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## WEATHER

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## Girl Scouts membership rally slated

A membership rally has been scheduled by the Girl Scouts of America for 7 p.m. Thursday at the First Church of the Nazarene, 1400 Lancaster.

All girls between the ages of 5 and 17, as well as their parents, are encouraged to attend to learn more about the Girl Scouting program.

For more information, call April Ferguson at 267-3716.

## WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, Herman's, 7 a.m.

□ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center Art Classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.

□ Big Spring Neighbors and Newcomers Club, fall luncheon series, 11:30 a.m., La Posada.

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, call Billy Smith, 267-6479.

□ Christmas in April Board of Directors, noon, 1607 E. Third, Lions Bingo Building.

□ Friends of the Library, noon, Howard County Library.

□ American Legion Auxiliary Post 506, 7 p.m.

□ Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

FRIDAY

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

□ AMBUCS, noon, La Posada.

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

SATURDAY

□ Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church Rummage Sale, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the school hall, 1009 Hearn.

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

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## Howard County receives just a trace of moisture

By GINA GARZA  
Staff Writer

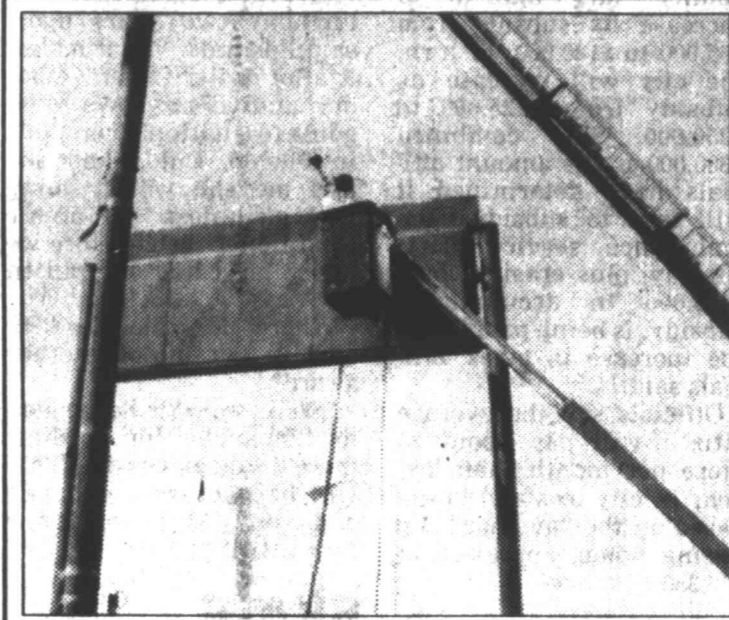
Some areas of Howard County received a trace of precipitation Tuesday night and early this morning, but nothing to help with the continuing drought.

Big Spring's last measurable rain was .12 of an inch received on Aug. 6, bringing the yearly rainfall total to 11.60 inches. Tuesday's shower was the first report in more than a month.

"There is a stalled-out frontal system and a weak tropical system which produced some rain showers," said Michael Young, meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Midland. "It was basically over the eastern part of the state."

The United States Department of Agriculture Research Center reported that Big Spring received .02 of an inch of rain from

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Eddie Alvarado takes down the message board next to Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. A new board with a price tag of \$96,000 will be replacing the old one. The majority of the funds to replace the board came from insurance money with an additional \$30,000 from the Dora Roberts Foundation and Howard College. Nov. 1 is the target date for the installation of the new sign.

HERALD photo/Carl Graham



Margarita Durand-Hollis, left, and Margie Myers perform along with other members of Manantial Dancers Tuesday night at Canterbury South. Dancing and singing marked the retirement community's fall festival.

HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen

## City council

### Approval of budget almost dies for lack of a second Tuesday

By BILL MCCLELLAN  
News Editor

Despite no opposition during two public hearings, approval of Big Spring's city budget for 2000-2001 almost died Tuesday night for lack of a second.

Concerns raised by council members Stephanie Horton and Oscar Garcia over proposed water and sewer rate hikes, an increase in the tax rate and a question over Moore Development for Big Spring held up a vote on the budget for more than a half-hour before the budget was finally approved, 4-1.

Chuck Cawthon cast the opposition vote. Mayor Russ McEwen and Councilman Tommy Tune voted for the budget, along with Horton and Garcia. Council members Joann Smoot and Greg Biddison were absent.

Tune had made the motion to approve the budget, which includes a \$1 per month increase in both water and sewer rates and a tax increase of 3.6 cents per \$100 valuation. But his motion appeared to die for lack of a second — despite the absence of any opposition at a public hearing on the budget at an earlier council meeting or a hearing on the tax rate which opened Tuesday's agenda.



GARCIA McEWEN

"My concern is the increase in water and sewer rates," said Garcia. "I think we need the repairs but we need to find another way of going about it. I'm hearing from my constituents they can't afford to pay more for water and sewer."

Horton at first cited a problem with Moore Development's budget — specifically \$100,000 set aside for research and development — as her primary opposition.

Cawthon had made it clear early on he was not in favor of the budget, but it was the opposition from Garcia and Cawthon that obviously caught McEwen and Tune by surprise.

"I'm a little perplexed. No, frankly I'm a lot perplexed," said McEwen. "When we went over everything in this budget line by line, we tried to answer everyone's concerns. I thought we had done that."

When City Attorney Jean

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## Public hearing set on skate park; caretakers named for Moss Lake

By BILL MCCLELLAN  
News Editor

Outdoor recreation was among the topics Big Spring City Council members discussed Tuesday night, as they addressed the need for a skate park and approved new caretakers at Moss Creek Lake.



HORTON

The issue of a skate park came up last month, when more than 50 Big Spring youth turned out at a council meeting in support of such a facility. A report back to the council on Tuesday indicated the YMCA and city could share costs in constructing such a park.

After hearing several options from YMCA executive director Pete Thiry, the council decided to hold a public hearing on Sept. 28. At that time, the public will be invited to provide input as to where such a park

might be built, what safety rules should be established and what entity should operate the facility.

Thiry on Tuesday noted one possibility might be the old Comanche Trail Park Swimming Pool, shut down this year because of high repair costs. However, that drew immediate opposition from at least one council member.

"We told the public we would reopen that swimming pool, and I think they believe that is what we

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## Big Spring ISD struggling to find substitute teachers

By GINA GARZA  
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District is in desperate need of substitute teachers for the current school year. "Over a period of two



MURPHY

or three years, we have experienced a decline in people signing up on our substitute teacher list," said Big Spring ISD Deputy Superintendent Murray Murphy. "We are in a critical stage right now, which I believe is partly due to the good economy in Big Spring and more job opportunities available."

According to Murphy, there are less than 80 people on the substitute list now. "We like to have at least

125 to 130 on the list," he said. "We want a good pool of people to choose from."

Those interested in signing up to be on the substitute teachers list must meet certain criteria.

