

**FRIDAY**

September 1, 2000

**WEATHER**

Tonight:



TONIGHT **FRIDAY**  
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**Grid schedules to run Sunday**

The Big Spring Herald will publish college and professional football schedules for the 2000 season in Sunday's sports section.

**Fundraiser set for Curtis Smith**

Funds are being raised to help Curtis Smith, KBYG operations manager. Smith is in need of \$2,500 before he can be admitted to M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston to have a tumorous growth removed.

A benefit yard sale will be held at the radio station, 2801 Wasson Drive, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Barbecue sandwiches and baked goods will be among the items offered, according to Brenda Davis, host of KBYG's weekend edition of "Ask Your Neighbor." For more information, contact Davis at 263-5294.

**Foster families needed in area**

Big Spring and surrounding counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers of the children in the community who have been abused and neglected.

For more information on becoming foster/adoptive families call Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669 or 1-800-233-3405.

**WEEKEND TICKET**

**TODAY**

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

**SATURDAY**

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

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

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

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**Firefighters, Harley owners ready to raise money for MDA**

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

Labor Day weekend has its traditions, and that includes a stepped-up effort in the fight against muscular dystrophy. Locally, there are at least two fund-raising efforts.

Saturday, Big Spring's firefighters will be at the Gregg Street and FM 700 intersections for their annual Fill the Boot campaign. "Last year we raised just under \$5,000 and that was

the highest Fill the Boot campaign in West Texas," said Farley Hayworth, secretary treasurer of the Big Spring Fire Fighters Association. "We are proud to be able to do it, and it give the community a chance to help a very worthy cause."

Firefighters will be on hand from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., taking donations. Some 60 to 70 members of the department, their spouses and children will take

turns collecting money from motorists.

Sandy Shelhamer will be coordinating operations on the day of the drive.

Fill the Boot is held in junction with the Jerry Lewis Telethon for Muscular Dystrophy.

"It's one of the premiere telethons and the first with national coverage," said Hayworth.

"The International Fire Fighter's Association has been a great supporter of that for years."

On Monday, members of the Harley Owners Group (HOG) will sponsor telethon activities beginning at 9 a.m. at Big Spring Mall.

Events include a "people's choice" bike show, in which donors put money in the bucket next to the motorcycle they like best. The most money wins, and all donations go to MDA.

Bike games are planned in the afternoon, along with barbecue and soft drinks for sale. The Billy Shears Band

will perform beginning about 1 p.m.

A silent auction will offer a variety of items to the highest bidder, with the proceeds once again going to the telethon. Items are still being accepted for the auction; they can be taken to the Harley-Davidson shop at 908 W. Third through Saturday, or to the mall on Monday morning.

Monday's activities at the mall will continue until about 6 p.m.



David Hernandez of M&M Contractors tosses charred watermelons into a loader for hauling off to dump ground. The tractor-trailer rig was damaged when it had electrical problems in the engine compartment Thursday night near Stoneville Texas Inc. on U.S. Highway 57.

**Jennings named to two sheriff's committees**

HERALD Staff Report

Howard County Sheriff Bill Jennings has been appointed to two Sheriff's Association of Texas committees.



Jennings was appointed to serve on the Texas

Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education (TCLEOSE) Committee and the Jail Advisory Committee. In addition to the appointments, Jennings was named to serve as vice president of the Jail Advisory Committee.

The appointments were made by Ochiltree County Sheriff Joe Hataway, president of the Sheriff's Association of Texas.

"I feel honored that I have

been chosen to serve on those committees. I will do my best to do what is best for the citizens of Texas and Howard County," said Jennings.

"This is a real honor, especially to be vice president of the jail advisory committee."

The TCLEOSE Committee is composed of sheriffs from around the state and provides input as to the education, training and curriculum of the training pro-

gram. The Jail Advisory Committee provides input as to the daily problems confronting sheriffs in maintaining a safe jail and complying with the commission's rules and regulations.

Hataway also named Glasscock County Sheriff Royce Pruitt to the Jail Advisory Committee and Mitchell County Sheriff Patrick Toombs to the Major Crimes Assessment Committee.

**United Way slates first fundraiser for Sept. 9**

By **GINA GARZA**  
Staff Writer

The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County is planning its first event of year for the public.



The "Helping Hands Hoedown" will be Saturday, Sept. 9, from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Stampede.

"Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys will provide entertainment for the evening," said Cindy Michaelis, United Way director. "All proceeds will go to the United Way."

It will be a family-oriented event and no alcohol will be served.

"We really want everyone to come out and have a good time," Michaelis said. "The music will be good and so will the atmosphere."

The United Way funds 13 agencies in the Crossroads community — the American Red Cross West Texas

Chapter, the Boys Club, the Buffalo Trail Council Boy Scouts of America, Council on Aging Mobile Meals program, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, Big Spring Humane Society pet therapy program, Northside Community Center, Rape Crisis/Victim Services, Westside Community Center, Westside Day Care Center, West Texas Girl Scout Council, The Salvation Army and the YMCA.

In many cases, these agencies rely on United Way funds to keep them open.

"This money goes for a variety of programs in the community, anywhere from activities for our youth to assistance for the elderly and needy," Michaelis said.

She added the Helping Hands Hoedown is one way to get people excited about United Way at the start of its campaign.

"We want people to understand what United Way is and its purpose," she said. "Having an event like this can really get the people excited."

Tickets are \$10. Door prizes will be awarded.

**Schools have first holiday on Monday**

HERALD Staff Report

The first school holiday of the year for Howard County school students comes Monday in conjunction with Labor Day.

Howard College, Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan and St. Mary's Episcopal schools be closed. All are scheduled to resume classes Tuesday morning.

All city offices in Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan will be closed Monday, as will offices at Howard County Courthouse. Emergency services will operate as usual.



**Cost hike**

*Natural gas price to rise this winter, Energas says*

By **CARL GRAHAM**  
Staff Writer

Though it is still the last days of summer, consumers are being advised now to brace themselves for an increase in natural gas prices this winter.

According to Energas officials, many industry experts are predicting significantly higher natural gas prices since gas futures have been trading at higher levels than a year ago. As a result, some experts predict that, should these potential price increases occur, consumer heating bills could increase more than 50 percent this winter.

Local Energas manager John Pudliner said it's an absorption of increases of the company's costs being passed on to the customers. "We are seeing an increase in the commodity," said Pudliner. "It's not any increase in revenue for us, just a passing on of our increased cost to our customers."

Pudliner said several factors have combined to cause higher prices.

"Some of the factors are a greater demand for natural gas, less exploration and production, higher energy prices and finally, if weather is colder this winter as has been predicted, our customers' bills will also be higher based on increased consumption of natural gas," said Pudliner.

Pudliner said Energas wants customers to be aware of the forecasts for higher gas prices so that they can plan for the potential financial impact and budget accordingly.

"We also want our customers to know that the sale of natural gas is not a

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Bauer Elementary students were showing their Steer colors this morning in preparation for tonight's first football game. Pictured are, front row from left, Minnell Sanchez, Phyllicia Ochoa, Jessica Smithwick, Desirrea Garza and Vinnie Solis; and back row from left, Cecily Valencia, Keaton Hughes, Matthew O'Brien, Valerie Colwell, Kate Brumley and Kristie Garcia. Big Spring hosts Sweetwater at Memorial Stadium at 7:30.

HERALD photo/Gina Garza

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

TEXAS LOTTERY Pick 3: 0,1,1

Cash 5: 6,12,18,19,37

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

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Items include Dell (42% - 1%), Du Pont (45% + 7%), Exxon Mobil (82% + 7%), Halliburton (53% + 7%), IFCO Systems (20%), IBM (133% + 1%), Intel Corp (133% + 1%), NUV (8%), Patterson Ener (31% - 7%), Pepsico Inc (42% - 7%), Phillips Petro (62% + 7%), SBC Comms (41% + 7%), Sears Roebuck (32% + 7%), Texaco Inc (52% + 1%), Texas Instrument (67% + 7%), TXU (34% - 7%), Total Fina (76% + 2%), Unocal Corp (33% + 7%), Wal-Mart (48% + 1%), Wal-Mart/Mexico (24% - 25%), Prime Rate (-9.50%), Gold (277.00-278.80), Silver (4.95-5.00)

sent the Tech vs. A&M Scholarship Auction. Their goal is to reach \$5,000 in contributions to be put to use as scholarships for local students to attend college. The event kicks off with a Tailgate party at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 7, followed by the auction at 7 p.m. held in La Posada Restaurant. Alumni, students and fans of both clubs are encouraged to wear school colors. Admission for the event will be \$5 per person. For more information or to RSVP, call Jan Foresyth at 263-3532 or Roxie McDaniel at 267-5846.

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BSHS GRADUATING CLASSES OF 1974-75 are planning a 25-year reunion for homecoming in September. We are lacking addresses for a large number of class members, too many to be listed. Anyone who has locating information on a graduate from these classes is asked to call Roxie McDaniel, 267-5846.

A BENEFIT FUND HAS been set up at Cosden Federal Credit Union for Melody Statham, who is battling a rare form of cancer. The family has no health insurance to pay for treatments or travel they must make to Galveston. Donations can be made to account 758214, or contact Tammy Barber at Cosden Credit Union, 264-2600 for information. Donors can also contact Calvin and Linda Boroofski, 264-0838, at the business of Melody's family.

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December cotton 65.40, up 5 points; September crude 32.98, down 14 points; cash hogs steady at \$2 even; slaughter steers steady at \$6 even; October lean hog futures 53.10, up 17 points; October live cattle futures 67.02 up 5 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation. Noon quotes provided by Edward Jones & Co.

AT&T 31%, Arher-Daniels 8 3/4%, Atmos Energy 20%, BP AMQCO 56% + 7%, Chevron Corp 86% + 1%, Compaq Computer 33% - 7%, Cornell Cos 8% - 7%

MARKETS

RECORDS

Thursday's high 97, Thursday's low 70, Average high 91, Average low 67, Record high 107 in 1952, Record low 50 in 1955, Precip. Thursday 0.00, Month to date 0.12, Month's normal 2.15, Year to date 11.60, Normal for the year 13.48, Sunrise Saturday 7:22 a.m., Sunset Saturday 8:08 p.m., Sunrise Sunday 7:23 a.m., Sunset Sunday 8:07 p.m.

CINEMA 4, Bring It On (PG-13), What Lies Beneath (PG-13), Space Cowboys (PG-13), The Cell (R), The Replacements (PG-13), ADULTS: \$5.50, \$3.25 ALL MATINEES, CHILDREN & SENIOR CITIZENS, PASSES RESTRICTED

RITZ, Bless The Child (R), Nutty Professor 2 (PG-13), Hollow Man (R)

Communities cope as heat hits new highs across state

DALLAS (AP) — North Texas closed out August with only four below-100-degree days, and each of those only missed the century mark by a couple of points.

And temperatures were forecast to surpass the 100-degree mark again Friday.

"The high pressure system is so strong it is taking over any cooling effect. Right now it is anchored over northeast Texas," said Matt Moreland, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Houston.

Dallas set a new daily high of 108 degrees Thursday, topping the 106 mark hit in 1990. The all-time high for Dallas is 113 degrees set June 26 and 27, 1980.

Houston tied its all-time high temperature of 107 degrees Thursday. The last time Houston hit 107 was Aug. 23, 1980.

Children at Lovett Elementary in southwest Houston had to endure school without air conditioning, which officials hoped to have repaired Friday.

"It's ridiculous," said parent Barbara Peschon. "How do they expect kids to learn anything in the heat?"

The city has opened "cooling centers" throughout the city to give people, particularly the elderly, refuge from the heat. City community centers and libraries are designated places residents can get relief.

Weather officials aren't optimistic about the temperatures or dry, cloudless skies changing soon. To break up the high pressure dome that has been sitting over Texas, the jet stream would have to dip down from its current position along the U.S.-Canadian border or a tropical storm would have to push inland from the Gulf of Mexico, said Mike Mach, a forecaster with the National Weather Service.

The other hope is that the high pressure system will shift eastward within the next 10 days, allowing moisture from the Pacific Ocean to move in.

"It is a stalemate on getting any relief out here," Mach said.

By noon Thursday, temperatures across Texas had approached or topped 100 degrees, Dallas hit 101 degrees, as did Waco, Corsicana, Huntsville and Port Arthur. Houston and Austin hit 99 degrees.

DISD trustees plan closed meeting on candidates

DALLAS (AP) — School district officials in the midst of their third search in four years for a leader will deliberate on five remaining candidates for a new superintendent.

A closed-door session by Dallas Independent School District trustees was scheduled Friday evening.

School board members on Thursday concluded video-conference interviews with the candidates, who were selected from about 60 applicants.

Trustees in July fired Bill Rojas, who had sparred

SUPPORT GROUPS

FRIDAY

Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

AA, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

SATURDAY

Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon, 8 p.m., 10 p.m. open meetings, 615 Settles.

Deficit Disorder support group for individuals and couples, first Saturday of the month from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas, Inc., Midland. Call the center at (915) 563-4144 or 1-800-329-4144. Cost is \$15.

West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue/Fibromyalgia Syndrome, 1 p.m., on the second Saturday of each month, HealthSouth facility at Hwy. 191 and Loop 250, Midland. Contact Linda Hagler at (915) 520-3500.

NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

Open birthday night meets the last Saturday of the month with a covered dish at 7 p.m. and birthday meeting at 8 p.m., 615 Settles. This is to celebrate AA sobriety yearly birth days.

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

BRIEFS

KEEP TEXAS BEAUTIFUL WORKSHOP is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 9, at the Howard County Library Community Room from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30.

Everyone is invited. Reservations are requested by Sept. 4 to determine seating, refreshments and materials need. Call Pat Simmons at 263-4607.

