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WEATHER

Tonight:

TONIGHT 44°-46° TUESDAY 76°-80°

United Way luncheon set for Tuesday

A few tickets are still available for the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County kickoff luncheon featuring entertainer Janie Fricke.

The luncheon is set for Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall. Al's & Son Barbecue will cater the meal. Serving begins at 11:30 a.m.

Tickets are $10 per person and can be purchased before the event by calling 267-5201.

Entities join to observe special week

West Texas Centers for MHMR and Big Spring State Hospital are teaming up to observe Mental Illness Awareness Week Oct. 1-7.

The agencies, which both provide services to mentally ill members of the local community, will host activities to educate the Crossroads Area on the signs and treatment options for the disease.

West Texas Centers serves people in 23 counties with mental illness and mental retardation. Big Spring State Hospital cares for more than 200 patients who need hospitalization throughout 78 counties from the Panhandle to far West Texas.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

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

TUESDAY

❑ Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m. Senior Citizens Center.

❑ Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

❑ Big Spring Home School group meets 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Family Life Center of First Baptist Church.

WEDNESDAY

❑ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.

❑ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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Time to start thinking about Salvation Army doll festival

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

ALEXANDER

Despite a cool snap the past few days, Christmas seems far away. But for organizers of the Salvation Army's doll festival, the holidays are right around the corner.

"It's still too hot for most people to start thinking about Christmas. But we are hoping they will get those creative juices flowing soon. It's important for people to pick up their dolls soon because we need them back the first week of December," said Maj. Jo Alexander, in charge of the doll program this year.

The Salvation Army has more than 100 dolls available for the event. Volunteers pick up the dolls and dress them in costumes of their choice.

Some dolls will be saved for an auction and the rest will be given to children in the Salvation Army's Christmas program.

Previous doll auctions have generated more than $1,000, which the Salvation Army uses to help pay for the next year's Christmas programs.

In past years, some volunteers have fashioned unique, creative and elaborate costumes. Some dolls have been returned as Indian princesses, angels with lace wings and cheerleaders holding tiny pompons. Themes cover a wide range, including party wear, bridal and even pajamas.

Volunteers can create their own costumes or purchase them from a retail store.

"We have plenty of dolls available, black and white. Of course there are six or seven categories they can enter them in. A slip will identify their doll and they will be given instructions on when to bring it back when they pick the doll up," Alexander said.

Letters are being sent out to church groups and schools in particular, but anyone can participate.

"We're really excited about it. It's going to be a lot

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For Staulcup, reading opens worlds

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

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

VOLUNTEERS OF THE CROSSROADS

Reading is a passion for JoAnn Staulcup, president of the literacy council board of directors, and she wants to help anyone who desires to learn to read.

"The last statics I saw said that 44 percent of Howard County residents were illiterate," Staulcup said. "I love to read. I don't think there is anything worse than not being able to read."

Reading has always been a passion for Staulcup. Even as a young child she remembered reading at the same time she was learning to talk.

"The library has always been a favorite place for me to be," she said.

As a teenager she first worked in a library and at one time she volunteered at the Veteran's Hospital library, filling in as a librarian until one was found.

"Those were the days when everything was on a manual system," she said.

Now Staulcup is responsible for coordinating the tutors and students. She follows up on new students' progress and the working relationships with their tutors. She keeps account of the statistics of number of hours students are tutored and periodically calls the students to find out their progress.

Staulcup also personally interviews the new students, evaluates them and places them with a touter.

She admits that some adults are embarrassed about begin illiterate.

"Illiteracy is just a condition. It can be changed," she said. "I can't fly a plane. Being illiterate is not a disgrace, it is just holding them back."

Many of the students are functionally illiterate. They have the ability to read to some degree but not enough to understand how to fill out forms or read the want ads, she said.

Staulcup and the volunteer tutors attempt to help students become functional readers. She said they follow the Lawback program that takes students step by step up to a fifth grade reading level.

"It is harder for adults to read than children because they have other responsibilities," she said. "It is more of a challenge and sacrifice for adults but also more of a benefit."

