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WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

- Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 East Third, call Janis Dean 267-3068.
- Gospel Singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn. Guest singers from Stanton, Midland and Colorado City.
- Big Spring Chapter and Council, R.A.M., 7:30 p.m., Masonic Building, 221/2 Main.

TUESDAY

- Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m. Senior Citizens Center, call 267-1628.
- Coahoma Senior Citizens Luncheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.
- Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
- VFW Post No. 2013, VFW Hall, 7 p.m., 500 Driver Road.
- Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.
- Senior Circle Big Spring Mall walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of movie theater box office.
- Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, call Terry Hansen 264-5175.
- Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park, call 398-5522 or 267-1628.

THURSDAY

- Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, Herman's, 7 a.m.
- Big Spring Senior Citizens Center Art Classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

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BSISD officials pleased with students' scores on ACT exam

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

Big Spring ISD staff and administration are pleased with the students' scores on the American College Testing exam or, as it is more commonly known as, the ACT test.

"The kids did real well," said high school counselor RueAnn Cox. "We are very pleased."

The ACT covers English, math, reading and science,

which are the core subjects. "The ACT results are shown three different ways," she said. "The first grades are those taking the core subjects plus more, the second ones are for those taking less than the core subjects and the third is the total group."

Results on the English portion were, core or more: national 2.5, state 20.4, Big Spring High School 21.3; less than core: national 18.8, state 17.5 and BSHS 20.2; total group: national was

20.5, state 19.7 and BSHS 21.0.

Math scores were, core or more: national 21.8, state 21.0, BSHS 20.8; less than core: national 19.0, state 18.0 and BSHS 18.4; total group: national was 20.7, state 20.2 and BSHS 22.3.

Reading test scores were, core or more: national 22.4, state 21.3 and BSHS 23.3; less than core: national 19.8, state 18.6 and BSHS 22.3; total group: national was 21.4, state was 20.6 and BSHS 23.1.

The results in science were, core or more: national 21.8, state 20.9, BSHS 21.3; less than core: national was 19.7, state was 18.6 and BSHS 20.2; total group: national 21.0, state 20.3 and BSHS 21.1.

Composite scores were, core or more: national 22.0, state 21.0 and BSHS 21.8; less than core: national 19.5, state 18.3 and BSHS 20.4; total group: national 21.0, state 20.3, BSHS 21.5.

"I took a look at the scores and smiled," said high

school principal Kent Bowerman. "The students did great."

According to Cox, approximately 70 students took the most recent ACT test. It and its counterpart, the Scholastic Aptitude Test or SAT, are taken by most students who plan to enter college.

"We usually encourage those who are juniors to take the test at the end of their junior year," she said.

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RSVP volunteer helping city workers

Editor's Note: The following article is one in a series on volunteerism in the Crossroads Area.

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

For 82-year-old Inez Bearden, a Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) volunteer, giving of herself keeps her busy, her mind active and she loves to help make someone's life just a little bit easier.

"I love helping people," she said.

And she tries to whenever she can. In fact, she considers herself on call whenever RSVP project coordinator Nancy Jones needs someone fast.

"I am on call all the time," Bearden said. "When ever Nancy needs someone right quick, I will be there."

For the past five years, Bearden has continued to update a scrapbook for the city of Big Spring.

She spends about an hour each day carefully reading the *Big Spring Herald*, cutting and pasting all articles pertaining to the city, including the daily police and emergency medical service reports.

According to Bearden, city employees were originally attempting to keep the scrapbook while maintaining their own job responsibilities.

To relieve some of the work load, the RSVP volunteers took over the project.

"The city helps sponsors us, and we (RSVP) like to



Inez Bearden, a Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) volunteer, updates the scrap book for the city of Big Spring. For the past five years, Bearden has read, cut and pasted any articles about the city to the notebook.

do something to help pay our way," Bearden said.

Bearden and other volunteers began to sort through several boxes of papers — 31/2 years worth — that needed to be read, cut and pasted.

By the end of the first month, Bearden was the only volunteer left on the project, and she would spend many late hours going through the old papers.

Eventually catching up with the work, Bearden now updates the journal daily and keeps the current scrapbook at her home.

Bearden also keeps a separate notebook for public notices the city has published.

"They (the city employees) were putting them in boxes loose," she said. "If someone wanted to find a particular notice, they never would."

Bearden also volunteers one day a week to help EMS billing clerk Cheri Harris with filing, making folders and stuffing envelopes.

"She always does a real good job," Harris said. "She will do anything extra if I am short-handed. She is a wonderful per-

son."

Bearden enjoys making scrapbooks and the rest of her volunteer work for the city.

A RSVP volunteer for the past 17 years, Bearden considers the group a great big family to her and encourages others to join.

"Nancy wants to get you doing something you enjoy and there are plenty of things to do," she explained. "Volunteering helps keep you active," Bearden continued. "It keeps the mind active and it's good to know you make someone's life a little bit easier."

Bids OK'd for Mitchell County Hospital project

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

COLORADO CITY — Construction for a new hospital and doctor's offices took giant strides forward at last week's Mitchell County Hospital Board meeting.

The board accepted a low bidder on a \$7.35 million bond issue to build the hospital which has been a very controversial issue here the last several months.

A general obligations bond election to decide if

residents of Mitchell County wanted a new hospital complex was held on June 3 and the measure was passed by an overwhelming majority.

The board authorized an Austin architect to proceed with the already advanced plans for the project.

Hospital administrator Rick Rickard said the bonds sold very quickly and he and the board were glad to get over that hurdle.

"We were anticipating an interest rate of 6 or 7 percent," said Rickard. "However we were able to

get a rate of 5.53 percent and we really feel good about it."

Rickard said that Sun Trust Securities Co. of Miami, Fla., bought the bonds last week. The bonds were rated BBB by the Standard & Poor Co., according to Rickard.

He noted that the AAA rating was not received primarily because of the nature of the county's volatile oil and gas dependent tax base, and because TXU Electric Co has been devaluing its Morgan Creek Plant on Lake Colorado

City. Rickard did indicate, however, that Sun Trust was going to buy insurance to upgrade the bonds to AAA.

With the 5.53 interest rate, Rickard said the expected annual payment will be around \$606,015.

"We were extremely pleased with the timing because we were looking at a rate of 5.9 or higher," said Rickard. "This will be a substantial savings to us over the long haul."

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Harley Owners Group member Josh Barnett, T.J. Smith and Ashley Barnett busied themselves cooking brisquets this morning at Big Spring Mall. The Harley owners will sell barbecue sandwiches until 6 this evening as part of the group's annual fund-raiser for the MDA Labor Day telethon.

HERALD photo/Carl Graham

Perfect

Grady senior gets top score on his SAT

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

Scott Swift of Grady High School didn't expect to make a perfect score on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) college entrance exam.

But he did. A perfect score on the SAT is a 1,600.

"I actually missed three problems," Swift said after learning of his score. "I don't know where they got the 1,600."

According to Richard Gibson, Grady High School principal, this was the highest score ever given to a Grady High School student.

"He's probably the brightest student at Grady that I have ever seen in my 25 years of being here," Gibson said. "He's extremely sharp and he reads almost 24 hours a day."

Swift says his key to making good grades and scoring well on the SAT is that he takes a longer time to learn a new concept and learns it much deeper than most other students.

"I have come to the conclusion that the world is much prettier if you can understand it. Take a computer, for example, once you learn how it works, you begin to look at it in a different way. It becomes almost beautiful," he explained.

Swift is very interested in math and science but also composes music and writes science fiction.

"To be honest, I am interested in just about everything," said Swift. "I even write dramas in my head."

He added that at one time he considered a career in film production.

He is involved in a low-key rock band based in Midland.