"Those wishing to be a substitute teacher must have at least 45 semester college hours," said Murphy. "Those substituting as aids do not have to have college just a high school diploma or GED."

The standard pay is \$50 a

day and is a person substitutes for five consecutive days or more are paid \$55 per day.

"We do look for certified teachers or a degreed person to substitute, but that isn't necessary just as long as they have 45 semester hours of college," he said. "We also pay a higher rate for those who substitute for longer periods of time such as 6-weeks or more."

According to Murphy, all those who are on the list to

substitute will have a criminal history check before they are hired.

"Those who are interested in substituting can come by the personnel office and fill out a form," he said. "It is very important we get good qualified people to substitute in our classroom because the education our children receive is very important."

For more information about becoming a substitute teacher, call 264-3600.

## Edwards' efforts pay off with win at Odessa show

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

Local resident Frank Edwards traveled more than 3,500 miles all over the United States last year to show his 1933 Plymouth.

Last weekend, at the Ector County Fair, his hard work paid dividends as he returned to Big Spring with a trophy for Best of Show.

"This is not my first trophy by no means," said Edwards. "I have around 40 or 50 trophies in my garage but my best ones I keep in my trophy room here along with the plaques I have won over the years."

Edwards, whose wife Pat

is the assistant manager of Canterbury, got into his hobby by working on his own cars.

"That's the way you had one back then, was to work on it yourself," said Edwards. "I just never did quit, just kept on building them. I always thought I had to go faster than anyone else."

Edwards said his car could get up and go if and when he needed it to.

"Lots of folks don't think this thing will run very fast," said Edwards. "But one time I was coming through Wichita Falls when a highway patrolman pulled

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Frank Edwards of Big Spring displays his Best of Show trophy from a car show held at the Ector County Fair. Edwards is shown with his 1933 Plymouth that sports a Jaguar engine and wheels and the original body. Edwards traveled 3,500 last year going to shows.

HERALD photo/Carl Graham

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## Chase Manhattan acquiring J.P. Morgan

NEW YORK (AP) — Chase Manhattan Corp. is acquiring J.P. Morgan & Co. for about \$36 billion in stock, uniting two of the oldest and most prestigious financial firms in the United States.

The boards of both companies have approved the deal announced today to create J.P. Morgan Chase & Co., the companies said in a statement.

J.P. Morgan Chase will have about \$660 billion in assets, rivaling Bank of America Corp., with \$679 billion in assets, as the second largest bank holding

company in the United States. It will still trail Citigroup, which had \$791 billion as of June 30.

A merger of Chase and J.P. Morgan was seen by analysts as a good match because the banking powerhouses' array of services complement each other.

Each share of J.P. Morgan will be exchanged for 3.7 shares of Chase, or about \$207 a share — a 16 percent premium above Tuesday's closing stock price for J.P. Morgan. The companies will also exchange preferred shares.

J.P. Morgan chairman and

chief executive Douglas Warner will become chairman of the new company and Chase chairman William Harrison will become its president and chief executive.

"It's a good potential fit because there are quite a lot of areas where the two are complementary," said Ron Mandel, a banking analyst at Sanford C. Bernstein & Co.

For example, J.P. Morgan has a strong foothold in the investment banking arena, especially in the lucrative area of underwriting initial public stock offerings.

Chase, meanwhile, set out a year ago to build up its investment banking business by purchasing San Francisco-based Hambrecht & Quist, a boutique firm that specialized in the IPOs of technology companies.

If the merger is completed, J.P. Morgan's broader expertise would be blended with the newly named Chase H&Q's expertise with technology companies, Mandel noted.

In addition, J.P. Morgan's inroads in Europe would be beneficial to Chase, which does not have a strong presence there.

## House to vote on revoking federal charter of Scouts; measure expected to fail

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans labeled it an attack on American values — a House bill seeking to revoke the eight-decade-old federal charter for the Boy Scouts of America because of the organization's policy of excluding gays.

Rep. Cass Ballenger, R-N.C., said half the members of the House were former scouts and would defend an organization "as American as apple pie and baseball."

While the bill's opponents accused its few Democratic supporters of extremism, Democrats complained that the GOP's only intent was to embarrass them.

The legislation was expected to fail overwhelmingly today.

Beyond the politics, the legislation offered by Rep. Lynn Woolsey, D-Calif., spotlighted the uneasy relationship between the federal government and the Irving-based Boy Scouts since the organization's stance toward gays became a national issue.

Woolsey said she was a Girl Scout and one of her

sons was a Boy Scout. "We're not saying the Boy Scouts are bad; we're saying that intolerance is bad."

"I know the value of scouting, and that's why I believe scouting should be available to all boys, not just to some boys," Woolsey said during Tuesday night's debate. She was the only Democrat to speak in favor of the legislation.

In contrast, a long line of Republicans rose to condemn the bill.

"It's an attack on the fundamental values of America," said Rep. Chris Cannon, R-Utah, led by "a small group of extremists on the minority side."

But Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., top Democrat on the Judiciary Committee, said Republicans were engaging in a "political stunt" in bringing to the floor a bill that had had no hearings or committee vote and didn't have a chance of passage.

"We're disappointed that this bill would even be considered," said Boy Scouts spokesman Gregg Shields.

## Study prompts new calls for death penalty moratorium

WASHINGTON (AP) — Death penalty critics are demanding a moratorium on executions after a Justice Department report showed racial and geographic disparity in federal death sentences, but Attorney General Janet Reno wants more studies instead.

The wide variations by race and location found in the report released Tuesday were not the product of bias in her department, Reno said, but rather resulted from social ills like poverty, drug abuse and lack of opportunity that affect minorities more than

whites and produce criminals.

"The federal criminal justice system is not designed to remedy these systemic problems by itself," Reno said. She ordered additional studies of why some murderers get charged with federal capital crimes, as opposed to being charged by local police.

"At this point we are troubled by the figures, but we have not found the bias" in her department's procedures, Reno said.

And she endorsed legislation proposed by Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., that

would provide post-conviction DNA genetic tests for federal and state inmates.

President Clinton said the data raised questions "since we're supposed to have a uniform law of the land." But he noted there had been "no suggestion, as far as I know, that any of the cases where the convictions occurred were wrongly decided" and said he would consult Reno before deciding what to do.

Those responses didn't mollify death penalty critics in Congress.

"Additional internal reviews alone will not satis-

fy public concern about our system," said Sen. Russell Feingold, D-Wis. His office said he would introduce a new bill this week providing a federal execution halt; he already has proposed one to stop both federal and state executions.

Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., D-Ill., also demanded a moratorium instead of "business as usual."

"If you're an African American in Texas who commits a crime that could warrant the federal death penalty, you get it. If you're white in New York City, you probably don't."

## HOROSCOPE

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Sept. 14:

Your career increases in importance. You have to work long and hard to get where you want to be. The good news is that you achieve results. You demonstrate unusual financial savvy and direction. Be creative and direct about what you want. Opportunities pop up because of your unusual artistic style. You also gain through one-on-one relating. If you are single, you'll meet someone very exciting through your work. You will establish an important relationship in 2001. If you are attached, your relationship grows if you share more of your long-term professional goals.

