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September 8, 2000

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BSISD coach on leave after assault arrest

Since Aug. 9, Jason W. Ferguson, 24, has been on administrative leave by the Big Spring Independent School District.

Ferguson faces sexual assault charges from an incident which allegedly happened on April 14 while he was a coach in Midland.

He had been hired by the Big Spring Junior High School as a coach.

The Midland District Attorney's office staff and Big Spring ISD officials were unavailable for comment as of press time.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

College Park Church of God, Chicken Fried Steak Dinner, 5 until 8 p.m., Adult \$5, Children \$3, 600 Hulane. Free delivery, call 267-8593.

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

SATURDAY

Howard County Scottish Rite Club, 7:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st and Lancaster, breakfast is served.

Big Spring Evening Lions Club, free eye-glasses for all adults, 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third.

71st anniversary celebration, Harley Davidson Shop; begins at noon. Two live bands, all-you-can-eat seafood and barbecue meals, \$10.

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

MONDAY

Texas Tech Ex-Student Association, 6 p.m., Sparenberg Bldg., 309 Main. All Tech exes and Tech fans are invited to attend. For more information, contact Pat Porter at 267-7828 or Roxie McDaniel at 267-5846.

Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 East Third, call Janis Dean 267-3068.

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United Way will benefit from Saturday night dance

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

Local residents will kick up their heels Saturday night in the first fundraiser of the year for the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

The "Helping Hands Hoedown" is from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Stampede. Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys will provide entertainment for the evening, and all proceeds will go to the United Way.

Cindy Michaelis, United

Way director, said the event is planned as entertainment for the whole family. No alcohol will be served, but patrons can bring their own.

"We really want everyone to come out and have a good time," Michaelis said. "The music will be good and so will the atmosphere. This will be the last chance to hear Jody play for at least two months because he's booked up all around Texas."

The United Way funds 13 agencies in the Crossroads community — the American

HOEDOWN

The "Helping Hands Hoedown" is from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday at the Stampede.

Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys will provide entertainment for the evening, and all proceeds will go to the United Way. The ticket cost is \$10 per adult, available at the door.

Red Cross West Texas Chapter, the Boys Club, the

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

"This money goes for a variety of programs in the community, anywhere from activities for our youth to

assistance for the elderly and needy," Michaelis said.

The Helping Hands Hoedown is hoped to generate some excitement about the United Way at the start of its 55th annual fundraising campaign.

"We want people to understand what United Way is and its purpose," Michaelis said. "And we want them to have a good time, too."

There will be door prizes. Tickets are \$10 per adult, available at the door. Call Michaelis at 267-5201 for information; for reservations, call Nix at 267-2060.

Auction brings in \$8,000 for scholarships

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Two longtime rival university alumni groups came together Thursday night for a fun-filled fundraiser that generated over \$8,000 for student scholarships.

The Howard County A&M Club and the Texas Tech Exes Club worked together to hold the first of what is hoped to be an annual "Tech vs. A&M Scholarship Auction."

Texas A&M alumni Hayes Stripling said he appreciated the response from the community.

"We are so grateful for the turnout tonight and for the very spirited bidding," Stripling said. "I was a little apprehensive at the beginning, but things started to pick up quite a bit as the night progressed. We are already making plans for next year and it should be even bigger and better."

Texas Tech Alumni and Howard County District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson acted as auctioneer. He endured some mild quips from those wearing maroon throughout the evening, but appeared to take it all in stride.

The event, held at La Posada restaurant, kicked off with an old-fashioned tailgate party for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m. The auction followed at 7



HERALD photo/Carl Graham
Texas Tech alumni Roxie McDaniel (holding jersey) and District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson attempt to get a higher bid for an official Texas Tech Red Raider football jersey. The jersey went to an ardent Aggie fan for \$85.

p.m. Wilkerson began the auction with several Tech items, but being outnumbered by Aggies, he had to explain that all money raised would be split evenly between the two groups.

Items for the auction were donated by local merchants and friends of the universities. They included a photo opportunity to meet

the Aggie yell leaders and mascot Reveille or the Tech cheerleaders and their mascot, as well as an invitation to the President's Brunch, which is usually attended by the presidents from both universities.

The most coveted item, four tickets to the Tech-A&M game on Sept. 30 at College Station, went for \$1,050 on a bid from Lee

George, owner of Lee George Construction. George said it was a win-win situation for everyone concerned.

"One of our sons graduated from A&M and the other one graduated from Tech," said George. "It was just a win-win situation for us and we had a lot of fun. I

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Colorado City preparing for bluegrass fest

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

COLORADO CITY — It's time to get ready for the Colorado City Bluegrass Festival.

This year's edition is scheduled to kick off at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22, in Ruddick Park. The Chamber of Commerce sponsored event will run through Sunday, Sept. 24, with eight bluegrass bands from Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma already signed on to play.

According to Chamber of Commerce manager Leigh Ann Irwin, there will be

plenty to eat and drink and lots of good music to listen to.

"We are really looking forward to this year's festival," said Irwin. "We have already signed three food vendors to take care of hungry festival attendees. We will have the well-known Poverty Hill Gang who cook up barbecue and fajitas as well as the popular onion blossoms. The local Rotary Club will be serving steak on a stick and roasted corn and Polar Delight will be having snow cones of all kinds for the parched throats."

Irwin said that tickets

have been priced at \$8 for the opening night which will be from 6 until 11 p.m. The price for Saturday, Sept. 23, will be \$10. The program Saturday will last from noon to 11 p.m.

Sunday's program will be from 9 a.m. to noon and there will not be an admission charge that day. For anyone wishing to make all three days, a weekend pass is available for \$16. Full hookups are available for recreational vehicles at \$10 a day and rough camping is available for \$5 a day.

Irwin said that there would be no alcohol or drugs allowed during the

festival, and they will enforce strict compliance.

Edith Womack of Colorado City helped organize the festival and hopes it can once again become an annual event.

"Several years ago we had these, but it didn't generate the interest we thought it should," said Womack. "It seems now is a good time to try once again because bluegrass is starting to resurface and gain popularity once again. I hope that we will have a good attendance so we can make it an annual thing again."

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Retirement will bring new challenges for local librarian

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

After 30 years of working for the Howard County Library, reference librarian, Rebecca Taylor is retiring today and will be moving on to a new challenge.

"I remember the first little girl I issued a library card," Taylor said. "I now see her coming into the library with her children."

Taylor's career began on Dec. 1, 1969, when she was hired for two part-time "page" positions for the county library, then located where the Heritage Museum is today on Scurry, she said.

"A page is someone who picks up the books, shelves them and keeps the shelf neat," she said.

When she first started, Taylor was not thinking about a long term career but a way to support herself after she had to leave college and her studies for teaching behind when she came down with influenza.

"When I started college at the University of Texas, there was a major flu epidemic and I was sick for six weeks," she said. "They had to close the campus and send everyone home."

Taylor eventually continued her education while she stayed employed by the county library, receiving an associate's degree from Howard College, a bachelor of arts from Angelo State and a masters of library science from the University of North Texas through an extension program housed at Texas Tech.

She has seen the library

evolve over her 30 years and move from its location three times, she said.

When Taylor began, the library was using a manual Gaylord System to keep up with checked-out books, and she has seen the library updated with three automation systems, she said.

"Another change is the global searching capability library patrons have today for their reference."

"Before, someone would look up word in the card catalog and maybe find a subject card and look at the right word or sections of words to help with their research," she said.

Today a patron can go to the global searching system and come up with all the relative information about the word they typed in, she



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Library patron Bailey Anderson is assisted by the reference librarian, Rebecca Taylor. Taylor is retiring from the Howard County Library today after 30 years of service.

RSVP

Group will help elderly, disabled get numbers to display on home

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

When "Make a Difference Day" comes around in October, a group of local residents will be working to make sure everyone in Big Spring has their numbers up.

Their house numbers, that is. The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is working with city police and firefighters to see that every house in the city will have its address displayed in front by a set of reflective numbers.

"This is aimed at mostly the elderly and disabled, because it may be harder for them to do something like this themselves," said Nancy Jones, RSVP director. "We are trying to make sure the police, firefighters and ambulance can find your house."

Jones said when she began looking into the idea of this program, she discovered that a Big Spring city code requires residents to display the address either on the house or on the curb.

"When you think about it, it makes sense," she said. "This is something that will save time in the middle of the night, and when you are talking about emergency services, saving time could save a life."

People are urged to notice whether their neighbors have the address displayed, and if they don't, ask if they want to be part of the program. Everyone who becomes part of "Numbers Up" will sign a permission slip before the numbers are hung.

Jones has received donations from several sources, including \$1,000 from Home Hospice, all of which is earmarked for Numbers Up. The four-inch, reflective numbers will be purchased

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SEPTEMBER 2000



Hardy Wilkerson, a Texas Tech alumni and Hayes Stripling, an ex Aggie, exchange remarks underneath their respective flags at the La Posada restaurant Thursday night. Over \$8,000 was raised in the auction for scholarships to the two schools.

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thought the ticket package was a great bargain even at that price.

Other items on the auction block included footballs from both schools and autographed by both coaches, a basketball autographed by Michael Jordan, paintings by local artists Sherree Moates and Sue Bagwell and an evening out for two with dinner at the Big Spring Country Club.

Texas Tech ex-student Roxie McDaniel expressed her gratitude for those who helped make the event such a success.

"We want to thank the media for all their help," said McDaniel. "Without all the publicity, we couldn't have had the success we had. Our goal was to raise \$5,000 and we exceeded that goal with \$8,000, plus some money still coming in. We will have to set our goal for next year even higher."

LIBRARIAN

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"That is why a library needs a reference librarian," she continued. "A reference librarian can converse with the patron and determine exactly what the patron is seeking."

According to Taylor, narrowing down the search and helping a patron find exactly what they want is very rewarding.

For now, Taylor will be moving on to a new challenge: As the department head of adult services at the Ector County Library, Taylor will be involved with the changeover as the largest library in Texas that is still on a manual system becomes automated.

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Bands scheduled to appear are IIRd Generation from Oklahoma, Sand Hills from Odessa, Concho Grass from San Angelo, Dyson Family from Oklahoma, Penasco Bluegrass from New Mexico, Texas Country from Wickett, Pecos Valley Bluegrass from New Mexico and Edith Womack's band Rocky Creek from Colorado City.

For more information, call (915)728-5835 or the office of the Chamber of Commerce at (915)728-5835.

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at a discount from Harris Lumber and Hardware. The city of Big Spring is donating wood that will be cut and weather-treated by inmates from the Wilderness Camp. The numbers will be attached to the wood, which will in turn be hung on the front of the house by volunteers.

Make a Difference Day is Oct. 28; all houses need to be signed up by Oct. 21. Anyone who wants to sign up can call RSVP at 264-2397.

Chicken salad lunch kit recalled

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

An Illinois company is recalling its Sycamore Farms brand low-fat chicken salad-and-crackers lunch kits because the labels may not list whey as an ingredient, meaning people with dairy allergies risk a serious reaction if they consume the product.

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Godzilla 2000 (PG) Daily: 4:30 Sat. & Sun. 2:30

Space Cowboys (PG-13) Daily: 7:30 Fri. & Sat. 2:30

The Cell (R) Daily: 4:30 & 7:30 Fri. & Sat. 10:00 Sat. & Sun. 2:30

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Building one of state's largest lakes under consideration

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Growth in North Texas, where residents have historically had fewer water supply problems than in other regions, is prompting a call to build one of the state's biggest lakes.