LOCAL TECH AND A&M clubs team up to pre-



HERALD photo/Dina Garza This gold Ford Escort, traveling westbound and a brown and white pickup, going north, collided at the intersection of 11th Place and Goliad this morning. There were no injuries and the driver of the pickup was given a citation for no insurance.

COSTS

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source of revenue for our company," said Pudliner. "Changes in natural gas prices, whether up or down, are a pass-through cost to our customers in their monthly gas bill."

According to Pudliner, other factors impact gas cost. Thermostat settings and the energy efficiency of customers' homes and heating equipment can also affect gas consumption and the impact of higher gas prices.

To offset the impact of higher winter gas bills, Energas customers might consider enrolling in the company's budget billing plan which spreads the customer's average annual gas cost over 11 months in equal payments. Pudliner said. The 12th month is a true-up month. The plan has the effect of leveling gas bills so customers do not experience sharp increases in the winter.

For information on the level billing plan or any questions about your natural gas service, call 1-888-363-7427.

Town lays off entire police force due to budget crunch

BEASLEY (AP) — This small Fort Bend County town's police department is shuttered and its 12 officers will be out of work indefinitely over a budget crunch.

Members of the Beasley City Council decided this week to suspend the department's operation.

"We had a budget short fall, and if we had not cut something the city would have been bankrupt by the end of the year," Beasley City Councilwoman Wanda Evanicky told the Houston Chronicle in Friday's editions.

"We have had multiple problems and have been in the red for some time," she said Thursday, adding that the city owes the state of Texas about \$88,000.

City Attorney Charles Michulka said the money was collected several years

ago as traffic fines but was never forwarded to state coffers.

Calls for police service and routine patrol work will be handled by the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Department until the police department is reactivated, said Amanda Ashley, a police spokesperson.

No realistic estimates exist on how long it will take to restore the city's finances, said Evanicky. So the council voted Tuesday evening in regular session to suspend the department's operations indefinitely.

Beasley, with a population of about 700, is just southwest of Rosenberg along U.S. 59.

Prison guard fired for his relationship with Smith

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — A prison guard has been fired for allegedly having sex with Susan Smith, who is serving a life sentence for drowning her two sons in a lake near Columbia.

During an investigation of a tabloid report that Smith was beaten in prison, she told investigators about four sexual encounters with a guard earlier this year, Gorcection, Department spokesman John Barkley said.

Lt. Houston Cagle, 50, was removed from the department's payroll Wednesday and fired Thursday, Barkley said. He had worked at the Women's Correctional Institution since 1996.

"Having sex with an inmate is a felony with a possible 10-year prison sentence, and the department would pursue Cagle's prosecution, Corrections Director Doug Catoe said.

Cagle had not been charged as of late Thursday. His telephone number is unlisted and he could not be reached for comment.

Smith, 29, has a job assignment in the prison library and has free time on prison grounds. She could lose some of those privileges, Barkley said. Messages left with her attorney were not returned.

Smith's 3-year-old and 14-month-old sons drowned in 1994 after she let her car roll into a lake. She first claimed the boys had been taken in a carjacking. Nine days later she confessed, and the bodies were found.

Smith was convicted of murder in 1995. A jury spared her the death penalty.

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## GOP attacks Interior Department memo on gays, Scouts relationship

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Interior Department attempt to clarify its relationship with the Boy Scouts of America in light of the group's ban on gays has prompted sharp responses from Republicans, with the issue quickly surfacing in the presidential race.

The Interior Department acknowledged Thursday that it is reviewing its ties with the 90-year-old scouting organization because of an executive order by President Clinton in June that prohibits government participation in education activities with groups that discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation.

The department's solicitor recently asked the Justice Department for advice on the matter and directed all Interior agencies to produce detailed information on their activities — everything from agency involvement in the national Scout jamboree to awarding of conservation merit badges.

The information is needed "to determine which activities and programs ... as they relate to the Irving, Texas-based Boy Scouts of America are consistent with" the president's executive order on discrimination, Interior Solicitor John Leshy wrote.

The memo, when it sur-

facted, brought immediate response from Republicans including GOP presidential nominee George W. Bush, who questioned whether the Interior Department was on the verge of throwing the Scouts off federal land, which Scout troops have used for camping.

"I'm troubled by this memo appearing to suggest that the Clinton-Gore administration might sever the federal government's long-standing relationship with the Boy Scouts of America," Bush said in a statement.

The White House had little to say, but a spokesman for Vice President Al Gore's campaign sought to make clear Gore has no intention of ousting the Scouts.

"In a Gore administration Boy Scouts will be allowed to use federal land," Gore campaign spokesman Douglas Hattaway said.

Interior spokesman Jon Wright said the department has no intention of severing its ties with the Scouts, characterizing the Leshy memo as part of an attempt to get clarification from the Justice Department on how the president's June 23 executive order might affect the relationship.

"We have a long history and tradition with the Boy Scouts and we look forward to continuing that relation-

ship," said Wright, adding that Scouts often help clean up campgrounds and trails and the department helps Scouts work on conservation merit badges.

Clinton issued his executive order on discrimination only five days before the Supreme Court ruled that the Boy Scouts were within their constitutional rights to ban homosexuals as scoutmasters.

Rep. J.C. Watts of Oklahoma, chairman of the House Republican Conference, accused the Clinton administration of "investigating" the Boy Scouts and of "political pandering" to gays.

Justice spokeswoman Kara Peterman said that while the department is continuing to develop general guidelines for the president's order, it has issued no advice to the Interior or anyone else specifically involving the Boy Scouts.

"We haven't even looked at it," she said, adding that when Justice received the request, the Interior was told to produce more information on what involvement the scouting organization has with them.

On Aug. 15, Leshy, the department's top legal officer, asked all agencies to provide details on their activities involving the Boy Scouts.

## Routier: Questions raised as opinion of retired fingerprint expert debated

DALLAS (AP) — A retired detective says a bloody fingerprint left on convicted killer Darlie Routier's coffee table doesn't match recently discovered prints believed to be those of her 6-year-old son, Devon, who died near the table.

Routier's defenders say the opinion by fingerprint expert Robert C. Lohnes Sr. who has been hired by the state to challenge the capital murder conviction of Routier — bolsters her account that an intruder was present the night in June 1996 that Devon and Damon Routier were slain.

But lead prosecutor Greg Davis said in today's editions of The Dallas Morning News that it has always been clear to him from the physical evidence that the bloody print wasn't left by Devon, who didn't move after he was stabbed.

Davis noted that it still can't be ruled out that the

younger boy, 5-year-old Damon, might have left the print since blood evidence reveals he moved after his attack, and collapsed between a couch and the coffee table.

The bloody print was debated during the trial, but it could not be compared to those of her slain sons because investigators did not take the boys' prints, which usually is standard procedure.

Devon's fingerprints — believed to have been inked in 1994 or 1995 by a Rowlett crime-prevention officer — were discovered earlier this summer.

Sarilda Routier, Devon's paternal grandmother, said she stumbled across a fingerprint card as she looked through the boy's school-related memorabilia.

Questions about the bloody print are the latest raised by Routier's appellate attorneys, who are seeking

to overturn her death sentence.

Defense attorneys Stephen Cooper and Steven Losch say transcripts prepared by a court-appointed expert are incomplete, unreliable and illegal and should be enough to win a new trial.

State District Judge Robert Francis ruled in March that Routier's trial transcript be delivered to the Texas appeals court along with trial court reporter Sandra Halsey's original records.

Routier's attorneys have requested an appeal, arguing that the original court transcript was filled with 33,000 errors, and a court-ordered reconstruction was incomplete.

Routier arrived in Dallas Wednesday night from state prison in Gatesville to attend a hearing — which has since been rescheduled for later this month — on the transcript issue.

## HOROSCOPE

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Saturday, Sept. 2:

You want to do something special with your life. Focus on work, as you will gain professionally. You also might opt to go into a more satisfying line of work, even if it requires taking some courses. Your spirituality demands expression in some way. Communication becomes your strong suit. Others hear you loud and clear. Talk about ideas and be open to feedback. If you are single, next summer proves to be most romantic, as you meet a very special person.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) Others seek you out, and you let them present their ideas. You might not be sure about what you want to do. Perhaps catching up and visiting with different friends and loved ones fits the bill. Don't turn down an invitation. Let off steam and have fun at the same time. Tonight: Out and about.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) Get into a project or relax by focusing on a fun hobby. Another pushes you beyond your limits, and you cannot seem to detach. Take a drive into the country or visit a favorite place. You might also want to veg out to music. Taking good care of yourself remains instrumental to your success.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Expenses go overboard. Avoid money and emotional risks. Instincts lead you once you get past a child's or other loved one's requests. Another has an interesting way of manipulating you. Take time to teach a child or teen-ager more about money and how to handle it. In the long run, your concern will win kudos. Tonight: Order in.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Make plans outside the home. In fact, a break from your housemates helps you energize and be more tolerant.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) Someone creates a problem by being vague. This person's mind wanders, so getting a clear picture proves to be close to impossible. Allow your creativity to fill in the gaps. Take time with a child. Share an activity or hobby you loved when you were little. Express your carefree nature. Tonight: Play the night away.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) Insulate yourself from others if you find that you cannot deal with stress. Home is your castle. Consider a change of environment. Price a new item for the household or for you alone. A fountain on your desk or in your bedroom helps soothe tension. A partner comes to you for advice. Tonight: Order a favorite meal.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your enthusiasm breaks past problems and allows others to see who you are. A neighbor gives you an earful — listen. This person knows what is going on. Make an effort to connect with those you care about, be it through mail or phone. Invite another to join you at the movies and for a bite to eat. Tonight: Where your friends are.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your plate is full. You see so many possibilities, you feel as if you are running around in circles. Talk to a loved one or dear friend about making plans. Do not avoid a must appearance. A celebration and a reunion with friends mix well. Don't be surprised when another comes to you for advice. Tonight: In the limelight.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) Popularity soars and distracts you from something that has been bothering you. Allow your mind to escape. Taking a timeout will help you process the issue on a subliminal level. Meet a friend halfway at a favorite place. A change of scenery gives you a fresh attitude and a new mood. Tonight: Try something totally new.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

The City of Big Spring will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 5.4704%. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2000 at 5:30 P.M. in City Council Chambers, 307 E. 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas.

**FOR** the proposal: Russ McEwen, Chuck Cawthon, Joann Smoot, Greg Biddison, Oscar Garcia, Stephanie Horton

**AGAINST** the proposal: None

**PRESENT** and not voting: None

**ABSENT:** Tommy Tune

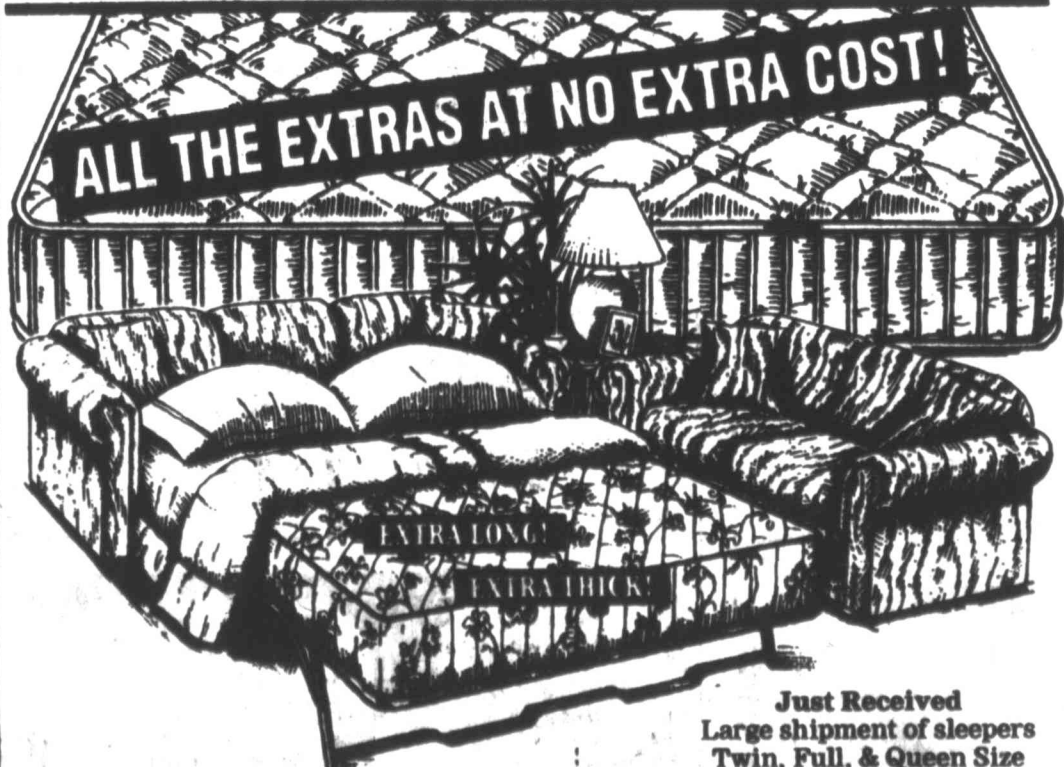
The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	LAST YEAR	THIS YEAR
Average residence homestead value	\$28,745	\$29,330
General Exemptions available (Amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemption)	\$5,749	\$5,866
Average taxable value	\$22,996	\$23,464
Tax Rate	\$.62/\$100	\$.6563/\$100
Tax	\$142.58	\$153.99

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would increase by \$11.41 or 8.0025 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$0.0363 per \$100 of taxable value or 5.854 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

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## OUR VIEWS

### We salute:

Each week, the *Herald* salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play.

