TUESDAY October 19, 1999

WEATHER



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TONIGHT 33°-35°

WEDNESDAY

Senior Circle to host health fair Thursday

Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Senior Circle chapter will host a health fair Thursday for all adults age 50 and over.

The event is planned from 10 a.m.-noon in the first floor classroom at the hospital. It will include a free mammogram giveaway, information on breast cancer, neck massages and a discount on membership to Senior Circle.

All participants are invited to bring their prescription medication to talk with a pharmacist about drug interactions and side effects. Information on File of Life, a program to keep track of medications taken in case of emergency, will also be avail-

There is no charge to participate in the health fair. Call Pam Stephens at 268-4721 for more information.

WHAT'S UP...

□ Quarterback Club. 7 .m., big əpring nign School Athletic Training

☐ Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., 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.

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

☐ Kiwanis Club, noon, **Howard College Cactus**

☐ Rackley-Swords Chapter 379 Vitenam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 124

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"Reflecting a proud community"

'Tower of Terror' participants planning for large turnout next week

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

Groups participating the Friends of Settles **Haunted House** Fall met Monday afternoon to finalize plans for the 'Tower Terror.



PRATHER

The Big Spring haunted house

will be held Tuesday, Oct. 26,

and Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 28-30 to raise funds to help fund the restoration of the West Texas landmark.

Mel Prather, co-chairman of the event, said the initial meeting was productive. "What we wanted to do was

meet with various groups and individuals to discuss plans for the spook house and allow them to begin signing up for food booths in the fall festival and rooms in the spook house."

Prather pointed out that the fall festival will be held in the former cafe in the Settles and will allow service clubs, church

to raise money for their own projects.

"The cost for these booths are \$25 for the four days, which includes electricity. By being inside the building," he said, "they'll be able to leave items inside overnight.

Set-up times in both the haunted house and fall festival will begin at 1 p.m. Monday.

"Since the spook house will be opening its doors at 6 p.m. Tuesday, it's important that we get as much finalized as possible on Monday," Prather said. "But for those who would rather

groups and other organizations set up Tuesday, we'll be open at 3 p.m."

Co-chairman John Walker said there are still rooms available in the haunted house as well as booth space in the fall festival.

"Because we are having this in the Settles, we expect a large turnout," he said. "We've opened it up to allow civic groups, businesses or individuals to take rooms in the haunted house because of manpower concerns.

"There are still two or three rooms that we need manned ... and we can always use individ-



Walker said during last year's

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Teen Court provides less harsh 'wake-up' call

HERALD Staff Report

Graffiti, assault without injury, fighting in school, theft, vandalism, possession of drug paraphernalia, disorderly conduct,

criminal trespass of a habitation, disorderly conduct, violation of curfew and other violations of public order by young people are potentially much more serious than mere "youthful indiscretions."

Teens who have received a citation for a traffic violation or a Class C misdemeanor offense BUSTAMANTE

are too often on the road to trouble. Many teens who find themselves in the criminal court system and city and county jails started off with similar traffic violations and Class C criminal offenses, according to

Big Spring. "The Teen Court is an alternative to the adult criminal justice system," said Earls. The Teen Court offers teen offenders an opportunity to make restitution for their offenses through community services or other appropriate punishment, thus avoiding fines and sentences handed down by an

Gail Earls, director of the Teen Court of

adult criminal justice system," Irene Bustamante, Teen Court board president, said a youthful violator learns nothing from paying a simple fine. "Too often, parents are the ones paying the fines and the youth may or may not have been exposed to the consequences of his offense.'

Teen Court sponsors hope that young offenders will better understand the consequences of breaking the law and that cleaning up graffiti after an embarrassing hearing in front of a panel of teen peers might be the answer for many of them.

Teen Court then is not just an alternative to the criminal justice system, noted Earls, but is a "hands-on educational opportunity to learn how our system of justice works. We want them to learn," said



HERALD photo

Cleaning out a supply room at Big Spring Fire Department's Fire Station No. 1 was part of the sentence handed down by Teen Court for this girl.

Except for Earls, Teen Court is an all-volunteer, non-profit agency authorized by the 1989 state legislature to allow juveniles to have certain misdemeanor charges dismissed upon the completion of a teen court

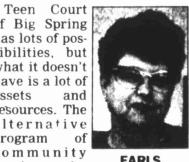
Persons under 18 who are enrolled full time in an accredited secondary school for a high school diploma may request Teen Court for most Class C misdemeanors and

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Lack of financial income plagues alternative system

HERALD Staff Report

of Big Spring has lots of possibilities, but what it doesn't have is a lot of assets and resources. The alternative program community service for



shoestring budget.

In fact, there is no budget. 'We've never had enough money to have a budget," said Teen Court director Gail Earls, who admits it is tough getting

Big Spring Independent School District donates \$1,000 to Teen Court while the city gives \$1,200. Beyond that, the

donations when there are so

many worthy causes.

and other misdemeanors runs administrative fee each youth on what some would call a pays upon registration. Small donations are occasionally received, said Earls.

> Teen Court's board is looking for grant money from a variety of sources and there is an effort to get the court listed as a United Way member agency. "I would think that parents

would see this as a good program," said Irene Bustamante, president of the court's board of directors. "and it teaches

young violators of traffic laws only steady income is the \$10 responsibility. We're all in this together.

"If we had money," said Earls, "I could have classes in anger control and parent-child relationships and more. We have a lot of good ideas, we just don't have a lot of money." Earls is the only paid staff

member, but hasn't been drawing that lately. "I'm supposed to get \$323.22 a

week, net, but I haven't gotten

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Difference Day organisers say event promises to be bigger

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Staff Writer

Calling all volunteers and just nice people! Organizers for the third annual Make A Difference

Day Saturday are anticipating great local support taking part in a national observance. "We've got up

to 28 booths signed already, and we had 22 CASTILLO last year, so we're above where we were last vear." said Danelle Castillo.

Salvation Army social services director. "And we've received a grant from Wal-Mart for \$1,000 to go toward our efforts to Make A Difference Day a great success, said Castillo, an organizer for

Make A Difference Day. The grant will be used to buy supplies and materials for Make A Difference Day, as well as provide lunch for all the volun-

Castillo said the Health Fair. scheduled Saturday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 West Fifth. will offer something for every-

"This is an excellent opportunity to get those health screenings we all need, but can sometimes not afford, or we're not able to find the time," she said. And Make A Difference Day

coordinator Nancy Jones said the Health Fair is for the working poor, those individuals who have jobs but perhaps not any insurance.

The Howard County Health Department may be providing free flu shots for indigent com-

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For students' sake, SWCID building bridges to Gallaudet

By MARSHA STURDIVANT Staff Writer

An opportunity to transfer to a university was uppermost in the minds of three SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf students when they attended open house at Gallaudet University in Washington D.C.

"Since I started working here at SWCID I've wanted to help my students have strong organizations. Gallaudet has strong organizations, and I took these students to see a big university with strong organizations," said Beverly Buchanan, SWCID dean of students through American Sign Language interpreter Tabitha Haynes.

students SWCID Anderson, Eric Castro and Gabriela Lazarre attended the open house, staved in campus dormitory housing and attended a football game. They also saw volleyball and soccer tournaments at Gallaudet, she said.