"We are very proud of

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

JoAnn Staulcup, left, reviews educational materials to teach adults to read with prospective tutor Shirlee Carlile. Staulcup coordinates both the tutors and students for the literacy program.

City

Public hearing on skate park, swimming pool slated Tuesday

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Recreational facilities — a skate board park and a community swimming pool — will be the subject of a public hearing when Big Spring City Council convenes at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The hearing will precede the council's regular business, which will include second reading of the budget, tax rate and increased water and wastewater rates.

The purpose of Tuesday's hearing is to get public input. Council members are already aware that youth and a number of parents are interested in having a skate board park in Big Spring. More than 50 youth turned out for a council meeting last month to show their support for such a facility.

YMCA director Pete Thiry has indicated his organization would be willing to help with some of the costs of building a skate park. In considering locations, one suggestion has been the swimming pool at Comanche Trail Park. That pool was shut down this

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More than 150 to attend hearing impaired workshop

By VALERIE AVERY
Herald Correspondent

More than 150 people from Big Spring and the surrounding area are expected to participate in a Deaf Sensitivity Workshop Tuesday, Oct. 3, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Big Spring State Hospital Allred Building Auditorium.

Big Spring State Hospital is sponsoring the workshop, which will be conducted by Advocacy Inc., consultant Dr. Mike Collier. Advocacy Inc., is a non-profit corporation, which is funded by Congress to protect and advocate the legal rights of people with disabilities in Texas.

Dr. Collier has worked on behalf of deaf and disadvantaged individuals in Texas in a number of different capacities during the past 20 years.

He became hearing-impaired when he was a teen-ager but converses well with his audience, according to Big Spring State Hospital Director of Social Work Services Kathy Salazar. An interpreter will be available for audience members who want to ask questions, she said.

Big Spring State Hospital – one of eight state-funded psychiatric hospitals in Texas — periodically cares for people, who are deaf or hearing-impaired, Salazar said.

"This workshop will help our staff to become more comfortable when they are working with people who are deaf or hard-of-hearing," she said. "We want to make communication easier between our staff and patients."

And Salazar points out that "shouting is not the way to work with the hearing-impaired. When communicating with the deaf or hearing-impaired it is important to face them so they can see your facial expressions and lips."

When people with mental illness can't hear, the world can become an even more confusing place, Salazar said. Symptoms such as auditory hallucinations, more commonly known as "hearing voices" can be much more frightening to the patients when they are deaf. Big Spring State Hospital is sensitive to this special population's needs and the Oct. 3 workshop is part of the hospital's ongoing training, she said.

"The hospital contracts with Highland Council for the Deaf for sign language interpreters, and we can use writing to communicate with people who do not use

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Mitchell County Reunion a day-long homecoming

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

COLORADO CITY — The annual Mitchell County Reunion will be held Saturday at the Civic Center here.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. with coffee, juice, cookies and visitation.

At noon, a catered meal by David Stubblefield and his crew will take place. The featured guest speaker this year will be Hollis Gainey, who has recently moved back to Colorado City after his retirement with the Lubbock Independent School District where he has been a coach. Gainey was named "Player of the '50s" by the Texas High School Hall of Fame in Waco in 1999.

A musical group of Sarah Gohery, Gus Armstrong, Charles Dunn and Ben Sparks will perform before the noon meal. Mistress of Ceremonies will be Louise Hart Crenshaw of Fort Worth.

Preceding the registration, the Colorado City Chamber of Commerce will serve a cowboy breakfast between 7 and 9 a.m. for a cost of $4 per person. The meal is to be prepared over an open campfire at Kiwanis Park.

The Mitchell County Reunion began in the early 1900s when ranch families met at the old Barcroft Hotel. It grew and was known as "Old Settlers Reunion" as well as "Old Timer's" reunion until its name was updated in 1989 to Mitchell County Reunion.

