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WEATHER

Tonight:



PARTLY CLOUDY

TONIGHT 33°-37°
TUESDAY 63°-67°

Forsan's band earns Div. I; BSHS, CHS garner Div. II's

Forsan High School students returned from University Interscholastic League marching contest with a Division I for their efforts Saturday.

"We did great! The kids are really excited about this and we all had a great time," said Forsan band director Jim Rhodes.

Forsan students were also selected to attend an area marching contest Saturday in Odessa, he said.

Big Spring marching band received a Division II, as did Coahoma. Garden City marching band received a Division III.

Big Spring, Forsan, Garden City and Stanton all competed in UIL marching contests in Odessa, while Coahoma traveled to Abilene.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

- 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.
- Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
- Quarterback Club, 7 p.m., Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.
- Big Spring Art Association, 500 Main, library annex, 500 Main.
- 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 movie theater box office.
- Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizen Center, Industrial Park.
- Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

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'Just because' reason enough for 1,000-mile ride

HERALD Staff Report

Why would a man just turning 61 years of age ride a motorcycle 1,000 miles in less than 20 hours?

"Because I've just always wanted to do it," said Howard Walker, owner of the Harley Davidson Shop of Big Spring. And so he did.

Walker left Big Spring at 4:30 on the morning of Oct. 5 and, after a swing through part of the Panhandle and much of New Mexico, he returned to Big Spring 19 hours and 45 minutes

later. He qualified for the "1,000 Miles in Less Than 24 Hours Club," and earned a patch designating that honor.

Walker has taken some long rides in the past, "but always just to get from Point A to Point B," he said, and never one of this length in such a short time.

"It's something that I always wanted to do and did it before I got too old to do it," he said of his birthday-to-remember ride. "I never got tired or sleepy or even cold," he noted. "I stayed comfortable the whole trip and I don't get hungry when I ride."

The opportunity for such a trip came as a result of a customer who thought he had a problem with a 1991 Harley Davidson FLHJ Ultra, a big, comfortable road machine and made-to-order for such a ride. Walker told the customer he would take his bike out for a 1,000 mile trip and find anything that might be wrong. The customer agreed.

Walker's day on the road started with his first milestone — 176 miles at Tulia at 7:46 a.m. By 11:07 a.m. he was halfway through his trip at 500 miles

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UW help makes big difference at Boys Club

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

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
News Editor

Four hundred and fifty boys at a dollar a head annually doesn't go very far towards paying expenses at the Boys Club of Big Spring. That's where United Way comes in.

"Probably more than any other agency, we rely on United Way," said Bert Andries, who has been executive director for the Boys Club for 31 years.

"The \$1 a year we ask the boys to pay is to reinforce the idea behind membership, that they are not getting it for free. About half our funding is from United Way. The other comes from private donations and the interest off of savings."

For Andries, it's money well spent.

"We're providing a place for kids where they can have fun under supervision, and pick up some educational things, too," said Andries.

"The basic purpose is the guidance of boys. Of course, they come here to have fun," he said with a grin.

Table tennis, pool and hand-held games are available for the boys, who are age 6 through 17. There are also a half-dozen computers which have games and other programs, both recreational and educational.

There is a small, indoor gym, a large weight room and work-out area, and a fenced area outside for outdoor activities.

An upstairs study room provides an area for boys to do



Daniel Permenter (from left), Sisto Herrera, Gabriel Gomez, Mark Trevino, Ruben Castillo, Justin Yanez and Greg Loya play "Battleship" at the Boys Club, a United Way agency.

after-school homework. There is a piano up there, too, but if a boy wants to study, that takes precedence.

"Occasionally someone will play at playing the piano, but I haven't heard any real good music coming from up there," Andries joked. "And I sure don't give piano lessons myself."

A snack bar is also available. A well-stocked woodworking shop lies just off the main room. There are four or five scroll or band saws, sanders, drill presses, larger saws and the like. The boys can use the smaller saws. Andries does all the sanding and larger wood cutting for the boys.

Unlike the piano, Andries does know his way around a woodworking shop and gladly

helps the boys with various projects. He has templates cut out that the boys can trace to make various projects with the scroll saws.

"We let them start as early as six years old. And some of them are really good at it," Andries said. "One time I looked over and this boy was almost in tears. I thought he had cut his finger or something. I asked what was wrong, and he was upset because he had cut a little off the line. To him, he had just ruined the piece. I let him know it was all right. He hadn't done anything wrong. He got to be real good at this stuff."

That kind of guidance is what the Boys Club is all about. Tony Gonzales is the club program director, and gets part-time help from Jonathan Morales.

Both college students now, they spent many an hour at the Boys Club when they were younger. Israel Rodriguez is a high school student who also helps out part-time.

The Boys Club began in 1968 in a rented building now housed by the NAPA parts dealer. The club "borrowed" a building on Second Street for a time, and moved to its present location on Third Street in May of 1971. Membership now is about 450, but as many as 600 boys were members before Webb Air Force Base closed.

The club is open from after school until 7:45 p.m. weekdays and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. During off-school times, the club is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Jan's

License revocation process begun on bar

HERALD Staff Report

The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) has begun the process to revoke the alcohol sales license of Jan's Place bar in Big Spring.

The process began at an administrative hearing on Oct. 6 in Midland and comes in the wake of the Feb. 19 death of Jesse Lee Walters, 19, a SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf student, and the July 15 vehicular manslaughter conviction of his killer, 20-year-old Antonio Martinez Rodriguez.

Walters was riding west on Fourth Street on his bicycle when he was struck and killed by a car driven by Rodriguez, who fled the scene.

Testimony during the trial revealed the underage Rodriguez was illegally served alcohol at the bar. A former waitress at the bar, Mary Ann Escovedo, is currently awaiting a November pretrial hearing on charges she sold the alcohol to Rodriguez.

In addition, Timothy John Rios, a friend who allowed Rodriguez to drink at a private party before he went to the bar, has pleaded guilty to making alcohol available to a minor and has been fined and placed on probation.

Rodriguez was convicted by a 118th District Court jury of vehicular manslaughter, failure to stop and render aid and DWI/third or more offense, in the death of Walters.

Trial testimony and evidence showed Rodriguez had been

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BSISD participating in state-funded program to reduce school violence

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

During the 76th Legislature, concluded last May 31, a three-pronged plan to reduce teen criminal activity and violence on Texas school campuses was developed for use by local school districts.

"We are part of a grant with the Region 18 Service Center called School Safety and Student Discipline, and that's just one of the things we're doing and one of the programs we have in place to prevent campus violence," said Murray Murphy, Big Spring Independent School District deputy superintendent.

The new laws require each district to implement a program to prevent campus violence, to compile statistics on school crime, and to report teens known to be involved in gang activity, according to a press release from State Rep. David Counts, D-Knox City.

"Our students and teachers should feel safe in the schools of this state. It is important that we take all possible precautions to protect the students and teachers from classroom violence," Counts said.

Murphy said several different policies or programs have been implemented in BSISD that respond to the legislative demands.

A police officer has been assigned to the high school and another to the junior high school. The junior high also offers a teen leadership class, which coordinates with the peer mediation program, he said.

"Some of these are funded through Title IV monies, Drug Free Safer Schools. Title IV addresses these issues," he said.

A special curriculum is taught in grades kindergarten

through senior, called Drug and Violence Education, or DAVE, he said. And this year all school campuses will adopt goals of improvement with safer schools the objective, as part of the site-based decision making committees, he said.

"All site-based campus improvement plans will have goals for safer schools, which will include violence issues and gang activity issues," Murphy said.

Workshops involving parents, teachers and district personnel will begin within the next few weeks, to allow each team to assess the needs of each campus and determine ways to confront those problems.

"This is all right down our alley, as we are doing a lot to improve our overall drop out rates for our kids. There are a variety of ways to keep schools safe and to keep kids in school," Murphy said.

And the district trustees approved an Emergency Operations Manual earlier this year which provides specific instruction in the event of

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Approximately 20 city employees volunteered to help clean up at Moss Creek Lake on Saturday. The employees repaired roads, cleaned along the banks of the lake, and operated city-owned heavy equipment for jobs Wilderness Camp inmates can't perform. The volunteers also worked at erosion control on the south side of the lake.

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OBITUARIES

William H. Pope

William H. Pope (MSGT, Ret.), 69, of Big Spring, died at 5:09 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15, 1999, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center after a short illness. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, at Myers and Smith Chapel, with Malcolm Pointer, minister of Christ Community Church, officiating. Burial with military honors will be at Trinity Memorial Park.