The proposed Marvin Nichols Lake, would sprawl across 62,000 acres upon completion in 25 years. The planned reservoir would be eight times the size of Lake Grapevine, pumping out enough water for Fort Worth and Dallas with their populations doubled.

"That single thing could provide water needs for this area for 50 years. It's almost too good to be true," John Jadosich, a Trinity River Authority spokesman, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in Friday's editions.

The project, which would be about 150 miles northeast of Fort Worth, is expected to cost \$1.4 billion, said Wayne Owen, planning and development director for the Tarrant Regional Water District, which supplies Trinity River Authority, along with Arlington, Fort Worth and Mansfield.

Even amid a relentless drought that has left the Dallas-Fort Worth area without measurable rainfall for about 70 days, Owen said the lake is a long-term need.

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THE STAR Theatre has CLOSED for the season

Bless The Child (R) Daily: 7:30 & 9:30 Sat. & Sun. 2:30 & 4:30

Nutty Professor 2 (PG-13) Daily: 7:30 & 9:30 Sat. 2:30 & 4:30

What Lies Beneath (PG-13) Daily: 7:30 & 9:30 Sat. 2:30 & 4:30

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

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

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•Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

•Encourager's Support Group (for widows and widowers) will meet Sept. 15, 12 p.m., at Spring City Senior Center. For more information, call 398-5522.

SATURDAY

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

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

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POLICE

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

•SEAN SCOTT, 23, no address given, was arrested on a local warrant.

•ALBERT CARRASCO, 41, of 1616 Mesquite, was arrested on a local arrest.

•JOHNNY SMITHWICK, 35, of 709 Aylesford, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•RAYMOND OVERTON, 21, of 607 Goliad, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•LESTER DUFFER, 20, of 607 Goliad, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•THEFT was reported in the 700 block of E. I-20, in the 300 block of Owens, in the 200 block of NE Third, in the 3300 block of E. Marcy, in the 400 block of Birdwell and in the 1300 block of E. Third.

•ASSAULT BY THREAT was reported in the 2000 block of Monticello.

•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 3700 block of Caroline.

•BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE was reported in the 1300 block of E. Third.

SHERIFF

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

•FRANCISCO EMANUEL CANTU, 19, of 1103 E. Sixth, was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief and possession of marijuana. (BSPD)

•FELIX MATTHEW MARTINEZ, 20, of 1505 Oriole, was arrested on a charge of display of fictitious inspection sticker. (BSPD)

•JASON EDWARD FRENCH, 19, of 408 Owens, was arrested on a charge of minor in consumption. (BSPD)

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Floodwaters fuel renewed debate over deregulation

DALLAS (AP) — A ruptured water main that occurred while a contractor was drilling to lay fiber-optic line has rallied municipal officials who say the incident illustrates potential dangers accompanying telecommunications deregulation.

"This time it was a water line," said Monte Akers, director of legal services for the Texas Municipal League. "Next time, maybe it's a natural gas line."

Reata Construction Co. was drilling a horizontal hole under a downtown Dallas street for Dynamic Cable Co. on Monday when the cast-iron pipe burst, unleashing millions of gallons of water. Two government buildings were damaged, and a loft apartment building was evacuated. Damage has been estimated at \$300,000.

The construction company blames the city, claiming the location of the water line wasn't adequately marked. The city says the site was marked, and the company was responsible for ensuring the markings were still correct after weathering.

Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk said the punctured pipeline is a symptom of bigger problems.

"These people go out. They mark the streets. They start drilling," he said earlier this week. "They have taken the position ... they now have the right under the deregulation laws to go in and have access to the right of way. It is a matter of very, very great concern to us and other cities."

The stampede of high-tech providers into the nation's cities started with the passage of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, which required cities to allow companies to install fiber-optic cable.

Businesses say the cable — for high-speed Internet use and other services — is essential because fiber optics carry more data at a higher speed than existing copper wiring.

In Texas, Wolens sponsored a law in 1999 that retained cities' control over their rights of way, but streamlined the permitting process for companies to install the lines. It also set a standardized fee system for what they must pay cities.

The rush to provide fiber-optic cable can overwhelm a city's thoroughfares and disorient residents, who also must deal with streets being cut for a variety of other reasons, such as fixing broken power or water lines.

"It's become a growing problem in cities in general. With deregulation, there's just a whole lot more companies," said Jim Campbell, director of intergovernmental relations for the city of San Antonio.

Sixteen telecommunications companies are entering or expanding into the San Antonio market this year, as opposed to four just two years ago, Campbell said.

The city is expected to consider passing a policy later this year that would govern such matters as when, where and how the digging is done.

Specific implementation of Wolens' bill could be discussed by the state's Public Utility Commission later this month.

The TML's Akers suggested that the Texas Telephone Association, which represents the majority of the state's local telephone service companies, requested the discussion because it wants the PUC to take jurisdiction over right-of-way issues, cutting cities out of the loop on decisions they are best equipped to handle.

Abilene officer dead following pipeline blast

LUBBOCK (AP) — A veteran Abilene police officer, caught in a fireball that swept across a West Texas highway after a passing car ignited a propane cloud from a ruptured pipeline, died Friday.

Jay Hatcher, 42, a criminal investigator for the Abilene Police Department, died around 2:40 a.m., said Terry Martin, house supervisor at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

A propane pipeline, owned by Exxon Mobil Corp., was ruptured Thursday afternoon reportedly by a bulldozer digging near the Abilene Regional Airport, said Sgt. Carol Taylor of the Taylor County Sheriff's Office.

The pipeline spewed a cloud of propane across State Highway 36 which was apparently ignited around 5 p.m. either by a semi-truck or Hatcher's car after they stopped in the middle of the cloud.

A sheriff's deputy apparently tried to flag the vehicles down before they reached the propane, Taylor said.

"Unless you have seen that before, you really don't know what you are driving into," Taylor said. The trucker escaped unscathed.

The blast also engulfed the home of Rita Franssen, who called authorities before the blast reporting she smelled the gas. Franssen escaped from her home before it went up.

She was listed in stable condition Friday morning at Abilene Regional Medical Center, said Chris Proctor-Cleveland, a hospital spokeswoman.

The ruptured pipeline continued to belch flames this morning as officials from the sheriff's office, emergency personnel from surrounding communities, and Exxon Mobil looked on.

Gas continued to flow from one the pipeline, which was sealed shortly after the blast, and authorities planned to let the remaining gas burn off, Taylor said.

Authorities estimated gas could continue to seep from the pipeline throughout the day.

State Highway 36 remained blocked off for 9 miles in each direction from

CPS determined murder suspect wasn't threat

MADISONVILLE (AP) — A man accused of killing his 18-month-old baby and two stepdaughters by burning down their trailer was not considered dangerous by Child Protective Services, despite an ongoing investigation lasting several years.

Rafael Holiday, who had been indicted for sexually assaulting one of his stepdaughters, now faces capital murder charges after allegedly killing the girl and her two sisters in an arson fire near Madisonville early Wednesday.

Officials said he forced his young stepdaughters into a mobile home where his infant daughter lay sleeping. With a gun in his hand he made the children's grandmother douse the trailer with gasoline before it was lit, officials said.

Killed were Tierra Shena Lynch, 7; Jasmine Raquel DuPaul, 5, and Justice Nichol Holiday, 18 months. Their remains were found huddled together on what was left of a couch.

Authorities had no prior indication of violence by Holiday, Child Protective Services spokeswoman Janice Keeth said from her office in Austin.

"There was no indication that this man was violent and would do something so horrible and unimaginable," she said.

The agency decided there was no reason to stay involved after the sexual assault investigation, Keeth said.

The girls' mother, Tammy Wilkerson, laid out a pattern of abuse going back three years in a March application for a protective order. She said she found blood in Tierra's underwear and on the sheets of the bed Wilkerson and Holiday shared.

Jasmine appeared to have a broken arm in August 1999, she said, and when she took her to the hospital many bruises were found on her legs and bottom. The protective agency was called and Wilkerson explained her daughter's condition, court documents said. A caseworker came to the house and talked with Holiday, Wilkerson said in court documents.

"They more or less gave him a lecture and let it go," Wilkerson wrote, according to documents examined by the Bryan-College Station Eagle.

The 5-year-old explained her injuries by saying she had fallen down stairs, Wilkerson said. She said she suspected something else happened and told the agency of her suspicions, but the case was dropped.

Agency officials said the case wasn't entirely dropped, and said they informed law enforcement that they suspected abuse.

In 1999, the agency investigated the family two other times. One case agency officials described as a "minor incident," and the other was for allegations of abuse and neglect they concluded didn't happen.

Holiday was free on \$10,000 bond after being indicted in April for aggravated sexual assault of a child. He was awaiting trial when the children were killed.

State targets pharmaceutical companies in lawsuit

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas attorney general on Thursday sued three drug companies, alleging they committed Medicaid fraud by overcharging the state more than \$20 million for respiratory disease medicines since 1995.

The civil lawsuit filed in Austin seeks to recover the \$20 million plus \$59 million in penalties.

All three defendants — Depo, Inc., Roxane Laboratories Inc. and Warrick Pharmaceuticals — falsely inflated the prices they reported for respiratory medication. They then turned around and sold drugs to pharmacies for drastically reduced prices," Attorney General John Cornyn said.

For instance, he said, Warrick typically sold a box

of the asthma medicine albuterol for \$13.50 to pharmacies in Texas but reported to the Department of Health the price was \$40.30.

"That represents a 200-percent markup, an overpayment of more than \$25 a box," Cornyn said. The alleged price difference is called "the spread."

When a Medicaid patient is given a prescription by a doctor, a pharmacy typically dispenses the medicine, then bills Medicaid for reimbursement. The drug manufacturer is supposed to

have certified for the state health department the price at which it sells the drug.

That certification is used in calculating the reimbursement.

The company creating the largest "spread" will generate the market share of business from pharmacies.

"Inflating the balance to capture the market amounts to stealing from Texas taxpayers," he said.

William O'Donnell, a spokesman for Schering-Plough Corp., parent company of Warrick, said the com-

pany followed all applicable pricing policies and has provided information requested by the state.

"We have been cooperating fully with the Attorney General's Office," O'Donnell said.

Representatives of the other two companies did not immediately return telephone calls.

Cornyn said his office began investigating after receiving information in January about alleged Medicaid fraud involving major drug companies.

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EDITORIAL

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

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

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

• **TEXAS TECH EXES AND TEXAS A&M FORMER STUDENTS**, on staging a successful scholarship auction at the La Posada restaurant Thursday.

• **LOCAL ORGANIZERS FOR THE MDA TELETHON**, who helped play a part in another record total for the event hosted annually on Labor Day by Jerry Lewis.

• **SCOTT SWIFT**, a Grady High School senior, who posted a perfect 1600 score on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS** for surpassing the national average in each of the four sections of the American College Testing (ACT) exam, posting an average composite score of 21.5.

• **LOCAL BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS**, who made certain that "Baby Jane Doe" received a proper burial.

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

YOUR VIEWS

To The Editor:

I would like to reply to a letter written by Bob Hutte, published Aug. 30.

I am employed by the city of Big Spring and I don't appreciate Mr. Hutte insinuating that my vote can be bought, because it can't. I did not vote for Mr. McEwen for mayor the first time and my mind is not made up about the next election, if he decides to run again.