This week we salute:

• **TWILA MYRICK**, Big Spring Police Department dispatcher who was named South Plains Telecommunicator of the Year.

• **SOUTHWEST COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF**, which held dedication ceremonies this week for its new Educational Diagnostic Center.

• **CHEERLEADERS** from Big Spring, Coahoma and Garden City who came away with top prizes in the Howard College-sponsored Battle of the Cheerleaders at the Howard County Fair.

• **ASHTON SHELTON and MAKAILA WALKER**, overall winners of the Kountry Kids Contest, and all of the other participants.

• **BIG SPRING AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**, for its successful small business breakfast on Tuesday.

**PARTICIPANTS AND ORGANIZERS** on another successful Howard County Fair.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

## OTHER VIEWS

Add this one to the list of contenders for the Empty Argument of 2000: When U.S. Customs agents unveiled high-technology tools to catch smugglers, immigrant-rights groups complained that the money should have been spent instead on improving conditions in which migrants are captured and deported.

That's a flawed comparison. New high-tech tools have absolutely nothing to do with handling and the deportation of illegal aliens.

A new X-ray machine the size of a car wash at a border-crossing bridge near Laredo, Texas, pinpointed more than 5,600 pounds of marijuana with a street value of \$7.8 million hidden inside a vehicle crossing the border from Mexico. The cargo X-ray machine

used to probe vehicles along the Southwest border can scan a 40-foot truck in minutes. A driver brings his truck onto a moving platform, where the vehicle is dragged between two X-ray systems looking for hidden goods.

The machines — which cost about \$3.5 million each — can identify fake walls or other compartments stashed with illegal drugs.

No good is served when critics attempt to mix apples and oranges in an effort to discredit a worthwhile program. The human conditions under which illegal aliens are detained and deported have absolutely no connection with new equipment employed to identify smuggled drugs.

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## Trying to decipher the meanings of the Kursk

The destruction of the Russian submarine Kursk was a disaster of the first magnitude and has implications that go far beyond the losses of the 118 men aboard and a mighty ship.

Russian behavior from President Vladimir Putin on down through his admirals and spokesmen produced feelings of the darkest nausea in all who understand military tradition and the traditions of the sea.

When the Norwegian divers finally arrived at the site, it took them 24 hours to pry open a hatch and enter the Kursk. We do not know if any Russian sailors survived the explosion that doomed the Kursk, but if any did, they probably could have been rescued if such expert help had been requested immediately.

"When the Russian fleet does not have the necessary means to conduct rescues, the very fact that submarines go to sea is already a crime." So said Aleksandr V. Rutsokoi, a war hero and now governor of the Kursk region. The Russian navy did not possess equipment for training in rescue operations comparable to that of the British and Norwegians.

The Kursk sank to the bottom of the sea on Saturday, Aug. 12, the explosion monitored by the Norwegians. Not until Monday, Aug. 14, did Russian authorities announce that a "malfunction" had occurred on the ship; but they gave the date as Sunday, Aug. 13. Outside help, had it been asked for, could have been on hand over that weekend.

But officials continued to make statements that they had to know were false, even as Russian naval personnel might have still been alive 500 feet down in the icy waters of the Barents Sea. We were told that "air was being pumped into the sunken vessel," that "everyone on board is alive" and that both nuclear reactors that drive the ship had been turned off. (n.b. Don't eat any fish from the Barents Sea for some time.)

As day after day went by and the Russian rescue efforts came to nothing, the Russian authorities finally checked with the British and Norwegians. But the Russian authorities would not permit the rescuers to operate from Murmansk, the Russian port closest to the scene.

Instead, the equipment and divers had to operate out of Norway. Again, time was wasted — maybe three days.

In the old days of the Cold War, of course, the naval base at Murmansk was top-secret territory. But does anybody really think the dilapidated Russian navy has advanced technological secrets that would be discovered by the Norwegians and the British?

Perhaps the opposite is true. Russian military personnel are reported to be living in poverty, and this might be the case in Murmansk. Maybe the secret being protected is how awful the conditions are in the Russian navy.

So why was the Russian northern fleet conducting maneuvers in the Barents Sea?

Russia's only conceivable opponent would be the United States, which operates its submarines regularly under the polar icecap. But the notion of a military collision anytime soon between Russia and the United States is preposterous.

Russia still has intercontinental nuclear missiles in some kind of readiness, but the rest of the Russian military has been degraded to the point where it performs in such ways as we witnessed in Chechnya.

Putin has been making speeches about Russia being a world power and about its need to project its influence internationally. But it does not have the wherewithal. It might well be that Putin and his top

admirals are locked in a mind-set with Cold War origins and still see the United States as their great adversary. The NATO bombing of Belgrade in the recent war in Kosovo probably reinforced this illusion.

Hence the feckless maneuvers of the northern fleet and the disaster of the Kursk. Putin ought to unroll his map of Siberia; he will see a very long border between Russia and China. North of that border are about 10 million Russians. South of it are nearly 1.5 billion Chinese. Where does he think Russia's problems are likely to come from? Not from NATO.

Regarding the Kursk, the best guess seems to be that one or more torpedoes exploded and blew the bow off the submarine, whereupon it sunk to the bottom like a stone. But torpedoes don't just blow up. Standard procedures have to be completed to get them ready. It looks to me as if some half-trained Russian torpedo officer made a fatal blunder.

The good news in all this is that public opinion matters in Russia. The outrage has been enormous, because there is a free press. Admirals are offering to resign. Putin talks about his responsibility and guilt.

An investigation has been promised, but that remains to be seen.



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## What is to be done about Clinton?

What is the Gore campaign going to do about President Bill Clinton? What can it do? The political arena is a place of great power and large egos. Because Clinton casts such a large shadow, figuring out what to do with him between now and November is not an easy task. This is only the third time in 100 years that a sitting vice president has run for the presidency during an administration's second term. And it is the first time that an incumbent president has endorsed his junior partner so early in the process and had so much at stake: If Al Gore wins, he secures Clinton's legacy as a political leader who ushered in a period of Democratic rule, as



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opposed to the Clinton presidency being an interregnum between the senior Bush and his son.

There is no real model for how Clinton should conduct himself during this period, and if there were, he probably wouldn't abide by it anyway. He turns 64 years old this month, and that fact alone sets him apart from the historical precedents. In 1960, when then Vice President Nixon sought the presidency (and lost), an aging and ill President Eisenhower offered lukewarm support. When asked to name "a major idea" of Nixon's that he had adopted, Eisenhower responded, "If you give me a week, I might think of one. I don't remember." The popular "Ike" had suffered a major heart attack in office and was eager to hit the golf course, not the campaign trail.

In 1968, President Reagan withheld his endorsement of George Bush until after the primaries, and then gracefully retreated from

the public stage following the Republican Convention. But Reagan was 77 years old, happy to be done with the presidency, and anxious to return to the comfort of his beloved Santa Barbara ranch.

Clinton isn't going to surrender an iota of power until he has to under the Constitution, which complicates Gore's efforts to create his own identity and project himself as a strong leader. Gore has done all he can to separate himself from Clinton's misdeeds. Now he needs to figure out a way to include Clinton in the campaign without letting him dominate. One Democratic senator suggests Gore end every evening with a phone call to Clinton asking his private analysis of the day, and what he should do next. The key here is private. Clinton is a superb political analyst, and keeping him involved behind the scenes could lessen his need to claim the headlines.

There are other ways in

which Clinton can be useful to Gore. First, he is the party's premiere fund-raiser. He has raised millions for Gore, and can raise millions more. However, he has already been criticized because actress Barbra Streisand held a brunch that raised almost \$10 million for the proposed Clinton library.

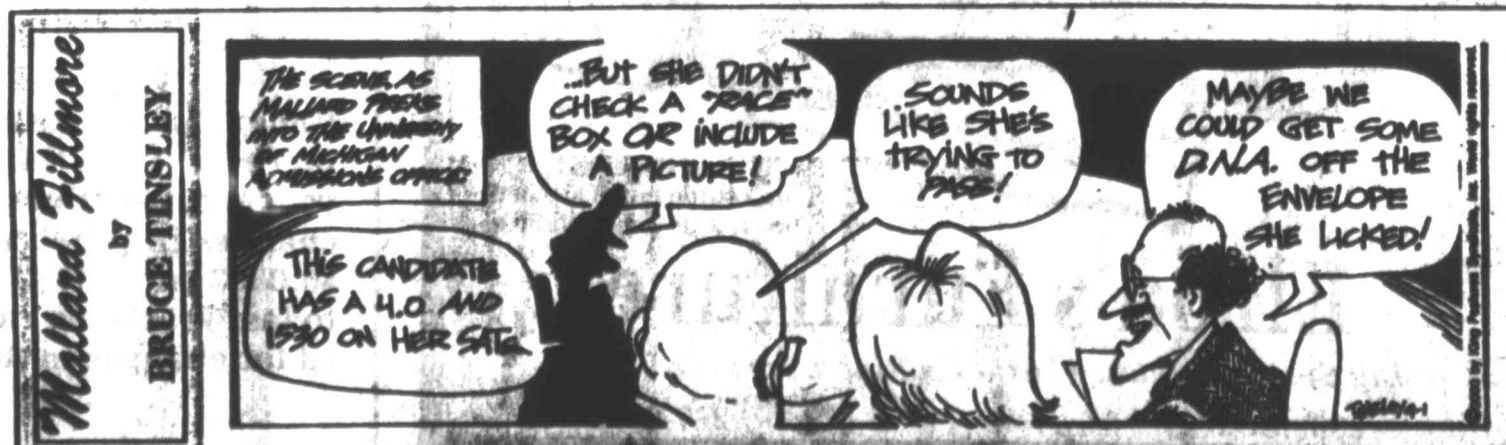
Second, there is nobody better at sparring with the Republican Congress. In this fall's budget battles, Clinton can blame the GOP for denying Americans a Patients' Bill of Rights, greater environmental protections and a boost in the minimum wage — all issues Gore needs to highlight in order to win.

Finally, Clinton can rally the Democratic Party base in a way that the cool, emotionally distant Gore is incapable of doing. It's smart to have Clinton campaigning during the October crunch time in the big cities in the Midwest battleground states where a get-out-the-vote appeal could tip the balance.

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# Texas lawmakers propose changes to Medicaid program after ruling

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas legislators who have been studying the state's Medicaid program say they will propose changes to address serious problems that were highlighted this week after a federal judge's critical ruling was made public.

The decision immediately became fodder for the presidential candidates, with Democrat Al Gore criticizing Texas Gov. George W. Bush, his Republican rival. Bush defended his record and accused Democrats of trying to hide their own weaknesses.

The state Senate Committee on Human

Services will submit its final recommendations Friday to Lt. Gov. Rick Perry and other legislative leaders looking ahead to the next biennial session in January.

In a copy of the recommendations, obtained by The Associated Press, the committee proposes measures to improve communication between Medicaid recipients and the state, to make the Medicaid application process easier, to eliminate rules that require the state to count assets such as cars when reviewing applications and to expand support for recipients leaving welfare for work.

"Our ultimate goal is to ensure health care is available to all Texas children and that those children are safe and healthy," said state Sen. Judith Zaffirini, a Laredo Democrat and the committee's chairwoman.

Although many of the recommendations address problems outlined in the court ruling, legislative committees have been working on Medicaid reform in the years in between sessions.

U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice, in an Aug. 14 ruling made public Wednesday, said Texas was not adequately providing dental care, regular

checkups, transportation to doctors or information about what services are available to children in Medicaid, despite a 1996 agreement in which the state promised to make major improvements.

"This will help with some of those problems," said state Rep. Elliott Naishtat, a Democrat from Austin and chairman of the House Committee that will recommend similar changes.

About 1.5 million of Texas' 6 million children are enrolled in Medicaid. Another 1.4 million are uninsured, about 600,000 of whom are eligible for Medicaid but not enrolled.

Gore's campaign said the ruling shows Bush's lack of leadership on child health issues.

Bush rejected the accusations Thursday, saying a court order demanding action came from an "activist, liberal judge."

"We are doing everything in our power to take care of the disadvantaged children of the state of Texas," the governor said.

He criticized the federal government for refusing to grant waivers that he said would have made helping children easier.

"The reason they're pounding me is because this is an administration of

which Al Gore is a part that has been unable to lead," Bush said. "They're trying to go on the offensive on an issue on which they are extremely vulnerable."

Bush spokesman Mike Jones said it's too early to tell what, if any, changes will be made. He said Bush is committed to the children of Texas and pointed to state court filings that say Texas has dramatically improved Medicaid since the original class-action lawsuit filed in 1993.

According to those filings, checkup participation rates have increased from 29 percent to 66 percent since 1993.

## Scientist could be released soon

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — The wheels were in motion today for the release on \$1 million bail of a jailed scientist charged with breaching security at a nuclear weapons lab.

But a government appeal could delay the homecoming for Wen Ho Lee, who was fired from Los Alamos National Laboratory last year after allegedly downloading restricted data about nuclear weapons to unsecure computers and tapes.

About 30 FBI agents and support personnel searched for more than 12 hours Thursday at Lee's home in the Los Alamos suburb of

White Rock, looking for any sensitive scientific materials.

"They're looking for any evidence of these crimes, the allegedly missing seven tapes," said defense attorney Nancy Hollander, who kept watch on the search. The defense insists the tapes were destroyed, but the government wants proof.

As far as she knows, Hollander said, agents seized nothing from the house.

"It was a long day. We did complete the tasks mandated by the court order, and we feel we did a thorough and professional job," agent

Doug Beldon said after the search ended Thursday night.

Lee, 60, who has been jailed since Dec. 10, could face life in prison if convicted of the 59 counts against him. Trial is set for Nov. 6.