POPE

He was born Aug. 28, 1930, at Shawnee, Okla. He was the son of Thomas Everett Pope and Pearl Ann Powers Pope. He grew up in El Reno, Okla. He married Edna Ruth McLaughlin on Feb. 4, 1950, in El Reno, Okla. She preceded him in death on Jan. 5, 1998.

He entered the U.S. Air Force Dec. 6, 1951. He served 21 years, including Korea and Vietnam. He retired at Webb Air Force Base on June 30, 1973. After retiring, Mr. Pope worked as a security officer at Fina and Cameo Homes. He had been a resident of Big Spring since 1967 and was a Baptist.

He is survived by one daughter, Shirley Muse and her husband Dennis of Houston; two sons, Jim Pope and his wife Mary of Big Spring, and Derrill Pope and his wife Cherie of Big Spring; one step-son, Michael Thompson of Staunton, Va.; three step-daughters, Sharon Ann Cavazos and her husband Paul of Sante Fe, Texas, Nata Wood and her husband Bill of Geary, Okla., and Linda Staple and her husband Dennis of Big Spring; two brothers, Roy Pope of Oklahoma City, Ok., James Pope and his wife Jeanie of Big Spring; one sister, Anna Jones of Union City, Okla.; 20 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and parents, Mr. Pope was preceded in death by two brothers, Joe Everett Pope and Derrill Ray Pope.

Pallbearers will be David Pope, Derreck Pope, Justin McKenzie, Jonathan Watson, Jason Watson and Steven Watson.

Honorary pallbearer will be Jimmy Pope.

The family will receive friends at Myers and Smith Funeral Home from 6 until 8 p.m. Monday.

Arrangements are made by Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Paid obituaries

Julia Ben Mitchell Williams

Julia Ben Mitchell Williams, 77, of Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday at 12:26 p.m. Oct. 16, 1999 at Odessa Medical Center.



WILLIAMS

Services will be 3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18, at Myers and Smith Chapel with Bob Kiser, of Abilene, officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Williams was born Sept. 21, 1922 in Mt. Vernon to Ben Frank Mitchell and Stella Mae Rodgers Mitchell. She married J.T. Williams Dec. 23, 1937, in Midland, and lived in Big Spring from 1941 to 1995 and in Odessa from 1995 to 1999. Mrs. Williams had worked at the Big Spring State Hospital where she retired as Housekeeping Supervisor in 1983.

She was a member of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ in Big Spring and Eisenhower Church of Christ in Odessa. Survivors include: her husband, J.T. Williams of Odessa; one daughter, Wanda Brooks (and her husband, Mike) of Odessa; two sons, the Rev. Tommy Williams (and his wife, Jo Ann) of Fort Worth and Troy Williams of Las Vegas, Nev.; one brother, Bill Mitchell (and his wife, Peg) of Marana, Ariz. Six grandchildren: Terina Ann Damron and Cembra Lynn Sanders of Forth Worth; Jackie Lynn Williams and Martin Quinn Williams of Las Vegas and Buddy Michael Brooks and Jill Rene Brooks of Odessa, and four great grandchildren, Zachary Macaleb Sanders, Desirae Nichole Sanders, Shelby Celeste Sanders, and Jincy Mellisa Damron.

Preceded in death by her parents, Ben Frank Williams and Stella Mae Rodgers Williams Cain, and two brothers, Gene Cain and Junior Cain.

Pallbearers will be Buddy Michael Brooks, Mike Brooks, Martin Quinn Williams, Brian Sanders, Jimmy Heard and Joe Mae Sanders.

Family meal and fellowship at Birdwell Lane Church of Christ after funeral.

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

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anything from an airplane crash to a power outage.

Murphy said the district's role is to provide not just an education for students, but to instill successful attitudes and motivate successful behaviors.

"We need to help students make the most and be as successful as they can be. We need to make students employment ready or higher education ready, whichever they choose. We need to be as active as a school can be," Murphy said.

Coahoma superintendent Dr. Bill Kingston said district officials are gathering information and attending training workshops before formally providing a violence and gang activity prevention program.

"It is required that we have a component of violence prevention in our campus plans beginning this year, and also a district plan. Our district educational improvement committee is working on what program we may want," Kingston said.

Coahoma is also part of a cooperative with Region 18 Service Center program, Drug Free and Safe Schools. Kingston said most of the schools in the area take part in that program, and have for a number of years.

"We draw on them for information and staff development and training," he said.

At least two Coahoma principals have attended staff development or conferences dedicated to these topics. Ultimately the goal is to adopt a program that is also tailored to the needs of the Coahoma campuses, he said.

"One advantage in Coahoma is that the students can't be

anonymous. The faculty knows all the students, and I am expressly proud of our faculty because they all take responsibility for student discipline. Our teachers will actively enforce school policies and make referrals and discipline is not left to just our principals," Kingston said.

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drinking heavily the day of the accident and testimony identified Jan's Place and Rios' home as the two places he consumed alcohol.

Escovedo was identified as having served Rodriguez at the bar, located on Wasson Road near the entrance to Comanche Trail Park.

She has subsequently been charged with a misdemeanor offense of failure to obtain proper identification and sale of alcohol to a minor (Rodriguez) and has pleaded not guilty.

If convicted in county court, she could receive a fine of up to \$2,500 and a jail sentence of up to one year in jail.

It is the charges against Escovedo that have resulted in the attempt to revoke the bar's license. Alcantar has not been charged in the case, but as license holder is responsible for the actions of his employee, according to the TABC.

Rios, who made alcohol available to Rodriguez at a party, pleaded guilty to delivery of alcohol to a minor and was fined \$250 plus \$269.50 in court costs and six months' probation.

Rodriguez was sentenced to six years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for the manslaughter charge in the death of Walters, who was from Arlington. He received a one-year concurrent sentence for the failure-to-stop charge in connection with the SWCID student's death.

There will be no verdict issued as a result of the hearing, but a recommendation of procedure will be issued "within 30 to 60 days," according to Gayle Gordon, the TABC attorney on the case. Big Spring attorney Robert D. Miller represented the beer bar and Alcantar. Miller did not return phone calls from the Herald.

RIDE

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and more than an hour later had logged 599 miles at San Antonio, N.M.

Walker pulled into Roswell, N.M. at 7:01 p.m., three-quarters of the way to his mark. At 8:10 he topped off with gas at Plains, Texas and headed for home.

He sat up until 2 a.m. talking about the trip, then went to bed and was up and ready for work at 7 a.m.

"It caught up with me three days later," he recalled. "You really get pumped up at the time."

All along the route, he said he was impressed with sunrise vistas and sunset views, with changing scenery, winding roads uphill and down and wildlife crossing his path, including deer, antelope, turkey and coyotes.

Oh, and there was no trouble with the motorcycle at anytime. Would he do it again?

"I don't have any reason to do it again," he observed, "but I might be talked into it."

WHAT'S UP

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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.

Rackley-Swords Chapter 379 Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Road.

American Legion Post 506, 7 p.m.

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

FRIDAY

Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St.

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Mary's Episcopal Church. Bring a lunch.

AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.

Coahoma Methodist Youth Group fish fry fundraiser, 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Coahoma Community Center.

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

SATURDAY

Make A Difference Day, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth.

David Counts promotion ceremony, 11:30 a.m., Vietnam Memorial.

Hangar 25 Pig Ball, 6 p.m. start, Hangar 25.

State Fair of Texas ends 24-day run

DALLAS (AP) — More than 3.5 million visitors attended the 1999 State Fair of Texas, making the 24-day run one of the three best-attended events in its 113-year history, organizers said.

Coupon sales, the measure of success for food concessionaires and ride operators, ran about 12 percent ahead of last year's previous record mark, officials said.

Next year's fair dates are Sept. 29-Oct. 22 with the theme "A 21st Century Fair."

Vlasic pickles resurrecting 25-year-old commercial

NEW YORK (AP) — If the Vlasic pickle commercial that starts running next month looks familiar, you may be showing your age.

Vlasic Foods International dug into its commercial archive in developing its ad plans for this fall and discovered it had a 25-year-old commercial featuring the voice of Groucho Marx that still resonates with consumers.

The animated ad shows a cartoon grandmother, schoolboy and husband each taking a bite of a Vlasic pickle and then imitating Marx's distinctive voice and style in saying "Now that's the best tasting pickle I've ever heard."

Diana Robina, head of programming for Viacom's TV Land cable network that carries a steady diet of program and commercial reruns to 42 million subscribers, said old commercials "hit an emotional chord with the viewer."

That is important to advertisers who are finding it tougher to stand out amid the clamor of traditional TV advertising.

