. But family relationships are so multidimensional and complicated that they almost defy rigorous scrutiny. Indeed, most of the studies reported in the literature are scientifically useless.

For example, Dr. David Larson, a psychiatrist and for-

merly a researcher at the National Institutes of Health, reviewed 132 articles in professional journals that purported to investigate the long-term consequences of corporal punishment. He found most of them flawed in design.

Ninety percent of the studies failed to distinguish between good homes where spanking was administered by loving parents, and those bordering on (or actually inflicting) child abuse. This distinction is critical for obvious reasons. Dr. Larson concluded that the findings were invalidated by this failure to consider the overall health of family relationships.

To repeat, the consequences of various approaches to parental discipline appear to be beyond the reach of social research. It is simply not possible to study this complex subject scientifically without warping families to set up the research design. Even if such studies

were conducted, the researchers would be studying contrived families, not typical parent-child relationships.

QUESTION: It seems to me that children are far too familiar — too informal — with adults today.

When I was a kid, we always addressed grown-ups by "Mr." or "Mrs." or if they were in the family we called them "uncle" or "aunt," or "Grandpa" or "Grandma." We would never have referred to an adult as Sam or Alice. But today's parents don't teach that courtesy to their children. Some of them introduce 4-year-olds to adults by their first names. Am I the only one who is concerned about this? What can I do to counteract this trend with my own son and daughter?

DR. DOBSON: I've been bothered by that same observation. It's a byproduct of a cultural shift within society itself. We are less respectful of one another today in many ways. Fifty years ago, for example, men didn't curse around women and cultured women didn't curse at all. How that has changed! Both men and women used to address each other with formal titles (Mr., Mrs., Miss, etc.) unless they had become very close friends. Now, a waitress

whom you've never met approaches your table and says, "Hi, I'm Stephanie, and I'm going to be serving you today."

I don't suppose today's informality is harmful, although I agree that children should be taught to speak to their elders with a certain deference. I still like to hear them respond with "Yes, Ma'am" and "No, sir," instead of "Yeah," "Yep," and "Nope." When their manners are respectful, their entire demeanor is on a higher plane.

As for how you can instill these and other courtesies in your child, you simply make up your mind to do it. You might explain that there are many things your family does differently than others.

For example: "We don't use bad language, we don't attend certain kinds of movies, and we don't (fill in the blank). Why? Because we've set a higher standard for ourselves. This is what makes us unique as a family. Someday you will understand that, too."

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.

Texas Tech program hands out scholarships to former addicts

LUBBOCK (AP) — When recovering alcoholic Carl Andersen counsels substance abusers that have lost families, jobs or been in prison, he says he can tell by the look in their eye how desperately they need something in their life worth fighting for.

Andersen, now a psychology professor at Texas Tech University, was inspired by that need to create a unique program that gives recovering addicts a chance at scholarship money to enroll at Tech and obtain a degree — regardless of

their academic history. He says the program gives recovering abusers the chance to excel — not just exist.

"You've got to be able to look in the mirror and feel good about the person looking back," said Andersen, 64. "It helps to have something to aim for."

The addicts-to-scholars program, started four years ago at the university's Center for Addiction Studies, which Andersen heads.

It may be the first program of its kind in the nation.

To get in, participants must

show that they have been in drug or alcohol rehab for at least a year. That, a high school diploma or equivalency degree and Andersen's faith are the only requirements for acceptance into the program, which admits around 100 undergraduates each year.

The scholarship money comes from private sources, including rehabilitation groups and former students who are in recovery.

"I've never heard of a program like that and I like the idea," said Dr. Herbert Klebert,

former U.S. deputy drug czar and director of Columbia University's Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse. Officials at the National Association of Colleges were also unaware of any similar rehab program.

The amount of money a student gets depends on the participant's grades: a 4.0 grade-point average earns \$2,000 per semester, a 3.5 is worth \$1,500, a 3.0 gets \$1,000 for a 3.0, and a 2.5 earns \$500. Participants have to pay the rest of their expenses. Tuition and fees at Texas Tech

are typically \$2,500 per semester.

Anything less than a 2.5 GPA and students can be kicked out of the program. They also can be removed for poor attendance at class or recovery meetings.

"I have deans sometimes tell me that I'm being too hard on students," Andersen said. "But one of the first signs of a relapse is tardiness or absence from scheduled events."

Andersen said only 5 percent of participants have reverted to drug or alcohol abuse. The

National Substance Abuse Institute says 54 percent of all abusers in recovery programs nationwide backslide.

Nearly as impressive is the participants' overall GPA of 3.67, compared with a 3.42 for Tech undergraduates.

Two-year participant Charles Foster, 42, says the program is giving him a chance to lead a productive life.

"After getting out of jail, I knew that I had to do something to turn my life around."

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FOOD NEWS

HARLINGEN (AP) — Frutis and Cinnamon Corn Stars, the bilingual cousins of Cheerios and Lucky Charms, are part of a new effort by General Mills to cater to Hispanic consumers.

The Para Su Familia — or For Your Family — line began last month in Texas and New Mexico and could soon appear on supermarket shelves around the country.

The line consists of four cereals: Frutis, Frosted Corn Flakes, Cinnamon Corn Stars and Raisin Bran. Bilingual packaging and lightly sweetened tastes set them apart.

"The Hispanic consumer is definitely a growing market," said Lydia Midness, director of General Mills' Big G cereal division. "We wanted to offer something specifically developed for Hispanics."

The boxes feature a purple logo with the words "Productos de General Mills" and "Para Su Familia." Nutritional information is in English and Spanish.

The new cereals also are lightly sweetened, reflecting the tastes of Hispanics who took part in focus groups. Frutis, for example, tastes like fruity Cheerios or a less sweet version of Kellogg's Fruit Loops.

By creating a new line of cereals, Golden Valley, Minn.-based General Mills can appeal to Hispanics adopting mainstream U.S. tastes, as well as non-assimilated Hispanics who might prefer the new cereals, said Michael Minor, a marketing professor at the University of Texas-Pan American.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Big Spring High School class of 1964, which plans a reunion Oct. 15-17, has a website for information and exchanging of classmate addresses.

The URL for the class of 1964 homepage is:
<http://homepages.msn.com/NonProfitBlvd/co64/>

E-mail addresses of alumni to: classof64@hotmail.com, or bshs.grads1964@n2texas.com.

Addresses can also be called in to Carl Reynolds, 263-7000, or Carol Becker, 267-9621.

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South Carolina sources for genealogists

South Carolina is a vital link in nearly all of our research for our ancestors.

I have found many records listed in the works of people who make their living going through the vast amount of material located in the court houses and state archives of the great state of South Carolina. I will now list just a few of the sources available.

From Langdon & Langdon genealogical research, 2010 Phillips St., Barnwell, SC 29812, (803) 259-7334 or (803) 649-6679.

South Carolina marriages 1749-1867 implied in South Carolina equity records.

Barnwell county marriages 1764-1859 implied in Barnwell County, S.C. deed 118 pages.

Barnwell county marriages 1775-1879 implied in Barnwell County, S.C. probate and equity records. 188 pages.

Chester county marriages 1778-1879 implied in Chester county, S.C. probate and equity records, 221 pages.

Edgefield county marriages 1769-1880 implied in Edgefield County, S.C. probate records, 245 pages.

Fairfield county marriages 1775-1879 implied in Fairfield County, S.C. probate records. 262 pages.

York county marriages 1770-1869 implied in York County, S.C. probate records. 100 pages.

Another fine source for South Carolina is:

Brent H. Holcolmb, SCMAR, Box 21766, Columbia, S.C. 29221.

Holcolmb has quite a few books on South Carolina records from a variety of sources.

Another source is South

Carolina deed abstracts, abstracted by Clara A. Langley. Write to:

Southern Historical Press, C/O the Rev. Silas Emmett Lucas, Jr., P.O. Box 738 Easley, S.C. 29641-0738.

The probate references refer to the apartment and file numbers, the frames the records are listed and the years mentioned in these records.

In South Carolina marriages volume IV 1778-1875 implied in the miscellaneous records of South Carolina by Barbara R. Langdon, she lists the name of the man, the woman, the volume it is located, the pages, and the time lived. They sometimes list spouses, parents, death dates, marriages, children, former spouses, and places lived including districts or parishes.

A very good source for these and other books on South Carolina is the Midland Public Library.

When we search all the records in a specific county,

and the surrounding counties as well, we will get a clearer picture of our ancestors. Every piece, however small, is a vital link or clue to our ancestors lives and our past. If we learn the mistakes our ancestors made, it helps keep us from making the same mistakes and helps us to keep from making others.

A co-worker of mine, Larry White, asked if I knew the difference between in-laws and out-laws. When I said no, he said outlaws are wanted.

Although this was meant in jest, it is a common conception of many people.

Next week I will tell of the relationships between families and their in-laws. Some of you may be surprised.

