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WEATHER

Tonight:



RAIN
TONIGHT 52°-55°
TUESDAY 72°-78°

Unattended death termed 'natural' by local officials

Big Spring Police Department investigated an unattended death Saturday of an 84-year old man, who died in his home.

According to police, death was due to natural causes, and no autopsy was ordered. No investigation is under way.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

- Big Spring Howard County Retired Teachers Association, 10:30 a.m. coffee and social hour and 11:30 lunch at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 47, 6:30 p.m., VAMC room 212.
- Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.

TUESDAY

- Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.
- Quarterback Club, 7 p.m., Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.
- Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.
- Senior Circle Big Spring Mall Walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of theater.
- Line dancing, 10:30 a.m., Senior Citizen Center, Industrial Park.
- Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
- Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., library community room, 500 Main.
- Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

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

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Deaf Awareness Week gets under way across SWCID campus

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Deaf Awareness Week at the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf focuses on many aspects of community life that might impact a deaf person.

The week, as proclaimed every September by the National Association for the Deaf in conjunction with World Deaf Day, heralds an opportunity for hearing people to share the cultur and special issues faced by the deaf, she said.

"This week provides an ideal time to educate hearing stu-

dents and teachers about deafness, and this starts the deaf student's year with a boost of pride and self-confidence," said Beverly Buchanan, SWCID dean of students.

The event officially began at 9 this morning with Opening Day Ceremonies, featuring Mayor Tim Blackshear with a proclamation, and Jeff Anderson providing a history of deafness.

Other honored guests will be SWCID provost Ron Brasel, as well as Theresa Minchew with the Highland Council for the Deaf, and Lydia Esqueda, president of a student organization.

Today has been designated as History Day, and color coded brown. Archives will be opened from 1-4 p.m. and displays set up that depict historical events among the deaf world.

The significance of the color code is to help visitors to the campus find event organizers for the particular day.

Tuesday is Sports Day, with a red color code. Displays featuring deaf sports accomplishments will be available and volleyball and horseshoe game are scheduled for 7 p.m.

On white and black Wednesday, the theme is

Theater Arts Day, with a special guest speaker from Canada, John Linnidis, who starred in the movie "Children of a Lesser God." Students and visitors may view displays outlining deaf actors, artists and accomplishments from the National Theater of the Deaf.

Thursday is Education Day, with a blue color code. Displays showing timelines of deaf education and trends today among the deaf will be available for viewing and study. College Bowl is set for 7-9 p.m. in the Student Union Building, facilitated by Linnidis.

Friday is International Day with the color of green. A display offering information from Deaf International and the World Federation of the Deaf will be available.

Closing ceremonies Friday from 5:30-9 p.m. will feature an international cuisine buffet, with an international dance performance, skits and fashion show, as well as folk tales from SWCID faculty.

Trivia games will be played at noon each day of Deaf Awareness Week, and prizes will be awarded. For more information, call 264-3700.

There's more to Girl Scouts than selling cookies

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third in a series of 11 weekly stories on the member agencies of the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County. Next week: YMCA.

By **GINA GARZA**

Features Assistant

Contrary to what some people may think, Girl Scouts don't just sell cookies and go camping; they learn valuable life skills and serve others through community service.

"You name it, we do it," said April Ferguson, service unit manager.

"Currently, we (the girls) work in five worlds of interest," she said.

Art is where the girls explore paintings and dances. The world of Outdoors involves ecology — taking care of the outdoors. The People world involves learning about different cultures. The world of Today and Tomorrow teaches the girls about science and technology such as computers and aviation. And finally, the world of Well Being. It helps the girls take care of themselves in the ways such as health care and self esteem.

"These Worlds work for all age levels. They progressively get harder as the girls grow older," added Ferguson.

The West Texas Girl Scout Council is one of the 11 local agencies that depend on the United Way's funding.

"The money given to us by United Way goes to help a girl who is financially unable to go



Girl Scout Elizabeth Petersen, right, adjusts the sash of her sister, Jennifer Petersen, a Brownie troop member. The sash displays pins and badges earned by girls in the United Way member agency.

to camp. It basically allows all girls to attend regardless of their financial status," she said.

It serves the Big Spring area as well as Stanton, Garden City, Coahoma, Forsan and Ackerly.

"We hold membership rallies one a year in each town, but we

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Area homecoming activities continue as Forsan festivities begin

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**

Staff Writer

Forsan homecoming began today by bending a standard school rule, as Crazy Hat Day allows students to wear their funkiest head attire to class.

"This week will be a lot of fun for the students and teachers, and we'll get back to school next week. This is important to the students and today is the only time we allow hats in the building," said Forsan principal Wayne Rotan.

Forsan's Buffaloes will take

on Rankin Friday at 8 p.m. in the traditional homecoming football game, but first the students have homecoming week to celebrate and enjoy.

On Tuesday, Mix and Match Day will allow students to wear mismatched outfits. Wednesday is Twin Day, Rotan said.

"That day they can dress like their friends," he said.

Thursday is Crazy Hair Day, and Rotan said he can only imagine what sort of hair dos the students will be sporting.

On Friday school colors of black and white are worn, all

culminating in a blackout pep rally at 2:30 p.m.

"We turn out the lights in the gym, and the students wear glow-in-the-dark bracelets, and the cheerleaders wear glow-in-the-dark bracelets and necklaces. This really glows and looks great for the pep rally," Rotan said.

Each day Student Council members, who are sponsoring homecoming week, will be selling spirit links, which are pieces of construction paper chained together.

"The object of spirit links is

the competition between classes to see who has the longest chain around the school," he said.

Classes have also competed in hall decorating and posters.

A bon fire, which is a traditional activity but not sanctioned by the school, is also planned. The location has yet to be determined, as one location was not available.

Friday night after the football game a dance for Forsan exes will be in the home economics room. High school students will also have a dance that night, and junior high students have a

dance Saturday night.

The homecoming queen will be announced Friday during half time of the game, and the new queen will be crowned by the 1998 homecoming queen, Melanie Crouch.

This year's senior homecoming queen nominees are Ashley Alexander, Amanda Breyman, Jancy Crow and Jessica Paredes.

Duchess homecoming court candidates are Kashea Earls, freshman; Candace Gamble, sophomore; and Leanne Miller, junior.

A participant in Saturday's Sports Committee beach volleyball tournament in Comanche Trail Park dives for the ball.

The tournament raised more than \$600 the committee will use to help hold and promote activities in Big Spring.

HERALD photo/Rick McLaughlin



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OBITUARIES

Elmer Fischer

Graveside service for Elmer "Al" Fischer, 78, Abilene, will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, 1999, in the Kermit Cemetery, Kermit, with the Rev. Carroll Kohl, of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Big Spring officiating.

Mr. Fischer died Sunday, Sept. 19.

He was born in Chicago, Cook County, Ill., on April 14, 1921. He graduated from Lane Tech High School in 1939. He served in World War II at the Battle of the Bulge as Chief Warrant Officer of the 790th Ordnance, 90th Division, under Gen. George Patton. He married Betty Giller on Jan. 15, 1944, in Abilene.

Survivors include: his wife, Betty Fischer of Abilene; two sons, Craig V. Fischer of Big Spring, and Jeff V. Fischer of Katy; one daughter, Sally Rihn of Lytle; and three grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 tonight at the funeral home.

Arrangements under the direction of Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, Abilene.

Billy L. Phillips

Service for Billy L. Phillips, 73, Sand Springs, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He died Sunday, Sept. 19, 1999, at his home.

W.P. Cooke

Service for W.P. (Dub) Cooke, 84, Plainview, will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, 1999, at the First Baptist Church in Winters with the Rev. Dean Thomas and the Rev. Don Robertson officiating. Burial will follow in the Northview Cemetery.

Mr. Cooke died Saturday, Sept. 18, in Big Spring.