Assistant U.S. Attorney George Stamboulidis emphasized Tuesday that until the missing tapes are located or proven destroyed, there can be no adequate security measure for Lee's release.

U.S. District Judge James Parker on Tuesday ordered that Lee be freed at noon today on \$1 million bail. An appeal could still delay Lee's release.

## American pilots urged to reject extension

FORT WORTH (AP) — In the first organized opposition to pilots' contract extension with American Airlines, two union leaders have urged members to reject an agreement with the nation's No. 2 carrier.

Another contract settlement between United Airlines and its pilots, which includes an immediate 28 percent raise, prompted changes in position by the two Allied Pilots Association leaders, who both supported the one-year American extension in a union board vote.

An "overwhelming 'no'

yote" would send the message to American management that the tentative Allied Pilots-American extension is no longer adequate now that United has reached a settlement with the Air Line Pilots Association, wrote Phillip Beall, chairman of the APA D-FW base, and Vice Chairman Jeff Sheets.

The e-mail by Beall and Sheets states that "the negotiating floor has been substantially raised" on a number of issues by the United settlement.

Although details of the United agreement are

sketchy, it apparently includes additional raises, improved benefits and work rule changes that analysts and industry insiders believe would establish a new standard for airline pilot compensation.

The opposition e-mail to the proposed American deal was made as ratification ballots were being mailed to union members. Donald Carty, chief executive of American's parent, AMR Corp., had offered two days of early negotiations, but the pilots approved the one-year extension.

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### CHURCH NEWS

#### Sands Springs Church of Christ

Elders of the Sand Springs Church of Christ have announced the appointment of Michael C. Bryan as minister.

He comes to Sand Springs from a position in Cocoa, Fla., where he served as youth and family minister from May 1999 to July 2000.

Bryan, 33, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny L. Bryan of Stamford. He attended Ranger College from 1986 to 1988, then served a three-year tour of duty in the U.S. Navy.



BRYAN

Living in San Angelo from 1991 to 1994, Bryan was employed in private industry. In 1992 he married Amber Neff, who was a student at Angelo State University.

The Michael Bryan family moved to Lubbock in 1994. From 1997 to 1999, Michael and Amber attended the Sunset International Bible Institute in Lubbock. They graduated in May 1999 with certificates in Biblical studies.

The Bryans are parents of a 7-year-old daughter, Jenna, and a 4-year-old son, Cary. During the coming school year, Mrs. Bryan plans to continue her studies part-time at Lubbock Christian University, pursuing a B.A. degree in social work.

#### St. Mary's Episcopal

St. Mary's continues their summer worship time at 9:30 a.m. this Sunday. On Sunday, Sept. 10, we will return to our regular schedule, with the Holy Eucharist celebrated at 8 a.m. (Rite I) and 10:30 a.m. (Rite II with music.)

Also we will begin our Fall Christian Education program on Sunday, Sept. 10, starting at 9:30 a.m. There are classes for all age groups and everyone is welcome.

The Adult Class will be reading C.S. Lewis' book, "The Screwtape Letters." Copies are available in the Parish Office.

#### College Baptist

Last Sunday, the members of College Baptist Church voted unanimously to call Eric Schumacher as their full time music and youth minister. Eric, a graduate of California Baptist University in Riverside, Calif., has served the church for the summer months as interim music and youth director.

The GA's participated in the Christmas in August project. They collected school supplies for Barbara Oden, Southern Nevada Baptist Association.

#### Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic

A going away party was held after the 5:30 Saturday Mass for Father Christopher Coleman. Over 100 people gathered to thank

Coleman for his leadership and devotion to his parish.

He will be undertaking a new post in prison ministries. Special thanks to Delia Graves for organizing this fun filled event.

The Fall Festival activity is underway.

The Altar Society is busy lining up volunteers to help with the cooking of our annual turkey dinner. The community is invited to partake of turkey and dressing and all the fixings on Saturday, Sept. 23, beginning at 5 p.m. On Sunday Sept. 24, all are invited to return for our Mexican food dinner.

Volunteers are stopping in at Big Spring businesses to collect donations to be used as prizes. Thanks to Joel and Genie Miller at Ol' Friends Antiques, also Simpler Pleasures, Brenda's BBQ, La Posada, Furr's, Vision Makers and Touch of Color Art Gallery.

Dorothy Shepard and Clara Cline are busy organizing "The County Store." A good variety of handcrafts and homemade goods plus religious articles will be on sale. Food items will include homemade pies and novelty ice cream treats. Dorothy and Clara are still looking for volunteers to bake and make so give them a call at 263-4483 or 267-6510.

#### First Assembly of God

The congregation of the First Assembly of God will be taking communion this Sunday in the 10:40 a.m. service. Communion is served on the first Sunday of each month at the close of worship to commemorate the death of our Lord. Pastor Havenor's message this Sunday morning will be "They Crucified Him." The sermon will help emphasize the great sacrifice made by the savior for our salvation.

In the evening service at 6 p.m., Pastor Havenor will speak on the subject, "Don't make a decision with a broken decision maker."

The public is invited to these services at First Assembly, Fourth and Lancaster.

#### St. Paul Lutheran

Last Sunday, members of the congregation registered for Serendipity Small Group Bible Studies which will begin soon. Registration continues.

St. Paul Lutheran provides many opportunities for spiritual growth to which the public is invited.

The Serendipity Small Group Bible Studies for the fall of 2000 are: Sunday 9:30 a.m., "Marriage Seasons of Growth," group leader, Linda Luce; Monday 7 p.m., "Wisdom the Lesser Classics-Study from Christ Parables," group leader, Sara Bavin; 7 p.m., "Lea Engele will be the group leader, topic to be announced; Tuesday, 7 p.m., "Weigh Down - Exodus out of Egypt," group leader, Karen Crandall; "Dealing with Grief and Loss: Hope in the Midst of Pain," video study, group leader, Kathy

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## Ethics in business

Cole is Samaritan Center's local award honoree

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

Vicki Cole, owner and administrator of Mountain View Lodge Nursing Center in Big Spring, has been honored with an ethics in business award from Samaritan Counseling Center.

The center is a non-profit agency that offers faith-based counseling for individuals and families in Midland, Odessa and Big Spring.

Each year, the group honors a businessperson from Midland, Odessa and Big Spring with the award, chosen by volunteer judges from nominations.

Cole, along with honorees

from Midland and Odessa, will receive her award during Samaritan's annual Family of the Year Banquet on Thursday, Oct. 5, at Green Tree Country Club in Midland.



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Also at that time, families from each of the three cities will be recognized for their part as healthy role models, called "Families of the Year." Keynote speaker at the banquet will be Robert J. Danzig, Hearst Publishing executive and

author.

Cole has been in the nursing home industry for 20 years, both in Big Spring and in the Texas Panhandle. She has served as president of several industry-related organizations, including the South Plains and Permian Basin Chapter of Texas Health Care Association. Locally, she has been a board member of the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, on the advisory board of Howard College Nursing School, and president of the Alzheimer's Association advisory board.

She is married to Eddie Cole; they have three children and four grandchildren.

## Refuge of the soul

Retreats give believers chance to reflect, seek God and regain perspective, clergy say

FORT WORTH (AP) — In a high-tech, high-volume world, finding quiet time away from the hustle and bustle of daily life can be a chore in itself.

But more and more spiritual leaders are urging their parishioners to seek out silence, whether in spiritual retreats or simply in a quiet place in their homes.

"When (Jesus) said, 'Come away with me to a quiet place,' I think that's one of the key invitations to silence," said the Rev. Mark Cannaday, rector at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Arlington. "Jesus frequently went away to pray, and that's motive for anyone."

The concept of speaking to God through silence may seem contradictory at first, Cannaday said.

"Silence speaks." It seems almost nonsense, but of course it isn't, because silence has a different voice. It's still and it's small," he said. "It refers back to that experience that Elijah had in the Old Testament, that God doesn't speak in the whirlwind or in the storm. Mostly God speaks in that still, small voice that comes in silence, that comes while I, or we as a group, are silent."

Thus the power of silence. And so, as the pace of the world picks up, more clergy are urging parishioners to seek God not only in churches, but also to participate in retreats where they seek to empty themselves in the presence of God and wait in silence for a word from him.

"In our society it's just so important to stop," said Vicki Caudell, who schedules silent retreats at the Mount Carmel Center for Spirituality in Dallas. "As long as we're standing around and we're doing the talking to God, he can't get through. We have to slow down and get silent so he can talk to our hearts."

That is the premise for silent spiritual retreats, said Sister Dorothy Powers, director of children's catechesis at the Catholic

### Quiet places offer escape for reflection

FORT WORTH (AP) — Here are some facilities that offer silent retreats:

— Mount Carmel Center for Spirituality, (214) 331-6234, 4600 W. Davis St., Dallas.

— Cenacle Retreat House, (281) 497-3131, 430 N. Kirkwood Road, Houston. Open to all faiths.

— Jesuit Spirituality Center, (281) 662-5251, St. Charles College, Box C, Grand Coteau, La. 70541. Open to all faiths. All silent retreats. Open to all faiths.

— Sacred Heart Jesuit Retreat House, (303) 688-4199, Sedalia, Colo. Call for information.

— Christ the King Retreat Center, (915) 651-5352, 802 Ford St., San Angelo. Open to all denominations.

Center in Fort Worth.

The basic format, although it varies depending on the retreat center, is set up so that a layperson meets with a retreat leader for 30 minutes to an hour a day to help them reflect on their life and where God is in their life. The retreat leader will give the person Scripture to reflect upon as the day is continued in silence.

"Usually people who go on a silent retreat are at a point in their lives where they're ready to do some interior spiritual journeying to deepen their relationship with the Lord to make sense of their lives," she said. "The variety of reasons are as great as the variety of people who go."

Slowing down, quieting one's self can be an abrupt change for many who aren't used to silence, Cannaday said.

"It's sort of like being detoxified, I would guess. The truth is that you have

to kind of physically let yourself calm down. It would be like having a hectic day. Everything has been chaos, so when you sit down you're still sort of moving."

The Mount Carmel Center for Spirituality facilitates that slowing down as much as possible, Caudell said. Although located in the southwest corner of Oak Cliff, the monastery sits on 45 secluded acres of land.

"It's an oasis of quiet in the midst of Dallas," she said.

Retreats can last anywhere from one day to eight or more days, Powers said. They range in price from a free-will offering for a day visit to a couple hundred dollars for a week's stay, retreat leaders say.

And they are becoming more sought out.

"I think the hectic pace of life is probably making people more aware of the need for periods of quiet reflection, just to get your sanity back," Powers said. "I think there's a spiritual hunger or thirst in everyone."

Many worshippers from the area are traveling as far as Houston, San Angelo, Mississippi or Louisiana to retreat centers, Powers said.

But there are opportunities close at hand, as well.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Arlington has been putting the power-of-silence concept into practice for the past two and a half years, said senior pastor Tom Schleuter.

The church started having Friday-evening watch services, which last from 9 p.m. to 9 the next morning. Some people stay a few hours, others watch the whole 12. In essence, it is the practice of being silent and seeking to be in God's presence.

"I think what people find is how extremely and extravagantly loved they are by God, because they are focused on him and they find that he is ultimately focused on them."

"That brings everything else in your life into perspective," Schleuter said.

## Minister is final contact for killers at execution

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — For some of the most vilified people in Texas, the comforting right hand of Jim Brazzil is their last human touch before they slip into unconsciousness and die.

"You watch that man take his last breath, and you watch his eyes set and they just have that blank stare, and feeling his leg you feel the throbbing of his heart," Brazzil said. "You can see his shirt pounding, then all of a sudden you see it stop to slow and then it stops."

"The intensity of that moment — sometimes you can feel the spirit leave — I don't know how to describe it."

Since the Southern Baptist minister became the Huntsville Unit chaplain in September 1995, he has prayed, laughed and cried with more than 130 condemned murderers executed by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

In most cases, Brazzil meets with the inmates only a day or two before they receive lethal injection. Brazzil is clearly the busiest death house minister in the country, although he shrugs off the scrutiny paid to Texas' aggressive execution pace and the role of Gov. George W. Bush, the GOP presidential candidate.

"The politics don't make any difference to me," he said. "If I'm not in there, he's going to be by himself and I believe I can make a difference in his life just by loving him. And I've had victims' families get angry with me because I've taken that position."

The condemned inmate — a needle in each arm — is secured with cream-colored leather belts to the steel table. A warden stands close to the inmate's head. Brazzil is near the feet, his hand resting on the inmate's right leg between the ankle and knee.

"I feel his heart, I feel him tremble," Brazzil said. "When that last moment is gone, he enters into the presence of God. And to me, that is an intense moment."

Convicted killer John Satterwhite spent several hours with Brazzil shortly before he was executed this month.

"He's helped me in a whole lot of ways spiritually," Satterwhite told The Associated Press less than an hour before his execution. "He's wonderful. You can't get a better person. I'm at peace."

Born in Temple, Brazzil studied at Howard Payne University in Brownwood and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. Then he took over a church in Bulverde, north of San Antonio, and wound up doing volunteer work at the Bexar County Jail.

When he moved to the First Baptist Church of Liberty Hill, west of

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#### RELIGION IN THE NEWS

ASHEVILLE (AP) — Thousands of churchgoers from across western North Carolina filled a high school football stadium to protest U.S. Supreme Court decisions prohibiting organized prayer in public schools.

Organizers urged the Christians in the stands of A.C. Reynolds High School's stadium to promote spontaneous prayer at football games this fall.

"We're trying to take a stand because we believe prayer in school is going to make a difference," said Carrie Wyatt, who came to last week's rally with about 30 other members of Sunrise Baptist Church in Morganton.