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BOBBY RAWLS

Miss America plans preview special hoping to reverse show's ratings slide

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Eager to lure new viewers and desperate to bring back old ones, Miss America has tried just about everything to appeal to viewers in recent years.

She held a call-in poll on the bathing suit competition. She let viewers choose their favorite contestant. And she has tinkered endlessly with nearly every aspect of the annual live telecast from Convention Hall.

No luck. The ratings still sag like a wet one-piece.

Once a prime-time winner, the pageant's Nielsen ratings have set record lows in each of the past three years. NBC-TV, which had carried it for more than 40 years, gave up on it in 1996.

ABC hasn't had much success, either.

Network and pageant officials are trying another first this year, and it just may work for the 79th annual Miss America Pageant (7 p.m. CDT Saturday).

ABC will air a one-hour special at 8 p.m. Thursday to introduce the 51 women vying for the crown.

"Up Close & Personal: The Search for Miss America 2000," with Miss America 1999 Nicole Johnson and "Access Hollywood" anchor Nancy O'Dell as hosts, gives brief profiles of each contestant. The individual segments, which average about 40 seconds apiece, showcase the women in their own hometowns, talking about their lives and their values.

The idea stemmed from an "up close and personal" experiment in last year's telecast. Videos of the 10 semifinalists, shot in their hometowns, were incorporated into the show. Viewers loved it, according to Robert Beck, CEO of the pageant.

By expanding the idea into a prime-time special airing two days before the pageant itself, ABC and the pageant hope to snag viewers early and give them a reason to tune in Saturday.

"This allows us to show the dimensions of these women," Beck says. "They're multifaceted, they're well-educated, they're leaders and they're active in charity groups and in sports. Nobody knows that."

There are other changes this year, too.

The three-hour pageant is airing at 8 p.m., instead of at 9 p.m., in hopes of attracting children who Beck says make up a big part of the target audience. They won't have to wait until midnight to find out who won.

The family orientation doesn't end there. Siblings Donny and Marie Osmond are the co-hosts this year, bringing their apple-pie image to an institution that prides itself on such hokum.

"The mere fact that this is the final one of the century will bring people to the table," says Donny Osmond.

Longtime viewers will notice another significant change this time around. Only five contestants will perform talent routines, instead of 10. Jeff Margolis, the pageant's Emmy Award-winning producer-director, says the change will make the show move quicker.

The contestants will wear all their own clothes, not pageant-

issue "supersuits" or production number costumes.

"There are no cookie-cutter patterns in the show," Margolis says. "Each one of these kids is getting the chance to express themselves as individuals. Everything you see them in on the show is their own, so they can let the audience know who they really are."

That even goes for the shagadelic outfits worn by contestants in an "Austin Powers"-

inspired video montage.

The segment, featuring a costumed Mike Myers look-alike frolicking with the contestants on the beach and Boardwalk, is bound to raise some hackles among pageant traditionalists. The sex-crazed superspy isn't exactly the wholesome icon that Miss America and the Osmonds are. Or is it the other way around?

"Wait 'til you see what Donny does," says Marie Osmond, with a giggle.

PUBLIC NOTICE BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS Special Election NOVEMBER 2, 1999

PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 44 - HJR 44 proposes a constitutional amendment that would ensure a clear succession in event of vacancies in the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor. Specifically, the amendment would provide that if after qualifying for the office, the Governor is temporarily unable to serve, the Lieutenant Governor shall act as Governor until the Governor is able to serve; but if the Governor is permanently unable to serve, the Lieutenant Governor shall become the Governor for the remainder of the unexpired term. The amendment would require a Lieutenant Governor who becomes Governor to forfeit the office of Lieutenant Governor. The amendment would also provide similar succession procedures when a vacancy occurs in the office of Governor before the newly elected Governor qualifies for office, and when the newly elected Governor is temporarily unable to take office. The amendment also would provide that if there is a temporary vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor, the President pro tempore of the Senate will fill the position; but if there is a permanent vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor, the President pro tempore of the Senate shall serve as Lieutenant Governor only until such time as the whole senate can convene to elect one of its members to perform the duties of Lieutenant Governor. Finally, the amendment would provide that if the Lieutenant Governor, while temporarily exercising the powers of the Governor, becomes temporarily disabled or unable to serve, the President pro tempore of the senate shall exercise the powers and authority of the office of the Governor until such time as the Governor or Lieutenant Governor resumes those powers and duties.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to revise the provisions for the filling of a vacancy in the office of governor or lieutenant governor."

PROPOSITION NO. 2 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 12 - SJR 12 proposes a constitutional amendment that would resolve conflicts between the Texas Constitution and federal law relating to the definition, rules, and procedures of reverse mortgages. The amendment would define "reverse mortgage" in part as an extension of credit made against the homestead of a person who is 62 years or older, or whose spouse is 62 years or older. It would expand the list of circumstances under which payment of principal and interest become due and the procedures involved in foreclosure, and would require certain advances to be made according to specific terms in loan documents, including advances by the lender, on behalf of the borrower for payments necessary to protect the lender's interest. Finally, the amendment would require the Texas Supreme Court to promulgate rules of civil procedure expediting court-ordered foreclosures of reverse mortgage liens.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the making of advances under a reverse mortgage and payment of a reverse mortgage."

PROPOSITION NO. 3 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 62 - HJR 62 proposes a constitutional

amendment that would simplify and clarify the language of the Texas Constitution. The amendment would make no substantive changes, but would eliminate duplicative, expired, out-of-date, and ineffective terms.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to eliminate duplicative, expired, obsolete, archaic, and ineffective provisions of the Texas Constitution."

PROPOSITION NO. 4 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 4 - HJR 4 proposes a constitutional amendment that would broaden the definition of charitable organizations. The amendment would exempt from ad valorem taxation the property of any organization engaged primarily in public charitable functions, and it would allow such an organization to conduct additional activities to support its charitable functions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt property owned by institutions engaged primarily in public charitable functions from ad valorem taxation."

PROPOSITION NO. 5 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 26 - SJR 26 proposes an amendment that would remove the restriction prohibiting state employees who receive all or part of their compensation from the state from serving as members of a governing body of a school district, city, town, or other local governmental district unless the state employee receives no salary for such service. The amendment would allow state employees to receive compensation from the governing bodies of which they are members.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment allowing state employees to receive compensation for serving as a member of a governing body of a school district, city, town, or other local governmental district."

PROPOSITION NO. 6 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 22 - SJR 22 proposes a constitutional amendment that would increase the maximum size of an urban homestead, which is a homestead in a city, town, or village, from one acre to ten acres and require the urban homestead to be composed of either a single lot or several lots that are adjacent to one another. The amendment also would provide that the urban homestead must be used as a home or as both a home and place of business, whereas current law does not require that an urban homestead that is used as a place of business be used also as a home.

Current law further allows a person to secure a home equity loan on their homestead, provided that the loan does not overburden the homestead. That is, the principal amount of the home equity loan, when added to the total of the outstanding principal balances of all other indebtedness secured against the homestead, does not exceed 80 percent of the fair market value of the homestead on the date the extension of credit is made. The

proposed amendment would clarify current law by specifically allowing home equity loans on all or part of urban homesteads of up to ten acres and subject such loans to the same requirement that the refinanced or new loan not overburden the homestead.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment increasing the maximum size of an urban homestead to 10 acres, prescribing permissible uses of urban homesteads, and preventing the overburdening of a homestead."

PROPOSITION NO. 7 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 16 - HJR 16 proposes a constitutional amendment that would provide that if an employee is delinquent in paying court-ordered spousal maintenance, a portion of that employee's wages may be withheld to pay the spousal maintenance. Current law allows such withholding, or garnishment, only for payment of delinquent court-ordered child support.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing garnishment of wages for the enforcement of court-ordered spousal maintenance."

PROPOSITION NO. 8 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 95 - HJR 95 proposes a constitutional amendment that would provide that the adjutant general, who is appointed by the Governor and who serves as the governing officer of the state military forces, serves as long as the Governor wishes the appointed person to serve in that capacity rather than serving a specific two-year term set by the legislature.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide that the adjutant general serves at the pleasure of the governor."

PROPOSITION NO. 9 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 10 - SJR 10 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the legislature to create a judicial compensation committee to make recommendations for salaries for the justices and judges of the Supreme Court, the Court of Criminal Appeals, the Courts of Appeals, and the District Courts. The amendment would mandate that the recommendations become law if neither the Senate nor the House of Representatives rejects them by majority vote.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to create a judicial compensation commission."

PROPOSITION NO. 10 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 74 - HJR 74 proposes a constitutional amendment that would provide that the commissioner of health and human services, who is appointed by the Governor, serves as long as the Governor wishes the appointed person to serve in that capacity rather than serving a specific two-year term set by the legislature.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide that the commissioner of health and human services serves at the pleasure of the governor."

PROPOSITION NO. 11 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 69 - HJR 69 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize a county, city, town, or other political subdivision to

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said Foster, who spent two years in prison on drug charges. "Thank God for this program. Now I'm studying to help other people who are like the man I used to be."