He was born on July 13, 1915, in Gatesville, and moved to Drasco as a child. He married Violet Badgett on Aug. 1, 1934, in Drasco. She preceded him in death. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include: a son, Bob Cooke of Sherman; one daughter, Patricia Thomas of Big Spring; two brothers, Leslie Cooke of Fort Worth and Martin Cooke of Abilene; one sister, Katherine Officer of Edmond, Okla.; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Winters Funeral Home, Inc., Winters.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331
Tracy "Kup" Kupper, 82, died Thursday. Graveside services were 2:00 PM Monday at Trinity Memorial Park.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8288
Adron B. LaNeave, 75, died Sunday. Graveside services will be 4:00 PM Tuesday, at Antlers City Cemetery, Antlers City, Oklahoma.

Lillian B. Gutierrez, 71, died Friday. Services were 10:00 AM today at Immaculate Heart of Mary, burial at Trinity Memorial Park.
Billy L. Phillips, 73, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.
William B. Cook, 84, died Saturday. Services will be 2:00 PM, Tuesday at First Baptist Church, Winters, Texas with burial at Northview Cemetery.

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Adron B. LaNeave

Graveside service for Adron B. LaNeave, 75, Big Spring, will be 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, 1999, at Antlers City Cemetery in Antlers, Okla., with the Rev. Cecil Crawford officiating.

Mr. LaNeave died Sunday, Sept. 19, in a local nursing home after a long illness.

He was born on Oct. 16, 1923, in Caddo, Okla., moving to Big Spring in 1989 from Antlers, Okla. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Navy in the Pacific. Mr. LaNeave had worked in the oil field most of his life as a pumper.

Survivors include: two sisters, Joyce Cole and Noma Jean LaNeave, both of Sand Springs; two brothers, Aubrey LaNeave of El Paso, and Paul LaNeave of Oklahoma City; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Flo Nell LaNeave.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

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assigned to the Alternative Education Program.

Zachry declined to comment on that portion of the agenda.

"These are minor children," he said.

Trustees are also expected to hear routine reports from elementary and secondary principals, as well as enrollment reports, activities and areas of concern, he said.

Part of the superintendent report will be consideration of trustees to adopt the new appraisal instrument for superintendents, recently approved by the Texas Education Agency.

Prior to the regular meeting, Region 18 Educational Service Center will present board training to trustees via distance learning equipment in the school library.

Glasscock County [SD] trustees have set a tax hearing and tax rate adoption for Sept. 28, he said.

MHMR

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MHMR centers in the care and treatment of people with chronic mental illness, said Lisa Brooks, director of community relations for West Texas Centers for MHMR in Big Spring.

Some 150 to 200 invited guests are expected at the reception for the board and guests at the Clyde and Beverly McMahon home Thursday night where the agenda is strictly social, Brooks said.

The board usually meets in Austin, said Brooks, and hasn't met in Big Spring in more than a decade. "It's a big deal," she added.

West Texas Centers for MHMR is one of 38 community MHMR centers in Texas funded by the Department of Mental Health and Retardation. WTC has 500 employees in the 23-county service area. More than 200 of the employees reside in Howard County. The annual payroll for WTC is more than \$12 million.

West Texas MHMR Centers is one of the top 10 employers in Howard County, according to statistics gathered by Moore Development for Big Spring.

GIRLS

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are going to try to hold another one this year," said Ferguson.

She also said 60 girls and adults had joined bringing the current total to 200 girls and 100 adults.

"Because of the growing amount of girls and adult leaders joining, we are in desperate need of a meeting place," she said.

"While the troops usually don't have a problem finding a place to meet, it would just be better if we had a hut ... you know, to keep the meeting place in one place," added Ferguson.

"All girls interested in joining scouts are encouraged to do so. Once they've joined, they are placed into different levels of participation based on age. A Daisy, named after Girl Scout founder Juliet Lowe's nickname, is open to any girl in

kindergarten," she said. Brownies are girls in grades 1-3, and juniors is for girls in grades 3-6.

Juniors are bridged to cadets and cadets bridge to senior Girl Scouts.

For more information, call Ferguson at 267-3716.

WHAT'S UP

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

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

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

FRIDAY

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

□ AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.

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

Gates pledges to donate \$1 billion for scholarships

SEATTLE (AP) — Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates pledged Thursday to donate \$1 billion for college scholarships for minority students, saying he wants to change the face of American leadership — including that of his own company.

The "Gates Millennium Scholars Program," supported by the world's richest man — a Harvard dropout — and his wife, Melinda, will provide 1,000 scholarships a year for 20 years to Asian-American, black, Hispanic and American Indian students.

"This country is in an incredible time period. The advances in technology are really quite breathtaking," Gates said at a news conference. "Is everybody getting a chance to benefit from this? The answer is really no."

"I do hope in the years ahead that as you look at the kids in school and you look at our industry, you will see a broad, diverse representation, because I think that really builds a strong America."

The gift is the couple's largest single philanthropic contribution and among the largest ever, rivaling a \$1 billion commitment by CNN founder Ted Turner to the United Nations.

The United Negro College Fund will administer the scholarship program starting next year, with help from the Hispanic Scholarship Fund and the American Indian College Fund.

Those three organizations' combined scholarship budget is \$51 million. Gates will almost double that with his donations of \$50 million a year.

"So many young people do not get the opportunity to reach their potential because of the barriers of finances," said William Gray III, president and chief executive officer of the United Negro College Fund.

"We're going to lower those barriers. ... It's a wonderful moment."

The scholarships, to be awarded primarily for academic achievement and financial need, will support four years of undergraduate education, plus graduate studies in education, library science, engineering, math and science.

Eligible students must have a 3.3 grade-point average, be nominated by a teacher or principal and commit to performing community service. Scholarship winners would have to maintain a 3.0 grade-point average.

With assets of \$17 billion, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is the second-largest philanthropic foundation in the world, behind London-based Wellcome Trust. Since 1997, it has given more than \$2.4 billion, primarily for global health and education.

"The greatest thing you can do is provide somebody with a wonderful education," Gates said.

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A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAY

•TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., College Heights Christian church, 21st and Goliad.

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

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

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

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

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

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

•Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at 409 Rannels, Clyde Alsup Building. AMI meeting to follow. For more information call 263-0027 or 267-7220.

•Encourager's Support Group (for widows/widowers) will meet Monday, Sept. 20, at 6 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Rannels (enter through the north door), for a covered dish dinner and fellowship. For more information call 398-5522.

•The New Voice Club, a support group for laryngectomies and their families, will meet Monday, Sept. 20, at 2410 Wasson Drive, the house behind the 7-11 store, but with the driveway on Randolph. For directions call 267-2800.

TUESDAY

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

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.

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

•Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Sue Jones, 263-7361 ext. 7179 or 264-7518.

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

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

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

•Innovators in glyconutritionals are an independent group focusing on sickness prevention and management utilizing non-toxic simple saccharides to help our body heal itself. Training sessions are the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at 1909 S. Gregg. For more information call 267-3013 or 267-2424.

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

BRIEFS

BIG SPRING JUNIOR HIGH will host a Scholastic book fair Sept. 27-Oct. 1. Students, parents and teachers can purchase

old favorite books along with new titles, including Newberry and Caldecott award winners. Proceeds will help buy books for the school library. Call 264-4135 for more information.

FORSAN JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH School will have an open house on Tuesday, Sept. 21, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. First six-weeks report cards will be handed out at this time. All parents are invited to attend.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, also known as Meals on Wheels, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

THERE ARE NEW HOURS for the Scout Store, located at 610 Scurry. It is now open from 4-6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and contains a wide variety of Scouting items.

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

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

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

GOOD SHEPHERD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, and 9 a.m. Sunday. Everyone welcome to come. For more information call 267-5936.

