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## Taste of Home tickets on sale at the chamber

Tickets for the Taste of Home Cooking School are not on sale.

Sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the *Big Spring Herald* and KBST, the show will be Oct. 12 at the Municipal Auditorium.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the show will begin at 6:30. Only 1,300 tickets will be sold. Tickets may be obtained at the chamber for \$7 each.

For more information, call the chamber at 263-7641.

## WHAT'S UP...

### TODAY

□ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 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.

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

□ Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association, 5:30 p.m., RSVP offices, 501 Runnels.

□ American Legion Post 506, 6 p.m., call 263-2084.

□ Rackley-Swords Chapter No. 379, Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Road.

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

### FRIDAY

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

Bring a lunch.

□ 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.

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## Eradication effort drastically reducing number of weevils

By **BILL McCLELLAN**  
News Editor

In the midst of one of the worst droughts in Texas history, cotton growers across the Permian Basin have at least one thing they can feel good about — boll weevil numbers have been



**NOTE**

drastically reduced.

And that means one major threat to producing a profitable crop is well on its way to being eliminated.

"We're as disappointed as anybody with the way it turned out so dry. A dry year like this is a benefit to nobody. But the program is going on fine," said Stanton Mote, supervisor of the Big Spring District of the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone. "The numbers are looking very good."

The Texas Boll Weevil

Erudication Foundation has released figures indicating the weevil population has been reduced almost 98 percent across the zone, from an average of 9.88 weevils per trap in the last week of August 1999 to .22 weevils per trap for the same week this year.

The Texas Agriculture Extension Agency has its own program, and though the numbers of weevils reported are slightly higher than those released by the eradication foundation, officials say the difference is of

no consequence.

"The extension service has a survey scouting program whereby we monitor weevil activity as well as other pest problems in cotton. Our survey is showing numbers a little higher than that, but there will always be a little bit of variability," said David Kight, Howard County Extension Agent. "We're looking at an 80 to 85 percent reduction. That's not that much difference when you are talking numbers of weevils. The main thing is the program is

working and going in the right direction."

Foundation personnel placed traps around fields at a greater concentration than the previous fall. The increased numbers of traps allowed employees to monitor weevil activity in fields more precisely and to make treatment decisions based on the information obtained.

That meant fewer acres in the zone were sprayed, as only the portions of fields

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More than 25 Big Spring Junior High students gathered at their flag pole at this morning in a nationwide student-led prayer event, "See You at the Pole." Some 75 students participated in a similar ceremony at Big Spring High School. Students and adults are invited to a follow-up event, "Saw You at the Pole," at 7 p.m. today at the Municipal Auditorium.

HERALD photo/Carl Graham

## Rural water well screening program a big hit

By **CARL GRAHAM**  
Staff Writer

More than 100 Howard County residents took advantage of a Rural Well Water Screening program last week.

"We had an extremely good turnout of people showing concern for the quality of their water," said Eddie Corse, civil engineering technician with USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service. "It was a very informative program and we were pleased with the turnout and

results." There were 156 water samples screened for salts, nitrates and bacteria levels. The results of the screenings were presented to participants at the Howard County Fairgrounds Activity Center.

In addition to the water screening, information was provided to help rural residents assess the risk of groundwater pollution and describe the best management practices that can help protect groundwater.

The information was developed by the Texas

Agricultural Extension Service as the TEX\*A\*Syst Program. It includes a self-analysis questionnaire to highlight practices well owners may want to use to reduce the risk of groundwater contamination.

Information on reducing salt and nitrate levels and how to disinfect a well to eliminate bacteria was also presented.

The project was a joint effort of several entities: the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Howard County Agricultural Extension

Service, Howard Soil and Water Conservation District, Howard County Commissioners Court and the Big Country Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Area.

The voluntary and confidential, self-assessment program was designed to help rural residents check the quality of their well water and learn how to reduce the pollution risks associated with water wells.

For more information on the results or any other programs, contact Corse at 267-1871.

## Immaculate Heart plans fall festival this weekend

By **BILL McCLELLAN**  
News Editor

Immaculate Heart of Mary always enjoys putting on its fall festival, but this one will be more special than most.

"This will be our official welcome to newly appointed pastor Richard Regan," said Deborah Rupard, roundup coordinator. "We especially want everyone to come out and meet him."

It promises to be a grand welcome, with lots of food, games, music and prizes both Saturday and Sunday.

Festival activities begin at 5 p.m. Saturday with the annual turkey dinner, which has gained quite a

reputation around town.

"People always ask 'When are you going to have your turkey dinner? We always look forward to it.' Well it's this weekend," said Rupard.

The meal is homemade and includes drinks and dessert. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Booths open at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday.

"We'll have a cake walk, train ride, Wheel of Fortune and all the kids games you can imagine. We have boxes and boxes of wonderful prizes to give out to the kids," said Rupard.

Food booths will feature everything from nachos to pickles and hamburgers to homemade gorditas, burritos and tamales.

The Country Store will offer craft items, desserts and more. Also on sale will be caps, T-shirts and golf shirts with the Immaculate



**RUPARD**

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From left, Louise Mexia, Grace McDaniel, Claudia McCreary, Anna Hattenbach and Elizabeth Cronweige get ready to cook some 14 turkeys for the Immaculate Heart of Mary fall festival. A turkey dinner begins the two-day festival at 5 p.m. Saturday.

HERALD photo/Carl Graham

## Vote

### Herald joins other papers in statewide essay contest

By **JOHN A. MOSELEY**  
Managing Editor

With the Nov. 7 general election just two months away Secretary of State

Elton Bomer and his staff, as in years past, are making every effort to encourage voter participation.

Among the strategies the Secretary of State's Office has adopted is sponsorship of an essay contest titled "Why My Parents Should Vote."

The contest is open to all home-schooled, public and private school students in Texas.

The *Herald*, along with other members of the Texas Press Association and the Texas Daily Newspaper Association, is participating in the contest by publishing essays written by students in the Crossroads area.

"We're not trying to cow parents into performing their civic duty," *Herald* publisher John H. Walker said in announcing the paper's participation in the contest. "The newspapers across the state just want to excite children and their parents about voting and participating in a great civic act that affects not only life in our community, but throughout America."

The contest is divided into three divisions — for students in kindergarten through the fifth grade; those in the sixth through eighth grades; and those in high school.

Essays in the first divi-

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OBITUARIES

Annie "Mae" Brumley

Annie "Mae" Brumley, 95, of Big Spring, passed away on Monday, Sept. 18, 2000, at her home following a long illness. Graveside service is 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Dudley Mullins officiating.



Mrs. Brumley was born on Aug. 13, 1905, in Rights, Tenn. She had lived in Martin and Howard County for over 70 years. Mrs. Brumley was a member of the Church of Christ. She had worked for Gillan Upholstery. She is survived by one daughter, Thelma Ditto of Big Spring; four sons, Charles William Brumley of Colorado City, J.R. (Buster) Brumley of Big Spring, James Elbert Brumley of Moody, and Charles Ray Brumley of Rule; one brother, Walter Froman of Ackerly; 24 grandchildren; 53 great-grandchildren; 17 great-great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Samuel W. Froman and Minnie C. Crumby Froman, she was preceded in death by four children, Bobbie Brumley and Edward Brumley and two infants. Pallbearers will be grandsons, Donnie Thompson, Tommy Brumley, Johnny Brumley, David Brumley, Ronnie Meek and Raymond Meek. Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

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Dorothy Wooden

Funeral service for Dorothy Wooden, 75, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288  
Annie Mae Brumley, 95, died Monday. Graveside services are 3:00 PM today at Trinity Memorial Park.  
Dorothy Wooden, 75, died Tuesday. Services are pending.  
Peggy McCarty, 60, died Wednesday. Services are pending.  
Bob Jones, 67, died Saturday. Services are pending.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-8331  
Pedro Rodriguez, 43, died Sunday. Rosary will be said at 7:00 PM Thursday at 1113 Lloyd. Funeral mass will be 2:00 PM Friday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.  
William H. "Bill" Tucker, 79, died Tuesday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.  
Leo J. Parker, 79, died Tuesday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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Ms. Wooden died on Tuesday, Sept. 19, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Peggy McCarty

Funeral service for Peggy McCarty, 60, of Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Ms. McCarty died on Wednesday, Sept. 20, at Mountain View Lodge.

William H. "Bill" Tucker

William H. "Bill" Tucker, 79, of Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, died on Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2000, in a local hospital.

Graveside funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with Dr. Claude Craven, retired Baptist minister, officiating.

He was born on April 17, 1921, in Breckenridge, and married Helen K. Hunt in June 1970, in Lovington, N.M. She preceded him in death on Feb. 5, 1997.

Bill served with the United States Marine Corps during World War II and the Korean Conflict. He was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received while serving in the South Pacific.

He was a Presbyterian and a member of the American Legion Post 470 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2013.

Survivors include: two daughters and sons-in-law, Deanna and Pearl Wilson of San Antonio and Theresa and James Kincaid of Odessa; seven grandchildren, Roy Swancy of Italy, Texas, Larry Swancy of Jacksonville, Fla., Donna Buchwald of San Antonio, Nancy Murray of Dallas, Benjamin King of Brownsville, A. J. Vignerman and Steven Scott of Odessa; 143 great-grandchildren and one sister-in-law, Evelyn Tucker of Brownwood.

The family will receive visitors at the funeral home from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22, 2000. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Leo Parker

Funeral service for Leo Parker, 79, of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mr. Parker died on Tuesday, Sept. 19, in a Midland hospital.