Bob Weiner, spokesman for White House drug czar Barry McCaffrey, called the program "enlightened."

"The program keeps them out of crime," Weiner said. "Programs like these are in the public interest. How can anyone be against that?"

University officials call Andersen "cutting-edge" and "visionary." But Andersen said the president of the university at the time laughed when he first proposed the idea.

"He funneled a bunch of people my way that said stuff like, 'I've got a son who has never touched a drug in his life and he can't get scholarship money,'" Andersen recalled.

"Why should we give it to someone who has been snorting cocaine? And do we really want people like that on campus?"

Andersen acknowledged: "I live in horrible fear that one day, one of these students will do something to embarrass or bring down the program." After all, many of the 600 students who have been in the program have prison records, some for violent crimes.

But he said the opportunity to give addicts a second chance is worth the risk.

"You have to help people build something that is worth not destroying," Andersen said. "These aren't people who are dumb or don't have a brain. They've just burned every possible bridge and won't be able to break the cycle unless someone, somewhere takes a chance on them."

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The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting a political subdivision to purchase nonassessable property and casualty insurance from an authorized mutual insurance company in the same manner that the political subdivision purchases life, health, and accident insurance."

PROPOSITION NO. 12 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 21 - SJR 21 proposes a constitutional amendment that would exempt from ad valorem taxation a leased motor vehicle that is not used by the lessee primarily to produce income. The amendment would provide that the legislature also may limit the ability of a political subdivision to subject such a vehicle to taxation.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation leased motor vehicles not held by the lessee primarily to produce income."

PROPOSITION NO. 13 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 16 - SJR 16 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the legislature to allow the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue and sell general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$400 million in order to finance educational loans to students. The amendment also would authorize the Legislature to limit the amount of interest the bonds can bear and establish procedures for the investment of the bond proceeds. The proposed amendment would specify the method of repaying the bonds.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of \$400 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to students."

PROPOSITION NO. 14 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 29 - HJR 29 proposes a constitutional amendment which would authorize the Legislature to require the board of regents of the state university and boards of trustees or managers of the educational, charitable, and penal institutions of the state, whose members serve six year terms, to be composed of an odd number of three or more board members (for example, 5, 7, or 9 members). The proposed amendment would allow approximately one-third of members of boards whose membership is not evenly divisible by three to be elected or appointed every two years. The amendment also would allow the Legislature to set the composition of constitutionally required boards, whose members serve for a term of six years, to a number divisible by three so that exactly one-third of the board members may be elected or appointed every two years.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide that a state board, commission, or other agency shall be governed by a board composed of an odd number of three or more

PROPOSITION NO. 15 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 36 - HJR 36 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow spouses, by an agreement in writing, to convert all or part of their separate property into community property. Separate property is primarily the property owned or claimed by the spouse before marriage and the property acquired by the spouse during the marriage by gift or inheritance. Community property consists of the property, other than separate property, acquired by either spouse during marriage.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting spouses to agree to convert separate property to community property."

PROPOSITION NO. 16 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 71 - HJR 71 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow a county with a population of 50,000 or more, rather than 30,000 or more, to be divided into four to eight justice of the peace and constable precincts. The amendment also would allow a county with a population between 18,000 and 50,000 to have two to eight justice of the peace and constable precincts, rather than the current maximum of five precincts. Furthermore, the amendment would limit Randall County to not less than two and not more than six precincts. Finally, the amendment would set a minimum of four precincts for any county that as of November 2, 1999, is divided into four or more precincts.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide that certain counties shall be divided into a specific number of precincts."

PROPOSITION NO. 17 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 58 - HJR 58 proposes a constitutional amendment which would require the board of regents of the University of Texas System to manage investments of the permanent university fund (PUF) according to the standards of a prudent investor. Generally, earnings from the PUF are distributed to the available university fund (AUF) and then ultimately distributed to the public university systems of Texas. Under the amendment, the amount distributed to the AUF would consist of distributions, as determined by the University of Texas System board of regents, from the total return on all investment assets of the PUF, instead of consisting only of the dividends, interest, and other income of the PUF minus administrative expenses. The amendment also would provide guidelines for minimum and maximum amounts to be distributed to the AUF, and require that the board of regents manage distributions to the AUF in a manner that will provide the AUF with a stable and predictable stream of annual distributions and maintain the purchasing power of the PUF investments and annual distributions to the AUF.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the investment of the permanent university fund and the distribution from the permanent university fund to the available university fund."

Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitucion que apareceran en la boleta el 2 de noviembre de 1999. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podra obtener una gratis por llama al 1/800/252/8683 or por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, Tx 78711.

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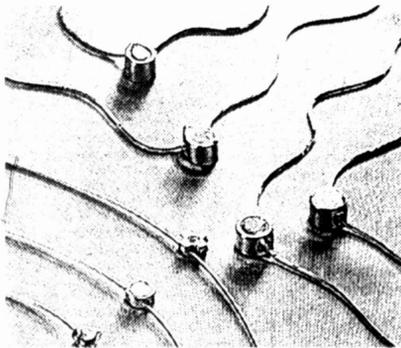
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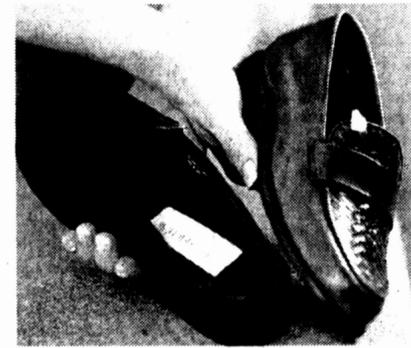
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IN BRIEF

Robertson wins marathon 21-hole match at tourney

Big Spring's Mary Ruth Robertson was forced into three extra holes by Beth Alvey during Wednesday's second round action at the Western Lone Star Senior Ladies Golf Association Tournament in Borger.

Robertson finally broke the deadlock on the 21st hole of play to become the only Big Spring entrant to win the first flight winners' bracket match.

In other matches involving Big Spring players, Connie Fowler dropped a 19-hole match to Faye Cunningham in third flight play; Doris Stevenson fell to Juanita Hester by two holes; and Daury Cockrell fell 4-and-3 to Betty Clemmons.

Junior high Steers take 3 of 4 from Sweetwater

Big Spring Junior High School Steers football teams won three of the four football games they played against Sweetwater's young Mustangs on Tuesday.

In seventh-grade action at Memorial Stadium, the Steers posted a pair of shutouts, as the Black squad took a 12-0 win, while the White team took a 14-0 victory.

The Steers eighth, playing on the road, split with Sweetwater, the White team taking a 14-12 win, while the Black suffered a 22-6 defeat.

All four Big Spring teams will return to action Thursday, Sept. 23, taking on teams from Abilene Wylie.

Local hockey fans plan Jack Pack chapter here

Odessa Jackalopes players and coaches will meet with local fans at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Big Spring Mall.

Jackalopes head coach Joe Clark, assistant coach Jack Rodrigue and team co-captain Rick Girhiny will join several other Odessa players signing autographs and having pictures taken with fans.

Organizers say they hope to form a Big Spring chapter of the Jack Pack fan club.

Memberships in the fan club are \$10 for individuals or \$20 per family.

For more information, call Carol Jennings at 267-5701.

Beach volleyball tourney scheduled for Saturday

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

Entry fees for the event are \$40 per team.

Javier Becerra at 664-9874 or 267-4560.

YMCA plans three adult sports leagues for fall

The Big Spring YMCA is currently registering participants for three adults sports leagues in co-ed volleyball, four-person power volleyball and flag football.

All three leagues are open to those over the age of 18.

Recreational volleyball play begins Tuesday, Sept. 28. Fees for the six-person teams are \$100.

The co-ed power volleyball program begins Thursday, Sept. 30. Fees for the four-person teams are \$60.

Flag football teams with eight members begin play Sunday, Sept. 26 and fees are set at \$100 per team.

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

ON THE AIR

Radio
HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL
6:30 p.m. — Big Spring Steers at Lubbock Estacado Matadors, KBST-AM 1490 and KBST-FM 95.9.

Television
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
6 p.m. — New York Yankees at Cleveland Indians or Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati Reds, FXS, Ch. 29.
COLLEGE FOOTBALL
7 p.m. — Colorado State at BYU, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Palmeiro hits 44th home run to seal Rangers' sweep of Twins

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Rafael Palmeiro was unmoved by hitting his career-high 44th home run. Others were more impressed.

Texas manager Johnny Oates offered congratulations after the Rangers' 8-3 win over Minnesota on Wednesday. Twins manager Tom Kelly marveled at Palmeiro's power after he muscled an outside fastball over the left-field fence.

When Oates congratulated Palmeiro, he told his boss that there are more important things to worry about.

"We've got 15 games to go," Palmeiro said. "Hopefully, I'm not done yet."

In search of their fourth division title in six years, the Rangers are seven games ahead of Oakland, which had its game at Baltimore postponed Wednesday because of hurricane Floyd.