MARKETS

Dec. cotton 53.90 cents, up 31 points; Oct. crude 24.32, down 40 points; cash hogs steady at 33 even; cash steers steady at 66 even; Oct. lean hog futures 44.37, up 70 points; Oct. live cattle futures 66.60, down 80 points. Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

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ATT 45% - 1/2
Atlantic Richfield 86% + 1/2
Atmos Energy 24% + 1/2
BP Amoco 108% - 1
Chevron 92% - 1/2
Cifra 15% to 15%
Compaq Computer 24% + 1/2
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Total Fina SA 63% nc
Unocal Corp 41% + 1/2
Wal-Mart 46% + 1/2
Amcap 18.20-19.57
Europacific 34.23-36.32
Prime Rate 8.25%
Gold 255.20-256.20
Silver 5.06-5.11

POLICE

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

- JAIME MUNOZ, 34, was arrested Saturday for public intoxication and Sunday for driving while intoxicated.
- TOMMY BOBO, 42, was arrested for public intoxication.
- JACQUELYN BROWN, 18,

was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

• FIDENCIO RODRIGUEZ, 53, was arrested for public intoxication.

• MELODY COOPER, 45, was arrested for local warrants.

• SAMMY FERREL, 37, was arrested for disorderly conduct/language.

• MOSES FLORES, 24, was arrested for use and possession of a volatile chemical.

• STEVEN BONNER, 21, was arrested for making alcohol available to a minor.

• MICHAEL FOX, 39, was arrested for public intoxication.

• SHANA ADOCK, 38, was arrested for public intoxication.

• NICHOLAS HORAVITCH, 19, was arrested for minor in possession of alcohol.

• ARMANDO HERNANDEZ, 19, was arrested for public intoxication.

• GERMANE STAPLETON, 22, was arrested for possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• MICHAEL BOYD, 26, was arrested for possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• ISABEL LOMAS, 43, was arrested for making alcohol available to a minor.

• CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was issued in the 200 block of West Marcy.

• DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED was reported to the police department.

• DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 1400 block of Stadium and 1000 block of North Main.

• MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of S US 87 and Garden City exit.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1400 block of Sycamore and 1400 block of Johnson.

• CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 1000 block of East Fourth.

• AGGRAVATED ASSAULT was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 3200 block of West Ninth.

• ASSAULT was reported in the 4000 block of Dixon and 1400 block of Robin.

• JUVENILE PROBLEM was reported in the 500 block of Main and 1400 Johnson.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 900 block of Willia and 3600 block of Calvin.

• UNATTENDED DEATH was reported in the 1400 block of Mittel.

• POSSIBLE CHILD ABUSE was investigated in the 600 block of North San Antonio.

• THEFT was reported in the 900 block of Willia, near the intersection of 11th and Settles, and 18th and Gregg.

FIRE/EMS

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

- SUNDAY
12:31 a.m. — 3200 block Goliad, medical call, service refused.
- 2:05 a.m. — 100 block Moss Lake Road, trauma call, service refused.
- 3:23 a.m. — 5 miles on South 87, trauma call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- 5:30 p.m. — 1700 block E. Third, medical call, service refused.
- 7:45 p.m. — 400 block Gilbert, trauma call, service refused.
- 9:42 p.m. — 1000 block N. Main, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

RECORDS

Sunday's high 96
Sunday's low 62
Average high 88
Average low 62
Record high 105 in 1930
Record low 39 in 1971
Precip. Sunday 0.00
Month to date 3.17
Month's normal 0.80
Year to date 11.44
Normal for the year 14.17
Sunrise Tuesday 7:33 a.m.
Sunset Tuesday 7:44 p.m.
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1601 W. 11th Place
263-1211

Big Spring Monday, Rain MOSCOV Gorbachev spoken w leader, MIL today in after a b She was 6 Mrs. G widely ad long resen circulator failure at U Muenster, spokeswo said. Since Ju had been a ing treatm underwren had show but her c in recent d Mikhail the Soviet its collaps Muenster side throu After M the couple wely dece deny rece port and thousands letters, flo the Gorb office in th Some su others off No c con LONDON could pay their hom cars this members s budging b levels of oi Ministers of Petr Countries by their m cuts in ou Wednesday OPEC pro million bar day, almo world's tot At its las the group key non-s slash dai million bla the globa buoy price The agreee cuts the y through M OPEC has mon unity high degre its reduce 92 percent to the In New dau ATLANT The new away her ed her tia wor less her corona "We hav less veter wide." He told repor after she America 2 "A larg course, a D.C., and find they co er areas b the faciliti needs," she While he campaign tion, litera ness, the 24 another ca For EVER

Raisa Gorbachev loses battle with leukemia

MOSCOW (AP) — Raisa Gorbachev, the spirited and outspoken wife of the last Soviet leader, Mikhail Gorbachev, died today in a German hospital after a battle with leukemia. She was 67.

Mrs. Gorbachev, who was widely admired in the West and long resented at home, died of circulatory and inner organ failure at University Hospital in Muenster, Germany, hospital spokeswoman Jutta Reising said.

Since July 25, Mrs. Gorbachev had been at the hospital receiving treatment for leukemia. She underwent chemotherapy and had shown some improvement, but her condition deteriorated in recent days.

Mikhail Gorbachev, who led the Soviet Union from 1985 until its collapse in 1991, stayed in Muenster and was at his wife's side throughout her illness.

After Mrs. Gorbachev fell ill, the couple that had been so widely despised in Russia suddenly received a flood of support and sympathy — with thousands of Russians sending letters, flowers and money to the Gorbachev Foundation office in the Russian capital.

Some suggested special diets, others offered prayers. A few

offered blood and bone marrow transplants. Herbal medicines arrived from Siberia. One woman offered to go to Germany to cook for Gorbachev, saying he must be tired of German cuisine.

"It must be in the Russian character — to run somebody into the mud, and then laud them to high heavens after a tragedy strikes," Vladimir Polyakov, a Gorbachev spokesman, said recently.

Many letters were from elderly people who had long resented Gorbachev for his role in the disintegration of the Soviet Union and the subsequent economic and political turmoil that followed in Russia.

Over the past two months, a sad-eyed Gorbachev, usually dressed in blue jeans and a casual shirt, was repeatedly interviewed at the Muenster hospital by Russian television crews seeking an update on Mrs. Gorbachev's condition.

He spoke with clear affection for his wife, and many Russians responded by setting aside their long-standing grievances.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin, a bitter rival of Gorbachev, issued a statement saying, "a wonderful person, a beautiful woman, a loving wife

and mother is no longer with us."

"Accept our sincere condolences," said the note to Gorbachev from Yeltsin and his wife Naina.

Bright, fashionable and articulate, Mrs. Gorbachev was the very antithesis of the typical Soviet leader's wife.

Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder expressed his "sadness and dismay" to the former Soviet leader, whose pivotal role in German reunification has won him great admiration in Germany.

"We Germans grew fond of your wife for her natural charm and impressive personality," said Schroeder, who visited Gorbachev in Muenster on Sunday. "She embodied the start of a new world."

While Mrs. Gorbachev charmed Western audiences, few Russians accepted the very public role she carved out for herself.

"Her destiny was to help her husband in a historic mission to turn the former Soviet Union toward the world, to make it a free and open society," said Anatoly Chernyayev, a Gorbachev adviser. "But she wasn't understood in her lifetime and (Russian) people were

ungrateful." Gorbachev conceded in his memoirs that even his mother had never liked his wife. He never left any doubt that Raisa — his "Raya" — was the love of his life, his soul mate and partner in both family life and politics.

"We were bound first of all by our marriage, but also by our common views on life," Gorbachev wrote. "We both preached the principle of equality. We shared our common cares and helped each other always and in everything."

Raisa Maksimovna Titorenko was born Jan. 5, 1932, in southern Siberia, and met Gorbachev while both were students at Moscow State University. She studied sociology; he studied law. The two were married in September 1953, and moved to Gorbachev's home region of Stavropol in southern Russia when he graduated in 1955.

Mrs. Gorbachev taught Marxist-Leninist philosophy in Stavropol, and later took a job as a lecturer at her alma mater, when her husband returned to Moscow as a rising Communist Party official. She gave up her job when Gorbachev became Communist Party chief in 1985.

No changes foreseen in OPEC production, consumers could pay even higher prices at pump

LONDON (AP) — Consumers could pay even more to heat their homes and drive their cars this winter, with OPEC members showing little sign of budging beyond their current levels of oil production.