"They were on their own

Friday and Saturday, and we

worked together Sunday and Monday before we left to come back to Big Spring, she said. Buchanan said she made a video which she will edit and

show to all SWCID students, in an effort to encourage them to continue their education. "Everyone signs at Gallaudet, so there are no communication

barriers. This university is the mecca for the deaf, as it is the only deaf university in the world," she said. Buchanan is hoping that this

visit, as well as future visits

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Pathai Leela-Apiradee, center, was recently named Miss Deaf Asian SWCID, and will attend the National Asian **Deaf Congress 2000 Conference in Washington** D.C. in the spring, along with five other SWCID students. Beverly Buchanan, dean of students, and Ron Brasel, provost for SWCID, stopped to pose with Pathal.

Asian Deaf Congress to draw local college students

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Staff Writer

SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf plans to stand up and be counted at the third annual National Asian Deaf Congress 2000 Conference in Washington

D.C. March 28-April 2, 2000. Miss Asian Deaf SWCID, Pethai Leela-Apiradee, as well as five other SWCID stu-

dents are planning to attend.

"This is the first time SWCID has been represented at the congress, and we are very excited that Pethai will be going to to stand for SWCID at this important event." said Beverly Buchanan, SWCID dean of students through American Sign Language interpreter Tabitha Haynes.

The congress is an occasion for all Asian deaf regardless of age or culture, to gather See STUDENTS, Page 2

and share their opportunities, challenges and achievements, according to conference chairman Fred Mangrubang.

The conference will feature keynote speakers workshops, panels, children and youth activities, tours, parent programs, cultural entertainment, arts and crafts booths and dance.

 haunted house, student athletic trainers from Howard College and students in the Big Spring High School drama department helped with the project.

"We're hoping to get their help again this year, as well as from Clay Grizzle's drama students at Howard College," he added. "The more people you have involved, the more fun you can have.'

Prather said organizations signed up for the fall festival will offer caramel apples, hot does, soft drinks, chili dogs, nachos, burritos, hot drinks and other snack items.

The food booths will line the walls of the former cafe and tables will be positioned in the middle of the room.

"Themes for the actual spook house rooms are being finalized," Prather said. "We don't want to release too much information about it, since we want it to be a surprise to people when they go through

Admission to the "Tower of Terror" will be \$3 for young-Isters 12 and under and \$5 for those 13 and over. It will begin at 6 p.m. nightly, except Wednesday, and will officially lend at midnight on Saturday,

Persons or groups wishing to participate in either the spook house or the fall festival should contact Prather at 263-7690 or Walker at 263-7331.

TEEN COURT

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certain traffic offenses.

Only one citation may be referred to the Teen Court program from municipal court or Justice court within a two-year period. Other types of offenses may be referred to Teen Court upon recommendation of the municipal court or justice court judges, the school system, juvemile probation department or police department, **explained** Earls.

Successful completion of the Teen Court sentence within a **90-day period results** in a dismissal of the citation. At that time, the offense can no longer be part of the defendant's

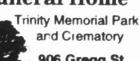
Teen Court is held once a month, the next one being on Oct. 18 at 5:15 p.m. in the court **From** on the second floor of the Howard County Courthouse. It is often held on varying days because of the schedules of Teen Court judges and local attorneys Drew Mouton and Charles Myers, who volunteer their services.

Juries are composed of teens. who often are former offenders who have been through Teen Court themselves. That's because part of the sentences for Teen Court violations includes a number of Teen Court jury duties.

The jury is never out and the verdict is never in doubt, however, as all Teen Court referrals must plead guilty. Juries are there to ask questions and pass sentence. The judges are there to moderate. The decision of the jury must be unanimous.

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POSTMASTER: Send changes of nddrees to: Big Spring Herald, P.O. 5 1431, Big Spring, Texas. 79720. as possible and close to the real justice system," noted Earls. And the juries can be rough, she added. "The juries often give a tougher sentence than I would. It's tough to sit there in a witness box in front of these

If the defendant doesn't show up on his or her court date. there is no excuse and the case is returned to municipal court or the justice of the peace and they will have to pay a fine.

The penalty phase of Teen Court is based on five ranks. Rank 1 includes traffic tickets not included in Rank 2 and offenses are punishable by fourto-10 community service hours and one or two jury duties. Each rank increases in degree of offense and punishment through Rank 5 which includes criminal mischief and vandalism under \$50 and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Punishment includes 41-to-50 hours of community service with five or six jury duties.

Additional punishment can include a formal letter of apology or personal apology or a defensive driving class.

Community hours may be completed through a variety of government and private agency outlets including the fire department, the city landfill, Humane Society, YMCA, Moss Lake, the Salvation Army and

In the first nine months of the year, 335 offenders have performed 2,155 hours of community service work

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that since May because we don't

have any money.

But financial reward isn't her primary concern, Earls said. "If I did this for the money, I'd have to be crazy.

But she says she doesn't do it for the money, and neither do the volunteer directors and the attorneys, Drew Mouton and Charles Myers, who serve at no pay to be judges in the non-profit agency Teen Court.

We do it because we are making a difference," observed Earls. "If you can give a kid a second chance ... If they can come to Teen Court, it coul change their lives.

"Teen Court has very little in assets and resources to do what its volunteers and sponsors want to do, but there are other considerations. To save a kid from going to jail, if we can just save them here, it is worth everything we do," she said.

The Teen Court office is located in the municipal court building, 305 Johnson St.

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and the third annual National Deaf Asian Congress 2000 Conference in Washington D.C. in the spring will unite SWCID and Gallaudet.

"They don't really recognize us, and this is really good public relations between SWCID and Gallaudet. The university gives a lot of inspiration for deaf students to succeed, and education means personal growth," she said.

STUDENTS

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The pageant which Leela-Apiradee will enter is the first in the conference's history and will have representatives from 50 states and the District of Columbia

Thai native Leela-Apiradee earned the right to represent SWCID when she won the local pageant contest against two other SWCID students. A firstyear SWCID student, Leela-Apiradee is enrolled in a general studies program at the col-

Vietnamese-American students Betty Dang and Lihn Ly were first and second runners up at the local level, Buchanan said.

"This will be a wonderful opportunity for our students to share information about cultures and deaf issues, and to polish their leadership skills speaking. and public Buchanan said.

She is planning to take six students to the conference, including the three Asian deaf students and two boys. These students will create a Power Point presentation on a computer which will then be shown at the conference.

Buchanan said a Power Point presentation is similar to a slide show, only the entire program is done on a computer.

They will be nervous, but this will be very good for them," she said

Fundraising efforts to finance the trip to Washington D.C. will begin immediately to help offset the cost of airfare and hotel accommodations.

"This is the first time in history that SWCID will be represented, and we are all looking forward to the experience, Buchanan said.

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Jonesboro Road. ☐ American Legion Post 506,

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

FRIDAY

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

☐ AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.

☐ 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.