It seems to me that a voter would be better off to look at the track record of a candidate and then decide if he deserves your vote. Mayor McEwen's term is six months old, with nine months left before election. Maybe a smart voter would sit back and see how the whole town fairs under the mayor's leadership, then decide how to vote.

Mr. Hutte could be right in wanting to see expenses cut in the city. It is an area that has all city supervisors' constant attention. If you go over budget in your department, you are held accountable. Maybe we should look at what is causing this supposed excess in city spending.

I was in the fifth grade when the base closed here. Most of the younger people now working for the city were just being born about that time. I am positive the number of employees in the utilities department has more than doubled since 1976. It seems that most of the water pipes we replace now were installed either in the 1950s or 60s. Why was the city not replacing lines in the 70s? Since I was in grade school and didn't pay much attention to such

things, maybe Mr. Hutte could tell me? It all boils down to having to pay the piper sometime.

Mr. Hutte also doesn't seem to like the fact that the city sold the prisons. Maybe we could have gotten more for them. I honestly don't know. What I do know is selling the prisons didn't help me any at all.

The city went from having a pretty large pool of workers which kept medical insurance rates down, to having a much smaller group, which is overstressed and overworked, and has a high claim rate.

If a city employee carries insurance on his wife and kids it costs him just under \$300 a month plus what the city kicks in. Don't get the idea that working for the city is a gravy-train because it is not. Some of the lower paid city employees used to qualify for food stamps, I don't know if that will still be the case after we get the raise, but sincerely hope not.

I understand what it is like to live on a fixed pension. I think we all either have friends or family in such situations. In my last assignment at my church I helped several families get Medicare and Medicaid or get on the county's indigent healthcare program. I would hope that people in need would get help wherever it is available.

I do not feel bad about getting a raise in salary. I know that all the regular working people employed by the city earn what they make, and I for one am glad to be associated with them.

STEVE GRAY
BIG SPRING CITY EMPLOYEE

Lieberman vs. Gore on school vouchers

The issue of school vouchers is perhaps the only major issue separating Vice President Al Gore and his running mate, Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn.

Lieberman emphasizes educational reform and funding, and supports extra-funding for charter schools. He also supported HR2546, the legislation that would allow a pilot voucher program in Washington, D.C. A majority in both the Senate and House agreed with him. Gore does not.

Neither does U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley, whose spokesperson David Thomas told us that the statement he made last September concerning

vouchers still stands: "No matter how you dress it up, how long you delay it, or what you call it, a voucher is a voucher. Our administration has insisted upon strong accountability measures for low-performing schools. Gov. George W. Bush would have us start down the road of accountability, then take a dangerous detour into vouchers. Vouchers undermine our public schools — which educate about 90 percent of our children — by draining badly needed public tax dollars into private and parochial schools. If we are serious about strengthening our public schools, we need a sustained commitment to improve them — to raise standards, to have accurate assessments linked to standards and to adopt the strong accountability measures we've proposed, but not try to solve a public school problem by abandoning public schools."

Opponents believe that vouchers infringe on the

separation between church and state, that only certain students will be chosen, and that private schools will be able to take money and not be accountable for it. Also, opponents say, public schools should be improved and receive the funding, rather than let students retreat. People shouldn't give up hope in their schools.

Proponents like Lieberman disagree. Vouchers would allow students in public schools the chance to go to private schools, they say, particularly those who live in inner cities and go to schools in deteriorating conditions: few books, few teachers, etc. The public schools can't be improved right away, and in the meantime, while the two interest groups battle, some students will not get the education they need.

Lieberman's press secretary, Dan Gerstein, was asked about a comment made in an article about Lieberman backing down

on vouchers to appease liberals. (*Washington Post*, August 9, 2000: "Lieberman showed a pragmatic side this year in negotiating with his party over education policy. To avoid confrontation with liberals, Lieberman dropped his insistence on vouchers.")

Gerstein said the comment was wrong; Lieberman still supports vouchers and has always supported any focus on experimental ideas that would help students who are "trapped in bad schools" or chronically failing schools. However, he said, the top priority is reforming public schools since that's where the majority attend.

Lieberman will make his case to Gore privately, and if Gore becomes president, Lieberman will support his decision either way. That is the role of a vice president. That is also why vice presidents — often languishing in the shadows of presidents — have such a tough time becoming presidents.



JACK ANDERSON



Traveling into one man's Republican identity

"I grew up Republican." There were extenuating circumstances. That light touch in its opening perfectly captures the tone of Peter Robinson's new book, "It's My Party: A Republican's Messy Love Affair With the GOP."

Wondering why he is still a Republican in spite of it all, Robinson hits the road, talking with officeholders, professors and political consultants throughout the country. His subjects include

George W. Bush, Newt Gingrich, Rep. Henry Hyde, Rep. Christopher Cox, former governor of California Pete Wilson, New York mayor Rudy Giuliani and others.

This is an immensely readable book that is rich in insight as Robinson goes on his travels. Though it is light in tone and Robinson assumes the perspective of naive observer — a sort of Candidate or Jimmy Stewart asking important questions — the book is anything but naive. It moves into some of the major considerations that shape our politics. In this election season, the book was meant to be timely, and it is.

Robinson was certainly the person to write it, having had a full experience of politics at the highest levels. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1980

and was one of the best state professors there. He sharpened his skills at the famous Dartmouth Review, an independent conservative student newspaper that can trigger cardiac arrest in radical faculty members. He spent two years at the University of Oxford on a fellowship and then signed on as a speechwriter for Vice President George Bush and later Ronald Reagan. He received an MBA at Stanford University and now serves as a Fellow at the Hoover Institution there.

Early in Robinson's book, we come upon a blockbuster tidbit. While a Reagan speechwriter, Robinson flew with the president to Berlin, where Reagan, among other things, was to make an appearance at the Berlin Wall. Testing the local atmosphere in Berlin, Robinson took it upon himself to visit with some actual Berliners. One of them said that the Russians should tear down the wall. Robinson noted the phrase and wrote it into his draft speech as "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down that wall."

The State Department and the National Security Council felt faint. This would not do. Peter Rodman objected from State, Gen. Colin Powell from the NSC, and multiple alternative drafts flew in from both institutions. Reagan made the decision: "I'm the president, aren't I?" "Yes," it stays in." So the phrase "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down that wall" had the resonance of President Kennedy's "Ich bin Berliner."

It is impossible in the space here to address all the questions taken up and the personalities encountered during Robinson's travels, so I will take up only a few that are of especially salient interest. I began this column by quoting Robinson's opening: "I grew up Republican. There were extenuating circumstances..." Such as: "I was born to Republican parents and raised in a Republican neighborhood." In fact, he was raised in upstate New York. As middle class and WASP, he now sees that he was virtually fated to be a Republican under those circumstances.

In his travels, he extends his own fate to include variations. The Jews are solidly Democratic. They "earn money like Episcopalians but vote like Puerto Ricans," as the old quip goes. This is a product of history. The first generations of immigrant Jews hardly voted at all, and the second generation grew up under Franklin Roosevelt, approved of his programs and saw Jews brought into the New Deal at all levels.

Similarly, blacks today are an essential part of the Democratic core. Back when the South was segregationist and solidly Democratic, blacks in the North voted for the Party of Lincoln. But the white South began to move out of the Democratic Party in 1948. Barry Goldwater voted against Lyndon Johnson's Civil Rights legislation. Republicans criticized massive welfare, and today blacks are the key-

stone of the Democratic Party.

Robinson sees that there is a tribal quality to political identity. People usually remain with the political party to which their parents belonged. But he is interested in those who change — women, blacks, Jews. Those who switch from Democrat to Republican seem to be individualistic people who want to be treated as individuals and not just members of a group.

Robinson is also interested in the Republican successes as governors and mayors, most notably, perhaps, mayors.

Is Southern Republicanism now based on race? No, says Hailey Barbour. It is based on the shift to the South of a large population of managers, executives and entrepreneurs, its attraction for ex-military people and the moral values it shares with the Republicans.

Why are Hollywood, the media and the Academy Awards so liberal? Movie critic Michael Medved says Hollywood is about money and sex and glitz, and the GOP is uncool.

But journalism and the academy?

I would add that an art culture (Hollywood) and a verbal culture have a built-in hostility to a business-production culture.

Therefore, Robinson sees that the GOP will have to buy its own advertising, since the Democrats get so much free media support and, ipso facto, the GOP will resist drastic campaign "reform."

A timely book.

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Acknowledging GOP discontent, Bush promises changed campaign

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — George W. Bush is giving his embattled campaign a face-lift with a new slogan, more interaction with voters and, perhaps, retired Gen. Colin Powell at his side.

The shift from brief, stock speeches came after the Texas governor was pelted Thursday with unsolicited advice from establishment Republicans worried that he had ceded too much momentum to Democratic presidential rival Al Gore. He sought to reassure them by acknowledging the need to retool the campaign and casting himself as the underdog against an incumbent.

But he also suggested the complainers are fair-weather friends, few in number and "ready to jump out of the foxhole before the first shell is fired."

"That's Washington. I'm used to that kind of politics out of Washington," Bush, shrugging, told reporters Thursday.

As he spoke, criticism of his record-breaking \$100 million campaign piled up. "There's not a single one of us that's not discouraged," said Tom Slade, a former Florida legislator and state GOP chairman. "We had a 15, 20 point lead. We were just whistling down the street, and now we're whistling past the graveyard."

But Bush also conceded that some changes were in order. "We're listening," Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes said. "We know it is well intentioned. Republicans want to win."

Bush said he wants more town hall meetings — a format trademarked by former GOP rival John McCain and used heavily by Gore to his advantage. Bush also signaled new flexibility on presidential debates. While saying he preferred his own schedule, he no longer appeared wedded to it.

"I want there to be debates," he said.

"There will be debates. I'm confident there will be debates. As to what they look like and where they are, I'll be worked out in due course."

On Friday, he was wrapping up a five-day swing across battleground states with stops here and in Springfield, Mo., to talk about Social Security.

Bush was to spend the weekend at his Texas ranch before his proposed — but increasingly unlikely — debate Tuesday with Gore. The vice president has refused to accept Bush's proposal until he agrees to the three debates proposed by the Commission on Presidential Debates.

A senior Bush strategist, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the campaign miscalculated by assuming Gore would be condemned for reneging on a pledge to debate "anywhere, anytime."

Instead, Bush was accused of ducking debates by substituting NBC and CNN ses-

sions for two of the three offered by the commission.

On another front, Bush suggested he might spend less time talking to reporters and more time in front of audiences. Hughes said he would do more retail politicking with voters in places like coffee shops and cafeterias, rather than his practice of delivering stock speeches before GOP activists.

And a campaign official suggested the popular Powell, who appeared with Bush in Michigan and Ohio on Thursday, might make a return appearance.

Hughes said the retooling included the introduction of a new slogan, "Real Plans for Real People."

The move recalls the last major overhaul of Bush's campaign after he lost New Hampshire's GOP primary and abruptly rolled out a "Reformer with Results" slogan to counter McCain's maverick image.

Politics of oil seeps into campaign as prices rise

WASHINGTON (AP) — As furnaces fire up against the chill winds of autumn, Americans face a season of heavy fuel bills and a political bout over who's to blame.

