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September 7, 2000

## WEATHER

Tonight:



**CLEAR**  
TONIGHT 70°-75° FRIDAY 90°-95°

## BSPD slates Citizens Police Academy class

The second Citizens Police Academy (CPA) class of the year is set to begin on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Big Spring Police Department training room above the city council chambers.

The 12-week course will take place each Tuesday from 7 p.m.-10 p.m.

Instruction will be given in police procedure, functions, and duties. Discussion on every aspect of police work will be given as well as some hands-on training. Graduates of the CPA can join the CPA Alumni and volunteer to assist the Big Spring Police Department in several tasks each year.

Contact Sgt. Lee Everett, 264-2550, for more information.

## WHAT'S UP...

### TODAY

□ Texas Tech and A&M Clubs present the Tech vs. A&M Scholarship Auction, 6 p.m. Tailgate party, 7 p.m. auction, La Posada Restaurant. 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.

□ Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library.

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

### FRIDAY

□ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281, and bring a lunch.

□ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ AMBUCCS, noon, La Posada.

□ College Park Church of God, Chicken Fried Steak Dinner, 5 until 8 p.m., Adult \$5, Children \$3, 603 Tulane. Free delivery, call 267-8593.

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

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## Annual float-fly event scheduled Saturday at lake

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

Families looking for low-cost, unique entertainment this weekend need look no further. The Big Spring Model Aircraft Association will be sponsoring the seventh annual Don McKinney Float-Fly at Comanche Trail Lake Saturday



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and Sunday. Events begin at 9 a.m. both days.

McKinney said he is looking for another great weekend, fun and good food.

"We will be having the float fly right behind the Dora Roberts Community Center," said McKinney. "That's where we will be launching our planes. We are expecting to have around 40 pilots from all over the Permian Basin, Lubbock and Abilene. We have good participation because we have the facilities here at Comanche Trail Lake.

"We have one of the best

## FLOAT-FLY

**WHAT:** Big Spring Model Aircraft Association event  
**WHERE:** Comanche Trail Lake  
**WHEN:** Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m.  
**DETAILS:** Food available, everyone welcome.

lakes around, I think." According to McKinney, anyone who wants to get a closer look at the aircraft will have the opportunity to do so.

"Anyone wanting to look at the aircraft, we have a barrier they can stay behind and we will have somebody to take them around to look at them," said McKinney. "Of course we will be having some good food available. Billy Sullivan will be cooking for us. He makes some of the biggest and best hamburgers I have ever tasted. They are so big you can hardly get your mouth around them."

McKinney said that there would be prizes for both spectators and pilots. Trophies will also be given out in several categories.

"We will have trophies for the best military, best civilian and best sport plane given out," said McKinney. "We will be requiring anyone flying to be members of AMA and functional water rudders will be required for safety reasons."

McKinney said that RV parking would be available for overnight campers, and motels are close by for out-of-town visitors.

Anyone who wants more information on the event should call James Sawyer, contest director, at 263-5917 or call McKinney at 399-4793.

## Community mourns abandoned infant

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

Tearful parents, grandparents, sons and daughters mourned, prayed and sang this morning for a child whose death they may never understand.

Baby Jane Doe, the child found abandoned in a Howard County farmhouse on Aug. 2, was laid to rest in a service at Peace Chapel in Trinity Memorial Park. The Rev. Eddie Tubbs, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Big Spring, officiated; about 50 people paid their respects to the child.

"This is one of those tragic events that we have no explanation for," said Tubbs. "It is very hard to understand the dynamics of what happened here."

Admitting that he felt angry when he first heard about the tragic discovery of the body wrapped in towels and placed in a suitcase, Tubbs said he later began to feel "a sense of God's grace and God's presence."

The infant was determined to be between 32 and 36 weeks of gestation, a month or more short of full term. Her death is the subject of an investigation by the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

Businesses and individuals across the Crossroads area have donated time, money and services to ensure the infant received a



HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen

The Rev. Eddie Tubbs officiated this morning at a funeral for the infant girl found abandoned in a Howard County farmhouse on Aug. 2. Jackie Henry, shown at right of Tubbs, sang "Amazing Grace" to end the service.

funeral and burial. In an obituary that appeared in Wednesday's *Herald*, survivors were listed as "the many caring people of Big Spring and the surrounding area."

Tubbs said those who gave will be blessed.

"In a world where we forget that children are our greatest gift, ... you have honored God," he said.

Lana Anguiano, whose

letter to the *Big Spring Herald* started a community effort to be sure the baby received a funeral, brought two large pink roses to the service.

"I want to thank everyone for giving this little girl a beautiful place to rest," she said.

Pat Richardson said she attended the service because it seemed like the right thing to do.

"Somebody needed to be here," she said. "I would have loved to be her grandmother."

Gordon Myrick said he came "to support all children."

"It broke my heart more than anything else," said the father of two.

And the infant's life — however short — Tubbs

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## Water

Fee increase slated in part to pay for line replacement

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

Big Spring water customers will see an increase of \$2 per month added to their monthly bill beginning Oct. 1.

According to Todd Darden, public utilities manager, the increase

became necessary for two reasons: first, to cover the increased costs passed down from the Colorado River Municipal Water District



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(CRMWD), and second, to fund a major water line replacement project. Officials said the increased revenue will be split between the two.

"This has nothing to do with the across-the-board raises (for city employees)," said Darden. "The raises were already in the works before this came about. We had to expand the amount of monies going into the water line replacement fund to twice the amount to generate enough funding to complete this project."

Darden said with the additional dollar for water and a dollar for sewer charge, enough monies would be generated.

"With the rate increase, about \$16,000 a month will be added," said Darden. "This will generate about \$192,000 in a year's time."

Darden said that the average resident's water bill is now between \$35-\$40 per month and the increase will carry it to \$36-\$42 per month.

"Our current funding for water replacement is about

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## Alzheimer's Association sets Memory Walk

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

Local supporters of the Alzheimer's Association Greater West Texas Chapter are putting on their walking shoes.

A Big Spring version of the group's nationally-known Memory Walk is planned Saturday, Sept. 23, at Comanche Trail Park. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Belaski Pavilion with walkers set to step off on a two-mile course at 9:15 a.m.

"We are raising money to provide the services that families dealing with

dementia need," said Maryjane Allen, program services coordinator for the association. "We find more and more people wanting to walk every year, because more and more people are being touched by this disease."

Danelle Castillo, who serves on the Big Spring advisory board for the association, said local businesses are joining the effort. Some of those who plan teams include: Mountain View Lodge, Comanche Trail Nursing Center and Big Spring Care Center, Covenant Malone and Hogan Clinic, the Retired

Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) advisory council, city of Big Spring, Home Hospice and Community Hospice.

Many of the walkers are family members of friends of someone who has or has had Alzheimer's, organizers said.

"Lots of people want to walk because they know someone who had it; it might be a family member, or it might be a friend," Castillo said. "This has affected a lot of people."

Four million people are estimated to have Alzheimer's Disease now. In 15 years, that number is

expected to rise to 14 million.

The association provides services, including caregiver support groups, newsletters and education; the Greater West Texas chapter serves the Big Spring area. Nancy Jones, also a member of the local advisory board, said the demand for education is growing in our community.

She operates a satellite education center for the Alzheimer's Association at her office, where she serves as director for RSVP.

"Every month since we've

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## NIE program continues expansion; student claims first 'mistake prize'

JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Managing Editor

With the 2000-2001 school year still less than a month old, the *Herald's* Newspapers In Education (NIE) program is growing rapidly at a number of Crossroads area schools.

Designed to make the local daily newspaper a living textbook and reference source in classrooms throughout the Big Spring area, the NIE program is currently delivering more than 2,700 newspapers per week to 10 different school public campuses and Howard College.

During the month of August, with the program just getting under way, the

*Herald* delivered 5,600 papers to schools.

"We're really pleased with the way our schools in the community have gotten involved in the NIE program," *Herald* publisher John H. Walker noted.

The cost of providing the NIE service, which also includes publication of the mini-page in each Thursday's edition of the *Herald* and staging each year's Howard County Spelling Bee, is provided through the partnership of several sponsors that include Wells Fargo Bank, Cosden Employees Federal Credit Union, The Choate Co., Harold Hall, Mike Thomas, ATS Telecom, Bob and Susan Lewis, Myers &

Smith Funeral Home, Myra Robinson, Alon-Big Spring Refinery and John H. Rheinscheld.

Walker also expressed pleasure that a challenge offered to the *Herald's* staff by one of the program's sponsors, Rheinscheld, had yielded the first reward to a student spotting a mistake in the paper.

Meredith Morgan, a fifth grader at St. Mary's Episcopal School, was the first to claim a reward this year when she spotted a typographical error in a front page headline in Sunday's edition. She received her prize Wednesday afternoon, accepting the \$5 from

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HERALD photo/John A. Moseley

Meredith Morgan, a fifth grader at St. Mary's Episcopal School, receives her \$5 prize for spotting an error in the *Herald* from publisher John H. Walker.

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### WATER

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\$200,000," said Darden. "That's just for materials. Staffing, personnel, and equipment are already incorporated into that budget. So, we were looking to double it... taking into account we have to buy some new equipment, include two additional people on staff and of course the materials, and that came to about \$200,000 roughly."

Darden said the city of Big Spring has about 260 miles of water lines.

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said, would remind the community that all life is precious.

"We sometimes look upon one another as though we are a common commodity, and we are not," he said.

The baby girl's donated burial plot was in Lullaby Land, the area at Trinity set aside for children. An engraved headstone will be added later; since she has no name, it is planned to be inscribed with the words, "Our Baby."

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In agreeing to help sponsor the program, Rheinscheld challenged the Herald to offer a \$5 daily reward for the first student who comes to our office and points out a grammatical or spelling mistake made in locally generated stories, editorials, columns, news and sports briefs, photo cutlines and headlines.

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"It's just great that there's already been a winner," Rheinscheld said when contacted at his office this morning. "Not only is it good to see one of these students spotting a mistake and receiving a reward, but hopefully it's going to get other kids interested in

reading the paper and learning to apply the lessons they've gotten in class."

Walker stressed the newspaper's commitment to the NIE program is well established. "We feel Newspapers in Education is a very important program, as do our partners in education," Walker explained. "We distributed more than 65,000 newspapers in school classrooms last year and we're already on a pace to exceed that number this year... well over the 70,000 mark."

The total number of newspapers being provided to local schools will increase, as teachers in the Big Spring, Forsan, Coahoma, Sands, Grady and Garden City school districts, as well as St. Mary's Episcopal School who have already signed on for the program continue to implement it in their classrooms.

In the near future, Herald circulation manager Jeremy H. Westerfield said he hopes to include teachers in the Stanton and Colorado City school districts in the number of those taking part in the NIE program.

"We've gotten off to an extremely good start," Westerfield noted, "but we want to keep building from here. Ideally, we'd like to have all of our area schools involved in the program."

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He made statements that led to his arrest," Anderson said.

Brown, an unemployed cook, was jailed without bail.

The victims were Patricia Burdick, 21, Brown's girlfriend; her 3-year-old son Anthony Peterson; Brown's grandmother, Sallie Wyatt, 75; and Brown's father, Richard R. Brown Sr., 56. The younger Brown was not the father of the 3-year-old, police said.

The two surviving children, both younger than 2, had early signs of dehydration after being left alone in the house for up to a day and a half, but were otherwise in good condition, Anderson said. They were the children of Anderson and Burdick, he said.

The deaths were discovered by a health care worker who went to the house Monday morning to take Wyatt to dialysis. The worker saw one of the toddlers roaming around alone, entered the house and found Wyatt's body.

A neighbor, Velma Lawson, said Brown was thrown out of the house about two years ago after fighting with his father. He had moved back about six or eight months ago, she said.

"We saw them Friday afternoon and they were a happy family," Lawson said.

### BRIEFS

**THE WEST TEXAS VA Health Care System**, formerly known as the Big Spring VA Medical Center, will be holding a blood drive today from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Donors are desperately needed. Anyone wishing to donate the gift of life, please contact the Public Relations Office at 264-4824 to make an appointment.

**A GIRL SCOUT MEMBERSHIP** registration rally and community picnic is planned Saturday at 3 p.m. at the Student Union Building on the campus of SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

Girls between the ages of 5-17 are invited to come and learn more about the largest organization for girls. Parents are invited to come and get more information about this local youth program. Call April Ferguson, 267-3716, for more information.

**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 Bordsoske, 264-0838.

**JAMES HAMILTON, A JUNIOR** at Big Spring High School, has been invited to participate in the National Youth Leadership Forum on Defense, Intelligence and Diplomacy in Washington, D.C., in October. The student needs to raise just over \$1,000, so his family is planning a series of fundraising meals.

## Big Spring Around The Town

They will prepare Mexican food every Friday and Saturday through the end of September at their house, 808 Settles, selling plates of home-cooked specialties. Call them at 267-2789 for more information.

**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.

**JUSTIN HARRIS, 10-YEAR-OLD SON** of Mary Vela, has leukemia and is undergoing his second bone marrow transplant in Tucson, Ariz. Donations to help with his medical expenses can be made to a special account at Citizens Federal Credit Union. For information, call Sherry Everette at the credit union, 267-6373.

### SUPPORT GROUPS

**THURSDAY** • Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

• A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.

• Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

**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.

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

### MARKETS

December cotton 66.14, down 14 points; October crude 34.77, down 13 points; cash hogs \$1 lower at \$1 even; slaughter steers steady at \$5 even; October lean hog futures 53.45, down 82 points; October live cattle futures 66.85 up 55 points.