DIFFERENCE

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munity residents, Castillo said. And Nurses Unlimited Hospice has agreed to also provide flu shots for \$5 each.

"The health department is limited in their amount of the vaccine, so we are reserving their shots for those without income. And the Hospice will offer the shots for \$5 for the working poor, which is still a great deal," she said.

Mammograms will be provided by Texas Tech Health Science Center Mammography Clinic, in conjunction with the Howard-Glasscock American Cancer Society. Appointments are available by calling Castillo.

Cholesterol checks will be free of charge, as will depression screenings, glucose tests, massages, blood pressure, and pain management, eye exams and glaucoma tests.

Dr. Mike Stephens will be at the Health Fair, to provide health screenings and answer questions about elderly and children's health from noon

until 3 p.m. "Dr. Stephens has a very good manner working with the elderly and children, and this is an opportunity for the community to meet him and observe his special touch," Castillo said.

Also, Dr. Anna Rosinska will be at the Health Fair from noon to about 2 p.m. to provide health screenings, she said.

The Hearing Aid Center will

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BIG SPRING Around the Town

be available for free hearing tests this week, and clients are encourage to either come to the office or to call and a representative will visit the home, Castillo said.

"Anvone who wants to have their hearing tested this week just needs to call Linda or Bill Warner at 263-0313," Castillo

Howard College dental hygiene department will have dental health information available, and the Permian Basin Counsel on Drug and Alcohol Abuse will also have information about the services they offer.

Information about the importance of vitamins and the hazards of vitamin deficiency will be another booth at the Health Fair, and Texas Rehabilitation Commission will offer program information.

Local civic groups will take part in Make A Difference Day activities, some on Saturday, while others have been busy all month. Castillo said.

Comanche Flats is having a canned food drive to benefit the Salvation Army food pantry, as the YMCA. Texas Agricultural Extension Service will have a bean soup recipe for sale, with all proceeds benefit-

ing the food pantry. Seniors and Law Together (SALT) will have the file of life material available, and Citizens Police Academy will be fingerprinting and video recording children as a safe guard measure for their parents to keep.

"And civic groups at the high school are planning different projects for the day as well," Castillo said.

The Howard County Literacy Council and the Big Spring Herald will have a booth for reading, and stories will be read to children each hour. Information will also be available on the Howard County Learn to Read program.

A Big Spring fire truck and an ambulance will be on hand for display at the Health Fair, and Lois Peters, a local clown who has participated in prior Make A Difference Day activities will also attend, she said.

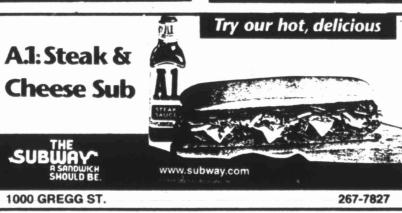
"We hope everyone will turn out for the day and help make a difference in someone's life, Castillo said.

BRIEFS

IT'S TIME FOR THE Big Spring Women's Clubs annual coat drive. The group will be collecting coats for needy children and adults through Nov. 30. Please bring your extra coats, hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, windbreakers and blankets to Harris Lumber and Hardware (1515 E. FM 700), the Howard County Courthouse (first floor) or Scenic Mountain Medical Center (1601 W. 11th

THE EAGLES LODGE WILL host a Halloween dance Saturday, Oct. 30 beginning at

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al, but there will be a costume contest and several other contests, along with a cake walk and other activities. Members and guests are welcome.

8:30 p.m. Costumes are option-

TEXAS LOTTERY

A FUND HAS BEEN set up for the family of Branden Guzman, 5-year-old Big Spring resident who died of a viral infection in Lubbock Monday. The fund, at State National Bank, will go to help with funeral expenses and medical expenses

For more information, call Bertha Rodriguez, 264-0905.

THE TEXAS TECH MOBILE Mammography Clinic and the Howard Glasscock American Cancer Society will be giving free mammograms at the Make A Difference Day Health Fair Saturday from 10 a.m. until 3

These mammograms are available through appointments only

Each woman must be 40 or older, without insurance, Medicaid, Medicare or breast implants, and must have had their last mammogram at least one year ago.

Appointments will be taken by Danelle Castillo, social services director for the Salvation Army. To schedule an appointment, call Castillo at 267-8239.

MARKETS

Dec. cotton 53.85 cents, up 12 points; Nov. crude 22.41. down 12 points; cash hogs \$1 higher at 36; cash steers steady at 70 even; Dec. lean hog futures 47.65, up 42 points; Dec. live cattle futures 69.90, up 2 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation. Other

markets not available by presstime.

POLICE

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

· JOYE CREEL, 27, was arrested for Howard County warrants. SHAWNA GRAYSON, 28,

was arrested for Howard County warrants. • CHARLENE STORIE, 19.

was arrested for no driver's • BURGLARY OF A HABI-TATION was reported in the

2100 block of Alabama. BURGLARY OF A BUILD-**ING** was reported in the 500 block of East 14th.

 BURGLARY OF A VEHI-CLE was reported in the 1800 block of East Marcy

· DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 800 block of West I-20

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· ASSAULT/FAMILY VIO-LENCE was reported at the police department.

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 FRAUDULENT USE OF **IDENTIFICATION INFOR-**MATION was reported in the 100 block of East 16th.

· CLASS C THEFT was reported in the 700 block of Johnson.

 WEEKEND SUMMARY REPORT includes three assaults, one aggravated assault, two burglary of a habitation, three burglary of a vehicle, three criminal mischief and one criminal tres-

Also one driving while intoxicated, two driving while license invalid, two evading arrest, one failure to identify and one possession of drugs reported.

And two resisting arrest, one robbery, one runaway, eight thefts, five convenience store thefts, one unauthorized use of a vehicle, 18 arrests, one major accident and four minor accident reports.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests

• RUBEN ROJAS JR., 25, was arrested for evading arrest. WOODIE HOWELL, 40,

was arrested for assault/family violence. (HCSO) · JOSE ANTHONY NIETO,

19, was arrested for burglary of a habitation. (BSPD) · MARK ROBERTS, no age

available, was arrested for

issuance of a bad check.(HCSO) NICKEY JERMAIN TRAY-LOR, 25, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance more than four grams less than 46 grams.(DPS)

FIRE/EMS

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

12:43 a.m. - 3300 block W.

Highway 80, trauma call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. 1:37 a.m. — 6200 block Walter Road, medical call, patient

transported to SMMC. 4:02 a.m. - SMMC, medical call, patient transported to Midland Memorial.

11:47 a.m. — 3200 block Parkway, transfer patient to Lubbock

2:06 p.m. - SMMC, transfer one patient to Lubbock. 7:51 p.m. - 1200 block Sycamore, trauma call, patient

transported to SMMC. 8:40 p.m. - 2200 block Williams Road, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

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shop owner died.

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The two sides planned to meet today, 19 days into a new fiscal year in which only five of the 13 annual spending bills become law. Five others have either been vetoed or face veto threats over issues including hiring teachers and police officers and blocking tougher environmental requirements for some oil and mining compa-

But with neither party ready to go to the brink, Congress planned as early as today to approve an eight-day extension of the temporary measure that has kept federal agencies open since fiscal 2000 started on Oct. 1. The first stopgap bill expires Thursday night.

