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WEATHER

Tonight:



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TONIGHT TUESDAY
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Haunted House clean-up at Settles Tuesday at 4 p.m.

A clean-up in preparation for the Friends of the Settles (FOS) Haunted House will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday at the Settles Building.

Volunteers are asked to bring brooms to help sweep the floors.

"Since the piles of rubble were removed during the asbestos clean-up, it's not that bad, but we'd still like volunteers to help," said FOS member Mel Prather.

On Wednesday, the designing of the floor plan will begin for the Haunted House, called "The Tower of Terror," which will be held Tuesday, Oct. 26 and Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 28-30 in the former hotel.

Fina Inc. moving headquarters from Dallas to Houston

Fina Inc. today announced plans to relocate its corporate headquarters from Plano to Houston.

The move was announced by Fina president and CEO Ron W. Haddock, who said the process should be completed by mid-summer of next year.

Officials said all of the company's headquarters employees are being encouraged to make the move.

A press release issued by the corporate office said the relocation was designed to put Fina's headquarters "in the hub of the U.S. petroleum and petrochemical industries."

Company officials also noted that moving the headquarters staff closer to existing Fina, Total and Elf Aquitaine operations in Southeast Texas will enhance communications and reduce administrative costs for the company.

'Les Miserables' continues at BSBS tonight, Tuesday

Big Spring High School theater students will present "Les Miserables" tonight and Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The play, featuring a cast of about 40 students, is an adaptation of Victor Hugo's classic, under the direction of Tim Haynes and Pat

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Homecoming activities under way at Coahoma, Grady, Borden Co.

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Coahoma, Grady and Borden County independent school districts have homecoming this week, as the Coahoma Bulldogs face the Wink Wildcats and the Grady Wildcats face the Paint Creek Pirates.

In Coahoma, homecoming began today with "Rest Up for a Great Homecoming" day, or wear your laziest clothes.

Students were allowed to wear sweats or long flannel pajamas today, along with house shoes,

but no see-through clothes or robes allowed.

Tuesday is "Be A Hero" day, and students are encouraged to dress as their favorite hero. Wednesday is knock 'em back to yesterday, with everyone dressing in vintage clothing of a bygone era. Dress in the style of the 50s, 60s, or 70s, or in another century.

Thursday is "Aloha! Celebrate! Life is Good" day. Students are encouraged to dress Hawaiian and wear brightly-colored Hawaiian clothing, sunshades and leis.

Friday is "Red and White" day for Coahoma bulldog spirit day. An annual bon fire is scheduled for Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. and everyone is invited to join the cheerleaders and football team and band as they march downtown to the bon fire from the school.

Friday an annual barbecue dinner is planned in the elementary from 5-7 p.m. A homecoming dance will begin immediately after the football game and conclude at 1 a.m.

In a special pregame ceremony, the football sweetheart

and hero will be announced. Homecoming queen and court will be announced during half-time.

This year's homecoming queen nominees are Carmen Hipp, daughter of Barbara and Gary Hipp; Cassie Jackson, daughter of Brenda and Danny Jackson; Kirstin Marshall, daughter of Nancy and Terry Marshall; Jayci Roberts, daughter of Twylia and Gary Roberts; and Natalie Uranga, daughter of Debbie and Ambrosio Uranga.

Grady Homecoming week began today with "Pajamas

Day." Students may wear their sleeping attire to school, provided its tasteful and follows the school dress code.

Tuesday is "Crazy Hair Day," and students may try to see who can outdo each other's 'dos. On Wednesday, school photographs are scheduled, and everyone is encouraged to dress in their best clothes for individuals and organizational photographs.

Thursday features T-shirt signing day. The sophomore class will have a barbecue

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Renovations continue throughout Big Spring YMCA

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

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Renovation totaling \$835,000 to the Big Spring YMCA continues, and with the completion of the aerobics area, new activities are beginning this fall.

"This renovation is just in time, because the beginning of the school year marks the start of new activities and the return of members who like to participate in fitness classes," said Pete Thiry, YMCA executive director.

Big Spring YMCA is one of the agencies funded through United Way donations. Along with fitness programs, the YMCA offers child care and youth and adult organized sports.

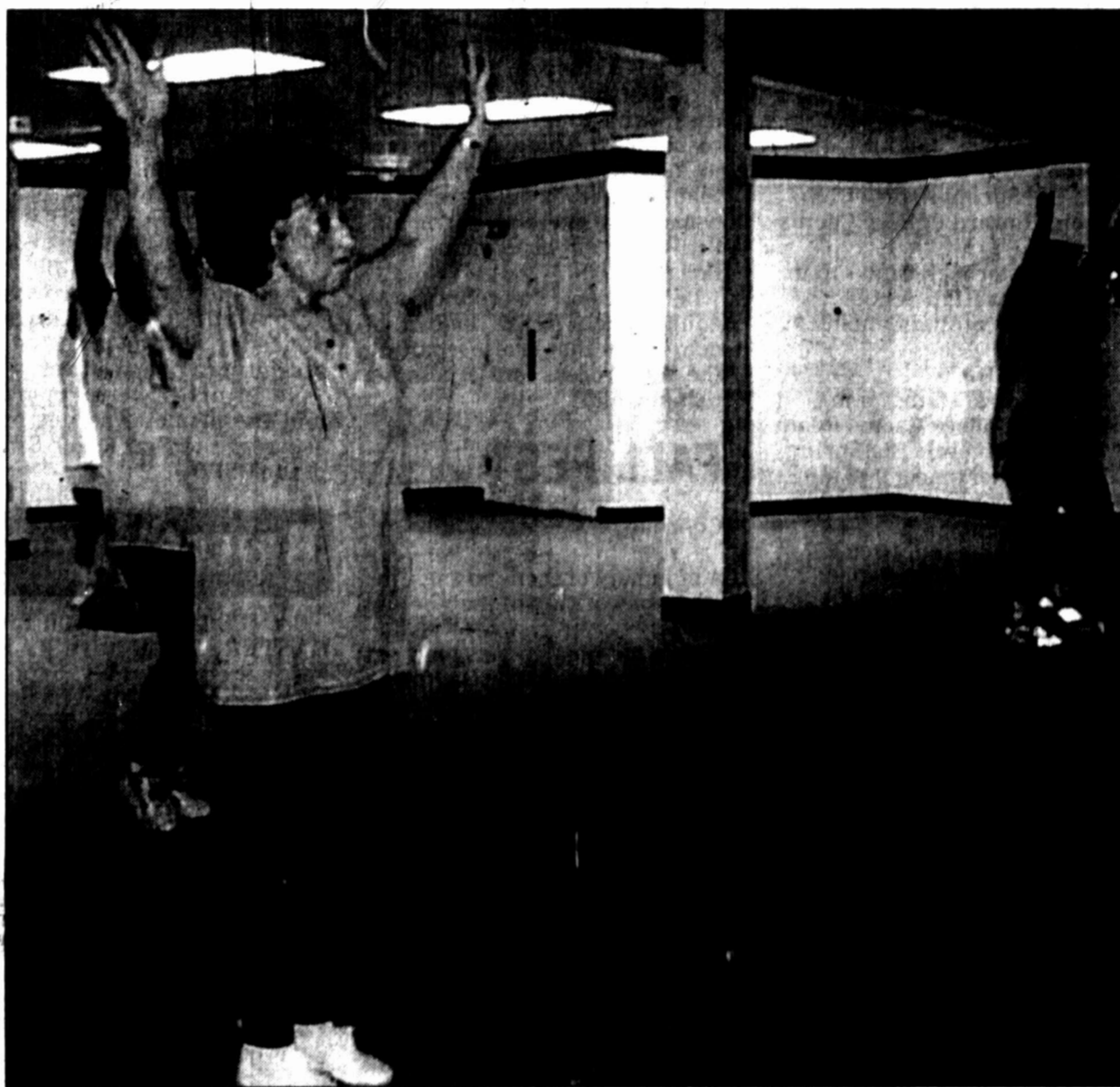
This renovation is just one in a series of projects started at the YMCA last year. Thus far the day care center has been remodeled and enlarged, a board room/meeting room has been created and the front lobby has been remodeled.

Also, a \$195,000 renovation was done to create a state of the art fitness center. Other projects planned will include remodeling of the locker room areas, as well as the aquatic area and court areas.

The gymnasium and racquetball courts are closed for remodeling now, and will reopen before adult volleyball begins later this fall, Thiry said.

"In the gym a ventilation system is being added, the lighting is being enhanced and the floor is being refinished. In the racquetball courts the floors are being totally replaced and a new air conditioning system is being installed," Thiry said.

The new area for the aerobic classes is now spacious enough



Kris Huff (foreground) warms up during the aerobics class at the YMCA today. Maria Barber, YMCA fitness coordinator, teaches the class, which is offered at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

to allow all the aerobic courses to be taught in one room.

"The renovation of the fitness area has basically doubled the amount of space we had before," said YMCA fitness coordinator Maria Barber.