"People do stop and watch them," she said, referring to the old ads TV Land regularly carries without charge to the original advertisers, some of whom aren't around to pay anyway.

Several paying advertisers have recently brought back retired advertising icons like Charlie the Tuna for StarKist and Mr. Whipple for Charmin. Others like Maxwell House and Life cereal have used parts of old ads in new commercials.

But advertising executives were hard-pressed to name another advertiser who has brought back an old commercial decades after it had been run and used it again without alteration.

"We had planned to remake the ad, but when we tested it with consumers, it scored so well we decided not to reinvent the wheel," said Vlasic marketing executive Joe Adams.

Vlasic, which is based in Cherry Hill, N.J., intends to spend up to \$10 million to run the ad in November and December. The company is also sponsoring a contest to find a Groucho Marx-imitator whose voice will be used in its next ad.

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 Galyann 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 Runnels, Clyde Alsop Building. AMI meeting to follow. For more information call 263-0027 or 267-7220.

Survivors of Suicide support group will meet Monday, Oct. 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Pastoral Care Office of Memorial Hospital and Medical Center in Midland. The topic of discussion will be on "Dealing with the Heaviness of Grief," presented by the Rev. Dr. Alan Williams, MH Chaplain.

Encourager's Support Group (for widows) will meet Monday, Oct. 18, at 6 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels (enter through north door) for a covered dish dinner. For more information call 398-5522.

TUESDAY

Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesdays 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.

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

FIRE/EMS

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

SATURDAY
3:29 a.m. — 600 block Ridgelea, medical call, patient

transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

8:30 a.m. — 100 block Airbase Road, medical call, service refused.

11:26 a.m. — 1400 block Stadium, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

12:50 p.m. — 1900 block Simler, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

1:15 p.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

1:48 p.m. — 3000 block E. 11th, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

10:30 p.m. — I-20 mile 178, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

SUNDAY
12:09 p.m. — 1700 block Owens, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

2:47 p.m. — SMMC, trauma call, patient transferred to UMC Lubbock.

MARKETS

Dec. cotton 54.35 cents, up 12 points; Nov. crude 22.62, down 20 points; cash hogs steady at 35; cash steers steady at 70 even; Dec. lean hog futures 47.65, up 55 points; Dec. live cattle futures 69.37, up 65 points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation. Other markets were unavailable by press time.

POLICE

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

JOHN GRAYSON, 35, was arrested for public intoxication.

TONY PIKE, 34, was arrested for driving while license suspended.

PRISCILLA DELEON, 27, was arrested for possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

JOSE NIETO, 19, was arrested for county warrants.

CATHERINE THOMASON, 40, was arrested for public intoxication.

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 600 block of East 13th and the 400 block of Edwards.

UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 2500 block of Rebecca.

ASSAULT was reported in the 200 block of West Marcy.

BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 3300 block of East I-20, 700 block of Lancaster and at the police station.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 300 block of East Ninth and near the intersection of Third and Birdwell.

DOG BITE was reported at the police station and in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

SHOTS FIRED was reported in the 1000 block of West Main.

DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 800 block of Owens.

DRAG RACING/RECKLESS DRIVING was reported near the intersection of Fourth and Gregg.

THEFT was reported in the 1900 block of North Highway 87, near the intersection of Fourth and Birdwell, in the 4100 block of Bilger, in the 2300 block of Wasson and in the 1700 block of West Marcy.

RECORDS

Sunday's high 52
Sunday's low 42
Average high 77
Average low 50
Record high 94 in 1964
Record low 35 in 1968
Precip. Sunday 0.00
Month to date 0.31
Month's normal 0.97
Year to date 11.83
Normal for the year 16.13
Sunrise Tuesday 7:52 a.m.
Sunset Tuesday 7:09 p.m.
**Statistics not available

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331
Anastacio "Tacho" Escobar, 66, died Friday. Services were at 2:00 PM Monday at Nalley Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment followed at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8288
Julia Ben Williams, 77, died Saturday. Services are 3:00 PM, today Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.
William H. Pope, 69, died Friday. Services are 2:00 PM, Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Interment with Military honors will be in Trinity Memorial Park.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — press secretary Joe Lockhart asked. "An rhetorical detour of briefings to inject regional front-runner Ge the budget debate be administration an Congress.
"Does he agree or Congress is doing Lockhart asked. "An think a test of lea out where you disa influence your party It's more than a ye tion but, little by House is edging into tics. Administrative President Clinton l gled Bush out for cr trying to draw him These efforts are tion of Bush's lead i they are an express frustration that he tough questioning.
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Hurricane dumpin

WILMINGTON, N Hurricane Irene r sea today, but not b ing nearly a foot of f of eastern North C rekindling fears o displaced by Hurric month ago.
North Carolina's cane in two mont through Florida weekend and up th U.S. coast toward th Late Sunday, it tu east back to sea.
Irene's maximum winds increased t overnight and it ac movement out into Tropical storm was canceled as the st away from the coast
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Little by little, White House engaging George W. Bush on issues

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House press secretary Joe Lockhart took a rhetorical detour during his daily briefing to inject Republican presidential front-runner George W. Bush into the budget debate between the Clinton administration and the GOP-led Congress.

"Does he agree or disagree with what Congress is doing on education?" Lockhart asked. "And if he disagrees, I think a test of leadership is pointing out where you disagree and trying to influence your party."

It's more than a year before the election but, little by little, the White House is edging into presidential politics. Administration officials, even President Clinton himself, have singled Bush out for criticism and begun trying to draw him out on the issues.

These efforts are as much recognition of Bush's lead in the GOP field as they are an expression of Democrats' frustration that he has yet to face tough questioning.

White House officials don't intend daily attacks on the Texas governor,



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but they consider him fair game for criticism and are eager to pin him down on policy.

Vanderbilt University political scientist Erwin Hargrove sees the early focus on Bush as a symptom of a front-loaded political system. "A lot of this verbiage today at this early date has to do with the early primaries," he said.

Hargrove also noted that past presidents have played relatively diminished roles in the campaigns of their vice presidents, who need to establish their independence. Ronald Reagan did little campaigning for Bush's father, George Bush. Richard Nixon froze

Dwight Eisenhower out until the end. "It may be, and I think it is, that Clinton feels that (Vice President Al) Gore is part of his legacy; a continuing Democratic presidency is part of his legacy," Hargrove said. "Add that to the increased competition, and that's where you're at."

Mark Pfeifle, spokesman for the Republican National Committee, said the criticisms were an effort to overcome the fact that "voters are suffering from a terminal case of Clinton-Gore fatigue."

"They're desperate, and instead of working to get things done for the American people, they're spending their time playing petty partisan politics," Pfeifle said of the Democrats.

At a Democratic Leadership Council meeting in July, Clinton poked fun at Bush's "compassionate conservatism," saying it was the equivalent of telling people that you'd like to help them, "but I can't, and I feel terrible about it."

When Bush was struggling in August to not answer certain questions about

his past, Clinton aides quickly answered reporters' queries about whether the president had ever used cocaine. While there was no reference to Bush's situation, the quick reply that Clinton had never indulged in the drug implicitly raised the question as to why Bush couldn't say the same.

The shots became more direct as the Republican-run Congress approved a \$792 billion tax cut and Clinton vowed to veto it as a threat to the nation's economic future.

A day after Lockhart challenged Bush on Sept. 23 to take a stand on proposed education cuts in a Senate bill, the president vetoed the tax cut and criticized Bush for promising better military pay and new weapons systems if he were elected in 2000.

"That's a nice speech, but if I sign this tax bill he's for, there won't be any money for the promise he just made," Clinton said.

He extended his criticism to all the Republican candidates who had supported the tax cut. "If I had signed it, it would have made a lie out of every

campaign speech they're going to give," he said. "They wouldn't have any money left."

Then in October, Bush took a stand against a GOP proposal to delay a tax credit for low-income families in order to pay for legislative initiatives, a move that drew criticism from within his own party.

Asked about Bush's comments, Clinton offered backhanded praise.

"I think the Republican right is being too hard on Governor Bush," he said. He observed that Bush had supported the tax cut; that one of his advisers had organized a fund-raising breakfast with House leaders and health care officials just before the patients' bill of rights came to the floor, and that Bush "stuck with them and the NRA on the gun issue."

"But I will say this: I personally appreciated what he said. Raising taxes on poor people is not the way to get out of this bind we're in," Clinton said with a slight grin. "But I think they're being way too hard on him and unfair."

Hurricane Irene heads to sea after dumping nearly foot of rain on NC

WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP) — Hurricane Irene raced out to sea today, but not before dumping nearly a foot of rain in parts of eastern North Carolina and rekindling fears of residents displaced by Hurricane Floyd a month ago.