"We've played at a church a couple of times. We do some Christian music but most of it is strange rock music," said Swift. "We've only just begun; it's not really off the ground yet."

During this past summer, Swift attended a chemistry camp at the University of Houston.

"When I first applied, it was my understanding that the camp was just five days," he said. "But after I received my confirmation letter, I discovered that the camp was actually five weeks."

According to Gibson, Swift will have his choice of colleges.

"Because he is so smart, he can apply at any college anywhere and be accepted," Gibson said. "He's got a great future ahead of him."

Swift plans on attending Cal-Tech or the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"I like to build things and I want to do something important with my life," he explained.

That ambition doesn't surprise his teachers.

"Scott is the most gifted student I have ever met,"

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SEPTEMBER 4, 2000

OBITUARIES

Mary Turner Simpson

Mary Turner Simpson, 77, died Friday, Sept. 1, 2000, at Meadow Creek Nursing Center. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 5, at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens officiated by the Rev. Bob Hedges. Funeral arrangements are by Robert Massie Funeral Home. Mary was born on Sept. 12, 1922, in Lufkin to Joseph L. and Winnifred Turner. She was preceded in death by her brother, Clovis Turner. She married Dick Simpson in 1970 and he preceded her in death in 1996.

Mary was an avid fisherman, hunter and loved the outdoors and history. She was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd.

Survivors include her brother, Joe Turner, of Oroville, Va.; sister-in-law, Betty Turner of Whitehouse; stepdaughter, Modesta Williams of Midland; and special friends, Birdie Dempsey, Benny Jenkins, Clark Wilson, Greg Gossett and Dee Bankston of Big Spring.

Paid obituary

David G. Gomez

David G. Gomez, Sr., 73, of Big Spring, died on Friday, Sept. 1, 2000, in a local hospital. Rosary service was 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3, 2000 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Funeral mass was at 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 4, 2000, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Rev. James Plagens, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born on Feb. 16, 1927 in Sweetwater and married Delores Martinez. Mr. Gomez owned and operated Carlos Restaurant, retiring in 1996.



MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288
Olive W. Riley, 96, died Saturday. Services will be 2:00 PM Thursday at Hillcrest Baptist Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. Mr. Riley will be in state 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM Tuesday, 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM Wednesday, 8:00 AM until 12:00 noon Thursday.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home

Larry "H.B." Darden, 40, died Friday. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM, Tuesday, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. J.B. Harris, Jr., 84, died Sunday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mary Joe Barnes, 77, died Monday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He was active with the Knights of Columbus in the 1960's and 1970's, was an honorary member of the Chicano Golf Association and had served on the Board of Directors for Howard College. Mr. Gomez had served in the United States Navy.

Survivors include his wife, Delores Gomez of Big Spring; two sons, David G. Gomez, Jr. and Mark Gomez and two daughters, Julia Gomez and Karla Gomez all of Big Spring; two brothers, Fabian Gomez and Charlie Gomez, both of Los Angeles, Calif.; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fabian and Julia Gaitan Gomez.

Pallbearers will be Al Mendez, Bobby Sherman, Buster Eden, Louie Puga, Edward Mendez and Ray Navarette.

Honorary pallbearers will be Jody Flores and Fred Castillo.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Olive W. Riley

Funeral service for Olive W. Riley, 96, of Big Spring, is pending with Myers and Smith Funeral Home. He died on Saturday, Sept. 2, at his home following a long illness.

Larry "H.B." Darden

Larry "H.B." Darden, 40, of Big Spring, died on Friday, Sept. 1, 2000, in a Lubbock hospital. Graveside funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2000, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Ben Neel, pastor of St. Albert Baptist Church, officiating.

He was born on Nov. 18, 1959, in Big Spring. He was a lifelong resident of Howard County and attended Coahoma Schools. Larry worked in the oil field all his life and was currently working for Patterson drilling.

Survivors include: two daughters, Star Lynn Darden and Misty Dawn Darden, both of Canyon Lake; his mother, Johnnie Ruth Tatum of Big Spring; two brothers, Allen Darden and Johnny Darden, both of Big Spring; one sister, Diana Darden of Big Spring; and two grandchildren, Justin Davis and Jordan Lee.

He was preceded in death by his father, Joe Darden in 1992; his grandmothers, Lois Anderson and Lena Darden; and by a nephew, Jody Day.

Pallbearers will be Randy Feaster, Steve Schaefer, Mike Hogg, Ray Darden.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Advertisement for Proposals The Howard College Junior College District is now accepting proposals for the following: Cellular Phone Service Specifications may be obtained from Dennis Churchwell, Purchaser, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720 (915)264-5187. Sealed proposals will be accepted through 3:00 p.m. on September 19, 2000 in the administrative Annex, room A2, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, at which time they will be read into record. Proposals are instructed that a formal opening will not occur. The college will negotiate with qualified proposers concerning the proposals submitted. The final determination of proposal award will be made at a future board meeting.

Technical and bidding questions should be directed to Dennis Churchwell, Purchaser, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720 (915)264-5187. Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to reject any and all bids. 2935 September 4 and 5, 2000

Dough Tatum, Clayton Coffman, Scott Darden and Terry Darden.

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J.B. Harris Jr.

Funeral service for J.B. Harris Jr., 84, Big Spring, will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2000, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Skip Hedgepeth, Chaplain of Home Hospice officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



Mr. Harris died on Sunday, Sept. 3, at his residence.

He was born on June 30, 1916, in Eastland County and married Marietta Wilson on June 25, 1936, in Rankin. He came to Big Spring in 1985 from San Angelo. He had worked as a boiler fireman for the State of Texas. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include: his wife, Marietta Harris of Big Spring; three sons, James William Harris of Ohio, Kenneth Don Harris Sr. of Big Spring and Gary Alvin Harris of Texas; two daughters, Nancy Marie Mabry of New Mexico and Francis Allora Webber of Alaska; one sister, Juanita Hornbeck of Oklahoma; 15 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch.

Mary Joe Barnes

Funeral service for Mary Joe Barnes, 77, of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mrs. Barnes died on Monday, Sept. 4, in a local hospital.



SCORES

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"That way the students can take the exam again in the fall of their senior year to improve their scores."

The ACT costs \$23 and the next testing date is scheduled for Oct. 28.

"Those wishing to take the ACT in October, need to register by Sept. 22," said Cox.

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George Williford of the First Southwest Securities Corp. of Dallas said the deal will close on Oct. 3 after a 30-day review by the attorney general of Texas and the money will immediately be delivered in time for construction to start around the first week of November.

The Hillcrest Foundation Nature Exchange, a "store" where children can trade objects from nature;

The JCPenney Discovery House and A.H. Belo Discovery Yard, which illustrates how wild animals can live in and around a typical home. The exhibit includes models of bats and squirrels, along with live turtles and an opossum;

The Kresge Foundation Farm, where children can climb hay bales, feed fish and interact with goats, ponies and other domestic animals.

According to the College Board, students taking the SAT scored one point better this year in math but dropped a point in the verbal test. Both scores were below the national averages.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

The average math score for Texas students increased from 499 in 1999 to 500 this year. That compares with a national score of 514, up from 511 the previous year.

The average verbal score for Texas students was 493, down from the 494 students had scored in each year since 1997. Nationally, the verbal score remained stable at 505 for the fifth year.

Texas' verbal score was the third worst in the nation, behind South Carolina and North Carolina, which scored 484 and 492, respectively.

In math, Texas tied four other states with the nation's seventh-worst average of 500.

Texas Education Commissioner Jim Nelson said he was encouraged by the record-number of students who took the test and was satisfied with the scores.