WEEVILS

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that showed sufficient weevil activity had to be treated. Treatments were reduced during midseason to aid in preserving beneficial insects that prey on other cotton pests. With the threat of a beet armyworm outbreak, foundation personnel took extra precautions to ensure eradication spraying would not be a major contributor to the problem.

The result was that entering into the fall the zone continues to show a marked reduction of boll weevil numbers compared with last year, whether one goes by the eradication foundation's numbers or the county extension agency. Other zones in the state

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are enjoying similar success. Four other zones began eradication in 1999 — the Western High Plains, Northwest Plains, Northern Rolling Plains and El Paso/Tran Pecos — and all have seen reductions in weevil numbers well in excess of 90 percent.

The Rolling Plains Central zone, to the east of the Permian Basin, has seen greater than a 99.9 percent reduction in weevil counts compared with 1996, and the South Texas/Winter Garden zone has seen a reduction of about 93 percent compared with 1996.

What has the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation most proud, however, is the Southern Rolling Plains, the area surrounding San Angelo. The zone is to be declared functionally eradicated today. Texas Department of Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs will make the announcement at a celebration in the Saint Ambrose Hall in Wall.

Growers in the Permian Basin can expect a continued assault against the weevil. Foundation personnel will be aggressive in treating for weevils this fall. Much of the area cotton is past cut-out, and the weevils are preparing to overwinter. Fall insecticide treatments will attempt to reduce the number of weevils that will hibernates, resulting in fewer weevils that will emerge in the spring.

"We'll continue until there is no hostable cotton out there," said Mote, who added, "We want to thank producers for all they have done this year."

Next year will be much like this year. Growers will again be asked to cooperate with the effort, especially to allow foundation employees to have access to all sides of their fields. This will enable them to make the best decisions for treating fields, thereby reducing the cost of the program and the amount of insecticide introduced into the environment.

According to Mote, there are about 245,000 plantable cotton acres in the Big Spring District. However, not all of those contain cotton.

"We're sitting right at around 180,000 to 190,000 acres," he said.

VOTE

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sion, grades K-5, will be 100 to 300 words, while those in grades 6-8 will be limited to 400 words or less and high school students should write 500 words or less.

All entries must be received by the Secretary of State's Office by Oct. 6 and judging will take place between Oct. 9 and Oct. 30.

Those who submit essays will receive appreciation letters from Bomer's office and the top three winners in each category will receive certificates.

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MARKETS

December cotton 63.40, up 27 points; October crude 37.45, up 94 points; cash hogs steady at 42 even; slaughter steers steady at 66 even; October lean hog futures 54.85, up 27 points; October live cattle futures 68.02 up 5 points.  
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Noon quotes provided by Edward Jones & Co.

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Heart of Mary logo. At 7:30, the Billy Shears Band will perform. The band, made up of Howard County residents, will play until 10:30.

Bingo begins at 8, with prizes donated by businesses throughout the community. The prizes include a painting, gift certificates, Beanie Babies and more.

Sunday's activities begin with a Mexican dinner at 11:30 a.m. Diners will have a choice of a taco dinner, a combination dinner or steak with green chilies. The meal is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children and will include drinks and dessert. Serving will continue until 2 p.m.

Food and activity booths will open at 11:30 a.m. and run until 6 p.m. on Sunday. A Tejano band, Pantarefs, will perform from 4 until 6.

A number of prizes will be given away during the two-day festival, including an Intel Pentium III 550 computer with printer and accessories, a 36-inch color television, a \$150 gift certificate, a Sony Play Station and a portable CD player.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church is located at 1009 Hearn. Those not familiar with the address should leave Big Spring going south on U.S. Highway 87 and turn right at the Texas RV Park sign. The church is at the top of the hill.

"It's going to be a lot of fun," said Rupard. "We invite everyone to come out and have a good time."

POLICE

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

- AARON PARKER BRISTOW, 21, of 1408 Park, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana. (BSPD)
- JENNIE DIANE SMALL, 29, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended. (BSPD)
- RANDY WAYNE JOHNSON, 36, of 604 Baylor, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated, second offense. (HCSO)
- TODD MICHAEL BRYAN, 26, of Andrews, was arrested on a charge of bondsman off bond, evading arrest. (BSPD)

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. today:

- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1200 block of Scurry.
- ATTEMPTED AGGRAVATED ROBBERY was reported in the 3000 block of Parkway.
- AMBER ALEXANDER, 20, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- MICHAEL MENDOZA, 32, no address given, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.

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# Documents show Bridgestone/Firestone testing revealed problems

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional investigators have uncovered testing done by Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. in 1996 that showed problems with the tires now under recall.

Eight of the 18 tires pulled off the production line four years ago failed speed tests in which the tires were driven at 200 mph for 90 minutes at a 90-degree temperature, according to data collected by Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., who is leading a House investigation into the Bridgestone/Firestone recall.

Seven of the tires were from the Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. plant in Decatur, Ill., Tauzin spokesman Ken Johnson said.

Bridgestone/Firestone last

month recalled 6.5 million ATX, ATX II and Wilderness AT tires, and since that time scrutiny and developments in the case have continued to mount.

On Tuesday the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration announced that 800 more complaints about the tires — for a total of 2,226 — have come in this month, bring the number of fatalities reported to 103 and the injury reports to more than 400. That's up from 88 deaths and more than 250 injuries on Aug. 31.

Most of the accidents with the recalled Firestone tires involved rollovers of Ford Motor Co.'s top-selling Explorer sport utility vehicle. Firestone tires are standard equipment on the Explorer.

Bridgestone/Firestone said last week it has narrowed its investigation to manufacturing processes at the Decatur plant and design specifications of the size of tires now under recall.

"It's clear to us from internal documents that someone at Firestone had to know they were having serious problems with these tires as early as 1996," Johnson said.

Bridgestone/Firestone spokeswoman Julia Sutherland said the problem in the 1996 testing did not involve tread separation but a failure on the sidewall near the rim. She said a chemical compound change was made in 1997 to correct the problem.

"It was not a tread separa-

tion issue, and it was not a failure that we saw in the real world, but one we saw in tests and we corrected it," she said.

Documents turned over to House investigators show Ford has settled 17 cases involving the Firestone tires for about \$4 million and Firestone has settled 14 cases for about \$12 million, Johnson said.

Leaders of the congressional investigations are trying to get new auto safety legislation on the books before Congress recesses for the year next month.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., hoped to pass his bill out of the Senate Commerce Committee on Wednesday. The bill would require automakers and their suppliers to share more safety

information with the federal government and significantly strengthen penalties for those that withhold key data.

Tauzin and Rep. Fred Upton, R-Mich., will present their bill at a subcommittee hearing on Thursday, which also aims to help NHTSA get more safety information.

Upton, chairman of the House Commerce's oversight and investigations subcommittee, and Tauzin, chairman of the committee's consumer protection panel, will hold a separate hearing Thursday to examine testing of the tires done by Bridgestone/Firestone and Ford.

Johnson said Ford's testing data does not show the automaker ever tested the recalled tires on the

Explorer at its recommended pressure of 28 pounds per square inch.

Bridgestone/Firestone recommends the tires be inflated to 30 psi and has suggested Ford's lower recommendation may have been a factor in accidents involving the Explorer.

Ford has said it recommended the same pressure for Goodyear tires used on the Explorers from 1995 to 1997 and has received far fewer reports of rollovers. The automaker also has said it tested the tires at 28 pounds on the Explorer, but Johnson said the committee has received no data showing such tests were done before last year.

Ford officials did not return calls seeking comment.

# Nine rescued after Cuban plane crashes

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — Was it a hijacking? A pilot's miscalculation? A deflection gone tragically wrong? More questions than answers were sparked Tuesday when a small Cuban plane crashed into the Gulf of Mexico, killing one of the 10 people aboard and leaving the rest clinging to debris awaiting rescue.

U.S. authorities hoped to get some answers into the fatal flight — including whether the single-engine plane ran out of gas — when Coast Guard officials interviewed the survivors Wednesday.

All but one of the survivors were aboard the

Panamanian freighter Chios Dream, whose captain rescued them. A 36-year-old man with serious head and neck injuries was flown to a Florida hospital for treatment.

A Coast Guard cutter arrived at the freighter Tuesday night. An FBI agent — sent after hijacking allegations surfaced — was en route on another cutter and was expected to arrive Wednesday afternoon.

Konstantinos Kalaitgis, captain of the Panamanian freighter, said the plane circled his ship several times and dropped a box into the sea. The plane crashed nearby and the survivors — three men, three women

and three children — scrambled out.

A doctor from the nearby Carnival Cruise ship Tropicale initially treated the survivors. In addition to the injured man, a woman had a broken collarbone and another had a severe leg cut, Carnival spokesman Andy Newman said. The others had no serious injuries, he said.

Initial reports from air traffic control in Havana said the aircraft reported a possible hijacking before the crash. But U.S. authorities offered no immediate explanation.

"They came voluntarily," said Aina Cepero, a family member of two brothers she

said had been aboard the plane. She said they brothers' father lives in Miami.

In Cuba, in-laws of the man believed to be the pilot said he apparently left an airstrip at Los Palacios, west of Havana, and picked up his wife and two sons at an airport in Pinar del Rio before flying out over the ocean in the Antonov AN-2 Colt.

The plane crashed about 50 miles west of Cuba or about 150 miles east of Mexico's Yucatan peninsula. It was 285 miles from Key West. The Coast Guard said the craft was heading west — away from both Florida and Cuba — when it went down.