The blaming started anew on Thursday when Republicans, responding to a 10-year high in oil prices, accused the Clinton-Gore administration of squandering U.S. influence with oil-producing nations and standing helpless to protect consumers now.

Al Gore's Democratic presidential campaign shot back that rival George W. Bush has no energy policy at all, other than "to let his friends in the oil industry drill our wilderness areas," as spokesman Doug Hattaway put it.

From Pennsylvania through the Midwest and to the Pacific Northwest, many of the nation's most keenly

contested states in the presidential election are also wintry states, where voters could well feel the double sting of high fuel prices at the pump and in their homes.

But campaign sniping aside, those voters were bound to hear little from the candidates to help them through frigid weather any time soon, even with fresh predictions from the Energy Department that home heating oil will cost 30 percent more this winter than it did last, and natural gas will cost 27 percent more.

In New York City, President Clinton met Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Abdullah on the sidelines of the U.N. Millennium Summit and pressed the case for oil-producing nations to increase production and bring down prices. Leaders of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting

Countries meet Sunday.

Bush wants to spur domestic exploration and production to make the United States less dependent on foreign oil. Gore pursues the same objective through different means — seeking to curb consumption by spending more on conservation, energy efficiency and other forms of energy.

Neither plan has a quick payoff.

And opportunities are slim to propose a major new program at this stage of the campaign, now that Bush and Gore have laid out spending plans and tax cuts consuming most, if not all — if not more than all — of the projected budget surplus over the next 10 years.

Against that backdrop, the candidates offered no immediate fix for the prospect of steep price increases in oil and natural gas heat.

Their campaigns merely

pointed out Thursday that Gore supported Clinton's decision in July to stockpile 2 million barrels of heating oil in the Northeast, and that Bush opposed earlier efforts by some congressional Republicans to cut federal money to help the poor heat their homes.

Heating oil stocks currently are about 25 million barrels below the acceptable range. At the same time, wholesale natural gas prices have more than doubled from last year.

Spiking gasoline prices in the spring and summer created an intense stir in the campaign, with Gore raising questions about possible gouging by the oil companies. Bush blaming the Clinton administration for being soft on OPEC, and members of Congress considering the idea of scaling back 4.3 cents of the gasoline tax on each gallon.

Security Council endorses beefed-up U.N. peacekeeping

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Chastened by U.N. failures around the globe, the leaders of the Security Council used the Millennium Summit to promise an overhaul of U.N. peacekeeping operations, so troops can respond more quickly and effectively to world trouble spots.

The pronouncement, however, was not in the typical form of a Security Council resolution — an indication that the 15 presidents and prime ministers weren't entirely comfortable with making such concrete, legally binding pledges to better finance peacekeeping operations.

But the document will nevertheless be one of the major outcomes of the summit, which concludes Friday with the adoption by the whole U.N. membership of a statement on the role of the United Nations in the 21st century.

The flurry of documents, position papers and texts told only part of the summit's story that featured a notable first — a handshake between President Clinton and Cuban President Fidel Castro.

Another summit legacy will be the apparent failure to reach a Mideast peace deal. Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat on Thursday rejected Clinton's proposal to split control of Muslim and Jewish holy sites in east Jerusalem.

But the three-day meeting, which clogged New York City streets with motor-

cade and protests, will likely be hailed as a success merely for having occurred, drawing more leaders together than ever before to discuss the challenges confronting the globe in the third millennium.

What's the point of stepping foot on Mars if there is still hunger in several regions of our planet? asked Rene Preval, the president of Haiti, the Western Hemisphere's poorest country.

Such questions were raised throughout the second day of speeches Thursday and were likely to continue on Friday.

Clinton raised the issue of the disparities between rich and poor in his address to the council, saying it must address broader security

issues related to disease, poverty, education and climate change if it wants to make a change in keeping the peace.

Until we confront the iron link between deprivation, disease and war, we will never be able to create the peace that the founders of the United Nations dreamed of," he said.

The world body is currently engaged in 14 peacekeeping operations — most of them in the world's poorest countries — with more than 37,000 troops and civilian police deployed from East Timor to Cyprus and Sierra Leone at an annual cost of about \$2.2 billion.

Nearly 1,000 U.N. civilian staff are engaged in 14 other political and peace-building missions.

Study: Minorities' economic clout rising

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — Buying power among blacks, Asian-Americans and American Indians has nearly doubled over an 11-year period, a University of Georgia study shows.

Disposable income for the three racial groups is projected to rise from \$439.9 billion in 1990 to \$860.6 billion in 2001, an increase of more than 95 percent, said the study released Thursday.

Buying power for Hispanics — which the study considered separately

from the other groups — was projected to more than double, rising from \$207.5 billion to more than \$452 billion over the 11 years.

"This is a wake-up call for any consumer business that's been neglecting these markets," said Jeffrey Humphreys, director of the university's Selig Center for Economic Growth.

Asian-Americans led the way, with buying power jumping from about \$113 billion in 1990 to a projected \$254 billion next year — an

increase of nearly 125 percent.

Buying power for blacks rose about 86 percent, from \$307.8 billion to \$572.1 billion, while buying power for American Indians rose 81 percent, from \$19.2 billion to \$34.8 billion.

Overall, U.S. buying power will reach \$7.1 trillion next year, up more than 70 percent from 1990.

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Freeman, Among Thorns return for FBC's 'Freedom 2000'

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Ken Freeman, the evangelist who will be bringing his message to First Baptist Church next week, knows he can be controversial. "I am," said the 48-year-old minister, who often dresses in trendy styles and relates well to young people. "I don't preach religion. Christianity is not about religion. It is about a relationship with God that anyone can have." Some disapprove of his methods, Freeman added. "I

dabble in areas nobody wants to talk about. I speak the truth. Life isn't about feeling good. It's about faith." In a week-long event called "Freedom 2000," Freeman speaks and music is provided by Christian musicians Among Thorns. The crusade begins Sunday, with the first ser-



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SERVICES

Ken Freeman and Among Thorns begin a week of services at First Baptist Church Sunday, with 10:40 a.m. and 7 p.m. worship. Services follow Monday through Friday at 7 p.m. each day. Monday and Tuesday, all adults are invited to lunch with a short program by Freeman. Wednesday, a lunch event is planned for men.

vice at 10:45 a.m. in the sanctuary at First Baptist. Sunday's evening service, as well as services Monday through Friday, start at 7 p.m. Men are invited to lunch with Freeman on Wednesday at noon, with a meal provided. Monday and Tuesday, all adults are invited to join Freeman for a short lunch program. Freeman and members of the band also take their message on the road during the week, with appearances at several local schools planned.

"When I talk to young people, it's about choices and decisions," Freeman said. Although he is already a grandfather to three, the minister uses his childhood stories to relate to young people. Among sermons Freeman plans next week are, "Who's Your Daddy?" which was inspired by a billboard he saw while traveling. It said, "Who's the father? Call 1-800-DNA." Also among his messages will be "Shades of Light," which he said reminds people that "if you sit in the

darkness long enough, you'll get used to it." Another of his planned sermons is "It's All About the Heart," which assures the listener that what matters is not athletic ability or intelligence, but caring. Huge audiences came for the Freeman and Among Thorns crusades last year. The week-long event is expected to include dozens of professions of faith. "I want to see people saved," Freeman said, "but I also want to see Christian

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CHURCH NEWS

East Side Baptist

East Side Baptist will present The Pearsons in concert on Sunday at 10:15 a.m. The Pearsons are a music evangelist family. They write much of their own music and they sing many of the songs popular today. We invite you to come and hear, Rick, Deborah and Natasha as they present the Gospel in music. East Side Baptist Church is located at 1108 E. Sixth.

First Baptist

The time for the crusade "Freedom 2000" with Ken Freeman and Among Thorns is here. This city-wide crusade will begin this Sunday. The first service is at 10:45 a.m. in the sanctuary at First Baptist. Sunday's evening service, as well as the services on Monday through Friday, will be at 7 p.m.

This time of revival is for our entire community, young and old alike. Adults — there will be noon services in the Family Life Center on Monday and Tuesday. A meal will be served. Men, there is a special time with Ken Freeman on Wednesday for you during the noon hour, and lunch will be provided. If you cannot be in attendance, perhaps you could take some time and pray for this crusade.

For more information concerning the activities of our church, call the office at 267-8223 and make your inquiries to any of our staff or support staff.

St. Mary's Episcopal

On Sunday, we will return to our regular schedule, with Holy Eucharist celebrated at 8 a.m. (Rite I) and 10:30 a.m. (Rite II with music).

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

The Adult Class will be reading *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. Copies are available in the Parish Office.

St. Mary's Youth will go bowling on Sunday at 1 p.m. Everyone please meet at the Bowl-A-Rama.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic

The 5:30 Saturday mass was said by Bishop Michael

Pfeifer in a surprise visit to give Father Prasad and Richard Light a special thank you. Both men are ministering to IHM during the interim period between full-time pastors.

Sept. 17 should mark the return of Father McCarthy from his international trip, which celebrated his golden anniversary in the priesthood. This date should also mark the arrival of Father Richard Reagan, our newly appointed Pastor.

We would like to take this time to introduce Father Prasad to all those who have not yet met him: He is from the Diocese of Kurnool, AP, India, has spent the last several years in Rome, Italy. While there he authored the book, "Christian Charity as Witnessed by Mother Theresa of Calcutta." This led to his receiving his Doctorate of Theology.

All is proceeding well for the fall festival. For everyone that craves homemade tamales, we are taking orders in advance. Call Lupe Brito, 263-0792, to place your order. Alphonso Cortez is busy this week making four 55-gallon drum BBQ pits on wheels with a preparation side table. These will be available for sale at the festival.

First United Methodist

The "Forgiving the Unforgivable" (Hebrews 4:14-16) is Dr. Ed Williamson's message this Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. This message is about how believers in Jesus Christ know and accept God's forgiveness. Worship is at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

This Sunday is "Round Up Sunday." We will be having a covered dish lunch in Garret Hall immediately following the 10:50 a.m. worship service. Please bring a vegetable, salad or dessert.

We are happy to announce the addition of two new staff members to the church. Jim Wright comes to the church as Music Minister. He received a Master of Church Music degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Jim and his wife, Mary, come to Big Spring from Leesville, La. They have one daughter, Katie Wright, who lives in Manitou Springs, Colo.

Courtney Johnson will be joining the church as youth director. She graduated from Hardin Simmons University, Abilene, in December 1999 with a degree in church ministry

with an emphasis on youth. All youth meet with Courtney at 6 p.m. on Sunday.

If you are interested in taking the Disciple Bible Study, please contact the church office. The class will be held on Sunday nights from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sept. 17, through April 29. This class will take you all the way through the Bible in a year with some fantastic people.

The senior adult ministry is planning "Ladies Day Out" Friday. The trip will be to Odessa and include a visit to the Presidential Museum, the ice skating rink and lunch at the Music City Mall. As a special treat, we will also stop at South Forty Confections in Midland. For more information or to make your reservations, contact the church office at 267-6394.

Baptist Temple

Starting Sunday we will begin a new Bible study class for college students at 9:30. The class will be led by Howard College campus minister, Bill Banks.

If you have been looking for a Singles Ministry, it's coming to Baptist Temple. The Rev. Sam Lathen is starting a Singles ministry with weekly Bible study, fellowships and opportunities to grow in Christ.