Roberto Kelly hit a pair of two-run homers and Esteban Loaiza (8-4) pitched 6 1-3 strong innings as the Rangers won their 13th straight over the Twins.

The Rangers have won three straight and are 12-0 against the Twins this season. Minnesota won just one game on its nine-game homestand.

Palmeiro is second in the AL in RBIs with 19 and trails Ken Griffey Jr. by one home run. He entered the day tied for fourth in the league in average, giving him an outside chance at the Triple Crown.

"That ball wasn't even in the strike zone, and he hit it over the fence about 10 rows up in left field," Tom Kelly said of Palmeiro's homer. "You just shake your head. That pretty much was the story of the game."

Kelly, starting in left field for the injured Rusty Greer, went 3-for-4 with four RBIs and two runs scored. He also hit a double in the second. It was his fifth career two-homer game.

"This guy, when he gets his chance to play, he produces. Over and over and over again," Texas manager Johnny Oates said.

Kelly, who has played for eight teams — including the Twins — in his 11-year career, remains patient for his chance to play.

"Right now, I've really got to be ready as much as I can," Kelly said. "It's funny — when you're just trying to put the ball on the bat, it goes a long way."

Loaiza allowed just six hits to snap a personal three-game losing streak.

Palmeiro hit his home run in the sev-

enth, a three-run shot off Twins starter Brad Radke (12-14).

"I had a real good feeling I could pitch around him a little bit, and he hit a good pitch," Radke said. "It was up and away. He shouldn't have even been swinging at the ball."

Oates said a triple crown would be a fitting honor for Palmeiro. "Certainly we'd like him to win the triple crown. If he wins the triple crown, we got a pretty good chance of winning this division. I'd love for him to win the triple crown," Oates said.

It was Palmeiro's sixth career home run off Radke, who allowed six runs and nine hits in 6 2-3 innings.

After Terry Steinbach's two-run homer in the seventh closed the Twins to 6-3, Kelly hit his second homer off reliever

Smith sparked comeback by voicing his frustration

IRVING (AP) — Emmitt Smith was tired of seeing the Dallas Cowboys throw incompleteness after incompleteness, so he took his complaint to the boss, coach Chan Gailey.

Speaking with more passion and volume than usual, Smith reminded Gailey how well they had been running the ball against Washington. The passing game, he noted, wasn't working and the Redskins were building a big lead.

Gailey sensed Smith's determination and gave in. He called runs on the next eight plays and ended up triggering one of the best comebacks in franchise history as Dallas turned a 35-14 deficit into a 41-35 overtime victory Sunday.

Although the glow of that game is wearing off as the Cowboys prepare to play Atlanta on Monday night, there's still talk about Smith's emotional outburst — and Smith doesn't like it.

Wearing the same steely glare, Smith on Wednesday shot down the notion that he "challenged" his coach and demanded the ball, and he insisted there are no problems between them.

"We're humans and humans have emotions," Smith said. "It's nice to let your emotions show sometimes. I felt like it was an appropriate time for everyone to let them go."

"I'm not trying to create some kind of controversy between me and my head coach because I have a great deal of respect for my head coach. I believe in what we're doing, in our offensive system and in our team."

Smith said he puts so much time and energy into preparing for the season that there would've been something wrong if he hadn't spoken up.

"You go through training camp, two-a-days in the heat, people hollering at you and then when you get in the middle of a very heated game and you're behind by 21, you've got to have some kind of emotions," he said.

"The emotions drive you to come back and push it into overtime. The emotions also help you go into overtime and pull it out. That's what the game is all about."

"If you take out the emotional part of the game, you've just got a doggone chess match."

The Cowboys led 14-13 at halftime and ran on their first two plays of the third quarter.



Dallas running back Emmitt Smith, shown here during a 1995 game, sparked the Cowboys' comeback win over Washington by voicing his concerns to coach Chan Gailey. Smith, worried by the Cowboys' ineffective passing game, convinced Gailey the team would have to run the football.

They then passed on nine of the next 10, resulting in an interception and two punts — and three straight Redskins touchdowns.

Gailey admitted he goofed. "After going back and watching the film, I'd probably change that and run the ball a little more in the third quarter," he said. "At the time, I thought we were doing the right thing."

After Dallas returned to the ground game, Smith and backup Chris Warren moved the chains and kept the

Washington defense from laying back waiting for Troy Aikman to throw. Once the Redskins began thinking run, the Cowboys could throw.

Gailey's theory of keeping the defense off balance ultimately led to the game-winning play.

With Dallas facing third-and-2 from its 24, the Redskins expected a handoff to Smith. Instead, Aikman faked the exchange and threw deep to Raghbi Ismail, whose nearest defender was sucked in on the play action.

HC rodeo team opening season among favorites

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

As the 1999-2000 collegiate rodeo season gets under way this weekend, new Howard College coach Greg Kernick believes his Hawks will be among the top teams in the Southwest Region.

Kernick, who for the past five years has headed the rodeo program at Cochise Community College in Douglas, Ariz., says he inherited a tremendously talented team from predecessor Mike Yeater, who resigned last spring due to health problems.

"We've got an extremely talented team ... I think we're going to be awfully tough," Kernick said as he put his team's ropers through practice runs at the Howard College Rodeo Arena on Wednesday afternoon. "Mike recruited some great talent, and we've got a lot of sophomores that I think are going to have a huge impact this season."

Not the least of those sophomores are barrel racer Kim Green, a Big Spring product, and bull riders Jeremy Hughes and Chad Castillo.

Green finished second in barrels at the College Finals Rodeo last spring as a freshman, while Hughes finished fourth overall in the bull riding competition.

And Castillo, who competes on the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Rodeo Association giate season with his eyes still set on qualifying for the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, as well as having a successful college campaign.

Castillo, who has recovered from nightmarish injuries he received when stomped by a bull at the Tucson, Ariz., rodeo during the July 4 holiday, was 10th on the PRCA money leaders standings at the time of the accident.

However, Kernick said, there are enough PRCA events remaining this season that the sophomore bull rider could still finish in the top 15, on the

money list and qualify for the NFR.

Although four-year schools tend to dominate collegiate rodeo, the new Howard coach says the Hawks figure to be highly competitive in what is almost universally recognized as the nation's best.

"The four-year schools have an advantage ... we train kids for a couple of years, then they transfer someplace else and the other schools beat us with them for the next two years," Kernick explained.

"In our region, you have to figure that Tarleton (State) and West Texas A&M will have the strongest teams in the region," he added, before hesitating for a few moments. "I don't know why I start out with them, though. I really believe we're going to have a chance to contend with them. We're going to be awfully tough."

In addition, Kernick said he expects Western Texas College in Snyder to be another powerful junior college entry.

Green, Castillo and Hughes lead the list of 10 athletes who'll make up Howard College's team entry tonight as the season opens with the first performance of the Eastern New Mexico University Rodeo in Portales, N.M.

Joining that trio on Howard's six-man, four-woman team this weekend are bareback rider Matt Burrow; steer wrestlers and ropers Todd Loesch, Seth McFadden and Rode Lewis; and barrel racers Alexis Busby, Deanda Allgood and Rene Rasberry.

Howard College will have more than 40 competitors take part in the rodeo, Kernick says. Those 10 athletes will figure in the team standings.

"That doesn't mean only those 10 scores are important," he explained. "I look at the rest of our kids as our defense and that's how I express it to this bunch. The 10 kids entered as a team are the offense."

"If we have one of our kids that's not counted in the standings that places in an event, those are points that another school's athlete doesn't score," Kernick added. "Most of these kids played other team sports in high school, they understand."

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Red Sox relievers shut down Indians for 13-inning victory

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Solving Pedro Martinez wasn't the problem for the Cleveland Indians. Scoring off Rod Beck and John Wasdin was.

Jason Varitek and Trot Nixon homered in the 13th inning Wednesday night, and Beck and Wasdin combined for five scoreless innings to help the Red Sox keep pace in the AL playoff race with a 6-4 win.

The Red Sox remained 3 1/2 games behind the first-place New York Yankees, who beat Toronto 6-4. Boston picked up one-half game on Oakland in the wild-card chase, opening a 3 1/2-game lead on the A's, who were rained out in Baltimore.

"We did this as a team," Martinez said. "It took a little longer than expected, but we got it."

Martinez, a lock to win the AL Cy Young Award this season and maybe

even the MVP, was merely mortal, not unhittable as he was against the Yankees last week.

He struck out 14 in seven innings and was poised to win his fifth straight start before the Indians rallied. In his last six starts, Martinez is 4-1 with a 1.60 ERA and has struck out 83 in 45 innings.

Martinez, who reached double digits in strikeouts for the sixth straight game and 17th time this season, fanned five in a row from the fifth through seventh innings.

"I just pitched my normal game," Martinez said. "Actually, I felt a little weaker because I had been battling a cold. But I'll tell you, I pitched good. That's a win against any other team."