Organizers of the group called We Still Pray want those attending football games this fall to break into the Lord's Prayer immediately following the singing of the national anthem.

The group also has organized a petition drive urging Congress to pass legislation seeking a constitutional amendment overturning court decisions disallowing organized prayer in public schools.

The Supreme Court in June reaffirmed that any prayer in public schools must be done privately by individual students. By a 6-3 vote, the court barred school officials from letting students lead stadium crowds in prayer before football games.

#### CLUB NEWS

##### 1941 Study Club of Coahoma

The 1941 Study Club of Coahoma met for their annual President's Breakfast on Saturday. Jeannie Darden was hostess at the First Baptist Church for the 19 members of the club. She decorated the tables with duck angels made from one gallon plastic water jugs as the centerpiece. They were filled with sunflowers and made a big hit with everyone. After breakfast, president Shelly Phinney read "The Story of a Rainbow." The group then voted to welcome a new member, Mrs. Sammie Kingston. The next meeting will be Oct. 2, at 7:30 p.m.

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Robert Frost

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Also Thursday, 6:15 a.m. "Integrity-Touch Issues," at Rosa's Cafe, group leader, Carroll C. Kohl; 7 p.m., "Teamwork-Together in Christ," a study of Ephesians, group leader, Lucille Moore.  
Call the church office for more information at 267-7163.  
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KING

King is a native of Jacksonville, Fla. He attended Florida A&M University and B.F. Lee Seminary (Ed Waters College) in Jacksonville. In 1992, the Rev. King was asked to transfer from the 11th Episcopal District (Florida) to the 10th Episcopal District (Texas). Baker's Chapel cordially invites the public to come and meet the new pastor. The Rev. and Mrs. King have lived in Big Spring for eight years.

Georgetown, he became involved in ministry at the Williamson County Jail. After a church-sponsored trip to the Ukraine, where he preached at 11 prisons, "I came back home with a firm commitment I really wanted to go into prison work," he said.  
Two years later, the father of three and grandfather of four took a 50 percent pay cut to become chaplain at the Wynne Unit in Huntsville.

He witnessed his first execution on Sept. 19, 1995, after he was summoned to fill in for the retiring chaplain at the nearby Huntsville Unit, commonly known as "The Walls." Condemned murderer Carl Johnson, proclaiming innocence but saying he had found peace, received injection for gunning down a security guard at a Houston supermarket almost 17 years earlier.

"I felt like I had finally found a niche," Brazzil said. Even now, after a promotion put him in charge of prison chaplains over a wide area of East and North Texas, he continues his work with inmates staring at death's door.

"I mean, no disrespect to any church or denomination, but sometimes we get so wrapped up in our little meetings and planned socials and our programs that we really forget what ministry is all about," he said.

"An inmate imprisoned for life, with nowhere to go, after losing everything he's had, needs someone to love him and give him strength and hope and share the love of God with him."

Jim Willet, the Huntsville Unit warden, said Brazzil helps the inmates make it through their final day.

"He communicates with the inmate and he prefers Christianity," Willet said. "But if they're not willing, he's just willing to be a person available."

Brazzil generally will go

to the Terrell Unit, about 45 miles east of Huntsville where death row inmates are housed, a day or two before a scheduled execution to introduce himself to the condemned prisoner.

"I want him to see my face," he said. "All they know is you're that 'killing chaplain' from over at The Walls."

It's one of several nicknames given to Brazzil, who also acknowledges being known as the "sinister minister" or "cardinal of the chamber."

On execution day, they meet again and he introduces the prison staff when the inmate arrives at a holding cell adjacent to the death chamber at The Walls.

"I talk through the bars," Brazzil said. "The most frustrating part to me is when he has something working in the courts. His lawyers have always said: 'Don't say anything to anybody and don't discuss your case with anybody.' He comes over here and he's not ready to deal with his spiritual realm and not really ready to face death."

"When he hears from the courts and hears he's been denied, my time is very short. But that's the very most productive time I have, when reality hits."

Besides trying to meet the inmate's spiritual needs, he also tries to keep the prisoner calm and non-aggressive.

"I couldn't say enough about what he does," said Maj. Kenneth Dean, in charge of many of the procedures that precede an execution. "He helps the officers as much as the inmate. We laugh, we have serious conversations. He keeps the spirits up for everybody."

"He doesn't push an offender but gently moves into something. He picks out an interest and focuses on that. Just his presence kind of soothes everybody." Brazzil said he's heard confessions from inmates who proclaimed innocence to the public and their families, some of whom had gone into debt to pay for legal defense.

"I can't die hurting my parents," Brazzil said he's been told.

Another inmate, weeping uncontrollably, worried about God forgiving him. "He reached through the bars and grabbed my legs, just weeping," Brazzil said.

The inmate asked if the chaplain would hold his hand during the execution. He couldn't, but offered to rest his hand on the prisoner's leg. It started a Brazzil tradition.

Among the memorable inmates he has counseled is Karla Faye Tucker, the convicted ax killer who in 1998 became the first woman executed in Texas since the Civil War era. He and Tucker prayed and read Scripture together; when Brazzil left to talk to the

warden, Tucker borrowed his Bible.

The next day, while preparing for her funeral, he opened the book. She had written and signed a page inside.

"Thank you for bringing the love and fellowship of Jesus to me as I was preparing to be face to face with Him," she wrote. "I love you in Christ."

A few days later, another anxious inmate was awaiting death and Brazzil remembered Tucker's message in the book.

"I have something that

may give you comfort," Brazzil told him.

The inmate added another handwritten message. The messages now have grown to some two dozen, although Brazzil said he never asks an inmate to record his thoughts.

"I just do it when there's some pretty intense emotions, when there's some fear and they're needing some comfort. I bring my Bible out and say: Here's some guys who have been where you are. Some read and don't write. Some write," he said.

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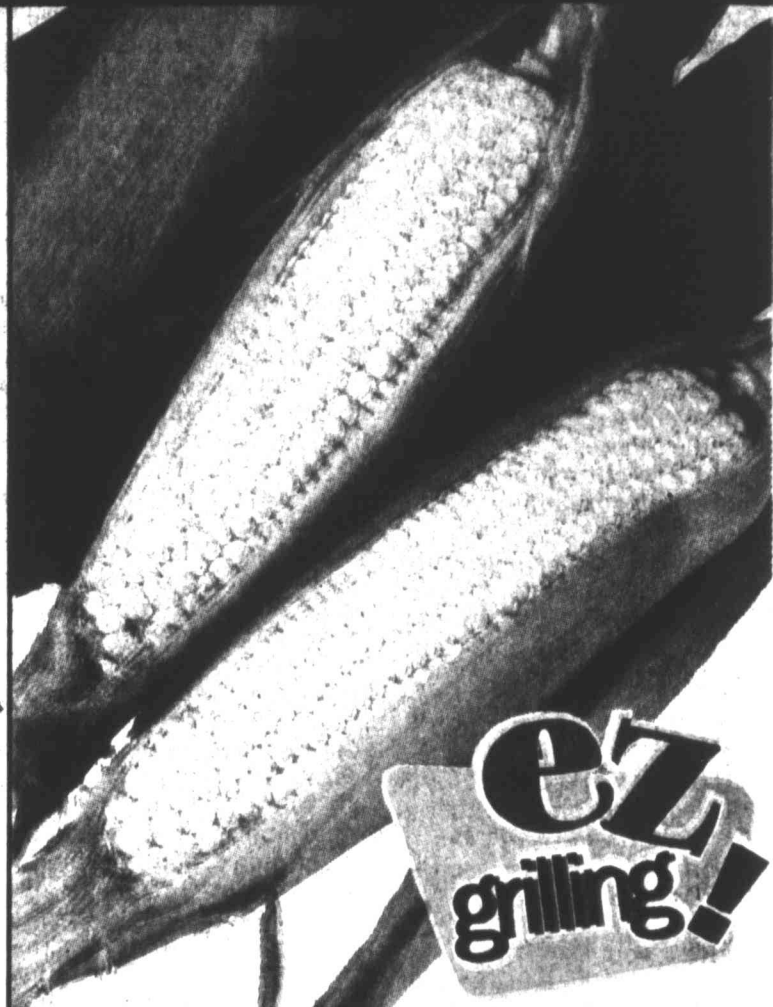


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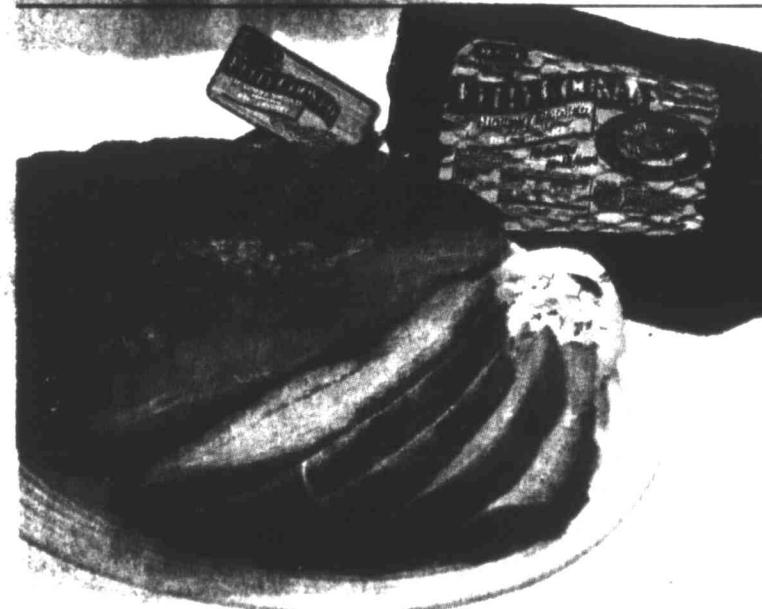
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## IN BRIEF

### Steers JV suffers

#### loss to Sweetwater

Big Spring's junior varsity Steers dropped a 32-22 loss to Sweetwater's young Mustangs in their season opener Thursday.

The Mustangs put two early scores on the board in the first quarter before Tye Butler hit Curtis Woodruff 40-yard touchdown pass to make it 14-7 in the first quarter.

Eric Chavez scored for the Steers on a 30-yard run late in the first half, but Big Spring trailed 22-14 at halftime.

The Steers' final score came on a three-yard run by Jarod Boyd and he added the two point conversion to deadlock the game at 22-22.

But Sweetwater drove for a fourth-quarter score and added a late safety.

### Lady Steers drop

#### junior high games

Big Spring's Junior High Lady Steers dropped four volleyball matches to Andrews' young Lady Mustangs.

In the eighth-grade "A" game, Andrews took a 15-1, 15-12 victory. Alex Watkins and Brennan Bailey and Chelsea Abner led the way for Big Spring.

The eighth-grade "B" game saw Andrews take a 15-6, 16-14 win, despite the play of Airianne Brown, Chelsey Yarbar, Kate Smiley and Niebes Ortega.

In seventh-grade "A" play, Andrews won 8-15, 18-16, 15-14.

Reagan Ritchey paced Big Spring with 11 points, while Ingrid Pudliner had 10.

And in seventh-grade "B" play Carmel Lewis paced the Lady Steers in a 15-9, 15-2 Andrews victory.

### Father Delaney golf

#### tourney is Sept. 24

The third annual Father Delaney Charity Golf Tournament, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Chicano Golf Association has been set for Sept. 24 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The tournament will be an ABCD scramble.

For more information, call 264-2466.

### UGSA registration

#### set through Sept. 9

The Big Spring United Girls Softball Association has extended its registration through Sept. 9.

Youngsters may sign up during regular business hours at All Star Sports, Microzone and Sound Decision.

For more information, call JoEllen Canales at 263-2982.

## ON THE AIR

### Radio

#### HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

6:45 p.m. — Sweetwater Mustangs at Big Spring Steers, KBST-AM 1490 and KBST-FM 95.3.

7 p.m. — Sweetwater Mustangs at Big Spring Steers, KBYG-AM 1400.

7:45 p.m. — Midland Greenwood Rangers at Stanton Buffaloes, KBTS-FM 94.3.

### Television

#### BASEBALL

7 p.m. — Atlanta Braves at Houston Astros, TBS and FXS, Ch. 11 & Ch. 29.

#### SOCCER

7:30 p.m. — U.S. Women vs. Brazil, ESPN, Ch. 30.

#### TENNIS

6:30 p.m. — U.S. Open Championships, men's second and women's third rounds USA, Ch. 38.

#### TRACK & FIELD

6:30 p.m. — Golden League, ISTAF (same-day tape), ESPN, Ch. 30.

## Baylor gets off to good start with win over North Texas

DENTON (AP) — This time, Baylor didn't try to make a statement.

At the North Texas 4 in the final minute after Greg Cicero's 36-yard pass, the Bears decided against trying to score again. They instead had their quarterback take a knee the final two plays and settled for a 20-7 victory Thursday night.

"Honestly, personally, I wish we had run the ball," said linebacker Kris Micheaux, who returned a fumble 14 yards for a touchdown.

Coach Kevin Steele, however, still remembers what happens last year when the Bears tried to make a statement instead of settling for a 24-21 victory over UNLV. Trying to score on the final play, Darrell Bush was stripped at the goalline and the

Rebels returned the fumble 100 yards for the game-winning score.

That was the second game for Steele, and set the tone for an ugly debut season. The Bears went on to finish 1-10, their only victory coming against the same team they beat in their 2000 opener.

A similar mistake probably wouldn't have cost the victory Thursday, but it would have soured the season-opening victory.

"People are going to look at it and compare scores, but right now a win is a win and we can build on that," said Steele, whose team ended last season with a six-game losing streak.

"This is a huge step, the first win of the season and the first road win in a long time. This is momentum

building," Steele said. "Our guys have confidence and if we keep working, we'll get better."