"Some of the classes, like kickboxing, had to be moved into the gym because we simply ran out of space. Now we think we can handle everyone," she said.

Along with the fitness classes, the YMCA will have a new class, Mom and Me, taught by Michelle Long.

"This is a class where parents with preschoolers are led through a series of fun movement activities together with their children," Barber said.

Martial arts is back at the YMCA this fall, with the begin-

ning of Tae Kwon Do-Chung Do Kwan on Saturdays. Michael Nickell is the instructor for the course.

Another new program is Progressive Aerobic Circuit Training, or PACT. Barber said this program offers four sessions with a personal trainer and will be suited to fit individual goals and objectives.

"PACT is one on one fitness training program that utilizes the latest in computer fitness software," Thiry said.

Also this fall, in-line hockey for those 17 and younger and adult flag football are scheduled activities.

Thiry said a new fall membership special is available for anyone choosing to join the YMCA now. These memberships are valid through Dec. 31,

he said.

Youth younger than 17 may join for \$50 for the four months. Adults 18 and older may join for \$95. One-parent families may join for \$119, and a two-parent family membership is \$140.

Memberships allow free participation in many activities at the YMCA, and substantially reduced fees for other activities.

Membership provides free use of the fitness center, free babysitting for family members, open swim for the family and all fitness classes.

Reduced fees are available for sports leagues, gymnastic classes, swim lessons and other activities.

For more information call 276-8234.

Permian Building

Eyesore should fall shortly after bids are opened Oct. 12

RICK McLAUGHLIN
Staff Writer

The Permian Building's days seem clearly numbered at last as the city of Big Spring prepares to let bids for demolition of the downtown eyesore — and it may come down in a very spectacular way.

Implosion, or using explosives to cause the building to collapse into a big pile of rubble, is expected to be the proposed means of at least two of the bidders expected by the Oct. 5 deadline, said Gary Fuqua, Big Spring city manager.

Bid awards will be let Oct. 12, said Emma Bogard, assistant city manager. She said bids are expected to run more than \$100,000, the approximate amount the city has to spend on the demolition of the old office building, which was built in 1952 and has been vacant for several years.

"The bid packets are out and, hopefully, after Oct. 12, at that point we will be off to the races," said Fuqua. He is expecting "maybe 3 or 4 bids, but we want to solicit as many as possible. There was one bid the last time around," he noted.

"We have had more time to get more names this time and branch out a little bit. When we found out that implosion was a possibility that opened a couple more doors for us."

Once the building is down, it is hoped that a Texas Department of Transportation grant will be available for the development of "Pioneer Plaza," a downtown traveler's stop.

Fuqua said the building still belongs to Al Moore of Austin. He also said that Drew Mouton, the attorney representing the taxing entities in the county, told him that it looks like there

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St. Lawrence Fall Festival promises food, fun on Sunday

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

The annual St. Lawrence Fall Festival, planned for Sunday, is about much more than sausage.

But don't try to tell that to any of the men of St. Lawrence Catholic Church who work for hours to make 9,000 pounds of the stuff. It is, after all, the highlight of the festival for many.

And the lunch, served 11 a.m.-2 p.m., will feature the homemade German sausage, along with barbecue, side dishes and homemade desserts. From 5-6:30 p.m., sausage sandwiches will be served.

But the church fundraiser also includes game and contest booths, music, giveaways and snacks. Bingo continues from noon-4 p.m., and an auction that includes bales of cotton begins at 2 p.m.

"Everybody brings their talents to help with the cause,"

said publicity chairman Martha Schwartz. She said a perfect example is the handmade quilt that will go to one lucky ticketholder. Members of the St. Theresa Altar Society have been working for months, in whatever free hours they had, to make the quilt.

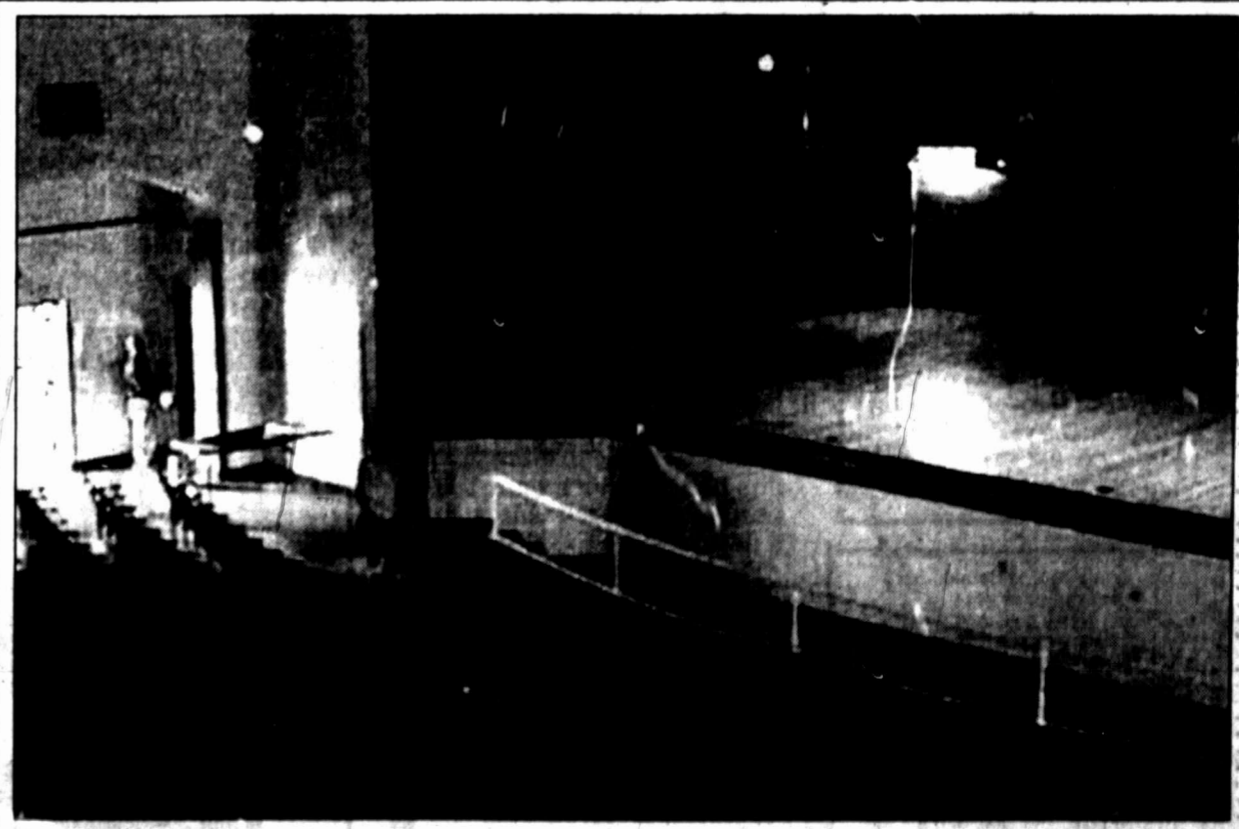
Church members also plan to operate booths that include balloon games, ring toss, spin-a-wheel and face painting. Those, and other booths that will offer baked goods, handcrafts and canned items for sale, open at 10:30 a.m.

A dance begins at 7 p.m. with music played by a disc jockey. Dance tickets are \$5 for everyone 12 and over.

The whole day gets started at 9:30 a.m. with mass at the church.

The men making sausage, however, have started their day much earlier. Schwartz said they will begin work about 5

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Restoration work on the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium is nearly done with the new floor finished and varnished Friday. Tony Pena, left corner, puts some finishing touches on detail paint, while a visitor, center, examines the refurbished facility. Cleaning and hanging of the new curtain is expected early this week.

OBITUARIES

Bertha Woodson Scoggin

Service for Bertha Woodson Scoggin, 85, Rotan, formerly of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. today at the Weathersbee Funeral Home Chapel, Rotan, with the Rev. Werth Mayes officiating. Burial will follow in the Sweetwater City Cemetery. Mrs. Scoggin died Saturday, Sept. 25, 1999, in Rotan. She was born on April 18, 1914, in Winters. She married Everett Scoggin on Aug. 13, 1956, in Lovington, N.M. She was a long time resident of Big Spring before moving to Rotan in 1993. She was a homemaker and a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church of Big Spring.

Survivors include: two daughters, Barbara Harmon of Ore City, and Sandra Underhill of Rotan; one son, C.E. Woodson of Arlington; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home, Rotan.

Mamie Metcalf

Mamie Metcalf, 90, of Temple and formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday, Sept. 25, 1999, at 4:55 a.m. at Santa Fe Center of Scott and White Hospital, Temple. Graveside service will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Wiley Zinn, pastor of the Moffatt Baptist Church in Moffatt, officiating.

She was born on Dec. 11, 1908, in Knott to John Gaskins and Nora Barker Gaskins. She had been a lifetime resident of Howard County until moving to Temple eight years ago. She married Audice Cleon Metcalf on July 26, 1929, in Stanton. He preceded her in death on Jan. 11, 1982. Mrs. Metcalf was a Baptist and a homemaker. She had also worked in several restaurants in Big Spring.