People have attended from Florida, California, Arizona

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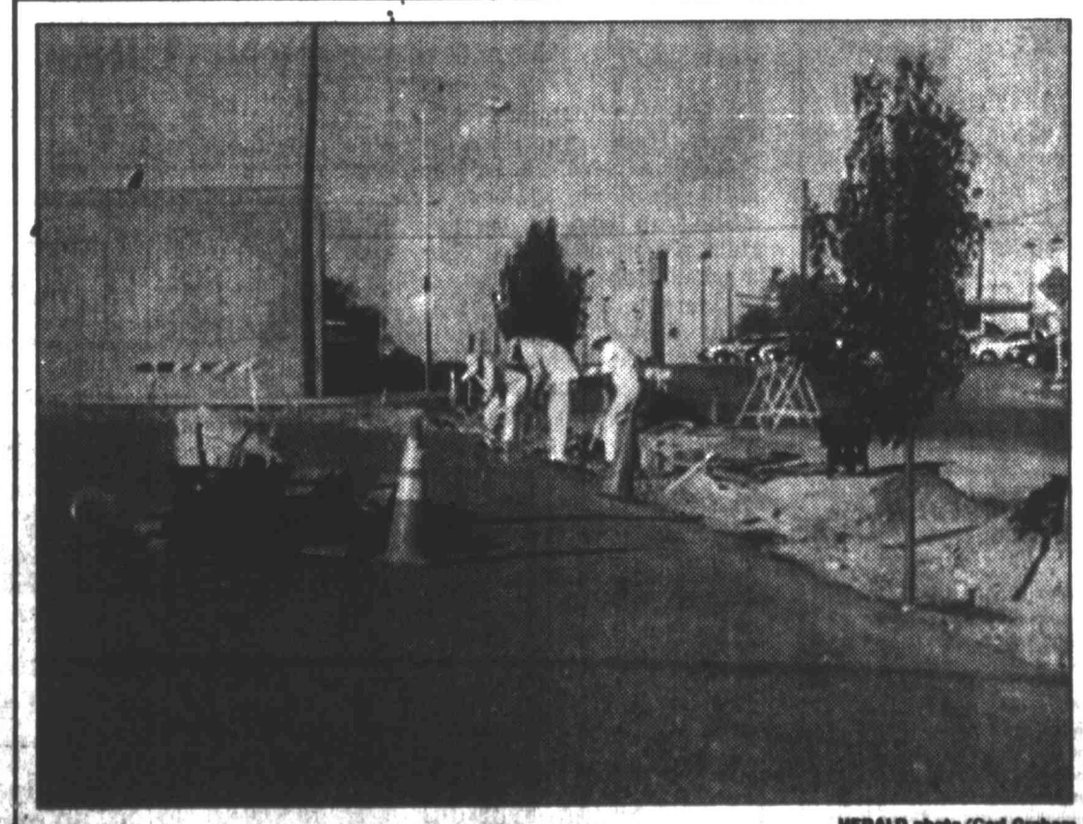
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Inmates from the Wilderness Camp plant trees at the Heart of the City Park. Use of the Wilderness Camp inmates has saved the city thousands of dollars from what the projects would cost to contract out to others.

OBITUARIES

Marjorie Elizabeth Alexander

Marjorie Elizabeth Alexander, 81, of Big Spring, died on Sunday, Sept. 24, 2000, at her residence. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2000, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Wanda Hill, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Coahoma, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on Jan. 5, 1919, in Eldorado, Texas, and married R.J. Alexander Sr. on Oct. 31, 1936, in Brady, Texas.

Mrs. Alexander graduated from Eldorado High School in 1936 and attended Draun's Business School in Abilene. She worked as a bookkeeper at Vincent Gin in the 1950s. She then worked in civil service at Webb Air Force Base for 23 years, retiring when the base closed.

Marjorie was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Coahoma. She loved her church and was very active until her health prevented her from attending. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and enjoyed gardening.