Fifty-two percent of Texas' 217,977 high school seniors took the exam this past school year. That's up from last year, when 50 percent of 208,288 seniors took the SAT. Nationally, 44 percent of all high school seniors took the exam this year.

The Associated Press contributed to this article.

Interactive kid's exhibit to open at Dallas Zoo

DALLAS (AP) — The newest exhibit at the Dallas Zoo allows children to tunnel like termites, mingle with marsupials and rinse their hands like raccoons.

The \$7 million Lacerte Family Children's Zoo is a two-acre interactive project opening Saturday, marking the completion of a five-year, \$23 million renovation of the zoo.

Located next to the flamingo pond, the children's zoo is designed to help toddlers through pre-teens "learn about the diversity of life on Earth, the importance of respecting animals and the environment, and the need to conserve nature for future generations," according to zoo spokeswoman Pam Deutsch.

Some of the exhibits are: — The Wander, a winding entryway lined with rock walls and "hidden" animal sculptures, and Raccoon Springs, a fountain for children to dip their hands;

The Hillcrest Foundation Nature Exchange, a "store" where children can trade objects from nature;

The JCPenney Discovery House and A.H. Belo Discovery Yard, which illustrates how wild animals can live in and around a typical home. The exhibit includes models of bats and squirrels, along with live turtles and an opossum;

The Kresge Foundation Farm, where children can climb hay bales, feed fish and interact with goats, ponies and other domestic animals.

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animals. — The Dallas Zoological Society Woods, which includes The Underzone, where children can crawl through kid-sized termite tunnels and mongoose burrows, and watch mole-rats scurry through plastic tubes. At Travis and Zach's Wallaby Walkabout, visitors can mingle with the free-roaming marsupials, which resemble miniature kangaroos.

Other features include a central plaza and amphitheater, a toddler play area, a birthday party room and a snack shop.

"It's basically encountering nature," said zoo animal care supervisor Suzy Steele. "The kids are just fascinated."

The Lacerte Family Children's Zoo was funded by private contributions raised by the Dallas Zoological Society, including a major gift from the Lacerte family in 1998.

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.

Cecile Carson, outreach director of Keep Texas Beautiful, Denton, and Sharla Hotchkiss of Keep Midland Beautiful and Past President of Keep Texas Beautiful will speak.

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

THE BIG SPRING EVENING Lions Club will have free eyeglasses for all adults Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third.

All adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses are welcome. The recycled eyeglasses are donated by the community as a service project of the Lions.

The Lions group offers the eyeglasses the second Saturday of each month. For more information call Donna Groenke at 393-5298.

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.

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Donations can be made to account 768214, or contact Tammy Barber at Cosden Credit Union, 264-2600 for information. Donors can also contact Calvin and Linda Bordsoske, 264-0838.

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.

POLICE

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

• DEBRA DARNELL, 28, no address given, was arrested on local warrant.

• DAVID LUERA, 28, a transient, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• RAFAEL LOPEZ, 55, no address given, was arrested on a local warrant.

• LISA FANNIN, 21, no address given, was arrested on a local warrant.

• KARLA DYESS, 40, of 505 E. 14th, was arrested on a Moore County warrant.

• SHERMAN MOSELY, 22, of 601 E. 12th, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence.

• WILLIAM SMETAK, 43, of 601 E. 12th, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence.

• RAMONA RAMIREZ, 42, of Alpine, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.

• JOE GONZALES, 40, of Alpine, was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1100 block of Sycamore and in the 1300 block of State.

• HARASSMENT was reported in the 1900 block of E. 25th.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 900 block of E. I-20.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF TO A VEHICLE was reported in the 1900 block of E. 11th.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1700 block of E. 15th.

• ASSAULT was reported in the 2500 block of Albrook.

• THEFT was reported in the 1700 block of E. Third, in the 1700 block of E. Marcy and in the 1800 block of Gregg.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2000. Work with me closely. Some might make you able, but uplifting on problem everyone happy might consider office or a type brings you in families and n You will gain i yourself to be n tive. Profess bloom and rec sought-after lau bow. If you a you'll meet so could sweep yo feet in the sun If you are, atta through proble ly. You will be next summer y found glow of l TARIUS knows your buttons.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Sept. 5

Work with family more closely. Sometimes this might make you uncomfortable, but ultimately, working on problems will make everyone happier. You might consider a home office or a type of work that brings you in contact with families and real estate. You will gain if you allow yourself to be more innovative. Professionally, you bloom and receive long-sought-after laurels. Take a bow. If you are single, you'll meet someone who could sweep you off your feet in the summer of 2001. If you are attached, work through problems diligently. You will be beaming by next summer with a new-found glow of love. SAGITTARIUS knows how to push your buttons.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** You can reverse your position gracefully. You feel tense as you attempt to clear your workday and simultaneously explore new ideas. Unexpected developments encourage reassessing decisions, goals and perhaps a key friendship. Keep searching for the right solution. Tonight: Surf the Web.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** You must choose between an unexpected fling and an important relationship. Refuse to cause yourself unneeded upheaval. Stay with the tried and true. Financial gain appears on the horizon; however, you might need to spend a little to make a little. Avoid financial risks. Tonight: Talk to your best friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Another seeks you out. He has many ideas for you. What occurs is that your mind is further stimulated by this person's input. Do not shy away from a very odd but innovative idea. Explore new ways of thinking. Be willing to give up set patterns. Allow more creativity and imagination into your personal and professional lives. Tonight: Out and about.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Dig into work, with an eye to completing an important job. In fact, consider the job priority, and screen calls and contacts. Another has much to share, but you still might not be able to give this person time. A partner unexpectedly chimes in with support. Tonight: Off to the gym to clear stress.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Nothing needs to stop you. If you are concerned about a money matter, face it head-on. You find a way around it. Another does the unexpected. Recognize that the unexpected from this person is to be expected. You find answers when others shy away. Realize your goals. Work with a creative individual. Tonight: Be friskier.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Without intending to, you could be making mountains out of molehills. Realize what is happening and decide to change directions. Your ability to move in a different direction, especially at work, impresses a boss. Emphasize what is important to you professionally. Consider a home office if you don't have one. Tonight: Happy at home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Not everyone agrees with you. Don't take this personally, and certainly

don't go and sulk. Others delight in your company and feedback. Allow your natural ingenuity to come out and help you to fix an immediate issue or problem. A lover one knows how to delight you. Let this person romp a little. Tonight: Out and about.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Deal with money matters head-on. Make it OK to postpone plans for a while if you need to cut spending. The right time will come. Unexpected developments at home please you. Show your ability to let go of problems. Refuse to take another's challenge personally. Emphasize what works. Tonight: Fun doesn't have to be expensive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Though you might think a boss is acting difficult, you find ways to please him. Your personality magnetizes and helps you and others bounce over rough spots. Adapt plans to the needs of the moment. Unexpected events propel you in new directions. A phone call or letter brings good news. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Take a deep breath and think about news that could be disconcerting. You might need some spare time to think recent events through. Take a walk and get away from immediate stress. Concentrating on work helps dissolve recent stress. You accomplish a lot if you stay focused. Tonight: Curl up with a good book.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Aim for what you want. Your friendship means a lot to another. Discussions are animated if

they involve long-term goals and a key friendship. Learn not to push a loved one too far, as all you will succeed in doing is pushing him away. Reveal more of what is on your mind in a less judgmental way. Tonight: Where the fun is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Try to attract more of what you want. Let go of convincing another that you are right. First, you might or might not be. Second, you won't succeed, anyway. Make it OK for people not to agree with you. And your work and life will become more dynamic. Others admire your liberal, understanding attitude. Tonight: Work late.