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### TEXAS LOTTERY

Pick 3: 6,5,5

Lotto: 20,29,38,40,44,48

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

James & Co.	31
AT&T	8
Archer-Daniels	19
Atmos Energy	57
BP AMOCO	88
Chevron Corp	32
Compaq Computer	8
Cornell Cos	39
Dell	42
Du Pont	83
Exxon Mobil	53
Halliburton	18
IFCO Systems	133
IBM	68
Intel Corp	8
NUV	32
Patterson Ener	42
Pepsico Inc	62
Phillips Petro	42
SBC Comms	34
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Texas Instrument	37
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Total Fina	34
Unocal Corp	51
Wal-Mart	25
Wal-Mart/Mexico	9.50
Prime Rate	273.20-275.00
Gold	4.93-4.99
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Mountain Medical Center. 1:46 p.m. — 400 block E. Fourth, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

3:32 p.m. — 1400 block E. 14th, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

6:17 p.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

8:09 p.m. — 700 block Lancaster, trauma call, patient refused service.

8:32 p.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

9:45 p.m. — 900 block Goliad, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

10:42 p.m. — 1900 block N. 87, medical call patient transported to SMMC.

**WEDNESDAY** 12:59 a.m. — 3300 block S. 11th, trauma call, patient refused service.

6:47 a.m. — 500 block Westover, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

1:19 p.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

3:33 p.m. — 2500 block Gunter, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

4:37 p.m. — 200 block Marcy, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

### SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests between 8 a.m. Wednesday through 8 a.m. today:

• **GARY CAREY, 39**, of 905 W. Fifth, was arrested on a charge of theft. (HCSO)

• **BETTY NEWBERRY, 32**, of 2411 Alabama, was arrested on a charge of violation of a protective order and resisting arrest. (BSPD)

• **JOSE DOLORES FRANCO, 27**, of 1206 Sycamore, was arrested on a parole violation and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. (HCSO)

• **RICKY WINTERS, 47**, of 305 NW Ninth, was arrested on a charge of parole violation. (BSPD)

• **JOE PRADO TORRES, 36**, of 601 Douglas, was arrested on a charge of violation of a protective order. (BSPD)

• **THOMAS SHANE UNDERHILL, 35**, of El Paso, was arrested on a judgment sentence/driving while intoxicated, Third. (HCSO)

### FIRE/EMS

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

**TUESDAY**

1:06 p.m. — 1800 block Gregg, medical call, two patients refused service.

1:06 p.m. — 1800 block Gregg, trauma call, patient transported to Scenic

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Olive W. Riley, 96, died Saturday. Services are 2:00 PM Thursday at Hillcrest Baptist Church; with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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### GOP leaders beginning to worry about Bush's performance in polls

DETROIT (AP) — Some leading national Republicans, alarmed about George W. Bush's difficulty in stemming Al Gore's advance, are issuing troubled warnings to the Bush campaign and urging a review of tactics.

Bush campaign officials liken the rising nervousness among party leaders to fears expressed last winter after Bush lost the New Hampshire primary to Sen. John McCain of Arizona. They suggest this current angst, too, will pass.

But there is no doubt there is mounting concern in the Bush camp over polls showing that the Texas governor is losing or has lost the edge he once enjoyed in many battleground states.

The decision to campaign in Florida next week — a state once believed to be a sure-win for Bush, whose younger brother Jeb is governor — was viewed by GOP officials as yet another sign of the race tightening.

Bush's current taunting of Gore on presidential debates — both in a new television ad and in stump speeches — was also angering some Republicans, said GOP officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

While Bush's pre-emptive "agreement" last Sunday to participate in one formal debate and two on TV talk shows was initially cheered as bold strike by Bush, his subsequent refusal to negotiate terms on other formats with Gore was viewed with increasing concern.

The debate on the debates "is irrelevant. It's not what voters care about," said GOP pollster Frank Luntz.

Still, Luntz said, "The level of interest in this campaign is shockingly low. The potential for comeback is incredibly high. You could easily see a tidal wave in the final hours."

Many national Republicans were getting increasingly worried about the recent turn in events.

"Everybody got cocky" after Bush's comfortable lead over Gore through most of the summer and a triumphant GOP convention, conceded veteran GOP operative Charles

### Houston retakes 'smoggiest city' lead

HOUSTON (AP) — A series of sweltering days and soaring ozone levels has pushed Houston ahead of Los Angeles for the title of the nation's smoggiest city, just as southern California's smog season could be winding down.

Houston recorded its ninth consecutive day with an ozone reading above the national health standard Wednesday, giving the city a three-day edge of unhealthy ozone readings over its California rival, the Houston Chronicle reported in Thursday's editions.

As of Wednesday, the most recent available date for comparisons, Houston posted 37 days in the year 2000 when air exceeded the national health-based limit for ozone, compared with 34 for Los Angeles.

A potent high pressure ridge over Texas, which pushed Houston to its all-time high and then over it

in the past week, is to blame.

"High pressure dictates stagnant air. You have no clouds and no wind," said Steve Allen, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Houston. "The pollutants that are there are going to stay there. You cook them everyday with the sun, and you get a lot of ozone."

On Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, Houston hit 107 degrees, and on Sept. 4, the city hit 109, shattering the record set on July 23, 1980.

A series of thunderstorms is expected to push inland from the Gulf of Mexico late Thursday and Friday could break the heat and the string of ozone days, perhaps handing the lead back to Los Angeles, said Chuck Roeseler, another weather service meteorologist stationed in Houston.

"We are probably going to have a couple of days of rain

Los Angeles on Aug. 24 regained the dubious title with 34 days of Houston's 26, but days of blistering temperatures and windless, cloudless days nudged Houston ahead.

Much of Los Angeles' ozone is formed when exhaust from cars and smokestacks released during the day mixes with other chemicals and sunshine.

Sea breezes push that pollutant, as well as dust and soot, to inland valleys where it stacks up against mountain ranges and becomes trapped beneath a sinking lid of warm air called an inversion layer.

In Houston, much of the pollution comes from oil refineries, petrochemical plants and cargo ships. Emissions generated near the coast blow inland, mix with fumes from cars, paints and other toxins and linger over the city.

### Africa's despair laid bare at Millennium Summit

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Burdened by debt, war, poverty and AIDS, Africa is getting special attention at the U.N. Millennium Summit with world leaders calling for a new commitment to bring the continent out of its misery and give its people hope.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair, in a summit address focused entirely on Africa and U.N. peacekeeping, called Wednesday for world governments to enter into a new partnership with the continent to help it settle its conflicts and encourage its economies to develop.

"There is a dismal record of failure in Africa on the part of the developed world that shocks and shames our civilization," Blair said. "We should use this unique summit for a concrete purpose: to start the process of agreeing a way forward for Africa."

About 150 world leaders — the greatest assembly of presidents, prime ministers, monarchs and other rulers in history — listened as Blair, President Clinton, Cuba's Fidel Castro and a long line of others on Wednesday addressed the unprecedented session. Dozens more were getting their turn on the soapbox Thursday, including leaders from South Africa, Sierra Leone and Zambia.

Africa also was expected to take center stage Thursday afternoon, when the heads of state of the 15

department. It called for the equivalent of a ministry of defense to modernize and professionalize the peacekeepers, so troops can deploy rapidly and take action in clear cases of aggression.

The report by a panel of international experts has been widely applauded by world leaders at the summit, who say the U.N. failures that led to the 1994 genocide in Rwanda and the 1995 massacre of thousands of Bosnia Muslims in Srebrenica must never be repeated.

"The darkest pages were written in Rwanda where, under the indifferent eye of all of us, a genocide was committed," said Belgian Prime Minister Guy Verhofstadt, whose country lost 10 U.N. soldiers in the opening days of the massacres in central Africa.

He called for a new concept of operations for peacekeeping that would include rapid-reaction regional peacekeeping capabilities. Blair called for a similar radical change.

Beyond peacekeeping, sev-

eral African speakers called for the United Nations and its members to address the root economic causes.

Algerian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika, the chairman of the Organization of African Unity, decried how the world's wealthy countries continued to get richer while Africa's poor suffered under crushing debt.

"Can we one day free ourselves of this crushing yolk and at last devote our resources to our development and the well-being of our populations?" he asked.

Mozambique President Joaquim Chissano complained that Africans weren't reaping the benefits of globalization and were in fact suffering even greater economic inequalities.

"This in turn constitutes a source of frustration and conflicts that pose serious threat to international security, stability, democracy and peace," he said.

While echoing those views, Kenyan President Daniel arap Moi turned the criticism toward his fellow Africans.

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## OUR VIEWS

### Season now is in full swing, back your team

Now it's official. The 2000 Crossroads high school football season gets fully under way Friday when all but one of the area's schoolboy teams tee it up under the lights.

Big Spring's Steers will be the only team not in action, as they take a week's break before traveling to Hereford on Sept. 15 where they'll take on the state's No. 4-ranked Class 4A team.

For the rest of the Crossroads contingent, however, Friday's games with either be season openers or their second outings.

Garden City's Bearcats play an 8 p.m. call on Forsan's Buffaloes in what has become a traditional season opener, while Colorado City's Wolves play their home opener against Crane's Golden Cranes. Still another 8 p.m. game has Stanton visiting Reagan County.

Sands Mustangs and Grady's Wildcats open their six-man seasons on the road, the Mustangs traveling to Sanderson and the Wildcats visiting Hermleigh, both of those games begin at 7:30.

Coahoma's Bulldogs round out the Week 2 schedule with a 7:30 game in Shallowater.

We need to remember that high school football in Texas is much more than just a contest between young athletes. It's an opportunity for bands, cheerleaders, pep squads and the like to display their talents, as well.

In fact, there's little question that we put the best our communities have to offer on display when the lights are turned on each Friday night. All these youngsters are a source of pride and deserve our support.

We here at the Herald wish all the area's teams and their fans the best of luck.

And, as always, we'll see you at the stadium!

## YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I agree with Jo Ann Hillger. The Comanche Trail Golf Course is in the best shape in many years, and I have been playing it for over 25 years.

The tee boxes are level and well manicured, the fairways are getting better everyday because of the new water well and replacement of sprinkler heads. And the greens are some of the best in West Texas.

However, the cart paths are a disgrace and actually a hazard to man and cart. They are eroded, full of pot holes and breaking-up. The pot holes are so bad they are causing damage to personal carts as well as rentals.

I understand that the city collects over \$18,000 per year in trail fees. My question to the council is where is this money being spent. It has been over a year since any repairs have been done to the cart paths.

With the free labor from the county inmates, I sure would like to see some priority of the trail fees dedicated to repairing the paths so we could sincerely be proud of our municipal golf course and stop damaging expensive golf carts every time we play.

VAUGHN MARTIN  
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:  
Why do we arrest and prosecute people for dealing in drugs while at the same time forcing exuber-

ant children in school to consume Class II drugs like Ritalin, Prozac and other mood modifying drugs?

Ritalin's chemical name is methylphenidate hydrochloride; Prozac is fluoxetine hydrochloride, according to my Physician's Desk Reference. Cocaine is cocaine hydrochloride. All have numerous paragraphs on clinical pharmacology, indication, contraindications, warnings, precautions, adverse reactions.

Texas to date has not had an occurrence similar to Littleton, Colo., or Springfield, Ore., nor Jonesboro, Ark. A young man in Huntsville, Ala., chopped up his parents with an ax, killed a sibling, wounding another. All these "perpetrators" were either on Ritalin or Prozac. Is Texas next on the list? I hope not.

Attention deficit and hyper active children probably have an unrecognized deficiency in their brain due to their diet. You can rest assured this deficiency is not a Class II drug deficiency, or any other mood enhancing drug deficiency. It is simply a food element missing in their diet.

As as parent, you have your choice in regulating the moods of young people. You can control them for now with drugs. Or you can go to what God has provided us in nature. The choice is yours

ROY SIMMONS  
BIG SPRING

# U.S. help for Africa must be more than money

The president and Chelsea's jaunt to Africa is just another case of Bill Clinton being willing to

squander millions of the taxpayers' dollars on a photo op.

The idea that Clinton, or any other leader, can jet in and, in one afternoon, contribute anything to resolve a tribal civil war is, of course, absurd. Africa has graver needs than to provide a background for presidential snapshots.

A World Bank report recently detailed those grave needs. According to the report, Africa's economy will have to grow at 5 percent per annum just to maintain the present level of poverty. Its output, 40 years after the end of colonialism, is only 1 percent of the world's economy, and it has only 2 percent of world trade.

The average African

country, the report said, has a smaller economy than almost any city in the industrialized world with a population of only 60,000.

There are fewer roads in Africa than in Poland, and only 16 percent are paved. Only one in five households has access to electricity, two-thirds of the rural population have no access to adequate water, and three-quarters of the rural population have no access to adequate sanitation.

It has, since the colonialists departed, been wracked with wars, and if any country has had elections, they usually have been winner-take-all deals or, as one cynic put it, "One man, one vote, one time."

Then there is the problem of disease. In some countries, the AIDS infection rate is 25 percent. Malaria takes a terrible toll.

U.S. offers of assistance recently have included allowing the countries to go into debt for \$2 billion if they would buy overpriced U.S. pharmaceuticals. South Africa, for one, has wisely declined the slyster offer. The other offer of aid has been a misnamed piece of legislation that will

allow foreign corporations to go in and exploit the cheap labor while exporting the products to the United States duty-free. Congress has passed this kind of legislation so often that it's impossible to believe that the congressional members actually think they are helping Africa.