She is survived by: her husband David Hart of Big Spring; one daughter June Rhoades (and her husband Bill) of Denison; one son, Bill Metcalf (and his wife Charlene) of Temple; two brothers, Grady Gaskins (and his wife Dean) of Big Spring, and Jiggs (Junior) Gaskins of Tulsa, Okla.; one sister, Sylvia Sullivan of Big Spring; one step-son, Jerry Metcalf (and his wife Lou) of Big Spring; two step-daughters, LaPearl Pappis of Shreveport, La., and Lillian Parker of Longview; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Mrs. Metcalf was preceded in death by three children, Jessie Metcalf, LaVerne



METCALF

Bragg and Carl Metcalf. Pallbearers will be John Wayne Metcalf, Roy Lee Metcalf, Jessie Metcalf, Bill Wayne Metcalf, Toby Metcalf and Freddy Metcalf.

The family will be at the home of Lonnie and Rita Self, 700 Richie Road. The family will receive friends from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

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Barrera.

Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for children and senior citizens.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

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

TUESDAY

Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.

Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

Quarterback Club, 7 p.m., Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.

Senior Circle Big Spring Mall Walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of movie theater box office.

Line dancing, 10:30 a.m., Senior Citizen Center, Industrial Park.

Brown Bag seminar with storyteller Oscar Garcia, noon, Howard College.

Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

THURSDAY

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

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

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

FRIDAY

AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.

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

SATURDAY

Fashion Show, Sesquicentennial of Capt. Marcy's Discovery of the Spring, 10 a.m., Municipal Auditorium.

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

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

"Sagebrush Serenades," Big Spring Symphony's opening performance of the season featuring Jody Nix and The Texas Cowboys along with the Lone Star Brass. 8 p.m., Municipal Auditorium.

Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Members and guests welcome.

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

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will be no problem getting ownership back in time for demolition. The city manager said the city wants to time the transfer "so we don't get possession until just before demolition. There is a lot of liability in a project like this and we don't want possession until we are ready to bring it down."

Fuqua is optimistic that won't be long. "We were talking to a representative of one of the companies who said that (if) he gets the bid, he could be in and have the job done in 60 days, which we hope will be by end of year. I certainly think it is a possibility."

BIG SPRING MOVIE HOTLINE
For showtimes call 263-2479

Fuqua said he has been working on getting the building demolished for more than 18 months. "The east side of the building fell off in late 1997 and it became a hazard. An analysis of the condition of the building showed it would cost excessive money to restore it."

The city manager noted that the building was sub-standard and did not meet city codes even before the end fell off, and lacked the basic utilities. "But once the end fell off, it became economically unfeasible to put it back in operation."

Fuqua announced in August that the city has enough funds to begin the demolition of the aging structure following Cornell Corrections' commitment of \$25,000 to the project.

Some \$128,000 has been acquired for the demolition, including \$50,000 each from the city and Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. and \$3,000 from Main Street Inc.

Demolition costs have been calculated at \$126,610. That figure includes a bid for the demolition itself, insurance and \$25,210 for asbestos abatement.

The Howard County Junior College District was attempting to secure Texas Department of Corrections inmate labor for the asbestos removal, but the college district is holding up on that while waiting on the results of the bidding. The city is looking for a "turnkey" bid that will cover all aspects of demolition and removal, including asbestos abatement, said Bogard.

In addition, the county was going to help in the removal of debris, but that is also awaiting the bid process and a possible turnkey bid.

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a.m., many of them taking time off from working in their cotton fields.

"It's not easy to get them out of the fields at harvest time," said Schwartz. The church festival has been rescheduled in recent years from early November to early October, to minimize conflict with the harvest, she added.

Money raised by the event will go to maintain the church buildings, grounds and buy educational materials for children in the parish programs.

Visitors can get to St. Lawrence two ways, either go 10 miles south of Garden City on Highway 33, then five miles west on Highway 2401; or 14 miles south of Highway 158 on Highway 137, then six miles east on Highway 2401.

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brisket dinner beginning at 5 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Cost is \$4.50 for a small plate and \$5 for a large plate.

Friday is school spirit day, and all students and faculty are encouraged to wear their black, gold and white.

Homecoming queen will be announced Friday night. Nominees are Baillie Greenhaw, Meagan Mims, Caroline Madison and Sheree Rivas.

Borden County homecoming week began today with Hawaiian day, followed by twin day, black out Whitharral day, socks, shoes and hats day and spirit day, or wear your red, white and blue.

On Friday, a bon fire is planned, and a chicken fried steak dinner. A reception for exes is scheduled after the football game, and a dance.

Homecoming queen nominees are Jana Himes, Julie Mayes and Amanda Watts. The queen will be announced during half-time activities.

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A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

BSPD arrest two for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon

Big Spring Police Department arrested two individuals Saturday for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

According to police reports, Martha Crenshaw, 34, and Alfred Lang, 42, were arrested for an altercation that allegedly occurred in the 1500 block of Bluebird, and continued near the intersection of Harding and West Highway 80.

The two individuals reportedly threatened five individuals with a hand gun, and at least one report indicated shots were fired. No injuries were reported.

Police are also continuing to investigate an incident that occurred Sunday at a local truck stop.

Three brothers attempted to prevent a police officer from arresting another brother, and were all taken into custody. Richardo Saucedo, 36 and Henry Saucedo, 23, were arrested for hindering apprehension.

Armando Saucedo, 30, was arrested for evading arrest and detention, and Edwardo Saucedo, 38, was arrested for assaulting a police officer.

No injuries were reported, and the officer was not hurt, according to Sgt. Roger Sweatt of the BSPD.

BRIEFS

CANTERBURY, 1700 LANCASTER, WILL have its Fall Festival on Thursday, Sept. 30, from 6 to 9 p.m. It will begin with a hot dog supper, entertainment, cake walk, go fishing booth and more.

THE HOWARD COUNTY LEARN to Read Quarterly Meeting will be tonight, from 7 to 8 at Community Room in the Howard County Library.

Join us to share any concerns, problems or tips you may have. A brief training program will be presented after the group discussion.

ROTARY CLUB MEMBERS ARE seeking four outstanding business and professional people ages 25-40 to visit the Punjab Province of India Jan. 22-Feb. 25, 2000, through the group study exchange program of The Rotary Foundation.

The program strives to promote international understanding by enabling people from different countries and cultures to learn from each other. Participants live with host families while they study the nation's economic, social and cultural characteristics through travel and discussions.

For an application, contact Lynn A. Simpson at 263-6949, or e-mail: lsimpson@hc.cc.tx.us. Interviews will be Oct. 23 in Amarillo, and all applicants must attend.

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 immu-

nizations.

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.

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAY
•TOPS Club (Take off pounds 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.

MARKETS

Dec. cotton 53.20 cents, up 13 points; Nov. crude 24.63, down 13 points; cash hogs steady at \$1 higher at 36; cash steers steady at 66 even; Oct. lean hog futures 48.50, up 200 points; Oct. live cattle futures 67.57, up 60 points.

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POLICE

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

- ALFRED LANG, 47, was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- MARTHA CRENSHAW, 34, was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- CRUZ PUGA, 38, was arrested for driving while license suspended.
- LAURA PARTLOW, 17, was arrested for possession of tobacco.
- JAMIE HAYS, 24, was arrested for public intoxication.
- PAULA BAKER, 40, was arrested for violation of a protective order.
- RODOLFO FLORES, 42, was arrested for driving while license invalid.
- RICHARDO SAUCEDO, 36, was arrested for hindering apprehension.
- EDUARDO SAUCEDO, 38, was arrested for assault of a police officer.
- HENRY SAUCEDO, 23, was arrested for hindering apprehension.
- ARMANDO SAUCEDO, 30, was arrested for evading arrest/detention.
- MAIRA GARVIN, 19, was arrested for driving while license invalid.
- ANDREA EPPERSON, 24, was arrested for public intoxication.
- ALVIS WILLIAMS, 63, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.
- CHARLES WILLIAMS, 34, was arrested for public intoxication.
- DOW PARKER, 41, was arrested for unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- NICHOLAS JIMINEZ, 31, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1500 block of Vines, 4100 block of Parkway, 3300 block of West Highway 80, 1000 block of Howell, 600 block of Drake, 1200 block of Mulberry, 600 block of Gregg, 1200 block of Lloyd, 1200 block of Ridge Road, 1000 block of Stadium, and 2000 block of Marcy.
- DISTURBANCE/FIGHT, was reported in the 1400 block of Bluebird and near the intersection of 12th and Donley.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1600 block of Kentucky Way and 300 block of Northeast Eighth.
- JUVENILE PROBLEM was reported in the 4100 block of Dixon.
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT was reported in the 1500 block of Bluebird and near the intersection of Harding and West Highway 80.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 4500 block of Gregg.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 2100 block of Runnels.
- CREDIT CARD ABUSE was reported in the 800 block of West Third.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was issued for all Big Spring Independent School District property.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 4200 block of Theo.