Ministers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries are expected to stick by their most recent round of cuts in output when they meet Wednesday in Vienna, Austria. OPEC produces more than 26 million barrels of crude each day, almost two-fifths of the world's total.

At its last meeting in March, the group agreed together with key non-OPEC producers to slash daily production by 2.1 million barrels, or 2.6 percent of the global supply, in an effort to buoy prices from 12-year lows. The agreement, which followed cuts the year before, extends through March.

OPEC has displayed uncommon unity since, achieving a high degree of compliance with its reduced quotas — peaking at 92 percent in August, according to the International Energy

Agency in Paris — and causing a sharp turnaround in prices.

Contracts for U.S. benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude oil were trading in New York last week at more than \$24.50 per barrel, more than double a year-to-date low of \$11.26 on Feb. 17.

U.S. heating oil has made a similar rebound, trading last week at more than 61 cents per gallon compared to a low on Feb. 16 of 29.20 cents per gallon. And unleaded gasoline prices have risen even more steeply, to almost 69 cents per gallon from a year-to-date low of 32.40 cents per gallon.

These higher prices could tempt some in OPEC to pump more than their quotas allow.

In recent weeks, however, ministers from several of the 11 member countries have expressed support for continued restraint to prevent a new round of volatility that would be caused by production increases now.

"It would be wrong for them to change their production quota simply because of this

sharp rise in price. That would be a knee-jerk reaction," said Mark Redway, an analyst with the London-based brokerage Greig Middleton and Co. Ltd.

"What they have to do to stabilize prices is keep to their cuts until they feel stockpiles have come down to an appropriate level," he said.

Global oil inventories are expected to fall as temperatures cool and seasonal needs for heating oil increase. Economic recovery in Asia and to a lesser extent, Brazil, should also have an effect, said IEA analyst Deborah White.

White foresees global demand rising by 5 million barrels per day to create a total, daily, demand of 78 million barrels by the first quarter of next year.

Upward pressure on prices for crude and refined products should grow accordingly. Charlie Sharp of the brokerage T. Hoare Canaccord predicts that the price for North Sea Brent crude could peak this autumn at \$25 per barrel.

"But we wouldn't expect that to be sustained for the rest of

the year," he said.

"As oil prices go up, there will be more and more temptation for OPEC countries to bust quotas, and there will be more and more oil coming in from non-OPEC countries as well," Canaccord said.

OPEC's members are Saudi Arabia, Iran, Venezuela, Kuwait, Qatar, Nigeria, Libya, Algeria, Indonesia and Iraq.

Venezuela recently proposed setting up a mechanism to regulate prices using production adjustments whenever prices approach either extreme of a predetermined band.

OPEC ministers are expected to discuss the idea in Vienna, but some analysts doubt the idea could ever work.

The choice of a successor to OPEC Secretary General Rilwanu Lukman of Nigeria is a potentially divisive issue of the meeting.

Saudi Arabia and Iran, OPEC's two largest producers, have both nominated candidates to replace Lukman, who is resigning.

New Miss America, a disabled veteran's daughter, vows push for homeless vets

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — The new Miss America put away her evening gown, adjusted her tiara and got down to work less than 24 hours after her coronation.

"We have over 250,000 homeless veterans, spread nationwide," Heather Renee French told reporters Sunday, a day after she was named Miss America 2000.

"A large population, of course, are in Washington, D.C., and in large cities. You find they congregate in the larger areas because that's where the facilities are that treat those needs," she said.

While her predecessors have campaigned for AIDS prevention, literacy or diabetes awareness, the 24-year-old French had another cause in mind. It was

not hard: She's the daughter of a disabled veteran.

Her father, Ron French, 52, served in the U.S. Marine Corps in Vietnam and was wounded in combat — he was shot in the wrist — early in his four-year hitch.

Veterans' reactions have already been felt at the French household.

"I've already heard from six or seven just since last night," her father said. "They said they're really grateful that someone like her can be a spokesperson for them. It's about time the veterans had a spokesperson."

French, of Maysville, Ky., had dreamed of becoming Miss America ever since she was about 9, her mother said.

She pursued it doggedly,

entering the Miss Ohio pageant once and competing in the Miss Kentucky pageant three times before winning it on her fourth try and qualifying for a shot at Miss America.

On Saturday, she sang "As If We Never Said Goodbye" for her talent offering during the nationally televised 79th annual pageant. She became the first Miss Kentucky to win the Miss America Pageant.

French wins a \$40,000 college scholarship and a year's worth of clothing from New York design houses, but she has to live out of a suitcase — Miss America typically travels 20,000 miles a month during her reign.

The scholarship money, together with the pageant's decision to drop a 50-year-old ban on women who have had abortions or divorces, made for comic fodder during the tele-

cast.

Prior to French's coronation, co-host Marie Osmond joked that the new Miss America would split the scholarship cash. "She's going to share it with her ex-husband," Osmond quipped.

French ducked questions Sunday about her opinion of the rules change. She has never been married, but she has a boyfriend, Tracey Morris, a 38-year-old investor.

She didn't, however, duck a tricky question about her embraced cause: What will the newly crowned Miss America do when she encounters a homeless veteran?

"I wouldn't just give them a handout," she replied. "I believe we need more permanent solutions, instead of temporary solutions, and that's what handouts are."

TEXAS BRIEFS

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

BRYAN — Lawrence Russell Brewer could learn today whether a jury believed him when he contended he had only a minimal role in the horrific dragging death of a black East Texas man last year.

Attorneys were set to deliver final arguments this morning in the capital murder case against Brewer, the second of three white supremacists to be tried for killing James Byrd Jr. The case then would go to the jury.

Conviction could earn Brewer, 32, a cell on Texas' death row, where he would join his former prison buddy, John William King, 24. King was convicted and condemned in February.

A third man, Shawn Allen Berry, also 24, faces trial late next month.

A capital murder conviction will require jurors to agree there was another felony — in this case abduction — involved in Byrd's death, and that Brewer helped. Brewer said he knew nothing about a kidnaping, never intended Byrd to die and was convinced Byrd died when Berry slashed his throat with a knife.

Brewer, sometimes sobbing, testified last week that he was on an old Jasper County logging road with King and Berry the early morning hours of June 7, 1998, when the 49-year-old Byrd was chained by his ankles to the bumper of Berry's pickup truck, then dragged for three miles along the rutted path and a bumpy asphalt road.

A pathologist testified Byrd was alive until his head was torn off when it slammed into a culvert about midway through the torture, and the nature of some of his hideous wounds showed he had tried to ease the excruciating pain by deflecting parts of his body as they were being ground to the bone, actions that only could be made if he was conscious.

FORT WORTH — Some buried their heads in their hands, unable to cope. Others stared dully ahead. Little children hid their faces in their parents' laps.

Worshippers at Wedgwood Baptist Church searched for a way to deal with their grief Sunday upon their return to the scene of a massacre that claimed the lives of seven congregants.

Packets of tissues were scattered throughout the sanctuary for the church's first service since gunman Larry Gene Ashbrook burst into an evening youth rally Wednesday and opened fire. The killing ended with Ashbrook's suicide in a rear pew.

A banner over the entrance Sunday proclaimed, "Let the Healing Begin."

"Praise the Lord!" cried the Rev. Al Meredith amid waves of applause. Behind him, the choir stood in flowing crimson robes. "If I didn't know better, I'd say we were having church today."

Friends and relatives eulogized a Sunday school teacher studying to be a youth minister, a seminary student with a bright smile, a church soloist who taught inner-city youth and a high school student who dreamed of owning a film and sound production company.

The four were buried Saturday. The three youngest victims — Kristi Beckel, Joseph D. Ennis and Cassandra Griffin, all age 14 — were to be buried today.

SAN ANTONIO — Lawyers for a Hispanic rights group and the state square off in federal court today over the fairness of a Texas academic skills test required for a high school diploma.

The Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund filed a lawsuit on behalf of two Hispanic groups and several minority students who failed the exit-level Texas Assessment of Academic Skills.