"I'm just going to reach out a hand of friendship and hope that we can work together,"

Newark, N.J., where he attend- Security surpluses.

That hand is being extended as relations between the White heightened distrust and rancor House and Congress, already soured by Clinton's impeachment trial, have worsened. Last week's Senate rejection of the nuclear test ban treaty, a top administration foreign policy goal, has sparked bitter accusations of partisanship from both

> "I understand about public discourse in this town. Sometimes it gets colorful," acknowledged House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas.

> Nonetheless, Armey and other GOP leaders saw the White House meeting as an opportunity to insist that they won't raise taxes or use Social Security surpluses to pay for the extra spending that Clinton

Citing projections by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget office, the White House says even without meeting all of Clinton's budget demands, Clinton said of the White GOP spending plans would House session Monday night in spend billions in Social eign aid.

"The president's budget wouldn't spend the Social Security surplus," said White House budget director Jack Lew. "Congress has said they want to do the same thing. We don't believe they have. We need to work out our differences in a fiscally responsible way."

Clinton proposed paying for additional spending by raising tobacco taxes, levies charged industry to cover toxic waste cleanups and other revenues proposals Republicans have turned down.

Of the five bills in the center of this year's spending fight, Clinton wants less than \$10 billion over what Republicans have offered, a tiny portion of the nearly \$600 billion that the annual spending bills control. And in recent weeks,

Republicans have added bil-

lions of dollars to move closer to Clinton's proposals. Those bills cover the departments of Interior, Commerce, Justice, State, Labor, Education, Health and Human Services, and for-

of unions to spend mandatory

Senate sets vote on campaign finance

WASHINGTON (AP) -Campaign finance legislation is tottering toward a pair of Senate test votes after a symbolic show of opposition to unlimited soft-money contributions to political parties.

"This is a defining vote," Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said shortly before the Senate went on record 92-1 Monday for a soft-money ban that is at the heart of his legislation to curtail the role of big money in campaigns.

But Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., the principal Senate foe of the legislation, said the vote was nothing of the sort. In advance, he pronounced the roll call meaningless and successfully urged opponents of the campaign finance bill to join with supporters.

Only Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., dissented.

That set the stage for today's two scheduled votes, in which supporters will need a majority of 60 to advance beyond a filibuster led by McConnell and other Republicans.

The legislation would ban soft money and allow nonunion members to restrict the ability dues on political activities.

McCain and Sen. Russell Feingold, D-Wis., stripped the measure of other restrictions on campaign money in an attempt to avoid the fate of earlier measures, all of which have died at the hands of filibusters.

Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle also decided to seek a vote on the broader bill that McCain and Feingold have supported in past years.

Soft money is distinct from socalled hard money, in which the

size of a donor's contribution is

Monday's vote capped a day of often lively debate in which opponents of the legislation renewed their attack on McCain's assertion that large soft-money donations are corrupting.

"Those who are corrupt will be corrupt regardless of the system. And those who are not corrupt will not be corrupt regardless of the system," said Sen. Robert F. Bennett, R-Utah.

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At least 5 killed in fireworks blast at border town

NUEVO LAREDO, Mexico (AP) — An explosion in a candy store illegally selling fireworks killed at least five people Monday in the border city of Nuevo Laredo — the country's second fatal fireworks accident in a month.

The explosion occurred in the late afternoon in the residential neighborhood of Colonial Mirador in the western part of the city, across the border from Laredo. It could be heard miles

Huge chunks of concrete flew in the air, destroying two homes and damaging several others. Small explosions of fireworks and gunpowder continued after the blast. An undetermined number of people were

we were in the house when we heard a strong explosion, and we felt as if we had been pushed to the floor." said Patricia Diaz, who lives on the same street

The blast follows a Sept. 26 explosion at a candy store that also sold fireworks illegally in Celava, 120 miles northeast of Mexico City. It killed 63 people and injured hundreds.

After the explosion, federal officials said they would crack down on shops illegally storing and selling fireworks, which are a traditional part of Mexican celebrations.

The precise number of deaths in Monday's explosion was difficult to determine because the victims' bodies were ripped apart by the blast, some propelled as far as 165 feet.

"We don't know how much gunpowder exploded, but I'm sure it was more than 440 pounds," said a local security

official, Guillermo Ramos. It was not known what set off the explosion.

The owner of the shop, Fermin Huerta, who was near the store at the time of the explosion, suffered an arm injury and was arrested pending the investigation, said Ramiro Tellez, director of civil protection.

Neighbors said he had sold fireworks from the store for 22

Firefighters and paramedics from Laredo, Texas, assisted in putting out the fire and treating the injured.

Last month's explosion was believed to have been caused by four tons of fireworks and gunpowder stored illegally in a shop in the town market. The shop owner died.



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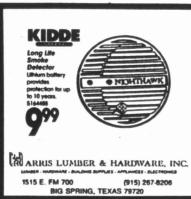
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OUR VIEWS

Why not volunteer Saturday and help make a difference

n Saturday, dozens of volunteers from all walks of life will spend the day serving others. They call this national campaign Make A Difference Day.

Locally, the Salvation Army will head up the effort for the third year. Thus far, more than 20 organizations have declared their participation in tasks that will include doing chores for neighbors, or taking part in a health fair at Salvation Army headquarters, 811 West Fifth.

This community event will offer something for everyone — health screenings, information and referrals. Organizers said the fair is aimed at — but not limited to — the "working poor," those individuals who have jobs but perhaps not any insurance.

Among its offerings will be free and low-cost flu shots, mammograms, cholesterol checks, depression screenings, glucose tests, blood pressure and even

In addition, two local physicians will provide health screenings and answer questions. Much information concerning a variety of health concerns will be avail-

Employees of the Big Spring Herald, joining forces with members of the Literacy Council, will read stories to children and give information to promote reading and literacy.

Several other civic groups, businesses and clubs will participate in this one-day focus on serving others. Some will have been "making a difference" in various

ways for a week or even a month ahead of time. We hope you will take time Saturday to make a difference in someone else's life. It need not be a large undertaking — sometimes the small things make the biggest difference.

It's your effort on behalf of those less fortunate in our community that counts.

Your Views

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to share a few thoughts with the readers. Hopefully, many readers have already, or should have already thought of this themselves.

There is no question that all of the recent shootings, not only in schools, but also in the streets and workplaces are a real national tragedy. But in my opinion, the real tragedies lie ahead. First of all, I don't think that all of the shootings are random. I believe some of them at least are orchestrated and welcomed by some segments of society to implement a far greater plan.

Think about it. Following these incidents there are always more laws, rules and regulations created. More and more "safety" features put into place, and most importantly, at least to "them," more and more personal restrictions implemented. I'm sure that the readers have a good idea who "them" are.

Schools, businesses, streets, airports, parks, etc. are full of video cameras watching your every move. Schools and businesses regularly search people and their private property. Laws are created making it complicated for the honest citizen to freely purchase guns, ammo, and even fertilizer.