FIRE/EMS

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

- SUNDAY**
10:43 a.m. — 100 block Airbase Road, trauma call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- 2:25 a.m. — 2600 block Hunter, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.
- 10:45 a.m. — 1700 block Lancaster, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.
- 1:48 p.m. — Mile 178 I-20, automobile fire, extinguished.
- 1:48 p.m. — Mile 178 I-20, trauma call, service refused.
- 3:21 p.m. — 2300 block Wasson, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.
- 11:56 p.m. — 1600 block Lancaster, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-3283
Mamie Metcalf, 90, died Saturday. Graveside services will be 10:00 AM Tuesday at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends 6:30 - 7:30 PM, Monday at Myers & Smith.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331
Mary Sturdevant, 79, died Thursday. Graveside services were 2:00 PM, Monday, at Trinity Memorial Park.

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World financial leaders pledge reforms in economic crisis reactions

WASHINGTON (AP) — World financial leaders have pledged accelerated reform to better manage future global economic crises while also approving a new initiative to speed easing poor countries' crushing debt burdens.

Finance ministers and central bank governors attending the annual meetings of the 182-nation International Monetary Fund and the World Bank made the commitments after being criticized for mismanaging the crises in Asia, Russia and Brazil that hammered markets worldwide over the past two years.

At meetings the finance ministers also urged Russia to pursue economic reform and expressed concern that the Japanese yen's value against the dollar was moving too high. Japanese officials hope the statement will drive down the yen's value in world markets.

At the first-ever joint meeting Sunday of the policy-making committees of the World Bank and the IMF, officials pledged "deeper, broader and faster debt relief" for 36 of the world's poorest countries.

The countries are expected to spend the \$100 billion the new initiative makes available on health and education projects instead of paying off loans.

"Let it be said of this historic meeting that those to whom the world's greatest wealth has been given are joined with those burdened down by the world's greatest debt," said British Chancellor of the Exchequer Gordon Brown, chairman of the IMF's policy-making Interim Committee.

The committee approved a plan for the IMF to revalue up to 14 million ounces of its gold reserves in transactions with central banks to partly finance the debt initiative. The World

Bank also will contribute along with the United States and other creditor nations.

After opposition from gold-mining countries and U.S. lawmakers, the IMF was forced to drop plans to sell gold on the open market, where there were concerns prices for the commodity would fall to new record lows.

In a further effort to bolster gold prices, central bank officials from 15 nations pledged jointly Sunday they would hold their own future gold sales to limits already announced.

In early trading in Asia today gold prices rose in response to the IMF move. In London today, gold opened at \$282.50 an ounce, up sharply from \$269.00 late Friday.

On the reform front, the IMF adopted a new code of good practices that will be used to monitor countries efforts to provide markets with timely eco-

omic data such as central bank reserves.

The Clinton administration hopes these reforms will ease criticism of the IMF by congressional Republicans who plan to investigate allegations of money laundering of Russian money through accounts at the Bank of New York.

"A changed IMF is needed for the changed world that we now have. We have made a good start in many areas, but much more needs to be done," Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers told policy makers.

IMF officials have said that no evidence has been uncovered so far that IMF money was part of the billions being investigated in the Bank of New York case.

Viktor Gerashchenko, head of the Russian central bank, said he would comply with new IMF financial disclosure requirements but the data should not be made public.

"To make us perform a strip tease every quarter is a little stupid," Gerashchenko said. Recommending the data not be made public, he told reporters, "It's like a health check between a patient and a doctor."

In another reform move, the United States and its six wealthy nation partners — Japan, Canada, Britain, France, Germany and Italy — decided Saturday to set up a new Group of 20 nations to focus on world financial reforms.

The group, which will include both wealthy and developing countries, will hold its first meeting in Berlin in December with Canadian Finance Minister Paul Martin as chairman.

The Group of 20, which was strongly pushed by the United States, is seen by the administration as a way to hold brainstorming sessions to come up with more far-reaching finan-

cial reform proposals.

Even with the unfolding Russian investigations, this year's IMF and World Bank meetings are taking place in an atmosphere markedly improved from a year ago.

Then, a botched devaluation of the Russian ruble and the near collapse of a large American hedge fund threatened to push the United States and the rest of the world into recession. That calamity was avoided in large part because the U.S. economy has outperformed expectations, serving as a market for crisis-stricken Asian nations.

But with the trade deficit soaring to an annual rate of \$247 billion, 50 percent higher than last year's record, U.S. officials are growing more concerned about the sustainability of that huge imbalance.

The current round of meetings ends Thursday.

Strong 6.8 aftershock rocks Taiwan

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Fears of further deadly aftershocks persisted and hope for finding more survivors dimmed today, a week after a devastating earthquake killed more than 2,000 people in Taiwan.

The Central Weather Bureau, which had earlier predicted that aftershocks would decrease in intensity, was caught off guard Sunday when a new jolt — measured at up to 6.8 magnitude — shook the island, killing at least three people.

Nearly 8,000 aftershocks were registered by today, with 20 to 50 tremors occurring each hour since the major earthquake struck in the early morning hours of Sept. 21.

Search and rescue teams planned to continue searching debris of buildings toppled by the 7.6-magnitude quake. There were scattered reports that signs of life had been detected in some areas.

Some foreign teams, including a highly experienced American squad, had stopped operations or were planning to do so. Survivors are rarely found after one week.

A crack South Korean team had already pulled out of a site where they rescued a 6-year-old boy days before. There were still believed to be a few bodies inside the high-rise building in the central town of Dali.

Hosni Mubarak wins fourth term as Egypt's head

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak won his fourth six-year term, taking nearly 94 percent of the vote in a referendum on his presidency, the interior minister said today.

The 71-year-old president, one of Washington's closest allies in the Middle East, was the only candidate in Sunday's yes-or-no referendum.

Opposition groups boycotted the nationwide ballot, calling it a sham and demanding direct, multiparty elections for the presidency.

Interior Minister Habib el-Adli said on national television that the "Yes" vote was almost 94 percent and the "No" vote was just over 6 percent.

Mubarak, who took office in 1981, issued a statement thanking the people for "expressing their own free will."

"Because this was our first serious earthquake, things were really chaotic at first," said Pan Shou-ming, a Taiwanese rescuer. "We really learned some lessons, and I am sure next time we will be much better prepared and trained."

After 12 hours of scraping, digging and tugging at debris, Pan and his colleagues pulled out the body of man and zipped him up in a body bag. A woman burst into tears as she identified her husband.

Two brothers tested the limits of human endurance and were pulled to freedom Sunday after 5 days buried alive under a collapsed 12-story building in Taipei, the capital.

Sun Chi-kwang, 20, and Sun Chi-feng, 26, said they survived by eating a few apples, drinking their own urine and playing cards in a small space where they were trapped.

From his hospital bed, Sun Chi-kwang said he even managed to give his sibling a gift for his birthday, which fell on the second day of their ordeal.

"My older brother told me that never in my life did I celebrate his birthday with him, so I said today I would celebrate with you and I gave him my necklace," he said.

Thousands of Taiwanese spent the night, as they have every night since the quake, under canvas in open, safe spaces, fearing more aftershocks.

Reports are surfacing daily of violations of building codes by those in the construction indus-

try eager to maximize profits by cutting corners. Eighteen contractors, engineers, architects and surveyors have been ordered not to leave the country while other investigations continue, television reports say.

Authorities in Taichung County released on bail four men involved in the construction of a collapsed building, the United Daily News said. Three others were denied bail in a case that allegedly involved collusion and the use of shoddy materials.

Sunday's aftershock brought down some buildings in central Taiwan, the hardest-hit region, and cracked walls in Taipei. The aftershock killed three people, injured at least 58 and buried 20 in the rubble.

The Disaster Management Center said 2,084 people were killed, 8,663 injured, 162 trapped and 18 missing from the earthquake and aftershocks.

Over the weekend, President Lee Teng-hui signed an emergency decree that gives the military increased powers to maintain order. The decree, which would supersede all existing laws for six months, was expected to be approved by legislators this week.

Closed since the earthquake, the Taipei Stock Exchange reopened for trading today and, as expected, shares plummeted on fears the earthquake will hurt the economy and take a toll on corporate profits. Taiwan's world-leading computer-chip companies took the biggest beating.

Newspaper: Thousands of Texas dropouts unreported last year

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Texas schools may have overlooked thousands of dropouts, despite a new state tracking system designed to correct underreporting, the El Paso Times reported Sunday.

Officially, Texas had 27,550 dropouts in the 1997-98 school year. But many more may have been listed as "transfers" or disappeared from school rolls without explanation, according to the Times.

Last year, for the first time, the TEA required schools to submit records for students who dropped from the rolls, including those who transferred or left for high school equivalency programs. The move came in response to a 1996 audit that estimated the state's 1994 dropout rate was twice as high as the reported 2.6 percent.