North Carolina's third hurricane in two months churned through Florida during the weekend and up the southeast U.S. coast toward the Carolinas. Late Sunday, it turned north-east back to sea.

Irene's maximum sustained winds increased to 105 mph overnight and it accelerated its movement out into the Atlantic. Tropical storm warnings were canceled as the storm moved away from the coast.

"Given the current forecast track, the core of the hurricane should stay off the North Carolina coast," said Jack Beven, a hurricane specialist at the National Hurricane Center in Miami. "It looks like it will go out to sea and will never return."

At 5 a.m. EDT, the storm was 105 miles east-northeast of Cape Hatteras, moving northeast at 35 mph. Storm surges of up to 4 feet above normal were expected to decrease later today.

Torrential rains — mostly from 3 inches to 6 inches but up to 11 inches in isolated areas — closed several dozen roads. The rain had stopped falling by early today, and forecasters expected skies to clear rapidly.

Delayed river flooding and washed-out roads were still the biggest concern to state officials. The Tar, Neuse and Cape Fear rivers were expected to be above flood stage by the middle of the week. During Floyd, most of the state's 49 deaths involved rising water, not high wind.

"The sun can come out, the winds can die down, and there

can still be deadly force among us," state public safety secretary Richard Moore said Sunday.

Officials in south-central Hoke County today evacuated 150 homes near a small lake whose dam was overflowing and in danger of breaking. Public schools in several eastern counties were closed or delaying opening today because of uncertain road conditions.

Authorities said that roughly 500 people in adjacent Cumberland County were without water after their water system failed.

In southeast Virginia, the hurricane dumped up to a foot of rain Sunday and early today, flooding some streets.

In South Carolina, more than 6 inches of rain fell on Horry County, which was still trying to dry out from the 20 inches of rain left behind by Hurricane Floyd. The rain had stopped by Sunday night.

As Irene neared North Carolina, an evacuation order was issued for several beach towns near Wilmington, and people living in low-lying areas and mobile homes were encouraged to seek shelter.

Many left homeless by Floyd, which dumped up to 20 inches of rain Sept. 16, were evacuated from temporary trailer villages to shelters. About 6,000 homes were damaged during Floyd, with damage expected in the billions of dollars.

"It's sad, it's really sad," said Fannie Lewis of Princeville, which took the brunt of Floyd's deluge last month. She was waiting out Irene at a Rocky Mount school that was turned into a shelter. "I'm trying to hold on because where there's a will there's a way. But this is sad."

The American Red Cross

reported at least 690 people were staying in shelters Sunday night. More than 2,100 homes and businesses were without power in the eastern half of the state as of Sunday evening.

Moore said the worst flooding was expected in the Fayetteville area and along the Cape Fear River, which was expected later this week to crest 20 feet above flood stage, or more than 10 feet higher than it climbed after Floyd.

A 43-year-old motorist died Sunday in a storm-related accident when a vehicle hydroplaned into a tree in Granville County. Irene has been blamed for seven deaths, five of them in Florida and two in Cuba.

Two people were injured from separate tornadoes spawned by the hurricane. One touched down Sunday evening near Weaverville in Pasquotank County, destroying six homes, damaging several more and causing one injury. Another tornado caused damage and an injury near Jacksonville.

Wind gusts reached 47 mph on the Outer Banks late Sunday.

State officials prepared for Irene by activating 500 National Guardsmen, opening 39 Guard armories and putting 10 water rescue teams on standby.

"We may not see the real dangers present themselves for several days," said Andy James with North Carolina's emergency response team.

Another weather system in the Atlantic became Tropical Storm Jose early today and was expected to strengthen into a hurricane in the next few days.

Barbados was put under a hurricane watch and forecasters said a similar watch could be issued for the southeastern Caribbean later today.

Jury finds former nurse guilty

BRAZIL, Ind. (AP) — It has always been clear to Paula Holdaway: Her 80-year-old mother was killed by a deliberate overdose of powerful chemicals.

"There was never a doubt in my mind," Holdaway said Sunday after a jury found former nurse Orville Lynn Majors guilty of administering lethal injections to her mother, Dorothea Hixon, and five other elderly patients.

Majors, 38, faces a maximum of 65 years in prison on each of the six murder counts. Sentencing was set for Nov. 15.

Relatives of the victims hugged and cried when the verdict was read.

"I hope he gets his life right with the Lord," said Tanya Cottrell, who testified she saw Majors inject her father, Freddie Wilson, just before he died.

Prosecutors said Majors, 38, injected Wilson and six other patients with epinephrine and potassium chloride while he was a licensed practical nurse at Vermillion County Hospital.

Jurors could not reach a verdict on a seventh patient. But Rodney Smith was satisfied his

father got justice, even though the panel couldn't agree whether Majors killed 74-year-old Cecil Smith, who died in April 1994, after being admitted with pneumonia.

Prosecutor Nina Alexander said: "That's probably the most satisfying part of this — that these family members were pleased and maybe they can finally get some closure."

Amid the celebration, Majors' elderly parents, Orvil and Anna Bell, remained in their front-row seats with shocked expressions on their faces.

"How could they do this to him? He didn't kill anyone," Majors' sister, Debbie McClelland said as she rested her head on the shoulder of an Indiana State Police officer.

Defense attorneys said they plan to appeal the verdict. "Lynn is very upset. It's very human to feel some sense of closure, or peace even, at the worst possible news," said attorney Carolyn Rader.

The patients died in a 13-month span between 1993 and 1995 at Vermillion County Hospital in Clinton. Relatives of the seven testified they saw Majors near the patients just

before they died, and witnesses said they saw him give injections to four of the patients.

Majors had contended the patients died of the ailments that put them in the hospital. Prosecutors said the deaths were consistent with injections of potassium chloride, epinephrine or both. Police found containers of those drugs at Majors' house and in his van.

Jurors never saw statistical studies that linked Majors to as many as 130 of 147 deaths at the hospital. Special Judge Ernest Yelton, fearing the deluge of information would overwhelm the jury and bog down the trial, didn't allow prosecutors to use the studies.

The jury heard evidence for five weeks, which included testimony from 79 witnesses. Twenty-three were doctors who offered highly technical medical interpretations. They began deliberating Thursday morning, and met for 33 hours.

The case began more than four years ago when a nursing supervisor became suspicious of the rising death rate in the hospital's intensive care unit, where Majors worked most days.

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5:15 p.m. • Saturday, December 4, 1999

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We hope you will join us this year and help keep Big Spring's Community Christmas Parade the largest in the Southwest.

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1. Parade's official Santa Claus will be provided by the Herald. **No other Santa Claus will be permitted in the parade.**
2. Floats can not exceed 65 feet long, 8 feet wide or 14 feet high.
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6. Candy may be distributed by elves on foot only. **None can be thrown from floats.**
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Big Spring Herald
P.O. Box 1431
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(915) 264-7205 (fax)

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Pakistan says troops withdrawing from border

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistani troops began moving back from the Indian border today, making good on a pledge by the military regime to thin its forces to ease border tensions, an official said.

India responded coolly to the gesture, saying the move had little military significance.

Pakistan army spokesman Col. Saulat Raza said reinforcements that were sent to the border during fighting over the disputed territory of Kashmir last summer were packing their gear and moving out. He said the numbers were classified.

The withdrawal was only along the 460-mile-long international border, and did not apply to the cease-fire line in Kashmir, a territory split between the rival countries, Raza said.

Brijesh Mishra, a top security aid to Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, dismissed the move.

"Tension was not on the international border. It was on the Line of Control," he said, referring to the 1972 cease-fire line in Kashmir.

Gen. Pervez Musharraf, who deposed the government of Pakistani Prime Minister

Nawaz Sharif last Tuesday, said Sunday he was ordering the troops back as a "meaningful confidence-building measure" with the new government.

Musharraf also announced the formation of a National Security Council to govern Pakistan, saying it would be made of army officers and experts in legal, foreign and national affairs. He did not specify whether the experts would be military or civilian.

"This is not martial law," said Musharraf, but rather "another path toward democracy."

Musharraf offered several gestures to the international community.

He promised nuclear "restraint," a hint at a departure from the previous government's repeated threats to test

new missiles and build a nuclear arsenal if India did.

Last year, Pakistan followed India in testing nuclear devices and proclaiming itself a nuclear weapons state. But Musharraf left the door open to signing a global test ban treaty when he said "Pakistan has always been alive to international nonproliferation concerns."

U.S. Ambassador William Milam, said the United States is ready to give Musharraf time to make good on his promises.