In other American League games, it was Texas 8, Minnesota 3; Tampa Bay 8, Seattle 4; Chicago 3, Detroit 1; and Anaheim 1, Kansas City 0.

In National League games, Philadelphia ended a 12-game Houston win streak 8-6, Cincinnati topped

Chicago 5-4, New York beat Colorado 10-5, San Diego stopped Atlanta 4-1, Pittsburgh downed Arizona 5-1, San Francisco defeated Florida 4-3, Milwaukee beat St. Louis 10-8 in 12 innings and Montreal topped Los Angeles 10-7.

Varitek opened the 13th off Jim Brower (1-1) with his 17th homer, and one out later, Nixon hit his 16th and fourth in five games.

Jose Offerman homered and drove in three runs for the Red Sox, who won for the 17th time in 22 games and completed a 12-game road trip 9-3.

Wasdin (8-3) pitched two hitless innings for the win. Beck pitched three innings and has not allowed a run in nine innings since being acquired from the Cubs on Aug. 31.

Tyler Houston delivered a two-run double in the eighth inning to give the Indians a 4-3 lead. But Cleveland closer Mike Jackson blew his fourth save in 40 chances in the ninth when Nixon tied it

with a sacrifice fly.

"I trust Mike with the lead, and it just didn't happen tonight," Indians manager Mike Hargrove said.

Phillies 8, Astros 6

Even when the Phillies win these days, they lose.

The Phillies stopped their 11-game losing streak Wednesday night, and ended the Astros' string.

Hours earlier at the Astrodome, however, the Phillies said ace Curt Schilling will not pitch again this season because of shoulder problems.

Doug Glavine got a career-high five hits. He singled in the 10th, stole second and scored the go-ahead run on Mike Lieberthal's double. Philadelphia has won just two of its last 20 games.

The Phillies have not lost 12 in a row since dropping a major league-record 23 straight in 1961.

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SPORTS EXTRA

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
Tampa Bay Devil Rays—Exercised their 2000 option on OF Jose Canseco.
National League
Arizona—Diamondbacks—Activated OF Turner Ward from the 15-day disabled list.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Signed F Ryan Stack.
SEATTLE SUPERSONICS—Named Marc Moquin director of media relations.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS—Activated WR Jammi German from the practice squad.
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Signed LB Kory "Ham" to the practice squad.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Signed RB Tremayne Stephens.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed G Damon Demson.
BOSTON BRUINS—Assigned D Jonathan Atken.
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Reassigned F Kyle Calder.
EDMONTON OILERS—Assigned G Mike Minard.
MINNESOTA WILD—Named Tom Thompson chief amateur scout and Guy Lapointe.
NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Reassigned F Matt Henderson.
AL LEADERS
BATTING—Garciparra, Boston, .350; Jeter, New York, .346; Ramirez, Seattle, .341; Ramirez, Cleveland, .337; Ramirez, Texas, .337; Williams, New York, .336; Vazquez, Cleveland, .331; Ramirez, Cleveland, .331; Fernandez, Toronto, .331.
RUNS—Ramos, Cleveland, 127; Ramirez, Cleveland, 118; Green, Toronto, 117; Jeter, New York, 116; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 112; Delgado, Toronto, 111; Knoblauch, New York, 108.
RBI—Ramirez, Cleveland, 144; Ramirez, Texas, 139; Delgado, Toronto, 133; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 123; Juarez, Texas, 115; Green, Toronto, 113; Jeter, New York, 111.
HITS—Jeter, New York, 196.

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

Table with columns for American League East Division, National League East Division, and West Division. Includes team names, wins/losses, percentages, and game-by-game results.

NL LEADERS

Table listing NL leaders in batting, pitching, and fielding. Includes player names, teams, and statistics.

ROUNDUP

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Houston had its lead in the NL Central trimmed to three games by Cincinnati, which beat Chicago 5-4. The Astros trailed 6-4 entering the ninth. After scoring a run on shortstop Desi Relaford's throwing error, Houston had the bases loaded with no outs. Paul Bako grounded into a double play, scoring the tying run, and reliever Wayne Gomes escaped further trouble. Billy Brewer got two outs for his first major league save since 1994, when he pitched for Kansas City.

Yankees 6, Blue Jays 4
Bernie Williams hit a go-ahead, two-run homer in the sixth inning as New York rallied for the second straight night at Toronto. The Yankees, who won their second straight after losing four in a row, head to Cleveland for a four-game series with the AL Central-leading Indians. "The team has been struggling, and I've been struggling. I've been pressing too hard, so to have a couple of wins like this it definitely gives us a boost going in to Cleveland," Williams said.

Williams, who had one homer in 26 games before hitting a game-tying grand slam in the eighth inning Tuesday, broke a 4-4 tie in the sixth with his 24th homer, off Pat Hentgen (10-11). Williams' slam Tuesday helped the Yankees score nine runs in the final two innings to win 10-6. Andy Pettitte (13-11) allowed four runs and eight hits in eight innings to improve to 3-0 against Toronto this season. Mariano Rivera pitched the ninth for his 41st save.

White Sox 3, Tigers 1
James Baldwin and Keith Foulke combined on a three-hit-ter to lead host Chicago. Baldwin (10-12) held the Tigers hitless until Deivi Cruz singled with one out in the sixth inning.

Devil Rays 8, Mariners 4
Herbert Perry hit a tiebreaking homer off Frankie Rodriguez (2-4) in the seventh inning, and Tampa Bay (63-83) matched its victory total from last year's expansion season. Ken Griffey Jr. and Alex Rodriguez both made an error for visiting Seattle. The duo also went 0-for-8 with three strikeouts as the Mariners lost for the eighth time in 10 games. Albie Lopez (3-2) earned the win.

Angels 1, Royals 0
Darin Erstad homered in the ninth inning of Lance Carter (0-1), leading Chuck Finley and Anaheim over hard-luck Kansas City. For the fourth straight game, the host Royals lost in the last inning. Finley (10-11) limited Kansas City to two singles for eight innings and struck out eight. Troy Percival earned his 30th save.

Padres 4, Braves 1
Rookies Matt Clement and Ben Davis combined to lead San Diego over Atlanta, cutting the Braves' lead in the NL East to one game over New York.

POWER POINTS FOOTBALL CONTEST WINNER WEEK NUMBER 1 Jessie Krebbs Abilene ★ 132 Kirk McKnight Spring ★ 129

HAWKS

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that concept and realize that everyone in our program makes a huge contribution." Unlike coaches in other sports, Kernick doesn't have to worry about having to wait for his athletes to work into top form. "That is one of the nice things about rodeo," he explained. "This is a 12-month sport ... there is no such thing as a rain-out in rodeo. These kids have been competing all summer in rodeos, so they're ready to go." Perhaps the biggest advantage Kernick believes his team owns going into the season was Yeater's ability to make sure that his successor had a veteran team going into the collegiate season. "Mike did a great job of keeping the kids here," Kernick said of his predecessor. "Lots of times that's not the case. Quite often, whenever there's a coaching change, a bunch of kids leave the program. That didn't happen here. "We have some tremendous talent here," he added, noting that the number of quality performers makes it difficult when it comes time to select which 10 athletes will be selected for team competition. "It was very nice to come into this situation." In fact, Kernick said the Howard College post is one of the best in collegiate rodeo. "This program ... with the facilities we have here and it being a full-time coaching position is pretty unique," he explained. "As a matter of fact, there are only five or six programs like it in the nation and that's out of 140 programs."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Forsan Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:45 pm on September 27, 1999 in Board Room of the Administration Office at Forsan, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates. Table with columns: Maintenance & Operations, Interest & Sinking Fund, Total, Local Revenue Per Student, State Revenue Per Student. Rows include Last Year's Rate, Tax Relief, Last Year's Rate Adjusted for Tax Relief, Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service, Proposed Rate.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence. Table with columns: Average Market Value of Residences, Average Taxable Value of Residences, Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value, Taxes Due on Average Residence, Increase (Decrease) in Taxes. Rows include Last Year, This Year.

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.4338. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.4338.

Fund Balances. Table with columns: Fund Name, Balance. Rows include Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s), Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s).