Baylor broke a 16-game road losing streak, winning on the road for the first time since a 37-35 victory at Fresno State on Sept. 6, 1997.

Senior Elijah Burkins, returning from an injury, didn't touch the ball until the first play of the second quarter. Then he had three straight carries up the middle for the final 31 yards of Baylor's first touchdown drive. After gains of 18 and 9 yards, he scored from the 4.

Burkins got a medical redshirt after injuring his right ankle in the third game a year ago.

The Bears had a 17-0 halftime lead after Adam Stiles kicked a 46-yard field goal, and Micheaux followed

just 21 seconds with his first career touchdown.

North Texas, which hasn't beaten Baylor in the 11-game series that dates to 1922, began coach Darrell Dickey's third season with another loss after a five-game losing streak to end 1999. The Mean Green had four turnovers.

"We just made too many mistakes," Dickey said. "We weren't consistent and they were able to make some key plays. It was tough, for every good play that we made, it seemed like we'd make a mistake."

North Texas didn't score until freshman quarterback Scott Hall took over and led a nine-play, 80-yard drive that ended on Aaron Holly's 2-yard TD run on the opening play of the fourth quarter.

## Rangers double up on Tribe

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Cleveland Indians didn't have time to dwell on a long, hot night that nearly ended in a record they didn't want.

They have a critical 13-game homestand beginning Friday night at home against Baltimore. The Indians return home with a one-game lead over Boston in the AL wild-card race after Thursday night's 14-7 loss to the Texas Rangers.

"We have to be satisfied," Cleveland manager Charlie Manuel said after his team won four of seven in the road trip. "We've got a big homestand starting and we're battling for the wild card. We've still got a chance. It's better to be ahead than behind."

The teams played for 4 hours, 21 minutes, one minute short of the major league mark for a nine-inning game.

Chad Curtis hit a tiebreaking, seventh-inning double and Rusty Greer followed with a two-run single as the Rangers stopped a five-game losing streak.

"I knew it was a long game. That's a record I'm glad we didn't get," Manuel said.

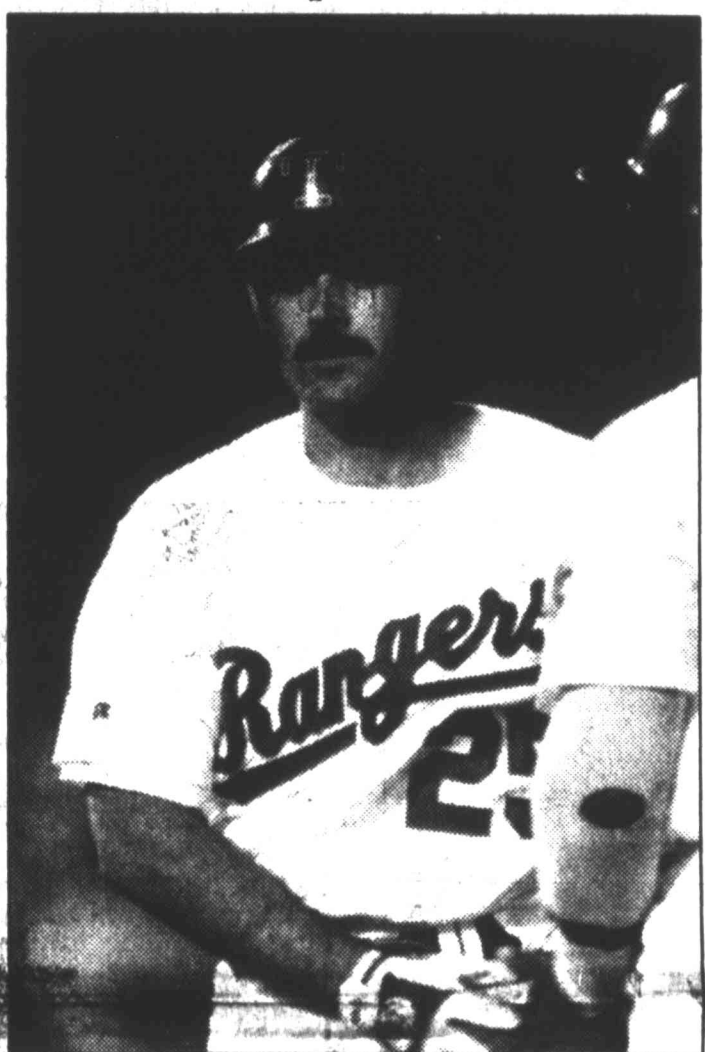
The Chicago Cubs and Milwaukee Brewers played a regulation game in 4 hours, 22 minutes on May 11 this season, matching a nine-inning game between the Baltimore Orioles and New York Yankees on Sept. 5, 1997.

Rangers manager Johnny Oates would have played all night if it meant ending the losing streak that buried his team further in the AL West cellar. Texas finished the month 9-21, the second-worst August in club history behind the 9-22 of 1979.

"I don't sit there and watch the clock," Oates said. "If you'll notice, I never wear a watch on the field. That's what's great about baseball, there's no time limit. You can be 25,000 runs behind, but you can keep hitting."

"When you're struggling to win games like we have, you'll take it no matter how long it takes."

B.J. Waszgis got the go-ahead rally started in the seventh inning of a 6-6 game with a one-out single off Steve Karsay (4-6). Waszgis went to second on



Rafael Palmeiro, pictured here being congratulated after hitting a home run in a 1995 game, reached base in all six of his plate appearances during the Texas Rangers' 14-7 win over Cleveland on Thursday, falling one base short of the major league record.

Luis Alicea's single and scored on Curtis' double.

Greer, who went 5-for-6 with four RBIs, drove in Alicea and Curtis, who went 4-for-5, with a single through a drawn-in infield against Paul Shuey to make it 9-6.

Alicea, who was also 4-for-5 with a club record-tying five runs scored, added a two-run homer. Rafael Palmeiro an RBI single and Ricky Ledee a two-run triple in a five-run eighth off Jamie Brewington.

Palmeiro reached base in all six plate appearances, one short of the major league record, with three singles and three walks. The Rangers' 21 hits tied a season high.

Karsay, the fifth of seven Cleveland pitchers, gave up three runs and four hits in two-thirds of an inning.

"We were trying to win the game, but we couldn't hold them," Manuel said. "We got into matchups, but they didn't work out too good."

Mike Venafro (3-1)

## 'Dogs, Buffs, Wolves ready to get started

By SANDY McSPADEN  
Sports Editor

The 2000 football season gets under way tonight with three Crossroads area teams — Coahoma, Stanton and Colorado City — joining Big Spring in making an early start.

Big Spring entertains Sweetwater at 7:30, the same times kickoffs are scheduled in Coahoma, where the Bulldogs play host to and in Stamford where Colorado City's Wolves hope to get off to a good start.

The fourth area game of the evening starts 30 minutes later when Stanton's Buffaloes and Greenwood's Rangers tangle.

When Stanton and Greenwood rekindled their rivalry three years ago, fans of the two schools learned they could expect all kinds of fireworks when the football season opened.

In 1997, the Buffaloes opened their season with a win over the Rangers and went on to post a perfect 16-0 en route to the Class 2A state championship.

Greenwood wound up missing the playoffs that season with a pair of heart-breaking losses.

A year later, Stanton again prevailed en route to a Class 2A state semifinals appearance.

And last season, when the Buffs managed a hard-fought 7-6 win, both teams advanced to the playoffs. Neither team marched as deep into the playoffs as they'd have liked — Stanton losing to Iraan in the area round, while Greenwood suffered a 20-14 regional finals loss to Childress.

Don't be surprised if the Buffs and Rangers play another thriller tonight.

Both veteran coaches, Greenwood's Bob Pursler and Stanton's Mark Cotton, are retooling from graduation losses, but both have plenty of talent to work with.

The Buffs return Jeremy Hull, a three-year letterman who earned all-state honors last season. Joining him in

the backfield will be 190-pound senior Clay White and other veterans like tight end Ace Keeley and guard Kerry Hinojosa.

Now in his 15th season at Greenwood, Pursler is replacing 29 graduated seniors with a much smaller Ranger version.

Quarterback Brandon Smith will direct Greenwood's I-formation and Wishbone attack, while Justin Outlaw (5-6, 135) and Brandon Audas, sidelined by knee injury a year ago, figure to handle most of the running duties.

The Rangers do have some size, however, as Sam Skidmore, a 280-pound tackle, figures to provide most of the point attack block.

At Coahoma, Robert Wood will be his second season at the Bulldogs helm.

The 'Dogs had a topsyturvy season a year ago, opening with six straight wins before dropping their final four games and extending their playoff drought that dates back to 1972.

This season, however, the Bulldogs have 14 veterans to build around including quarterback Chase Ward, a 200-pound junior who got plenty of experience as a starter during his sophomore season.

Ward completed 52 of 119 passes for 732 yards and figures to improve on that this season.

Coahoma's main rushing threats figure to be senior tailback Brandon Wyatt and junior wingback Travis McMillan. They'll run behind an offensive front that will be anchored by senior tackles Lane Belew and Jason Key.

For the Wolves, tonight's opener at Stamford is the first step on what the Wolves hope is a drastic turnaround from 1999's disappointing 1-9 season.

And there's plenty of reason to believe the Wolves will fare much better this time around. Not the least of those is Colorado City's drop in classification from

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## Injuries leave Aggies with depth problems going into opener

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum talks in the school's media guide about the "tremendous amount of stability and consistency across our defensive front."

The guide needs to be updated. The defensive line depth chart is getting shallower than a pond in a Texas drought.

The No. 25 Aggies lost defensive end Rocky Bernard to a season-ending knee injury early in two-a-days. Ty Warren, a reserve defensive end, sprained his ankle the next day and is doubtful for Saturday's game against Notre Dame.

Add to that a player killed in an off-season auto accident and another gone because of grades. The Aggies are so thin that this week Lonnie Madison, who switched from defensive line to tight end during the off-season, was back practicing at

defensive end.

"He will probably be the first guy off the bench at defensive end," Slocum said. "Hopefully, we can keep the freshmen from playing because we'd like to redshirt them."

But defensive line isn't Slocum's only worry. The lone returning defensive back, free safety Michael Jameson, is doubtful because of an injured Achilles' tendon. Starting guard Bill Yates is out with a broken leg.

"It is about as bad as I've ever seen," Slocum said. "There is more uncertainty here than there has been in a long time."

The Aggies usually try to rotate players in along the defensive line to keep them fresh. Instead, they will be facing an offensive line that will be rotating three guards, three tackles, two tight ends and three tailbacks.

Notre Dame know about depth problems. Last season, the already inexperienced Irish kept losing offensive linemen to injuries. Heading into last season, the Irish had only one interior lineman who had started more than two games. This year they have five, including four who have started nine games or more.

"I have no hesitation using a lot of players in this game," Davie said. Both teams plan to use only one quarterback, though. Notre Dame's Arnaz Battle and Texas A&M's Mark Farris each will be making their first starts.

Battle, a junior, completed seven of 15 passes for 84 yards in parts of seven games last season and also rushed for 100 yards. But the last time Battle played in a meaningful game was in the final regular-season game of the 1998 season against

Southern Cal.

With Jarious Jackson out with a knee injury, Battle relieved starter Eric Chappell early in the second quarter. He was 7-of-19 passing for 94 yards, with two interceptions, as Notre Dame lost 10-0, the first time the Irish were shut out in 11 seasons.

But the Irish coaches say they won't depend on Battle like they did Jackson last season.

"We're not looking for Arnaz to win the game for us. Not that he can't do that," offensive coordinator Kevin Rogers said. "We're just asking him to keep us away from the big mistakes."

Farris is a 25-year-old sophomore. He originally signed with the Aggies in 1994, but instead joined the Pittsburgh Pirates organization.

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TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
ANAHEIM ANGELS—Claimed RHP Ben Weber off waivers from the San Francisco Giants and assigned him to Edmonton of the PCL.
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Activated 3B Cal Ripken from the 15-day disabled list. Recalled OF Eugene Kinsale from Rochester of the International League. Purchased the contract of OF Karim Garcia from Rochester.
BOSTON RED SOX—Acquired OF Mike Cummings from the Minnesota Twins for INF Hector De Los Santos.
National League
CINCINNATI REDS—Traded OF Dante Bichette to the Boston Red Sox for RHP Chris Reitsma and LHP John Curtice.
FLORIDA MARLINS—Assigned RHP John McKay and RHP Steve Sawyer to Kane County of the Midwest League.
NEW YORK METS—Sent RHP Jim Murnighan to the Boston Red Sox for RHP Chris Reitsma and LHP John Curtice.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Optioned C Keith McDonald to Memphis of the PCL. Purchased contract of OF Thomas Howard from Memphis. Placed INF Jason Wool on the 15-day disabled list.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Agreed to terms with OF Mervyn Moore.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Claimed C Scott Servais off waivers from the Colorado Rockies.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
DETROIT PISTONS—Named Dave Twardzik and Mike Sanders assistant coaches.
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Named Brian Kinchener manager of communications.
PHOENIX SUNS—Waived G Randy Livingston.
PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS—Traded C Jermaine O'Neal and C Joe Kleine to the Indiana Pacers for F Dale Davis.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Waived DB Paul Miranda. Signed WR Joey Kent.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Signed CB William Hampton to the practice squad.
National Hockey League
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Agreed to terms with G Marc Denis on a multiyear contract.
EDMONTON OILERS—Signed D Alan Nasreddine and RW Paul Healey.
MINNESOTA WILD—Signed D Eric Charney and D Lawrence Nycholat.
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Signed G Brian Boucher to a two-year contract.
PHOENIX COYOTES—Signed D Joel Bouchard and D Dave MacIntyre to one-year contracts.
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Re-signed D Pavel Kubina to a two-year contract.
NFL SCHEDULE
Sunday's Games
Arizona at NY Giants, Noon
Baltimore at Pittsburgh, Noon
Carolina at Washington, Noon
Chicago at Minnesota, Noon
Detroit at New Orleans, Noon
Indianapolis at K. City, Noon
Jacksonville at Cleveland, Noon
San Francisco at Atlanta, Noon
T. Bay at N. England, Noon
Philly at Dallas, 3:05 p.m.
S. Diego at Oakland, 3:15 p.m.
Seattle at Miami, 3:15 p.m.
NY Jets at G. Bay, 3:15 p.m.
Tenn. at Buffalo, 7:20 p.m.
OPEN: Cincinnati
Monday's Game
Denver at St. Louis, 8 p.m.