Beginning in October, we will offer a class on "How to Manage your Money." The class will begin Oct. 2, at 7 p.m. and run for eight weeks on Monday nights. We will cover such topics as: how to set a budget and how to get out and stay out of debt. The cost of the class will be \$10 to cover the cost of the workbook. Call the church office to reserve a spot and workbook by Sept. 22, at 267-8287.

First Christian

Dr. Jimmy Watson, pastor of first Christian Church, will preach the sermon, "Do You Have a Preference: An Introduction to Liberation Theology in the Bible." A fellowship meal honoring grandparents will follow the worship service. Cynthia Wabner, from Juliet Fowler Home, will be our guest speaker at the luncheon.

First Church of God

The First Church of God congregation located at 2009 Main St. with pastor Dannel Hendrickson invites you to join them on Sunday with Sunday School

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Work uses our God-given gifts

"Labor Day differs in every essential from the other holidays of the year in any country," said Samuel Gompers, founder and longtime president of the American Federation of Labor.

"All other holidays are in a more or less degree connected with conflicts and battles of man's prowess over man, of strife and discord for greed and power, of glories achieved by one nation over another. Labor Day...is devoted to no man, living or dead, to no sect, race or nation."

OK, call me an imported Yankee liberal, but I agree with old Sam. Labor Day is a creation of the labor movement. It is a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity and well-being of our country. So, how did you spend your well deserved Labor Day holiday? How about the days before and after it?

If we're exhausted from a long day's labor, we may question the idea that work is a gift from God. It may not seem like much of a gift. Consider the alternatives, though, without the blessing of work: unemployment, hopelessness, homelessness, inability to care for self and family. Many know how frightening it is not to be able to work. One frustration of illness or injury is the inability to keep our regular routine of work.

When we work, we use the gifts God has given us. Perhaps a strong body is the gift that enables you to do manual labor. An inquisitive mind many lead you to become

a doctor, lawyer or teacher. Sensitivity to people's needs may place you in social work or ministry. If the work we do isn't scandalous or leads us from being faithful followers of Jesus, it is God's gift to us.

God hasn't given us gifts for ourselves alone. Work is a gift we receive and a gift we give. We use our gifts to continue God's work of creation and in doing so God continues to create us. To discover our talents and abilities and to use them productively helps us to discover ourselves.

As infants, we discovered our fingers. Then we discovered what those fingers could do. They could pick up a piece of orange or hold onto Dad's finger. Later those fingers maybe learned to play the piano or grasp a knuckleball. Maybe later those fingers will operate a hydroelectric plant's control computer or design highway infrastructure or perform risky neurological surgery. A wise person said that play is a child's work through which he discovers his own special giftedness which continues to create the world.

Now that we're back at the "9 to 5," maybe we should begin each day with thanks to God for the work before us. We can offer thanks for the gift of talent that enables us to perform our work and for the people we will work with.

In the evening we can thank God for the results of our labor which we cannot yet see.

The places where we work (in an office, home, store, hospital, construction site, etc.) are the places Jesus calls us to leave the gospel in all its fullness.

Just something to think about the next time you punch the time clock! You really are working for "the Man!"

Steve Stutz is pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church.



STEVE STUTZ

Vatican restates church 'primacy'

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Asserting the primacy of the Roman Catholic Church, the Vatican issued a declaration Tuesday rejecting what it said are growing attempts to depict all religions as equal.

The 36-page declaration accused some Catholic theologians of manipulating fundamental truths of the church to justify religious pluralism as a principle. The idea that "one religion is as good as another" endangers the church's missionary message, the declaration said.

"If it is true that the followers of other religions can receive divine grace, it is also certain that, objectively speaking, they are in a gravely deficient situation in comparison with those who, in the church, have the fullness of the means of salvation," said the declaration by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the Vatican's guardian of orthodoxy.

Turning to other Christian denominations, the document said "they

derive their efficacy from the very fullness of grace and truth entrusted to the Roman Catholic Church."

The document is certain to raise questions about the direction of the church's efforts for better relations with non-Catholics. Pope John Paul II has made inter-religious dialogue one of the principal goals of his 22-year papacy, but the document made clear that for the Vatican, equality refers to the "personal dignity" and not to religious doctrine.

Anglicanism's spiritual leader, Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey, said "the idea that Anglican and other churches are not 'proper churches' seems to question the considerable gains we have made."

The World Council of Churches said it would be a "tragedy" if Christian cooperation was "observed by the churches' dialogue about their relative authority and status — however important they may be."

Tuesday's document and remarks at a news conference by the congregation's

head, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, repeatedly referred to a trend toward a "religious relativism."

Ratzinger said the "principle of tolerance and respect for freedom" are today being "manipulated" and "wrongfully surpassed."

Regarding other Christians, the document said "there exists a single church of Christ, which subsists in the Catholic church, governed by the successor of Peter and by the bishops in communion with him." But it said "baptism" in other denominations "tends per se toward the full development of life in Christ."

The declaration, a complex theological document, was titled "On the Unity and Salvific Universality of Jesus Christ and the Church." It underlined that it was only reiterating long-held teaching, citing a Second Vatican Council declaration that "We believe that this one true religion continues to exist in the Catholic and Apostolic Church."

RELIGION IN THE NEWS

VENTURA, Calif. (AP) — An organization that phoned 3,764 Protestant congregations to test their availability was unable to establish contact with anyone at 40 percent of them, despite repeated attempts.

Barna Research Group phoned the randomly selected congregations in June and July. Nearly half the churches where no person could be contacted lacked an answering machine. In other cases, voice messages were left unanswered.

"In a world where people are extremely busy and are suspicious of the practical value of churches, they are not likely to make three or four calls to a church before they get to speak to a human being," commented head researcher George Barna. "If churches really want to help people, they have to be accessible."

ASHEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — The Appalachian Pagan Alliance has applied to hold a "We Still Work Magic" rally at the high school stadium where Christians staged a huge "We Still Pray" rally.

The Christian rally was part of a national movement urging fans to break into the Lord's Prayer at football games after the national anthem is sung, in response to the U.S. Supreme Court's June ruling against organized prayer at games in Texas.

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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There is one thing certain, namely that we can have nothing certain; therefore it is not certain that we can have nothing certain.

Samuel Butler

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Jewish burial society shrouds the dead in dignity, holiness

HOUSTON (AP) — For 15 years, Andrea Eisenstein has volunteered to perform one of the most private rituals in the Jewish faith — the ceremonial preparation of a body for burial.

The simple and dignified ritual dates to the first century and a great rabbi known as Gamaliel, who denounced the opulent, bankrupting funerals of his time and ordered that he be buried in simple linen in an inexpensive box.

Eisenstein, director of a day center for frail and disabled seniors, became interested after hearing a colleague describe the ceremony.

"I was very moved by her description, the preparation of a body for death, the final stage in life," she said.

Like most potential volunteers, Eisenstein was invited to view a tahara, the Hebrew name of the ritual cleansing.

"I got a knot in my stomach," she said. "You hear all these (scary) stories about what it is like to be in a room with someone who is dead, but it was nothing like that."

She was drawn to the work by the respect and care shown by the Chevra Kadisha, or Holy Society, volunteers.

"I believe the person's spirit is here in the room with us," said Eisenstein, a member of Young Israel (Orthodox) Synagogue. "It is really the most wonderful mitzvah (good deed) a person can do."

It is a good deed whose highest reward is that the deceased can never say "Thank you." That comes in another life.

While not all Jews seek the tahara, providing the service unifies Jews of every branch in Judaism.

"(The ritual) cuts across the branches, except that the Orthodox tend to be the most educated about the subject, and consequently more Orthodox tend to request a tahara than would the Conservative or Reform or Reconstructionist," said Karen Rosenblatt, a nurse who has been a Chevra Kadisha volunteer for 25 years.

The Houston society has about 70 members, equally divided between men and women.

"The tahara is always done in accordance with Orthodox law, but our members come from different backgrounds," Rosenblatt said. "They are willing to participate because we all hold the same values when it comes to this particular mitzvah." Even nonobservant Jews volunteer, she said.

In other parts of the world, a tahara is almost always requested by family members when a Jew dies, said Lester Sternberg, society co-president and a former resident of Pretoria, South Africa.

"In South Africa, everyone had it done," said Sternberg, who moved to Houston 15 years ago. Sternberg, who also has been a Chevra Kadisha volunteer for 25 years, said the ritual was similar worldwide except for minor local variations.

In Houston, for example, women are buried with an apron. "It is an old European custom that came with the first Jews who came through Galveston and settled in Houston," Rosenblatt said. "That tradition has stayed with us."

In Israel, the body is buried directly into the ground without a coffin.

The ritual is based on Halakha, a body of oral law and rabbinical commen-

And I will pour upon you pure water and you will be purified of all your defilements and from all of your abominations I will purify you.
(Ezekiel 36:25)

taries that interprets the laws written in the Torah, said the local society's chaplain, Rabbi Joseph R. Radinsky of United Orthodox Synagogues.

The hourlong, prayer-filled ritual is held at funeral homes in a special room. Family members do not attend the private ceremony, which begins with a prayer that concludes: "And I will pour upon you pure water and you will be purified of all your defilements and from all of your abominations I will purify you." (Ezekiel 36:25)

The three or four team members — men for a deceased man, women for a deceased woman — bathe and carefully groom the body in preparation for the tahara, the heart of the ritual.

Each member reverentially pours a bucket of measured water on the deceased from head to toe in a continuous stream. Twenty-four quarts of water and no less are used for the cleansing in accordance with Jewish Orthodox law.

The body is dressed in simple white-linen shrouds: pants with legs that enclose the feet and a long-sleeved top. Men receive a yarmulka (skull cap) and prayer shawl. The bodies are placed in simple pine boxes and sprinkled with earth from Israel, the Jewish homeland.

Traditionally, Jewish burials occur within 24 hours of death. Bodies are not embalmed, which permits a quicker decomposition and the return "to dust" stated in Genesis 3:19.

The society's work emphasizes simplicity instead of the costly, sometimes extravagant funerals more common in American society. That is why Jewish funerals do not have flowers or other expensive items, Radinsky said.

Under Jewish law, a body must not be left alone. Another of the society's

duties is providing a shomer, or watchman, to sit with the deceased person and read Psalms aloud.

Jews believe the tahara prepares the dead for their final journey and meeting with God.

"The soul leaves the body when you die, but it hovers around the body," Radinsky said. "It hovers around for a while. It is sad it is leaving its earthly existence."

That is why Chevra Kadisha team members treat the body with the same respect as if the person were still alive.

"When a body is in the room and you walk out of the room, you never walk out with your back to the body," Sternberg said. "You always walk out facing the body at all times."

"If in the course of bathing them, for example, we drop their hand, we say we are sorry," Rosenblatt said. "The last thing we do before we leave the room after they are in the coffin is to ask their forgiveness if we have said or done anything to offend them in the course of the process."

Rosenblatt is a former intensive-care nurse.

"The line between life and death is very small; it is an extremely thin line," Rosenblatt observed. "Life goes on even after your body ceases to function."

CHURCH

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Beginning at 9:30 a.m. There are classes for all ages. Children's Church is with Linda Lindell. Worship begins at 10:45 a.m. with the Rev. Jim Pope as guest speaker. His Sermon topic will be "Saved from What?" There will also be singing and special music. A nursery will be provided. Come and worship with a friendly church.