"We are confident Gen. Musharraf is a moderate man who is acting out of patriotic motivation and was provoked into doing what he is doing," said Milam, referring to last Tuesday's military coup that threw out the elected government.

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EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."
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OUR VIEWS

It's time someone cared about BSISD

Why isn't anyone surprised that the cost of stopping the sinking at Big Spring Junior High School exceeded the initial estimate by more than \$100,000?

After all, it seems as if no one has had a clue about what was going on with the project — which this newspaper enthusiastically supported and endorsed — from day one.

Questions at public hearings about the proposed building site being over the former canyon were dismissed.

"We'll hire qualified people to make sure everything is done properly," those who raised the questions were told.

And when the building started to sink, the explanation the grass had been watered too much was offered — drawing a collective gasp from the community.

When long-time school trustee Al Valdez attempted to ask about the canyon — which had been described as a "gully" by the district official charged with overseeing the project — he was rudely cut off in mid-sentence by the superintendent of schools, who sternly offered he had two persons who would testify in court there was no canyon at the site.

It was then that the floodgates opened.

A lone Herald reporter, covering other beats as well, spent two-and-a-half weeks finding charts, maps, plats — and people — to verify the school was, indeed, built atop a canyon.

In fact, a photo showing a person sitting atop the east wall of the crevice reveals the wall to be as much as 75-feet high and much more than a "gully."

One would think that on a \$10 million project, at least as much effort would have been put into assuring the solidity of the building site and the safety of our children — as that put into it by a lone reporter.

Sadly enough, it wasn't.

Now, we've released more than \$400,000 held from the contractor and have said insurance will pay for the quarter-million dollar-plus repair job.

Hopefully the insurance belongs to one of the firms involved in the building of the facility and not the school district. If it is the district's policy, that means the money is coming out of the taxpayer's pocketbook — even if it is in a roundabout way — and we've paid enough for shoddy work.

The official overseeing the project says before construction, a survey was done on the property and a "geo-tech" was hired to make sure the building site was suitable.

That's why the building was sinking, right? Because "this was a suitable building site?"

Members of the community have told us the original bond issue for a new junior high failed because they felt BSISD's trustees and administration had the attitude they needed no help getting it passed — that they had all of the answers.

It seems as if that's still the case, although perhaps it's time to begin listening to the public's questions and not take such a haughty "will they testify in court" attitude.

The junior high fiasco is the latest in a growing list of embarrassing events tied to BSISD — but saddled on our community's neck like an albatross.

Last spring, Big Spring High School students finished last in the district's UIL academic competition for the second year in a row. Two years ago, following the first last place finish, the Big Spring Rotary Club made \$2,000 available to the district to help prepare students for competition.

The offer fell on either deaf or unconcerned ears. This fall, TEA rankings revealed BSISD as one of the nine worst districts in the state because school officials misreported dropout rates.

The whole incident was waved off as no big deal — as a reporting error — as a mistake.

It was a mistake — the district's. Not only was the data misreported, the window for appealing the error was ignored until it was too late.

As a result, students who work hard to get good grades, teachers who work hard to prepare students for both TAAS and life after school, and the good people of this community are saddled with a "no big deal" ranking as one of the nine worst districts in the state.

And as all this unfolded, the junior high sank — our collective intelligence was insulted by the water sprinkler explanation and long-time residents were treated as if they had lost their minds when they recalled the canyon's presence.

We hope the junior high has stopped sinking because BSISD has sunk low enough and it's time somebody thought it was a big deal — even if it is just the voters who foot the bills and pay the salaries of this ship adrift.

Faulkner's Rowan Oak offers sanctuary

It had been two days since the moon was full, and for two days the black and relentless and cloudless night sky had licked the light from it, yet still it shone as a child's face when he has a secret that he (the child) has been told to keep but cannot, but it (the moon) that two days ago had fulfilled the promise of almanac and harvest) was bright enough to cast our shadows in the old barnyard as we waded through dewless grass, and to paint the penumbra through the high branches of stately cedars that were planted at the same time the house was built by a Col. Sheegog from Tennessee in the 1840s.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

OXFORD, Miss. — I slept in Faulkner's bed last night.

I thought I would have bizarre, rambling dreams, or at least hear a ghost or a mouse. I had been warned about mice, and dust.

I slept like an old deaf dog.

I awoke once, when Cynthia Shearer, curator at William Faulkner's Rowan Oak since 1993, slipped from the room across the hall and down the stairs to the one bathroom with a working toilet. Cynthia, a Georgia-born novelist, is leaving Rowan Oak next month to finish her second book. She seemed a bit sad and restless.

It was good to wake and savor the moment. It didn't seem right to sleep straight through such a night — a moonlit night at the South's most hallowed literary shrine — as if I were merely crashing at a Tupelo Ramada.

This was extraordinary, better than rafting the Middle Fork of the Salmon River in Idaho or interviewing Captain Kangaroo. This was the high point of 25 years in the reporting trade. (As Joan Rivers once said, it's not who you know, but whom you know.)

The lights don't work in Faulkner's bedroom, but that generous moon spilled through the limp organdy curtains and I could see his mud-splattered boots by the bed, and the number "64" written on a piece of cardboard on the mantel. (Faulkner wore the number at a Virginia horse show.) I had carefully placed my sleeping bag over the white spread so as not to muss the bed, and the mattress was so hard (horse hair, Cynthia thinks) that I didn't even leave a sleeping dent. I wondered if Faulkner ever rambled at night, if he put bare feet to board and walked to the front balcony and surveyed his cedar-flanked lane. Did he sleep light, or snore?

Faulkner bought the antebellum Greek Revival house in 1930 and lived here until his death in 1962. In 1972 the University of Mississippi bought the house, and it operates on a thin budget. This place really belongs to the world — check the guest register on any given day — to all who love words. But more particularly, it is a Southern treasure, what this proud region boasts instead of a pyramid or a Mona Lisa. (Cynthia allowed my visit to publicize the needs at Rowan Oak, a landmark she fears too often is taken for granted. Recently Rowan Oak got a \$500,000 state appropriation that will help. But the home needs a climate control system, structural supports, a new security system, help with soil erosion and grounds restoration. That's the short list. Rowan Oak needs a major endowment.)

In the morning light you can see more clearly the flaws that worry a conscientious curator. I'm not sure what the British spend on Shakespeare shrines, but our Willie has had more written about him than any other writer except for Shakespeare.

Groundskeeper Alvin Smith is sitting outside when we leave Rowan Oak, savoring the quiet of the in-town oasis. The surrounding acreage called Bailey's Woods offers a buffer from campus and commerce. He looks up, perhaps a little startled. We look bedraggled and misplaced, intruders in the dust.

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Air Force Two's bagel-bar security

By DOUGLAS COHN
Syndicated Columnist

ABOARD AIR FORCE TWO — My partner, Jack Anderson, once took a gun past security at the Senate Office Building and laid it on Sen. Bob Dole's desk. I could have done the same thing on Air Force Two.

Security was not sufficiently enhanced after the Senate episode, and on July 25, 1998, a real gunman did enter the building, killing two policemen. An even more costly tragedy could occur on Air Force One or Air Force Two, the planes designated to transport the president and vice president, respectively.

Our story begins on the night of October 13, 1999, at the Westin Hotel in Seattle, Washington. I check in and contact Vice President Al Gore's staff for instructions. A staffer says all non-carry-on baggage must be brought to the staff room by 5:30 a.m. the following morning. It will be inspected and held for loading. Nothing is said about carry-on baggage.

On the morning of the 14th, the press corps — fewer than a dozen strong because the coveted seats are at a premium — congregates at the hotel's bagel bar, carry-on luggage in tow. This luggage is haphazardly

parked as it would be in an airport terminal, some of it together, some of it apart, some of it watched, some of it not. Secret Service agents, obvious by their ear pieces and appearances, are stationed at various points in the lobby, but they pay no heed to the luggage.

The bagel bar is filled with people, some of them vice-presidential staffers, some of them members of the press, most of them other hotel guests. The agents are looking for suspicious characters, for people matching certain profiles. The press corps isn't a match; neither are the other hotel guests. The luggage and various jackets draped over chairs, attended and unattended, go unnoticed. After all, the bagel bar is not the airport.

A staffer tells a couple of reporters it is time to go, and the rest of us follow them out the door. Some of the reporters are known to the staffers, some are not. Indeed, anyone could walk out that door with us and load into the waiting press van or the overflow van. No roll is taken; no credentials are checked. Shortly thereafter the vice president's limousines emerge from the hotel, and the convoy drives to Boeing Field, escorted by a large contingent of motorcycle policemen, who block the traffic. Lights are flashing, motorcycles are rush-

ing past. All appears secure.