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Child dies in crash where SUV tire tread separated

ENCINAL (AP) — A sport utility vehicle overturned and landed on its roof off an interstate in southern Texas on Sunday, killing a 10-year-old and injuring six other people. The tread had clearly separated from one back tire. Authorities didn't know if the tread separation had contributed to the accident or was a result of the vehicle skidding off the highway and rolling.

Jose Martinez, deputy chief of the Webb County Sheriff's Department, said a shredded tire on the vehicle possibly was related to the recent Bridgestone/Firestone recalls and that it would be investigated further. The vehicle was a Ford Explorer with Firestone tires. Bridgestone/Firestone last month announced a recall of 6.5 million Firestone tires in three models.

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Grandfather now able to tune into life thanks to help from new hearing aid

DEAR ABBY: We recently moved back to Texas to be closer to my parents, allowing me to spend some wonderful time with my 88-year-old grandfather. My letter is for all people who wear hearing aids. He has just returned with his digital hearing aid, and it is like he is alive again!



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

He tried many different kinds, and actually had a shoebox he threw them into when they didn't work. So far, this one has done the trick. He hears everything without having to adjust the volume. It doesn't pick up the background noise that he has always complained about.

He went running into the kitchen because he thought he heard the washing machine making a funny noise. It was actually the refrigerator motor. He said he hasn't heard that humming noise in years! He also told me he hears traffic noises he hasn't heard in quite some time. (A good thing!)

Please tell your readers not to throw away their old hearing aids because there are organizations that will take them. Doctors use them for children in poor countries. And please, Abby, urge anyone who has difficulty hearing not to be embarrassed to have their hearing checked. It could be the beginning of a whole new life. — SUSAN IN AUSTIN, TEXAS

DEAR SUSAN: Hear, hear! An estimated 20 mil-

lion Americans suffer from some kind of hearing loss. I was once told about a sign hanging in an audiologist's office: "Your hearing loss is far more obvious to everyone else than your hearing aid will be."

Anyone with a hearing aid to donate should contact HEAR NOW, a national nonprofit organization that provides hearing aids to people with limited financial means. The hearing aids should be mailed in a small box or padded envelope to: HEAR NOW, 4248 Park Glen Road, Minneapolis, MN 55416. The contribution is tax deductible, so please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for your receipt for tax purposes.

DEAR ABBY: What makes you think that the wife who is "visiting" her friends at 2 a.m. might be hanging out with a colony of bats? No self-respecting bat is home at that time. During the night hours, they are hard at work riding the world of hundreds of billions of bugs or pollinating millions of plants and trees.

Unlike some unhappy humans, bats don't have the luxury of too much time on their hands. A bat mom likes nothing so much as hanging out with her baby and all her other bat mom friends and their babies. There's no time for bat hanky-panky.

Please, Abby. Our friends the bats don't need more bad publicity, or to have their reputation endlessly maligned. Humans must realize that their fear of bats stems from ignorance. Instead of posing a threat, bats are highly beneficial to humans. The reality is that less than one person a year

in the United States dies from bat rabies, that's a minuscule compared to the number who die from bee stings, bicycle accidents, lightning strikes, drowning while swimming or spousal abuse.

I recommend bat education for all. — BAT ADVOCATE IN SEATTLE

DEAR BAT ADVOCATE: (Now here's a topic we can sink our teeth into.) I respect your going to bat for your furry flying friends; however, when I questioned whether the wife was hanging out with a colony of bats, I was alluding to the fact that they are nocturnal creatures. I was not implying that they were promiscuous or poor mothers. Personally, I've never met a bat I haven't liked. If you were offended, please forgive me.

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.) © 2000 UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

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OUR VIEWS

Celebrating our nation's top resource

Today, we celebrate one of the most basic components of a successful society — the worker. Great decisions are made by politicians, generals command during wars and scientists explore the mysteries of the universe. But without the "common" working man and woman to drive the gears of society, all the equations and theories wouldn't amount to much.

In recognition of the workforce that fuels this country, the U.S. Congress has set aside the first Monday in September for the observance of Labor Day.

So, what exactly should we be observing today?

George Sand once said, "Work is not man's punishment. It is his reward and his strength, his glory and his pleasure." While some would doubtless take issue with Sand's assessment, there is more than a little truth to it.

For many, what we are entitled to a great extent by what we do for a living. A great majority of U.S. workers take great pride in their occupations and strive to do the best job possible.

Given those facts, therefore, a day of celebration of our work makes a great deal of sense.

Very few good things come about as the result of random chance or good fortune, but from simple, hard work.

A cure for polio? Jonas Salk worked years on the problem before finding a cure.

Likewise, the Empire State Building and other great structures in this country just didn't appear out of the blue one day, but were the result of years of labor.

The examples could go on and on ...

But it is not great accomplishments we recognize today, but the simple realization that much that makes this nation great has been made possible by the work of our people.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:
While dining at Furr's Cafeteria on Friday, Aug. 25, my husband suffered a stroke. I want to try and thank the manager and staff of Furr's for all their help and concern. Our server even came to the hospital after closing to check on my husband's condition. A special thank you to the paramedic and the two people from the Red Cross who came immediately to our aid. Also to those diners who comforted our two frightened granddaughters. And the lady that allowed our granddaughter to use her cell phone to call her mother. Your kindness to my husband, our granddaughters and myself is deeply appreciated.

How very grateful we are for the prompt and professional firemen and ambulance crew. And how blessed we are to have an emergency room and hospital like Scenic Mountain. Dr Stephens was on duty and he and his staff took wonderful care of Ray.

A special thank you to all the nurses in ICU. Because of each of you I am happy to say Ray is doing well. Also thank you to all of our friends and church for your visits, calls and concern. Finally, thank you Big Spring for being there when we needed you. It is good to live in such a caring place.

JANE DAUGHETHEE
BIG SPRING

Why Europe's trains work and ours don't

After the steam locomotive made its first commercial appearance in the United States in 1830, rail travel exploded upon the scene and became the best means of transportation across land. Within 20 years of its first appearance, United States railroad mileage increased from 23 miles to 9,000, and trains came to symbolize America's industry and progress. By 1857, the U.S. had half of the world's railroad mileage.



JACK ANDERSON

The next milestone in travel came in 1869, when the Central Pacific and the Union Pacific lines met at Promontory Summit in Utah, uniting the eastern part of the country with the West. This unification changed the face of the Western territories. People left the East in droves to find a better life in the West.

The Golden Age of rail-

roads, from 1869 to 1910, saw the railroad system gain its modern form. Rail travel could be economical, as well as elegant. Railroads competed with one another to provide customers with better service and faster routes, and by 1920, the U.S. rail system had 255,000 miles of track.

The twentieth century, however, saw the decline of the railroad.

Automobiles and trucks threatened the industry's very existence. Passenger train service suffered the first place, it drained the resources of all of the railroads. Air travel further reduced the clientele for passenger train service. The solution was expected to be found in the creation of Amtrak in 1971. However, the quasi-government-run company has failed to revitalize the passenger rail industry because many potential customers find rail travel to be too inefficient and costly. Why take a 10-hour train ride from Charlotte, N.C., to Washington, D.C., for \$200 when you can make the same trip in about an hour for a comparably priced air-

line ticket? Amtrak recently has unveiled a new service along the Northeast Corridor that would compete with the airline industry. Acela is a 150-mph train that represents the new age in American rail travel or so Amtrak hopes. It starts operating in October and will provide service through Boston, New York and Washington, D.C.

The United States could follow the example of Europe, where rail service is efficient, fast and cheap. The popularity of European trains, however, is not due solely to the development of faster and better engines. One of the main factors is the prohibitive cost of owning and maintaining an automobile there.