Africa's needs are quite clear and quite beyond the capability of Congress to repair. First, it needs peace and honest governments. Only the Africans can do this. The United States could help by banning all CIA agents from setting foot on the African continent. Our history has been to support dictators who cut deals with big corporations to exploit their nation's resources.

After peace, Africa needs a solid infrastructure. The transition from agrarian to industrial — where it has been successful — has always been gradual. First, a strong agricultural base must be built. Second, infrastructure — roads, telephones, electricity, energy sources, clean water, sanitation, public health and education — has to be put in place.

The best thing the United States could do in this regard is to write off any debts the African countries owe (and they owe huge amounts). I mean, however, write them off — not transfer them to the backs of American taxpayers, as most often happens.

But the economic development has to await political developments and peace. War is the most destructive thing that can be done to any economy. Not only are human and material resources destroyed, but even normal economic activity is disrupted. It's hard to plant a crop in a minefield.

Africa needs African patriots who can approach the problems in an unselfish and benevolent manner. Why so few have appeared, I don't know, but there again, only the Africans can solve this problem.

What the United States should do is stop the practice of handing out money to corrupt and incompetent warlords. The rest of us can just pray for people who certainly have a too-generous share of human misery.



CHARLEY REESE



## Meanings we can learn from the Kursk accident

"I hear enlistments are down in the Russian navy," quipped the bartender. There was laughter and it was funny, for a moment. But 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.

In the U.S. Navy, we were made to understand that officers legitimately might expect loyalty from their enlisted men, but also that the reverse is true. Loyalty from the top down must be unconditional. Even in civilian maritime accidents, the captain leaves his ship last.

That is why 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. Rutskoï, 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.

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.

We do know that much of the Russian fleet, in the north, in the Black Sea and in the Mediterranean is immobilized. The equipment is deteriorating, fuel is in short supply, and even training cruises cannot be funded satisfactorily. The state of readiness must be scandalous.

I have been told that only three Russian nuclear-powered submarines are now operational — and now it's down to two, as we scratch off the Kursk.

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

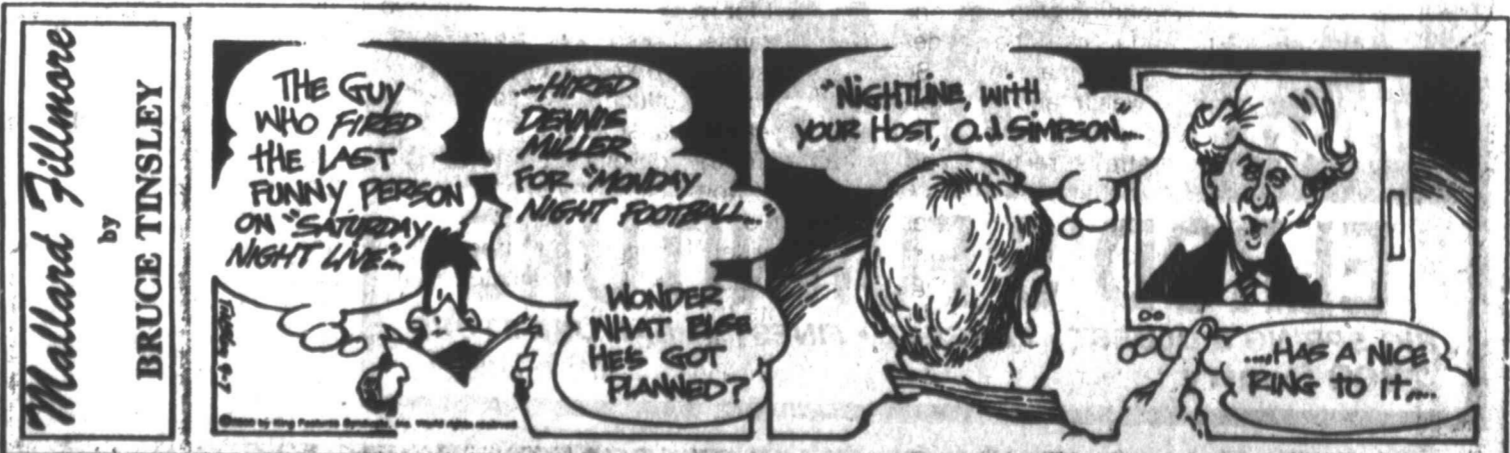
Russia's only conceivable opponent would be the United States, which operates its submarines regularly under the polar icecap. But the notion of a military collision anytime soon between Russia and the United States is preposterous. Russia still has intercontinental nuclear missiles in some kind of readiness, but the rest of the Russian military has been

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### Osteoporosis: A healthy lifestyle is key to treatment

**Editor's note:** This is the debut of a new column written by local physician Dr. Guido Toscano. It will appear each Thursday, and in future columns he will respond to readers' questions. The addresses for submitting questions are printed at the end of today's column.

Osteoporosis is a condition in which the bones lose their normal density and mass, with deterioration of their normal architecture, leading to increased fragility and increased likelihood of fracture. The most common sites of osteoporotic bone fractures are the vertebrae, wrists and hips. Loss of teeth is also a common complication of osteoporosis.

Osteoporosis is a very important public health problem since there are more than 28 million Americans affected by osteoporosis, and many

millions more suffer a less significant calcium loss called osteopenia.

There are close to one and a half million osteoporosis-related fractures in the United States each year. The annual cost of treating osteoporosis and its complications exceeds \$12 billion per year.

#### Who is at risk for developing osteoporosis?

After reaching a bone density peak in the third decade, there is steady bone mass loss throughout the rest of life. The rate of mineral loss is greater in women than in men, but osteoporosis is now being recognized in men as well.

Risk factors for osteoporosis include a sedentary lifestyle, prolonged bed rest, cigarette smoking, menopause, low calcium intake.

There are many illnesses which cause increased likelihood of osteoporosis, and these include endocrine

abnormalities (hypogonadism, ovarian dysfunction, diabetes, etc.), gastrointestinal problems (e.g. malabsorption, primary biliary cirrhosis, malnutrition, a subtotal gastrectomy or a partial removal of the stomach), bone marrow disorders such as multiple myeloma, some forms of cancer, rare bone disorders, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) rheumatoid arthritis; and some medications such as steroids, thy-

roid medication, heparin, some diuretics (water pills), some seizure medication, etc.

The diagnosis of osteoporosis is based on clinical information, the history of bone fractures in adults, and the measurement of bone mineral density (BMD), with specialized equipment, e.g. Dexscan, which measures the calcium concentration in the bones, and compares it with normals.

Currently, we are recommending that all females 65 years or older without risk factors, or 50 or older with positive risk factors, be tested with a bone density measurement.

The positive risk factors are: Family history of osteoporosis, personal history of fracture at 45 years of age, current smoking, underweight (less than 127 pounds or 15 percent less than ideal weight, especially with fair

skin), high risk conditions for secondary osteoporosis such as the illnesses pointed above, patients considering therapy for osteoporosis, females on hormone replacement for prolonged periods.

#### How do we treat osteoporosis?

The treatment of osteoporosis begins with a healthy lifestyle as well as adequate calcium intake during childhood, adolescence and early adult life, as well as plenty of exercise.

Regular weight-bearing exercise: walking 40 minutes, four sessions per week. Carrying light weights when walking is desirable, and should be part of the regimen when possible, starting in early adulthood.

The clinical management of the consequences of fracture/fragility of bones as

well as pain, changes in body shape, treatment of associated depression, etc., must also be taken into consideration in the treatment of osteoporosis, once this has occurred.

Agents used to improve bone health include calcium carbonate or calcium citrate and vitamin D.

Medications used to treat osteoporosis include: estrogen for post-menopausal females, Raloxifene, calcitonin, alendronate, pamidronate, fluoride, alendronate, and thiazide diuretics.

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DR. GUIDO TOSCANO

### Fast-food joint is gloomy Haiti's island of light

PETIONVILLE, Haiti (AP) — From the burst of air conditioning to the bright walls of yellow, blue and red, Food Planet stands out like an island of light in the gathering gloom.

"I have never traveled. But when I come here, I feel I'm in another world," said Sandra Cayo, 30, a regular customer since Haiti's first American-style fast-food restaurant opened a month ago.

In a country besieged by social, political and economic miseries, where many people can't afford to eat every day, businesswoman Nelda Villard's decision to get into pizzas and burgers indeed seems otherworldly.

Each morning, before opening for business, 35-year-old Villard and her staff gather in a circle for a prayer: "We offer the day to God, and pray that Haiti will become the Pearl of the Antilles that it once was."

"If you love your country, you have to do something for it," said Villard, surrounded in her office by

computers and monitors. "If everyone overcame his fear, stopped complaining and invested, things would improve."

The daughter of a Lebanese immigrant and Haitian mother, Villard is from one of Haiti's more established families. That helped her get a bank loan and to build on family-owned land.

With the economy in shambles and the situation unstable, it's a risk few would take. Many small Haitian businesses have closed or laid off employees, victims of the political volatility and violence that plagues the Caribbean nation of 8 million people seven years after American troops invaded to restore democracy. Studies show most Haitians would seriously consider leaving.

Food Planet employs 35 people working six days a week in seven-hour shifts for 2,000 gourdes (\$35) a month — about triple the minimum wage.

Everything except water and soft

drinks is imported from the United States. The sole concessions to Haitian traditions are a side dish of rice and beans, and the island music that keeps everyone smiling.

It's a place of convenience in a land of bare subsistence; parents can eat in peace while children clamber up a ladder to a blue tunnel slide, ride hobbyhorses and eat on picnic tables outside.

The prices are beyond most people's reach. A medium pepperoni-and-mushroom pizza costs \$6.90 and a "steak" submarine sandwich \$3.60. The restaurant has room for 100 people and gets about 300 customers a day, Villard said.

"This is as good as in the States," exclaimed Jean-Claude Filien, 53, a cell-phone engineer who has lived in New Jersey, Florida and New York City. For his children Claude, 13, and Mandy, 14, the \$2.00 cheeseburgers brought back memories.

"There's free parking and security," marveled Filien.

### Kaun Banega Crorepati India hooked on Hindi version of 'Millionaire'

BOMBAY, India (AP) — It's hard for anyone in India these days to state a simple fact without a friend asking, "Are you sure?"

That's the catch phrase of the newest Indian TV hit: a Hindi-language version of the American quiz show "Who Wants To Be a Millionaire."

The show, hosted by the country's all-time top movie star, Amitabh Bachchan, is India's most popular TV program ever.

Millions of Indians are hooked, dreaming of winning the rupee equivalent of \$219,000. The stock phrases used in the show, "Who Will Become a Holder of 10 million?" — rupees, that is — have become part of the culture.

And in a typical local reaction to the chance to win loads of money, Indian viewers are trying to figure out who to bribe to get on the program.

Versions of the show are licensed and on the air in 31 countries, from Finland to South Africa, and 19 more companies have opted to start local versions soon. In most places it's a big hit.

The show's set, music, question format and contestant qualification process are set out in a 169-page guide that the creators, Celador Productions Ltd. of Britain, provide with the license. "The show is pretty much the same the world over," said Colman Hutchinson, executive producer of the original British show.

It's called "Oh Lucky Man!" in Russia. In Spain, it's "50 for 15," meaning 50 million pesetas for the 15 questions it takes to win the grand prize.

Japanese audiences didn't take to "Millionaire" because of a cultural bias against individuals who flaunt wealth. Swedish authorities banned the show, saying it violated laws against lotteries. Many candidates in the last Russian presidential race

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went on the program, though eventual winner Vladimir Putin wasn't among them.

After the show became a hit in the United States, it spread fast.

"None of us thought it would be the global success it has been," Hutchinson said. "It's like when the Beatles went to America. They became a global domination."

Launched on July 3 by Rupert Murdoch's Star TV, the Indian version, called "Kaun Banega Crorepati," was an instant hit.

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As viewers sit with bated breath in front of their TV sets across India, movie star Bachchan twists the knife, raises an eyebrow, offers an enigmatic smile. "Shall we lock it?" he asks the contestant. And finally, "Computer, please lock the answer."

The highest amount won so far in the Indian game was \$110,000, collected on Aug. 23 by Ramesh Dubey, a clothing store owner from New Delhi. It's enough to pay his business' rent for

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### Emmy telecast trying for new luster

LOS ANGELES (AP) — This weekend's Emmy ceremony could end up one of the most engaging in recent memory.

At this point, many readers may be scratching their heads in an attempt to uncover Emmy memories for comparison's sake. Last year's show was the lowest-rated Emmy broadcast in nearly a decade, drawing about 17 million viewers.

About 19 million people watched in 1998, not much more impressive considering the 51 million viewers who tuned in to the "Survivor" finale or the audience of about 46 million that saw the Academy Awards last March.

"Survivor" boasted the wily future millionaire Richard Hatch as a chief attraction. The Oscars have the allure of really well-dressed movie stars and the freshness of a different slate of contenders each time around.

What are the Emmys doing, short of stranding the nominees on a distant island in designer outfits or refusing to let shows and performers acquire trophies in bulk by competing year after year?

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When it comes to preparation and hard work, Shandling seems to be emulating Oscar king Billy Crystal.