"FORCED TO SELL" THIS SATURDAY CARS AND TRUCKS WILL BE SOLD FOR AS LITTLE AS \$99.00

ODESSA, TX - The largest independent used car and truck dealer in West Texas has just announced plans to repeat the largest one-day used vehicle sales event in Odessa's history. This event will take place Saturday, September 18th, 1999. The sales location at 6101 E. Hwy. 80 has been selected because of its enormous capacity. This General Fleet lot (#6) will accommodate more than 500 cars in a single location. "We have more vehicles in stock than ever before. We have rental (program) cars, luxury cars, travel vans, diesels, crew cabs, duallys, inexpensive school cars, work cars, commercial trucks, and fixer-up cars, trucks and vans. I've been given orders to sell some 2000 cars and trucks for as little as \$99.99 just to move them. We haven't been taking trucks to the big auctions and now they are stacked up everywhere. "I have been ordered to move excess inventory," said Joey Lee, The general manager went on to say, "I will sell some vehicles for \$1000.00 to \$2500.00 less than they would normally be priced." General Fleet Brokers Inc.'s inventory has grown tremendously because of an influx of trade-ins acquired from new car dealers. These cars and trucks are usually wholesaled to other dealers or sold at closed dealer auction. Some of these vehicles will be sold AS-IS, but most have been inspected and reconditioned to the highest standards and therefore are eligible for all of our normal used vehicle warranties and service policies. Rather than pay auction fees and transportation bills, the management of G.F.B. has elected to have a public liquidation sale in Odessa. In an attempt to sell 100 cars and trucks in one day. General Fleet Brokers will have all vehicles on display at 6101 E Hwy. 80 (Loop 338 & E. 80) by 8:00 a.m. Saturday. Buyers will be given a chance to look at all vehicles before the prices are put in them at 10:00 a.m. Whoever is sitting in the vehicle when the price is put in place will be given the first opportunity to purchase the vehicle at the posted sale price. This radical approach to moving inventory should make it simple and quick for anyone wishing to purchase a great vehicle at a very low price. Choose a vehicle, drive it, if you like it, you already know the price. "No hagglng necessary and G.F.B. has over 30 different finance programs and can finance anyone," said Todd Robinson, Finance Manager at G.F.B. No prices to negotiate. Pick a vehicle, get it financed and delivered fast. This sale is being advertised some, with a few give-aways, a free car, TV, VCR, Boom Boxes, etc., but we rely primarily on word of mouth which Todd Robinson says is the best form of advertising. "If you, can and do, sell someone a good quality used car at a good fair price, they are sure to tell others where they purchased it," says Todd Robinson expressing the philosophy of General Fleet Brokers Inc. This opportunity is for one day only. The vehicles will be on display at E. Hwy. 80 & Loop 338 in Odessa for assistance call 915-550-2886.

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FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Sept. 15. (Report also available on Web as www.tfwishing.com.)

CENTRAL
BROWNWOOD: No report available.
BUCHANAN: Water stained; 86 degrees; Black bass are slow on SpitFire topwaters and 1/8oz. chartreuse/white Terminator spinnerbaits fished around the islands and on Carolina-rigged Pumpkin Ring-Frys fished on lake points. Crappie are fair on minnows fished at night over brush piles under lighted docks. White bass are fair on horizontal Perch Minnows and 1/4oz. chrome/chartreuse Rat-L-Traps (fish are schooling). Striped bass are fair drifting live bait (limited topwater action very early and late). Channel, blue and yellow catfish are fair on trotlines with live bait.

SOUTH
AMISTAD: Water clear; 84 degrees; 36.5' low; Black bass are very good on jigs and soft plastics fished around the main lake hydria (some topwater action early). Crappie are slow on minnows fished at night. White bass are fair to good on minnows and white jigs (try to find schools) and on minnows fished at night under the Hwy 90 Bridge. Striped bass are slow. Catfish are scattered but fair on shrimp, cut baits and nightcrawlers.

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water slightly stained; 82 degrees; Black bass are good on topwaters. Bass Assassins and large dark worms fished in the coves up the creeks. No reports of Alabama Spotted bass, small mouth bass, or crappie. Channel and blue catfish are good on minnows, live salamanders and stink bait fished in 2 to 25 feet across from the boat ramp. Yellow catfish are fair on perch and large minnows.

ARROWHEAD: Water clear; 85 degrees; 8' low; Black bass are good on buzz baits fished near the Hennetta Bridge. Crappie are good on small minnows fished in 10 to 12 feet around the docks at the state park. White bass are good on minnows and white jigs (try to find schools). Channel and blue catfish are good on cheese bait and nightcrawlers fished in 18 to 20 feet. Yellow catfish are slow 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; 85 degrees; 13.5' low; Black bass are poor on minnows and spinnerbaits. White bass are poor. Channel catfish are good on stink bait. Red fish are good on shrimp and shad.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water slightly stained; 80 degrees; 15' low; Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits and minnows fished in 15 to 18 feet. Crappie are good on small minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 10 feet on the west side of the lake. No report on sand bass. Hybrid stripers are fair on spinnerbaits and shad fished in 5 to 7 feet. Blue catfish are good on carp and perch fished in 4 to 5 feet. Yellow catfish are good on carp, goldfish and perch fished in 4 to 5 feet.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water slightly stained on the upper end and clear on the lower end; 83 degrees; 7' low; Black bass to 10.48 pounds are good on Carolina-rigged french fries and worms fished in 4 to 8 feet around grass beds and rocky points. Crappie are good on small minnows and jigs fished in 7 to 8 feet around hard wood in the mouths of creeks. White bass are good on small spinners. No reports on hybrid stripers. Channel catfish are fair on jug lines baited with perch and shad fished in 15 to 20 feet. No reports of blue or yellow catfish.

KEMP: Water slightly stained; 81 degrees; 1.5' low; Black bass are poor fished in 2 to 5 feet. Sand bass are poor on minnows. Crappie are good 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 good on perch and cut bait fished around boathouses. No reports on yellow catfish.

NASWORTHY: Water stained; 88 degrees; Black bass to 10.8 pounds are good on red Brush Hogs, white and chartreuse spinnerbaits and june bug worms fished in the gator weed and around docks. Crappie are poor on minnows and small crankbaits fished at night under lights. White bass are good on small chrome/black Rat-L-Traps fished near Akins point. No reports on redfish. Hybrid stripers are poor 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 carp.

NOCONA: Water stained; 87 degrees; 3' low; No fishing report available.
OAK CREEK: Water clear; 86 degrees; 12.5' low; Black bass to 9 pounds are fair on spinnerbaits, crankbaits, top waters and minnows fished in 3 to 10 feet. White bass are fair on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 12 feet. Crappie are poor on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 15 feet. Blue and channel catfish to 22 pounds are excellent on stink bait, minnows, cut bait and liver fished in 3 to 10 feet. Yellow catfish to 22.5 pounds are excellent on shad, goldfish, minnows, liver and cut bait fished in 3 to 12 feet.

OH. VIE: Water clear; 83 degrees; 11' low; Black bass to 9 pounds are fair on plastic baits fished in 5 to 15 feet on points at the mouths of creeks. Crappie are good on minnows at night fished under lights along river channels in 35 feet and on the main lake. White bass are good near the dam on minnows and slabs. Catfish are poor on cut holes on stink bait fished in 35 to 55 feet.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 81 degrees; 5.86' low; Black bass to 7 pounds are fair on spoons early and on Power 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 crankbaits fished in 20 to 30 feet. 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 fair on cut shad fished in 20 to 30 feet. Yellow catfish are poor on perch fished in 20 to 30 feet.

SPENCE: Water slightly stained; 83 degrees; Black bass are good on jigs and roadrunners fished in the bolls near the power plant with schooling action. Yellow catfish to 15 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 on punch bait fished 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 are excellent on shrimp and minnows fished in 5 to 6 feet. No reports of yellow catfish.

TWIN BUTTES: Water stained; 84 degrees; 35 feet low; Black bass to 8 pounds are good on large worms and jigs pitched up Middle Goncho and Spring creek. White bass are good on minnows 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 walleye. Channel catfish are good on shrimp and nightcrawlers fished in the mouths on the rivers and creeks. No reports on blue or yellow catfish.

Especially for kids and their families
The Mini Page
By BETTY DEBNAM

It's in the Constitution
Counting U.S. Folks

Why counting counts
We can use this information to help us make many important decisions.

The history
The Constitution was adopted in 1787. The delegates to the convention decided that the only way to find out how many people lived in the United States was to count them.

It is the law that the census must be taken. It is written into Article I of our Constitution.

How many representatives each state can have in the U.S. Congress is based on the number of people, or population, from the latest census.

The first census did not ask many questions. As time has passed, more questions have been added.

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A: A duck flying backward!
(all jokes sent in by Gretchen Ames)

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On TV he has been on the shows "Where I Live" and "The New Music Report."

His show business career began at 17 when he got work as a stand-up comedian in New York. He also toured the country, performing in clubs.

Doug grew up in Brooklyn, N.Y. He speaks to students about the importance of getting an education. He also volunteers at a day-care center in Brooklyn.

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Rookie Cookies Recipe
Nutty Raisin Drops

You'll need:

- 1/2 cup honey
- 1/3 cup chunky peanut butter
- 1/2 cup nonfat dry milk
- 2 1/2 cups crushed graham crackers
- 1/3 cup raisins

What to do:

1. Combine honey and peanut butter in a medium, microwave-safe bowl.
2. Microwave on high 2 minutes. Stir at 1 minute.
3. Stir in dry milk. Mix well.
4. Stir in remaining graham crackers and raisins. Mix well.
5. Drop by tablespoons on waxed paper. Refrigerate until firm. Makes about 2 dozen.