MALDEF claims the test, which has been given since 1990, discriminates against blacks and Hispanics. The plaintiffs want the state barred from requiring students to pass the test before graduating from high school.

"The case is really about the very negative effects of the exit tests," said MALDEF attorney Al Kauffman.

Although other versions of the TAAS test are given to public school students in lower grades, the test that must be passed before a student receives his or her diploma is the target of the lawsuit.

"The damage to the student is much clearer on the high school exit test," Kauffman said.

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OUR VIEWS

Local residents can get taste of hockey Tuesday

As improbably as it might seem to some, professional ice hockey has some of its most ardent fans in Texas — right here in the Lone Star state where football is supposed to be almost a religion.

There's little question the Dallas Stars' winning the Stanley Cup has only helped the sport grab the attention of Texas fans, but the trend had already been established.

For many years, the commonly-held view was that hockey simply couldn't thrive in hotter climes.

Air conditioning and the arrival of thousands of so-called "Northerners" has resulted in Texas being home to more professional hockey teams than any other state.

While there is perhaps no stronger hotbed of football fervor than our region of West Texas, hockey is grabbing a following even in Big Spring.

Hockey fans in the Crossroads area have now had an opportunity to follow the Odessa Jackalopes' participation in the Western Professional Hockey League (WPHL) for two seasons.

And while the Jackalopes haven't won any WPHL championships, the team has been singled out as the league's "franchise of the year" for both of its seasons.

That means league officials are impressed with the manner in which the Odessa franchise has conducted its business.

Fans apparently are pleased, too. So much so, in fact, that a group of Big Spring fans are inviting local residents to meet Jackalopes coaches and players at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Big Spring Mall.

The plan, according to local Jackalopes fan Carroll Jennings, is to form a Big Spring chapter of the Jack Pack Fan Club.

Not only will Jackalopes head coach Joe Clark and assistant coach Jack Rodrigue be on hand for Tuesday's session at the mall, but co-captain Rick Girhiny and several of his teammates will also be there to meet fans, sign autographs and have their pictures taken.

It's that kind of commitment which has made the Jackalopes the WPHL's best overall operation, and one that we here in West Texas should consider a privilege.

Not only do the Jackalopes provide us with a sports experience few of us could have imagined having just a few years ago, but they clearly believe their fans are important and show that sentiment by making themselves available.

Hopefully, Big Spring's hockey fans will reciprocate by taking advantage of their chance to know the Jackalopes just a little better by attending Tuesday's get-together at the mall.

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Writer's Art: Remembering tenses past

A columnist for The Buffalo News provided a dispatch from Washington last month: "Two veteran Democratic congressmen have leapt to the defense of Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo in his continuing conflict with his inspector general..."



JAMES J. KILPATRICK

Very well. How do you vote? Would you change the verb to "have leapt," or would you stick with "have leapt"? Experts on usage are no help. Most of them ignore the question. The editors of Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of English Usage say their files indicate that "leaped" and "leapt" are used about equally. My own suggestion is that you listen to your sentence and follow the muse of euphony. Is the sentence smoother with a long-e or a short-e?

Not long ago I was reading a magazine article about a labor dispute. "Union leaders leaped on the sweetheart contract." A few days later, in a story on the sports page, I read that

"baseball's sachems leapt at a chance to test the umpires' resolve." Both verbs struck me as well used. "Sweetheart" carried a little echo of "leaped," and "test" worked nicely with "leapt." I will say only one word about "sachems." Aaargh!

The same considerations of euphony govern the choice of "pleaded" or "pled." Do you want one syllable or two? Both forms are in common use. Except for The Associated Press, every authority on usage accepts "pled" as perfectly respectable. The AP, in one of its fits of idiosyncrasy, regards "pled" as colloquial and bans it altogether. Thus, in the AP report, lawyers for the Puerto Rican terrorists "pleaded" last month for clemency. In The New Republic, O.J. Simpson "pled no contest" when he was charged with spousal abuse in 1989.

In courtroom parlance the custom is to say that a defendant pleaded guilty or not guilty. Never say that the accused "pleaded innocent." On this score, pay no attention to the Dictionary of English Usage. The editors are generally reliable, but when they assert that "pleaded innocent" is perfectly respectable, they are full of hot air.

Recalling the 1997 World Series, would you write that the Marlins had "beat" the

Indians, or "beaten" them? In their 1985 Harper Dictionary of Contemporary Usage, William and Mary Morris sneered at "beat" as "illiterate." Not so. In many contexts, "beat" works well. The New York Times commented in August that "Rafter had beat Sampras three straight times." It became clear in 1997 that the Indians could be beat. But I believe Tyson was badly beaten by Holyfield.

One more: What is your take on "weaved" and "wove"? Here the muse of euphony might provide some guidance. Do you want a long-e or a long-o? I expect the choice depends more often upon context. I believe we would say that while Penelope was waiting for the return of Odysseus she "wove" a shroud, because that is what the patient lady literally was doing. I would use the metaphorical "weaved" for the car that kept changing lanes in heavy traffic.

Past tenses provide a continuing source of controversy. Last month The New York Times covered an attempted bank robbery in the financial district of Manhattan. Police officers fired a fusillade at the perp and finally killed him. "Witnesses described a panicky scene as people dived for cover." What's your choice? "Dived" or "dove"? My own vote is always in favor of

"dived." It carries a more vigorous connotation than "dove," and it cannot be even momentarily confused with the cooling bird.

A number of other citations of the past tense are at hand. On these there can be no equivocation. The AP reported from Pelham, Ala., last month that a 34-year-old man "was arrested shortly after the shooting when police seen him on nearby Interstate 65." The officers SAW him.

In Mississippi, a reporter covered a drowning at Lake Jocassee. A missing man "is believed to have went under in one of the deepest sections of the lake." In Kentucky, a teenager's mother believed her outspoken daughter had been right in defending a teacher, but she may have went about it the wrong way. Believed to have GONE under. May have GONE about it.

Headline in the Seneca, S.C., Journal Tribune: "Bible was wrote to instruct and encourage you." WRITTEN to instruct!

Let me put off to another day the continuing disputes over "sneaked" and "snuck," and "lent" and "loaned." It suffices to say that in many choices of a past tense, writers should rely on their ears. If ears fail you, try a dictionary - or a different verb.

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"TIPPER! GET THE GUEST ROOM READY! SOME OF THOSE NICE RUSSIAN REFORMERS I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH ARE PAYING A SURPRISE VISIT!"

Nothing like a drought to bring about tattling

ALONG THE LITTLE TALLAPOOSA, Ga. — A bath or a banana tree, toss the coin.

The past few days I've been meting out water the way a starving Irish mother ladled soup during the Great Potato Famine.

When your water comes from a well, there is no need for an official moratorium like the ones that cities and suburbs enforce during a drought. With a well, you know instantly when you've gone too far.

I've been looking over my shoulder — and down the concrete shaft — at the water situation for the past month. I keep expecting to hit bottom.

The TV showed how, in one thirsty town, neighbor turned against neighbor, reporting the other fellow's unnecessary water usage. Tattling, we used to call it in grammar school.

Rattling your friends out, the Goodfellows would say.

Desperate gardeners were slipping out, working under cover of darkness to revive their plants. They didn't care about adequate community fire protection. They just wanted the zoyasia to live.

You can't hide from yourself, and out here there's nobody to tattle to. So each day I judiciously sprinkle a few drops here, a few there, trying not to look at the unchosen.

It's really a "Sophie's Choice" situation. No matter which way I turn with the hose pipe, I feel guilty. Sins of omission.

The grass has long been dead, but, for me, grass is never a high priority. The ailing azaleas are puny, tired bouquets in a hayfield. But they never showed great promise, anyhow. The dogwoods are beginning to lose a limb here, a limb there but they are old and probably can survive.

Face it, I have favorites. One day I feel sorriest for the banana tree, which, after all, has gamely put on a grand show this summer, despite the drought. For some reason, I

have great luck with banana trees. This year's tree is the tallest, fullest ever. The only one I've ever seen any better was in that Florida Eden called Key West.