Survivors include her husband, R.J. Alexander Sr. of Big Spring; two sons, Jeff Alexander and wife Marjorie Ann of Big Spring and Dr. Gerald Alexander and wife Roberta of Fresno, Calif.; four sisters, Maurine Rust and Fern Humphrey, both of San Antonio, Lois Van Vleet of Stanton and Mozelle Williams of Houston; five grandchildren, Gregg Alexander of San Francisco, Calif., Michelle Alexander of Gabravo, Bulgaria, Angela Lindstrom of Fort Worth, Tracy Savoy of Baton Rouge, La., and Stacy Dykes of Lewisville; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ward and Hazel Parks, and by one brother, W.C. Parks.

Pallbearers will be Gregg Alexander, Stacy Dykes, Altus Kelly, Tom Rountree, Claude Alexander and James Alexander.

The family suggests memorials be made to Home Hospice, 600 S. Gregg St., Big Spring, Texas, or the Coahoma Methodist Church, P.O. Box 50, Coahoma, Texas, 79511.

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

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Marjorie Henderson, 75, died Sunday. Services are 4:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will follow in Coahoma Cemetery.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH
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906 Gregg St.
(915) 267-6331

Marjorie Elizabeth Alexander, 81, died Sunday. Services will be 10:00 AM Tuesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Merlon Ray Thigpen, 63, died Monday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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Merlon Ray Thigpen

Merlon Ray Thigpen, 63, of Big Spring, died Monday, Sept. 25, 2000, at his residence. Service is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Viletta E. Ballou

Funeral service for Viletta E. Ballou, Normal, Ill., formerly of Big Spring, will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2000, at Kibler-Smith Memorial Home in Bloomington, Ill. Entombment will take place in the East Lawn Mausoleum in Bloomington, Ill.

Mrs. Ballou died on Saturday, Sept. 23, at her residence.

She was born on July 12, 1923, in Gridley, Ill. She was married to Stanley Porter Ballou on Sept. 6, 1942, in Gulf Port, Miss. She was an executive secretary at the Fina Oil & Chemical Company. She was the past president and the first women president of the Big Spring Kiwanis Club. She was a past worthy matron of Chapter 67 Order of Eastern Star, served on the United Way, was a director of the Fina Credit Union for many years and was the Secretary/Treasurer of the Fina 25 year club. She was a volunteer in various community organizations.

She is survived by: her husband, Stanley Porter Ballou, of Normal, Ill.; a daughter, Gloria Malinovsky, of Enon, Ohio; a son, Wesley Ballou of Houston; three sisters, Marjorie Mounce, of Perkin, Ill., Mary Button of Normal, Ill., and Bess Schenkel of Bloomington, Ill; and four grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 10 until 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 26, at Kibler-Smith Memorial Home in Bloomington, Ill.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Community Cancer Center; 407 E. Vernon Ave., Normal, Ill., 61761; or BroMenn Hospice, 1322 S. Main St., Normal, Ill., 61761.

Marjorie Henderson

Funeral service for Marjorie Henderson, 75, Big Spring, will be 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2000, at Myers and Smith Funeral Home Chapel with Wanda Hill, paster of First United Methodist Coahoma, officiating. Burial will follow at Coahoma Cemetery in Coahoma.

Mrs. Henderson died on Saturday, Sept. 23, at her residence.

She was born on April 5, 1925, in Brownfield. She married Johnny McDonald Henderson on Feb. 21, 1945. They moved to Mitchell County in 1949 from Brown County. They ranched in both Mitchell and Howard County all of their lives. Her husband preceded her in death on May 24, 1985. She moved to Big Spring in 1990 and was a member of the Church of Christ.

She is survived by: three daughters, Nelda Saunders of Midland, Juanita Stonecrook of Big Spring and Linda Henderson of Chicago, Ill; one sister, Roxie Lee of Jal, N.M., eight grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center
1601 W. 11th Place
263-1211

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of fun," said Alexander. "We're looking for school groups, church groups and individuals to participate. This is a very creative project."

The Salvation Army headquarters is located at 811 W. Fifth St.

Life! editor Debbie L. Jensen contributed to this article.

VOLUNTEER

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our students and teachers for the effort they make," she said.

Staulcup said the challenge and sacrifice pays off not only for the student but also for herself.