# Permanent trade for China wins overwhelming victory

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress has come down solidly in favor of trade and engagement with China in historic legislation that President Clinton says will promote prosperity in America and freedom in China.

In a 83-15 vote, the Senate on Tuesday approved permanent normal trade status for China, laying the framework for a new trade arrangement under which China is to open its doors to American businesses and investors.

The legislation, which Clinton and others have praised as the most positive development in U.S.-China relations since President Nixon's visit to Beijing in 1972, now goes to the White House for the president's signature.

The granting of permanent trade status will end the annual review of U.S.-China trade relations that has been a source of contention between the two countries. Approval also sets the stage for China's entry into the World Trade Organization. With WTO entry later this year or early next year, China is

committed to opening its markets and drastically cutting tariffs on American and other imports.

"In return for normal trade relations," Clinton said, "China will open its markets to American products, from wheat to cars to consulting services, and we will be far more able to sell goods in China without moving our factories there."

He added that new trade status and WTO membership could affect the Chinese far more profoundly. "Our high-tech companies will help to speed the information revolution there. Outside competition will speed the demise of China's huge state industries and spur the enterprise of private sector involvement. They will diminish the role of government in people's daily lives."

But detractors, led by labor, human rights and conservative groups, said it was "wrong to sacrifice trade as a policy tool that could help force China to stop proliferating weapons and start improving its human rights record."

# Three-year-old girl mauled to death by family's pit bull

TYLER (AP) — A 3-year-old East Texas girl was mauled to death by her family's pit bulldog Tuesday after her mother fell asleep and the child wandered into the back yard, police said.

The attack happened at a rural home where Ahleah Austin lived with her mother, several siblings, an uncle and other family members, the Tyler Morning Telegraph report-

ed. The family lives several miles east of the city.

Investigators said the child's mother, Bevelon Austin, apparently fell asleep and never noticed that Ahleah had wandered into the backyard where 13 pit bulls were chained.

After the child was mauled to death by one of the dogs, another family member came home to find Ahleah's lifeless body in the

back yard, said Smith County Sheriff's Department Lt. Mike Lusk.

Investigators said one member of the family has already used a gun to kill the dog responsible for the mauling.

The family's other 12 pit bulls were later taken to a local veterinarian's office, to be euthanized, per the request of Ahleah's uncle, Marcus Ford, who owned

the dogs.

"I don't think anyone there wanted to see dogs there anymore," said Charles Wilson, a local constable who oversees animal control, on the family's decision to destroy the dogs.

Police said it's too early to say if any criminal charges will be filed in the girl's death.

An investigation was under way.

# Local resolution on gay-themed children's books struck down

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — A federal judge has struck down a local law that allowed signers of a petition to determine the future of two gay-themed picture books in the Wichita Falls public library.

U.S. District Judge Jerry Buchmeyer handed down a decision Tuesday declaring the law unconstitutional.

The law allowed 300 library-card holders to sign a petition and remove "objectionable" books from the library. Although the resolution didn't name the books targeted, City Council members took the action after protests over what to do about the placement of "Heather Has Two Mommies" and "Daddy's Roommate" on the library's shelves.

The issue has caused more than a year of legal wrangling between residents, city officials and religious leaders over First Amendment rights and whether the books should be deemed objectionable.

In his 44-page decision, Buchmeyer labeled the issue an "unfortunate story of the censorship of two children's books."

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# Few Hispanics consider going to college

## EDITORIAL

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### OUR VIEWS

## Class of 1965 showing true 'school spirit'

Big Spring High School students are busy celebrating homecoming, and many exes are "coming home" this week. From dress-up days to a parade and bonfire, there are school and community-wide activities for everyone involved. While at least a dozen graduating classes plan get-togethers, picnics and receptions, graduates of 1965 have turned their attention toward helping one of their own. It was more than three years ago that 1965 BSHS graduate Alan "Eli" Clanton suffered a major heart attack. He was revived, but has never regained consciousness, and his family — including wife, Carla Wadsworth Clanton, BSHS class of 1968, and two children still at home — are struggling. That's when Clanton's former classmates stepped in, some pledging monthly donations to help the family make ends meet. The class also plans a hamburger and fish fry benefit Saturday at La Vadera Club, on the West I-20 north service road. All donations for the meal, slated from noon-2 p.m., will go to the Clantons. Most of the activities of homecoming week are aimed at building spirit: A community pep rally and bonfire on Thursday, the parade on Friday, a Hall of Fame induction on Saturday. Gathering with old friends, reliving some of the "good ol' days" and wearing black and gold again are all part of the fun. But this year, we all have a unique example of "spirit" in the love the class of '65 is showing for one of its members and his family. Many of us plan to be out Friday night to support the Steers as they take on Abilene Wylie. Let's plan to make another stop this weekend and support the class of 1965 as it shows us all what "school spirit" really means.

Americans are better-educated than ever, according to a study released last week by the U.S. Census Bureau, but one group appears to lag far behind. Hispanics — the nation's fastest-growing minority group — have lower high school graduation rates than whites or blacks and substantially lower college attendance and graduation rates. Only 56 percent of Hispanics, compared with 84 percent of non-Hispanic whites and 77 percent of blacks, have graduated high school. And only 11 percent of Hispanics, compared with 26 percent of non-Hispanic whites and 15 percent of blacks, have a college degree. As troubling as these statistics are, they don't tell the whole story of Hispanic educational achievement in the United States, however. Unlike the overwhelming majority of both whites and blacks, a huge proportion of Hispanics in the U.S. were born — and in many cases educated — abroad. Among adults over 25 (the group covered in the Census study), foreign-born Hispanics actually outnumber the U.S.-born by 8.9 million to 7.5 million. To lump together these often poorly educated, foreign-born Hispanics with American-born Hispanics confuses the picture of Hispanic educational attainment. It both underestimates education gains by native Hispanics over the last few decades and obscures a deep education gap between Hispanic immigrants and the rest of the population. Fewer than half (47 percent) of Hispanic immigrants between the ages of 25 and 44 have earned a high school diploma, and the figures are even worse for older immigrants. Many of these immigrants finished their formal schooling before they immigrated to the United States. Others came during their school years and may have attended school here for awhile but dropped out without earning a degree. These immigrants will likely earn substantially less over their lifetimes as a result. But it's not quite the life catastrophe we usually predict for high school dropouts: high unemployment and higher rates of crime. Immigrant "dropouts" are far more likely to be in the labor force, for example, than U.S.-born dropouts. More than 70 percent of Hispanic immigrants who lack a high school education are active members of the labor force, either working or looking for work.



LINDA CHAVEZ

This is not true for native dropouts. Nearly 60 percent of blacks who lack a high school diploma, for example, are out of the labor force altogether. Immigrants have a much higher labor force participation rate because jobs are what attracted them here in the first place. Nonetheless, this incredibly strong work ethic — which native-born Hispanics share with their foreign-born counterparts — presents problems of its own. Hispanics born in the U.S. are far more likely than those born abroad to complete high school. Among native Hispanics 25 to 44 years old, nearly 80 percent have earned a diploma — somewhat lower than either whites or blacks the same age. But the real problem is how few of these same Hispanics attend or complete college. Nearly one-in-three non-Hispanic whites in this age group have earned at least a bachelor's degree, but only 13 percent of American-born Hispanics have done the same. And the implication for future earnings among these Hispanics is stark. According to the Census Bureau, the average annual earnings for a high school graduate was about \$23,000, but for a college graduate, average earnings rose to more than \$40,000 a year. Like their foreign-born counterparts, Hispanics born in the U.S. place a high value on work, per-

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## The amazing Peppy Blount

RE. Blount lives in Longview. His nickname is Peppy. "To tell you the absolute truth, my mother called me Precious," says Peppy. "I tried to say Precious and it came out Peppy. So I've been Peppy ever since."



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Peppy went into the Army right after graduation from high school in 1943 and became a pilot. He had an impressive war record before entering college. So here he was a war hero and super college football player, so someone suggested he run for the state legislature. At the age of 21, he became the youngest person ever elected to that office and represented Big Spring and San Angelo five years. In the 1940s he was in Chicago attending a National Council of Governments convention and managed to get on a popular nationwide morning radio show. "It was Don McNeill's Breakfast Club, a very entertaining program that everybody listened to. I got up at five o'clock and hiked myself down to the show, which was in the largest building in the world at the time. I filled out a card and told about myself being from Big Spring, the youngest state representative, and how I sat in the legislature during the week and played football for Texas on weekends. "They take all these cards audience members have filled out and look at them to select people to be interviewed by Don McNeill. So when the show started, they were looking for Peppy Blount. "Don asked me where Big Spring was located. I told him thank you, Don, I thought you would never ask. Big Spring, the main spring of West Texas, is a thriving little metropolis centrally located halfway between Fort Worth and El Paso, Texas, with a population of eighteen thousand one hundred and six people, not counting the cattle. But to be more specific, Big Spring is located at the convergence of Mustang and Elbow Draws, which, when it rains, flows in a mighty torrent some forty miles to the east into the Colorado River, which in turn mean-

ders and flows on down through the great state of Texas, eventually forming the Gulf of Mexico. "I'll tell you, from that moment on, he kept coming back to me during the program and everybody in West Texas heard it and it was as good as catching a pass for Texas because everytime I caught a pass on the field my team mates would tell me that was worth five thousand votes, Pep, you just did great there." Peppy went to law school, got a job with an oil company and moved to Longview. In 1962 he was elected Gregg County Judge on a write-in vote. "I announced on Sunday, campaigned on Monday and was elected on Tuesday." Peppy Blount is an impressive figure. Wherever he goes, he draws a crowd. He wrote a book about his war experiences titled "We Band of Brothers." It has just been reprinted by Eakin Press.