But a recent TEA records search revealed 26.5 percent of the 125,817 students listed as in-state transfers last year could not be located on the rolls of other schools. And the state has no way of tracking the

110,000 students who transferred to schools in other states or countries.

A TEA study published in May showed the new tracking system failed to account for more than 67,000 Texas students. "Personal identification errors" — changes in students' names, birth dates or Social Security numbers — could account for some inaccuracies, but state officials concede many of the missing students probably are dropouts.

"It wasn't that the state wasn't serious about it, but with a new data collection system you have to establish a process on how to go about collecting the information," TEA spokesman Joey Lozano said. "For example, what do you use to constitute a dropout?"

Critics say the state's problems are symptomatic of a nationwide failure in priorities.

"We would not tolerate this confusion if it were money, not children, being counted," Richard Fossey, an assistant dean for Louisiana State

University's College of Education, wrote in the Harvard Education Letter.

The dropout reporting issue gained new prominence in Texas this year when the TEA sanctioned the El Paso-area Ysleta Independent School District and the Austin Independent School District for poorly controlling dropout-related data.

The state is investigating 14 other districts that could not account for a high number of students no longer on their rolls. Those districts are: El Paso, Fort Worth, Houston, Arlington, Clear Creek, Waco, North Forest, Pearland, Channelview, Sheldon, Kingsville, Midway (McLennan County), Springtown and Manor.

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander last week announced the appointment of a task force to study the accuracy of school performance indicators, which include dropout rates, attendance figures and scores on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills.

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OUR VIEWS

Texas schools having trouble finding dropouts

Texas schools may have overlooked thousands of dropouts, despite a new state tracking system designed to correct underreporting. That's the word according to a copyrighted story in Sunday's *El Paso Times*.

That Texas schools have trouble tracking and reporting their dropouts is certainly no surprise locally, as misreporting of dropouts by the Big Spring Independent School District resulted in the system being listed as one of the nine worst in the state by the Texas Education Agency.

An appeal filed by the BSISD with the TEA says there were actually 50 students who dropped out last year, not the 246 that were first misreported or the 146 that were finally reported — again, incorrectly.

Last year, for the first time, the Texas Education Agency required schools to submit records for students who dropped from the rolls, including those who transferred or left for high school equivalency programs. The move came in response to a 1996 audit that estimated the state's 1994 dropout rate was twice as high as the reported 2.6 percent.

While reporting and doctoring records is certainly a concern, what do we do to reduce the dropout rate?

In a story today, the *Times* reports that state education officials have identified the ninth grade as the turning point in keeping kids in school.

In other words, kids who don't make it through ninth grade in one year are more than twice as likely to quit school, according to the TEA.

The numbers are interesting to say the least:

- 18 percent of the students are retained at ninth grade;
- One of every six ninth-graders has to repeat one or more courses to reach 10th grade;
- Failing first-year algebra is the No. 1 reason ninth-graders are held back, according to the TEA.

The number of dropouts in Texas is a serious problem. Instead of our educational system being a point of pride, it is turning into a source of national embarrassment.

Officially, Texas had 27,550 dropouts in the 1997-98 school year. But many more may have been listed as "transfers" or disappeared from school rolls without explanation.

The National Dropout Prevention Center at Clemson University ranked Texas 43rd among the 50 states with a 41.5 percent dropout rate. The rate is based on the gulf between the number of high school freshmen in 1992-93 and graduates in 1996.

Nationally, the average dropout rate was 32 percent based on a pool of 3.3 million high school freshmen in 1992.

We must figure a way to keep kids in school. It's their only chance to compete in the world. And when we have dropouts, we need to report them accurately and on-time.

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Using a lobbyist amounts to legalized bribery

WASHINGTON — Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., tells us that people vote with their money, which is appropriate, he says, and why he is opposed to campaign-finance reform. But there is another way for the public to "vote with their money." They can do it the old-fashioned way, through a lobbyist.



JACK ANDERSON

The much-maligned lobbyist actually serves an important purpose by combining many small voices into a single, large voice. The fact that those voices are also turned into large campaign contributions is a fault, not of the lobbyist, but of our Swiss cheese campaign finance laws. Indeed, the people sending their money to a lobbyist could send a lot less if all their

spokesperson had to do was speak. But getting out the word goes hand in hand with giving out the money in today's skewed political environment.

Here are the facts. They are chilling, but for the wrong reason:

- Last year, \$1.42 billion was spent by lobbyists, which is \$2.7 million for every member of Congress — some of it for advertising to mobilize voters to contact Congress; some of it for big salaries for people who contact Congress; some of it for contributions directly to congressmen; much of it as soft money to the parties, money which, of course, accrues to the benefit of selected congressmen.
- There are 38 registered lobbyists for each member of the House of Representatives.
- One hundred thirty-eight former members of Congress are registered lobbyists.

Of this last category, we met a former representative who had formed his own lobbying organization and was paying himself a salary of nearly

\$500,000. Now, this is not necessarily a problem. Some lobbyists are paid much more and are worth it. But others, such as our half-million dollar congressman, have simply set up organizations whose primary purpose is to pad their own pockets.

The problem, and the point, is this:

Soft money — the unlimited money that can be given to parties, rather than individual candidates — is nothing less than legalized bribery, and, as such, it is where much of the lobbying dollars go — indeed, where they must go if a lobbying organization is to remain competitive.

But once the soft money problem is eliminated — as it surely and eventually will be — lobbyists will be relieved of the obligation to behave like bag men, and they can get back to the respectable business of advocating on behalf of various companies and causes.

Then, it will be incumbent upon the members of a given organization to carefully scruti-

nize those advocates to winnow out the pocket-padders and ineffectives. And people who are being solicited to join an organization will be obliged to determine whether or not it serves a real purpose, or if it is simply a false front designed as nothing more than an ex-congressman's retirement package.

The term "lobbyist" came from a description of the people who hung around the lobby of the Willard Hotel, which is next to the White House. The famous hotel has been the home of famous people in American history, including Abraham Lincoln, who stayed there before moving into the White House. Also, important and influential people — particularly congressmen — would pass by the hotel on their way to the White House. So the hotel guests and passersby became the objects of interest for advocates of causes, including personal causes such as job-seeking.

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Seeking injunction against end of sentence prepositions

The Court of Peeves, Crotchets & Irks opens its autumn assizes by returning to a class



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action that has been on the court's docket for 300 years. This is a petition for an injunction against prepositions — not all prepositions, of course, but only those prepositions that come at the end of a sentence.

The court looks to Webster's usually reliable Dictionary of English Usage for guidance, and cribbs freely from the editors' exposition. It appears that this contentious case originated with John Dryden, the poet and essayist, in 1672. It was Dryden's custom, or so it is said, to write his essays first in Latin. He then translated them into English. One day he was working on a criticism of Ben Jonson's "Cathline," which contained a reference to "the bodies that these souls were frightened from." Such a construction is impossible in Latin. Dryden concluded that it ought to be impossible in English also. He gave Jonson a tsk-tsk and a tap on the wrist: "The preposition at the end of the sentence (is) a common fault with him."

Some sawdust grammarians have been preaching this bogus gospel ever since. The court will state the matter plainly:

There is not now, nor ever has been, a rule against placing a preposition at the end of a sentence.

True, it MAY be a fault. The court will cite a particularly loathsome example. Back on March 10, The Cincinnati Enquirer carried a streamer headline over a story on college basketball: "Where's Martin's mind at?" On March 11, Ginny Flax Martina filed a petition asking the court to hang the copy editor who wrote that headline, or to sentence him to four months of reading the works of James Fenimore Cooper. The headline, she wrote, "caused me much pain." In the following week, 24 other readers came aboard as co-plaintiffs. Why the "at," they asked. Why indeed?

Clari Hartman of Springfield, Ore., quoted a sentence from a writer who shall be nameless: "All writers — at least all professional writers — must have some clear idea of the target they are shooting at." She felt the terminal "at" violated the rule. Not so. One does not shoot a target. One shoots AT a target. It would sound stilted to say that writers should have some clear idea "of the target at which they are shooting." In this instance, the "at" does not function as a preposition. It is an adverb doing business as an integral part of the predicate.

This is the case in most of the exhibits submitted to the court. "I don't know what is going on ... I thought the gang was coming over ... Everybody would drink up ... Then we would all go out ... Now four hours have passed by." On to

the next case!

Gay Baines of East Aurora, N.Y., asks the court for a declaratory judgment on "everyday" and "every day." As Exhibit A, the petitioner offers a piece in Newsweek in June by a young woman paying tribute to her father. It wasn't until she was 18 that she began to understand his interests. "Everyday I heard a different story." Nope. She heard a different story every day (two words). The one-word spelling works as an adjective: "Her everyday appearance was grungy."