Europe has the most extensive high-speed rail network in the world. Rail travel there is fast, comfortable and punctual, with trains to virtually all regions and cities on the continent. Many trains in Europe travel in excess of 100 mph. The Eurostar, for example — connecting Great Britain, France and Belgium — speeds along at 135 mph, taking only three hours to reach Paris from

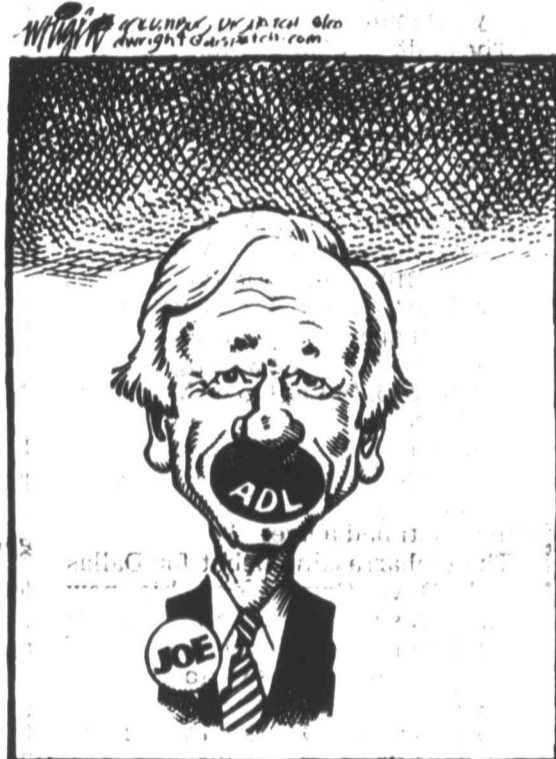
London. The German ICE train offers service to all major cities in Germany, and they travel up to 174 mph. And France's TGV trains travel upwards of 317 mph, while the regular trains run at 186 mph.

Rail travel in Europe is reliable. Unlike air and automotive travel, rail travel is not adversely affected by inclement weather. Moreover, train stations are usually located near the heart of cities and towns and are easily accessible by public transportation. Europe's collection of trains represents one of the best and most comfortable in the world. Rail tickets are inexpensive. Many countries offer discounts, specials and rail passes that make rail travel much more appealing than travel by air.

But the primary reason that rail travel in Europe is so economical is because it is subsidized and controlled by governments. The SNCF, for example, is run by the French government, and the tracks those trains ride on are also owned and operated by the government. Perhaps America should enter into a management agreement with SNCF or BritRail.

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Fond memories of a mountain cabin

The bears were there. Or at least a bear, one that left its calling card on the path to a sweet mountain cabin, presumably the same rascal that ripped the screen off a kitchen door at a great house high up in the fastness of dark woods.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

There also was photographic evidence — slightly out-of-focus cubs cavorting on a deck — and several close encounters everyone was buzzing about.

The bears at Tate made my recent struggles with a drought-crazed raccoon down in workaday Carroll County (Ga.) seem minor. The raccoon — not satisfied with cat food — roots about in the plant pots each night, scattering bought-ready-made dirt and hot-pink geranium blooms and generally acting wild.

But I didn't mention cartoonish con troubles, so paled were they beside major mammals.

I hated to talk at all, in fact, in this dollop of pedigreed paradise that for decades has been a mountain retreat for Atlanta sombodies. I had only a short time to take in the place, to see the spring-fed lake and the pine-paneled homes and the gardens. Gardens that ranged from Joe Wilber's miniature Monticello to wildflower collections so extensive they would make a bee stagger.

I saw a bit of the Berkshires once, long ago, during a summer when I saw too much too quickly. And that's the closest comparison I can make. Tate has the dignity of those old, rich retreats in the Berkshires, only with a spectacular kudu drapery at its entrance.

As a reporter, you get invited places that otherwise you'd never even know about. In 26 years of newspaper work, I've avoided the Deliveries Entrance at some pretty swank spots. I've parked my Pinto at a mil-

lionaire's Sea Island (Ga.) "cottage," toiled around the Mississippi Delta in a gold Cadillac with Jesse Jackson, taken a light lunch with Captain Kangaroo.

It's the blessing and curse of this business that you get a glimpse of the good life, Moses with a pencil behind his ear, on deadline, looking over into the Promised Land.

But a taste of Tate is better than none at all. I made the most of my recent overnighter, snapping photographs like the tourist I was, in hopes of remembering every swell detail. Retreats fascinate me. This one in North Georgia lists to national journalists and literary lions, doubly intriguing.

Growing up, my own family had annual access to a retreat. It wasn't rich with history and intellects, but it was remote. And exotic to us.

The lodge was owned by Sunnyland Meats and was located at Lake Seminole in South Georgia.

Most summers for a week or two the bacon moguls would make the Sunnyland

lodge available to my father, who worked for a grocery company.

For a few blissful days we could pretend that the lake-side house with its knotty-pine paneling and poker table and swinging, saloon-style doors was all ours.

I remember padding down to the lake and surveying my temporary kingdom.

At night, my father's frivolous, vacation side would come unleashed, and he'd teach us the psychological subtleties of playing five-card stud.

Whenever my mother said we could, we'd splash about in the lake mined with cypress knees, doing splashy, graceless cannonballs off the end of a dock, hollering and carrying on like scalded savages.

During the trip to Tate, the memory of my own tradition came roaring back when my lithe hostess dove into the lake where long ago as a child she swam with her grandmother.

I watched from the little locust bridge as her body splashed the water without a splash, like the perfect lady diver on a motel marquee.

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Father Delaney golf tourney is Sept. 24

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The tournament will be an ABCD scramble.

For more information, call 264-2466.

UGSA registration runs through Sept. 9

The Big Spring United Girls Softball Association has extended 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.

Quarterback Club will meet tonight

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will meet at 7 tonight at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

Anyone interested in supporting the Steers is invited to attend.

Eshleman, Bruck on leaders listing

Big Spring's Bob Eshleman and Rondel Bruck were among the points leaders released by the Abilene Speedway following its final races of the season.

Eshleman finished 16th overall in the pure stocks division, while Bruck was 53rd in the modifieds.

AP POLL

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sept. 2:

Rank	Team	Record
1.	Nebraska (39)	1-0
2.	Florida St. (28)	1-0
3.	Michigan	1-0
4.	Miami	1-0
5.	Wisconsin (1)	1-0
6.	Texas (2)	0-0
7.	Kansas St.	2-0
8.	Florida	1-0
9.	Georgia	1-0
10.	Virginia Tech	1-0
11.	Southern Cal	1-0
12.	Tennessee	1-0
13.	Alabama	0-1
14.	Purdue	1-0
15.	Washington	1-0
16.	UCLA(1)	1-0
17.	Clemson	1-0
18.	Ohio St.	1-0
19.	Mississippi	1-0
20.	Oklahoma	1-0
21.	Illinois	1-0
22.	TCU	0-0
23.	Notre Dame	1-0
24.	Michigan St.	0-0
25.	Southern Miss.	0-1

Others receiving votes:
Colorado St. 121, East Carolina 92, Oregon 71, Mississippi St. 41, Toledo 25, Auburn 24, Marshall 23, LSU 13, Arkansas 12, Minnesota 10, Oklahoma St. 8, Georgia Tech 7, Arizona 4, Syracuse 4, West Virginia 3, Arizona St. 2, Utah 2, BYU 1, Colorado 1, Stanford 1, Texas A&M 1, Texas Tech 1.

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FOOTBALL
8 p.m. — Denver Broncos at St. Louis Rams, ABC, Ch. 2 and Ch. 8.

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

UCLA, Irish leap into AP poll at No. 16 and No. 23

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

UCLA's back, and so is Notre Dame. Back in the Top 25, that is. With a resounding 35-24 victory over Alabama, the Bruins went from unranked to No. 16 in this week's Associated Press Top 25 college football poll.