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# Life

## Saturday

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN Features Editor

As in most high classes, Big Spring School's graduates went their separate ways within a few years of graduation. But unlike many of this group remaining in town, keeping in touch, sharing the ups and downs of life after high school when one of their own is in need, the class of '65 stays together again. "We were already extremely close classmates," says Nancy Thomas Alton, who walked across the stage with the rest of the class. "Everyone who came to our reunions, and of us get together times." Even while in school, the class stood out. "We were active, and we had a reputation for doing things," said Alton. Among them was "Eli" Clanton, a classmate who was a friend and business partner.

## Australia

SYDNEY, Australia — Australia was a scary movie with a credibility: a land of the Earth, brimming with scuttling and slithering creatures that can dispatch you more quickly than a Bond villain's cal deathtrap. That is the stuff of a scary movie legend in an opening ceremony of the Olympics featuring a lethal jellyfish — national motto: "Don't get it." Struan Sutherland, father of dangerous research, has written a book whose cover is so alarming, "Australia" is inhabited by some of the most ominous land animals in the world. It's a reputation that has a scary mind a bit. "There's an aspect to it. But there is also a sense of adventure. We like to visit. Martyn Robins, an Australian Museum curator, says the Western knowledge of Australia's rich natural history is still in its infancy.

## How to

LOS ANGELES — A tropical island, a tropical island, now comes a question: "Survivor" cast will they survive? The 16 former contestants aren't leaving the island. They're new found celebrities. They were a bag of tricks, a college dorm one wants to be a part of. Every click of a button brings another sighting. Ricki Lauchlin knocked down on MTV or strutting Emmy Awards, his line of fishing show. Sean talking a

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Saturday benefit will aid family of 1965 BSHS graduate

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN Features Editor

As in most high school classes, Big Spring High School's graduates of 1965 went their separate ways within a few years of graduation.

But unlike many others, this group remained close, keeping in touch often, sharing the ups and downs of life after high school. And when one of their own was in need, the class came together again.

"We were already an extremely close class," said Nancy Thomas Allen, who walked across the stage with the rest in 1965. "Everyone who can come to our reunions, and some of us get together at other times."

Even while in school, the class stood out, she said. "We were active, go-getters and we had a reputation for doing things," said Allen.

Among them was Alan "Eli" Clanton, a class clown who was a friend to many. An entrepreneur in the sign business, Clanton had done

BENEFIT
What: Sponsored by the BSHS class of 1965.
When: Saturday, noon-2 p.m.
Where: La Vedera Club, 1100 W. 1-20.
Why: To help support the family of Eli Clanton, which is struggling after he suffered a major heart attack and never regained consciousness.



At left, Eli Clanton, a BSHS graduate of 1965, suffered a major heart attack more than three years ago and his wife, Carla, a 1968 graduate, must care for him. Above, Carla, second from left, is shown with their four children, from left, Joshua, Jacob, Ashley and Aaron.

well for himself, had four children and had just purchased a large home in the Dallas area.

Then, three and a half years ago, Clanton suffered a major heart attack. He was revived, but doctors said his brain had been deprived of oxygen too long, and he never regained consciousness.

At the time, Clanton was changing jobs, so he was between insurance plans. His condition now requires 24-hour-a-day care, which is provided by his wife, Carla Wadsworth Clanton, BSHS class of 1968.

An older son is now trying to support the family, explained Allen, and the family is facing many difficulties.

When the class of 1965 began planning their reunion this weekend, their

35th, the Clantons would not be forgotten.

"I put it out what had happened and how they were struggling, and numerous people came back with, 'What can we do?'" Allen said. Several members of

the class are now sending the family up to \$100 a month to help with their living and medical expenses.

And the group hopes to make even more money to help the Clantons Saturday, when they conduct a hamburger and fish fry benefit. The event is planned from noon-2 p.m. at La Vedera Club, 1100 W. 1-20, on the

north service road. Donations will be taken for the meal, and all proceeds will go to the Clanton family.

Allen said the class wants to do whatever they can to help the family, as a tribute to a beloved classmate.

"Eli truly loved everyone, and now it's time for us to show our love for him," she said.

Australian rule of thumb: Just don't pet it

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — If it were a scary movie, it would stretch credibility: a land at the bottom of the Earth, brimming with swimming, scuttling and slithering beasts that can dispatch you more exorcisingly than a Bond villain's most diabolical deathtrap.

That is the stuff of both reality and hearty legend in Australia, where the opening ceremony of the Summer Olympics featured the planet's most lethal jellyfish — and where the national motto could well be, simply, "Don't pet it."

Struan Sutherland, the nation's father of dangerous creature research, keeps it short in "Venomous Creatures of Australia," a book whose very existence is alarming. "Australia," he writes, "is inhabited by some of the most venomous land and sea creatures in the world."

It's a reputation many here don't mind a bit.

"There's an aspect of pride to this. But there is also a lot of tourist-baiting. We like to worry tourists," says Martyn Robinson, a naturalist at the Australian Museum. "People are very into dangerous animals."

Western knowledge of this marsupial-rich nation's fauna often begins with the kangaroo and ends with the

koala. But look deeper; therein danger lies.

There's the land-sea one-two punch — crocodiles and sharks. There are spiders: The red-back, a streaked nub of nastiness related to the black widow, pops up across the continent. There are snakes: The death adder, a bush snake, has a name that says it all.

There are aquatic perils: The terrifying box jellyfish can cause unholly pain and even whole-body shock with just a touch; its sting has killed 70 people since 1900. And there's a supporting cast of hundreds: Even the platypus, an Oddity mascot, has venom-filled spines on its hind legs — and that thing's a mammal, for goodness sake.

On some Queensland beaches, swimming is impossible for six months each year because of box jellyfish. And in some portions of the Northern Territory, crocs make sure you can't swim at all.

Sydney has its own signature creepy-crawly — the funnel-web spider, whose lethal venom caused a wave of arachnophobia in the 1970s. Sutherland and his research team squelched the uneasiness when, in 1981, they developed a successful antivenin for funnel-web spider bites. (Sutherland's autobiography is

notably entitled "A Venomous Life.")

The tradition isn't new. Epochs ago, the "megafauna," an 8-foot high kangaroo, roamed Australia, as did a creature that alliteration-giddy scientists dubbed the "demon duck of doom" — a 500-pound, meat-eating bird.

All this has provoked travel humorist Bill Bryson to dub Australia a "wondrously venomous and toothy country" — a land "where even the fluffiest of caterpillars can lay you out with a toxic nip, where seashells will not just sting you but actually sometimes go for you and this is a guy who loves the place."

Such assessments don't come only from the outside. The Australian Institute of Marine Science, for example, is hardly circumspect about box jellyfish danger.

"If you are stung, your chance of survival or even getting yourself to the shore is virtually zero," it says, calling the pain "so excruciating that you will probably go into shock and drown."

The legend has become part of the culture. There's a TV series called "The Crocodile Hunter," where host Steve Irwin explores unusual

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4-H goes to class with curriculum enrichment

There are many benefits that youth gain from being involved in the nation's largest youth development program.

Youth involved in the 4-H program gain skills through hands on project activities in a wide variety of areas. Youth gain leadership skills, develop responsibility, acquire critical thinking skills and obtain skills in areas that interest them — to enhance leisure activities, skills that they can call upon throughout life.

4-H offers youth an opportunity to belong to a club, to learn the democratic way of decision-making and encourages families to work together to accomplish goals.

It provides them with an avenue to achieve and to be recognized for their accomplishments.

There is one program through 4-H that does not get as much attention, but it offers youth the opportunity to participate in the 4-H program through classroom learning.

It gives teachers a chance to provide a positive learning experience for youth that, for whatever reason, cannot participate in the traditional 4-H club program.

This is the curriculum enrichment program. The purpose of the curriculum enrichment program is to add something valuable to classroom teaching.

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enhance classroom learning in areas such as horticulture, government, agriculture, health and safety, food and nutrition and consumerism.

There are projects that are appropriate to use for all school age levels and they are developed through the Texas Agricultural Extension service with the assistance of professionals in the field — extension agents and 4-H volunteers.

Through a teacher's use of one of the 4-H Curriculum Enrichment programs youth can become involved in the 4-H program, a "taste" that often leads to further involvement in 4-H.

Curriculum Enrichment programs are "user friendly" set up in a "do-and-say" format and offer many copy-ready classroom activities and suggestions for field trips and other enjoyable ways to learn.

Information concerning 4-H Curriculum Enrichment programs is available through the Howard County Extension office at 264-2236.

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

How long will 'Survivor' clan's fame last?

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A tropical island, that's nothing. Now comes the important question for the "Survivor" cast: How long will they survive on television?

The 16 former castaways aren't leaving the answer to chance. They've attacked newfound celebrity like it was a bag of tortilla chips in a college dorm, where no one wants to reach in for a handful and come up empty.

Every click of the remote brings another survivor sighting: Richard getting knocked down by a wrestler on MTV or strolling into the Emmy Awards. Rudy casting his line on an ESPN fishing show. Jenna introducing a video on VH1. Sean talking about diets on

"Extra." Gervase sitting in on "Hollywood Squares."

And — look out! — a former castaway has been co-hosting "Live with Regis!" each day this week: Monday, Jenna Lewis; Tuesday, Gervase Peterson; Wednesday, Colleen Haskell; Thursday, Susan Hawk; and Friday, million-dollar survivor Richard Hatch.