Drug sniffing dogs, metal detectors, and X-ray machines are commonplace at schools and airports. Everyone is required to have a government issued Social Security number. and honest, law-abiding citizens are required in many cases to have a fingerprint on their drivers licenses and gun purchase applications. All of this, and so much more, is becoming routine.

But all of the things that I have mentioned are not the real tragedy. The real tragedies is that "they" are indoctrinating today's younger people into the society of the future. In their 20s and 30s, all of what I have mentioned will be considered normal.

Think of it. Cameras watching you all the time. I.D. required no matter where you go, what you do, or what you buy. Satellites tracking you. Computers monitoring your phone calls and bank accounts. Police stopping you and searching you and your personal belongings at random. Curfews telling when to get off of your own streets at night. It used to be that the police had to have probable cause to stop you. Not any more. Probable cause no is not wearing a seat belt or wearing a trenchcoat.

Some of you may think I am paranoid...I am, with good reason. I am mainly paranoid at those people that are not paranoid.

TIMOTHY E. HATCHER **BIG SPRING**

Naturalization rates weight heavy on Hispanics

new report from the U.S. Census Bureau is enough to give even strong, pro-immigration advocates like myself pause: Recent immigrants are failing to

become citizens at the same rate as their predecessors. Only 35 percent of the 25.8 million foreignborn persons living in the **United States** today have naturalized, the lowest rate in this

century. And among Mexican immigrants, who

make up almost one-third of the foreign-born population, the rate is even lower -ashocking 15 percent. Even a few decades ago, the proportion of immigrants who became citizens was much higher. In 1970, more than two-thirds of the foreign born were U.S. citizens. What's going on here?

Many immigration advocates blame the Immigration and **Naturalization Service for the**

low rate at which immigrants are becoming citizens. They point to the cumbersome naturalization process and the tremendous backlog in applica. tions that the INS has yet to process. The number of applicants awaiting naturalization reached a peak of 1.8 million persons this year. But even if the INS could solve its bureaucratic problems and instantly process all these applications, the rate of citizenship would increase only slightly, to about 41 percent. No, the INS isn't the only problem here. Nor are all immigrants alike

in their reluctance to become citizens. Although naturalization rates are down for all immigrant groups, Europeans and Asians become citizens at much higher rates than most Latin immigrants. More than half of European immigrants are citizens — 53 percent compared with 44 percent of Asians; but only 31.5 percent of South Americans, 24 percent of Central Americans, and barely 15 percent of Mexicans are naturalized. In order to apply for citizen-

ship, an immigrant must have lived as a legal, permanent resident in the United States for at least five years, but many immigrants from Latin

Exactly how much per week are you spending on your kids'

Pokémon cards?

America are recent arrivals. As a practical matter, most immigrants who become citizens have lived here a decade or more, and the process itself can take several years. Perhaps more importantly, many Latino immigrants are ineligible to become citizens at all because they are here illegally. Mexicans make up the single largest group of the 5 million illegal aliens living in the United States. They can only become citizens under current law if they return to their country of origin and apply to immigrate here legally. Is it possible, however, that

many recent, legal Mexican immigrants simply don't want to become Americans? A recent poll of Hispanics — done for the Spanish-language television network Univision — suggests, to the contrary, that Hispanics believe strongly in U.S. citizenship. Some 94 percent said they believe that citizenship is important, including almost three-quarters who said it was very important. Nonetheless, there is a huge gap between Hispanic opinion and Mexican immigrant behavior. Whatever they may think about U.S. citizenship, Mexican immigrants simply aren't becoming citizens quickly or in large num-

Hispanics leaders ought to view this phenomenon with some alarm. After all, the growing Hispanic political clout these leaders have been promising for years depends on a population capable of voting. If they're serious about helping immigrants, they ought to be devoting all the resources at their disposal to teaching newcomers English and American history and encouraging them to become U.S. citizens. And they ought not to use as an excuse for not doing so the lame rationalization that there isn't government money available to fund special citizenship

programs. An army of Hispanic volunteers with a desire to help their co-ethnics become U.S. citizens is all it would take to turn around the abysmal naturalization rates of Latino immigrants. This ought to be a point of civic pride in the Hispanic community, not to mention self-interest. If Mexicans are slower to assimilate - and the evidence suggests so Mexican Americans and other U.S.-born Hispanics will suffer as well. Hispanic leaders and civic organizations ought to make this issue their top priority in the coming decade.

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Rejecting test ban treaty was the right thing

glad the Senate killed the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. A treaty is a piece of paper. No piece of paper has ever in the history of the world deterred any

head of state from doing what he or she wanted to

Despite all the talk about nonproliferation, nuclear weapons are proliferating. Israel, India and Pakistan have them; Iraq and North Korea

CHARLEY REESE

were working on them. The Russians are now deploying a new mobile intercontinental missile. Iran is most likely working on nuclear weapons.

To assume that the United States could maintain its nuclear deterrent without testing was a false assumption to begin with. Nukes are not like sticks of dynamite that you can stuff on a shelf and more or

less ignore. They are complex, and the more complexity, the more things can go wrong. A nuclear-free world is a nice

dream. Lord knows I'd like to see it, but I won't, and neither will you. Knowledge cannot be undone, and there are few industrial countries in the world that don't already have the capability of making nukes if they really want to. Germany and Japan, for example, could go nuclear practically overnight if they so desired. And since no one can foresee

the future, they may do it one Don't forget, both countries were once our enemies. It is a

mistake to believe that the status quo can be maintained forever, that alliances can never shift. George Washington said it best — no country can be trusted beyond its own selfinterests, and both governments and how self-interests are perceived change over

Furthermore, the Clinton administration simply doesn't inspire confidence in the military arena. Clinton and his top advisors' military experience doesn't equal a week combined,

They are, as their policies have demonstrated, essentially antimilitary, little socialist-left effetes who think they are smarter than everybody else in the world.

To which I say, "Bleep." You needn't worry, of course, that the Clinton administration will do any testing. No, the real interests don't go beyond partisan demagoguing and fund raising. To call the vote against the treaty partisan, as the Democrats are doing, is just another lie.

You should note those senators who wanted to postpone a vote. Now, the treaty was either a good one or a bad one, and postponing a decision was not going to change it by so much as one sentence. So why did they really want to postpone voting on it? Well, those in favor of it hoped they could win more votes, and the rest hoped to avoid having to take a stand. That is despicable. Taking a stand on issues is what we pay those nabobs to

As for the message the treaty's defeat sends to rest of the world, it is simply this: The United States has not completely lost its mind despite the impression given by the Clinton administration. That is a message that sorely needed to

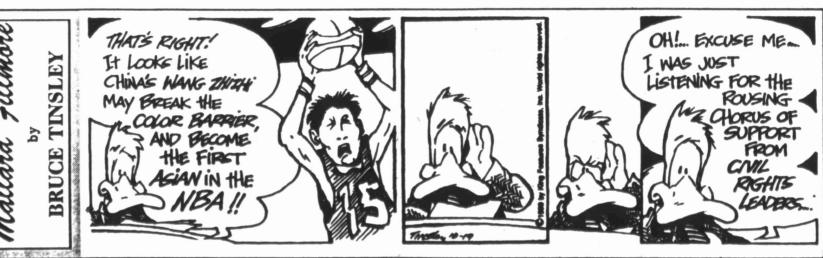
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Those nations planning to acquire nuclear capability will keep right on, just as they would have if the treaty had been ratified. World War II was preceded by all kinds of disarmament treaties, not one of which was observed by the countries intent on making

The world, in the last analysis, is still ruled by force, not reason and certainly not morality. In such a world, the United States needs to remain strong militarily so that, regardless of what other nations decide to do or not do, no harm will result to the American people and their land.