I did not know it then, but we had just left the terminal — the bagel bar — because the next stop is alongside Air Force Two. No instructions are given, but logic tells us to board the plane by the stairs near the tail, rather than the one near the cockpit. At the base of the stairs is an Air Force officer and another man, probably a Secret Service agent. They look at picture IDs and check the manifest. At this point, any unauthorized person who had joined the convoy back at the bagel bar would be rejected. No one is rejected.

But where is the machine to scan our carry-on luggage? Where is the walk-through scanner to check us? I am stunned. There is less security involved to board Air Force Two than there is to board an ordinary commercial plane. In fairness, however, passengers on commercial flights do not undergo security clearances as guests of the president or vice president do. But people are not the concern. It is their previously unattended carry-on luggage and jackets. No one planted an explosive device in those unattended items back at the bagel bar, but it was possible — very possible.

We have notified the Secret Service about these deficiencies.

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Coahoma boost slates meeting

The Coahoma Booster Club will meet tonight in the Elementary School. Members will short business meeting highlighting Bulldogs' game with

Tennis social set at Figure 7 Tennis

A tennis social informal matches professional Jim has been scheduled to 6 p.m. Sunday at 7 Tennis Center.

Information Crossroads Association and men's doubles league will be available.

For more information contact Blacketer at 264-68

Howard College 'Meet the Team'

Howard College department will host the "Meet the Team" night 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19 at the Dorothy Garrett Center.

The Hawks and basketball teams a staffs will be introduced by a 10-minute squad scrimmage. Refreshments will be available and 1999-2000 team will be available.

Tennis 1.2.3 program set to begin Oct 19

The USA Tennis Program, formerly Tennis Midgets, will begin at the Figure 7 Tennis Center at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19.

The program, introduced young children and provides in basic strokes, tennis etiquette, and openers between the 10.

The fee is \$2 and are required to have and wear non-marking shoes.

For more information contact Blacketer at 264-68

Lady Bearkats district champ

Garden City Junior High Lady Bearkats District 7-1A championship Saturday, Oct. 16, by winning six of the 11 medals awarded.

Allison Janss finishing second, Jessica Hoch, Neomi Guerrero, Anna Flores and Janss added a while Meghan 10th.

Garden City Junior High Andrew Zachary Willis, finished 2 respectively.

Garden City ju gridders tie with Bearkats

Garden City Junior High Bearkats narrow Rankin comeback game Thursday, Oct. 14, 12-11 tie.

Andrew Zachary a pass on Rankin conversion effort to play to preserve.

Garden City game's first 29-yard run by and then retook third quarter burst by Chase B

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Radio NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE 7:30 p.m. — Dallas at New York Giants, 1490 and KBST-FM

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6 p.m. — American Championship Series New York Yankees Sox, FOX, Ch. 3.
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE 8 p.m. — Dallas New York Giants, FOX, Ch. 8.
GYMNASTICS 8 p.m. — World Championships, ESPN.
COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL 7 p.m. — Colorado State vs. Utah, FOX, Ch. 29.

IN BRIEF

Coahoma booster club slates meeting tonight

The Coahoma Athletic Booster Club will meet at 7 tonight in the Coahoma Elementary School cafeteria. Members will conduct a short business meeting before viewing highlights of the Bulldogs' game with Post.

Tennis social scheduled at Figure 7 Tennis Center

A tennis social featuring informal matches arranged by professional Jim Blacketer has been scheduled for 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at the Figure 7 Tennis Center.

Information on the Crossroads Tennis Association and the start of men's doubles league play will be available.

For more information, call Blacketer at 264-6834.

Howard College slates 'Meet the Teams' night

Howard College's athletic department will host a "Meet the Teams" night event at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26, at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The Hawks and Lady Hawks basketball teams and coaching staffs will be introduced, followed by a 10-minute intrasquad scrimmage.

Refreshments will be served and 1999-2000 team schedules will be available.

Tennis 1.2.3 program set to begin Oct. 25

The USA Tennis 1.2.3 Program, formerly called Tennis Midgets, gets underway at the Figure 7 Tennis Center at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25.

The program, which introduces young children to tennis and provides instruction in basic strokes, rules and tennis etiquette, is open to youngsters between the ages of 5 and 10.

The fee is \$2 and students are required to have a racket and wear non-marking tennis shoes.

For more information, call Jim Blacketer at 264-6834.

Lady Bearkats rack up district championship

Garden City Junior High's Lady Bearkats took the District 7-1A cross-country championship Saturday, grabbing six of the 10 individual medals awarded.

Allison Jansa led the way finishing second, while Jessica Hoch was third, Noemi Guerrero was fifth and Anna Flores seventh. Leslie Jansa added eighth place, while Meghan Niehues was 10th.

Garden City boys' entries Andrew Zachary and Logan Willis, finished 25th and 26th, respectively.

Garden City junior high gridders tie with Rankin

Garden City Junior High's Bearkats narrowly avoided a Rankin comeback late in the game Thursday, escaping with a 12-12 tie.

Andrew Zachary intercepted a pass on Rankin's two-point conversion effort with 1:05 left to play to preserve the tie.

Garden City scored the game's first touchdown on a 29-yard run by Robert Lopez and then retook the lead in the third quarter on a 32-yard burst by Chase Burk.

ON THE AIR

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NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
7:30 p.m. — Dallas Cowboys at New York Giants, KBST-AM 1490 and KBST-FM 95.9.

Television

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
6 p.m. — American League Championship Series, Game 5, New York Yankees at Boston Red Sox, FOX, Ch. 3.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
8 p.m. — Dallas Cowboys at New York Giants, ABC, Ch. 2 and Ch. 8.

GYMNASTICS

8 p.m. — World Championships, ESPN, Ch. 30.

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

7 p.m. — Colorado at Texas, FXS, Ch. 29.

Feeling robbed, Red Sox fans 'trash' Yankees' 9-2 victory

BOSTON (AP) — Fans were furious and frustrated. They felt their Boston Red Sox had been robbed.

Yet all the bottles they threw on the field at Fenway Park on Sunday night didn't change what bothered them most: The Yankees' 9-2 win gave them a 3-1 lead in the AL championship series and moved New York within a win of a record 36th American League pennant.

"To have people throw stuff, that's disgraceful, it really is," Yankees manager Joe Torre said after his team's win was marred by an eight-minute delay in the ninth inning caused by a downpour of objects tossed from the stands.

Boston made four errors that led to three unearned runs, including a dropped catch by pitcher Bret

Saberhagen that allowed the Yankees to take a 3-2 lead in the fourth.

New York was clinging to that 3-2 lead in the eighth when Jose Offerman singled with one out, chasing starter Andy Pettitte, who once again showed he's at his best under postseason pressure.

John Valentin followed with a grounder to second baseman Chuck Knoblauch, who missed a swipe tag by about a foot, then made a balloon toss to first for the out.

That's when things got goofy at the old ballpark. Second-base umpire Tim Tschida thought Knoblauch tagged Valentin and called out the runner, creating an inning-end double play.

New York then broke open the game with a six-run ninth that included Ricky Ledee's grand slam off Rod Beck.

"I didn't make the right call," Tschida said. "It appeared to me as though he got him."

Boston had seen this before. In Game 1, second-base umpire Rick Reed failed to call Knoblauch for dropping a throw, admitting he made an incorrect call when the right one would have given the Red Sox two on and no outs in the 10th with the score tied. Bernie Williams' homer won it in the bottom half.

"We feel like it's being taken away from us," Boston's Darren Lewis said. "We don't know why."

Then it got even hairier.

When Nomar Garciaparra was called out on a close play leading off the ninth, Boston manager Jimmy Williams ran out of his dugout and threw his cap during an argument with umpire Dale Scott that

led to his ejection.

Fans had enough, too, and they released their anger by tossing objects onto the field.

"It's quite regrettable. I'm sorry it happened," Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said. "The excitement level is pretty tremendous. We've been treated beautifully by Boston up to this point."

Steinbrenner blamed Williams. "He really incited it," the owner said, Williams refused to go to the interview room. Yankees players and staff were furious with the fans' behavior.

"I think it's inexcusable," Torre said. "Not that Jimmy Williams did what he did. I'm a manager. I understand the frustration that goes on inside."

Yankees wives were escorted from the ballpark by police.

Kickers grab spotlight in NFL action

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jason Hanson kicked six field goals, including the game-winner with 7 seconds left. Olindo Mare had six of his own, and John Carney had a game-winner as time expired.