Victory Baptist

Victory Baptist Church will have a guest speaker Sunday morning, Dr. David Kimberly, the director of missions for the Big Spring-Lamesa Baptist Association, will preach during the 11 a.m. service. The church is located at 3401 E. 11th Place at the intersection of East FM-700. For information or a free New Testament, call 264-0734.

First Presbyterian

"Training Wheels" is the topic for the Rev. Dianne Brown's sermon for Sunday, with the text taken from Proverbs 22:1-2, 6:9. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m.

COMING SUNDAY: READY TO DIE?

FREEDOM

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people stirred, that they want to get out there and do something."


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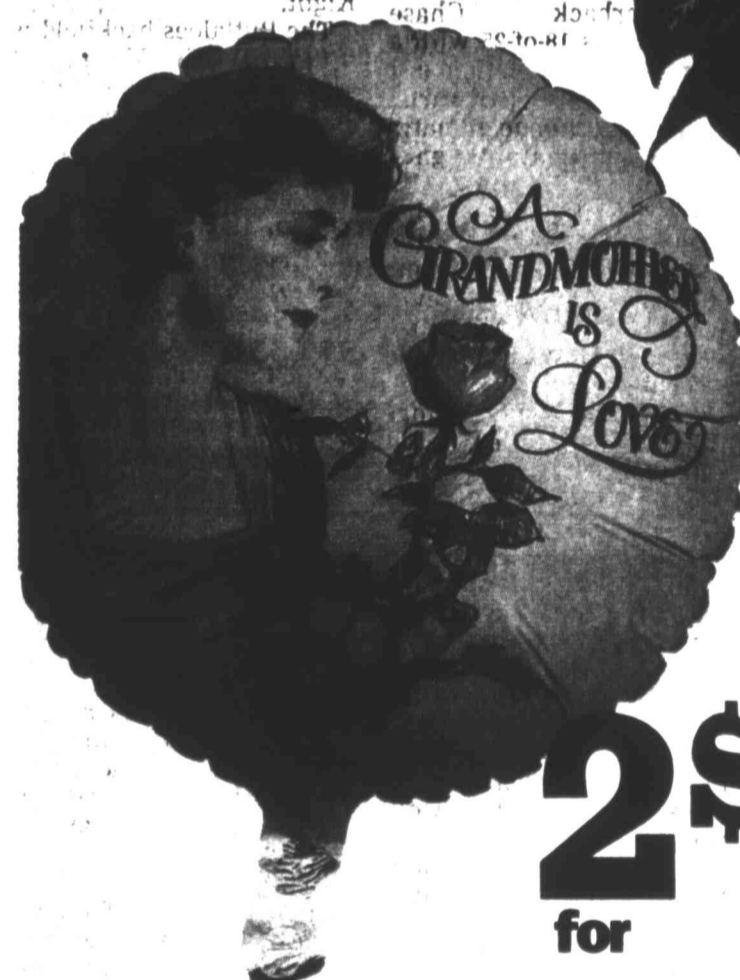


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IN BRIEF

Stanton JV blanks young Owls, 14-0

Stanton's Buffaloes junior varsity opened its 2000 season Thursday night with a 14-0 win over Reagan County.

A 38-yard connection between Victory Hernandez and Ryan O'Donnell yielded a touchdown on the Buffs' first possession.

The final score of the game came in the final seconds when Chris Ramos broke loose on a 52-yard TD burst.

Stanton's junior high teams made it a sweep in Big Lake when the Buff seventh-grade squad took a 16-0 win, while the eighth-graders rolled to a 36-6 win.

Forsan JV rolls past Greenwood freshmen

Forsan's Buff junior varsity capitalized on seven turnovers by Midland Greenwood's freshmen Thursday in posting a 36-0 win.

David Acosta returned an interception 22 yards for a score and Micah Harrison recovered a fumble in the Rangers end zone for two of the Buff scores.

Josh Helmstetter added an 18-yard TD burst. Acosta came up with a 22-yard TD run and Michael Jackson chipped in a 4-yarder to round out the scoring.

Forsan's junior high was not as lucky, however, as the younger Buffs dropped a 24-8 decision to Garden City, a 36-yard run by Adam Johnson providing the only touchdown for Forsan.

UGA 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.

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 football program is invited to attend.

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.

ON THE AIR

Radio
HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL
8 p.m. — Garden City Bearkats at Forsan Buffaloes, KBTS-FM 94.3.

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

Tennis professional leaving to take Lubbock position

By SANDY McSPADDEN
Sports Editor

Jim Blacketer, who for the past three years has served as professional at the Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park, is moving to Lubbock to accept a similar job there.

Blacketer said he is leaving to take over as head professional at the Rushing Tennis Center.

"It was a hard decision for me to make," Blacketer said Thursday, explaining that he starts his new position today. "We have really

enjoyed Big Spring and all of the people associated with tennis here.

"It's sad for me to leave because we had developed such a great rapport with the Herald, the radio stations, the Partees and the tennis team," he added.

Jack Richardson of Partee Enterprises praised the work that Blacketer had done during his tenure at the Figure 7 Center and said the search for a new tennis pro will begin almost immediately.

"We will begin the search immediately. Jim was brought here to get preschoolers and others interested

in tennis. He will be missed," Richardson said. "We're making tennis bigger and better right here in Big Spring. It is bigger in Lubbock but it's bigger here, too."

"We had a good tournament here last year, and when you have an event like that everybody benefits," Richardson added. "These tournaments bring lots of people and money into the community, and we are just going to get bigger and better here."

Big Spring High School tennis coach Sarah Corse said she, too, hates to lose Blacketer's services.

"We really hate to see him leave," Corse said. "He's been a tremendous help in our efforts to rebuild the program here at the high school. He's definitely going to be missed."

Blacketer's decision to move also means the departure of two of Big Spring's top junior tennis players — his children.

Aime Blacketer, a freshman at Big Spring High School this season, figured to be one of the top players in District 3-4A, will transfer to Lubbock Coronado. Blacketer's son, Jim Jr., will be enrolling in a Lubbock junior high school.



Grady's Clint Schuelke (34) breaks into the open for a big gain in the Wildcats' 44-32 season-opening win over Hermleigh's Cardinals. Schuelke scored five touchdowns while piling up 196 yards on 18 carries.

'Cats open new season knocking off Hermleigh

HERALD Staff Report

HERMLEIGH — The Big Spring Wildcats led by five touchdowns from quarterback Eric Tunnell and tailback Clint Schuelke, crushed past Hermleigh, 44-32, in the season opener for both teams Thursday night.

Schuelke, raced for a total 196 yards on 18 carries.

Hermleigh actually got on the board first when Chris McClure threw a 6-yard pass to David Digby. Neither team could tack on conversion kicks.

Led by Schuelke's two second quarter touchdowns on runs of nine and 55 yards, coach Roger Smith's troops looked to have things under control, but with 53 seconds left before halftime, McClure hit Billy Lambaren to close to 26-12.

It was Schuelke again on a two-yard run early in the third quarter, but the Cardinals came right back in six plays to score on a 40-yard pass from McClure to

senior Billy Lambaren.

Wildcats quarterback Eric Tunnell went to the air for 24 yards and a score on the opening drive. Tunnell and Grady had a 38-10 lead.

Hermleigh had only eight players, but the Cards gained a second wind for the final stanza. McClure scored twice in three minutes to close the gap to 38-32 with 5:33 left in the game.

Schuelke added his last tally with less than three minutes to go in the game.

"I'll take the win," said a happy Smith, who is in his ninth year at Grady. "But I wasn't happy with the play of our defense. We had an excellent night on offense, but we just can't let up like this in the fourth quarter."

Smith felt the Cardinals played a superb game to have only eight youngsters suited up.

"We take our hats off to those kids," he concluded.

White Sox rally to knock off Rangers

CHICAGO (AP) — Paul Konerko stood in the Chicago White Sox dugout, screaming at the scoreboard in right field.

His teammates were piling on runs against the Texas Rangers, but that wasn't what had Konerko all riled up Thursday night. No, it was a game about 350 miles to the East that had his attention.

Just as the White Sox were rallying for a 10-6 victory over the Rangers, the Tampa Bay Devil Rays were mounting a comeback against the Cleveland

Indians. "I'm yelling at the scoreboard, 'Score runs! Hold 'em!'" Konerko said. "It's only human. You try to go for the jugular when you see (Cleveland) losing."

Forgive Konerko if that sounds a little mean, but it's crunch time. The victory Thursday, coupled with the Indians' loss, increases Chicago's lead in the AL Central to 7 1/2 games as they begin a weekend series in Cleveland.

Picking up a full game on the Indians any day is big. But on the day before their

series starts? The timing couldn't have been any better.

"You going in there with any lead at all is important," said Keith Foulke, who got his 28th save. "The bigger the lead, the better we are."

Magglio Ordonez homered twice, Carlos Lee hit a solo shot and Frank Thomas drove in three runs for the White Sox, who rallied from a 5-1 deficit with five runs in the sixth. They added four more runs in the eighth to turn a close game into a rout.

Longhorns hope to avoid repeat of '99 disaster

AUSTIN (AP) — University of Texas football players remember the last time they were supposed to whip an opponent in a season opener. In fact, it was a game the Longhorns will never forget.

Despite dominating North Carolina State in almost every phase of the game, the Longhorns gave up three blocked punts that led to 16 points in a 23-20 loss last season.

The chances of a repeat performance Saturday are highly unlikely. Sixth-ranked Texas opens the at home against Louisiana-Lafayette (0-1), a team struggling to get anything going after a 21-14 loss last week to Division I-AA Sam Houston State.

The pain of last year's defeat lingered all season. The extra loss weighed heavily late in the year when teams were jockeying for poll and bowl positions.

"We paid for that loss," said quarterback Major Applewhite. "No matter what we did against Nebraska later in the year, people looked at that game against N.C. State. I think we learned our valuable lesson."

The loss was only the seventh season-opening defeat at home in 108-year history of the football program. "It hurt us and it was embarrassing," said coach Mack Brown. "It really set us back."

Don't expect anything approaching a similarly close game Saturday. Louisiana-Lafayette totaled just 240 yards on offense against Sam Houston State and the Longhorns enjoy their highest ranking for a season-opener since 1984. The Ragin' Cajuns, who have lost 10 straight season-openers, haven't followed up with a win since 1996.

Texas, meanwhile, returns most of its offensive line, 1,300-yard rusher Hodges Mitchell and All-

American defensive tackle Casey Hampton. The only serious question Saturday is who will start at quarterback: Major Applewhite or Chris Simms?

Even there, Brown and his staff are comfortable. Applewhite is the returning Big 12 offensive player of the year and Simms is the super sophomore who has dazzled with his talent.

Even so, Longhorns players insist they are focused on dispatching Louisiana-Lafayette before thinking about a trip next week to Stanford.

"All we have to do is come in like this is the national championship for us," said tight end Mike Jones. "That's how we should take every game. If we don't, anybody is liable to beat you."

Texas was originally scheduled to open last week at Hawaii before the Longhorns paid \$100,000 last March to get out of the game.

UT officials cited high travel costs for the cancellation and drew accusations from Hawaii coaches that the Longhorns were ducking the Rainbows.

But the move also shortened a tiresome schedule for Texas. The Longhorns will play 10 consecutive weeks before their first open date on Nov. 18 and the long trip off the mainland would have been tiring.

"I'm kind of glad we didn't go," Jones said. "I think it would have hurt us in the long run."