"It is most rewarding to see a student with a big smile on their face," she said. "I remember one student, a women from Asia with a college degree from her country, who could not read English well. She practiced with a tutor.

"One day I saw her in the juvenile book section. She had copied the whole book down and had this big smile on her face. She knew every word in the book.

"It's been most rewarding to expose people to reading," Staulcup said. "I think it has been more rewarding to me than to the students."

Reading also gives many of the students more personal confidence, she said.

"I have known people who were very successful but did not know how to read," she said. "When they learn to read, they are much more confident."

Reading is becoming a more of a necessary skill as more jobs require some amount of reading, she said.

"Many people haven't realized their full potential until they learn to read," she said. "Reading is a tool in more ways than one."

For Staulcup, reading is not only important for the student but also for the county.

"It is extremely important for a county to have citizens as literate as possible," she said. "It is progression for the community for the people themselves and helps attract business."

COUNCIL

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year because the cost of repairs was deemed too high to keep it open.

However, at the time the pool was closed, council members expressed an interest in either finding a way to repair it or in building a new pool. Tuesday's hearing will give the public an opportunity to voice its opinion about the pool.

Other questions need to be answered and the council will welcome suggestions pertaining to safety, administration and entrance fees to a skate park and/or swimming pool.

On second reading Tuesday, the council is expected to approve its 2000-2001 budget which includes a 3.6-cent tax increase and $1 increases in both water and wastewater rates. City officials say the tax increase will go toward paying for the ambulance service, which has had to be subsidized annually. The rate increases will go toward stepping up the city's water line replacement program.

Also on the agenda for second reading are agreements with Howard County regarding the Senior Center, ambulance service and the landfill; a pact with Big Spring Main Street; and the hiring of Bob and Mark Lewis to manage Moss Creek Lake.

Items of new business include law enforcement grants and payment of late homestead exemption refunds.

The council will also meet at 5:30 p.m. today for discussion of a new zoning ordinance. No action will be taken at that meeting, which is open to the public.

The city council meets in council chambers at 307 E. Fourth St.

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WORKSHOP

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sign language," Salazar said.

Hospital patients may have lost their hearing because of a birth defect, severe ear infections or repeated exposure to loud noises such as loud music or machinery, she said.

People do not have to register for the workshop unless professional Social Work credits are needed, Salazar said.

The workshop is open to the public and free to attendees. To register for Social Work CEU's or for more information, call (915) 268-7354.

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and all regions of Texas to reunite with friends, family and classmates or to recall life lived in a small West Texas town. Anyone who has ever resided in Mitchell County is encouraged to attend.

Special guests will be anyone who born or living in Mitchell County in 1900. They are urged to contact Ray Anne Carlock at (915) 728-3205. Carlock, a lifelong Mitchell County native, is anticipating around 300 to attend this years event.

"We are hoping to have close to 300 in attendance," said Carlock. "This thing has been going on many years now, it's just became a traditional thing. We have folks coming in from all over the United States and each year they tell us not to do away with it so we plan to keep it up. We just need to get some of the younger generation involved so we can keep it going."

For reservations, contact Kay Fite at City National Bank, (915) 728-5221 before Thursday.

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FIRE/EMS

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

SATURDAY

12:23 a.m. — 1500 block Wood, trauma call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

3:44 a.m. — 4100 block Dixon, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

6:48 a.m. — 6200 block Walter Road, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

8:25 a.m. — 400 block Avenue I in Ackerly, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

4:40 p.m. — 400 block NE 11th, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

POLICE

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

• **ADAM FAZ**, 19, no address given, was arrested on a charge of minor in possession.

• **RUBEN GONZALEZ**, 17, no address given, was arrested on a charge of minor in possession.

• **CHRISTOPHE VALENCIA**, 17, no address given, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.

• **JIMMY LEE**, 45, no address given, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **EMANUEL CERVANTES**, 28, no address given, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **RAUL AGUILAR**, 59, no address given, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence.

• **DANIEL SALAS**, 19, no address given, was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **JOSEPH TURNER**, 23, no address given, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• **ROBERT TINDOL**, 38, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported at 3612 SSR I-20.