It was a big day for NFL kickers in Detroit, New England and San Diego.

Hanson actually made seven field goals, but the next-to-last one was waved off because of a delay of game penalty on the Lions. After the Vikings took a timeout to try to ice him, Hanson kicked a 48-yarder to give Detroit a 25-23 victory over Minnesota.

"You get nervous, but you've got to kick it while you're nervous," said Hanson, whose previous career-high was four field goals in one game.

Mare kept Miami in its game against the Patriots by making six field goals — breaking an NFL record with four or more for the fourth straight game. Mare's sextet included a 53-yarder with 3:01 left that set the stage for Miami's final drive, capped by Dan Marino's 52-yard TD pass to Stanley Pritchett with 23 seconds left for a 31-30 win.

Carney's game-winner came on the final play of the game, a 41-yarder that gave San Diego a 13-10 win over Seattle.

In other games, Jacksonville beat Cleveland 24-7, Indianapolis edged the Jets 16-13, Philadelphia topped Chicago 20-16, Tennessee downed New Orleans 24-21, Oakland defeated Buffalo 20-14, Pittsburgh beat Cincinnati 17-13, St. Louis crushed Atlanta 41-13, San Diego edged Seattle

13-10; Denver downed Green Bay 31-10; Carolina nipped San Francisco 31-29 and Washington tripped Arizona 24-10.

A 47-yard field goal by Hanson put Detroit on top 22-20 with 7:06 remaining, but the Vikings weren't done.

Jeff George, who replaced ineffective Randall Cunningham, had a 38-yard completion to Jake Reed in a 71-yard drive that set up Gary Anderson's 26-yarder to give Minnesota (2-4) a 23-22 lead. Still, some of the Vikings thought they should have gone for a touchdown instead of settling for that field goal.

"I wanted a touchdown," said Randy Moss, who had 10 receptions for 125 yards and a TD. "Last year's team went for everything."

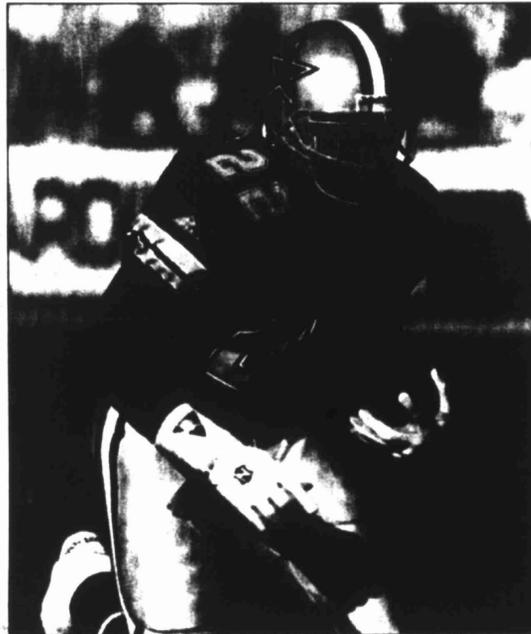
On the winning field goal, Hanson was good from 43 yards out, but officials flagged the Lions (3-2) for delay. Then the Vikings called a timeout in an effort to test Hanson's nerves before he hit the winner.

"I wish it never came down to me, actually, but that's what the game is about," Hanson said. "I just think about making sure I put a good hit on it and focus as hard as I can and don't miss."

Dolphins 31, Patriots 30

Miami (4-1) fell behind 14-0 on two interception returns by the Patriots (4-2) — a 57-yarder by Andy Katzenmoyer off Dan Marino and a 24-yarder by Ty Law on Huard's first pass.

On the final drive, Huard converted three third downs — a third-and-10, a third-and-9 and a third-and-5. He finished



Dallas' Emmitt Smith, shown here breaking free against Arizona in a 1993 game, will be called on to carry an even heavier load tonight as the Cowboys face the New York Giants without the services of Michael Irvin.

24-of-42 for 240 yards and ran six times for 54 times.

Huard, who came in after Marino left with a sore shoulder, was sacked nine times by the Patriots — the most ever allowed by the Dolphins. But he scrambled out of trouble or hit short passes after the Patriots got the ball back with 2:10 remaining.

Chargers 13, Seahawks 10

Erik Kramer shook off four interceptions in the second half before turning perfect on the winning drive, completing four straight passes to move the Chargers from their 32 to the Seattle 23, where Natrone Means ran it once to set up Carney's kick.

Nebraska hits milestone; Florida State, Penn State stay 1-2

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Even when Nebraska has a week off, the Cornhuskers are setting records.

Third-ranked Nebraska (6-0), didn't play on Saturday, but extended its record consecutive appearance streak in the AP poll to 300 weeks. The last time the Huskers were unranked was Oct. 5, 1981 — more than 18 years ago!

Florida State has the second longest current streak at 174 weeks.

The Seminoles (7-0) and Penn State remained 1-2 for the fifth week in this week's Associated Press Top 25 college football poll.

Florida State, a 33-10 winner

over Wake Forest, received 62 first-place votes and 1,742 points Sunday from the 70 sports writers and broadcasters on the AP panel.

The Nittany Lions (7-0), who beat Ohio State 23-10, had six first-place votes and 1,678 points, while No. 3 Nebraska had 1,580 points.

Virginia Tech (6-0) remained No. 4 with two first-place votes and 1,561 points.

Michigan State and Syracuse took the biggest tumbles in this week's poll. The Spartans (6-1) dropped six places to No. 11 after a 52-28 loss to Purdue and the Orangemen (5-2), ranked 16th entering the weekend, fell out of the Top 25 after a 62-0 loss to Virginia Tech.

Tennessee (4-1), idle on Saturday, moved up a spot to No. 5, followed by No. 6 Florida, No. 7 Kansas State, No. 8 Georgia Tech, No. 9 Michigan and No. 10 Alabama.

The Crimson Tide, a 30-24 winner over Mississippi, moved into the Top 10 for the first time since 1996.

Michigan State was No. 11, followed by No. 12 Mississippi State, No. 13 Texas A&M, No. 14 Georgia, No. 15 Marshall, No. 16 Purdue, No. 17 Wisconsin, No. 18 Texas, No. 19 BYU and No. 20 East Carolina.

Southern Mississippi, a 24-0 winner over Army, was No. 21, followed by No. 22 Ohio State, No. 23 Miami, No. 24 Minnesota and No. 25 Mississippi.

Seven teams are unbeaten — Florida State, Penn State, Nebraska, Virginia Tech, Kansas State, Mississippi State and Marshall.

Ohio State (4-3) and Miami (2-3) are the only teams with three losses in the poll.

For the second time in three weeks, the Big Ten has seven teams in the Top 25 — Penn State, Michigan, Michigan State, Purdue, Wisconsin, Ohio State and Minnesota.

In the USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll, the top five are Florida State, Penn State, Nebraska, Virginia Tech and Tennessee.

The Bowl Championship Series will release its first standings on Oct. 25.

Steers, Lady Steers swimmers take wins over Permian

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers swimmers opened the 1999 season in the fashion coach Harlan Smith had hoped for Saturday, both teams taking wins over Odessa Permian squads in a dual meet at the Big Spring YMCA.

"We really didn't know what to expect from Permian, but the important thing was for us to compete well and turn in pretty good times," Smith said following the Lady Steers' 86-point performance that edged the Lady Panthers by five points and the Steers' 77-62 margin of victory.

"That's what the kids did ... came out and competed well and the times were what we wanted, considering it was the first meet of the year," he added. "The important thing was the effort, and I can't complain about that at all."

The Lady Steers made the most of the meet's three relays, winning two of them and finishing second in the other to provide the margin of victory.

The Steers, on the other hand, did most

of their damage in the individual events, winning just one of the three relays in which they were entered.

The Lady Steers 200 medley relay team of Tz Marsch, Nadia Torres, Melissa Sheedy and Heidi Robinson set the tone for Big Spring with a 2:15.83 clocking to take first place.

A second Big Spring team — this one composed of Amanda Chapman, Sydney Leatham, Vanessa Yanez and Maranda Clark — added fourth-place points in the 200 medley relay.

Marsch, Michelle Stokes, Robinson and Sheedy combined to close the meet with a 4:22.07 time that won the 400 freestyle relay.

Stokes added first-place finishes in the 50 freestyle (29.49) and 100 freestyle (1:04.02) and combined with Clark, Yanez and Torres to finish second in the 200 freestyle relay.

Marsch added a win in the 200 freestyle, finishing with a 2:28.70 and was second in the 100 backstroke.