"We've never had a host put so much effort and commitment into hosting the Emmys," said Don Mischer, executive producer of the 52nd Annual Primetime Emmy ceremony (airing at 8 p.m. EDT Sunday on ABC).

Shandling, who has worked weekends pre-taping comedy bits and polishing his opening monologue, also has the advantage of a

stand-up comic's poise.

"During the course of the show, he'll be very quick on his feet, he'll be able to roll with the punches," Mischer said. "As things happen, we'll write new stuff for him right away — when you're in my shoes producing a show, that's a tremendous advantage."

"And Gary loves television," he added. "I think we're going to have irreverence, but under the irreverence will be an obvious love of television and a very positive attitude toward the Emmys."

Good, all good. This year's show also offers the chance to observe Emmy history being made with a voting experiment aimed at opening the winner's circle up a bit wider.

The Academy of Television Arts & Sciences abandoned its longtime

"blue ribbon" judging panels that required members to sequester themselves in a hotel for a weekend of watching the nominated shows.

That approach tended to draw older academy members with more free time. The new system, with videocassettes available for home viewing, is aimed at bringing in more diverse voters who might be friendlier to cutting-edge shows like "The Sopranos." HBO's critically acclaimed mob drama was nearly snubbed at last year's ceremony, drawing just two big awards (best actress for Edie Falco and best writing for a drama).

One element remains unchanged: Acting nominees are judged not on an entire season's worth of work but on the single episode they feel represents their best effort. For comedy and drama series contenders, eight episodes are considered.

The big showdown is between NBC's political drama "The West Wing" and "The Sopranos," which will go head-to-head in six

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### HEALTH NEWS

CHICAGO (AP) — Girl athletes should be watched closely to make sure that their training doesn't include poor eating habits that could result in damaging bone loss, the American Academy of Pediatrics says.

Doctors, coaches and parents also should be alert for missed or delayed menstrual periods, which may result from inadequate food intake, the academy said. Treatment to solve such problems may involve taking a break from sports, the academy said in the September issue of the journal Pediatrics.

A lack of calories, weight and body fat may throw the reproductive system off-kilter, disrupting the production of sex hormones and resulting in low estrogen levels. Because estrogen helps maintain bone density, such girls run the risk of stress fractures and are more prone to developing osteoporosis in adulthood.

Studies have shown that as many as 66 percent of women in some sports stop having menstrual periods for several months, another effect of low estrogen levels.

Though the prevalence is not known, anecdotal evidence suggests it affects many girls ranging from participants in school sports to those training for the Olympics, said Dr. Miriam Johnson, a sports medicine specialist and member of an academy committee that wrote the statement.

Treatment may include establishing healthy eating habits, quitting sports until gaining weight and hormone supplements in older teens and young women, the academy said.

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**A GIRL SCOUT MEMBERSHIP** registration rally and community picnic is planned Saturday at 3 p.m. at the Student Union Building on the campus of SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

Girls between the ages of 5-17 are invited to come and learn more about the largest organization for girls. Parents are invited to come and get more information about this local youth program. Call April Ferguson, 267-3716, for more information.

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## Experts: Supplements no substitute for healthy diet to prevent cancer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nutritionists call the survey alarming: More older Americans — the people most at risk of cancer — say they're popping unproven dietary supplements in a quest for tumor-fighting nutrients than trying to eat more cancer-protective foods.

Add this newest trend to those hot fad diets and the nation's rising obesity, and cancer experts are increasingly worried. Americans don't seem to heed the warnings that what you put on your plate day after day can truly influence whether you'll get cancer.

Eating more fruits and vegetables just must not be a sexy enough message.

"That's why the food supplements industry is worth \$40 billion and why the (profit) margin on vegetables and fruits is so small they don't even get advertised," Dr. John Potter of Seattle's Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center says in frustration.

There's no proof yet that pills and powders prevent cancer, and some supplements may actually increase tumor risk, Potter notes.

"This is of real concern. We need people to focus more on factors we know are cancer-preventive," adds nutritionist Melanie Polk of the American Institute for Cancer Research, which conducted the recent survey of 1,010 people.

More than half of respondents to the survey over age 55 took vitamins specifically to lower their cancer risk — and a quarter took additional supplements like garlic or fish oil — yet just 39 percent preferred the proven method of changing their diet.

So Tuesday, the AICR launches a major campaign to teach Americans what a cancer-protective diet literally looks like: Fruits, vegetables, whole grains and/or

### FOOD FACTS

- People could cut their risk of cancer by one-third simply by eating more fruits and vegetables.
- A single tomato, whether fresh or brewed into sauce, contains hundreds of phytochemicals like the antioxidant lycopene, linked to reduced prostate and other cancers.
- Grapes are rich in flavonoids that seem to fight heart disease as well as cancer.
- Whole grains like wheat and oats are rich in substances that seem to impair cancerous cells' ability to invade healthy tissue.

beans should cover two-thirds of the dinner plate.

That's not rocket science. But who even considers cancer when they're deciding between a high-fat bacon cheeseburger or the lower-fat grilled tuna? Or measures if that's a reasonable 1 cup of spaghetti or a whopping 3 cups? Or knows a serving of green beans is the size of half a baseball, or admits they count french fries when asked how many vegetables they eat?

Many factors play a role in cancer. Lung cancer, for example, is the world's leading cancer killer and tobacco is almost always the cause. Bad diets are a culprit, too. People could cut their risk by one-third simply by eating more fruits and vegetables, concludes an exhaustive scientific review led by Potter.

Why? They're low in fat while high-fat diets are a risk for many cancers. They're low in calories; being overweight significantly increases cancer risk, too.

Plant foods are full of vitamins, minerals and phytochemicals that help the

body defend itself against malignant cells.

A single tomato, whether fresh or brewed into sauce, contains hundreds of phytochemicals like the antioxidant lycopene, linked to reduced prostate and other cancers. Berries are high in fiber and ellagic acid, another cell-protective substance. Carrots are full of beta carotene; spinach has that antioxidant plus vitamin C and folic acid. Cherries have quercetin, another potent antioxidant. Grapes are rich in flavonoids that seem to fight heart disease as well as cancer.

Add in whole grains like wheat and oats, rich in substances that seem to impair cancerous cells' ability to invade healthy tissue.

Why can't pills substitute? Food's magic seems to be the complex interactions of dozens of phytochemicals, Polk explains.

While 190 solid studies prove the fruit-and-vegetable benefit, supplements have only a smattering of evidence, Potter says. Some ultimately may prove to be cancer-fighters — Fred Hutchinson is about to test that in a study of 75,000 people.

Too much of one nutrient, or taking it without its companion nutrients, can be dangerous, Potter notes.

Beta carotene pills have actually increased smokers' risk of lung cancer, and startling research recently concluded cancerous tumors absorb vitamin C, raising questions about megadoses.

So what do cancer experts eat? Choices at an AICR meeting last week: grilled tuna, high in "omega-3 fatty acids" that fight heart disease and show promise against certain cancers. Couscous, for high-fiber grain, with tomatoes and asparagus. Brown rice salad with dried cherries, raisins, apricots and walnuts. And for dessert, berry-filled tarts.

## EMMY

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categories, including best drama and best actor (Martin Sheen for "West Wing," James Gandolfini for "Sopranos").

"Sopranos" also is competing in the best dramatic actress category with bids for co-stars Falco and Lorraine Bracco.

"West Wing" begins the evening with a numerical advantage, having received four creative arts Emmys at a ceremony held two weeks ago to dispense the bulk of Emmy trophies. Twenty-seven major awards will be given Sunday.

Not everyone is convinced they will go to the most deserving.

Thomas O'Neil, author of the history "Variety's The Emmys," has publicly criticized the academy for abandoning the voting panels, which he said made the Emmys unique in guaranteeing that judges actually saw what they were voting on.

"If we see a disconnect between the performances on tape and the voting outcome on Sunday," O'Neil said, "it will tell us that the

voters did not see the tapes and that the Emmys are about buzz and popularity and things other than the best performance of the year."

One category, best actress in a comedy series, could reveal whether the new system works, O'Neil said.

Based on the submitted episodes, Patricia Heaton of "Everybody Loves Raymond" should triumph for her portrayal of a woman on the verge of a monthly nervous breakdown.

"I think Heaton's episode is such a fireworks display that it clearly outshone all the others," said O'Neil. "I think under the old system, there's no way it could lose."

Other superior performances include Dennis Franz, railing against God for his son's illness in "NYPD Blue"; Sela Ward in the pilot for "Once and Again"; and John Lithgow romping at a gay bar he believes harbors fellow space aliens in "3rd Rock From the Sun."

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the next three years, even after a 60 percent tax bite.

Dubey's wife, who sat in the audience praying during the last four questions, came to stand next to her husband after he won. She didn't hug him in ecstasy, as American winners' spouses often do. She bent down and touched the feet of the host, Bachchan, in a traditional Indian respectful greeting.

"Winning the money was not the only criteria. I wanted to be on the show, be on television and meet Amitabh," said Satinder Singh, who won \$28,000 in August. "Also, I hoped I wouldn't make a fool of myself."

Like millions of other Indians, Singh had been watching Monday through Thursday, trying to guess the answers and see if anyone would become a "crorepati," or "holder of 10 million."

"My wife kept telling me to try, and I did on an impulse," said Singh, who runs a retail furnishing business in the northern city of Haldvani.

Singh answered the first 12 questions correctly, doubling his money each time as he covered history, mythology, films and sport. When it came to the 1.25 million rupee question, Singh asked for a friend's help to answer: "Which Moghul emperor transferred the jagirdari (right to the estates) of Bengal, Bihar and Orissa to the East India Co.?"

Singh's friend correctly chose "Shah Alam."

The answer to the next question would have netted Singh \$56,000. Singh chose not to take a guess, instead stopping and keeping his winnings. He said he plans to donate 10 percent to charity.

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## HEALTH NEWS IN BRIEF

WASHINGTON (AP) — Those much-touted anti-cholesterol margarines are getting the government's blessing to take their advertising a step further — and say they really can lower the risk of heart disease.

The Food and Drug Administration let the margarines Benecol and Take Control begin selling last year, but never explicitly endorsed the products' claims that they "promoted healthy cholesterol" levels.

Now the FDA has concluded that ingredients in the two margarines actually can lower cholesterol enough to reduce the risk of heart disease. It will let the products' labels bear that coveted health claim.

"This is a much stronger claim" than the two margarines have been making, FDA food chief Joseph Levitt said Tuesday.

Benecol, made by McNeil Consumer Healthcare, works through an ingredient called plant stanol ester,

derived from pine trees. Lipton's Take Control contains a soybean extract, plant sterol ester.

The FDA reviewed several studies of the products to determine that eating at least two servings a day — totaling 1.3 grams of sterol ester or 3.4 grams of stanol ester — could significantly reduce cholesterol, as long as they're part of a low-fat diet.

"The data presented a strong case," Levitt concluded.

The FDA's decision also clears the way for any competing foods that add the right amount of either ingredient to make similar heart-healthy claims.

DALLAS (AP) Cardiac patients with high levels of a little-known form of "bad" cholesterol in their blood are 70 percent more likely to have a heart attack than those with lower concentrations, according to a study released Monday.

The obscure cholesterol particle — called lipoprotein(a) — is especially insidious because it's difficult for doctors to measure reliably and because its levels have little to do with the better-known form of "bad" cholesterol, called LDL.

The elevated Lp(a) levels also have little to do with more conventional heart disease risk factors such as smoking, high blood pressure and poor diet. It also cannot be directly linked to high cholesterol, or the kind whose levels can be altered through diet or drugs, said lead researcher Dr. John Danesh, of Oxford University in England.

"This study suggests there is a clear association between Lp(a) and an increased risk of heart disease," said Danesh, who pointed out that more than a decade worth of research previously failed to link Lp(a) to increased risk of heart disease in the general population.

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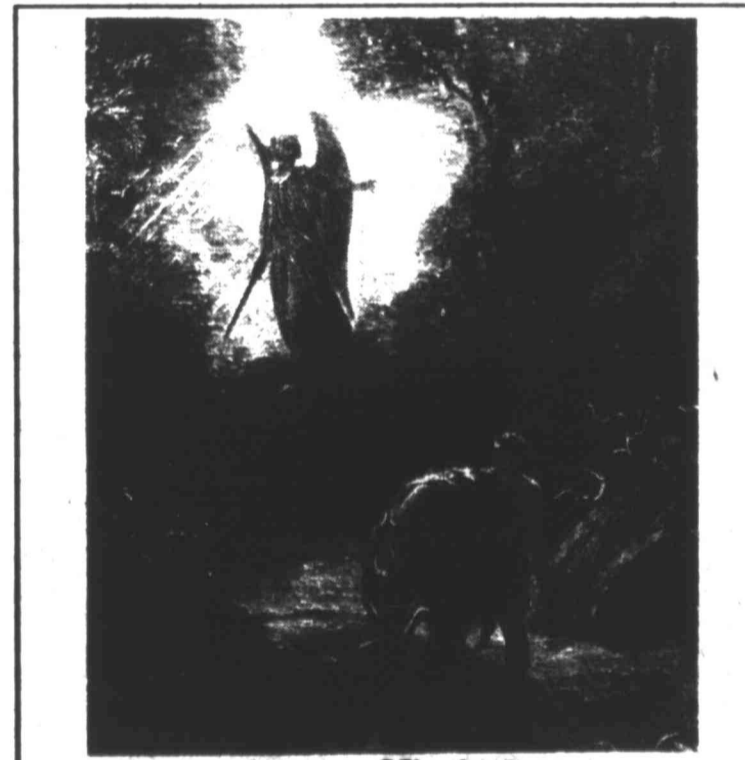
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### Big Spring game still

Big Spring School District are stressing the Big Spring football game rescheduled.