But now the edges of its giant leaves are turning parchment brown, and instead of saluting the sky they kiss the ground.

The next day I may take pity on the pot of white caladiums. In a normal summer, they don't ask for much. The pot holds water well, and the cats often lick the dew off the shimmering leaves.

This year they need emergency assistance. So I throw the dregs of an ice chest into the pot and watch instant revival. It's like one of those sponge toys the kids buy.

Throw the elephant in water and watch it grow.

The saddest sight of all is the Little Tallapoosa River, which runs by the house. It's now the Minuscule Tallapoosa River, and it's not running at all. Clouds of mosquitoes rise up every night and swarm the deck.

At least the shallow, stagnant water has made it easy to retrieve the tires somebody

dumped in the river long ago. I'd never seen them until this summer. I considered filling them with flowers and leaving them on the bottom, but there's not enough water for that to work.

The only way to end this drought is to write about it. I figure as soon as I mention dry weather in a column, we'll all need arks. (It's been that kind of workweek.)

For an extra measure, I'll wash the Ford pickup, my garbage barge; that always brings on a hard rain. (I once ended a nine-week drought in Mississippi by driving an old Mustang through the Scrubba Bubba. Desperate measures for desperate times.)

Only trouble is, washing my truck would finish off the well. So I'll have to pin my hopes on an ill-timed column. The pen, after all, is mightier than the Ford.

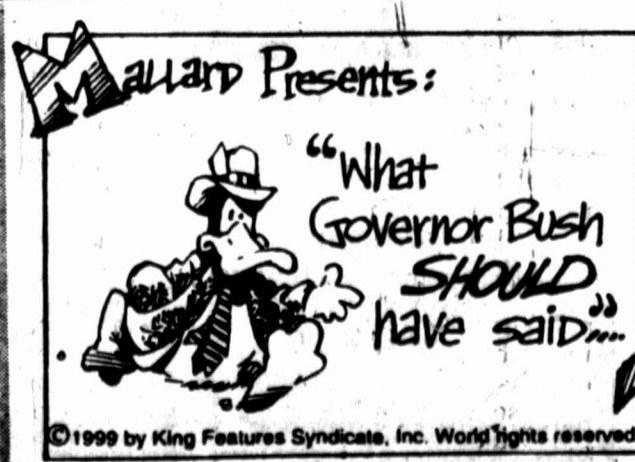
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IN BRIEF

Coahoma boosters slate meeting for tonight

The Coahoma Athletic Boosters Club will meet at 7 tonight in the elementary school cafeteria. Members will conduct a brief business meeting before viewing highlights of the Bulldogs' win over Midland Christian.

Knights of Columbus join CGA in sponsoring tourney

The Chicano Golf Association of Big Spring and the Knights of Columbus will sponsor the second annual Father Delaney Charity Golf Tournament on Sunday, Sept. 26, at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Tea times for the four-person scramble begins at 10 a.m. and all teams must be registered by 10:30 a.m.

Fees for the tournament at \$25 per player, but do not include green fees.

For more information, call the pro shop at 264-2366.

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, the team's official fan club.

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

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

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 and each will conclude with a championship tournament.

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.

The deadline for entries in all three programs is Tuesday and organizational meetings will be held that evening.

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

Footaction USA offering college scholarships

For a 10th consecutive year, Irving-based Footaction USA will offer \$100,000 in college scholarships to high school seniors next year.

The deadline for applications is Jan. 15 and candidates will be judged on the basis of financial need, class rank, standardized test scores and participation in sports.

A total of 84 scholarships ranging from \$10,000 to \$1,000 will be awarded.

For more information or to request an application, call 1-800-521-2123.

YMCA inline hockey registration continues

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

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

ON THE AIR

Radio
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
7:30 p.m. — Atlanta Falcons at Dallas Cowboys, KBST-FM 95.9 and KBST-AM 1490.

Television
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
8 p.m. — Atlanta Falcons at Dallas Cowboys, ABC, Ch. 2 and Ch. 8.

Falcons' Anderson hoping to dance in Dallas tonight

IRVING (AP) — Jamal Anderson is itching to dance.

The co-creator of the "Dirty Bird" touchdown celebration has gone nine months without reaching the dance floor. He's hoping to finally hit the end zone Monday night when his Atlanta Falcons play the Dallas Cowboys.

Anderson isn't saying whether he'll revive the wing-flapping dance Atlanta rode to the Super Bowl or if he has something new planned.

"Man, can I get into the zone first?" he said, laughing. "When I get into the end zone I may do like Deion Sanders and drop down and pray that I'm finally back in there."

Anderson ran for 14 regular-season touchdowns and had two more through the air last year. He scored twice more

in the playoffs, including a 5-yard run in the NFC championship game.

But Anderson was shut out in the Super Bowl and again in the opener last Sunday against Minnesota. The Vikings held him to 50 yards on 16 carries in a 17-14 Falcons loss.

The perfect opponent for Anderson to get out his dance shoes against may be the Cowboys.

Dallas allowed Washington's unheralded Stephen Davis to gain a career-high 109 yards and two touchdowns on 24 carries last Sunday. It wasn't enough, though, as the Cowboys rallied for a 41-35 overtime victory.

"I can't say that just because Stephen did good against them I think I will," Anderson said. "No disrespect to Stephen Davis as a running back, but

they're going to be ready to play me.

"They know I'm coming to town and they're going to be fired up for the possibility of shutting me down. That's something that happens now on a weekly basis."

How much Dallas focuses on Anderson may depend on who is handing him the ball. Quarterback Chris Chandler is doubtful with an aching right hamstring; backup Tony Graziani has been lifted at halftime of his only two career starts.

While coaches usually say they're ready for whoever plays, Dallas' Chan Gailey admitted things will be different if Chandler is out.

"I don't think they'll change their overall package, but I think they'll rely a little bit more heavily on their running

game," Gailey said. "I'm sure they'll have Jamal try to attack us and wear us down."

Davis wore down the Cowboys simply by running at them. Dallas defenders made technique mistakes that got them out of position, then had fundamental breakdowns like failing to finish tackles. "We've got to make sure we're playing good technique, be where we're supposed to be and not miss tackles," Gailey said.

Whether Sanders plays also will be a game-time decision. The former Falcon is recovering from surgery on his left big toe in April and hasn't played since the Pro Bowl.

He says he wants to play cornerback and return punts when he does come back.



Luis Galtan of Big Spring displays the 11.03-pound black bass he caught while fishing at Lake Alan Henry recently. Galtan snagged the 36 1/2-inch fish using a topwater lure.

O'Donnell could get last laugh on injured Jets

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Neil O'Donnell may get the last laugh on the New York Jets.

While the Jets lost again without injured quarterback Vinny Testaverde, the QB they released when they signed Testaverde led the Tennessee Titans to a 26-9 victory over the Cleveland Browns on Sunday.

O'Donnell, filling in for injured Steve McNair, completed 31 of 40 passes for 310 yards and a touchdown as the Titans improved to 2-0 for the first time since 1991.

"The guys had a lot of confidence that Neil could do the job," said receiver Yancey Thigpen, who caught a 14-yard TD pass from O'Donnell. "Right now, he's the guy and we have to go with him."

O'Donnell, expected to play until McNair returns from back surgery at the end of October, was released by the Jets when they signed Testaverde in June 1998. Testaverde led New York to the AFC title game last season, but ruptured his Achilles tendon in the Jets' opening loss to New England last week and is out for the season.

Rick Mirer took over for Testaverde, but couldn't produce a touchdown in Sunday night's 17-3 loss at Buffalo.

"I think as we went along, I got comfortable with what we were doing. But we couldn't put any drives back to back," said Mirer, who was 13-of-28 for 121 yards.

Elsewhere, it was Detroit 23, Green Bay 15; Kansas City 26, Denver 10; Tampa Bay 19, Philadelphia 5; Washington 50, New York Giants 21; Jacksonville 22, Carolina 20; Miami 19, Arizona 16; Seattle 14, Chicago 13; Oakland 22, Minnesota 17; New England 31, Indianapolis 28; San Diego 34, Cincinnati 7; Pittsburgh 23, Baltimore 20; and San Francisco 28, New Orleans 21.