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

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

\*\*\*\* You feel a change in energy. Energy marks your communication. Stay on top of calls. Return messages. You find solutions. Your upbeat responses help another and allow brainstorming to resume. You gain and are able to lasso your long-term goals. Tonight: Where your friends are.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\* Assume a low profile, especially after what went on yesterday. You come from an upbeat point of view. Make financial decisions. You'll gain professionally. Don't limit yourself unnecessarily. You intuitively know which way to go with someone in charge. This person appreciates your efforts. Tonight: Take it easy.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\* Aim for what you want. Your strong sense of direction, mixed with endurance, helps you zoom in and grab the victory. You express your happiness in a way that makes others want to join in and cheer as well. Make a call and spread your good news. Tonight: Do nothing halfway.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\*\* Recognize how much others observe your decisions and choices. You take a leadership role. Be more in touch with your feelings and follow your sixth sense with another. Sometimes you put yourself down by not honoring your instincts. Take a chance, and you will be pleasantly surprised. Tonight: Work late.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\*\* Take an overview while others are still picking at details. Only then will recent events make sense. You could question a decision. Emphasize your

direction. Do needed research. Hop on the Internet and explore different opportunities. Another inspires you with creativity and ideas. Tonight: Make some calls.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\*\* One-on-one relating brings new results and possibilities. How you deal with another could change substantially once you realize this person's impact on your work. Discussions need to be upbeat, with the goal of finding solutions as opposed to cutting your options. Remain nurturing. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\*\* Defer to others, and you'll gain. Though a discussion might be problematic at first, opportunities open up. Another wants to see eye to eye with you. You work through problems and find a reason to celebrate. Don't delay an important meeting. Do needed research and explore options. Tonight: Rent a movie.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\*\* Carefully consider a change with a loved one. Family proves to be unusually supportive, even if an idea is a bit offbeat. Talk to co-workers and help others feel more included rather

than isolated. You have a unique ability to draw others together. Trust your intuition. It's right on. Tonight: Get some exercise.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\*\* Kick up your heels and allow yourself to be more creative and spontaneous. A partner might be hard on you and put you down. Count on this person doing the same, no matter what you do. Keep communicating with a friend. Explain to others where you are coming from. Make a must meeting. Tonight: Be naughty and nice.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\*\* Examine priorities, with an eye to building solidity. Check out a real estate investment carefully. You might not always agree with another about which is the best way to proceed. What you believe is financially sound suddenly changes. Don't push yourself too hard at work. Take a needed break. Tonight: Happy at home.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\*\* Reach out for others. Continue with conversations, even though they force you to detach. A loved one or child could be provocative. Understand where another is coming

from. Analyze choices carefully. Your imagination empowers you with the ability to find solutions when many cannot.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\*\* Deal with financial matters head-on. If another puts down your ideas, don't take it personally. One-on-one relating demonstrates another way or opportunity. Financial success marks your inquiries. You find the kind of terms or agreement you want. A celebration seems in the air. Tonight: Treat another to dinner.

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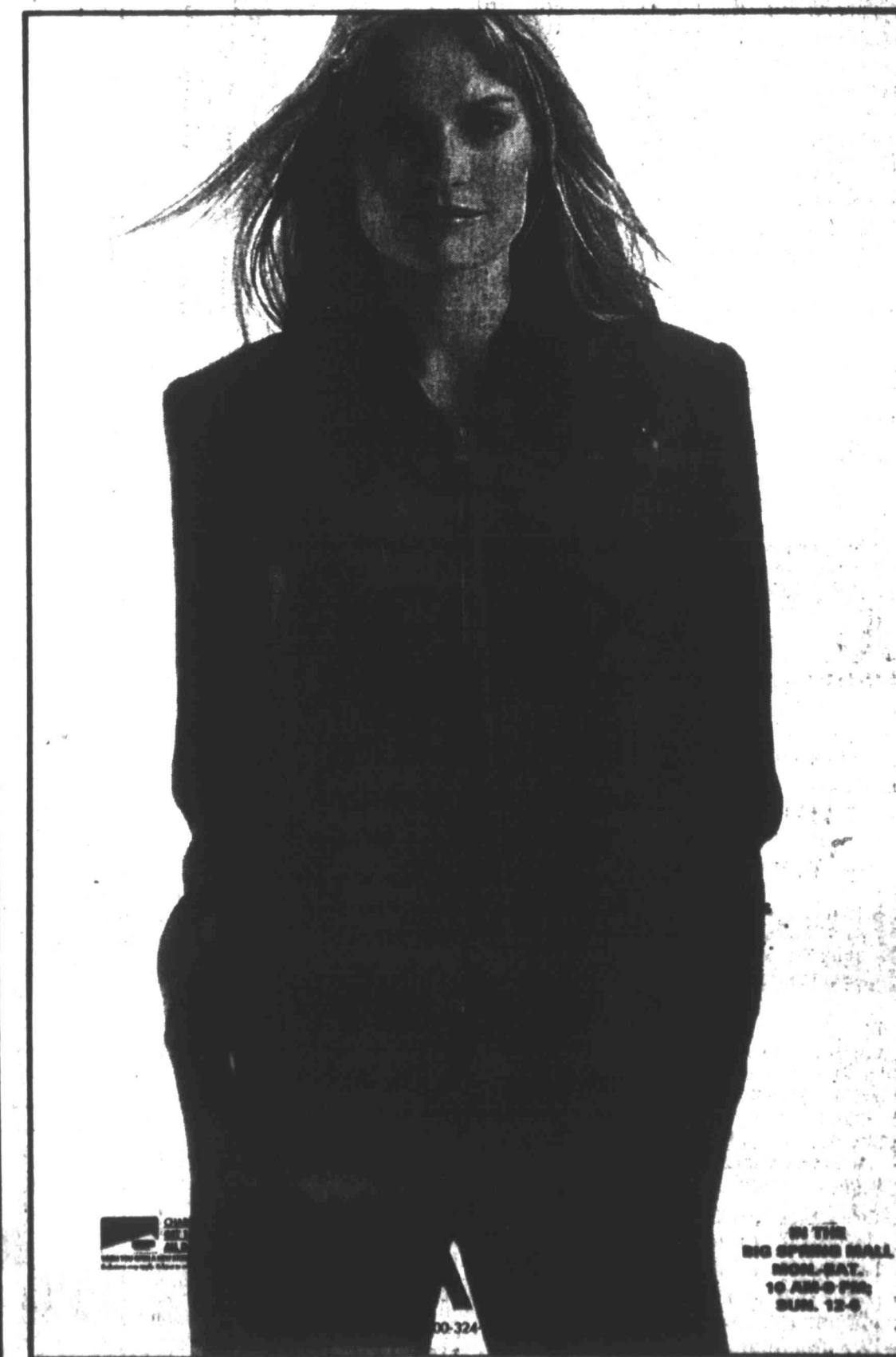
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READING

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printed page. The 2-year-old thinks you have spent your life wisely memorizing said book."