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

Table with columns for American League and National League, listing teams, wins, losses, percentages, and games behind.

NL LEADERS

Table listing NL leaders in batting, home runs, RBIs, and pitching.

Loss to Reds puts Braves in unusual spot — second

The Associated Press

The Atlanta Braves are not accustomed to being in second place. But that's exactly where they are after a 4-3 loss to the Cincinnati Reds on Thursday night. "We're trying to win our division, and that's all I can say," Braves manager Bobby Cox said. "That's exactly what we want to do, and we're going to give it a good shot." The loss dropped the Braves out of first place in the NL East for the first time since April 19. The Reds rallied for four runs in the sixth inning, keyed by Sean Casey's RBI double. Atlanta fell a half-game behind the idle New York Mets after losing three of four to Cincinnati, going 2-6 on the homestand and ending the month with a 14-15 record. In other National League games, it was San Francisco 10, Pittsburgh 2; Milwaukee 8, Los Angeles 2; and San Diego 11, Chicago 5. In the only American League game, Texas pounded Cleveland 14-7, Tampa Bay edged Kansas City 2-1 and Detroit defeated Baltimore 6-1. It's the first time since 1993 the Braves have not been in first this late in the season. Atlanta has won eight straight division titles. "It's not where we want to be," said Atlanta outfielder Andruw Jones, who hit his 30th homer, a two-run shot, but also made a key baserunning mistake. "We've just got to start playing better." "We just caught them at the right time," Reds manager Jack McKeon said. "We were fortunate to catch them at a time when they didn't have their hitting shoes on." The Reds, held hitless for four innings by starter Kevin Millwood (8-10), overcame a 2-0 deficit with the big sixth inning. "It'll be nice to get away from here for a few games," Millwood said as the Braves prepared to fly to Houston for a three-game series starting Friday night, before coming back home Tuesday for a nine-game homestand. "Hopefully, we'll have a good road trip, come back and have a better homestand. We had a chance to

take a little lead in our division. The guys got me a lead and I didn't hold it." Millwood broke his nose in a bunting drill Monday and was not expected to make his scheduled start. But after throwing off the mound Wednesday, he said he was ready. "I was until the sixth. "I was pitching pretty well and I thought I made some good pitches in the sixth, but they hit a couple of balls where we weren't," Millwood said. Rookie John Riedling (1-0) got the win with 1 2-3 innings of hitless relief, helped by Jones' baserunning blunder in the sixth. Rafael Furcal opened the inning with a walk, and Jones was hit by a pitch. Chipper Jones then flew out to Dmitri Young at the left-field wall, and Andruw Jones raced past second base, but failed to touch it on his return to first and was ruled out. "I never heard of the rule that you have to touch the bag," Andruw Jones said. "I never had to do it before. I just went behind the bag. I never touched it the first time or the second time." Andres Galarraga followed with a walk and B.J. Surhoff blooped an RBI single off reliever Dennis Reyes. Scott Sullivan relieved and struck out Javy Lopez on three pitches. Danny Graves pitched the ninth for his 24th save. "We caught the Braves in a little funk," Reds second baseman Pokey Reese said. "But with a great manager like Bobby Cox, they'll eventually start playing well again." The Reds did little until the sixth, when Reese led off with a single and Chris Stynes doubled. Ken Griffey Jr. followed with an RBI groundout and Dmitri Young singled home a run. Casey doubled for a 3-2 lead, and Benito Santiago hit an RBI single. The Braves took a 2-0 lead in the first inning off Reds

starter Pete Harnisch when Furcal led off with a walk and Andruw Jones homered.

Giants 10, Pirates 2

Kirk Rueter drove in four runs with three hits to back his strong pitching at Three Rivers Stadium. Bill Mueller and Jeff Kent homered as the Giants won three of four in the series to increase their NL West lead over idle Arizona to three games. Jose Silva (8-9) allowed eight runs on 10 hits in 3 2-3 innings for the Pirates, who have lost eight of 10 and have the majors' worst record (53-79). Rueter, a .170 hitter with only one RBI this season entering the game, followed center fielder Adrian Brown's run-scoring throwing error in the second with a two-run double to make it 3-0.

Brewers 8, Dodgers 2

Jeromy Burnitz and Luis Lopez each drove in three runs for host Milwaukee. Geoff Jenkins homered, doubled, singled and scored three runs. Lopez homered and Burnitz doubled twice and singled. Paul Rigdon (2-2) allowed two runs on five hits in six innings, striking out four. Carlos Perez (5-7) gave up six runs and seven hits in two-plus innings.

Padres 11, Cubs 5

Phil Nevin went 4-for-5 with a two-run homer and two-run single for San Diego. In the last 30 games, Nevin has hit .407 with nine doubles and 34 RBIs, including a career high-tying six runs Monday at Wrigley Field. Pinch-hitter Kory DeHaan added a two-run homer for the Padres. Jay Witasick (2-1) gave up four runs and six hits in five innings, and also drove in his third run of the year. Kevin Tapani (8-11) took the loss.

AL LEADERS

Table listing AL leaders in batting, home runs, RBIs, and pitching.

TEXAS LEAGUE

Table listing Texas League games and scores.

TEX-LA LEAGUE

Table listing Tex-La League games and scores.

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the 3A ranks to 2A. Tonight's Stamford-Colorado City showdown renews a rivalry that was one of the state's most heated back in the 1950s — a game that almost always determined a district championship and sometimes a state crown. The Wolves will get led by quarterback Chase Pharris, who passed for 1,573 yards on 112-of-268 accuracy last season. Colorado City's biggest threat on the ground figures to be Andrew Spear, one of Pharris' primary targets last season who has been moved to tailback from end. Jed Anderson will move into the fullback's spot and Kevin Wright, a 190-pound senior, figures to anchor both the offensive and defensive lines.

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and rose to the Class AA level before returning to school in the spring of 1999. He played in five games last season, completing six of 16 passes for 53 yards. "One of the big positives for Mark is his steadiness," Slocum said. "He realizes that everything is not going to be perfect. I think that's a great attribute, especially for a quarterback."

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CENTRAL
BROWNWOOD: No SUGANIAN: No degrees; 100L.B.3; I in 3 to 8 feet at night; clear flats; blue she titanium buzzbait; worms along second and deep pockets; F in 12 to 25 feet; watermelon colored I rigged; good in the lower end in 30 to 50 feet; dill trolling; bucktail; jugs; trees. White bass trolling; shad-type; cr 25 feet along lake channel; Crappie or brushpiles in 12 to treuse or pearl Crm live minnows at night Channel catfish are fnows, liver, worms bait. Flashed catfish on trotlines with live; that all public ramps closed. The lake capacity. The situation to lower units due obstructions. Trailer hang up on the ends PROCTOR: No rept SOUTH AMSTAD: No rept WEST ALAN BLACK: Wat 83 degrees; Henry B; saltwater bass; no reports of Alek small mouth bass, or and blue catfish are and shrimp fished I Yellow catfish are f large minnows. ARROWHEAD: W degrees; Black bass treuse buzz bait; Henrietta Bridge. Cr small minnows fished around the derrick; good on minnows; near the Henrietta B blue catfish are good and chicken livers fi feet. Yellow catfish a baited with perch in the south end of the BRADY: No report COLORADO CITY stained; 87 degrees slow. White bass are good on chicken liver. FT. PLEASANT: 81 degrees; Black bass nerbait and minnow feet. Crappie are go; nows fished in 5 to 1 side of the lake. San small minnows fished strippers are good o shad fished in 5 to 7 are good on carp and to 8 feet. Yellow ca carp and perch fished HUBBARD CREEK degrees; Black bass worms fished in 4 grass beds and rock on small minnows a to 15 feet. White bass spinners. No reports Channel catfish are nightcrawlers; perch 15 to 20 feet; new reports of blue or yellow. KEMP: Water sill degrees; Black bass 2 to 5 feet. Sand bass nows. Crappie are fished in 4 to 5 feet fair on jugs and sassy to 32 feet. Blue or are fair on perch reports on yellow ca NASWORTHY: No report NOCONA: No report OAK CREEK: V degrees; Black bass nerbait; crankbait; minnows fished in 3 grass beds on Caro feet. Crappie are f under lights along White bass are go lights on the main Catfish are fair on live bait in 30 to 4 channels. POSSUM KINGDO degrees; 6' low; B on flukes and spoo worms fished in 5 the day. White bass nows fished in 10 small top waters schooling striper; poor on live shad feet. Crappie are p jugs fished in 5 to 2 to 20 pounds are p perch fished in 20 catfish are poor o to 30 feet. SPENCE: Water degrees; Black ba; baits fished; no bass are excellent and top waters f sand bars in the r on crappie. Stripe cut bait, live sh fished in 10 to 1 blue catfish are f nightcrawlers; fish reports on yellow STAMFORD: degrees; 12' low; on crankbaits a deep. No report on are good on jugs fished in the boils with schooling ac are good on trotlin Channel catfish a and rod and reel Blue catfish are a trotlines baited w feet. SWEETWATER: stained; 86 degre poor on red shad 30 feet. No report bass. Blue and excellent on sh fished in 5 to 6 f low catfish. THIN BUTTES: WHITE RIVER degrees; Black b; nerbait and min Crappie are poor nows fished early are fair on minn walleye. Channel shrimp and night mouths on the r reports on blue c



FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Aug. 30. (Report also available on Web as www.tdfishing.com.)

CENTRAL

**BROWNWOOD:** No report available.  
**BUCHANAN:** Water clear; 89 degrees; 1001.83'; Black bass are fair in 3 to 8 feet at night and very early on clear/blue fluke shads, 1/8oz. black titanium buzzbaits and watermelon worms along secondary creek points and deep pockets. Fish during the day in 12 to 25 feet with Texas-rigged watermelon colored lizards or Carolina-rigged shad. Striped bass are fair to good in the lower end and at the dam in 30 to 50 feet drifting live bait and trolling bucktail jigs over submerged trees. White bass are slow to fair trolling shad-type crankbaits in 18 to 25 feet along lake points and main channel. Crappie are very slow over brushpiles in 12 to 25 feet on charr-trouse or pearl Creme Tiny Tubes and live minnows at night and very early. Channel catfish are fair to good on minnows, liver, worms and cheese dip bait. Flathead catfish are fair to good on trotlines with live perch. Please note that all public ramps at Buchanan are closed. The lake is at about 50% capacity. The situation poses a danger to lower units due to underwater obstructions. Trailer axes can also hang up on the ends of boat ramps.  
**PROCTOR:** No report available.

SOUTH

**AMSTAD:** No report available.  
**WEST**  
**ALAN HENRY:** Water slightly stained; 83 degrees; Black bass are fair on live salamanders fished in 20 to 30 feet. No reports of Alabama Spotted bass, small mouth bass, or crappie. Channel and blue catfish are good on minnows and shrimp fished in 20 to 25 feet. Yellow catfish are fair on perch and large minnows.  
**ARROWHEAD:** Water clear; 85 degrees; Black bass are good on charr-trouse buzz baits fished near the Henrietta Bridge. Crappie are good on small minnows fished in 12 to 15 feet around the derricks. White bass are good on minnows and white jigs fished near the Henrietta Bridge. Channel and blue catfish are good on cheese bait and chicken livers fished in 18 to 20 feet. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with perch in 15 to 20 feet on the south end of the lake.  
**BRADY:** No report available.  
**COLORADO CITY:** Water slightly stained; 87 degrees; Black bass are slow. White bass are slow. Catfish are good on chicken livers and shrimp.

FT. PHANTOM HILL

Water clear; 81 degrees; Black bass are good on spinnerbaits and minnows fished in 5 to 7 feet. Crappie are good on small minnows fished in 5 to 10 feet on the west side of the lake. Sand bass are poor on small minnows fished shallow. Hybrid strippers are good on bass baits and shad fished in 5 to 7 feet. Blue catfish are good on carp and perch fished in 5 to 8 feet. Yellow catfish are good on carp and perch fished in 5 to 7 feet.  
**HUBBARD CREEK:** Water clear; 88 degrees; Black bass are good on worms fished in 4 to 8 feet around grass beds and rocks. Crappie are fair on small minnows and jigs fished in 8 to 15 feet. White bass are fair on small spinners. No reports on hybrid strippers. Channel catfish are fair on dip bait, nightcrawlers, perch and shad fished in 15 to 20 feet near boathouses. No reports of blue or yellow catfish.

KEWEE

Water slightly stained; 81 degrees; Black bass are poor fished in 2 to 5 feet. Sand bass are poor on minnows. Crappie are poor on minnows fished in 4 to 5 feet. Striped bass are fair on jigs and sassy shad fished in 30 to 32 feet. Blue and channel catfish are fair on perch and cut bait. No reports on yellow catfish.