• **CLASS C CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1400 block of Scurry.

• **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 3200 block of Cornell.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 2800 block of Parkway.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg, in the 200 block of W. Marcy, in the 3300 block of E. Marcy, in the 900 block of Willia, in the 1200 block of E. 11th Place, in the 2300 block of Wasson, in the 400 block of Birdwell and in the 1700 block of E. Marcy.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 3200 block of Avenue C.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activities between noon Saturday through 8 a.m. today:

• **MELVIN WILLIAM BIDDLE**, 38, of Fort Worth, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation on an assault with a deadly weapon. (HCSO)

• **GARY LEE MILLER**, 32, of 220 Texas Road., was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated, third or more, evading arrest and driving while license suspended. (HCSO)

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Couple thinks in-laws visit is about money

DEAR ABBY: My in-laws have invited themselves to stay at our house over a long weekend. They told us the time and day they are arriving — and that their airplane tickets are non-refundable.

My husband and I think they are coming on the pretense of spending our son's birthday with him. They have never come to any of our son's birthday parties before, nor have they called him (or us) on birthdays or any other holidays.

ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

We suspect that we are being used as a hotel, and I am concerned their coldness and indifference will hurt our son's feelings.

Abby, there has been tension between my husband and his family and me ever since we got married. My mother-in-law does not respect anyone's privacy. She has been known to walk into rooms and go through cupboards and drawers she has no business going in.

Do we have to let them stay in our house? — TIRED OF BEING USED

DEAR TIRED: Bear in mind that your in-laws could be coming to try to mend fences. However, you are under no obligation to have anyone under your roof who isn't welcome.

If you're concerned that the tension could be upsetting for your son, suggest that your in-laws stay at a nearby motel. Offer to make the reservations for them. At that point, you'll find out if their plane tickets are truly non-refundable.

DEAR ABBY: I am six months pregnant and will soon create a registry for baby gifts. I am not planning a baby shower, but would like to have the registry available to those who wish to buy gifts.

How do I let friends and family know I have a gift registry without also inviting them to a shower?

Without seeming rude, how can I let people know they can buy me gifts? It seems the only acceptable way to ask for baby gifts is to throw a party and send your registry card along with the invitations. — MOM-TO-BE

DEAR MOM-TO-BE: To include a gift registry card with an invitation is considered a blatant request for a gift, and any blatant bid for gifts is a breach of etiquette.

Please remember that people don't "owe" you a gift simply because you are about to become a mother. Your friends and family are aware that they may buy you gifts without your having to mention it. Unless you want to appear greedy, say nothing about gifts unless someone asks you what you need for the baby.

DEAR ABBY: When my daughter lived here with her father and me, we always had a hard time getting her to stay home — even for dinner. Now that she has moved out, she's over here every day, even at mealtimes! Without making her mad or hurting her feelings, how can we tell her she doesn't have to visit every single day? — HER PARENTS IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR PARENTS: Your predicament illustrates one of life's ironies: As children grow older, they can't wait to assert their independence and leave home. However, adult children who have left home for the first time often go into "economic shock" when they start paying for their own food, utilities, etc.

Speak up and begin putting some limits on your daughter's visits back to the nest. Set up one specific time during the week for dinner or a visit. If you don't begin to draw the line, it may be years before you can enjoy your privacy.

DEAR ABBY: My stepson is 18 and living with my husband and me. He is a high school dropout who has been arrested for criminal mischief and theft. He is now out on bail, running up extremely high phone bills calling girls he meets on the Internet.

After several attempts to get my husband to demonstrate tough love, and being met with deaf ears, I finally took it upon myself to cut off our long-distance service to the house. I provided my husband with a 200-minute phone card so he can still call his daughter in Arizona. He is furious with me for doing this "without consulting him," and says I am a control freak. I simply wanted to send a message to his son. Was I wrong in doing this? — HAD IT IN TEXAS

DEAR HAD IT: If you are the sole support of the household, then you were within your rights. However, if you both work and share the bills or he brings home the paycheck, you should have discussed your plan with him first.