And they're only getting warmed up.

"It's a storm like I've never seen before," said Hollywood agent Sherri Spillane. "The interest in everyone is 10 times what you might have expected."

Spillane suspected there might be a market demand for survivors; one they would be eager to fill. She

moved swiftly to sign six of them as clients. Most of the other contestants are scattered among other agents.

Separate desk calendars for each client litter her office, the squares on each date quickly filling up.

"I've heard that it's 15 minutes of fame and it will fade," Spillane said. "Well, for some of them, it will fade. It depends on how they deal with it. Some will shrink from the spotlight because they can't handle it. Others will go on for a very long time. I happen to be a master at dragging out instant celebrity."

Agents say at least some of the survivors — Lewis, Peterson and Joel Klug are mentioned most often — are intent on leaving their past

lives behind for show biz. Lewis was "born to be on camera," touted her agent, Nicole Hampton.

Expect most survivors to slowly fade away after this initial burst of publicity, particularly when the show's second cast is introduced in January, said Stacey Lynn Koerner, a television analyst for the advertising firm TN Media in New York.

Yet they've already shown surprising staying power because so many Americans identify with and root for them, Koerner said.

"It feeds very nicely into what I call the American mythology of everyone can make it," she said.

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COMMUNITY NEWS
The Captain Elisha Mack Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution is calling the attention of the community to Constitution Week, which runs through Saturday. This nationwide observance recognizes the 213th anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America.

LETTERS FROM HOME
EDITOR'S NOTE: Each week, the Herald will print the addresses of service men and women or college students from the Crossroads area so that they can receive 'letters from home.' Send the address of any local man or woman attending an out-of-area college or university or serving in the military to: Letters From Home, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring; or bring them to the office, 710 Scurry; or e-mail to: bsherald@xroadstx.com. Addresses must be submitted in writing.

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## Dirty hands One-third of Americans leave toilet without washing

TORONTO (AP) — Apparently the city that never sleeps is also too busy to wash up. A new survey of public restroom habits in five U.S. cities finds New York commuters are least likely to clean their hands after using the john.

The results, released Monday, are the latest installment in the American Society for Microbiology's effort to cajole folks into following Mom's most basic hygiene advice.

Four years ago, the society sponsored a study to see how often people take time for soap and water in restrooms. Researchers stood around, endlessly combing their hair or putting on makeup, while watching what people did. Or didn't do.

They found that about one-third of Americans skipped washing. So the society sponsored a "clean hands campaign" to educate folks about the importance of hand washing in stopping the spread of colds, diarrhea and other infectious diseases.

This month, they did the survey again. The result: Not much has changed. If anything, Americans are even slightly more slovenly than they were in 1996. Especially in New York City, it seems.

Four years ago, 60 percent of folks using the rest rooms at Grand Central and Penn stations washed up afterward. This time, it was just 49 percent.

To the microbiology society, made up of infection control experts, this is serious business. "Fifteen seconds of soap and water and rubbing your hands is a wonderful way to get germs off. We are not making a lot of progress," said microbiologist Judy Daly of Primary

Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City, the society's secretary.

Besides the New York train stations, the observers peeked at bathroom habits at Golden Gate Park in San Francisco, the Navy Pier in Chicago, a Braves game in Atlanta and a casino in New Orleans.

Among the findings: —Overall, 67 percent of people washed with soap and water and then dried their hands.

—The cleanest people were in Chicago, where 83 percent washed, followed by 80 percent in San Francisco and 64 percent in New Orleans and Atlanta.

—Women were generally more likely than men to wash. The dirtiest guys of all were at the Atlanta ball game. Just one-third stopped to wash.

—In a random telephone survey conducted at the same time, 95 percent of Americans claimed they wash their hands after using public restrooms.

—In the survey, about three-quarters of people said they also wash before handling food or after changing a diaper.

Microbiology officials released the data at their annual meeting in Toronto. Without elaborating the obvious, they said that people really should wash up after using a public restroom, no matter what they do in there.

It's just an environment where people are likely to encounter a lot of germs, especially the ones that cause diarrhea.

"It's cheap, it's easy to do, and it works," noted Dr. Julie Gerberding of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "If we were really compulsive about washing our hands, we could have a lot less colds."

## RULE

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wildlife. In 1972, a musician named Slim Newton recorded a popular song called "The Redback on the Toilet Seat." A popular 1990s Australian band was called Venom P. Stinger.

It's hardly fair, though, to suggest that Aussies face a daily gantlet of zoological apocalypse.

Between 1980 and 1990, 18 Australians died from snake bites, 11 from shark attacks, 12 from other marine animals, eight from crocodile attacks — and one from a spider bite.

Creatures pop up in weird ways. In January, a teenager barely recovered after accidentally drinking a box jellyfish tentacle left in a jar of water in a surf club refrigerator. Just last week, a kangaroo smashed through a family's front door in northern Australia and terrorized it for three hours before being subdued.

Then there was the discovery, years ago, that nylon protected flesh from box jellyfish stingers. Legions of beach fishermen, learning this, waded into the waters clad in pantyhose. Not pretty, but effective.

Aussies point out that America has vicious critters, too, like bears and wolves and coyotes. At least they'll growl or snarl while they tear you apart. In Australia, most dangers are silent and invisible.

"We don't have big bears, so that's what you focus on," says Katy Crass, who helps the museum answer the world's e-mail queries about Australia's natural world. "If we had bears, we wouldn't be writing books about jellyfish. You can be sure of that."

COMING THURSDAY:  
FRIENDS FOR ALL SEASONS

## FAME

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inclined doctor, Sean Kenniff, has signed on as a medical correspondent for the syndicated news-magazine, "Extra." He's also taping an appearance on the soap opera, "The Guiding Light."

"I think I'm going to use this little fame and notoriety right now to draw attention to medical issues," Kenniff said during another TV appearance, on "Today." "I see myself as a lot more potential physician than I did previously."

Rudy Boesch, the crusty former Navy SEAL, is taking a small guest role on the military drama "JAG" this fall.

"I like the program anyway," he said in an interview after filming commercials for a theme park. "If they want to use me, that's OK with me. As long as I don't have to make more than a five-word speech, I'm OK."

The survivors are logging more air time on CBS this fall than Mike Wallace or Ray Romano, even after their 13-episode adventure is rerun during the Olympics.

Hatch will appear on "Becker." Klug, Lewis and Peterson will be on "Nash

Bridges." Sonja Christopher has a "Diagnosis Murder" role. Most contestants have also filmed commercials promoting CBS shows.

UPN, the mini-network owned, like CBS, by Viacom, is sharing in the largess. Peterson has been on "The Hughleys" and Lewis will portray a Resistance fighter who survives a plane crash on

"Freedom."

The CBS control of their TV time has caused some tensions. The network signed each participant to a contract that gives it the right to reject appearances on rivals through the end of the year. While some exceptions were allowed, NBC was rebuffed in its attempt to have Hatch as host of "Saturday Night Live."

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## IN BRIEF

### Basketball officials meeting scheduled

Basketball officials are needed for the upcoming season.

There will be a meeting for those interested in serving as officials this season at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, at the Big Spring Family YMCA.

For more information contact Adam Rodriguez at 425-4313 or Dusty Shelhamer at 263-4888.

### Father Delaney golf touney is Sunday

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

The tournament will be an ABCD scramble. A two-year lease on a 2000 Ford Taurus will be awarded for the first hole-in-one on No. 4 and \$25 "closest to the pin" prizes will be awarded on all par 3 holes.

Entry fees are \$15 per player plus green fees and cart rental.

For more information, call 264-2466.

### Disc golf tournament scheduled for Oct. 1

The eighth Disc Over Big Spring Disc Golf Tournament has been scheduled for Oct. 1 at Birdwell Park.

Registration is set for 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. with a players meeting starting at 11 a.m.

Entry fees are set at \$25 for professionals, \$15 for amateurs and women and \$10 for juniors and novices.

For more information, call Greg Brooks at 267-6335.

### Hunter education class set for Oct. 7-8

A hunter education class has been scheduled for Oct. 7-8 at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce building.

Classes will begin each day at 8 a.m.

All hunters born after Sept. 1, 1971, are required to complete the course before they can hunt alone.

Fees for the class are \$10 per person and interested persons can sign up at Dibrell's Gun Shop at 1307 Gregg.

For more information, call Steve Poitevint at 264-7033.

### Quarterback Club meets on Monday

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

Anyone interested in supporting the Steers football program is invited to attend.

## Lady Steers suffer loss to high-powered Lake View

HERALD Staff Report

SAN ANGELO — Big Spring's Lady Steers ran into somewhat of a juggernaut Tuesday night, as they suffered a 15-6, 15-7 loss to San Angelo Lake View's Maidens in District 4-4A volleyball action.

The Maidens, paced by strong serving and dominant blocking, improved their overall record to 16-5, and remained perfect in 4-4A play at 5-0.

Andrews, with a 4-1 record standing second in the district, while Snyder and Frenship are tied for

third place with 3-2 marks. The Lady Steers, having suffered their third consecutive loss, are 2-3 in league play.

Still, Big Spring is considered in the thick of things and could quickly return to the playoff picture with a few wins.

Lady Steers head coach Traci Pierce, while disappointed with the loss, saw much to be pleased by in her team's play against the league-leading Maidens.

"I told the girls we were right where we wanted to be," Pierce said following the game. "We are

improving every game and every day we workout."

Junior LaTrisha Rollins, using both her right and left hands, had a big night, finishing the match with seven kills against a solid Maidens defense.