Trust our own sharp sword, not words written on paper by policy wonks and pink-fingered diplomats. Killing this treaty will help the next administration sharpen America's sword, provided it is not — I say again — not headed by Al Gore or Bill Bradley.

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Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers took part in a three-way match with Lamesa and Levelland squads Monday at the Lamesa Country Club.

Isaac Wilborn paced the Steers' entry with a round of 78, while Chris Rodriguez was right behind at 79. Jamie Womble and Jarrod Simmons added scores of 80 and 81 while Richard Gaitan carded an 84.

Zach Hall finished with an 87, while Nick Reed rounded out the boys' entry with a 92. The Lady Steers' best score was a 105 turned in by Sarah Anthony, while Heather Harris added a 111 and Brittany Griffith had a 113. Leslie Harris rounded out the

Junior high Lady Steers close season with wins

girls' scores with a 127.

Big Spring Junior High's Lady Steers swept a pair of matches from Colorado City teams Monday night to close out the 1999 volleyball season. The Lady Steers' eighthgrade Gold squad took a 15-5, 15-7 win that left them with an 11-4 mark overall.

Timmi Blackshear paced Big Spring with 11 points, while Lindsay Phillips and Kristin Choate had four each.

The seventh-grade Black team posted a 15-7, 15-4 victory to finish the season with a 6-9 mark. Shannon Higgins led the way in that win with 11 points. Stefani Scott had five and Nieves Ortega added four.

Buffaloes cross-country team ranked No. 2 in 2A

Stanton's Buffaloes, having won six straight team championships at meets this fall, are currently sitting No. 2 in the Class 2A rankings in Texas Track & Field News.

The Buffs are led by J.D. Ramos, who finished second at the Abilene Christian Invitational, as well as Julio Cazares, Aaron Hernandez, Abel Wilson and David Butler, all of whom finished in the top 10 individually.

Dustin Rogers finished 23rd in rounding out the team finish.

Lady Steers boosters meet Thursday night

The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday at Big Spring School's Athletic Training Center.

For more information, call Debbie Churchwell at 267-

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.

For more information, call Blacketer at 264-6834.

Turkey shoot, sight-in day scheduled for Saturday

A turkey shoot and sight-in day has been scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Western Sportsman Club, located 91/2 miles west of Big Spring on Highway 176.

Free chili and soft drinks will be served. Sand bags, spotting scopes and targets will be furnished.

For more information, call Elaine Delinger at 267-1816.

Big Spring Country Club sets 80 & over scramble

An "80 and Over" scramble tournament is set for Saturday and Sunday at the Big Spring Country Club. Fees are \$65 per player plus

cart rental. Play begins with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. both

For more information, call the pro shop at 267-5354...

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL 7 p.m. — National League Championship Series, Game 6,

New York Mets at Atlanta Braves,

Yankees returning to World Series after quieting Red Sox

BOSTON (AP) — Next stop for this New York Yankees express, Game 1 of the World Series.

Orlando Hernandez, Derek Jeter and the Yankees earned a return trip Monday night, once again frustrating the Boston Red Sox and their fans with a 6-1 victory in Game 5 of the AL Championship Series.

"To repeat after the incredible year we had last year is a great accomplishment," Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

"I tried to warn the club in spring training that we cannot compete against ourselves because it was a once-in-a-lifetime thing," he said.

Still, the defending champs did just fine. They wrapped up their record 36th pennant, and became the first AL team

to win two in a row since Toronto in

The World Series opens Saturday night at the home of the NL champion. Atlanta leads the New York Mets 3-2 in the NLCS, with Game 6 tonight at Turner Field.

The Yankees faced both teams this summer in interleague play, meaning this will be the first time World Series opponents have met in the regular season. Torre formerly managed both clubs.

"The best part about it is I don't have to pull for anybody to win now," Torre said. "It's nice to take a day or two off."

While the Yankees won for the 14th time in 15 postseason games, Boston will now get a whole winter to figure out how to beat the New Yorkers next century.

Big Spring's Cathy Jaure goes up to make a kill during the Lady Steers win over Lamesa on Aug. 24,

as teammate Melissa Forth watches from behind. Jaure and the rest of the Lady Steers seniors will

be honored tonight prior to the 7:30 start of their game against Miles' Lady Bulldogs in Steer Gym.

Barber, Giants defense deal

Dallas another 13-0 setback

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With Michael Irvin out, New

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That's what made the special

"Coming to the game, all the

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just one return for 10 yards.

teams so special.

Giants.

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Barber had 233 all-purpose negate the play, Mathis threw it

to Signor Mobley, who went

There was no TD, but Daluiso

tore a ligament in his left knee

trying to tackle Mathis and is

gone for the season, meaning

the Giants will have sift

through the unemployed kicker

The game was dominated by

"It was frustrating for me,

frustrating for all of us," said

Smith, who was consistently sti-

fled by linebackers Jessie

Armstead, Ryan Phillips and

Corey Widmer as well as strong

safety Sam Garnes, who spent

most of the night as a fourth

"I don't ever remember run-

ning the ball outside as much as

we did tonight, and every time I

slipped away from one guy,

there were two other guys there

The Giants also benefited

With the clock running down

in the third quarter and Dallas

about to attempt a field goal,

Fassel called time to force the

Cowboys to kick into the wind.

Richie Cunningham's 41-yard

knowledge

Meadowlands winds

pool to find a replacement.

into the end zone.

the two defenses.

linebacker.

to tackle me.'

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The wild-card Red Sox brought out all their good-luck charms at Fenway Park. and yet it did no good against their long-

time tormentors.

Babe Ruth's 82-year-old daughter threw out the first ball — trying to reverse the Curse of the Bambino — and Red Sox ace Pedro Martinez roused the well-behaved crowd of 33,589 from the dugout and bullpen.

'We really had a fine year. I told those kids in there we had a fine year all year long," Red Sox manager Jimy Williams said. "They really did a lot for this city this summer.

From DiMaggio and Bucky Dent to El

Duque and Derek, the result stayed the same in baseball's longest running Yankees win, Red Sox lose.

"With the rivalry getting back to where it was, it's sweet to wrap it up here," said third-base coach Willie Randolph, a longtime Yankees star.

Coming off its record 125-win season, New York headed back to the World Series for the third time in four years.

The Yankees will have a chance to win their 25th title. All of them have come since the Red Sox won their last championship in 1918, two years before they sold Ruth to New York.

Certainly it was special to Torre, who missed the first 36 games of the season while recovering from prostate cancer

"You're never sure you're going to care once you get back," Torre said.