On its own motion, the court will caution against the one-word "everytime," as in, "Everytime he puts on a turtle-neck, he looks like a just-laid egg." On the matter of "everybody" and "everyone," the court will abide by its previous rulings. These are singular pronouns and logically should take a singular referent: "Everyone was looking at HIS navel." But there are times when a plural construction is the only one that makes sense. Studs Terkel quotes fan dancer Sally Rand, she of the bubble reputation: "Flashlights went off and the music played, and everybody was happy. They said so again."

Joe Thrailkill of Mount Pleasant, S.C., and James J. Pillar of Urbana, Ill., have filed identical motions with the court. They seek a permanent injunction against "if you will." Reader Thrailkill believes the phrase is used chiefly by people who pretend to be intellectual, "and it comes across as pretentious and annoying." Reader Pillar is

snappish: "Whenever I hear 'if you will' I think: What if I won't?"

A related complaint comes from Lee Barker of Redmond, Ore. He asks for a ban on "the thing is," and avers that "this silly phrase is becoming more and more common." He adds: "I can't figure out what this accomplishes in a paragraph. When I leave it out, the 'thing' is still there, and, by its very mention, is the focus."

The court will deny the motions, and will look to architecture for an analogy. We could, if we pleased, build all our public buildings of cinderblocks and landscape them with plastic geraniums. We could abolish ornamental finials and cap all our columns with just plain Doric, and we would save the taxpayers' money. In the same way, we could strip our prose to the bare essentials of subject, object and predicate, and we would save a great many words.

The thing is, we would pay a price for these economies. Switching metaphors, the court regards such ornamental phrases as "if you will" as the grease that smooths the wheels of rhetoric. These are the shock absorbers that soften bumps in the road to pleasant reading. In another image, they are parsley on the platter, an olive in the martini. Like every other device in prose composition, the deferential phrase can be overdone. It is not necessary to cavil and fawn. But writers owe their readers some modest measure of civility and grace.

On that muted note, the court will take a week's recess.



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IN BRIEF

BSHS softball boosters set meeting for tonight

The Big Spring Softball Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center's conference room.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

Coahoma booster club will be meeting tonight

The Coahoma Athletic Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the Coahoma Elementary School cafeteria.

Members will conduct a short business meeting in preparation for the week's homecoming celebration before viewing highlights of the Bulldogs' game against Hamlin.

UGSA winding down fall ball registration

Registration for the Big Spring United Girls Softball Association's fall program will end Tuesday.

Any girl interested in playing softball is encouraged to take part in the fall program, which stages an abbreviated slate of games in October.

Entry fees are \$25 and girls interested in the program can register at MicroZone Services, Sound Decision or at All-Star Sports.

Big Spring Women's Club schedules tournament

The Big Spring Women's Club will host a four-person scramble golf tournament Saturday, Oct. 9, at the Big Spring Country Club.

Entry fees are \$40 per person and play will begin with a shotgun start at 9 a.m.

Proceeds from the tournament will help defray the medical expenses of Blake Brorman, a first-grader who suffers from leukemia.

For more information, call Kellie Wash at 263-0987.

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 programs.

A total of 84 scholarships will be awarded.

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

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. 26:

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2. Penn St. (5)	5-0
3. Florida (3)	4-0
4. Michigan	4-0
5. Texas A&M	3-0
6. Nebraska	4-0
7. Tennessee	2-1
8. Virginia Tech (1)	3-0
9. Georgia Tech	2-1
10. Georgia	3-0
11. Purdue	4-0
12. Ohio St.	3-1
13. Kansas St.	3-0
14. Michigan St.	4-0
15. Texas	4-1
16. Mississippi St.	4-0
17. Marshall	4-0
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Big Spring romps to win over Lake View in team tennis match

HERALD Staff Report

San Angelo Lake View proved to be no match for Big Spring's team tennis program, as the Steers and Lady Steers won 16 of 18 matches in District 5-4A action Saturday.

Big Spring was so dominant, in fact, that Lake View's Chiefs were never able to win more than one game in any set of the nine boys' singles and doubles matches.

Derek DeHoyos got things started in boys' singles action with a 6-0, 6-1 win over Bo McClellan. Zach Smiley added a 6-1, 6-1 decision over Slade Hodges, while the trio of Jay Shroff, Brian Watt and

Brian Wingert refused to allow their opponents even a game.

Shroff took a 6-0, 6-0 win over Adam Garcia. Watt did the same to Steven Jirasele and Wingert repeated the shutout in defeating Brian Tisdale.

Alex Edgemon's 6-0, 6-1 win over Brian Royal completed the Steers' singles sweep.

Smiley and Langford followed that with a 6-1, 6-1 win over McClellan and Tisdale, while Shroff and Edgemon combined for another shutout, posting a 6-0, 6-0 win over Garcia and Jirasele.

DeHoyos and Watt then finished off the doubles domination with a 6-0, 6-1 win over Royal and Tim Boyle.

Lake View's only wins came in singles

where the Maidens' No. 1 player, Jessica Escue, took a 6-1, 6-2 win over April Ward; and No. 5 player Jenna Escue took an 0-6, 6-0, 6-4 win over Seneca Arguello.

But Lady Steers Becky Vera, Annette Richardson, Megan Roffers and Melissa Cypert made sure that the remaining singles matches belonged to Big Spring.

Vera took a 6-2, 6-4 win over Laura Wood; Richardson defeated Debra Bussell 6-4, 6-0; Roffers rallied for a 3-6, 6-1, 6-4 win over Kelly Eastham; and Cypert knocked off Olga Garcia 0-6, 6-3, 6-3.

The Lady Steers then posted a sweep in doubles play. Vera and Richardson took a 6-4, 6-0 win over Bussell and Jessica Escue; Ward and Roffers rebounded

from a 7-4 tiebreaker loss in the first set to take a 6-7, 6-1, 6-3 victory over Woods and Eastham; and Arguello and Hale held off a comeback bid by Jana Compal and Jennifer Haddock, 6-1, 7-6.

And in a match that didn't figure into the District 5-4A standings, Partee and mixed doubles partner Michael Williamson took a 6-4 7-6 win over Jenna Escue and Hodges 6-4, 7-6.

Big Spring's squad will travel to Odessa on Tuesday for a non-district match against Odessa High's Bronchos and Lady Bronchos.

The team will return to District 5-4A play Saturday when they travel to Andrews where the Mustangs and Lady Mustangs promise more of a challenge.

U.S. takes Ryder back

Americans' comeback just magical

BROOKLINE, Mass. (AP) - It will be remembered as one of the greatest moments in golf.

On one side of the Atlantic, at least.

Justin Leonard's 45-foot putt capped a historic day in a historic event Sunday, cementing a comeback that seemed to feed on the roars of the gallery echoing across The Country Club as the United States won the first Ryder Cup for the first time in six years.

On one magical, sun-baked afternoon, on a course where a local caddie named Francis Ouimet beat the British giants 86 years ago and helped popularize the game in America, a team of underachievers achieved something only they thought possible.

They did it by believing, and by finally following a captain who never stopped believing.

But mostly they did it by playing their hearts out, the same ones that had been questioned after two days of mediocre play left them so far behind it seemed impossible to make up the deficit.

If these were millionaire Americans who didn't seem to care, you wouldn't have known by the way they rushed onto the 17th green in premature celebration — a breach of golf etiquette that angered the losing side.

"I never knew how good it feels to win a Ryder Cup," Tiger Woods said.

It turned out the Americans didn't know how to celebrate winning one either.

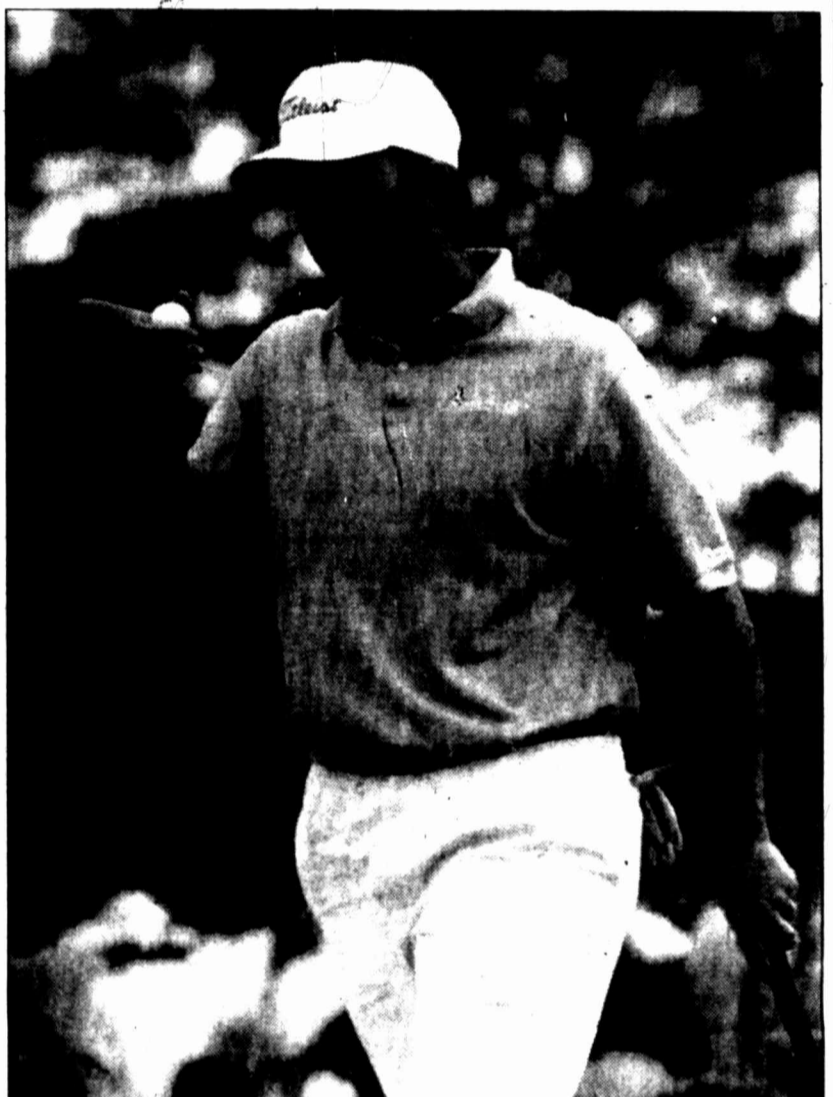
When Leonard's putt dropped, he began running around the green and a half dozen U.S. team members and their girlfriends and wives chased after him. Tom Lehman got him first, lifting him up in a bear hug as the others hugged and jumped in the air.