A 3-year-old, she says, understands that it's not about memory. "She knows you have the ability to decode marks on the page, that this is a skill and can be mastered. That's where the secret is — that that's something adults can do, and she can't do. That's very precious."

Klass, who grew up in New Jersey and attended Harvard University, found her calling belatedly.

"In medical school, I was miserable until I started pediatrics. It's not a terribly well-kept secret in medicine that people in pediatrics tend to be very nice. By medical standards, it's not a stuffy or pompous field, maybe because your patients pee on you."

After publishing an article on Reach Out and Read, which she considered a "very sweet" program, she was invited to run the program when a co-founder left Boston for Cleveland six years ago.

The heart of the program is a book give-away to children visiting their pediatric clinics. Children are given, not loaned, age-appropriate books published specifically for ROR by Scholastic Inc.

Lay volunteers also read aloud to children at clinics, enriching the waiting room experience. At Boston

Medical Center, one elderly volunteer is affectionately known as the Reading Lady.

"Within the first week of her starting, the moms started asking, in their follow-up appointments, 'Is the reading lady here today?'" Klass says.

In 1996 Klass' work drew the attention of Cooley, who received a grant from the Academy of Pediatrics to implement Reach Out and Read at the UT-Houston Health Science Center.

In 1999 Cooley, the daughter of heart surgeon Denton Cooley, became director of Reach Out and Read-Texas, which is currently practiced in 50 clinics serving 75,000 children.

Cooley hopes to expand the program by 20 sites a year and to reach 1 million children, including the estimated 500,000 living in poverty, by 2005.

That she assumed leadership of the Texas program surprised even herself.

Cooley, a mother of four, doesn't recall reading to her children when they were young.

"I'm on a huge guilt trip," she says. "My baby, who is now 14, said, 'You know, Mom, I can't believe you're doing this program; I don't ever remember you reading to me.'"

One Reach Out and Read site is the children's clinic at Northwest Assistance Ministries, which treats uninsured children. When

Irma Rodriguez's pediatric nurse-practitioner, Sharon Record, transferred there from Children's Doctors Clinic, Irma followed.

Born in Monterrey, Mexico, Irma Morales was 3 years old when her father, Isaias, a taxi driver, was killed in a traffic accident. Irma, her brother and two sisters were raised by their mother, Concepcion, and an uncle.

Five years later, the family moved to Houston and Concepcion remarried. With little knowledge of English, Irma, who had been in fourth grade in Mexico, was placed in third grade.

She graduated from Sam Houston High School, and at age 18 she married Juan Rodriguez, whom she had met while both worked at a Fiesta supermarket. A year later, Denise was born.

By the time Denise was 4, Record was urging Irma and Juan to read to her.

"Every time you had a physical, they would give you a book," Irma says.

"Reading was one of the most important things I could offer," Record says.

TARTER

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Anding offers several approaches to healthful weight management. First, she recommends that individuals set realistic goals.

"Remember, those unwanted pounds didn't appear overnight," Anding cautions. "Don't expect them to leave immediately."

Second, follow the recommendations of the Food Guide Pyramid and try to engage in at least 30 minutes of physical activity every day.

"Adopting these habits will not only help you reach a healthy weight, but it can also reduce your risk of developing other chronic

diseases including heart disease, diabetes and cancer," Anding said.

Individuals should check with their health care provider before starting any weight-loss or physical activity program, especially if they are sedentary, over the age of 40 or have a history of chronic disease.

To learn more about spotting fad diets as well as healthful approaches to weight management, contact the Howard County extension office at 264-2236.

Dana Tarter is the Howard County extension agent — family and consumer science.

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PEOPLE

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father as co-host 15 years ago and took over as the main host 10 years ago.

Gambling said his ratings were good and improving, but station management was seeking a younger audience more attractive to advertisers.

READ to your kids.

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winter, so it's only us crazy divers and a few swimmers," said Tom Young, a diver and instructor from San Antonio. "I can remember one trip a few years back, one of those times we were having all those freezes in San Antonio. We got up on a Saturday morning and it was 32 degrees, so we figured we'd go take a long breakfast before we did anything else."

"When we came out, it was 28 degrees and there were snow flurries."

So they did what any determined diver would do: They got ready in the room, sped over to the pool, and jumped into the 75-degree water.

"As long as you were in the water, it was all right," Young said.

The Rhynes laughed at Young's story, acknowledging that it wasn't the first such tale they had heard.

They have become close to the diving community in their 11 years of running what the divers have dubbed the "Toyahvale Mall," since they also sell souvenirs, swimming gear and picnic accessories.

Their main "dive shop" functions are filling air tanks, helping with broken equipment, and providing a congregating place for divers, who earned a place

in their hearts when Neta Rhyne fought lung cancer in 1992.

"I couldn't do much, of course," she said. "So the divers started coming in, and they asked if they could do anything in the shop. I made an appearance — I was getting chemo, so I didn't have any hair, just a bandanna around my head — on a Saturday. On Sunday afternoon, they all cooked under our pavilion. I came out, and every one of them had a bandanna on their head."

Divers helped run the shop throughout her illness, handing over the proceeds at the end of every week-end.

Darrel Rhyne also is a certified diving instructor, learning the skill soon after the couple opened the shop in 1989 — while he was the park's administrator. He now is a health inspector for the city of Midland, 120 miles away, and is looking to retire in five years to go into business full-time.

"We don't make enough from the shop to live on yet," Neta Rhyne said.

The fort is still pretty much out of the way.

"It's an hour's drive to get a gallon of milk," she joked. "And we get everything by mail. I call it the Pony Express because it takes so long."

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SPORTS EXTRA

AP TOP 25

Table listing the top 25 college football teams in the AP poll, including Nebraska, Florida State, Michigan, Wisconsin, Texas, Florida, Kansas State, Virginia Tech, Washington, Southern Cal, Tennessee, Miami, Purdue, UCLA, Alabama, Clemson, Ohio State, Oklahoma, Illinois, TCU, Notre Dame, Michigan State, Georgia, Auburn, and Southern Miss.