Steers not alone in dropping out of Top 10 in poll

There was little surprise that Big Spring's Steers dropped out of the Top 10 in this week's Class 4A rankings following a 21-19 upset at the hands of Snyder's Tigers.

The Steers can, perhaps, take some solace in the fact that they are not alone.

In fact, nine of the state's 50 ranked teams lost last weekend, causing one of the biggest shakeups of the year in The Associated Press high school football poll.

The top teams in all five classes retained their No. 1 rankings in the poll of 20 sports writers and broadcasters, as 5A Midland Lee, 4A Stephenville, 3A Sealy, 2A Omaha Paul Pewitt and 1A Wheeler all remained unbeaten with big victories on Friday.

The rest of the rankings, however, look drastically different.

While the Steers, who'd been . ranked No. 10 in Class 4A before the loss to Snyder, wound up with just three points in the balloting by a panel of 20 sports writers and broadcasters across the state, Corsicana made a bigger dive.

Corsicana, which had been No. 5 in Class 4A, also dropped out of the rankings after a loss to Wilmer-Hutchins.

Those upsets allowed No. 9 Brenham and No. 10 Port Neches-Groves to make their first appearances in the poll this season.

Elsewhere in Class 4A, La Marque held its ground at No. 2, followed by Texas City, Schertz Clemens, Dallas Highland Park, Belton, Smithson Valley Nederland.

In 5A, Lewisville jumped into the No. 2 spot, Austin Westlake fell one position to No. 3, followed by Copperas Cove, South Grand Prairie and Converse Judson. Katy improved from No. 10 to No. 7 after beating previously eighth-ranked Alief Hastings, while Duncanville jumped one spot to No. 8.

In addition to Hastings, San Antonio Roosevelt also fell out of the poll after an upset, enabling Humble Kingwood and **Euless Trinity to make the Top** 10 for the first time this season.

Royse City and Cuero, two preseason 3A favorites, both lost on Friday, enabling Sealy to become the first team all year to receive all 20 first-place votes. Sealy was followed by Atlanta, Newton, Aledo and Commerce, which moved up

SCHOOLBOY POLL

The Associated Press high school football poll, ith first-place votes in parentheses.

Class 5A eam L. Midland Lee (15) 4. Copperas Cove (2) 5. South Grand Prain 7. Katy 8. Duncanville

10. Euless Trinity DROPPED OUT: No. 7 SA Roosevelt, No. ief Hastings.

12, Pasadena Dobie 10, Aldine Eisenhower 9 Class 4A

1. Stephenville (16)

2. La Marque (3) . Texas City (1) 4. Schertz Clemens 5. Dallas Highland Par 6. Belton

 Smithson Valley
 Nederland DROPPED OUT: No. 5 Corsicana, No. 10 Big

Spring.
Also receiving votes: Greenwille 9, Coppell 7, FM Wyatt 6, FW Dunbar 6, Jacksonvillé 6, Bay City 5, Ennis 5, Sherman 5, Grapevine 4, Mesquite Poteel 4, San Marcos 4, Wilmer-Hutchins 4, Big Spring 3. 8. Crane

DROPPED OUT: No. 2 Royse City, No. 4 Cuero. Also receiving votes: Fomey 18, Childress 17 byse City 14, Corrigan-Camden 12, Abilene Wylie 7

Omaha Paul Pewitt (16) Grand Saline 10. Garrison DROPPED OUT: No. 7 Alto, No. 10 Pilot Point Others receiving votes: Pilot Point 13, Elyields 11, Lexington 11, Refugio 9, Stanton 9.

Class A Wheeler (1 Detroit (2) Others receiving votes: Memphis 10, Nazareth 10, Milano 8, Sudan 8, Bronte 5, Falls City 5, Meridian 5, Perrin-Whitt 4, Evadale 3.

four spots after beating previously second-ranked Royse City 48-7. Crockett and Breckenridge were the 3A newcomers.

In 2A, the quartet of Paul Pewitt, Mart, Celina and Iraan remained on top. Alto and Pilot Point both fell out of the rankings after losses, while Goldthwaite and Garrison took their place in the poll. Stanton's Buffaloes,

avenged a loss to Seagraves last season with a 28-13 win over the Eagles, remained amid the group of teams also earning votes in Class 2A.

Braves, Mets prepare for battle tonight after epic Game 5 Leiter, whose only other three-day reaching the World Series for the first ATLANTA (AP) — The New York Mets including the first two games of this

have momentum. The Atlanta Braves series. The last two games, if necessary, still have the upper hand in the NL Championship Series.

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.

(AP) — As a rookie in 1996, Tiki

Barber quickly earned a job as

the New York Giants' running

back. Just as quickly, he lost it.

But his up-and-down career

hit a new high Monday night

when he almost single-handedly

beat the Dallas Cowboys, out-

performing Deion Sanders, who

pulled a similar act on a

Monday night against New

Barber's 85-yard punt return

broke a 3-3 tie with just 7:50 left

in regulation. Then, after

Emmitt Smith's 2-yard TD run

with 1:57 left tied it for Dallas,

Barber went 56 yards to the

Dallas 3 with a short pass from

Kent Graham, setting up Brad

Daluiso's 21-yard field goal with

"Our main focus this week

was not to let Deion make any

plays," said Barber, who like

Sanders, wears No. 21. "He did-

n't make the plays. The other 21

For the Giants (3-3), the win

made up for a 31-7 thrashing

last season in which Sanders

returned a punt 59 yards for a

touchdown, an interception 71

yards for a score and caught a

55-yard pass to set up another

York last season.

1 second left.

made the plays.

With two dramatic victories, the Mets forced the Braves into Game 6 tonight at Turner Field and transformed a near sweep of a series into a classic-in-themaking.

"The guys are proud to get to this point," ailing Mets slugger Mike Piazza said after the Mets arrived in Atlanta on Monday. "But it's not getting any easi-

Indeed, the Braves are leading the bestof-7 series 3-2 and have other factors in their favor: -Atlanta is 16-4 against the Mets at 3-

year-old Turner Field, winning 13 of the

last 14 meetings and seven straight —

would be at the Ted. -Kevin Millwood, who already has

ward. As a flag went down to attempt hit the right upright.

two wins and a save in the postseason. will pitch Game 6 on five days' rest. New York starter Al Leiter, who lost 1-0 on an unearned run in Game 3, will be pitching on three days' rest for only the sec-

ond time in his career. -The Mets are hurting. Piazza's left arm and hand, sore and bruised, are hampering his swing and caused him to sit out the final two innings of Game 5. Outfielder Roger Cedeno is questionable because of a bad back that caused him to miss the last game.

"I'm little banged up," Piazza said. "But I'm going to go out there and give it all I have."

start came in April 1994, said he's ready to give it a try, even if he doesn't have his best stuff.

"What is 100 percent?" he asked. "If you're a major league pitcher, there's always times when you don't feel great. You deal with it. I have four pitches I can use to get hitters out.