The problem was, Jose Maria Olazabal still had a putt that could have tied the hole. The Cup had yet to be won, but the Americans were celebrating like it was over.

"We probably all should have jumped up and down in place," Lehman said. "But I'm not going to apologize for being excited."

U.S. captain Ben Crenshaw did, though.

"There really wasn't any call for that," Crenshaw said. "We



Tom Lehman, pictured here in the 1994 Masters, got things started for the U.S. Ryder Cup team in its comeback in singles matches Sunday.

do apologize sincerely."

Leonard finally got his teammates off the green and Olazabal faced the 25-footer to send the match to the 18th hole. He backed off of it twice, then ran it by the hole.

"It was an ugly picture to see," Olazabal said. "I think that kind of behavior is one nobody wants to see. I'll let you be the judge."

The United States had won the Cup, but Leonard and Olazabal had to play one more hole. When they did, and Payne Stewart graciously conceded a winning putt to Colin Montgomerie for the final 141/2-131/2 margin, players ran around squirting champagne on each other and the huge crowd cheered them on.

Chants of "USA, USA" rang through the air and the normally stoic David Duval got so excited he threw his sunglasses into the crowd as a souvenir.

And this was from a Ryder Cup rookie who last month said it was nothing more than a big corporate outing.

"It's something you can't explain and you can't appreciate until you've been a part of it," Duval said. "The great

analogy I was given was that it's like when you have your first child, you just can't explain it to somebody."

Crenshaw's decision to send his big guns out early and hope they caught fire was the only one of the week that worked for him. He had an inkling it would be the night before, when the team gathered for an inspirational meeting that included a reading from a letter from the Alamo by presidential candidate George W. Bush.

"What transpired was a moving experience," Crenshaw said. "I do believe in fate."

Fate, maybe. But fate didn't help Woods turn his match around with a chip-in on No. 8. Fate didn't allow the first six players to jump to such commanding leads that the momentum of the team as a whole kept building with every shot.

Fate didn't keep the dogged Leonard from never quitting even when he was 4-down with seven holes left.

"They came out screeching," James said. "That's what you've got to do in this game, ride a streak. And they rode the streak remarkably well. We just couldn't stop it."

Rangers clinch, finally celebrate title win in style

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Texas Rangers finally got a chance to stage a celebration on the field. Now they hope to get the chance to perfect it.

Rafael Palmeiro hit Texas' second grand slam in as many games, powering the Rangers to a 10-3 victory over the Oakland Athletics on Sunday that sealed their second straight division title and third in four years.

But this time, the Rangers made it to the playoffs with a win — actually, three straight against the second-place A's. Texas learned it had clinched in 1996 and '98 during games they lost.

"This feels a lot better than coming into the clubhouse after a loss," manager Johnny Oates said.

But to make this season a true success, the Rangers will likely have to reverse their history against the Yankees, who are once again their likely first-round opponent. New York beat Texas in four games in 1996 and swept the Rangers last year, outscoring them 9-1.

"It's nice for the fans to see what it's like," Palmeiro said. "Hopefully we can do it more."

Oakland has few chances left to make the playoffs after the sweep in Texas. Boston's magic number to win the wild card dropped to two despite the Red Sox's 8-5 loss to Baltimore.

In other American League games, it was Tampa Bay 6, New York 5; Cleveland 11, Toronto 7; Detroit 6, Kansas City 1; Chicago 3, Minnesota 0, and Seattle 3, Anaheim 2.

In National League games Sunday, it was Atlanta 10, Montreal 0; Philadelphia 3, New York 2; Cincinnati 7, St. Louis 5 in 12 innings; Milwaukee 11, Houston 3; Pittsburgh 8, Chicago 4 in 11 innings; Los Angeles 10, San Diego 7; Arizona 7, San Francisco 1, and Colorado 8, Florida 6.

The Rangers had lost four of five before snapping out in a big way against Oakland, outscoring the A's 32-11. They scored at least four runs in five innings and got victories from their starters in all three games.

"When you walked into this clubhouse Friday, you could feel the intensity and see it in the eyes of players," said Todd Zeile, who hit a grand slam Saturday and had a two-run

homer Sunday that was the big blast until Palmeiro's slam. "We were anxious to take care of business."

Esteban Loaiza (9-5) allowed one run in seven innings. Kevin Jarvis (0-1) took the loss.

Orioles 8, Red Sox 5

The Red Sox made three errors leading to seven unearned runs off Tim Wakefield (6-11) and Albert Belle homered as Baltimore won for the 16th time in 18 games.

Orioles starter Jason Johnson (8-7) allowed three runs — two earned — in seven innings to win his fifth straight decision. Jesse Orosco struck out Troy O'Leary with two runners on for his first save.

Devil Rays 6, Yankees 5

Tony Graffanino hit Tampa Bay's team-record seventh double, capping a two-run rally in the eighth inning as the Devil Rays won for the second straight day at Yankee Stadium. Tampa Bay had lost its first nine games at Yankee Stadium and 17 of 18 overall to New York.

Derek Jeter doubled to become the second Yankees shortstop with 100 RBIs. He joined Lyn Lary, who had 107 RBIs in 1931.

Cory Lidle (1-0) earned his first major league win since 1997 and Ramiro Mendoza (7-9) took the loss.

Indians 11, Blue Jays 7

Wil Cordero hit a tiebreaking homer in the ninth inning off Billy Koch (0-5) as Cleveland spoiled Toronto's last home game of the season.

Manny Ramirez drove in a run to reach 160 RBIs, the most in the majors since Jimmie Foxx had 175 in 1938.

The Indians added three more runs in the ninth on Roberto Alomar's bases-loaded double.

Paul Shuey (8-5) pitched a perfect eighth for the win.

Tigers 6, Royals 1

Deivi Cruz, Dean Palmer and Gabe Kapler homered to back the strong pitching of Dave Borkowski as Detroit won in the next-to-last game in Tiger Stadium.

Borkowski (2-5) retired the first 13 batters and gave up one run and four hits over eight innings.

NFL's elite from 1998 continue to fall on hard times

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The mighty have turned meek in the NFL.

The four teams that played in last season's conference championship games are a combined 1-11 after Week 3. The Denver Broncos, Atlanta Falcons and New York Jets are 0-3, and Minnesota is 1-2.

The 11 combined losses are two more than the teams had during the entire regular season last year.

"We've been on top. Now we've got to experience how it feels to be on the bottom," Denver's Terrell Davis said after the Broncos were beaten by Tampa Bay 13-10 Sunday.

Denver is the first defending Super Bowl champion to begin a season with three straight losses in a non-strike year. The New York Giants started 0-5 in 1987 following a Super Bowl championship, but three of those losses were with

replacement players.

While the Broncos lost a close one, the team they beat in last season's Super Bowl was routed by the St. Louis Rams 35-7.

"They beat us in every way you can get beat," said Atlanta coach Dan Reeves. "I didn't think we were going to be 0-3, but there is nothing in this league that can shock you."

Falcons quarterback Chris Chandler reinjured his right hamstring late in the first half and may miss next week's game against Baltimore.

"We spent about two weeks resting it and rehabbing it, but it doesn't seem to be getting any better," said Chandler, who missed last Monday night's loss at Dallas because of the same injury. "Hopefully it will come back, but I have no idea."