Melissa Forth played like a true senior, Pierce noted, as she finished the match with six kills to her credit.

"We played it to the very end," Pierce noted. "The kids never quit and I told them we were right where we want to be as far as the playoffs are concerned."

Pierce took additional time to talk about her players.

"We made some changes moving Krystle Long to the middle, and I think it helped us," Pierce noted. "We have Kim Wrightsil on the outside. Brittany Bryant has done a great job getting the ball to our hitters. Paige King has come in to do a good job for (Meghan) Pudliner."

"Melissa Ray and Jessica Woodward are playing great all over the floor right now," she added. "I believe these girls are ready to make a run at it and, frankly, they do too."

## When Aikman's ready, he'll start for Cowboys

IRVING (AP) — Randall Cunningham's solid performance for the Dallas Cowboys will have no bearing on when Troy Aikman goes back into the starting lineup.

Cowboys coach Dave Campo said Tuesday that Aikman will be the starting quarterback again as soon as he's able to return from his ninth career concussion.

"It really has nothing to do with anything other than Troy being in the right situation. In other words, if he's ready to go, he'll start," Campo said.

Aikman has missed two games, including Monday night's 27-21 victory at Washington in which Cunningham threw for 179 yards and two touchdowns. The Cowboys (1-2) play at home Sunday against San Francisco (0-3).

Aikman has had three concussions in his last 10 games, including in consecutive games last season. Those injuries led to two missed starts. He was still having headaches last week from the latest concussion, suffered in the Sept. 3 season opener.

Campo said Tuesday he's not sure when a final decision will be made on Aikman's status.

"We're in an evaluation mode again. We are going to continue to monitor Troy, both in his eyes, in our eyes and in the doctors' eyes," the coach said. "I don't have a timetable for making a decision on that."

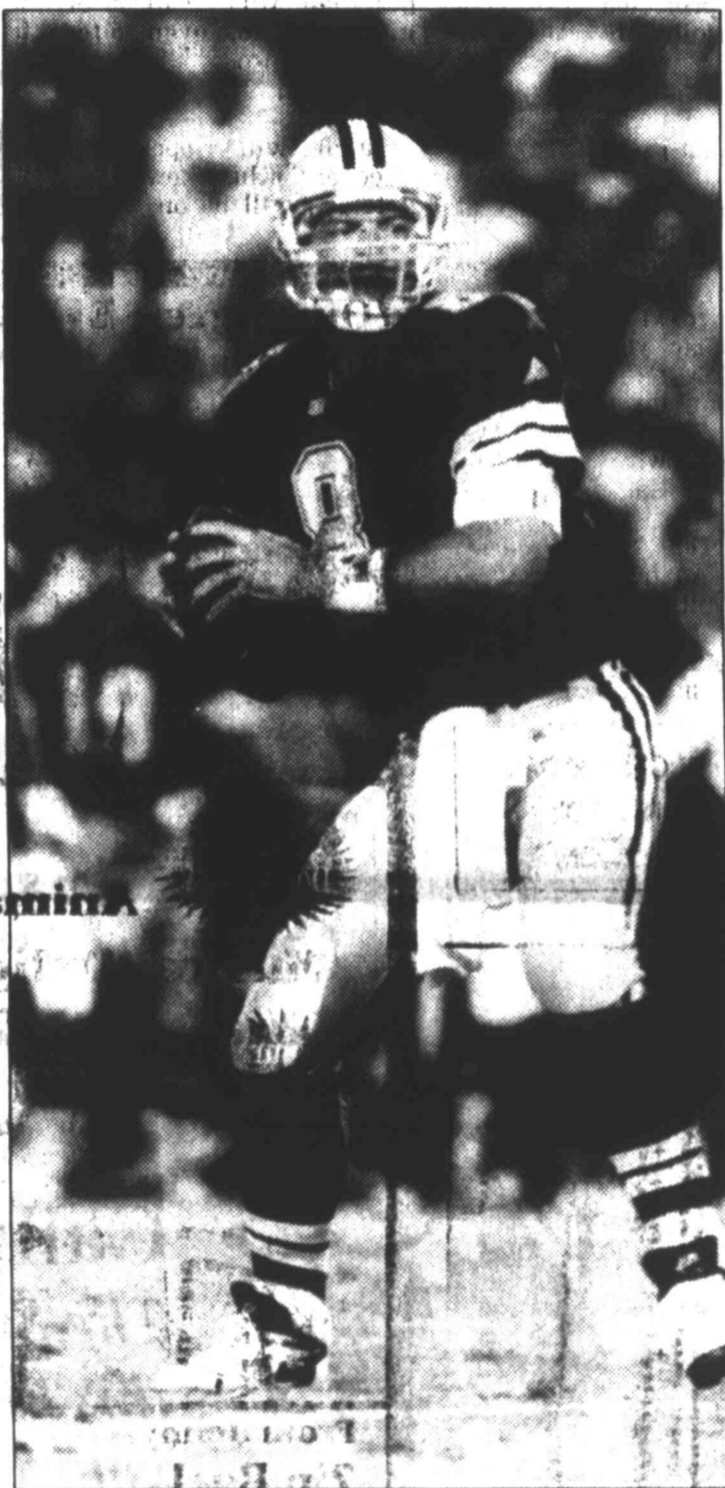
"It's a medical issue and a philosophical issue as far as his down-the-road abilities with the club. This was not a five-minute decision."

As he has since Aikman suffered the concussion, Campo refused to say what, if any, symptoms the quarterback was experiencing.

The players had the day off Tuesday. Aikman hasn't practiced since last Thursday.

While the Aikman question remains unanswered, the Cowboys were feeling a sense of relief after finally getting their first victory.

"Going into the season, we had expectations. We didn't expect to be 0-2," Campo said. "We were



AP Wirephoto  
There's no quarterback controversy in Dallas. At least, that's what head coach Dave Campo is saying. Campo says that Troy Aikman (shown here during the 1995 season) will be the Cowboys' starting quarterback when he's physically able to resume that role. Backup signal caller Randall Cunningham led the Cowboys to a 27-21 win over the Washington Redskins Monday night.

looking for that first win. That was important if we were going to be successful."

Before the victory at Washington — their rival and the team that had a \$100 million offseason makeover only to have the same 1-2 record — Dallas was humiliated by Philadelphia (41-14) and had an agonizing loss at Arizona (32-31). The Cowboys had also lost all

five of their preseason games.

"We made some progress. We wanted to get better and improve, and obviously to keep from going 0-3," Campo said. "That was a big win, no question about it. But how big is it?"

"If we go into this game this weekend and don't do what we are supposed to do, it was just another game."

## Wolves facing stern challenge from Ballinger

By SANDY McSPADEN  
Sports Editor

Colorado City's Wolves face off against the Ballinger Bearkats at 8 p.m. Friday, and according to old timers, they have probably beaten Ballinger only once every 10 years since 1950.

From the looks of things, the Bearkats will be difficult to beat.

Ballinger has lost to highly-rated Sonora 29-15, before rebounding for wins over Breckenridge, 27-14, and Llano, 28-7.

The Wolves, however, enter Friday's homecoming fray with a perfect 3-0 mark after opening the season with a 25-0 shutout of Stamford and following that with a 21-6 upset of Crane and an 18-6 defeat of Merkel last week.

Wolves head coach Gerald James, the Wolves' win over Merkel was anything but a thing of beauty.

"According to Mack Brown (head coach of the University of Texas), you can still play ugly and win. So, if what he says is true, we must be a good team because we played ugly at Merkel," James said.

"Our defense has played real well for the last three weeks and our offense has played well over different periods of time, but we haven't put together four real good quarters of offensive play," James noted. "We find a way to hurt ourselves, mainly with busted assignments and mental lapses. But our offense is averaging 21 points a game, so we're doing some things right."

James had praise for Jed Anderson, Andrew Spear, Andrew Regalado and Adam Ramoz for their defensive play over the last three ball games.

"These guys have been real aggressive along with Danny Torres and Albert Lueces," he noted.

"We realize that we have been trying to put in a lot on both offense and defense, there is just so much these kids can learn so fast," James added. "We backed off a little bit on the different offensive sets and the defensive techniques."



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The Wolves coaching staff is worried about Ballinger, partly because of the rivalry between the two schools and partly because of their outstanding play.

Caesar Martinez is a four-year Bearkat starter, and leads the offensive line charge for Ballinger.

"He's quick and he's good," James said of the Ballinger tackle.

The Bearkats are led by Tyler McGee, a 6-foot-3, 200-pounder, who can do lots of good things with the ball.

And defensively, Ballinger has perhaps one of the best linebackers in the state in Tanner Sykes and a secondary led by Justin Nicholson, who James says "gets a good jump on the ball."

Ballinger has moved away from the wing-T offensive set it ran so effectively in 1995 and 1996. The Bearkats now spread the field, running from one-back and two-back sets while throwing the ball more. They still run a basic 4-3 defensive package.

The bottom line, according to James, is that the Wolves will have to be at their very best if they plan to improve to 4-0.

"I promise that we have to play a heads-up ball game to beat these guys," he said. "In other words, we can't have the mental mistakes and turnovers that we've had in a couple of our games. Chase (Phariss) has to throw the ball on target and our defense has got to continue to play the way it has been."

## U.S. swimmers get revenge, Dutch upset Cubans in baseball

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Sweet revenge for the U.S. swimmers followed a Dutch treat at the Sydney Games.