Bills 17, Jets 3

Doug Flutie passed for 160 yards, rushed for 69 and threw a crushing block that helped set up Buffalo's first touchdown. Antowain Smith carried 30 times for 113 yards as the Bills (1-1) beat a team that was missing six starters.

Titans 27, Browns 9

Cleveland rookie Tim Couch had a rough time in his first NFL start, getting sacked seven

times and going 12-of-24 for only 134 yards as the expansion Browns fell to 0-2.

Lions 23, Packers 15

Quarterback Charlie Batch threw two long TD passes and scored on a 1-yard run with 10:57 left as the Detroit Lions improved to 2-0 without retired star Barry Sanders. The Packers fell to 1-1.

Chiefs 26, Broncos 10

The Denver Broncos fell to 0-2 in the post-John Elway era with a mistake-plagued loss to the Chiefs. Kansas City (1-1) converted points off a fumble by Terrell Davis and two turnovers by Elway's replacement, second-year QB Brian Griese.

Dolphins 19, Cardinals 16

The Dolphins (2-0) intercepted Jake Plummer four times and kept the Arizona Cardinals out of the end zone. The Cardinals (1-1) took over at their own 33 with 1:14 left, but two penalties and a sack pushed them back to the 25, and Plummer was intercepted by Brock/Marion with 15 seconds left.

Jaguars 22, Panthers 20

Mark Brunell completed 12 of 18 passes for 147 yards in the second half and Lonnie Marts batted away a 2-point conversion pass with 31 seconds left to preserve the victory for Jacksonville (2-0). The Panthers are 0-2 for the third time in their five-year history.

Chargers 34, Bengals 7

Jim Harbaugh threaded a 29-yard touchdown pass between two defenders and Gerald Dixon returned a fumble 27 yards for a touchdown barely a minute later as San Diego (1-0) routed the Bengals (0-2).

Seahawks 14, Bears 13

Mike Holmgren continued his domination of the Bears as the Seattle Seahawks (1-1) rallied with two touchdowns in the second half. Holmgren, 12-2 against Chicago as coach of the Green Bay Packers, has won 11 straight against the Bears (1-1).

Buccaneers 19, Eagles 5

Warren Sapp had 3 of Tampa Bay's nine sacks as the Buccaneers (1-1) spoiled Donovan McNabb's NFL debut. McNabb replaced starter Doug Pederson at the start of the second half and was sacked six times.

Florida State remains No. 1 in a new-look AP Top 25

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Top 25 has a new look just about everywhere but at the top.

Florida State remained No. 1 in The Associated Press' Top 25 college-football poll this week, while five new teams moved into the rankings, including Marshall for the first time since the AP poll began in 1936.

The Seminoles (3-0), 42-11 winners over North Carolina State in one of three Sunshine State showdown games Saturday, received 59 first-place votes and 1,738 points from the 70 sports writers and broadcasters on the AP panel.

Penn State defeated Miami 27-23 and Florida beat Tennessee 23-21 in the other big games in the state of Florida. The Nittany Lions (4-0) moved up a spot and replaced the Vols at No. 2, while the Gators (3-0) advanced one place to No. 3.

The Vols (1-1) fell to No. 7, the Hurricanes (2-1) dropped one place to No. 9 and NC State (3-1) dropped five spots to No. 25.

Penn State had seven first-place votes and 1,658 points and Florida three first-place votes.

Wisconsin was stunned by Cincinnati 17-12 and took the biggest hit, sinking 11 spots to

AP TOP 25

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Sept. 19:

Rank	Team	Record
1	Florida St. (59)	3-0
2	Penn St. (7)	4-0
3	Florida (3)	4-0
4	Michigan	3-0
5	Texas A&M	2-0
6	Nebraska	3-0
7	Tennessee	1-1
8	Virginia Tech (1)	2-0
9	Miami	2-1
10	Georgia Tech	2-1
11	Georgia	2-0
12	Ohio St.	2-1
13	Purdue	3-0
14	Arkansas	2-0
15	Kansas St.	2-0
16	Southern Cal	2-0
17	BYU	2-0
18	UCLA	2-1
19	Michigan St.	2-1
20	Wisconsin	2-1
21	Marshall	3-1
22	Texas	3-0
23	Mississippi St.	2-0
24	Air Force	2-0
25	N.C. State	3-1

Others receiving votes: Syracuse 119, Auburn 60, Oklahoma 58, Alabama 49, Southern Miss. 49, Maryland 31, Illinois 27, Arizona St. 25, East Carolina 22, Virginia 18, Louisville 15, Oregon 15, Arizona 14, Colorado 12, Colorado St. 6, New Mexico St. 6, Stanford 6, Kentucky 5, Wyoming 5, Clemson 2, Minnesota 2, Utah 2, Cincinnati 1, Louisiana Tech 1, Oregon St. 1.

No. 20. Marshall (3-0) moved in at No. 21 after a 35-16 win over Bowling Green. Following Florida was No. 4

Oates finds silver lining in Rangers' 15-2 loss to Tampa Bay

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers saw a silver lining to their beating at the hands of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

"You can take a positive out of the game," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said after Sunday's 15-2 defeat.

Although starter John Burkett (7-8) and relievers Mike Morgan and Jeff Fassero were unimpressive, Oates liked the effort he got from the three other Texas pitchers — Danny Kolb, Danny Patterson and Matt Perisho.

Coming in right after Burkett and Morgan were hammered for 10 runs on nine hits in 3 2-3 innings, Kolb retired the first seven batters he faced, striking out four, including Fred McGriff and Jose Canseco.

"I was impressed with the way Kolb threw ... 95 mph fastball, good slider,

threw strikes," Oates said.

Tampa Bay, languishing 25 1/2 games behind the Yankees, has already been eliminated from the American League playoff race. Among Tampa Bay's 15 hits on Sunday was McGriff's one-out, solo homer that chased Burkett in the fourth inning.

McGriff reached the 30-homer mark for the eighth time, becoming the second player to hit 30 for four different teams, joining teammate Jose Canseco. McGriff also hit 30 homers for the Blue Jays, Braves and Padres.

"It's good to come back and hit 30 homers again this year, especially with the injuries I've had. Hitting 30 homers is always my goal coming into a season, so today was important for me," McGriff said.

"As a team, we're out of playoff con-

tention, but every time you win, it's a confidence builder. Next year, when we play the Rangers again, we'll believe we can beat them," McGriff said.

In other American League games, it was New York 11, Cleveland 7; Boston 7, Detroit 3; Chicago 3, Toronto 2; Tampa Bay 15, Texas 2; Oakland 12, Kansas City 3; Seattle 2, Minnesota 1; and Baltimore 5, Anaheim 4.

In National League games, Chicago beat Milwaukee 8-7, Houston downed St. Louis 4-3, Atlanta topped Montreal 5-1, New York edged Philadelphia 8-6, Arizona downed Florida 8-7, Pittsburgh stopped Cincinnati 8-5, San Diego defeated San Francisco 6-3, and Los Angeles beat Colorado 5-2 in a game stopped after seven innings because of rain.

Bubba Trammell and Jose Guillen also homered for Tampa Bay.

Rafael Palmeiro's RBI double in the fourth and Royce Clayton's solo homer in the fifth managed only to cut the Devil Rays' lead to 10-2. In six innings, Rolando Arrojo (6-11) allowed only three hits, walking two and striking out one.

"It feels like we got knocked out in the second round of a championship fight," Palmeiro said.

About losing two of three games to a sub-.500 team, Palmeiro said: "It's frustrating because we feel like we can dominate any team on any given team. Everybody is trying hard, every day, but sometimes it's just not good enough."

Tampa Bay then added five runs in the seventh on three singles off Kalb, and two doubles and a single off Fassero. The Rangers' magic number to clinch the AL West is eight games.