That game the Steers try to face the Whitefaces. For 7:30 p.m. 15.

### UGSA reg set through

The Big Spring Girls Softball has extended registration period to 9.

Youngsters during regular hours at the All Star Microzone Decision.

For more call JoEller 263-2982.

### YMCA adult now being

Three leagues in national volleyball power volleyball are nized this YMCA.

Recreation begins Oct. 15. Fees teams will games. Tear \$100.

The deadline is set for 7:30 p.m. Power volleyball Oct. 5. Fees teams are \$4 national league is set.

include 15 team fees organization set for 8 p.m. For more call the YMCA.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Big Spring-Herford game still Sept. 15

Big Spring Independent School District officials are stressing that rumors the Big Spring-Herford football game has been rescheduled.

That game, which sees the Steers traveling north to face the No. 4-ranked Whitefaces, is still slated for 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15.

#### UGSA registration set through Saturday

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

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

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

#### YMCA adult leagues now being formed

Three adult sports leagues in co-ed recreational volleyball, co-ed power volleyball and flag football are being organized this fall by the YMCA.

Recreational volleyball begins Oct. 3. Ten-person teams will play 6-on-6 games. Team fees will be \$100.

The deadline for registration is Sept. 25 with an organizational meeting set for 7:30 that night.

Power volleyball begins Oct. 5. Fees for the 6-man teams are \$60. An organizational meeting for that league is set for 7 p.m. on

Sept. 25. The deadline for registration is Sept. 25 with an organizational meeting set for 8 p.m. on Sept. 25. For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

#### 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.

#### Quarterback Club meets on Mondays

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will meet at 7 p.m. each Monday at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center. Anyone interested in supporting the Steers is invited to attend.

#### Agassi withdraws from Olympic team

NEW YORK (AP) — Distracted by the illnesses of his mother and sister, Andre Agassi has withdrawn from the Olympics.

Agassi, the defending gold medalist in tennis, sent word to the United States Tennis Association Wednesday that he would not go to Sydney.

### ON THE AIR

**Television**  
**BASEBALL**  
6 p.m. — Seattle Mariners at Toronto Blue Jays, FXS, Ch. 29.  
6:35 p.m. — Arizona Diamondbacks at Atlanta Braves, TBS, Ch. 11.

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL**  
7 p.m. — Virginia Tech at East Carolina, ESPN, Ch. 30.

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

## Jones says no, Aikman to sit out game against Cardinals

IRVING (AP) — Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman insists he knows the increased risks he faces after every concussion, yet he wanted to play Sunday.

Not even the lingering headache from his ninth career concussion convinced Aikman that he didn't need to play the game at Arizona. That decision was made by Cowboys owner Jerry Jones.

"I feel like I could go out and play right now. I've done that for a lot of years at various times with headaches and worked through those times," said Aikman, who is in his 12th NFL season.

"There are risks anytime you go

out and play. That's the reality of it. Right now, I don't feel the risks outweigh the enjoyment that I still get from playing."

Jones made the decision to hold Aikman out Wednesday after three days of medical evaluations from the team's training staff and outside physicians. He also had a thorough discussion with Aikman, who had intended to return to practice.

"This is an awkward thing for Troy to feel like he is able to play. He wants to play even with the headaches and feels he can perform," Jones said. "But no doubt this is the best thing for him individually, and the best thing for the

team both short term and long range."

No timetable has been set for the return of Aikman, who has suffered three concussions in his last nine starts. Aikman is in his 12th NFL season.

The latest concussion came when he was sacked for the fourth time in the first half of the season-opening 41-14 loss to Philadelphia.

Aikman missed two games last season after suffering two concussions in an eight-day period. After a concussion against Indianapolis, he returned the following week against Minnesota, only to suffer another one.

"That is why there is some real caution right now. If I were to have another one, it's the medical opinion I'd be out 4-6 weeks minimum," Aikman said.

Aikman said he has done plenty of research on concussions and has in the past asked questions of numerous experts. He said he would have felt comfortable playing Sunday, but also understands the decision made for him to sit.

Randall Cunningham, who the Cowboys acquired as a free agent during the offseason, will start his first game since last October. After

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## Davenport, Sampras power into semifinals at U.S. Open

NEW YORK (AP) — First, her broad shoulders began to sag. Then, her head followed. Serena Williams' body language spoke volumes as her quarterfinal match against Lindsay Davenport slipped away at the U.S. Open.

There were screams of anguish as her shots flew long and wide. On one point, she smashed her racket in frustration. Ultimately, though, there was nothing the defending champion could do about Davenport's power game that resulted in a 6-4, 6-2 wipeout.

It was much the same in the men's quarterfinal with Pete Sampras and Richard Krajicek booming serves of up to 132 mph at each other. Eventually, Sampras prevailed, 4-6, 7-6 (6), 6-4, 6-2.

Krajicek has the best record of any active player against Sampras, winning six of nine previous meetings, and seemed to have the upper hand in the first set, leading 1-0 in the second set tiebreak 6-2.

But Sampras reached into his reservoir of power tennis and won the next six points to take the tiebreak and tie the match. After that, he took charge, fighting off 23 aces by Krajicek with a demonstration of brilliant shotmaking.

"I was getting outplayed," Sampras said. "Richard puts a lot of pressure on my service game. I thought I was gone."

Instead, he stuck around, saved by that series of six straight tiebreak points.

"Richard always plays me tough," he said. "After I won the second set, Richard got a little down." That was the opening he needed, and he seized it and the match.

Davenport ended a five-match losing streak against Williams even though the defending champion had several statistical edges.

Williams had more aces (8 to 5), fewer double faults (2 to 3), a better first-serve percentage (66 to 48), a faster serve (111 mph to 107) and more winners (31 to 18).

So, how come she lost? The answer was that



Pete Sampras, pictured here during 1995 action, powered his way into the semifinals of the U.S. Open on Wednesday with a 4-6, 7-6 (6), 6-4, 6-2 win over Richard Krajicek.

Davenport never was broken. On each of Williams' five chances, Davenport survived the crisis.

"The goal was to hold my serve, hang with her when she made some good shots," she said. "You've got to hold serve. You've got to be able to do that."

"She had a lot of opportunities at the beginning of the first set. When I broke her at 4-all it seemed to deflate her. She had break points she didn't take advantage of."

Davenport played steady tennis, trading booming shots with Williams until she found the openings she needed. When Williams fought off five match points in an extraordinary 20-point game, Davenport simply won the match on her next service game.

"I was still up two breaks. I was still in good position," Davenport said.

"That's the best she ever played against me," Williams said. "She should take that attitude toward everyone."

Like her sister, Venus, the day before, Serena said

she had not played her best.

"I wasn't on my best game today," she said. "You can't allow yourself not to be on your best game in the quarterfinals of a Grand Slam."

Davenport thought she had something to do with that.

"I know she feels she didn't play well," she said. "I thought I played well to make her not play well."

Next for Davenport is surprising Elena Dementieva, who continued her unseeded march through the tournament, ousting No. 10 Anke Huber 6-1, 3-6, 6-3 to reach the semifinals.

Semifinals? Dementieva? Even she couldn't believe.

"You know," she said, "it is just amazing because two years ago, I just watched them on TV. I didn't think that I can play like I play now."

There were signals, though, from the 18-year-old, who rallied from a 1-4 deficit to defeat Venus Williams for Russia's only point against the U.S.

## Bufs, Bearkats ready to renew annual rivalry

By SANDY McSPADEN  
Sports Editor

FORSAN — Throw away the favorite tag and get ready to watch some real head knocking, oil patch football when Garden City arrives here Friday for an 8 p.m. season opener that continues a series that dates back 50 years or more.

A lot of changes have taken place this year. Forsan moves out of District 2-2A, leaving behind the likes of No. 4-ranked Sonora, only to return to the more recognizable foes in District 3-2A.

Of course, District 3-2A is a powerhouse of its own with the likes of Stanton, Seagraves, Plains, Colorado City and Coahoma.

Garden City welcomes new head coach Wade Wesley, a graduate of Texas Tech to his first head coaching job. He brings almost an entirely new staff from Tech, save for the exception of Jimmy Fine, a 15-year veteran in Bearkat country.

Over at Forsan, Roger Hudgins is only his second year as head coach of the Buffaloes.

Hudgins has five offensive starters returning and four on defense from a team that went 3-7 last season.

The Buffaloes come into the season opener after a strong scrimmage showing against Iraan's Braves, the No. 1-ranked team in Class 1A.

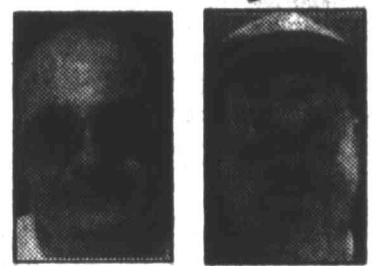
Forsan's one-touchdown loss to Iraan, in fact matches favorably with Garden City's dead-even scrimmage against Wink.

Offensively little changes with the Bufs. They will come out in a wing-T formation with veteran senior quarterback Dustin Morgan at the helm.

Speedster Furillo Subia will run at fullback, as well as serve as Morgan's backup.

Hudgins has slipped quick Donny Allen in at left guard and goes with J.D. Newton at right guard.

Another offensive bright spot figures to be sophomore Wes Longorio, a 4.7



HUDGINS WESLEY speedster starting at tailback.

Hudgins is pleased with center Billy Kinsey and believes that both his offensive and defensive tackles, Nathan Rose and Brad Gillihan are going to be good going both ways. Big tight end Andy Neal (6-2, 190) is a target for Morgan and he can block, too.

"Adam Dunlap is an impressive kid," Hudgins noted. "he just never stops going." He's a 100 percent.

In looking ahead to Garden City, Hudgins quickly points out that the "Kats are quick and dangerous on offense because of the outside speed provided by quarterback Justin Hillger.

A varsity player since his freshman year, Hillger can cover the field and make things hectic for defenses.

"We beat them 7-0 last year," Hudgins remembered the hard-fought battle in his first game as the Bufs' head coach. "We'll be glad to get this one behind us."

The Bearkats come off a week with good workouts, according to Wesley.

"This give us a chance to find out just where we are," he noted. "I know Forsan is a good team. They have more kids than we do, so we must play above average at our skilled positions.

"Our starting backfield comes back — Julio Talamantes is at fullback and Curtis Eggmeyer gives us a little added power back there," Wesley added. "We feel defensively that Kyle Kight and Drew Plagens will lead the way. These two kids have really put out the work this week."

The Bearkats will run the straight power I with splits strong to the tight end side.

## Oakland continues to make up ground on Mariners

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mark Mulder helped the Oakland Athletics put more pressure on Seattle.

"I was really pumped up for the game. I was excited," Mulder said after Oakland beat the Boston Red Sox 6-4 Wednesday night and moved 1 1/2 games behind the Mariners in the closest race for a playoff spot.

Mulder (8-10) gave up two runs and five hits in six innings for Oakland, which headed home for a weekend series against Tampa Bay.

"He did a nice job, battled and gave us all he could," Oakland manager Art Howe said. "The bullpen did the rest."

In other American League games it was Toronto 7, Seattle 3; Kansas City 3, New York 2; Cleveland 6, Tampa Bay 2; Chicago 13, Texas 1; Anaheim 1, Detroit 0; and Minnesota 4, Baltimore 1.

In National League games, San Francisco topped Philadelphia 6-4, Atlanta downed Arizona 7-1,

Cincinnati rallied past New York 11-8, Pittsburgh beat Los Angeles 8-3, Montreal topped St. Louis 7-2, Chicago defeated Colorado 8-5 in 11 innings, Houston beat Florida 13-5 and San Diego edged Milwaukee 7-6.

At Fenway Park, Matt Stairs homered as the A's won for the fourth time in five games. Jim Mecir pitched two innings for his fifth save.

Boston dropped three games back in the AL wild card race, Rolando Arrojo (4-2) allowed four runs and eight hits in three innings, the shortest of his eight starts since Colorado traded him July 27.

"He just got hit," Red Sox manager Jimmy Williams said. "It happens to all pitchers. They're a good hitting team over there."

**Blue Jays 7, Mariners 3**  
Carlos Delgado hit a three-run double and Joey Hamilton (2-0) allowed two runs and four hits in seven innings at SkyDome as Toronto stopped a four-game losing

streak.

Alex Rodriguez hit a two-run homer for the Mariners, who have lost 17 of their last 23. Seattle had won its previous seven games at SkyDome.

John Halama (11-8) gave up four runs — three earned — and six hits in 3 1/3 innings.

**Royals 3, Yankees 2**  
Carlos Febles doubled home the tying run and scored on Johnny Damon's single as Kansas City rallied in the bottom of the ninth off Mike Stanton (2-3), who blew his fourth straight save chance.

New York's Chuck Knoblauch went 0-for-4 in his first game since going on the disabled list Aug. 3 with tendinitis in his right elbow. The second baseman was mistake-free recording two assists.

Derek Jeter and Paul O'Neill homered for the Yankees, 7-2 against Kansas City this year. Brian Meadows (4-2) pitched a nine-hitter for his second complete game of the

season.