H.S. RANKINGS

Table listing high school football rankings for Class 5A, Class 6A, Class 3A, Class 2A, and Class 1A, with teams like Garland, Midland Lee, Austin Westlake, Katy, Aldine Eisenhower, Mesquite, The Woodlands, Duncanville, Arlington Lamar, Tyler John Tyler, Wolfforth Friendship, Stephenville, Wichita Falls, Texas City, Ennis, San Marcos, Hereford, Brownwood, Highland Park, LaMarque, Lamesa, Crockett, LaGrange, Everman, Cuero, Martin, Kirby-Elyau, Alamo, Sweeny, Mart, Celina, Refugio, Sonora, Orvey, Alto, Cornigan-Camden, Pilot Point, Rogers, Elysian Fields, Shiner, Beckville, Stratford, Paskett, Celeste, Rankin, Wortham, and Bremond.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL: American League - CHICAGO WHITE SOX - Extended their player development contract with Winston Salem of the Carolina League through the 2002 season. Recalled LHP Jesus Pena from Birmingham of the Southern League. CLEVELAND INDIANS - Recalled LHP C.C. Sabathia. MINNESOTA TWINS - Recalled RHP Danny Mota from Salt Lake City of the PCL. TORONTO BLUE JAYS - Signed a four-year player development contract with Auburn of the New York-Penn League. NATIONAL LEAGUE: MILWAUKEE BREWERS - Purchased the contract of Kevin Brown from Indianapolis of the International League. Moved RHP Rocky Coppinger from the 15-day to the 60-day disabled list. BASETBALL: National Basketball Association - DETROIT PISTONS - Waived G Eric Murdock. INDIANA PACERS - Waived F Chris Mullin. Signed G Jacquay Watts, F Gerald Brown and G Rex Walters. FOOTBALL: National Football League - ARIZONA CARDINALS - Named Mike Devlin assistant offensive line coach. DENVER BRONCOS - Waived RB Kalfon Coleman and WR Andre Cooper. Signed OT Melvin Tuten. Placed OT Trey Traugott on the injured reserve. MIAMI DOLPHINS - Signed WR Brian Alford to the practice squad. Released WR Robert Baker. NEW YORK GIANTS - Re-signed CB Ramon McDouald. Waived TE Brody Hefner-Lodard. Signed RB Damon Washington to the practice squad. PHILADELPHIA EAGLES - Claimed DT Darvin Walker off waivers from Arizona. Released DT

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

Major League Standings for American League and National League. American League includes East Division (New York, Boston, Toronto, Baltimore, Tampa Bay) and West Division (Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Kansas City, Minnesota). National League includes East Division (Atlanta, New York, Florida, Montreal, Philadelphia) and West Division (St. Louis, San Francisco, Arizona, Los Angeles, Colorado, San Diego). Includes dates and times for upcoming games.

NFL STANDINGS

NFL Standings for American Conference (East, Central, West) and National Conference (East, Central, West). Lists teams, wins, losses, ties, and points for/against.

AL LEADERS

AL Leaders for batting, pitching, and fielding. Batting leaders include Garcia, Rodriguez, and Ramirez. Pitching leaders include Lincecum, Lirio, and Lincecum. Fielding leaders include Rodriguez, Ramirez, and Ramirez.

NL LEADERS

NL Leaders for batting, pitching, and fielding. Batting leaders include Lincecum, Lirio, and Lincecum. Pitching leaders include Lincecum, Lirio, and Lincecum. Fielding leaders include Rodriguez, Ramirez, and Ramirez.

ROUNDUP

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Mariners 11, Royals 3 At Seattle, Freddy Garcia (7-4) won his third straight start, allowing three runs and seven hits in 7 1/3 innings as the Mariners stayed one game ahead of Oakland in the AL West.

Joe Oliver went 3-for-5 with two doubles and three RBIs for Seattle, just 10-19 since taking a seven-game division lead on Aug. 11. Edgar Martinez was 3-for-5 with three RBIs and his 34th homer.

Dan Reichert (8-6) lost for the first time in 11 starts since July 16. Athletics 5, Twins 3 Jason Giambi homered twice and drove in three runs off Brad Radke (11-15) as Oakland won its fourth straight at home and closed within a half-game of Cleveland, the wild card leader.

Giambi, who has 36 homers and 115 RBIs, hit a solo shot in the third and a two-run homer in the seventh. Mark Mulder (9-10) allowed three hits in seven innings to win his second straight start.

Angels 5, Devil Rays 2 Adam Kennedy drove in three runs and Benji Gil had two RBIs, including a squeeze bunt at Anaheim. Tim Belcher (4-2) allowed two runs and five hits in seven innings, sending Tampa Bay to its fourth straight loss. Troy Percival pitched the ninth for his 29th save.

Bryan Rekar (6-10) took the loss. Mets 10, Brewers 2 Benny Agbayani homered and drove in three runs at Shea Stadium as the Mets, who scored only 30 runs in losing eight of 10 this month, remained two games behind first-place Atlanta in the NL East and 4 1/2 ahead

of Arizona in the wild card race. Bobby J. Jones (9-5) allowed two runs and seven hits in eight innings to beat John Snyder (3-9), who gave up seven runs - five earned - and nine hits in 4 1/3 innings.

Marlins 5, Braves 4 Preston Wilson homered at Turner Field, helping send Atlanta to its third straight loss. The Braves trailed 5-2 before Reggie Sanders' RBI single in the eighth chased Jesus Sanchez (9-10).

Antonio Alfonseca walked pinch-hitter Bobby Bonilla leading off the ninth, then gave up consecutive singles to Rafael Furcal and Andrew Jones as Atlanta closed within a run. Kevin Millwood (9-11) allowed all five runs and 10 hits in 6 1/3 innings.

D-backs 5, Dodgers 4 David Dellucci drove in the go-ahead run with a two-out infield single off Onan Masaola (1-1) in the eighth as Arizona remained 4 1/2 games behind the Mets in the wild card race and 8 1/2 games behind San Francisco, the NL West leader.

Dave Hansen tied the score 4-all in the seventh with his seventh pinch-hit home of the season, a three-run drive that broke the previous major league record of six pinch homers, set by Johnny Frederick with the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1932.

Byung-Hyun Kim (6-5) pitched a one-hit eighth at Phoenix, and Matt Mantei finished with a perfect ninth for his 14th save.

Giants 9, Astros 5 Marvin Benard, Barry Bonds and Bill Mueller all homered as visiting San Francisco rallied to win for the 12th time in 14 games. Shawn Estes (15-4) allowed four first-inning runs, then

gave up only one run in the next six innings. Scott Elarton (16-6) allowed six runs and seven hits in six innings.

Rockies 6, Padres 3 Masato Yoshii (6-14), who missed a start Saturday because of soreness in his right arm, allowed two runs and three hits in five innings at San Diego. Jose Jimenez got four outs for his 20th save.

Colorado's Todd Helton went 2-for-3 and raised his major league-leading average to .381. He was 1-for-11 in his previous three games. Matt Clement (12-15) took the loss.

Cardinals 11, Pirates 1 Darryl Kile (18-9), who returned following a 1-hour, 44-minute rain delay in the third, won his fourth consecutive start, allowing an unearned run and five hits in seven innings. Mike Matheny drove in three runs for visiting St. Louis.

Mark McGwire grounded to shortstop in the first, making him 1-for-4 with one home run in five plate appearances since he was activated from the disabled list last week.

Dan Serafini (2-4) gave up five runs and nine hits in five innings. Expos 1, Phillies 0 Jose Vidro homered in the eighth off Amaury Telemaco (1-1), making his first major league start since Sept. 26, 1998.