The Fighting Irish, unranked in the preseason poll for the first time since 1986, opened their season with a 24-10 win over Texas A&M and moved in at No. 23.

UCLA was last ranked in the Top 25 in the fourth poll last season; Notre Dame last appeared in the

10th poll of '99. Nebraska and Florida State remained 1-2, while Michigan moved up three places to No. 3 and Alabama tumbled 10 spots to No. 13.

The Cornhuskers, who opened with a 49-13 victory over San Jose State on Saturday, received 39 first-place votes and 1,736 points Sunday from the 71 sports writers and broadcasters on the AP panel.

Florida State, idle on Saturday, had 28 first-place votes and 1,725 points, while Michigan was a distant third with 1,513 points. The Wolverines opened with a 42-7 victory over Bowling Green.

Miami, a 61-14 winner over I-AA McNeese State last Thursday, moved up a spot to No. 4, followed by No. 5 Wisconsin, No. 6 Texas, No. 7 Kansas State, No. 8 Florida, No. 9 Georgia and No. 10 Virginia Tech.

The Badgers, who received one first-place vote, dropped a spot after a lackluster 19-7 win over Western Michigan last Thursday night. Texas, which opens its season Saturday against Louisiana-Lafayette, had two first-place votes and UCLA had one first-place vote.

USC was up a notch at No. 11, followed by No. 12 Tennessee, No. 13

Alabama, No. 14 Purdue, No. 15 Washington, No. 16 UCLA, No. 17 Clemson, No. 18 Ohio State, No. 19 Mississippi and No. 20 Oklahoma.

Illinois remained No. 21, followed by No. 22 TCU, No. 23 Notre Dame, No. 24 Michigan State and No. 25 Southern Mississippi, which remained in the rankings despite a 19-16 loss at Tennessee.

Colorado and Texas A&M dropped out of the poll after suffering their losses.

In the USA Today/ESPN coaches poll, the top five are Nebraska, Florida State, Michigan, Miami and Florida.

Bad day for Aikman, other QBs

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Opening day was a tough one for NFL quarterbacks.

Only one winning QB, Jacksonville's Mark Brunell, passed for 300 yards, and it got quite ugly for several others.

Ryan Leaf twice left the game with injuries and returned, but gave up three interceptions and fumbled twice in San Diego's 9-6 defeat at Oakland. Jon Kitna was intercepted four times and lost a fumble in Seattle's 23-0 loss at Miami. And Jake Plummer of Arizona threw three interceptions and lost a fumble in Arizona's 21-16 loss to the New York Giants.

But nobody had a worse day than Troy Aikman.

The Dallas QB was 0-for-5 with an interception that was returned for a touchdown, and he left with the ninth concussion of his career after he was sacked for the fourth time in the first half. The Cowboys went on to lose to Philadelphia 41-14 at Texas Stadium.

In other games, it was Washington 20, Carolina 17; Atlanta 36, San Francisco 28; Detroit 14, New Orleans 10; Indianapolis 27, Kansas City 14; Tampa Bay 21, New England 16; Baltimore 16, Pittsburgh 0; Minnesota 30, Chicago 27; Jacksonville 27, Cleveland 7; New York Jets 20, Green Bay 16; and Buffalo 16, Tennessee 13.

Denver is at St. Louis tonight. Cincinnati had a bye.

The embarrassing debut for Dallas coach Dave Campo and his new offense was made worse by Aikman's concussion. Aikman was taken to a hospital for observation, then released.

Also hurt was Dallas' new \$42 million receiver, Joey Galloway, who was carted off the field with a sprained knee in the game's final minutes. Earlier, he provided the Cowboys' lone highlight by catching a 4-yard touchdown pass.

"Everything good that could happen for them, did. Everything bad that could happen for us, did," linebacker Dat Nguyen said.

Duce Staley ran for 201 yards and a touchdown and had another 62 yards receiving for the Eagles, becoming the Eagles' first 200-yard runner since Steve Van Buren in 1949.

The game kicked off in 109-degree heat — 171 on the artificial turf — which would've seemed to favor the Cowboys. Eagles coach Andy Reid, however, even had an answer for that: a combination of water and pickle juice, a cocktail suggested by an Iowa State trainer during training camp.

"We loaded them up last night, before the game and during the game," Eagles trainer Rick Burkholder said. "We don't know why it works, but we only had one cramp."

Dolphins 23, Seahawks 0

Lamar Smith ran for 145 yards in his Miami debut, and the Dolphins forced six Seattle turnovers.

While Kitna struggled, Dolphins QB Jay Fiedler went 15-for-24 for 134 yards, with no turnovers.

Raiders 9, Chargers 6

Andre Rison caught a 10-yard scoring pass from Rich Gannon with 2:53



Dallas Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman, pictured here in a 1995 game, was just one of several quarterbacks who had a bad day during Sunday's opening week of the NFL season. Aikman failed to complete a pass before leaving the game after suffering a concussion in Dallas' 41-14 loss to Philadelphia.

left for Oakland, which manhandled Leaf in his first NFL regular season appearance in 20 months.

But Leaf led the Chargers on 15-play, 80-yard drive to Robert Chancy's 3-yard touchdown run with 9:41 left, giving the Chargers a 6-2 lead. No one scored until midway through the third quarter, when Darrell Russell tackled Chancy for a safety.

Giants 21, Cardinals 16

Plummer threw two touchdown passes to make a game dominated by New York finish closer than it looked.

Tiki Barber ran for career-best 144 yards and two touchdowns, including a 78-yarder, and rookie Ron Dayne ran for 78 and a TD in a game delayed 23 minutes in the third quarter by a storm over New Jersey.

Bills 16, Titans 13

At Buffalo, the Bills won the rematch of the "Music City Miracle" against Tennessee as backup QB Alex Van Pelt set up Steve Christie's 33-yard field goal with a 36-yard pass to Eric Moulds in the final minute.

Peerless Price had a 15-yard touchdown reception and Christie hit two other field goals as the Bills opened the season avenging their 22-16 playoff loss to the Titans, who won on Kevin Dyson's 75-yard home-run throwback touchdown return of a kickoff in the dying moments.

Redskins 20, Panthers 17

After agreeing to a nine-year contract worth about \$90 million, Stephen Davis rushed for 133 yards and revived a sputtering Washington offense at home.

Carolina's offense, ineffective most of the game, scored its only touchdown on Steve Beuerlein's 20-yard

pass to Wesley Walls with 1:52 to play. However, the Redskins recovered the onside kick, Davis took the next handoff and ran 33 yards.

Buccaneers 21, Patriots 16

Mike Alstott ran for two touchdowns, and Tampa Bay held on to win at New England.

Shaun King passed for the other touchdown for the Bucs, who ruined the debut of Bill Belichick as Patriots coach by holding them without an offensive touchdown for nearly 57 minutes.

Tampa Bay sacked Drew Bledsoe four times in the first 15 minutes, but he came back to make it close with a TD pass to Terry Glenn. The Patriots had a final chance to win, but Bledsoe threw four straight incompletions, the last into the end zone on the final play, after the Patriots reached the Bucs 22.

Colts 27, Chiefs 14

Edgerrin James ran for 124 yards and scored two touchdowns, and Jeff Burris' fourth-quarter TD off an interception sealed the victory.

Burris picked off an off-balance throw by Elvis Grbac and sped 27 yards for a score early in the fourth quarter.

Jets 20, Packers 16

Curtis Martin rushed for 110 yards and a touchdown and caught a 2-yard TD pass from Vinny Testaverde with 3:30 left at Green Bay.

Brett Favre tried to engineer a comeback, but Victor Green made an acrobatic interception at the 9 with 1:08 left.