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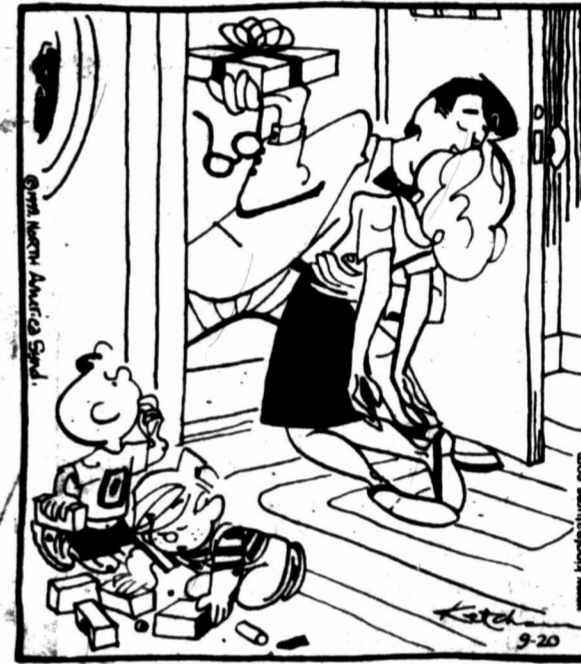
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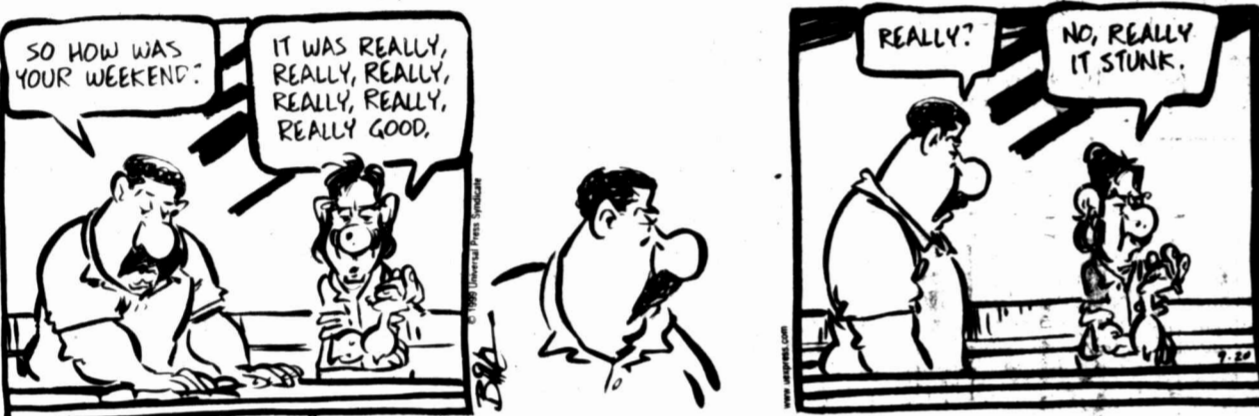
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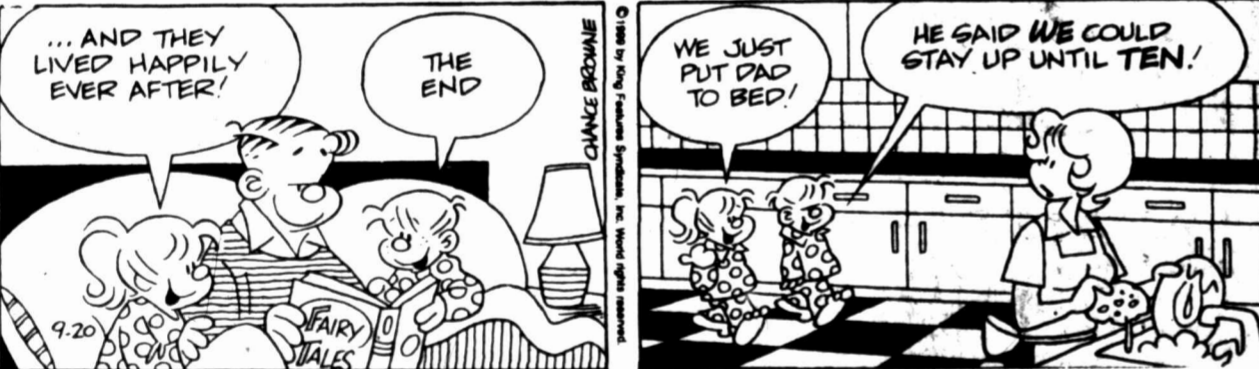
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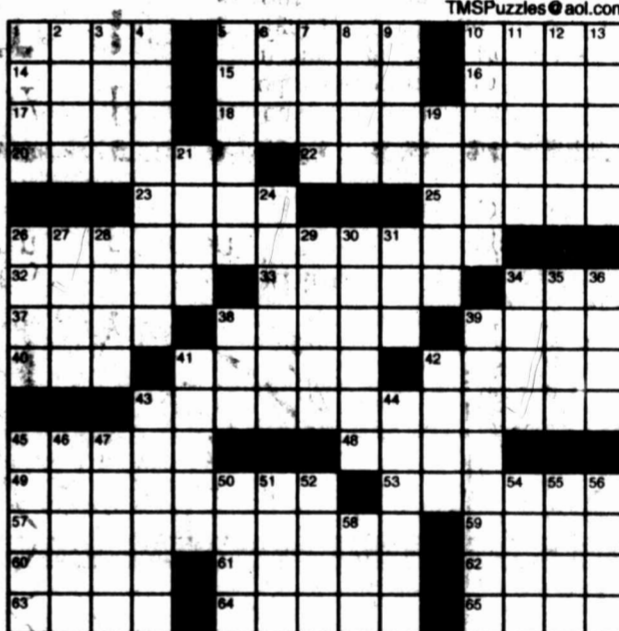
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Today is Monday, Sept. 20, the 263rd day of 1999. There are 102 days left in the year.

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On this date: In 1870, Italian troops took control of the Papal States, leading to the unification of Italy.

In 1881, Chester A. Arthur was sworn in as the 21st president of the United States, succeeding James A. Garfield, who had been assassinated.

In 1884, the Equal Rights Party was formed during a convention of suffragists in San Francisco. The convention nominated Belva Ann Bennett Lockwood for president.

In 1947, former New York City Mayor Fiorello La Guardia died.

In 1962, black student James Meredith was blocked from enrolling at the University of Mississippi by Gov. Ross R. Barnett. (Meredith was later admitted.)

In 1963, President Kennedy proposed a joint U.S.-Soviet expedition to the moon.

In 1973, in their so-called "battle of the sexes," tennis star Billie Jean King beat Bobby Riggs in straight sets, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3, at the Houston Astrodome.

In 1979, Jean-Bedel Bokassa, self-styled head of the Central African Empire, was overthrown in a French-supported coup while he was visiting Libya.

In 1984, a suicide car bomber attacked the U.S. Embassy annex in north Beirut, killing a dozen people.

Ten years ago: Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev pulled off a major shake-up of the Soviet Communist Party, dropping three Politburo members. F.W. de Klerk was sworn in as president of South Africa.

Five years ago: Space shuttle Discovery and its six astronauts landed at Edwards Air Force Base in California after an 11-day mission. Broadway composer Jule Styne died in New York at age 88.

One year ago: After 2,832 consecutive games, Cal Ripken of the Baltimore Orioles sat out a game against the New York Yankees, ending a 16-year run. Muriel Humphrey Brown, widow of Vice President Hubert Humphrey and his brief successor in the U.S. Senate, died in Minneapolis at age 86.

Today's Birthdays: Boston Celtics vice chairman Red Auerbach is 82. Actress Peg Phillips is 81. Singer Gogi Grant is 75. Psychologist Joyce Brothers is 71. Actress-comedian Anne Meara is 70. Actress Sophia Loren is 65. Rock musician Chuck Panozzo (Styx) is 52. Former hockey player Guy Lafleur is 48. Jazz musician Peter White is 45. Actress Betsy Brantley is 44. Actor Gary Cole is 42.