Tony Armas (5-8) allowed two hits in seven innings at Philadelphia, and Guillermo Mota and Scott Strickland finished the three-hitter, with Strickland getting three outs for his sixth save.

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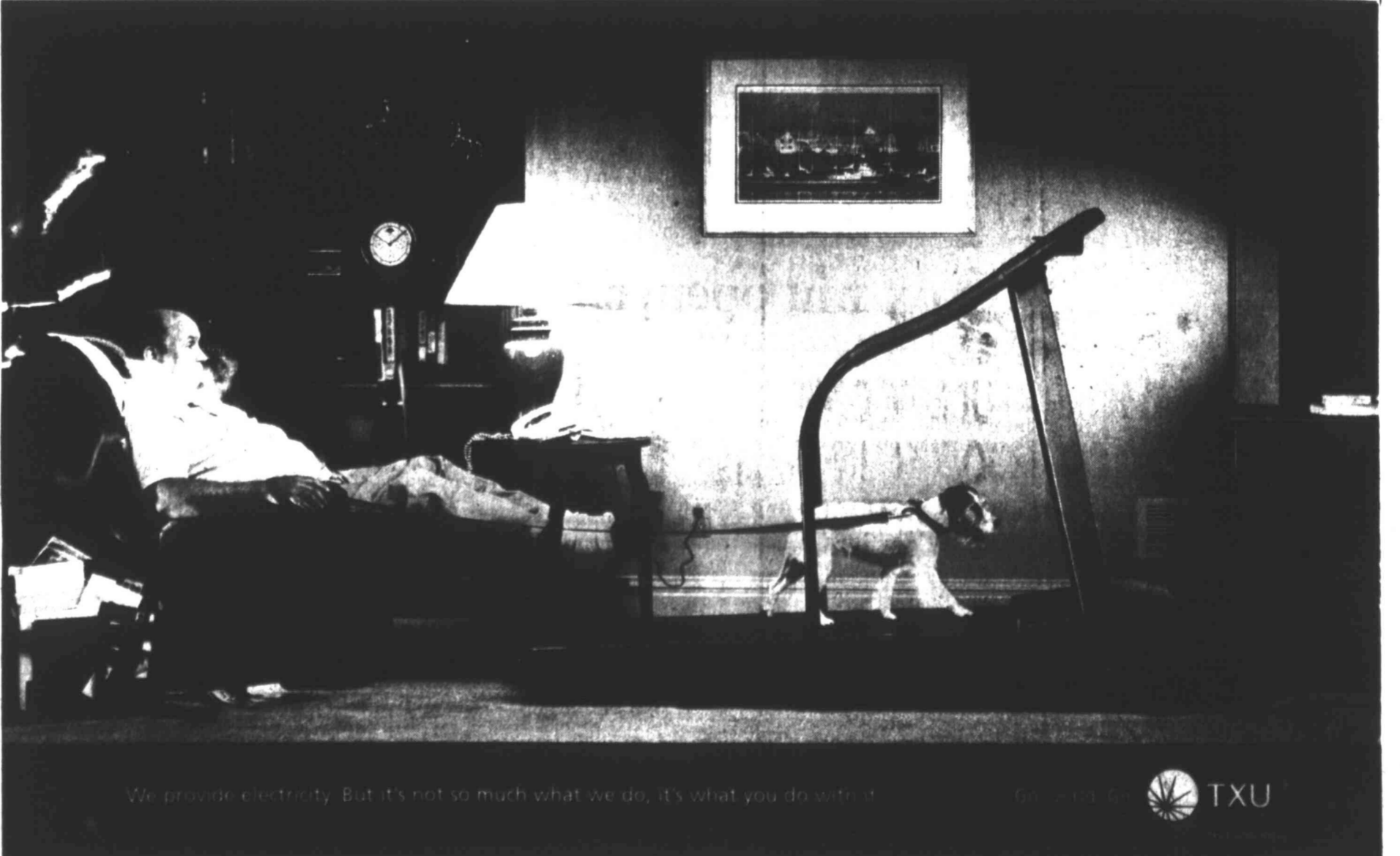
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KNIGHT

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ed a zero-tolerance policy that had been in place since May. But Knight said he was never told exactly what "zero-tolerance" meant, a claim university officials denied. Knight said one episode cited by Brand, verbal abuse of a university lawyer, occurred during a meeting about the \$30,000 fine levied against him by Brand in May. But Knight said he never used profanity and didn't raise his voice. After the ESPN interview, university officials said they stood by Brand's earlier statements concerning the incident. "I certainly think he did have a chance. In fact, his job was saved by this administration in May and they gave him another chance, a new lease on life," school trustee Stephen Backer said. "It appears, from his own interview, that he was angry and resentful, and instead of taking advantage of the opportunity, he failed to do so."



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Midland	Odessa	Dallas	Dallas	Odessa	Dallas	Midland	Atlanta	Spanish	Premiere	News/Info	Premiere	Premiere	Premiere	Odessa	New York	Discovery	Atlanta	Landing Ch.					
6:30 News (CC) Fortune	Home Imp. Judge Judy	Webbone Zoolomax	Early Edition	News (CC) Tonight	News (CC) Tonight	News (CC) Tonight	Fresh Prince Fresh Prince	Por Tu Amor	Movie: Young Hearts Unleashed (CC)	Marital Law	(15) Movie: Payback	(CC) ..	(15) Movie: Desperately Seeking Susan	News John Huges	Law & Order (CC)	Wild Discovery	Pretender (CC)	Mega Tech					
7:30 Two Guys-Girl Home (CC)	Movie: Solo Survivor (CC)	Great Apes (CC)	AFI 100 Years, 100	Big Brother (CC)	Two Guys-Girl Home (CC)	Dateline (CC)	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	Mujeres Enganadas	Red (CC) Movie: The Other Me	Thicker Than Blood: The	(CC) ..	Movie: Election (CC)	Sex and-City Aries	Biography (CC)	On the Inside	Movie: Up Close &	Extreme Machines						
8:30 Drew Carey Spin City (CC)	On Our Own Terms: May	Laugh (CC)	Latin Grammy Awards (CC)	Drew Carey Spin City (CC)	West Wing (CC)	(05) WCW Thunder (CC)	Laborintos de Pasion	The Other Me (CC)	Larry McLinden Story	The Out-of-Towners	(CC) Movie: The	Soul Food	Oz (CC)	Something Good	Investigative Reports (CC)	How to Survive	Movie: Up	Ultimate Ten Biggest					
9:30 News (CC) Nightline	Jerry Springer (CC)	News-Letters	700 Club (CC)	News (CC) Nightline	News (CC) Nightline	News (CC) Tonight	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	P. Impacto Noticias Univ.	Runs in the Family (CC)	Marital Law	Hot Spot	Resurrection (CC) Movie: The	The Corner (CC)	News Life in Word	Law & Order (CC)	On the Inside	Close & Personal	Extreme Machines					
11:30 Politically Inc. (36) Meury	Real TV (CC) Unhappily	Inside the Animal Mind	Who's Boss? Who's Boss?	Show (CC) (37) Late Late	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc.	Show (CC) (37) Late	(05) WCW Thunder	Viviana a la Medianoche	Zorro (CC) Mickey Mouse	Basemasters Bill Dance	(40) Movie: Hard Bounty	Chris Rock Movie: The	Duane Sheriff Church	Biography (CC)	How to Survive	..	Secret World-Carriers						
12:30 AM Paid Program	Bewitched Jeannie	Grand Canyon	Paid Program Paid Program	Show (CC) Grace Under	(12:06) Oprah Winfrey (CC)	Night (CC) Frasier	..	Te Sigo Amando	Walt Disney Presents	Outdoor World Secrets-Hunt	Henry Fool (CC)	(12:15) Movie: Barfy	Right Temptation (CC)	American Justice (CC)	How to Survive	Movie: The Electric	Ultimate Ten Biggest						