THE NEWS HOUND'S CENSUS TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of the census are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find: CENSUS, COUNT, UNITED STATES, TEN, HOUSEHOLD, PEOPLE, CONSTITUTION, MAPS, ADDRESS, FORM, ANSWER, QUESTION, REPORT, TALLY, FIGURES, RACE, APRIL, ONE.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are filling out census forms. See if you can find:

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- number 7
- peanut
- kite
- flyswatter
- bell
- fish
- pencil
- number 3
- word MINI
- heart
- letter A
- butterfly
- ruler
- crescent moon

How Census 2000 Will Be Handled

TOP SECRET

How each person answers the questions is kept TOP SECRET.

Census clerks are sworn to secrecy. Only the total results can be made public.

The people who take the census work for the Census Bureau, a part of the U.S. government.

In 1990, the U.S. census counted 248,709,872 people.

The Census Bureau estimates that it will count about 275 million people living in 119 million households in 2000.

Here's how it will work:

1. **Get the addresses**
To know where to send the forms, the Census Bureau develops an address list. It will also produce 8 million maps that the census takers will need.
2. **Send forms**
To get the forms to the people, the Census Bureau will use the U.S. mail. The forms will be mailed out in mid-March.
3. **Complete the forms**
For the first time, people can fill out and send in the form on the Internet.
4. **Send out census takers**
Census takers, or enumerators (e-NUM-er-ators), will visit the households of people in hard-to-reach areas as well as those households who have not returned their forms. To reach some people, they might use:
 - Boats to reach people on remote islands.
 - Helicopters to reach snowed-in citizens.
 - Canoes to reach villages along Hawaiian shores.
 - Horseback to reach people where there are no roads.
5. **Collect the figures**
The forms will be packed and shipped to special centers. For the first time, scanners will be able to read handwriting and put in a code for each form. To keep information top secret, no names and addresses can be entered into any computer.
6. **Report to the president**
The president will receive notice of the population total for each state on Dec. 31, 2000.
7. **Report to the states**
On April 1, 2001, the states will receive maps and new information about the number of representatives they can send to Congress based on the new figures.
8. **Total other information**
Over the next three years, the other information will be totaled. For the first time ever, the results will be made available on the Internet and CD-ROMs so they will be easier to get.

Taking the U.S. census in the past

Today, we mail in our census forms. Up until 50 years ago, the census was taken by sending census takers to every home in the country.

This census cartoon was done 110 years ago. The woman is holding an ear trumpet, or type of hearing aid used in 1890. She is upset because she thinks the census taker is taking her "senses," not the census!

This photo taken in 1950 shows a group of census takers in New York City on their way to visit homes in their area. Their interviews were designed to take less than two minutes per household.

Editor's note: We will be running another story about the census as we get closer to the April 1, 2000, deadline.

Look through your newspaper and make a list of advertisers. What kind of census information do you think might be of interest to them?

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2507 CINDY: Nice 3 bd, 2 bath. Garage & carport. Covered patio. CH/A. \$565./mo., \$295./dep. References required. Call 263-3689.

3 bdr. 2 bath. 1010 E. 20th. Call 267-3841 or 270-7309.

3 bedroom, 2 bath home in Highland. \$800./mo. \$300./dep. Call 267-7661 or 263-4528.

4 bedroom, 2 bath. 1502 Lincoln. Call 267-3841 or 270-7309.

4405 CONNALLY 2 bd., 1 bath. New carpet, fenced yard. Forsan ISD. \$325./mo., \$150./dep. Call 263-1792 or 264-6006.

FOR LEASE: 2716 Central. 3 bd., 2 bath. 2 car garage. Stove, dishwasher, CH/A, big yard. Close to school. \$500./dep., \$750./mo., 1 yr lease. Call 520-9848 / 553-3502.

FOR LEASE: Nice brick home 3/2/2, fireplace, near schools, \$600/mn \$450/dep. 3304 Duke. (d) 263-0844 (n) 263-0667.

FOR RENT 1208 1/2 Main: 1 bd., 1 bath. \$50/dep. \$125/mo. 205 E. 22nd (upstairs) 1 bd., 1 bath. \$100/dep. \$300/mo., utilities paid. 915-363-8243.

FOR RENT 407 & 407 1/2 East 2 - 1 bdrm Eff Apt. Stove + Ref. \$250 + Deposit.

710 Nolan 3 bdrm - 2 bath. Central HVAC. Stove + Ref. Washer & Dryer Conn. Very Clean! \$450 + deposit.

NO HUD You Pay Bills 267-2296 For rent on Westside. 2 bdr. house, unfurnished, stove & refrigerator. \$225 mon. deposit required. HUD approved. 267-6179.

Home in Marcy School area for RENT. 3-4 bdr. 2 bath. References req. Agent/Owner 267-7074 or 263-5447.

KENTWOOD: 2513 Carol. 3 bd / 2 bath. \$700/mo. 263-3436. Three room house. 903 Rosemont. Call 267-2793.

Unf. House For Lease 3 bdr, 1 1/2 bath. CH/A, fenced yard. No indoor pets! 4220 Hamilton. 263-6514 Owner/Broker.

Very Clean 3 bedroom, 1 bath, ref. air, heat, fenced yard, 4002 Parkway. \$425/mn. \$200/dep. Call 267-1543.

Brick 2 bd, 1 bath. Central air. Hillside view. \$315. References / Lease. No pets please. McDonald Realty 263-7616

TOO LATES

Garage Sale: 1012 Sycamore. Sat. 18. 8-7. Treadmill, babyswing, baby bath, dishes, bird cage, clothes all sizes, shoes & lots more.

Garage Sale: 2919 Macausian (corner of Highland & Macausian) Sat. 8-5. Lots of items for men & women, good school clothes.

Huge Yard Sale: Sat. Sept. 18. 8am-7 2111 Grace Street.

Yard Sale: Friday 7am. 1903 S. Monticello. Boys clothes sz 12-14-16, jackets, shoes, boots, ladies outfits & trampoline parts & burffos.

MOVING SALE: 2608 Larry. Sat. 8-7 Furniture, bikes, clothes, lots misc. Low price!

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, SEPT. 17: Build security and add to the quality of your personal life. Others clearly have similar ideas, though they might not always agree with your spending priorities. If you've wanted to take your work in a special direction, now is the time. Don't hold back anymore. 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) ****Break patterns. Allow a child to take a risk or go to the next step. You enjoy what you hear from him. Communication remains at a high level. Accept a friend's offer. Pressure to escape versus your need to work marks your thoughts. Tonight: Do what you must.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ****Getting together with others helps you sort through facts. Another is only too happy to spill the beans, if given time and space. Take time to shoot the breeze. You get pearls of wisdom from others. Tension builds as a partner makes a heavy judgment. Tonight: Put the old spice back

THURSDAY

SEP. 16

| | KMID (2) | KPEJ (3) | KERA (5) | FAM (6) | KOBA (7) | WFAA (8) | KWES (9) | WTBS (11) | UNI (13) | DISN (14) | NASH (15) | TMC (16) | SHOW (20) | HBO (22) | KMLM (24) | A&E (25) | DISC (26) | TNT (28) | FSN (29) | ESPN (30) | AMC (31) | BET (33) |
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| 6:30 PM | News (CC) | Home Imp. Judge Judy | Creatures Antiques | Wild-Animals Show-Funny | News Ent. Tonight | News (CC) Fortune | News Seinfeld (CC) | Roseanne | Sonadoras | Movie: Hercules | Walton (CC) | (5:55) Movie: Deep Impact | Movie: News | Worst Witch Happily Ever | News John Hagee | Law & Order (CC) | Wild Discovery | ER (CC) | Major League Baseball | Gamenight | Planet Groove | |
| 7:30 PM | Whose Line? Whose Line? | Wildcat Police Videos | Going Places (CC) | Life, Camera, Murder! | Diagnosis Murder (CC) | Whose Line? Whose Line? | Friends (CC) | Wrestling: WCW | Camila | (CC) Movie: Neal McCoy | Prime Time Country (CC) | Movie: Body and Soul | Movie: The Big Hit (CC) | HBO Salutes the Emmys | Light of the Southwest | Biography (CC) | On the Inside | Movie: Carrie | New York Yankees at Cleveland Indians | College Football: Colorado State at | Movie: Anastasia (CC) | Amen Sparks (CC) |
| 8:30 PM | Up Close & Personal | Action (CC) Action | American Playhouse | Searching for Bobby | 48 Hours (CC) | Up Close & Personal | Fraser (CC) | Wrestling: WCW | Tres Mujeres | Escape to Witch Mountain | Championship Bull Riding | (CC) Movie: Your Friends & Neighbors | Real Sports (CC) | Something God Today | American Justice | Into the Unknown | (06) Movie: Stepfather III | Hardcore Football | Brigham Young (CC) | Movie: Swing Time | Hi List | |
| 9:30 PM | Nightline in Primetime | Jerry Springer (CC) | News-Letter | 700 Club (CC) | News (35) Late | News (CC) Nightline | News (35) Tonight | WCW Wrestling | Lanie Loco Bienvenidos | P. Impacto Noticiero Uni. | Clifford (CC) | Dukes (CC) | Champions | Inside the NFL | Law & Order (CC) | On the Inside | Father's Day | FOX Sports News | Sportscenter (CC) | FOX Sports News | BET Tonight | |
| 10:30 PM | Politically Inc. Chatters | Unhappily Newsworld | Paul Simon: Graceland | Show-Funny Show-Funny | Show (CC) (37) Late Late | Ent. Tonight Politically Inc. | Show (CC) (37) Late | WCW Champ | Mejor-Ritmo | Zorro (CC) Mickey Mouse | Dallas of Hazzard (CC) | (20) Kickbox: Ing Academy | Real Sex 22 (CC) | Faith Pleases God | Biography (CC) | Raging Planet | Movie: Far From Home | FOX Sports News | Baseball NFL's Great | Movie: Carefree | Sparks (CC) 227 (CC) | |
| 11:30 AM | (12:08) Gunsmoke | Martin (CC) Hollywood | Rock & Roll (CC) | Paid Program Paid Program | Show (CC) Married... With | (12:06) Oprah Winfrey (CC) | Night (CC) Fraser | (12:05) Movie: Crash | Gordo y Flaca El Biablaizo | Hans Brinker: Silver Skates | Prime Time Country (CC) | (45) Movie: Smoking, Drinking | Movie: Bulworth | Light of the Southwest | Investigative Reports (CC) | Into the Unknown | From Home | Last Word Ultimate | Sportscenter | Movie: Carefree | Midnight Love | |