Robinson added individual gold with a 2:48.99 in the 200 individual medley and was third in the 100 butterfly, while

Sheedy led a 1-2-3 sweep in the 100 breaststroke for the Lady Steers with a 1:19.23 clocking.

Torres finished second in that 100 breaststroke sweep, while Leatham was third.

Sheedy would add a second-place finish in the 100 butterfly and Torres would chip in another third in the 200 individual medley.

Yanez won the 500 freestyle with a 7:05.25 time and was second behind Marsch in the 200 freestyle.

Clark added a fourth in the 500 freestyle and was fifth in the 50 freestyle and Chapman rounded out the Big Spring girls' point production with fifth places in the 100 freestyle and 100 backstroke.

The Steers' only relay win came in the 400 freestyle event, as Josh Pike, Marcus Fernandez, Michael Carrasco and Doug Willberg combined for a 4:03.70 clocking. Willberg, Cody Clark, Wolfgang Robinson and Carrasco finished second in the 200 medley relay with a 2:03.36, while the foursome of Pike, Clark, Robinson and Fernandez posted a sec-

ond-place time of 1:53.24 in the 200 freestyle relay.

Carrasco and Willberg added two individual wins apiece — Carrasco taking the 50 freestyle with a 26.34-second clocking and the 100 freestyle in 58.48 seconds, while Willberg added wins in the 200 individual medley (2:23.53) and the 100 backstroke (1:10.15).

Fernandez added a win in the 200 freestyle, posting a 2:39.90 time, and was second in the 100 breaststroke.

Clark rounded out the Steers' first-place finishes, taking the 100 butterfly win with a time of 1:12.39.

Robinson chipped in a second-place finish in the 500 freestyle and a third in the 100 butterfly, while Pike was second in the 100 backstroke and third in the 200 individual medley.

Seth Kern capped the Steers' production with fourth-place finishes in the 50 and 100 freestyle races.

The Big Spring swimmers return to action Saturday in a three-team meet in Andrews before returning home to host the Big Spring Invitational meet Oct. 29-30.

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CANCER (June 21-July 22)
** Buckle down; refuse to be intimidated by another's irritation or point of view. A lot goes on around you. A friend might disappoint you. A child amuses you to no end with his unusual ideas and solutions. Perhaps you need to return to a more childlike mind-set. Tonight: Let another blow off steam.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
*** Unexpected developments shed a new light on a difficult situation. Keep on trucking, as they say! Stay aware, in conversations. Know what you want from others. Confusion runs amok; gather feedback and put plans together again. Tonight: Say yes to a partner's plans.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
** You could easily be frayed by recent pressures and decide to go in another direction. Somehow, you gain a perspective, despite a problem that's pulling you away from the situation at hand. You feel undone by what is happening, and you need time to regroup. Tonight: Whatever will soothe your nerves.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
*** Use care when dealing with a partner. You might not be hearing the whole story. Others could be a bit uptight, as you find out by falling into a hornet's nest. Defer judgment until you figure out what needs to happen here. Money issues surface. Tonight: Don't spend to escape.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
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DEAR ABBY: I'm writing to reassure the mother of "Trevor," who fears that her son is gay because he prefers dancing and cooking to baseball cards and talking about girls. Twenty years ago, that could have described my brother, although you'd never guess it to see him today -- happily married to a lady who's happy to let him do the cooking in their home.

My brother was always small and shy, and although he had a number of female and male friends, he didn't date until college. While in junior high school and high school, a knee injury left him with only swimming and dance for gym class choices. He endured a lot of razzing about his sexuality when he dressed to go to a dance class with the girls while all the other guys were preparing to do "manly" activities such as wrestling.

Finally, my brother lost his tolerance and pointed out, "You are going into a class of sweaty, smelly guys in shorts and sweatshirts. I'm going into a class with girls in skintight leotards and tights. Who do you think is having a problem?" And that ended the discussion!

As for cooking, my brother has always been the better cook in our family, and he loved it at an early age. To this day, he takes cooking classes and cooks up gourmet feasts out of nothing.

The mother is correct to encourage her son's interests. Dancers are often in better shape than other athletes, and certainly the number of male chefs on TV and running restaurants shows there is nothing effeminate about cooking. Someday, the other boys will realize that Trevor actually has a lot of advantages they missed out on -- and they'll be envious instead of harassing. -- PROUD SISTER, PLANO, TEXAS

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OCT. 18

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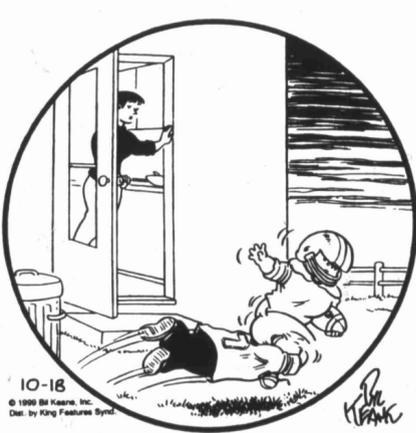
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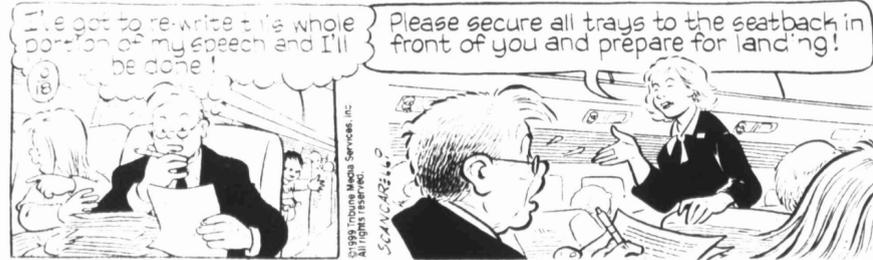
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Monday, Oct. 18, the 291st day of 1999. There are 74

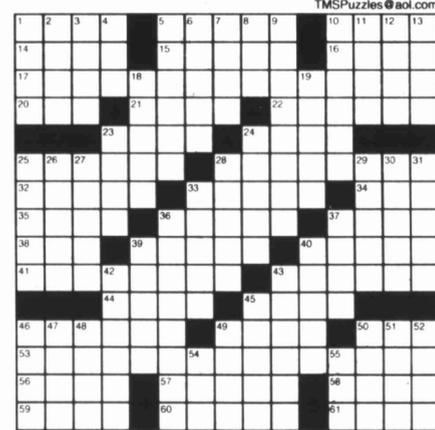
days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 18, 1898, the American flag was raised in Puerto Rico shortly before Spain formally relinquished control of the island.

In 1685, King Louis XIV of France revoked the Edict of Nantes, which had recognized the Huguenots, the nation's Protestant population. In 1767, the Mason-Dixon Line, the boundary between Maryland and Pennsylvania, was agreed upon.

THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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Saturday's Puzzle Solved



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In 1867, the United States took formal possession of Alaska from Russia.

In 1892, the first long-distance telephone line between Chicago and New York was formally opened.

In 1931, inventor Thomas Alva Edison died in West Orange, N.J., at age 84.

In 1944, Soviet troops invaded Czechoslovakia during World War II.

In 1968, the U.S. Olympic Committee suspended athletes Tommie Smith and John Carlos for giving a "black power" salute as a protest during a medals ceremony in Mexico City.

In 1969, the federal government banned artificial sweeteners known as cyclamates because of evidence they caused cancer in laboratory rats.

In 1982, former first lady Bess Truman died at her home in Independence, Mo., at age 97.

In 1997, a monument honoring American servicewomen, past and present, was dedicated at Arlington National Cemetery.

Ten years ago: After 18 years in power, Erich Honecker was ousted as leader of East Germany; he was succeeded by Egon Krenz. The space shuttle Atlantis was launched on a five-day mission that included deployment of the Galileo space probe on a course for Jupiter.

Five years ago: Defense Secretary William Perry, nearing the end of a visit to China, said Beijing had agreed to brief the Pentagon on its overall military strategy and defense spending plans.

One year ago: Pope John Paul II celebrated Mass at the Vatican marking the 20th anniversary of his election to the papacy.

Today's Birthdays: Former Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau is 80. Singer Anita O'Day is 80. Senate Foreign Relations Chairman Jesse Helms, R-N.C., is 78. Rock 'n' roll performer Chuck Berry is 73. Sportscaster Keith Jackson is 71. Actor Peter Boyle is 66. Football coach Mike Ditka is 60. Actor Joe Morton is 52. Playwright Wendy Wasserstein is 49. Actress Pam Dawber is 48. Author Terry McMillan is 48. Tennis player Martina Navratilova is 43. Actor Jean-Claude Van Damme is 39.