**DENNIS THE MENACE**

9-13  
\*I'M JUST SHOWING JOEY HOW GRAVITY WORKS.\*

**FAMILY CIRCUS**

9-13  
"Bush, Gore — I don't care which one wins. Both are easy to spell."

**HAGAR**

DADDY, WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO LET ME DECIDE WHEN I GO OUT AND WHO I GO OUT WITH?!

WHEN YOU'RE OLDER AND MORE MATURE

**BLONDIE**

I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THE DIXIE CHICKS' CONCERT NEXT WEEK!

OH SURE, THE DIXIE CHICKS. I'VE HEARD OF THEM!

YOU'VE ACTUALLY HEARD OF THE DIXIE CHICKS? I NEVER KNOW WHEN YOU'RE PUTTING ME ON

I'M PRETTY SURE I'VE HEARD OF THEM!

**B.C.**

HOW WAS YOUR DATE WITH THE WRESTLER?

TOO GOOD.

TOO GOOD?

HE BROKE EVERY HOLD I KNOW.

**GEECH**

MY AUNT CALDE DIED LAST WEEK.

SHE DID?

YEAH, AND SHE LEFT ME HER ENTIRE SET OF ELVIS PRESLEY COMMEMORATIVE CONDIMENT DISPENSERS.

I DIDN'T KNOW SHE WAS SUCH A BIG ELVIS FAN.

SHE WASN'T, BUT SHE SURE LOVED CONDIMENTS.

**WIZARD OF ID**

THAT'LL BE FIVE BUCKS FOR THE READING

OH, OH... CAN YOU CHANGE A TEN?

**HI AND LOIS**

ONE OF THE FUN THINGS ABOUT BEING A BABY...

YOU LEARN SOMETHING NEW EVERY DAY!

**GASOLINE ALLEY**

If I'm real careful, I can stay out of the goons' sight...

...and try to find where they've got Nina hidden!

**SNUFFY SMITH**

I FERGOT-- I CAN'T PLAY CARDS TONIGHT, CALEB

FERGOT?

I FERGOT WHAR MAW HID HER BUTTER AN' EGG MONEY

**BETLE BAILY**

ARE YOU EVER GOING TO GET MARRIED?

YES, BUT I JUST HAVEN'T MET THE RIGHT GUY

MAYBE YOU SHOULD GO SOMEPLACE WHERE THERE ARE MORE "RIGHTER" GUYS

**THIS DATE IN HISTORY**

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
Today is Wednesday, Sept. 13, the 257th day of 2000. There are 109 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
On Sept. 13, 1788, the Congress of the Confederation authorized the first national election, and declared New York City the temporary national capital.

**On this date:**  
In 1759, during the final French and Indian War, the British defeated the French on the Plains of Abraham overlooking Quebec City.  
In 1803, Commodore J8hn Barry, considered by many the father of the American Navy, died in Philadelphia.  
In 1943, Chiang Kai-shek became president of China.  
In 1948, Republican Margaret Chase Smith of Maine was elected to the Senate, becoming the first woman to serve in both houses of Congress.  
In 1949, the Ladies Professional Golf Association of America was formed in New York City, with Patty Berg as its first president.  
In 1971, a four-day inmates' rebellion at the Attica Correctional Facility in upstate New York ended as police and guards stormed the prison; the ordeal and final assault claimed 43 lives.  
In 1977, conductor Leopold Stokowski died in Hampshire, England, at age 95.  
In 1989, Fay Vincent was named commissioner of Major League Baseball, succeeding the late A. Bartlett Giamatti.

**Today's Birthdays:**  
Actress Eileen Fulton ("As the World Turns") is 67. TV producer Fred Silverman is 63. Former White House spokesman Larry Speakes is 61. Actor Richard Kiel is 61. Rock singer David Clayton-Thomas (Blood, Sweat & Tears) is 59. Actress Jacqueline Bisset is 56. Singer Peter Cetera (Chicago) is 56. Actress Nell Carter is 52. Singer Randy Jones (The Village People) is 48. Record producer Don Was is 48. Actress Jean Smart is 41. Country singer Bobbie Cryner is 39. Rock singer-musician Dave Mustaine (Megadeth) is 39. Rock musician Zak Starkey is 35. Olympic gold medal runner Michael Johnson is 33.

**THE Daily Crossword** Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

**ACROSS**

- Male deer
- Tickled pink
- Beginning on
- Precious-stone weight
- Black sheep
- Tan shade
- Texas mission
- Trigger's lunch
- Wedge
- Lucky charm
- U.K. honor
- Cools down
- Adrenal hormone
- Salamander
- Male swan
- Like Nash's lama
- Period of note
- Weekday abbr.
- Remained
- H
- Draw
- Muse of poetry
- Staggered
- O.T. book
- Manage
- The \_\_\_ of the Ancient Mariner
- Record speed?
- Singer Brickell
- Poster paint
- Judah's son
- Lode load
- Water finder
- Poet Dove
- Desperate
- String quartet member
- Perfect server
- Carolina college
- Bury
- Rabbit's kin
- Declaim loudly
- Tenancy period

**DOWN**

- Duel reminder
- Western Samoan currency
- Part of U.A.E.
- Ploy
- Cicero, e.g.
- Nauseate
- Unit of bread
- Prickly rosebush
- Having a motif
- Ornamental case
- Accomplished
- Cut short
- Power of a number
- Mercury and Saturn
- Former Chrysler cars
- DDE's rival
- Local playground, perhaps
- Small antelope
- Got hot under the collar
- Part of M.I.T.
- Covered by a canvas structure
- Bring up
- Close by
- Cleveland's lake
- Home utility monitor
- One who ridicules
- Potent starter?
- Locomotive
- Locomotive scripture
- Author Jong
- Saint Theresa of
- Metal-shaping stand
- Pig or cast follower
- British work schedule
- Corrida cheers
- Challenge
- In existence