**Indians 6, Devil Rays 2**  
Roberto Alomar homered twice, and Chuck Finley (12-10) combined with Paul Shuey on a four-hitter at Jacobs Field as Cleveland won its fourth straight.

The Indians, 23-10 since Aug. 2, increased their lead to three games in the AL wild card race.

Travis Harper (0-1) was the loser. Devil Rays starter Ryan Rupe left after three innings with stiffness in his right biceps.

**Angels 1, Tigers 0**  
Scott Schoeneweis (7-7) shut out Detroit on two singles for eight innings and visiting Anaheim stopped a season-high six-game losing streak.

Mo Vaughn drove in the lone run with an RBI grounder in the third off Steve Sparks (6-3), who had won six straight decisions. Troy Glaus

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1. Garland (14)
2. Midland Lee (5)
3. Austin Westlake (1)
4. Katy
5. Adine Eisenhower
6. Waco
7. Plano East
8. Mesquite
9. Arlington Lamar
10. The Woodlands

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct., GB. Rows include East Division (New York, Boston, Toronto, Baltimore, Tampa Bay) and Central Division (Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Kansas City, Minnesota).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

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SOCCER

Wednesday's Games

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TEA-LA LEAGUE

Through September 3

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct., GB. Rows include All-Around, Pitching, Batters, Fielders.

AIKMAN

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an All-Pro season in 1998 for Minnesota. Cunningham started the first six games last year before losing his job to Jeff George and not playing again during the regular season.

ROUNDUP

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tied an Angels record with three doubles. Schoeneweis and reliever Troy Percival combined to hand the Tigers their major league-leading 12th shutout.

Twins 4, Orioles 1
Brad Radke (11-14) pitched a six-hitter for his third complete game of the season and Jacque Jones drove in the go-ahead run in the seventh at the Metrodome.

FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Sept. 6. (Report also available on Web at www.tpwd.state.tx.us.)

offense. It's been a lot of cramming since I signed with the Cowboys," said Cunningham, who is in his 15th NFL season. "I know the plays, I'm prepared for whatever is called."

Coach Dave Campo expressed confidence in Cunningham after Wednesday's practice. Part of the plan is to try to take advantage of Cunningham's scrambling ability.

Giants 5, Phillies 4
At this point, no one is stopping San Francisco. Certainly not Philadelphia. The Giants won their eighth in a row Wednesday night, beating the Phillies 5-4 on Ellis Burks' infield single in the eighth inning.

in a guy who hasn't played very many games," Campo said. "You will see the same offense, we are just going to try to take advantage of some of the things he can do."

After Aikman was knocked out last Sunday, Cunningham completed 13-of-26 passes for 135 yards with one touchdown and an interception.

Braves 7, Diamondbacks 1
Chipper Jones hit a pair of RBI singles and Kevin Millwood shut down Arizona for eight innings in a cold drizzle.

CLASS 4A

- 1. Texas City (18)
2. Stephenville (1)
3. Wolfforth Fremont (1)
4. Hereford
5. Brownwood
6. Wichita Falls
7. San Antonio Roosevelt
8. La Marque
9. San Marcos
10. Ernst

CLASS 3A

- 1. Newton (12)
2. Crockett (3)
3. Lamesa (2)
4. Eversham (3)
5. Cleveland
6. LaGrange
7. Sweeny
8. Cuero
9. (tie) Martin
10. Liberty-Eylau

CLASS 2A

- 1. Mart (18)
2. Collinsville (1)
3. Refugio
4. Sonora
5. Cysan Fields
6. Corrigan-Canden
7. Olney (1)
8. Omaha Paul-Pewitt
9. Gunter
10. Garrison

CLASS 1A

- 1. Iraan (16)
2. Shiner
3. Beckville (2)
4. Stratford (1)
5. Paducah (1)
6. Celeste
7. Wheeler
8. Rankin
9. Wortham
10. Bartlett

AL LEADERS

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# The Mini Page

By BETTY DEBNAM

Warming Up for the Summer Olympics

## Hello, Australia



IT'S ALMOST FALL.

IT'S ALMOST SPRING.



Australia is in the Southern Hemisphere. Its name comes from the Latin word "Australis," meaning "southern."

Australia's seasons are different from ours. It's almost fall here, while it's almost spring down there. Soon, the whole world will be watching the Summer Olympics to be held in Australia from Sept. 15 through Oct. 1.



Tasmania is a beautiful island off the southwestern coast. It is Australia's smallest state.

Australia is divided into six states and two territories. The two territories are the Northern Territory and the Capital Territory (the area around the country's capital, Canberra).

### Australia is ...

- the smallest continent.
- the largest island in the world.
- the only country that takes up an entire continent. Its real name is the Commonwealth of Australia; the country is independent but has close ties with Great Britain.
- a low, flat continent that is like a bowl, with low flatlands in the middle and mountains along the coast.
- next to Antarctica, the driest continent, with about a fifth of the country covered by 11 deserts.
- about the size of the continental United States (which has a population of 275 million).

With so little area suitable for settlement, there are few people (about 19 million) when compared to its size. Most people -- 80 percent -- live in cities along the coast.

### The host city



Sydney is one of the most beautiful harbors in the world.

Sydney, the host for the Olympics, is Australia's largest city. It has a population of 4 million people. The city is famous for its Harbour Bridge, which is heavier and wider than any arch bridge in the world.

## Rookie Cookies Recipe Anzac Biscuits

"Biscuit" is another word for cookie in Australia. This popular Australian treat was created during World War I. They were sent in food parcels to troops known as "Anzacs" (Australia and New Zealand Army Corps).

### You'll need:

- 1 cup oats
- 3/4 cup coconut
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 tablespoon golden corn syrup
- 2 tablespoons boiling water
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda



### What to do:

1. In a medium bowl, combine oats, coconut, flour and sugar. Mix well.
2. In a small saucepan, combine butter and syrup over low heat. Cook until butter is melted.
3. In a small bowl, combine boiling water and baking soda. Mix until smooth.
4. Add water mixture to butter mixture. Mix until smooth.
5. Add liquid mixture to dry mixture. Mix well.
6. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto a greased cookie sheet. Press with a fork.
7. Bake in a preheated 300-degree oven for 20 minutes or until golden-brown.

### The natives



Aboriginal dancers perform a dance from their past.

The natives of Australia are called Aboriginals. They are dark-skinned people whose ancestors were on the continent for about 60,000 years. Few Aboriginals today live as their hunter-gatherer ancestors did. About 72 percent live in towns and cities. Today they make up more than 2 percent of the population.



Unfurling the British flag.

More than 200 years ago, in 1788, a group of British sailing ships, called the First Fleet, landed at Sydney Cove.

The first white settlers were convicts, guards and tradesmen, sent to set up a colony for prisoners.



## MIGHTY FUNNY'S Funny Phonics

It's fun to learn phonics, or the way letters sound. This week's target sound is the one made by the FL blend, as in the word flag.

John: I sure don't like all these flies!  
Alan: OK, pick out the ones you like, and I'll get rid of the rest.

Q: Where do dogs get fleas?  
A: The flea market!

Q: What did the flaming match say to the man who lighted it?  
A: "How dare you strike me!"

Go on an FL word hunt. What other words can you find with the FL blend? What sound do you hear?

## Meet Mel Gibson



One of the world's most popular actors, Mel Gibson, grew up in Australia.

Mel, 44, was born in Peekskill, N.Y., the sixth of 11 kids. His father worked for a railroad. His mother is from Australia. His family moved to Australia when Mel was 12.

While growing up, Mel dreamed of being a chef or a journalist. Instead, he went to an acting school in Sydney right after he graduated from high school. His sister sent in the application to the school without telling him.

He has been in many top movies. This summer he was the voice of Rocky in the hit movie "Chicken Run."

Mel and his wife, Robyn, have six sons and one daughter. He owns a ranch in Australia.

## The Aussies ... Kids, Places and Things

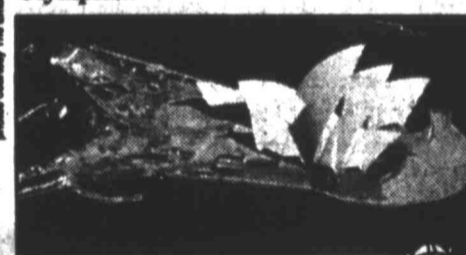
### The Kids



Most Aussies have British, Irish or other European backgrounds, but there are many other backgrounds represented, too. The kids in the photo above go to a school made up of 19 different ethnic groups.

### Places

You will be seeing many of Australia's unusual landmarks, both natural and made by human hands, when Australia shows its many attractions during the Olympics.



The Sydney Opera House overlooking Sydney harbor is one of the most famous landmarks in the world. Some of the Olympic events will take place with the Opera House in the background.

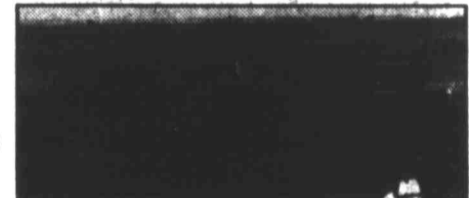
### Things

The Australian flag features the Southern Cross, a five-star constellation seen in the Southern Hemisphere; the British ensign, or symbol; and one star that represents the Commonwealth of Australia.

The people of Australia enjoy a very high standard of living. The country has a well-trained workforce on farms and in modern factories. Below are a few of the products of Australia.



Australia is famous for its wool and sheep. Australia produces more wool than any other country in the world. There are six sheep for every one Australian! Farmland covers about 65 percent of Australia, but most of it is dry grazing land.



Australia is the third-largest exporter of wheat in the world. Other important crops include sugar cane, barley, oats, potatoes, grapes, rice, sorghum and cotton. Crops are grown on only about 5 percent of the farmland.



Mining is important to Australia. The country is the world's largest exporter of black coal, bauxite, diamonds and mineral sands. It also exports iron ore, uranium, aluminum, gold, copper, tin and silver. Australia produces most of the world's finest opals.

Australia is a leader in the research and production of livestock vaccines and pet-care medicines. The country also produces efficient fueling pumps.

## THE NEWS HOUND'S AUSTRALIA TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of Australia are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: AUSTRALIA, OLYMPICS, MELBOURNE, SYDNEY, COAL, FARMING, MINING, WOOL, COUNTRY, SHEEP, TOURISTS, AYERS, ROCK, COAST, WHEAT, RICE, CROPS.

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## Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her Basset Brown are sailing around the Sydney Opera House in Australia. See if you can find:



• lips • elephant's trunk

## AUSSIES LOVE VEGEMITE.

Sometimes the entire school might eat their lunch outdoors at the same time. Aussies love being outside. In bad weather, kids eat in their classrooms.

**SUMMER**  
Australian schools do not have cafeterias. A spread called Vegemite is used for sandwiches and crackers. Although it looks like chocolate sauce, it tastes quite different. It has a salty taste. Since the seasons are different in the Southern Hemisphere, Aussie kids start each school year in February.

## The Great Barrier Reef

The Great Barrier Reef is a chain of more than 2,500 reefs and many small islands. It stretches 1,242 miles along the coast of the state of Queensland. Tourists visit there to see the many fish and plants that make this spot one of the wonders of the world.

## Look through your newspaper for news of Australia and the upcoming Olympics.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Friday, Sept. 8: Dig into your creativity for answers. You charge much more fun into your life than ever before. You succeed professionally as well as personally. You have an unusual sense of who you are and what you offer. Use your gifts to further your image and personal life. If you are single, romance keeps coming through your door. You move into a major relationship by your next birthday. If you are attached, you opt to add to your relationship by adding to your family or making a special heartfelt purchase that enhances your relationship. CAPRICORN proves to be fun.

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 wake up on the right side of the bed. No matter how impulsive and carefree you are, everything works. Handle serious matters immediately so you can become more frivolous. Good news follows you all day long. What would make you smile? Go for that right now. Others respond. Tonight: A force to be reckoned with.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\*\* Keep a perspective, but keep smiling. Good news greets you as the morning starts. A partner does a reversal and helps your life and relationship. Let this person know how much you appreciate this attitude. Indulge and treat another as well as yourself. Business success follows you. Tonight: Take off as

soon as you can.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\*\* A partner or associate presents good news. You might even decide to take the day off. Let the good times roll and go with spontaneity. One-on-one relating brings success. Don't hem and haw. Just charge right in. Once you decide to let go and get into a weekend mindset, others cheer. Tonight: Just ask (expect a yes!).