NASWORTHY

No report available.  
**NOCONA:** No report available.  
**OAK CREEK:** Water clear; 86 degrees; Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits, crankbaits, top waters and minnows fished in 10 to 19 feet. White bass are good on minnows and jigs fished in 4 to 18 feet at night. Crappie are poor on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 15 feet. Blue and channel catfish are fair on stink bait, minnows, shrimp and liver fished in 4 to 10 feet. Yellow catfish are fair on shad, gold fish, minnows, perch and cut bait fished in 6 to 12 feet.

OH. RIVE

Water clear; 91 degrees; Black bass are fair to good on top waters fished in 3 to 8 feet around grass beds on Carolina-rigs in 25 to 30 feet. Crappie are poor at night fished under lights along river channels in 35. White bass are good at night under lights on the main lake near the dam. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live bait in 30 to 40 feet next to river channels.

POSSUM KINGDOM

Water clear; 85 degrees; 6' low; Black bass are poor on flukes and spoons early and on ring worms fished in 5 to 20 feet later in the day. White bass are poor on minnows fished in 10 to 20 feet and on small top waters fished early with schooling strippers. Striped bass are poor on live shad fished in 30 to 40 feet. Crappie are poor on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 20 feet. Blue catfish to 20 pounds are poor on cut shad and perch fished in 20 to 40 feet. Yellow catfish are poor on perch fished in 20 to 30 feet.

SPENCE

Water slightly stained; 85 degrees; Black bass are poor on plastic baits fished near structure. White bass are excellent on small crankbaits and top waters fished near shallow sand bars in the main lake. No reports on crappie. Striped bass are good on cut bait. No report on charr-trouse and top waters fished in 10 to 15 feet. Channel and blue catfish are good on shrimp and nightcrawlers fished near the bank. No reports on yellow catfish.

STAMFORD

Water clear; 85 degrees; 12' low; Black bass are good on crankbaits and plastics fished deep. No report on crappie. White bass are good on jigs and RoadRunners fished in the bolls near the power plant with schooling action. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with perch. Channel catfish are good on trotlines and rod and reels baited with shad. Blue catfish are good to excellent on trotlines baited with shad in 4 to 6 feet.

SWEETWATER

Water slightly stained; 86 degrees; Black bass are poor on red-tipped worms fished in 8 to 10 feet. No report on crappie or white bass. Blue and channel catfish are excellent on shrimp and minnows fished in 5 to 6 feet. No reports of yellow catfish.

TWIN BUTTES

No report available.  
**WHITE RIVER:** Water clear; 85 degrees; Black bass are poor on spinnerbaits and minnows fished shallow. Crappie are poor to fair on small minnows fished early and late. White bass are fair on minnows. No reports on walleye. Channel catfish are good on shrimp and nightcrawlers fished in the mouths of the rivers and creeks. No reports on blue or yellow catfish.

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# Mother does not believe that abusive boyfriend changed

DEAR ABBY: Last fall, my live-in boyfriend was abusive to me. My parents chipped right in and helped me move back to my hometown. They were wonderful and supportive even though I'd let them down in the past. They even bought a house so my children and I would have somewhere to live.

This boyfriend went to classes, did a lot of praying and I believe he's actually changed. I really do! Abby, he's the father of one of my children. We've started seeing each other and it really feels right. We want to get married.

My mother refuses to accept that he could have changed, and makes it clear she doesn't approve. She says if I get back together with him, they will have wasted all that time and money they invested in bailing me out. She says it's my low self-esteem that makes me want to see him.

I don't know how to resolve this. I'm in my late 30s yet I still want my parents' approval. Please help. - DAUGHTER OF AN IRON-WILLED IOWA MOM  
DEAR DAUGHTER: Your mother knows you better than I do. She loves you and doesn't want to see you hurt again, and I can't fault her for that.

Daughter, I'm extremely skeptical about your chances of success in this relationship. If you decide to pursue it, I wish you the best of luck because I'm convinced you're going to need it.

A small percentage of abusers - those who are truly determined and self-motivated - can change if they receive long-term counseling. Only time (at least another year of counseling) will tell if this leopard has been able to change his spots.

Under no circumstances should you reconcile with him unless you maintain financial independence. That way, if he should backslide, you won't have to depend on anyone to bail you out. Should you decide to marry this "prize" I urge you to have a rock-solid prenuptial agreement so that you will be taken care of.

So your parents feel they have not "wasted" the money they invested in trying to help you, sell or rent the house and give the proceeds to them.

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DEAR ALREADY WORKING (TYVM): You're a clever woman and you may have devised a method from which other stay-at-home parents can benefit.

DEAR ABBY: I hope my letter will benefit others. I am going to be 50 next year, and recently started a job in a 22-story office building. I have never been self-motivated when it comes to exercise.

However, I recently hit on the idea of using the stairwell in my office building to get regular exercise, and it is working out very well.

I arrive at work half an hour early and change into shorts and a T-shirt in the stairwell. Then I go to the stairwell, and walk up all 22 stories, take the freight elevator down to the bottom and do it again. Sometimes I do it a third time if I have the time and energy to spare. Just walking up gets my heart really pumping, so I thought your readers might appreciate this idea. It's cost-free, convenient and not time-consuming - unlike going to the club after work.

Because I don't perspire much, I just wipe myself down with a wet paper towel, dry myself with another one, change my underwear, get dressed and go in to work. I am so awake and alive by the time I start the day - I recommend this to anyone.

The challenge each day is whether I can do it faster than the day before, and there is a real sense of accomplishment when I reach the top. I feel this would not be the case if I just ran around the block a couple of times. - FIT AND HAPPY IN TORONTO  
DEAR F AND H: I commend you for your commitment to personal fitness. However, your regimen could be dangerous to anyone with an undiagnosed heart condition. Those who decide to try it should first consult their doctor about having a stress test.

May I also suggest that most people who exercise strenuously tend to perspire profusely (perhaps more than you think) - and a sponge bath with a damp paper towel may not be enough to deal with the problem. Out of consideration for your fellow employees, perhaps you should consider running the stairs after work instead of before to avoid the possibility of offending anyone. (Whew!)

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However, I recently hit on the idea of using the stairwell in my office building to get regular exercise, and it is working out very well.

I arrive at work half an hour early and change into shorts and a T-shirt in the stairwell. Then I go to the stairwell, and walk up all 22 stories, take the freight elevator down to the bottom and do it again. Sometimes I do it a third time if I have the time and energy to spare. Just walking up gets my heart really pumping, so I thought your readers might appreciate this idea. It's cost-free, convenient and not time-consuming - unlike going to the club after work.

Because I don't perspire much, I just wipe myself down with a wet paper towel, dry myself with another one, change my underwear, get dressed and go in to work. I am so awake and alive by the time I start the day - I recommend this to anyone.

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# THIS WEEKEND'S Garage Sales

\* Look in Too Lates for more!

- Garage Sale: 2515 Cindy Ln. Fri. 7:30-7:00. Clothes all sizes, coffee tables, twin size water bed & lots of misc.
- Garage Sale, 5308 Opal Ln. (off Wasson Rd.) Sat. - Mon. 8-2. King sz bed, elec. range, some ceramics, lots of everything.
- Garage Sale: 9 Coachman's Circle Sat. 7-1pm. (Highland - Turn left on Scott, right on Hunters Glen, 2 blks. turn left) electric edger/trimmer, ceiling fans, twin headboard w/matching comforter, new red wing boots & lot's more.
- Garage Sale, Fri & Sat, 3307 Cornell. Tools and lots of misc.
- Garage Sale Friday & Saturday, 10-7 2102 S. Monticello.
- Garage Sale: Sept. 2. 408 N. E. 11th.
- Huge Moving Sale, 400 S. Moss Lake Rd. Fri. & Sat. 8:30am-7:00. Fiero, roll top desk, glassware, baby items, baseball cards, furniture, beg. band drum kit, 1 man boat, jeans, lots of good stuff! Cash Only! No Early Birds
- Moving Sale 8-7



FRIDAY

SEP. 1

Table with 21 columns representing different TV channels (KMYD, KPEJ, KERA, etc.) and rows listing various programs and their broadcast times.

DENNIS THE MENACE



"DON'T BE DISCOURAGED JOE. SOMETIMES HE DOESN'T HAVE A GOOD MORNING TILL AFTER LUNCH."

FAMILY CIRCUS



"No, Daddy's drivin' us. My feet can't reach the pedals."

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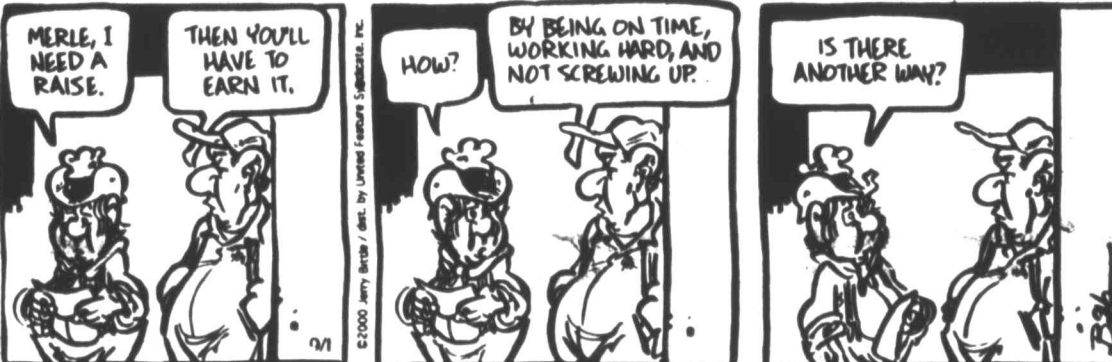
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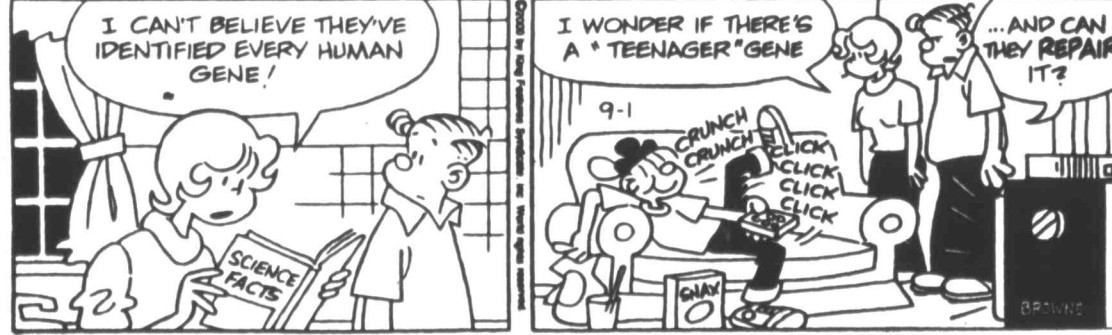
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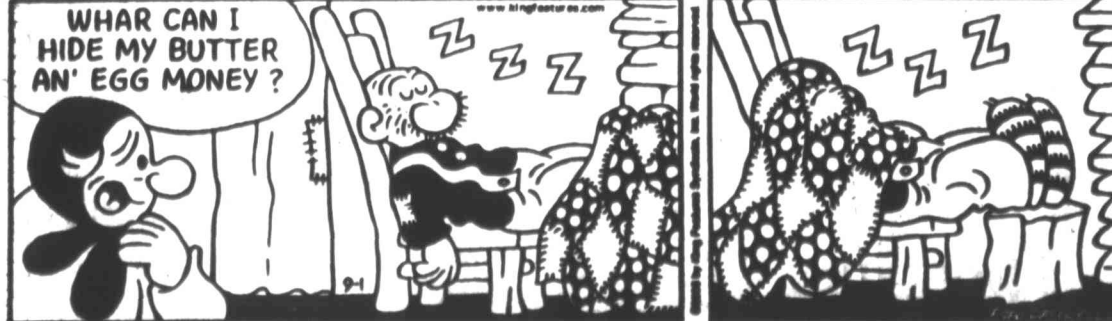
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Friday, Sept. 1, the 245th day of 2000. There are 121 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Sept. 1, 1939, World War II began as Nazi Germany invaded Poland. On this date: In 1807, former Vice President Aaron Burr was found innocent of treason. In 1897, the first section of Boston's new subway system was opened. In 1905, Alberta and Saskatchewan became the eighth and ninth provinces of Canada. In 1923, the Japanese cities of Tokyo and

Yokohama were devastated by an earthquake that claimed some 150,000 lives. In 1932, New York City Mayor James J. "Gentleman Jimmy" Walker resigned following charges of graft and corruption in his administration. In 1942, a federal judge in Sacramento, Calif., upheld the wartime detention of Japanese-Americans as well as Japanese nationals. In 1969, a coup in Libya brought Moammar Gadhafi to power. In 1972, American Bobby Fischer won the international chess crown in Reykjavik, Iceland, defeating Boris Spassky of the Soviet Union. In 1983, 269 people were killed when a Korean Air Lines Boeing 747 was shot down by a Soviet jet fighter after the airliner entered

Soviet airspace. In 1989, Baseball Commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti died of a heart attack at his summer home in Martha's Vineyard, Mass., at age 51. Today's Birthdays: Actor Richard Barnsworth is 80. Former Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird is 78. Actress Yvonne De Carlo is 78. Former Texas Gov. Ann Richards is 67. Conductor Seiji Ozawa is 65. Actor Ron O'Neal is 63. Actor Don Stroud is 63. Comedian-actress Lily Tomlin is 61. Singer Archie Bell is 56. Singer Barry Gibb is 54. Singer Gloria Estefan is 43. Former White House Press Secretary Dee Myers is 39. Jazz musician Boney James is 39. Rap DJ Spigg Nice (Lost Boyz) is 30. Actor Scott Speedman ("Felicity") is 25.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

Thursday's Puzzle Solved grid with words filled in and a list of 45 invitation letters.