Jenny Thompson set a women's record for career swimming gold medals with seven Wednesday, anchoring an American 800-meter freestyle relay that nipped Australia in 7 minutes, 57.80 seconds.

Thompson's performance came minutes after Misty Hyman shocked world-record holder Susie O'Neill — another Aussie — in the 200-meter butterfly.

The U.S. victories avenged men's losses to Australian hero Ian Thorpe and his teammates, who beat the Americans by a fingertip in the men's 400 free relay earlier in the week then blew them out in the 800 free relay.

Thompson, who has won all her golds in relays, surpassed the six swimming golds won by Kristin Otto of Germany.

The United States was in second

place when Thompson jumped in the pool. But she overtook Petria Thomas, pulled away down the stretch and brought the relay home in Olympic record time.

Hyman seemed as surprised as the Australian fans that she won. "Oh my God!" she screamed. "Oh my God!"

Hyman led from the start and clocked an Olympic record 2:05.88, narrowly missing O'Neill's world mark. Later, she threw back her head and drank in the moment as she stood on the medal podium and sang along with the national anthem.

The Netherlands also had its flag raised on a magic day for the small European country.

Piet van den Hoogenband won gold in the 100 free, his second of the games, and denied Russian Alexander Popov an unprecedented third straight Olympic title in the event.

That's not all the Dutch did

Wednesday.

The Netherlands stunned Cuba 4-2 in baseball, the first Olympic defeat ever for a Cuban team, and Inge de Bruijn topped it off by breaking her own world record in the semifinals of the women's 100 free.

De Bruijn finished in 53.77 seconds and beat Thompson, who will need an amazing race in the 100 free final to win the individual gold she's chased unsuccessfully through three Olympics.

The United States and Australia stayed on top of the medal count after competition Wednesday. The Americans led with 23 medals (10 gold, 7 silver, 6 bronze) while Australia had 22 (7-8-7). China was third with 17 (6-4-7).

BASEBALL: The guys from the low country stayed low key after pulling off the biggest upset in Olympic baseball's brief history.

There were no pennant-clinching pile-ons after the Netherlands beat

Cuba 4-2, just an orderly line of Dutch players' high-fiving each other like it was any other win.

But it wasn't.

Cuba had won 21 straight at the Olympics and ran away with the gold medal in the first two baseball tournaments at Barcelona and Atlanta.

Ken Brauckmiller, who pitched for San Francisco 12 years ago, held the tough Cuban lineup to seven hits over eight innings and Hensley "Bam Bam" Meulens hit a bases-loaded double to lead the Dutch.

"This is one of the biggest accomplishments in all of Dutch sports," shortstop Robert Eenhoorn said.

The United States stayed unbeaten in Sydney, thanks to Doug Mientkiewicz. His eighth-inning grand slam gave the Americans a 4-0 win over South Korea.

The United States defeated the Netherlands 6-2 on Tuesday and

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SPORTS EXTRA

MLB SCHEDULE

Table with columns for American League and National League games, listing teams and times.

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

Table showing MLB standings for American and National Leagues, including columns for wins, losses, percentage, and games behind.

NFL STANDINGS

Table showing NFL standings for American and National Conferences, including columns for wins, losses, ties, percentage, and points for/against.

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Palmeiro hits 399th homer, then sits in Rangers' loss

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Rafael Palmeiro wants to hit his 400th home run in Texas. And he doesn't plan to stop there.
Palmeiro hit homer No. 399 at the Metrodome Tuesday night and then left the game in the sixth inning as the Minnesota Twins cruised to a 15-7 win over the Rangers.

reach 500."
Jacque Jones hit a three-run homer — his 19th — and a two-run single for Minnesota, which has won three straight for the first time since July 24-27.
"It's just a number," Jones said of the 20-homer mark. "You can't get caught up in those."

that led to four unearned runs.
Minnesota took a 3-0 lead in the first. Guzman, Luis Rivas and Matt Lawton hit consecutive singles and Jones hit a two-out, two-run single.
Palmeiro's three-run homer in the third followed a pair of walks, but Jones hit a three-run homer and Guzman had an RBI single in the bottom half of the inning for a 7-3 lead, with an error by second baseman Luis Alicea hurting the Rangers.

OLYMPICS

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plays Cuba on Saturday in the preliminary round.
SOFTBALL: After winning 112 games in a row, the U.S. team dropped its second straight.
This time it was an excruciating 2-0 loss to China in 14 innings. Japan beat the United States 2-1 in 11 innings Tuesday.

men's match sprint.
DRUGS: A positive drug test cost a Bulgarian weightlifter his silver medal.
Ivan Ivanov took second place in the 123-pound class but tested positive for furosemide, a diuretic, and the IOC stripped him of his medal Wednesday.
Athletes sometimes use diuretics to help them lose weight, and they can mask the presence of performance-enhancing drugs.

BASKETBALL: The Cold War is over. The basketball rivalry between the United States and Russia isn't.
The United States women trailed Russia at the half, but took the lead for good on Nikki McCray's 3-pointer with 16:45 left and went on to win 88-77.
Russia was the last team to beat the United States in the Olympics.

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# September showers make for wet American League wild card rivals

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Boston, Cleveland and Oakland aren't just battling each other for the AL wild card, they're also fighting the weather.

Playing through 5 hours, 4 minutes of delays at Camden Yards, the Athletics overcame a seventh-inning deficit to beat Baltimore 7-4 Tuesday night, then were angry the second game was postponed a day by the commissioner's office.

"We were here. The field was supposedly playable. It doesn't help out rotation," Oakland manager Art Howe said after his team retook the wild-card lead, moving a half-game ahead of Cleveland.

Now the A's, who trail Seattle by 2 1/2 games in the AL West, will have to play a day-night doubleheader Wednesday. The Indians and Red Sox know what that feels like: They're already scheduled for day-night doubleheaders Wednesday and Thursday at Fenway Park.

Boston won — also by 7-4 — in the opener of the five-game series. That game started in a light rain that soon ended, but a sudden shower caused a 10-minute delay in the seventh.

Derek Lowe got his 37th save by striking out Travis Fryman in a downpour with runners at the corners.

"All you can do is throw a fastball," Lowe said. "You know that the umpires aren't going to stop the game."

Boston is 2 1/2 games behind the A's, with Toronto three games behind Oakland.

"Oakland's schedule seems to be easier than ours," Indians shortstop Omar Vizquel said. "They seem to have an advantage over us."

In other American League games it was Toronto 16, New York 3; Seattle 5, Tampa Bay 2; Chicago 6, Detroit 2; Kansas City 5, Anaheim 1; and Minnesota 15, Texas 7.

In National League games, Houston topped St. Louis 8-6 in 10 innings, San Francisco beat Cincinnati 7-3, Atlanta beat New York 12-4, Los Angeles edged Arizona 1-0, Milwaukee rallied past Chicago 9-8, San Diego downed Colorado 7-2, Pittsburgh beat Philadelphia 12-8 and Florida topped Montreal 3-1.

At Camden Yards, Oakland trailed 4-2 before using three hits and four walks — including three in a row — to take the lead in the seventh against Jason Johnson (1-10). The A's, who received a team-record 15 walks, walked off the field at about 10:40 p.m. EDT — more than nine hours after the scheduled start time.

Still, they wanted to play the second game of the split doubleheader because it would have allowed Gil Heredia to pitch Sunday's finale of a four-game series at Seattle.

"They can't give us a good reason why we aren't playing two tonight," Matt Stairs said. "Oh well, we're back in first place in the wild card."

**Red Sox 7, Indians 4**  
A pair of two-run hits — Nomar Garciaparra's triple and Dante Bichette's homer — capped a four-run third.

Rod Beck (2-0), the fifth of six Red Sox pitchers, worked a scoreless eighth.

Charles Nagy (2-6) gave up six runs and seven hits in 3 1/3 innings.

"We have to win every game, and tonight I didn't help our cause at all," Nagy said.

**Blue Jays 16, Yankees 3**  
New York, which got just one hit Monday night in a 2-0 loss to Cleveland's Bartolo Colon, managed just four against Toronto, losing for the fifth time in six games. The Yankees have been outscored 50-16 in their last six games.

Toronto set season highs in runs and hits (19) as Dave Martinez went 3-for-6 with three RBIs for the Blue Jays.

Pitching on three days' rest because scheduled starter David Wells has gout, Steve Trachsel (8-13)

allowed three runs and four hits in 7 1/3 innings.

Andy Pettitte (18-8) gave up seven runs — five earned — and eight hits in five innings.

**Mariners 5, Devil Rays 2**  
Mike Cameron homered, tripled and drove in two runs as visiting Seattle sent Tampa Bay to its ninth straight loss, matching the longest skid in the AL this season (Kansas City, June 30-July 13).

John Halama (12-9) allowed two runs on five hits in 6 2/3 innings and Jose Paniagua finished for his fifth save.

Travis Harper (0-2) allowed three runs and four hits in six innings.

**White Sox 6, Tigers 2**  
Sean Lowe (4-1) allowed three hits in five shutout innings and Chris Singleton hit a two-run homer as visiting Chicago took a 6-0 lead and cut its magic number for clinching the AL Central title to seven.

Steve Sparks (6-6) gave up six runs — four earned — and 10 hits in 3 1/3 innings.

**Royals 5, Angels 1**  
Mike Sweeney extended a

team record with his 136th RBI and closed within two of the 200-hit plateau at Kansas City.

Blake Stein (7-4) allowed three hits and struck out eight in eight innings, while loser Ramon Ortiz (6-6) gave up seven hits and four runs in seven innings.