Favre, playing for the first time in a month after missing three preseason games with a sore elbow, was just 14-of-34 for 152 yards.

Rangers salvage 4-1 win

DETROIT (AP) — Ryan Glynn insisted he felt fine. Some of his Texas teammates weren't so sure, and Rangers manager Johnny Oates took no chances.

Glynn won for the first time since an Aug. 11 fainting spell at Texas, working 6 1-3 solid innings as the Rangers beat the Detroit Tigers 4-1 Sunday for just their third victory in 12 games.

"I was fine the whole game," said Glynn, who was diagnosed with a fainting condition he's controlling through medication and diet.

Glynn (4-3) said that at one point first baseman Frank Catalanotto thought the right-hander was wobbling during a very hot and humid day.

"I had a bug on my face I was trying to get off and Frank thought I was spacing out again," Glynn said.

Glynn had thrown only 81 pitches when Oates removed him with a 4-1 lead in the seventh.

"The only reason I was cautious today was when the clouds burned out it was like an oven out there," Oates said. "I'm not usually bothered by it, but I had to sit down a couple of times."

Glynn allowed one run on seven hits with two strikeouts and a walk.

In Sunday's other American League games, Cleveland beat Baltimore 12-11 in 13 innings, Minnesota edged the New York Yankees 2-1 in 10 innings, Oakland defeated Toronto 4-3, Kansas City beat Tampa Bay 8-2, the Chicago White Sox topped Anaheim 13-12, and Seattle beat Boston 5-0.

In National League games, it was St. Louis 4, New York 3 in 11 innings; Houston 9, Atlanta 3; Arizona 10, Florida 5; San Francisco 5, Chicago 2; Milwaukee 6, Colorado 4; Cincinnati 8, Montreal 1; Pittsburgh 8, San Diego 6; and Los Angeles 6, Philadelphia 1.

John Wetteland, who pitched the ninth for his 28th save, and two other pitchers combined for 2 2-3 hitless innings of relief.

Jeff Weaver (9-12) gave up four runs on nine hits in just 3 1-3 innings, his shortest stint of the season, and fell to 0-3 for his career against the Rangers.

Detroit saw its three-game winning streak come to an end.

Early season games filled with blowouts for most of Big 12

DALLAS (AP) — Ah, the early season. Time for offenses and defenses to break in new plays and players, and for Big 12 teams to feast on weak opponents.

Most of them, that is. Colorado, Texas A&M and Kansas all took on schools with something to prove and were reminded why the rest of their conference brethren were playing teams they were supposed to beat.

The seven Big 12 teams that fulfilled expectations did so convincingly. They won by an average of 26.6 points or 32.6 if you take out Baylor and Iowa State, teams that are just happy to win.

Baylor snapped a six-game losing streak and a 16-game skid on the

road by beating North Texas 20-7 on Thursday night. Iowa State beat Ohio 25-15 Saturday, and the Cyclones were a bit disappointed it was so close.

"There isn't a lot of hooting and hollering, jumping around and celebrating," said coach Dan McCarney, whose team had a chance to pull away in the fourth quarter, when Ohio had four turnovers. "It's a win."

Top-ranked Nebraska scored on its first four possessions in a 49-13 victory over San Jose State. No. 7 Kansas State won its 54th straight game against an unranked team by beating Louisiana Tech 54-10, and No. 20 Oklahoma ruined the coaching debut of its former offensive

coordinator Gary Nord by beating Texas El-Paso 55-14.

Texas Tech's new offense looked great in a 38-16 victory over Utah State, and Missouri needed drives of just two plays, one play and three plays to start its 50-20 victory over Division I-AA Western Illinois.

Colorado and Texas A&M fell from the top 25 with their losses, ruining the conference's claim of having half its teams ranked.

Texas and Oklahoma State were off. Both have their openers Saturday, the No. 6 Longhorns taking on Louisiana-Lafayette at home and the Cowboys playing at Tulsa.

Colorado, which had been 23rd, was hoping to avenge a 41-14 loss to rival Colorado State in last season's

opener, but lost 28-24.

"I never thought in a million years that CSU would beat us two straight years," receiver Javon Green said.

Texas A&M, which moved into the poll at No. 25 without playing a game, lost 24-10 to Notre Dame, helping former Aggie defensive coordinator Bob Davie start picking up the pieces of his crumbling program.

The Fighting Irish will surely be tested next week when they welcome the Cornhuskers to South Bend, Ind.

"We've got a long, long, long way to go in a short period of time," Davie said.

Kansas agreed to be the opponent

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9:30	KMD	Broncos at St. Louis	KPEJ	Med Abt. You Henry (CC)	KERA	Black Press-Soldiers	FAM	Early Edition	KOSA	Family Law (CC)	WFAA	Broncos at St. Louis	KWES	Third Watch (CC)	WTBS	Movie: (25)	UNR	Cristian: Ed-icion Especial	DNR	Championship Bull Riding	HASH	Championship Bull Riding	TMC	Movie: Resurrection	SHOW	Movie: Resurrection	HBO	Movie: Resurrection	KRLD	Something Good	ABC	Joined at Birth (CC)	DNC	Joined at Birth (CC)	TNT	Protector (CC)	TLC	Crunch: Sports
10:30	KMD	News (CC)	KPEJ	Jerry Springer (CC)	KERA	700 Club (CC)	FAM	News (35) Late	KOSA	News (CC) U.S. Open	WFAA	News (CC) U.S. Open	KWES	News (CC) U.S. Open	WTBS	Lock Who's Talking	UNR	P. Inspector Nolasco Univ	DNR	Championship Bull Riding	HASH	Championship Bull Riding	TMC	Movie: The Out-of-Towners	SHOW	Movie: The Out-of-Towners	HBO	Movie: The Out-of-Towners	KRLD	News Life in Wood	ABC	Law & Order (CC)	DNC	On the Inside	TNT	On the Inside	TLC	Panmedics
11:30	KMD	News Nightline	KPEJ	Newsradio Unhappy	KERA	Joe Hill (CC)	FAM	Who's Boss? Who's Boss?	KOSA	Show (CC) U.S. Open	WFAA	News (CC) U.S. Open	KWES	Show (CC) U.S. Open	WTBS	Movie: (25)	UNR	Viviana a la Medianoche	DNR	Championship Bull Riding	HASH	Championship Bull Riding	TMC	Movie: Bill Dance in Fisherman	SHOW	Movie: Bill Dance in Fisherman	HBO	Movie: Bill Dance in Fisherman	KRLD	Movie: Bill Dance in Fisherman	ABC	Movie: Bill Dance in Fisherman	DNC	Movie: Bill Dance in Fisherman	TNT	Movie: Bill Dance in Fisherman	TLC	Movie: Bill Dance in Fisherman
12:30	KMD	Politically Inc. (30) Meury	KPEJ	Cops (CC) Attorney	KERA	Paid Program	FAM	Paid Program	KOSA	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc.	WFAA	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc.	KWES	Nightline (CC) Frasier	WTBS	Seventeen Candies	UNR	To Sigo Amendo	DNR	Championship Bull Riding	HASH	Championship Bull Riding	TMC	Movie: Outdoors Amer. Sports	SHOW	Movie: Outdoors Amer. Sports	HBO	Movie: Outdoors Amer. Sports	KRLD	Movie: Outdoors Amer. Sports	ABC	Movie: Outdoors Amer. Sports	DNC	Movie: Outdoors Amer. Sports	TNT	Movie: Outdoors Amer. Sports	TLC	Movie: Outdoors Amer. Sports

DENNIS THE MENACE



"If anybody calls, just tell 'em I'm sorry!"

FAMILY CIRCUS



"Mommy! I opened the 'tato chips by myself!"