Texas played 12 regular season games before the Big 12 title game and Cotton Bowl in 1999 and Brown felt the schedule wore down his team. The Longhorns closed with three losses to finish 9-5 after rising as high as No. 6 in the AP poll.

"In the summer time, we worked really hard to get in shape to go all season," said defensive end Cory Redding.

Crossroads trio eye second wins, others opening

By SANDY McSPADDEN
Sports Editor

While Big Spring's Steers take a week off to get ready for No. 6-ranked Hereford, the rest of the Crossroads area's teams will be in action tonight.

Without question one of the top games will see Crane's Golden Cranes, ranked No. 16 in Class 3A, pay a visit on Colorado City for the Wolves' 8 p.m. home opener.

Colorado City has one victory under its belt following last week's 25-0 win over Stamford, the Cranes open their season tonight.

Crane is rated by some as a 24-point favorite, but don't look for them to fly away without some bruises.

Having moved down to the Class 2A ranks has created new enthusiasm in Colorado City, and that was evident in the Wolves' dismantling of the Bulldogs last week.

Quarterback Chase Bennett was 18-of-25 with a touchdown completion last week, just the kind of warm-up he and his teammates needed going into tonight's challenge.

Andrew Spear and Jed Anderson should help the Wolves' offense with their running, while Kevin Wright and Marquise Lenard will spearhead the defensive charge.

In the last five meetings Crane holds a 2-1 edge, but both shared in in three district championships before the Wolves dropped to 2A.

Coahoma, another shutout winner in Week 1, will take the long road to Shallowater for a 7:30 kickoff tonight.

Coach Robert Wood was happy with the play of his Bulldogs in the first half last week's 20-0 win over Hawley, but 11 penalties in the second made him wonder just a bit.

Wood praised the play Chase Bennett, Travis McMillan and Blaine Wright on defense.

"We didn't give Hawley 100 yards rushing, so we're playing pretty good on defense. We better be, because Shallowater swarms the football. They are all over the field defensively," Wood explained. "We're going to find out



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what we're made of this week. We must execute our offense to perfection and play strong defense, especially in the secondary."

Just 14 miles south, Roger Hudgins, in his second season as head coach and 23rd at Forsan, will lead his Buffaloes against first-year head coach Wade Wesley and his Garden City Bearkats.

Look for Justin Hillger to lead Garden City. He can run with the ball as well as deliver aerial strikes and could make it a long night for the Buff defense. He will have help from linemen Tony Talamantes and Kyle Knight.

The Buffaloes backfield is led by Dustin Morgan at quarterback, Furillo Subia at fullback and Dustin Baker at tailback.

Stanton's Buffs take their 1-0 record on the road to face Reagan County's Owls at 8 p.m.

Coach Mark Cotton's team comes off a crucial victory over Greenwood, 35-34, while the Owls lost to No. 5-ranked Sonora, 30-0, last week.

Cotton believes the Owls are much tougher than that score indicated.

"We will have to be at our best to beat them," he explained. "Last year we held on for a 16-7 win, but they have 22 letterman and nine starters back."

Big Spring takes a week off to prepare for the Whitefaces, and according to head coach Dwight Butler, the Steers can use the extra time.

"They are the real deal," Butler admitted. "They are an excellent, veteran ball club and have extremely gifted athletes."

"We will probably have to play over our heads to beat them," he added. "That's all right, though, it's what we have been trying to do every time we step on the field — just be a little bit better."

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Table showing American League and National League standings for East and West divisions. Columns include Team, W, L, Pct., and GB.

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DOUBLETS - Colorado, Toronto, 52; Garciaparra, Boston, 45; Lavoie, Minnesota, 42; David Ortiz, 42; Cruz, Detroit, 41; Thomas, Chicago, 39; Stewart, Toronto, 39; Gomez, Kansas City, 38; Heston, Detroit, 38; DeShields, Baltimore, 38.

NL LEADERS

BATTING - Helton, Colorado, .384; Alou, Houston, .360; Hammonds, Colorado, .350; Castillo, Florida, .346; Guerrero, Montreal, .344; Piazza, New York, .338; Votto, Montreal, .334.

Maddux looks sharp as ever, outpitches Arizona's Schilling

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The real Greg Maddux returned to the mound against the Arizona Diamondbacks. Coming off two poor outings, Maddux was in vintage form Thursday night, pitching a four-hitter that gave the Atlanta Braves a 4-0 win over Arizona.

Maddux had given up five first-inning runs in each of his last two starts, something that hadn't happened in 10 years. This time, he needed only seven pitches to get through the opening inning, retiring the side on three grounders.

Maddux got 18 groundouts and an infield pop, struck out six and did not walk a batter. He allowed only two flies to reach the outfield in pitching his fifth complete game and second shutout of the year.

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Curt Schilling (10-11) lost his fourth straight start. He was 3-0 with two shutouts in four previous starts against Atlanta. "I had a chance to get out of every situation," he said. "I'm just not performing. I'm just not doing my job."

Braves manager Bobby Cox said, "The way his ball was moving and (with) his off-speed stuff, he was in complete control. Nothing but strikes." "He was unhittable," Braves manager Bobby Cox said.

Cardinals 6, Expos 1 Darryl Kile struck out 10 in seven innings and Jim Edmonds hit his 39th home run as St. Louis beat Montreal at Busch Stadium. Kile won his third straight start and earned his 17th victory, tied with Randy Johnson for second-most in the NL behind Tom Glavine's 19.

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Clark also homered as the NL Central leaders won for the seventh time in eight games. "Chris Truby made good on a second chance, hitting a go-ahead single in the eighth inning that sent Houston over Florida at Enron Field.

Devil Rays 4, Indians 3 Rookie Jason Tyner hit a tiebreaking single as Tampa Bay rallied for four runs in the seventh to stop a six-game losing streak. The Devil Rays got four straight RBI singles with two outs in the seventh, including three off Cleveland reliever Steve Karsay.

Red Sox 11, Twins 6 Jose Offerman homered twice and Dante Bichette connected for the second straight day as Boston beat Minnesota at Fenway Park. David Ortiz hit a grand slam and Corey Koskie followed with a home run.

No. 10 Virginia Tech thumps East Carolina

GREENVILLE, N.C. (AP) - Virginia Tech probably won't play many games in which Michael Vick goes virtually unnoticed. That's exactly what happened Thursday night as the 10th-ranked Hokies (2-0) rolled over East Carolina 45-28 with spectacular special teams and improved play from their young defense.

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Big Spring Herald Friday, September 8, 2000 Martin, S reach ser at U.S. C NEW YORK (AP) time, there was n lap, no high-five fans, no memorab back for Todd Mar This time, the tion of his epic 4 minute victory tv earlier was repla sense of relief on That's because Martin had overco set deficit to defo Moya, it seemed let the same m away against Johansson. Martin struggled to prevent that t pening, finally su 4, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5 to a the semifinals at Open. After winning two sets, Marti seemed to vani once. It looked li out of gas; his le wooden, his spiri "He made so plays on my serv said, "I didn't d my volley. I lost movement and he so much moveme Johansson won set comfortably Martin back on with an early br fourth. "Moving seeing the ball w cult," Martin sai And then, just ly as his energy disappear, it Down a break, h opening and d Then he broke again to win the "I made a cou plays at crucial t fourth set that energy," Marti made up my m him see more the net more, no make things so ing to scrap s points, too. Th the game, part of why I've been well and an im mission to make to The victory pu Saturday's against No. 6 w who advanced W 6, 7-6 (5), 6-3 v No. 14 Nicolas K Safin booked to 131 mph w against Kiefer, well enough to German he ca Open. "I think so way he plays," "I think his c getting much bigger. I thi good chance." Safin, famou ing rackets, b well-document under wraps. Open and the his bag rema he turning mel "If you can fines, it's OK, many," he sai how much I this year? Clo even \$10,000. you know wh you don't w what I can do. Winning t worth much n and the 20-y came into the Grand Slam mind. Safin know easier for Martin, t marathon m never met bel "With Todd headache bec serve, no rh the Russian s very fast, ve He's a very ta can play till ing. I can't d fighter," ha It's difficult him." In Saturda semi, Pete play Lleyton advanced v Wednesday, four sets, Krajicek at three aga Clement. On Frida take cente Venus. W Martina Hi an old rival final at Davenport f Elena Dem other.

Martin, Safin reach semis at U.S. Open

NEW YORK (AP) — This time, there was no victory lap, no high-fives for the fans, no memorable comeback for Todd Martin.

This time, the exhilaration of his epic 4-hour, 17-minute victory two nights earlier was replaced by a sense of relief on Thursday.

That's because just as Martin had overcome a two-set deficit to defeat Carlos Moya, it seemed he would let the same margin get away against Thomas Johansson.

Martin struggled mightily to prevent that from happening, finally surviving 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5 to advance to the semifinals at the U.S. Open.

After winning the first two sets, Martin's game seemed to vanish all at once. It looked like he ran out of gas; his legs seemed wooden, his spirit broken.

"He made some great plays on my serve," Martin said. "I didn't do well on my volley. I lost so much movement and he picked up so much movement."

Johansson won the third set comfortably and had Martin back on his heels with an early break in the fourth. "Moving the ball, seeing the ball was so difficult," Martin said.

And then, just as suddenly as his energy seemed to disappear, it returned. Down a break, he found an opening and drew even. Then he broke Johansson again to win the match.

"I made a couple of good plays at crucial times in the fourth set that raised my energy," Martin said. "I made up my mind to let him see me more, coming to the net more, not trying to make things so pretty, trying to scrap some ugly points, too. That's part of the game, part of the reason why I've been able to do well and an important decision to make tonight."

The victory put Martin in Saturday's semifinals against No. 6 Marat Safin, who advanced with a 7-5, 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-3 victory over No. 14 Nicolas Kiefer.

Safin boomed serves of up to 131 mph with 16 aces against Kiefer and played well enough to convince the German he can win the Open.

"I think so because the way he plays," Kiefer said. "I think his confidence is getting much bigger and bigger. I think he has a good chance."

Safin, famous for smashing rackets, has kept his well-documented temper under wraps during the Open and the equipment in his bag remains intact. Is he turning mellow?

"If you can pay all my fines, it's OK, I can break many," he said. "You know how much I paid already this year? Close to \$7,000, or even \$10,000. For \$10,000, you know what I can do? You don't want to know what I can do with \$10,000."

Winning the Open is worth much more than that and the 20-year-old Safin came into the season's final Grand Slam with that in mind.

Safin knows it won't get easier for him against Martin, the Open's marathon man. They have never met before.

"With Todd, it's a lot of headache because he's a big serve, no rhythm at all," the Russian said. "He plays very fast, very good volley. He's a very talented guy. He can play till 12 in the morning. I can't do it. He's a big fighter, has a good serve. It's difficult to play against him."

In Saturday's other men's semi, Pete Sampras will play Lleyton Hewitt. Both advanced with victories Wednesday. Sampras in four sets over Richard Krajicek and Hewitt in three against Arnaud Clement.