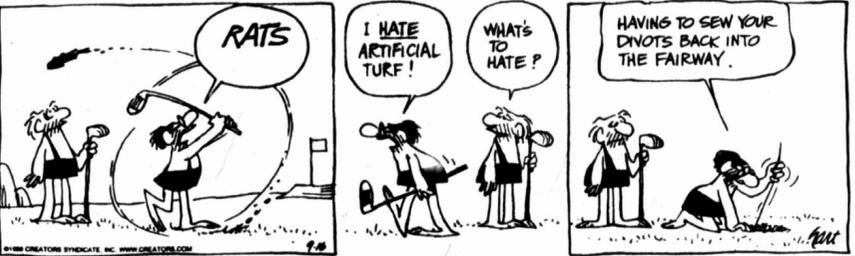
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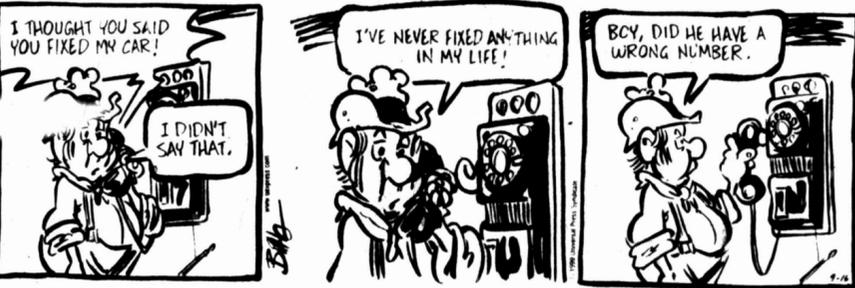
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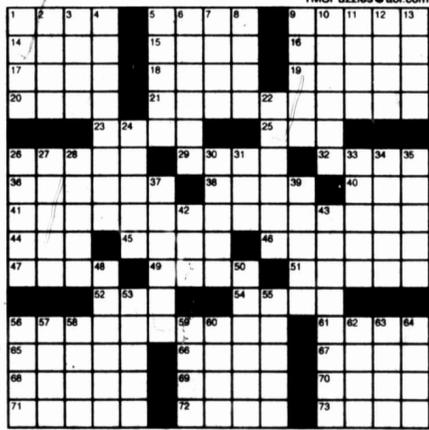
Today is Thursday, Sept. 16, the 259th day of 1999. There are 106 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Sept. 16, 1919, the American Legion was incorporated by an act of Congress. On this date: In 1638, France's King Louis XIV was born.

In 1810, Mexico began its revolt against Spanish rule. In 1893, hundreds of thousands of settlers swarmed onto a section of land in Oklahoma known as the "Cherokee Strip." In 1940, President Roosevelt signed into law the Selective Training and Service Act, which set up the first peacetime military draft in U.S. history.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS
- 1 Poetic offerings
- 5 Spouse
- 9 Too sophisticated
- 14 Pry (into)
- 15 Filled with reverence
- 16 Leases
- 17 Littleneck, e.g.
- 18 Gandhi's garb
- 19 Scheduled next
- 20 Needle case
- 21 Past
- 23 Old-time political cartoonist
- 25 Brouhaha
- 26 Christmas song
- 29 Hold back
- 32 Scruff
- 36 Bloomer or Earhart
- 38 "Cheers" actor
- 40 Model Tyler
- 41 Attempt to beat the clock
- 44 Mel of Cooperstown
- 45 Clipped-off piece
- 46 Surgical instrument
- 47 Pix about people
- 49 Pub fare
- 51 Excrete
- 52 Approx.
- 54 Recrd
- 56 Era
- 61 Mine car
- 65 Honshu seaport
- 66 Inactive
- 67 Employ
- 68 Clerk, at times
- 69 Experience emotion
- 70 Austen novel
- 71 Operators
- 72 Vocal inflection
- 73 Take five
- DOWN
- 1 Single occurrence
- 2 Clumsy character
- 3 Jacob's twin
- 4 FSU student
- 5 Spars with sails
- 6 Watches for
- 7 Period in office
- 8 Actress McClurg
- 9 Hatch eggs
- 10 "Imagine" singer
- 11 First of the pot
- 12 Wild guess
- 13 "Catch sight of"
- 22 Most courageous
- 24 Assumed name
- 26 Chocolate substitute
- 27 Classic violin
- 28 Right-hand page
- 30 Rubbish
- 31 Post-dusk, poetically
- 33 Carroll's heroine
- 34 Arizona Native Americans
- 35 Turn inside out
- 37 Father's-side relationship
- 39 Threat problem
- 42 Feel ill
- 43 As one
- 44 Search-party member
- 50 Like hot stuff?
- 53 Ship's poles
- 55 Astaire's sister
- 56 Bean curd
- 57 Egyptian goddess
- 58 Masculine
- 59 Breach
- 60 Graphic beginning?
- 62 Hoarfrost
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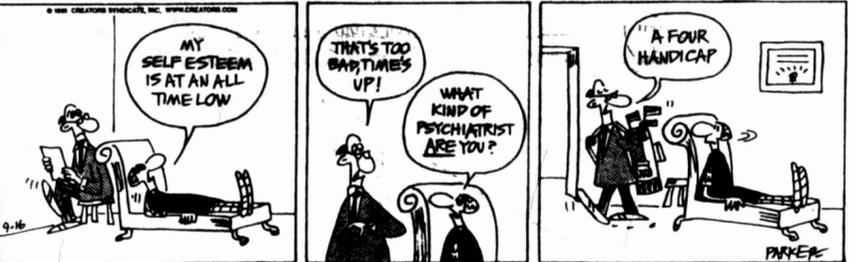


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In 1940, Rep. Samuel T. Rayburn of Texas was elected Speaker of the House. In 1966, the Metropolitan Opera opened its new opera house at New York's Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts. In 1974, President Ford announced a conditional amnesty program for Vietnam war deserters and draft-evaders. In 1977, opera star Maria Callas died in Paris at age 53. In 1982, the massacre of hundreds of Palestinian men, women and children by Lebanese Christian militiamen began in west Beirut's Sabra and Chatilla refugee camps. In 1988, Hurricane Gilbert slammed into the Mexican coast for the second time in three days. Ten years ago: Debbye Turner of Missouri was crowned Miss America at the pageant in Atlantic City, N.J. Five years ago: A federal jury ordered Exxon Corp. to pay \$5 billion in punitive damages to commercial fishermen and others harmed in the 1989 Exxon Valdez spill in Alaska. Two astronauts from the space shuttle Discovery went on the first untethered spacewalk in 10 years. One year ago: In his first news conference since the release of Kenneth Starr's graphic report, President Clinton said he'd told "the essential truth" about his affair with Monica Lewinsky; as for whether he might resign, Clinton responded that Americans "want me to go on." House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, responding to a report in an Internet publication, Salon Magazine, admitted to "indiscretions" with a woman in the 1960s at a time when both were married. Today's Birthdays: Actress Janis Paige is 77. Actress Lauren Bacall is 75. Jazz musician Charlie Byrd is 74. Blues singer B.B. King is 74. The Rev. Robert Schuller is 73. Actor Peter Falk is 72. Actress Linda Miller is 57. Rhythm-and-blues singer Betty Kelly (Martha & the Vandellas) is 55. Musician Kenney Jones (Small Faces; Faces; The Who) is 51. Actor Ed Begley Junior is 50. Country singer David Bellamy (The Bellamy Brothers) is 49.