CANCER (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\*\* Others seek you out. Popularity builds, but understand that others want to make the call. Let others do their thing. You get to pick and choose. Your sense of humor emerges with a child or loved one. Share feelings through a special gift that means a lot to both of you. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Intuitively, you know what you are doing and where you are going. Speak to a loved one or child. Let him express his feelings. Adjust plans accordingly. Your sense of humor comes out at work, easing some of the weight of a project. Make a call to a friend or an old heartthrob at a distance. Tonight: Just don't push yourself too hard.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Let your imagination take off. Charge some of this energy into work. What you achieve professionally could delight you as well as associates. Your efforts bring financial gain. You will need to make a money decision. Think it through carefully. A boss rewards you in an unantic-

ipated way. Tonight: Play the night away.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Stay close to home. Honor domestic priorities. You could be confused about a decision that is forthcoming. You might waffle as you gather information. Recognize the many possibilities that surround you. You are your own best counsel. Evaluate news from an expert. Visualize what you want. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\*\* Keep conversations moving. You know something that another has yet to share. Use care in discussions, as you don't want to let the cat out of the bag. Suggest a special lunch with a co-worker or maybe an after-work get-together. Good feelings mark your office. Ask for more of what you want. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\*\* Expenses go overboard without you even trying. Others know how to tempt you and lead you in another direction. You decide to throw caution to the wind and go for what you want. Socialize and enjoy friends and co-workers. A talk helps you see another point of view. Lighten up about a problem. Tonight: Worry less.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\*\* Let others express their opinions, especially at work. Bosses are pleased with a work situation and how co-workers interrelate. A special opportunity comes from out of the blue. Though it might mean

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MOM MUST HOLD HER GROUND

against in-laws' indulgence

of drugs, and my son was discharged from military service due to his addiction to drugs. I have finally wised-up. Abby, I have laid down the law to protect my grandson. I had to do it over again, I would draw the line sooner. Parents must stand up for what is right. Hurting the feelings of in-laws is a small price to pay for protecting one's children. - SADDER BUT WISER IN FLORIDA

DEAR WISER: I'm pleased you finally found the conviction to speak out for what you know is right. Children cannot be expected to know what they haven't been taught. That's why adults are supposed to make mature decisions even if they're not always popular. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I must respond to "Angry Mom in Arizona," whose father-in-law allows his young grandchildren to take "sips" of his beer.

I am a 37-year-old male

writing from the Hillsborough County Jail in Tampa, Fla. I am here because of a fourth DUI (driving under the influence) arrest - the result of 20 years of alcohol abuse.

Abby, I was brought up to sip from my dad's and uncles' beers. I vividly remember the first time I got drunk. I was 5. I honestly believe it triggered something in my body. I loved the taste.

Forget the legal issues and the morality of giving liquor to small children. Consider instead the very real danger of alcohol poisoning and a life of possible addiction!

That grandfather is doing something detrimental to the welfare of those innocent children. The parents should forget about "hurting his feelings" and put a stop to it.

I am finishing a court-ordered relapse program here in jail. I look forward to a clean and sober extended life when I am released. I have seen the hell of alcohol abuse and it's not pretty.

Please print this so others won't have to experience what I have been through. - LOOKING FORWARD TO FREEDOM D E A R LOOKING FORWARD: If your testimonial doesn't get the attention of parents, nothing will. I have been told that children in families of alcoholics can have a genetic predisposition to the disease themselves, and that many alcoholics report having that same feeling of "completion" that you described upon tasting their first drink - another reason why it's unwise to allow small children to develop a taste for alcohol.

DEAR ABBY: I've noticed that some of your readers have been discussing the "value" of our seniors. As an assisted-living administrator, I feel compelled to send this message to the children of our seniors.

You have NOT become your parent's parent. You do NOT have autonomy when it comes to decisions about your parents' lives. What you do have is the obligation to assist your parent in making informed, appropriate choices. This means when your parent needs help with anything from finances to daily care, you gather information and then discuss the choices with your parents. Then, as a family, you arrive at deci-

sions - but your parents have the final say.

Even people who have memory problems, such as early-stage dementia or Alzheimer's disease, retain some ability to provide input into decisions regarding their care and living arrangements.

If you have a parent's power of attorney, you can make financial decisions. Period. You cannot "sign" them into a nursing home, assisted-living facility or rehabilitation center. You may do that only if you have been appointed their "legal guardian" or have their "health care proxy," and their MD certifies in writing that they are no longer able to participate in making decisions regarding their care.

For those with aging parents, my message is that you AND your parent should start visiting independent and assisted-living homes, rehabilitation centers and nursing homes. Gather as much information as possible. Sit down with Mom or Dad and discuss scenarios that "could" happen - such as memory loss, hip fracture, etc. Helping your parents make choices in advance will prevent decisions made from panic, instead of logic.

Our biggest fear is of the unknown. Our seniors have earned the right not to worry, "What will happen if I can't take care of myself anymore?" They deserve the right to make that choice for themselves. - ADVOCATE FOR OUR SENIORS

DEAR ADVOCATE: I agree. Mentally competent seniors have the right to choose where they live, where they get medical treatment and how they spend their money.

They may have slowed down a bit - and frustrate their adult children - but they are functional adults who deserve to be respected.

To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable - and most frequently requested - poems and essays, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's "Keepers," P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61064-0447. (Postage is included.)

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HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Sept. 8: Dig into your creativity for answers. You charge much more fun into your life than ever before. You succeed professionally as well as personally. You have an unusual sense of who you are and what you offer. Use your gifts to further your image and personal life. If you are single, romance keeps coming through your door. You move into a major relationship by your next birthday. If you are attached, you opt to add to your relationship by adding to your family or making a special heartfelt purchase that enhances your relationship. CAPRICORN proves to be fun.

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 wake up on the right side of the bed. No matter how impulsive and carefree you are, everything works. Handle serious matters immediately so you can become more frivolous. Good news follows you all day long. What would make you smile? Go for that right now. Others respond. Tonight: A force to be reckoned with.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\*\* Keep a perspective, but keep smiling. Good news greets you as the morning starts. A partner does a reversal and helps your life and relationship. Let this person know how much you appreciate this attitude. Indulge and treat another as well as yourself. Business success follows you. Tonight: Take off as

soon as you can.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\*\* A partner or associate presents good news. You might even decide to take the day off. Let the good times roll and go with spontaneity. One-on-one relating brings success. Don't hem and haw. Just charge right in. Once you decide to let go and get into a weekend mindset, others cheer. Tonight: Just ask (expect a yes!).

CANCER (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\*\* Others seek you out. Popularity builds, but understand that others want to make the call. Let others do their thing. You get to pick and choose. Your sense of humor emerges with a child or loved one. Share feelings through a special gift that means a lot to both of you. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Intuitively, you know what you are doing and where you are going. Speak to a loved one or child. Let him express his feelings. Adjust plans accordingly. Your sense of humor comes out at work, easing some of the weight of a project. Make a call to a friend or an old heartthrob at a distance. Tonight: Just don't push yourself too hard.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Let your imagination take off. Charge some of this energy into work. What you achieve professionally could delight you as well as associates. Your efforts bring financial gain. You will need to make a money decision. Think it through carefully. A boss rewards you in an unantic-

ipated way. Tonight: Play the night away.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Stay close to home. Honor domestic priorities. You could be confused about a decision that is forthcoming. You might waffle as you gather information. Recognize the many possibilities that surround you. You are your own best counsel. Evaluate news from an expert. Visualize what you want. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\*\* Keep conversations moving. You know something that another has yet to share. Use care in discussions, as you don't want to let the cat out of the bag. Suggest a special lunch with a co-worker or maybe an after-work get-together. Good feelings mark your office. Ask for more of what you want. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

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6:30	News (CC) Fortune	Home Imp. Judge Judy	Wishbone Zoolomoo	Early Edition	News Ent. Tonight	News (CC) Fortune	News Seinfeld (CC)	Fresh Prince Major League	Por Tu Amor	Movie: The Parent Trap	Movie: The Parent Trap	Movie: The Seventh Sign	Movie: The NFL Inside the NFL	Sex (CC)	News John Hagege	Law & Order (CC)	Wild Discovery	Preterder (CC)	Chasing the Killer Storms
7:30	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Movie: Dead Presidents	Hidden Worlds (CC)	Movie: The Tiger Woods	Big Brother King	Billy Graham (CC)	Friends (CC) Will & Grace	Baseball: Arizona Diamondbacks at Atlanta	Mujeres Enganadas	Movie: The H-Lo Country	TNN Music Awards (CC)	Movie: The H-Lo Country	Movie: Forces of Nature	Movie: Dead Calm (CC)	On the Inside	Biography (CC)	On the Inside	Movie: Dead Calm (CC)	Tornado! Hurricane Flood
8:30	Be a Millionaire	Mad Abt. You Nanny (CC)	Fatal Shore (CC)	Early Edition	48 Hours (CC)	Vanished (CC)	ER (CC)	Braves (-35) Movie: Aquil y Ahore	Ready to Run (CC)	Movie: The Opposite of Sex (CC)	Movie: The Opposite of Sex (CC)	Movie: The Opposite of Sex (CC)	Movie: The Opposite of Sex (CC)	Movie: The Opposite of Sex (CC)	Movie: The Opposite of Sex (CC)	Movie: The Opposite of Sex (CC)	Movie: The Opposite of Sex (CC)	Movie: The Opposite of Sex (CC)	Movie: The Opposite of Sex (CC)
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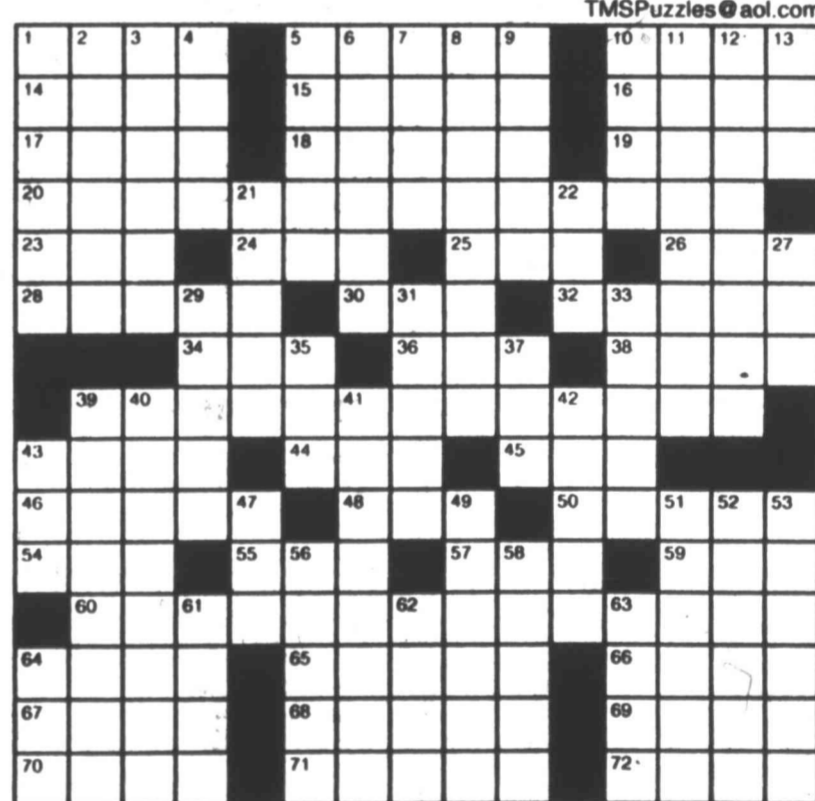
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Today is Thursday, Sept. 7, the 251st day of 2000. There are 115 days left in the year.  
Today's Highlight in History:  
On Sept. 7, 1940, Nazi Germany began its initial "blitz" on London during World War II.  
On this date:  
In 1825, the Marquis de Lafayette, the French hero of the American Revolution, bade farewell to President John Quincy Adams at the White House.  
In 1901, the Peace of Beijing ended the Boxer Rebellion in China.  
In 1936, rock legend Buddy Holly was born.  
Charles Hardin Holley in Lubbock, Texas.  
In 1963, the National

Professional Football Hall of Fame was dedicated in Canton, Ohio.  
In 1969, Senate Republican leader Everett M. Dirksen died in Washington D.C.  
In 1977, the Panama Canal treaties, calling for the United States to eventually turn over control of the waterway to Panama, were signed in Washington.  
In 1977, convicted Watergate conspirator G. Gordon Liddy was released from prison after more than four years.  
In 1979, the Entertainment and Sports Programming Network (ESPN) made its cable TV debut.  
In 1986, Desmond Tutu was installed as the first black to lead the Anglican Church in southern Africa.  
In 1998, St. Louis Cardinal Mark McGwire equaled Roger Maris' single-season

home run record as he hit No. 61 during a game against the Chicago Cubs.  
Ten years ago: President Bush left for his one-day Finland summit with Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev. Kimberly Bergalis of Fort Pierce, Fla., came forward to identify herself as the young woman who had been infected with AIDS, apparently by her late dentist. (Bergalis died the following year.)  
Five years ago: After 27 years in the Senate, Bob Packwood (R-Ore.) announced he would resign, heading off a vote by colleagues to expel him for allegations of sexual and official misconduct. The space shuttle Endeavour thundered into orbit with five astronauts on a mission to release and recapture a pair of science satellites.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS**  
1 Con game  
5 Botanist's interest  
10 Singer Redding  
14 Subdue  
15 Roman household gods  
16 Departed  
17 Milky gem  
18 Skilled one  
19 Otherwise  
20 "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" bird?  
23 OJ's judge  
24 Compass pt.  
25 Cholera  
26 Kid  
28 Actress Claire  
30 Drunk-tank letters  
32 Neighbor of Togo  
34 Vette or Caddy  
36 NATO cousin  
38 Use acid for art  
39 "Nashville" bird?  
43 Deep sleep  
44 "All About"  
45 Opposing position  
46 Singer Baker  
48 NYC winter hrs.  
50 Carpenter's files  
54 Moist  
55 ATM maker  
57 Doctrine  
59 Homburg, e.g.  
60 "The Fox and the Hound" bird?  
64 Dove home  
65 Goller Mediate  
66 Worshiped one  
67 Iowa town  
68 Relative by marriage  
69 Old king of rhyme  
70 Bouncy  
71 Needs braces?  
72 Use homophone?