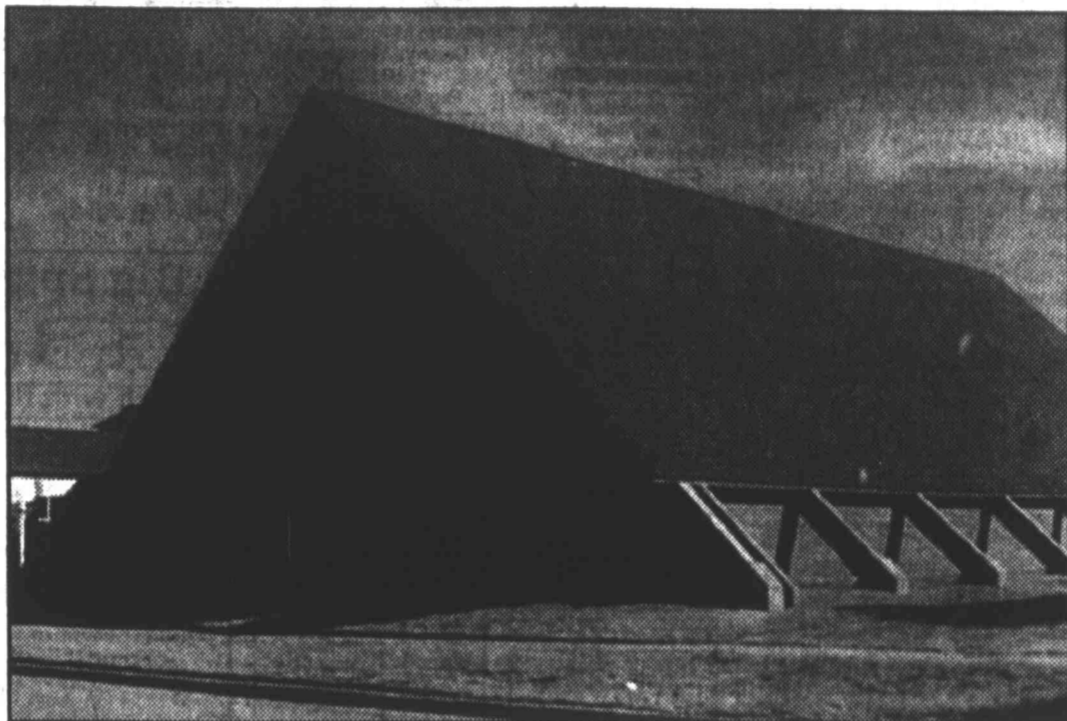
On Friday, the women take center stage with Venus Williams and Martina Hingis resuming an old rivalry in one semifinal and Lindsay Davenport facing newcomer Elena Dementieva in the other.

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your life much more like you
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Accept invitations. Good news
comes toward you. Whatever
you schedule, know that you
will want plenty of time to
talk. Don't worry so much
about time; simply float with
the moment. If single, you
make an interesting acquaint-
ance. Tonight: Where the
gang is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
**** Even if you have to work,
you make the best of it. An
important matter needs reso-
lution. This could involve a
home project. How your funds
flow could have a lot to do
with your present decisions.
Touch base with an older rela-
tive or friend who you can tap
for feedback. Tonight: Make a
most appearance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
**** You might be slow to get
going, but once you get start-

ed, you're a whirlwind.
Discuss an important matter
early in the day. Once you
clear your mind, you return to
the more jovial, playful per-
sonality for which you are
known. Take off in the after-
noon, schedule a mini-trip or
go where your mind can wan-
der. Tonight: Where the music
is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
**** Emphasize quality rather
than quantity, be it in a rela-
tionship or a purchase. Go out
for a late lunch to visit with
and enjoy a friend. Avoid
groups if you can because you
flourish in a one-on-one situa-
tion. Discuss a change on the
home front with those
involved or those who can
offer appropriate feedback.
Tonight: Togetherness makes
you smile.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** Others find you. First,
handle a serious matter
involving a friend or loved
one. Once the decks are
cleared, you can float with the
moment or go visit friends.
Socializing is right up your
alley. A loved one allows
greater bonding. Be true to
yourself and create the kind of
relationship you want.
Tonight: Party the night away.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
**** Clear out impending
errands and what you feel you
must accomplish. You have
reason for celebration. Listen
to your sixth sense. You intu-
itively know how to take bet-
ter care of yourself and another.
Be careful with funds, and
look to increasing your earn-
ing power. Act on something
you've been thinking about.
Tonight: Get into couch-potato
mode.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** What you say has an
impact. Don't minimize how
important you are to another.
If you don't feel like doing
something, don't. Make plans
that delight you. Your imagi-
nation heightens romance. If
single, you'll meet others by
pursuing a hobby you love.
Tonight: Put on your dancing
shoes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
**** Be especially attentive to

DETAILS

A financial matter,
though dreary, has greater sig-
nificance than you realize.
Seek out other opinions if
need be. If your inner voice
keeps telling you that some-
thing is off, it probably is.
Creativity and imagination
merge. Make a long-dreamed-
of change. Tonight: Your
house is your palace.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-
Dec. 21)
**** Survey your calls and
invitations before you decide
what you would like to do. A
serious conversation with a
loved one cannot and should
not be avoided. Clear the air,
and the good feelings will flow
once more. A friend makes a
request. You can only say yes.
Tonight: At a favorite spot.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.
19)
**** Expenses demand your
attention, especially if you
have a special project you
want to do. Ask a co-worker or
boss for the slack you need.
Discussions prove to be infor-
mative and take you in a new
direction. Consider a home
office or bringing more work
home. You can't avoid a must
appearance. Tonight: Fun
doesn't have to cost.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
**** Though a child or loved
one could be down, you don't
have to take on the same
mood. A discussion with a
close associate takes you in a
new direction. You can work
through nearly any problem if
you tap into your imagination.
Plan on doing something you
have long desired. Tonight:
Zoom in on what you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
**** Assume a low profile and
touch base with a loved one.
You enjoy yourself, no matter
where you are. Take time with
an important friend or associ-
ate. You develop a better
understanding that allows the
two of you to work better
together. Invite a friend or
loved one along for a special
event. The two of you enjoy
yourself. Tonight: Be mysteri-
ous!

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Generous praise gives kids
confidence to be winners

DEAR ABBY: I am a
teacher with more than 25
years invested in the lives
of young people. You stress
that parents need to provide
their children with sex edu-
cation because this is what
will help them the most to
make informed choices.
May I present some pearls
of wisdom from my
experience and observa-
tions in working
with youth?
Do all that you possibly
can to help your children
feel successful. Be their
greatest fans. Encourage
them to participate in activi-
ties that challenge and
enrich them. Be generous
with praise, both for efforts
and accomplishments. Take
time to write them special
notes and look for cards to
give them that contain mes-
sages of love and pride. (I
still treasure the note my
mother wrote to me when
she felt she had neglected to
acknowledge my hardwork-
ing efforts.)
Do things together. Hug
them. Hug them again. The
care and effort you extend
to your children, in helping
them build strong self-
esteem, will generate huge
dividends in the form of
healthy, wholesome choices
when they become teen-
agers and young adults.

I can still hear my 30-
year-old nephew telling us
that as a child he always
felt like a "good person"
because we always told
them what good kids they
were. He became a teacher.
- STILL TEACHING AND
TELLING THEM THEY'RE
TERRIFIC

DEAR STILL TEACHING:
Thank you for a terrific let-
ter. I hope parents will take
your message to heart. I
was touched by the notepa-
per upon which your letter
was written. Printed on it
was: "GOALS. No one can
predict to what heights you
can soar until you spread
your wings." How true.

DEAR ABBY: My hus-
band and I both have full-

time jobs. Whenever I sug-
gest that he help out more,
his reply is always, "I do
what I can."
Abby, if I had that atti-
tude, our dog would be five
years dead and the two cats
multiplied to 400. The roof
would have caved in on all
the dust bunnies, a sink of
dirty dishes and matching

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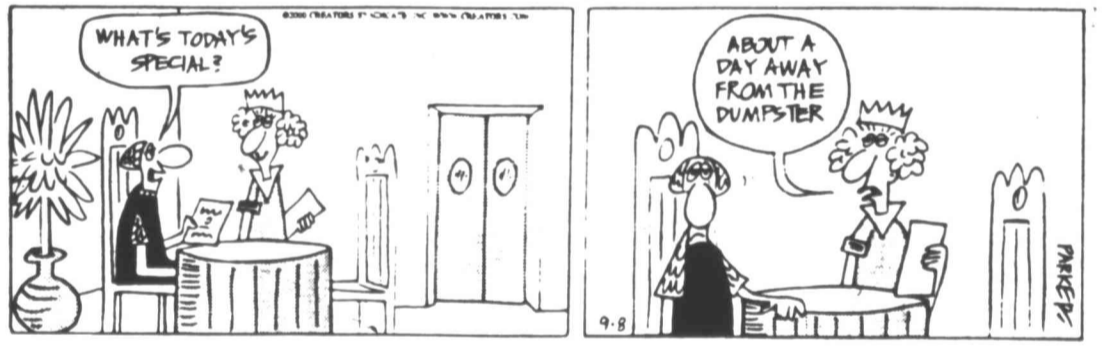
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Friday, Sept. 8, the 252nd day of 2000. There are 114 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Sept. 8, 1900, Galveston, Texas, was struck by a hurricane that killed about 6,000 people.
On this date:
In 1664, the Dutch surrendered New Amsterdam to the British, who renamed it New York.
In 1920, New York-to-San Francisco air mail service was inaugurated.
In 1930, the comic strip "Blondie" first appeared.
In 1935, Sen. Huey P. Long, "The Kingfish" of Louisiana politics, was shot and mortally wounded; he died two days later.

In 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared a "limited national emergency" in response to the outbreak of war in Europe.
In 1951, a peace treaty with Japan was signed by 48 other nations in San Francisco.
In 1974, President Ford granted an unconditional pardon to former President Nixon.
In 1975, Boston's public schools began their court-ordered citywide busing program amid scattered incidents of violence.
In 1994, a USAir Boeing 737 crashed into a ravine as it was approaching Pittsburgh International Airport, killing all 132 people on board.
In 1998, Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals broke major league baseball's record for home runs in a single season, hitting No. 62 off Chicago Cubs pitcher Steve Trachsel and eclipsing the 37-year-old record held by Roger Maris.
Ten years ago, President Bush and Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev arrived in Helsinki, Finland, for a one-day summit sparked by the Persian Gulf crisis. Gabriela Sabatini won the U.S. Open women's championship and her first grand slam title as she defeated Steffi Graf. Marjorie Judith Vincent of Illinois was crowned Miss America.
Five years ago, Bosnia's warring sides reached a compromise in Geneva, agreeing to divide the nation into two states: one for the rebel Serbs and another for the Muslims and Croats.
Today's Birthdays: Comedian Sid Caesar is 78. Country singer-songwriter Harlan Howard is 73. Ventriloquist Willie Tyler is 60.

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- Wound crust
- Bath powder
- Pages
- Unconscious state
- Culture base
- Nice goodbye?
- Cupid
- Depend
- Superman in movies
- Start of Stephen Wright quote
- Part 2 of quote
- Acapulco gold
- Ballerina's skirt
- Part 3 of quote
- Saharan
- Saturn's wife
- East of the Urals
- Heir's inheritance
- Condescend
- Latin greeting
- Iron or aluminum
- Legendary ones
- Russian saint
- Worldwide workers' grp.
- Viscount's superior
- Part 4 of quote
- Trojan War hero
- Pi follower
- Part 5 of quote
- End of quote
- Flightless birds
- Frigg's mate
- Glowing review
- Electric wires
- Clair or Coty
- Nights before
- Self-perception
- Woodland ruminant
- Flit

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