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"Why can't you ever stop and ask for directions!!"

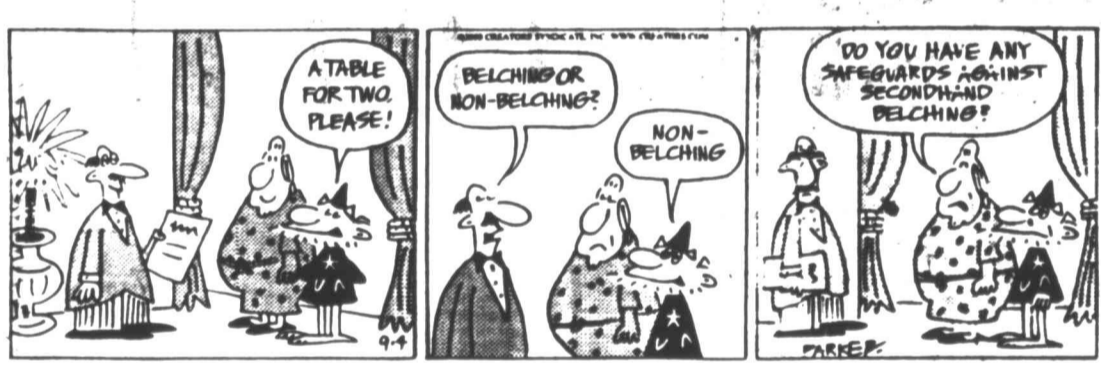
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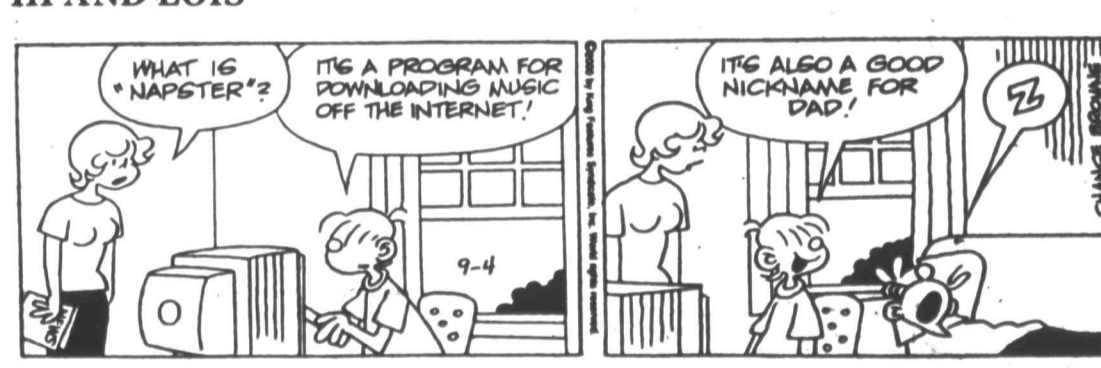
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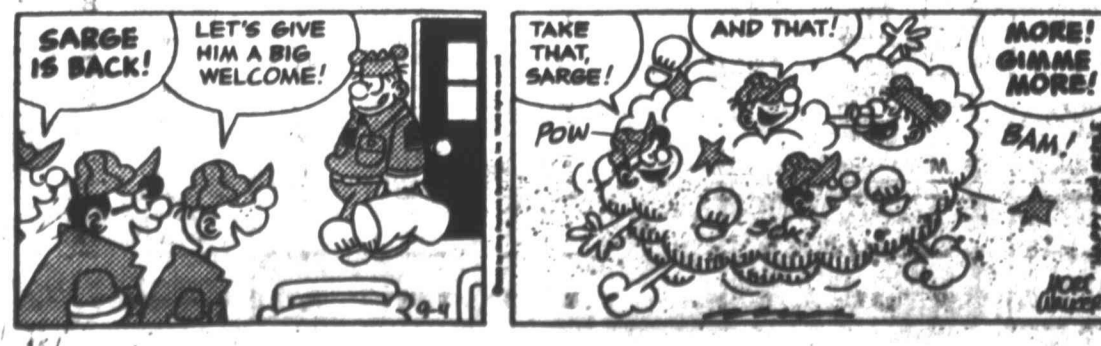
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS
Today is Monday, Sept. 4, the 248th day of 2000. There are 118 days left in the year. This is Labor Day.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Sept. 4, 1781, Los Angeles was founded by Spanish settlers.
On this date:
In 1888, George Eastman received a patent for his roll-film camera, and registered his trademark: "Kodak."
In 1894, some 12,000 tailors in New York City went on strike to protest sweatshops.
In 1917, the American expeditionary force in France suffered its first fatalities in World War I.
In 1948, Queen Wilhelmina abdicated the

Dutch throne for health reasons.
In 1951, in the first live, coast-to-coast television broadcast, President Truman addressed the nation from the Japanese peace treaty conference in San Francisco.
In 1957, Arkansas Gov. Orval Faubus called out the National Guard to prevent nine black students from entering Central High School in Little Rock.
In 1957, Ford Motor Co. began selling its ill-fated "Edsel."
In 1969, the Food and Drug Administration issued a report calling birth control pills "safe," despite a slight risk of fatal blood-clotting disorders linked to the pills.
In 1971, an Alaska Airlines jet crashed near Juneau, killing 111 people.
In 1972, U.S. swimmer Mark Spitz won a record seventh Olympic gold medal, in the 400-meter relay at the Munich Summer Olympics.
Ten years ago: The air evacuation of Western women and children stranded in Iraq and Kuwait resumed, with 25 Americans among the nearly 300 who made it to Jordan.
Five years ago: The Fourth World Conference on Women opened in Beijing with more than 4,750 delegates from 181 countries. Attorney William Kunstler, who spoke out for the politically unpopular in a controversial career, died in New York at age 76.
Today's Birthdays: ABC Radio commentator Paul Harvey is 82. Actor-comedian Howard Morris is 81. Actress Mitzi Gaynor is 69. Singer Merald "Bubba" Knight (Gladys Knight & The Pips) is 58. Actress Jennifer Salt is 56. Golfer Tom Watson is 51.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- frutti
- Swedish pop group
- Marshes
- Driving maneuver
- Crystal gazer
- Part of O.E.D.
- Bicyclist's perch, perhaps
- Word with duck or excuse
- Clupeid fish
- Doggie doc
- Word derived from someone's name
- Module
- Twist forcibly
- Spherical bacterium
- Carriers
- Sore spots
- Zodiac sign
- Franklin or Affleck
- Require
- College groups
- Fly by oneself
- Paddle
- Gaming table cover
- Rough handler
- Signer-on
- Short-handed hammer
- Never Walk Alone
- African antelope
- Ill-smelling
- Collion hopeful
- Pose
- Flip
- Organic compound
- Nonsense!
- Dub
- Breezy talk
- Painter
- Names
- Models in parts
- Vehicles
- DOWN
- Places to bathe
- Beach State
- Retreat
- Sandwich fish?
- Malignant
- Crosby film, "Holiday"
- Advantage
- Sugar source
- "Maude" star Arthur
- Main roads
- Fit in
- Annual football event
- Ill-smelling
- Stalk
- Rare
- Kegler's targets
- Greek letters
- Great text
- Tippy transportation
- Indian or Atlantic
- July 4 noisemaker
- Solder
- CSA signature
- Sly sound
- Character in "The Tempest"
- Remedial
- Morose
- Steno book
- Lots and lots
- Tone down
- Scotsman's skirts
- Mail or broadcast
- Two-toed sloth
- Brief quarrel
- Yours and mine
- Dundee resident
- Stitches
- Beta Kappa
- U.S. defense grp.

Sunday's Puzzle Solved

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