By Ed Karasek  
Berwick, PA

9/7/00

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved



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1 Impagive  
2 Per

- 3 Online bookseller  
4 Run in the heat?  
5 Whips  
6 Spooned  
7 Black-and-white cookie  
8 Counterattack  
9 Up and about  
10 S-shaped curve  
11 Stand  
12 Inborn behavior  
13 Understand  
21 Analyze ore  
22 Little barrel  
27 Scrooge expletive  
29 Conspicuous success  
31 Scholarly books  
33 Natural hair-coloring  
35 Hwy. sign  
37 As written: Lat.  
39 Like McMurtry's Dove?  
40 Aper  
41 Carried too far

- 42 Zimmer or Shearer  
43 Crow's complaint  
47 Also  
49 Metal container  
51 Dark spot  
52 Conditional release  
53 Fashions  
56 Saint with an alphabet  
58 Flat boats  
61 Cozy abode  
62 Fruits of football  
63 Pleasant  
64 Tooth topper

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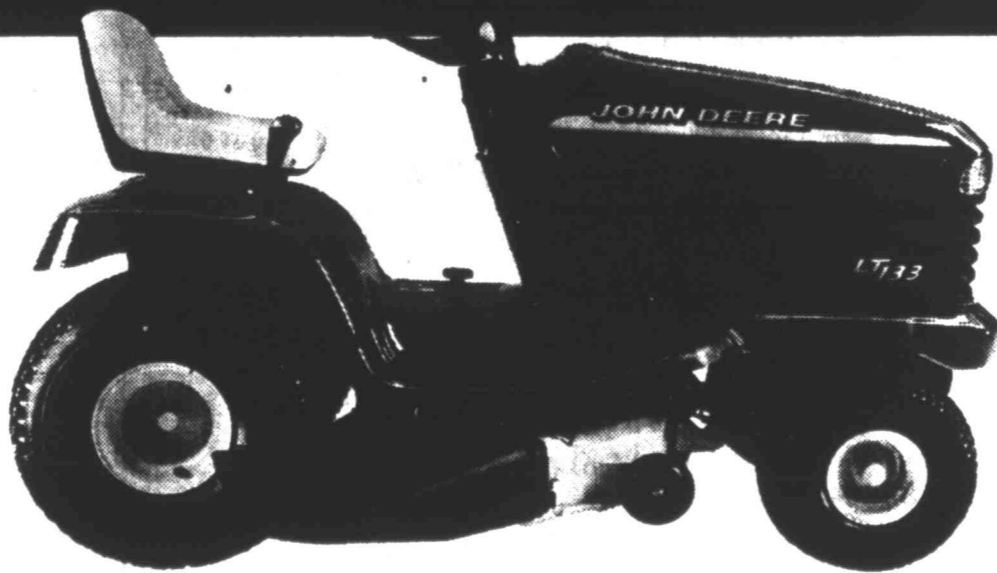
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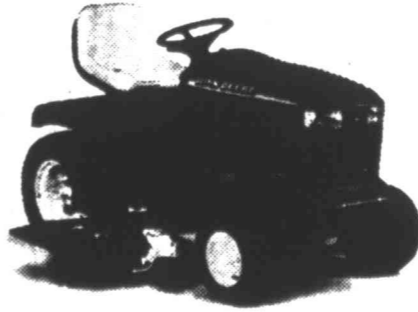


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By BETTY DEBNAM

Warming Up for the Summer Olympics

## Hello, Australia



Australia is in the Southern Hemisphere. Its name comes from the Latin word "Australis," meaning "southern."

Australia's seasons are different from ours. It's almost fall here, while it's almost spring down there. Soon, the whole world will be watching the Summer Olympics to be held in Australia from Sept. 15 through Oct. 1.



Tasmania is a beautiful island off the southeastern coast. It is Australia's smallest state.

Australia is divided into six states and two territories. The two territories are the Northern Territory and the Capital Territory (the area around the country's capital, Canberra).

**Australia is ...**

- the smallest continent.
  - the largest island in the world.
  - the only country that takes up an entire continent. Its real name is the Commonwealth of Australia; the country is independent but has close ties with Great Britain.
  - a low, flat continent that is like a bowl, with low flatlands in the middle and mountains along the coast.
  - next to Antarctica, the driest continent, with about a fifth of the country covered by 11 deserts.
  - about the size of the continental United States (which has a population of 275 million).
- With so little area suitable for settlement, there are few people (about 19 million) when compared to its size. Most people — 80 percent — live in cities along the coast.

**The British arrive**



Unfurling the British flag.

More than 200 years ago, in 1788, a group of British sailing ships, called the First Fleet, landed at Sydney Cove.

The first white settlers were convicts, guards and tradesmen, sent to set up a colony for prisoners.



**The host city**



Sydney is on one of the most beautiful harbors in the world.

Sydney, the host for the Olympics, is Australia's largest city. It has a population of 4 million people. The city is famous for its Harbour Bridge, which is heavier and wider than any arch bridge in the world.

**Rookie Cookies Recipe**  
**Anzac Biscuits**

"Biscuit" is another word for cookie in Australia. This popular Australian treat was created during World War I. They were sent in food parcels to troops known as "Anzacs" (Australia and New Zealand Army Corps).

- You'll need:**
- 1 cup oats
  - 3/4 cup coconut
  - 1 cup all-purpose flour
  - 1 cup sugar
  - 1/2 cup butter
  - 1 tablespoon golden corn syrup
  - 2 tablespoons boiling water
  - 1/2 teaspoon baking soda



- What to do:**
1. In a medium bowl, combine oats, coconut, flour and sugar. Mix well.
  2. In a small saucepan, combine butter and syrup over low heat. Cook until butter is melted.
  3. In a small bowl, combine boiling water and baking soda. Mix until smooth.
  4. Add water mixture to butter mixture. Mix until smooth.
  5. Add liquid mixture to dry mixture. Mix well.
  6. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto a greased cookie sheet. Press with a fork.
  7. Bake in a preheated 300-degree oven for 20 minutes or until golden-brown.

**The natives**



Aboriginal dancers perform a dance from their past.

The natives of Australia are called Aboriginals. They are dark-skinned people whose ancestors were on the continent for about 60,000 years. Few Aboriginals today live as their hunter-gatherer ancestors did. About 72 percent live in towns and cities. Today they make up more than 2 percent of the population.

**MIGHTY FUNNY'S Funny Phonics**

It's fun to learn phonics, or the way letters sound. This week's target sound is the one made by the FL blend, as in the word flag.

**John:** I sure don't like all these flies!  
**Alan:** OK, pick out the ones you like, and I'll get rid of the rest.

**Q:** Where do dogs get fleas?  
**A:** The flea market!

**Q:** What did the flaming match say to the man who lighted it?  
**A:** "How dare you strike me!"

Go on an FL word hunt. What other words can you find with the FL blend? What sound do you hear?

**Meet Mel Gibson**



One of the world's most popular actors, Mel Gibson, grew up in Australia. Mel, 44, was born in Peekskill, N.Y., the sixth of 11 kids. His father worked for a railroad. His mother is from Australia. His family moved to Australia when Mel was 12. While growing up, Mel dreamed of being a chef or a journalist. Instead, he went to an acting school in Sydney right after he graduated from high school. His sister sent in the application to the school without telling him. He has been in many top movies. This summer he was the voice of Rocky in the hit movie "Chicken Run." Mel and his wife, Robyn, have six sons and one daughter. He owns a ranch in Australia.

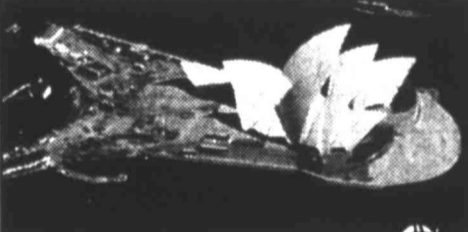
**The Aussies ... Kids, Places and Things**

**The Kids**      **Places**      **Things**



Most Aussies have British, Irish or other European backgrounds, but there are many other backgrounds represented, too. The kids in the photo above go to a school made up of 19 different ethnic groups.

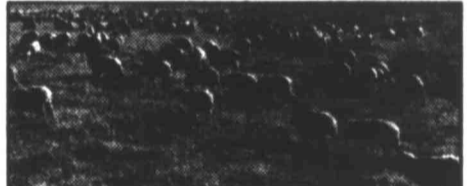
You will be seeing many of Australia's unusual landmarks, both natural and made by human hands, when Australia shows its many attractions during the Olympics.



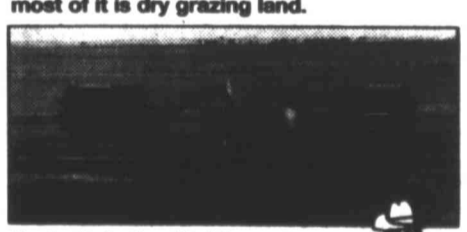
The Sydney Opera House overlooking Sydney harbor is one of the most famous landmarks in the world. Some of the Olympic events will take place with the Opera House in the background.

The Australian flag features the Southern Cross, a five-star constellation seen in the Southern Hemisphere; the British ensign, or symbol; and one star that represents the Commonwealth of Australia.

The people of Australia enjoy a very high standard of living. The country has a well-trained workforce on farms and in modern factories. Below are a few of the products of Australia.



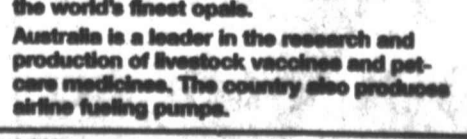
Australia is famous for its wool and sheep. Australia produces more wool than any other country in the world. There are six sheep for every one Australian! Farmland covers about 65 percent of Australia, but most of it is dry grazing land.



Ayers Rock is the largest rock in the world. It is a single stone rising out of the desert in the "outback," or middle of the country. Ayers Rock measures 5 1/2 miles around the base and is 1,000 feet high. The rock is also called Uru (oo-LOO-roo).



Australia is the third-largest exporter of wheat in the world. Other important crops include sugar cane, barley, oats, potatoes, grapes, rice, sorghum and cotton. Crops are grown on only about 5 percent of the farmland.



Mining is important to Australia. The country is the world's largest exporter of black coal, bauxite, diamonds and mineral sands. It also exports iron ore, uranium, aluminum, gold, copper, tin and silver. Australia produces most of the world's finest opals. Australia is a leader in the research and production of livestock vaccines and pet-care medicines. The country also produces airline fueling pumps.

**AUSTRALIA TRY 'N FIND**

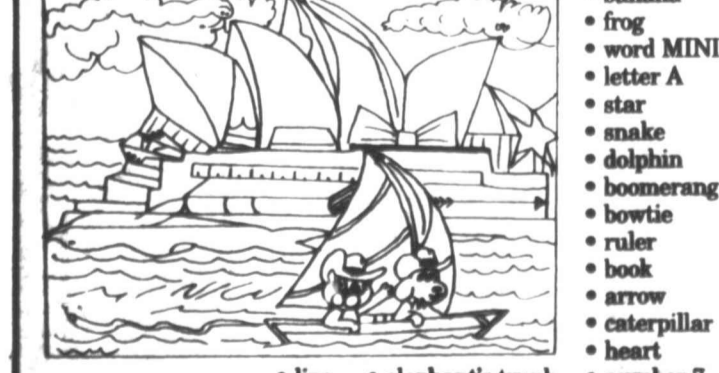
Words that remind us of Australia are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: AUSTRALIA, OLYMPICS, MELBOURNE, SYDNEY, COAL, FARMING, MINING, WOOL, COUNTRY, SHEEP, TOURISTS, AYERS, ROCK, COAST, WHEAT, RICE, CROPS.

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**Mini Spy ...**

Mini Spy and her Basset Brown are sailing around the Sydney Opera House in Australia. See if you can find:



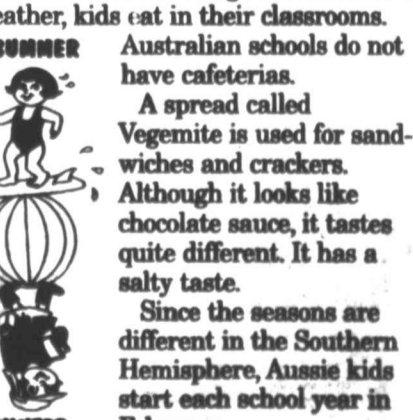
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**AUSSIES LOVE VEGEMITE.**

Sometimes the entire school might eat their lunch outdoors at the same time. Aussies love being outside. In bad weather, kids eat in their classrooms.

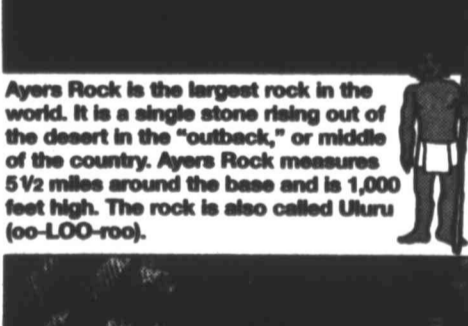


**SUMMER** Australian schools do not have cafeterias. A spread called Vegemite is used for sandwiches and crackers. Although it looks like chocolate sauce, it tastes quite different. It has a salty taste. Since the seasons are different in the Southern Hemisphere, Aussie kids start each school year in February.



**THE GREAT BARRIER REEF**

The Great Barrier Reef is a chain of more than 2,800 reefs and many small islands. It stretches 1,242 miles along the coast of the state of Queensland. Tourists visit there to see the many fish and plants that make this spot one of the wonders of the world.



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