The Vikings lost to Green Bay 23-20, and the Jets fell to Washington 27-20. In other games, it was Carolina 27, Cincinnati 3; Baltimore 17, Cleveland 10;

Kansas City 31, Detroit 21; Buffalo 26, Philadelphia 0; Seattle 29, Pittsburgh 10; Tennessee 20, Jacksonville 19; Indianapolis 27, San Diego 19; Oakland 24, Chicago 17; and New England 16, New York Giants 14.

San Francisco is at Arizona tonight.

Bucs 13, Broncos 10

Mike Alstott rushed for a career-high 131 yards and a touchdown, and the Buccaneers (2-1) held Davis to 53 yards.

Trent Dilfer bounced back from poor performances in Tampa Bay's first two games to complete 15 of 18 passes for 135 yards.

Rams 35, Falcons 7

Kurt Warner threw three TD passes in the second quarter and ran for another score in the third period as the Rams (2-0) ended an eight-game losing streak to NFC West opponents.

Warner, a star in NFL Europe and Arena Football before taking over for

injured Trent Green, completed 17 of 25 passes for 275 yards.

Redskins 27, Jets 20

Kenard Lang had three of Washington's six sacks and Stephen Davis had three TD runs for the Redskins (2-1).

The Jets pulled within a touchdown on John Hall's 34-yard field goal with 1:45 left, but Washington recovered the onside kick.

Packers 23, Vikings 20

Brett Favre led the Packers (2-1) to another comeback win, hitting Corey Bradford with a 23-yard TD pass with 12 seconds left.

Bradford's catch capped a 77-yard, 104-second drive led by Favre, who beat the Oakland Raiders in Week 1 with a similar last-ditch march. Minnesota took a 20-16 lead on Randall Cunningham's 10-yard TD pass to Randy Moss with 1:56 remaining.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, SEPT. 28:

You approach partnerships and financial commitments very seriously this year, and you often feel overburdened. Recognize your limits, maintain a positive attitude and don't enter into any money agreements if you are uncomfortable. Friends are very important to your well-being, and even more so this year. They pave the way to heartfelt desires. If you are single, a love relationship doubles as a friendship. This relationship could thrill you in many ways. If attached, togetherness gets a bit heavy at times, and you could feel dragged down. Invite friends over more often; build up your social life together, and you will be happier. TAURUS can be hard on you.

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)
***Sometimes it's too hard to be serious. Even though you might think it's time to buckle down and get to the bottom line, you could have a difficult time. A child or loved one puts a whole new spin on life. Laughter is contagious. Tonight: Only what you enjoy!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
***You have a strong sense of direction, recognizing your limitations. You drive a hard bargain; others respond to your serious demeanor, but you can't keep that stoic face turned toward the world. Your love of life comes through, despite yourself! Tonight: As you like it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***Your mood swings amaze even you, at times. Expect to waver between serious introspection and fun giggles. Laughter will chase the blues away - why not indulge in that simple form of mood elevation? Others gather around you. Swap jokes; take a long lunch. Life is for living. Tonight: You are best with one friend, not a group.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***You might not always have the right suggestion, and you could be bogged down by a commitment. Maintain responsibility, but schedule some time for you and a friend, be

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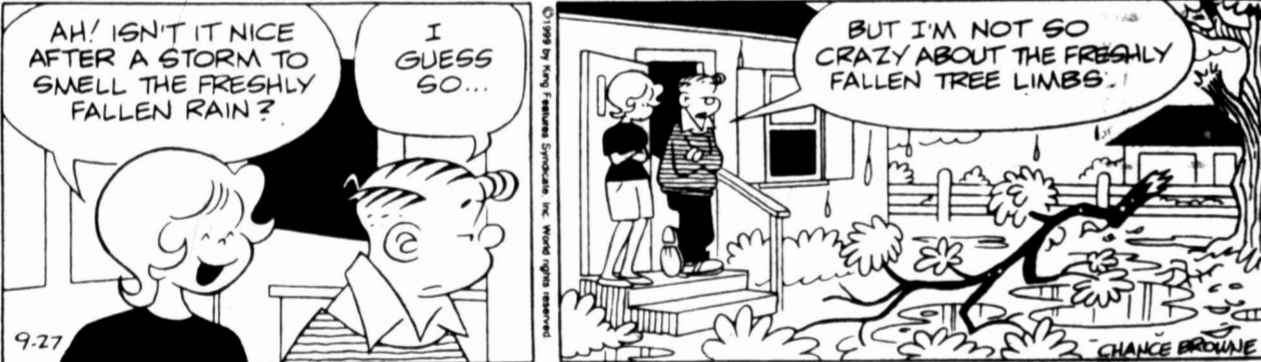
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GASOLINE ALLEY



SNUFFY SMITH



BEEBLE BAILY



'They're fun to collect, and the ocean turns out new ones every year.'

'Hi, Uncle Charlie! Your rooster can take the week off, cause I brought my bugle.'

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Monday, Sept. 27, the 270th day of 1999. There are 95 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Sept. 27, 1939, Warsaw, Poland, surrendered after weeks of resistance to invading forces from Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union during World War II.

On this date: In 1779, John Adams was named to negotiate Revolutionary War peace terms with Britain.

In 1854, the first great disaster of an oceanliner in the Atlantic occurred when the steamship Arctic sank with 300 people aboard.

In 1928, the United States said it was recognizing the Nationalist Chinese government.

In 1942, Glenn Miller and his Orchestra performed for the last time, at the Central Theater in Passaic, N.J., before Miller was inducted into the Army.

In 1943, Bing Crosby, the Andrews Sisters and the Vic Schoen Orchestra recorded 'Pistol Packin' Mama' and 'Jingle Bells' for Decca Records.

In 1954, 'Tonight!' with Steve Allen made its debut on NBC-TV.

In 1959, a typhoon battered the main Japanese island of Honshu, killing nearly 5,000 people.

In 1964, the Warren Commission issued a report concluding that Lee Harvey Oswald had acted alone in assassinating President Kennedy.

In 1979, Congress gave final approval to forming the Department of Education, the 13th Cabinet agency in U.S. history.

Ten years ago: Columbia Pictures Entertainment Inc. agreed to a \$3.4 billion buyout by Sony Corporation.

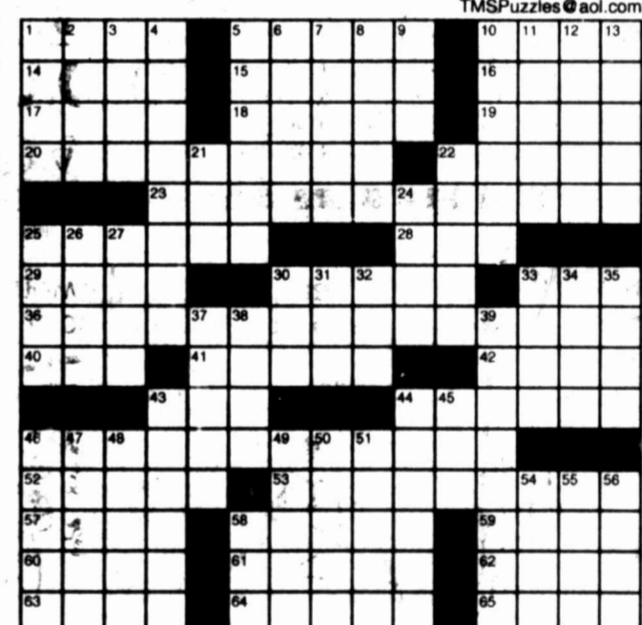
Five years ago: More than 350 Republican congressional candidates gathered on the steps of the Capitol to sign the 'Contract with America,' a 10-point platform they pledged to enact if voters sent a GOP majority to the House.

One year ago: Gerhard Schroeder and his Social Democrats won national elections in Germany, following 16 years of conservative rule under Chancellor Helmut Kohl. St. Louis Cardinal Mark McGwire's record-breaking season ended with his 69th and 70th home runs.

Today's Birthdays: Former Illinois Sen. Charles Percy is 80. Movie director Arthur Penn is 77. Actress Sada Thompson is 70. Actress Kathleen Nolan is 66. Actor Wilford Brimley is 65. Actor Claude Jarman Jr. is 65. Author Barbara Howar is 65. Sportscaster Dick Schaap is 65. Singer-musician Randy Bachman (Bachman-Turner Overdrive) is 56. Actress Liz Torres is 52. Singer Meat Loaf is 48. Rock musician Greg Ham (Men At Work) is 46. Singer Shaun Cassidy is 41.

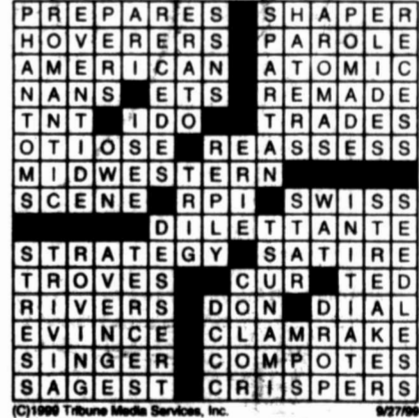
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