By Robert H. Wolfe  
North Woodmere, NY

9/13/00

**Tuesday's Puzzle Solved**

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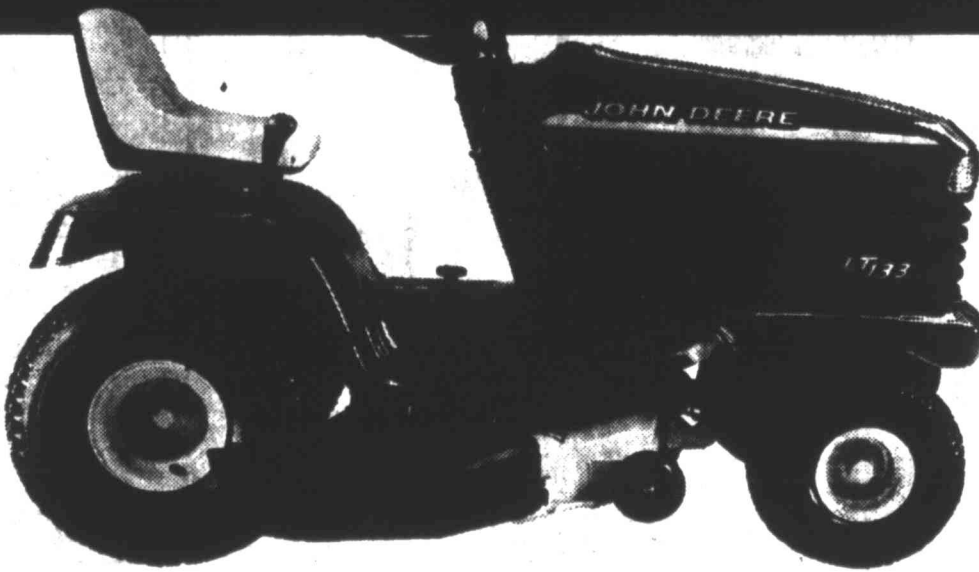
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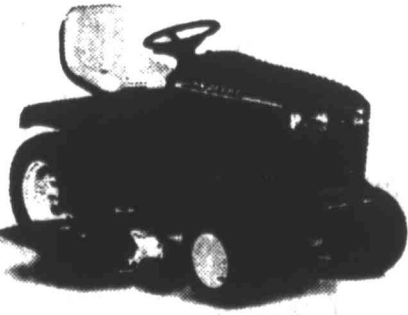


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## Ollie, Syd and Millie Australian Olympic Mascots

The Olympic Games have mascots that represent the host country.

Australia is full of interesting animals, and three of them have been chosen as models for Olympic mascots.

Their names have special meanings, and their personalities represent the special traits of the Australian people.

Ollie the friendly kookaburra is named for the Olympic Games. Ollie is welcoming and helpful, and represents the air over Australia.

Syd the sporty platypus is named after Sydney, the host city. Syd is funny and energetic. He represents Australia's waters.

Millie the youthful echidna is named for the millennium. Millie is very optimistic about the future. She represents Australia's land.



### The models for the mascots

#### The kookaburra ...

- has a call that sounds like human laughter and is often called the laughing jackass.
- eats small mammals, snakes, insects and termites.
- kills snakes by taking them high up in trees and dropping them down.
- lives in treetops, termite nests and riverbanks.



The kookaburra

#### The platypus (PLAT-uh-puhs) ...

- has a brown, velvety coat, a rubbery, ducklike bill, webbed feet and claws, and a beaverlike tail.
- makes its home in riverbanks.
- eats shrimp, snails, frogs, worms and insect larvae.
- searches for food with its sensitive bill.



The platypus

#### The echidna (ih-KIH-duh) ...

- is also called the spiny anteater.
- is covered with stout spines and bristly hair.
- defends itself by curling up into a ball of prickly spines.
- eats ants and termites that it catches with its long, sticky tongue.
- has both nostrils and mouth at the end of a long snout.



The echidna

### Dingo ... Down Under's dog



A dingo mother and her pup. Dingoes can make good pets if they are tamed when young.

The dingo is a wild dog that was brought to Australia by the aboriginals. Dingoes prey on wombats, wallabies, kangaroos and rabbits. They are thought to be pests because they sometimes gang together in packs and attack cattle and sheep. Dingoes seldom bark, but they do howl.



### Frill-necked lizard

The frill-necked lizard has a frill around its neck that stands up when it is frightened. Australia has many reptiles, including crocodiles, turtles, and about 160 kinds of snakes.

### The black swan

The black swan is the only swan that is native to Australia. It can be found in all of the states.



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

Q: Why can't a bride keep a secret?  
A: Someone is always giving her away!

Q: Why did the piece of bread scream?  
A: Someone stepped on his toast!

Q: What's brown on the outside and gray on the inside?  
A: An elephant in a brown paper bag!

Go on a BR word hunt. What other words can you find that use the BR blend? What sound do you hear?

## Australia's Amazing Animals

### The marsupials

Female marsupials carry their young in a fold or pouch. A young marsupial:

- is hairless and weighs less than an ounce at birth.
- crawls into the pouch and attaches itself to the mother's nipple, where it nurses and grows until it is able to be on its own.



The koala baby is about the size of a bumblebee when born. It crawls out of its mother's pouch when it is about 6 months old and is carried on its mother's back until it is about a year old.

Koalas have no eyelids or tail. They are often incorrectly called koala "bears," but they are not related to bears at all.

They eat only the leaves of certain types of eucalyptus trees.

### The pygmy possum

Most possums use their tail as another hand when climbing. The pygmy possum is one of the world's tiniest marsupials. It rests during the day and moves about at night to feed mainly on pollen and nectar.



Two of these animals, the kangaroo and the emu, are on the Australian coat of arms. At birth, a baby kangaroo might weigh less than an ounce and be only 1 inch long.

### The kangaroo

Some kangaroos can grow to be 6 feet tall and weigh about 200 pounds. Kangaroos usually move about in the late afternoon or at night, eating grasses and other plants. Kangaroos have strong hind feet and can leap up to 25 feet in one hop and travel as fast as 30 miles per hour.

They use their strong tails for balance and support.

### The emu

At 7 feet tall, the emu is Australia's largest bird. It has thick brown feathers, small wings and long legs. While it cannot fly, it can run as fast as 40 miles per hour. It can also swim.



After the female lays eggs, the male hatches them.

Because Australia is an island, animals that developed there are quite different from those found in other parts of the world. Millions of years ago, all of the world's land was lumped together as one huge landmass.

Over thousands of years, the continents drifted apart. Australia became isolated. Australia did not have any members of the cat family, hoofed animals, monkeys or apes until they were imported.

Since most Australians live in cities, they, like tourists, often see these animals only in zoos. Some animals, such as the koalas, live in specially protected parks or in the wild. Others, such as the red kangaroo, can be seen in the outback, the grassy plains of inland Australia.

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