Neither team worked out Monday, choosing to rest after their epic 5-hour. 46-minute battle in Game 5 at Shea Stadium. The Mets were still relishing their improbable 4-3 victory; the Braves were trying to forget.

"Nobody is too down, nobody is too up," Millwood said Monday. "I think everybody is just preparing for tomorrow.

The Braves were three outs from

time since 1996 when Keith Lockhart's two-out, run-scoring triple in the top of the 15th broke a 2-2 tie.

But the Mets evened the score in their half when rookie Kevin McGlinchy walked three batters, including Todd Pratt with the bases loaded. Then Robin Ventura sent a drive over the right-field wall for an apparent grand slam that became a run-scoring single when he was mobbed by his teammates before reaching second base. No matter the scoring, it was still a game-winner.

While New York rocked, the game seemed to awaken Atlanta's listless base-

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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) ****Play it smart and don't get triggered by what is going on. Somehow, you need to anchor. Communication needs to be heartfelt. Express what is really going on with you. Clear out work; you can get a lot done quickly. A boss pitches in.

Tonight: Take some time for vourself TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *****Emphasis is on desires, plans and goals. You are heading in a new direction. Check going on than you suspect.

out a rumor; more might be Attend a seminar or workshop to increase your expertise in your field. Experimental ideas work well, presently. Tonight: Accept a friend's invitation to try a new spot.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ****You maintain a high profile, knowing what you want. Popularity soars; finally, another lets you know how much he stands behind you. Your intuition supports a professional decision. Know what you want and where you are going. Tonight: In the limelight.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *****Break patterns. Be willing to take off at the drop of a hat. Another's word might be rough, but he is more out of sorts than you realized. Somehow, you easily get past a 'to the message. Tonight: Others problem. Your smile wins friends. Make a must meeting. Tonight: Rent a movie on the way home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

****Others clearly need to have their say. You have pushed way too hard to make a relationship happen. A natural give-and-take is necessary. A money deal that seems to good to be true knocks on your door it's true! Tonight: Celebrate a stroke of luck with a loved one. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*****You are sought after, as popularity makes its imprint on you. Your message comes through loud and clear. Others are ready to act on your ideas. Make calls; spread your ideas.

A travel opportunity pops up out of the blue. Consider taking dance lessons or developing a new sport. Tonight: Having a good time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

****Dig into work. An associate comes through for you. Be sensitive to a partner; he appreciates your care and feedback A family member pushes you hard, and you might be surprised by your reaction. Clear out any residual paperwork. Tohight: Bring extra work

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*****Your imagination knows no limits. Allow others to brainstorm with you and add to your ideas. Life takes a very pleasant turn as you watch your popularity increase. Friends bring more joy into your life. Do work first, then enjoy socializing. Tonight: You won't have to look far to find a reason for celebration.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

****Accept another's role in your life. Cooperation on the homefront can make you or break you. Spending comes all too naturally; hopefully, making money will also come as easily. Think about what you are doing in the finance department. Tonight: To the gym, then home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

*****Your high-voltage energy brings others together. The amount of communication you receive may be overwhelming, but you cruise right through this. A relationship takes a heated twist. Tonight: Holding court in the center of your social circle.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ****Something you have always wanted lands on your doorstep. You are able to make a difference and add to the quality of your existence. Allow more humor into your life; float with a changeable situation. Take some private time with someone special to you. Tonight: Balance your budget.

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Abusive mother-in-law is sign of big trouble ahead

DEAR ABBY: I had to write after reading the letter from 'Hurt in Adams Center, N.Y.,' the woman whose future mother-in-law is abusive to her because she thinks "Hurt" is 'stealing her son away.'

Please tell her to run, don't walk, to the

nearest therapist and take fiance with her and if therapy doesn't fix things, to please, please, not marry this man. I was once married to such a man and an almost identical set of par-

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ents. I was wife No. 2 — we had both been married before and I quickly found out what had happened to his first marriage. His mother didn't want other women around her adored son; this included his daughter from the first marriage. And she was not nice to my children either because she felt "disloyal" to the real grand-

My husband simply would not or could not stand up for his bride over the craziness of his parents. The mother walked closely past me in the hall one time and punched me in the

stomach as hard as she could When I let out a howl of protest, this goofy woman actually said she hadn't done such a thing; this was just another example of my trying to cause trouble! She had a way of "needing" his help urgently when she knew something was going on at our house and, every time, my husband would walk out on me to take care of this manipulative woman, his mother.

Again, run, don't walk, to a therapist. Remember, these are the people who raised the fiance to be the person he is. He's been yanked around and manipulated by them all his life — and there could easily be trouble ahead. - CRAZY LADY'S FORMER DAUGHTER-IN-LAW

DEAR FORMER DAUGHTER-IN-LAW: That's good advice, providing the couple will heed it. If it doesn't help them deal with the problem, at least it will help them gain insight. I have a stack of letters 6 inches high from women who have experienced the same problem. Every single one said to break the engagement and run like the devil.

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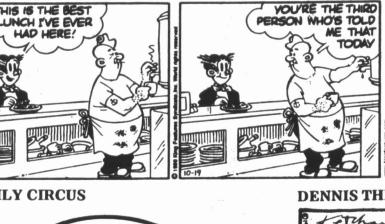


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Today's Highlight in History:

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Napoleon Bonaparte began their retreat from Moscow. In 1864, Confederate Gen. Jubal A. Early attacked Union forces at Cedar Creek, Va.;

Union troops rallied and defeated the Confederates, and que In 1944, the Navy announced that blacks would be allowed to become WAVES as members of

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tal of Pyongyang. In 1951, President Truman signed an act formally ending the state of war with Germany.

In 1960, the United States imposed an embargo on exports to Cuba covering all commodities except medical supplies and certain food products. In 1977, the body of West

German industrialist Hanns Martin Schleyer, who had been kidnapped by left-wing extremists, was found in Mulhouse. France.

In 1977, the supersonic Concorde made its first landing in New York City.

In 1987, the stock market crashed as the Dow Jones Industrial Average plunged 508 points, or 22.6 percent in value.

Ten years ago: The Senate rejected a proposed constitutional amendment barring desecration of the American flag. Camilo Jose Cela of Spain received the Nobel Prize for literature.

Five years ago: Twenty-two people were kined as a terrorist bomb shattered a bus in the heart of Tel Aviv's shopping district. Entertainer Martha Raye died in Los Angeles at age

One year ago: Israel suspend-

ed negotiations with the Palestinians on issues other than security after a bloody attack at an Israeli bus stop. Government lawyers opened their antitrust case against Microsoft Corp. In Miami, the first class-action lawsuit brought by smokers against the tobacco industry went to trial. Jurors later found the nation's largest cigarette makers and industry groups had produced a defective and deadly product. Today's Birthdays: Former

U.S. ambassador to Russia Robert S. Strauss is 81. Actress LaWanda Page is 79. Actor George Nader is 78. Columnist Jack Anderson is 77. Author John le Carre is 68. Artist Peter Max is 62. Actor Michael Gambon is 59. Actor John Lithgow is 54. National Organization for Women President Patricia Ireland is 54. Singer Jeannie C. Riley is 54. Talk show host Charlie Chase is 47.