**Astros 8, Cardinals 6**  
St. Louis' clinching party was postponed — for a day, at least.

With a sellout crowd at Busch Stadium hoping to celebrate, the Cardinals missed a chance to wrap up the NL Central title when they lost to Houston 8-6 in 10 innings.

The Cardinals led 5-4 with two outs in the ninth inning, but Jeff Bagwell hit an RBI double off closer Dave Veres.

Chris Truby hit a three-run homer in the 10th for the Astros. The Cardinals scored once in the bottom half, but left the bases loaded when Mike Matheny flied out.

**Braves 12, Mets 4**  
Atlanta beat New York for the 20th time in the last 22 meetings at Turner Field behind Javy Lopez's bat and

Andy Ashby's arm.

The Braves won their fourth in a row and increased their edge over the Mets in the NL East to five games. Atlanta holds its largest lead since Aug. 1, when it was ahead by 5 1/2 games.

The Mets lost their third in a row, though they stayed five games ahead of Arizona in the wild-card race. After this latest loss, New York manager Bobby Valentine dressed down his team in the clubhouse.

Lopez tripled, singled and drove in three runs during a seven-run second, the Braves' biggest inning of the season. That was plenty for Ashby, who gave up an unearned run and five hits in seven innings.

**Giants 7, Reds 3**

Livan Hernandez improved to 12-2 at Pacific Bell Park and San Francisco beat Cincinnati despite Ken Griffey Jr.'s 40th home run.

The Giants lowered their magic number for winning the NL West to three. Hernandez gave up seven hits in his 16th career complete game.

Griffey, sidelined for seven games because of a

partially torn left hamstring, homered as a pinch-hitter. He became only the fourth player to hit 40 home runs in seven different seasons — Babe Ruth did it 11 times and Hank Aaron and Harmon Killebrew eight each.

**Dodgers 1, D-backs 0**

Chan Ho Park threw eight shutout innings and Mark Grudzielanek hit an RBI single as Los Angeles beat Arizona for its fifth straight victory.

The Dodgers closed within 5 1/2 games of the Mets in the wild-card race. The Diamondbacks dropped their fourth in a row.

Tom Goodwin singled with two outs in the eighth at Dodger Stadium, stole his 50th base and scored on Grudzielanek's single.

**Brewers 9, Cubs 8**

Chicago tied a season high with its seventh straight defeat, losing on third baseman Shane Andrews' error in the bottom of the ninth inning.

Milwaukee led 7-0 after five innings but trailed 8-7 going into the ninth at County Stadium. Pinch-hitter Tyler Houston drove in

the tying run with an infield single and Andrews bobbled Marquis Grissom's slow grounder.

Pinch-hitter Roosevelt Brown hit a grand slam for the Cubs and Corey Patterson homered for his first major league hit.

Patterson started in place of Sammy Sosa, who had played 388 straight games. Sosa left Monday night with stiffness in his lower back.

**Pirates 12, Phillies 8**

Emil Brown and pinch-hitter John Wehner hit two-run doubles during a nine-run sixth inning as Pittsburgh won at Veterans Stadium.

The Pirates posted their biggest inning since scoring nine times against Colorado on May 14, 1997. Adrian Brown and Keith Osik homered for Pittsburgh.

**Marlins 3, Expos 1**

Ryan Dempster shut out Montreal until the ninth inning as Florida won at Olympic Stadium.

Andy Tracy homered off Dempster leading off the ninth. Antonio Alfonseca got two outs for his league-leading 42nd save in 46 chances.

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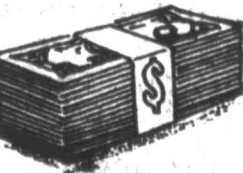
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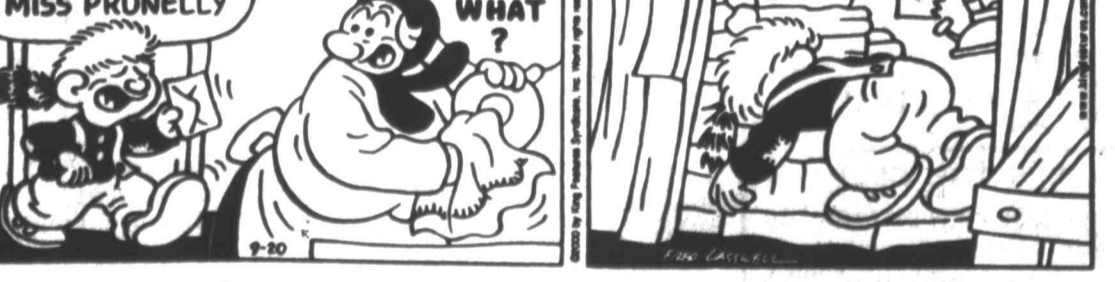
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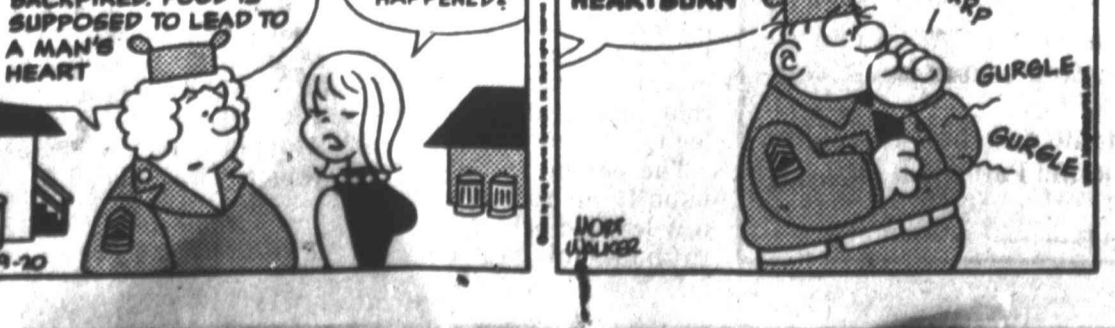
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On this date:  
In 1870, Italian troops took control of the Papal States, leading to the unification of Italy.  
In 1881, Chester A. Arthur

was sworn in as the 21st president of the United States, succeeding James A. Garfield, who had been assassinated.  
In 1884, the Equal Rights Party was formed during a convention of suffragists in San Francisco. The convention nominated Belva Ann Bennett Lockwood for president.  
In 1947, former New York City Mayor Fiorello La Guardia died.  
In 1962, black student James Meredith was blocked from enrolling at the University of Mississippi by Gov. Ross R. Barnett. (Meredith was later admitted.)  
In 1963, President Kennedy proposed a joint U.S.-Soviet expedition to the moon.  
In 1973, singer-songwriter Jim Croce died in a plane crash near Natchitoches, La.; he was 30.  
In 1979, Jean-Bedel Bokassa, self-styled head of the Central African Empire, was overthrown in a French-supported coup while on a visit to Libya.  
In 1984, a suicide car bomber attacked the U.S. Embassy annex in north Beirut, killing a dozen people.  
Today's Birthdays:  
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16 Spouted pitcher  
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# The Mini Page

By BETTY DEBNAM

## Oly, 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.

Oly the friendly kookaburra is named for the Olympic Games. Oly 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 and the echidna are the only mammals that lay eggs! They nurse their young through pores in the mother's skin.



The platypus

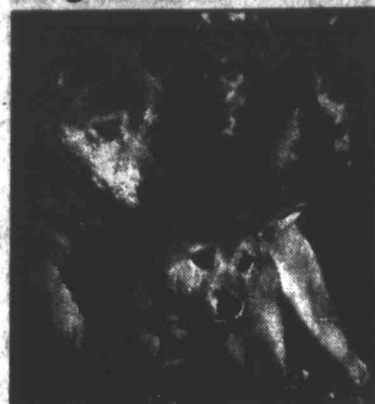
#### The echidna (ih-KHD-nuh) ...

- 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. Dingos can make good pets if they are tamed when young.

The dingo is a wild dog that was brought to Australia by the aboriginals. Dingos 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. Dingos 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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## MIGHTY FUNNY'S Funny Phonics

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?

## BASSET BROWN THE NEWS HOUND'S AUSTRALIAN ANIMALS TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of Australian animals are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: AUSTRALIA, PLATYPUS, KOALA, BUSH, ECHIDNA, ANTEATER, ZOO, OUTBACK, EMU, LIZARD, HOP, REPTILES, ALLIGATOR, SNAKES, WOMBAT, DEVIL, NATIVE.

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J T A L A O K C H J P R E W U  
K K C A B T U O U H O P D S S

## Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are visiting a koala at an Australian petting zoo. See if you can find:



- football
- key
- word MINI
- pig's face
- number 8
- ruler
- pencil
- ladder
- mushroom
- fish
- umbrella
- heart
- cat
- peanut
- boomerang

## 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

While koalas spend most of their time in trees, they do move about on the ground at times. 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 wombat

Wombats move about at night, eating leaves, roots and bark. The wombat is well known for the long tunnels it burrows. It can grow to be about 3 feet long. The female has a pouch that faces backward so it does not fill with dirt when it is burrowing.

### 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.

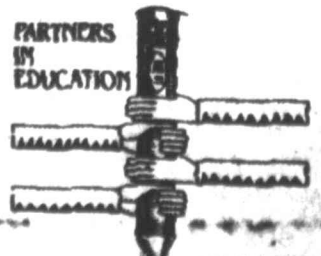
Because Australia is an island, animals that developed there are quite different from those found in other parts of the world. Millions of years ago, all of the world's land was lumped together as one huge landmass. Over thousands of years, the continents drifted apart. Australia became isolated.

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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