Perhaps your husband feels guilty for the way his son has turned out, and that's the reason he has failed to take a firm stand with him. This young man is putting your marriage in danger. You and your husband would be doing yourselves a big favor to get marriage counseling — and family counseling — until his "boy" is either straightened out or is off to the pokey.

DEAR ABBY: I just finished reading the letter from "Must I Share Everything?" whose husband likes to hang out with her and her girlfriends. May I comment?

I am a 34-year-old woman who is thrilled to have a husband who feels comfortable with my friends. In fact, a couple of weeks ago I had a Pampered Chef party with 25 ladies — and my husband was the hit of the evening! He had a great time and was even nicknamed "Oven Boy" because he was in charge of putting the food in the oven for the demonstrator. I didn't even mind when my friends wanted to go into the kitchen to check out "Oven Boy's 'buns.'"

That lady should count her blessings. I know I do every day. After all, doesn't it make sense that your "best friend" should get along with your other friends? — LUCKIEST GIRL IN THE WORLD, MIDLOTHIAN, ILL.

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HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Sept. 26:

Tune in to your visions and let them inspire you. When you look at reality in contrast with what you want, you could often be disillusioned. Know that you can create more if you want it. If you are single, you will often be left dewy-eyed by a romantic friend. Just make sure that this person is emotionally available. If you are attached, a child could delight you. Be careful not to let your eye wander too far! VIRGO reads you cold.

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)
**** If you stay focused, you can make a long-term desire real. Partners plug into your enthusiasm and want to be part of what is happening. Listen to others, even if they have different opinions than you. Suggestions can strengthen a concept. Emphasize the details as well. Tonight: Celebrate success and living.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
***** Your mind spins at work. Sit down with an associate or boss, and ideas will flourish. Your ability to solve problems marks your work and life. You gain another's admiration as well as his caring. Use care with a child or loved one. Feelings run high. Know what you want. Tonight: Be your naughty-and-nice self.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
**** Once you relax, you come up with formidable answers and ideas. Check out an idea on the Internet. It also would not hurt to seek out experts or someone who knows more than you do. Return calls. Accept an invitation. Sign up for a class or workshop. Stay young through mental growth. Tonight: Happy at home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
**** Keep communication going. You might not be sure how you feel about a loved one. This person might be too good to be true. Be willing to take a risk. You might not agree with another, but you don't need to. Keep asking questions. Let another inspire you. Tonight: Do something special for a friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** Another inspires you, but to do what? Recognize your strength, but look at your reactions when you are with this person. Emphasize making money rather than spending it. Let someone else spend the money! Tonight: Your treat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** Your sense of humor comes out with a co-worker or someone who plays a significant role in your day-to-day life. Don't underestimate another's influence. What you thought was an excellent idea proves to be just that. Tonight: Just ask.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
*** Realize that you might not be seeing a situation as clearly as you would like. A child or loved one runs circles around you, even if you like to think otherwise. Be realistic about your expectations. You could be stunned by another's revelation. Sit back and think, rather than reacting. Tonight: Be lazy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** Aim for what you have been wanting. You might not always express what is on your mind. Use an opportunity to share with another. Bring others together. You find that the more people who gather around you, the happier you are. Tonight: Go for what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
**** Others look to you. You sense what you need to do. You are inspired. Brainstorm with others. Ultimately, you make the right decision. Think through your ideas carefully before acting. Your smile makes a big difference in how another responds. Tonight: Work as late as you need to.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
**** Others deal with change in a positive and creative way. Verify the balance of your checking account. Make sure all your facts are correct before you make a money decision. Inquire and seek out other opinions. The more open you are, the more successful you will be. Tonight: Go for different.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** You know how to inspire others. Create more of what you want. You succeed, especially if you talk to someone one-on-one. Think through decisions carefully with a partner. Notice how well you work as a team. Tonight: Be especially loving.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
**** Your intuition helps you if you listen to it. A partner might not be able to say what he is thinking. Question others' ideas, but let friends express their opinions. Co-workers clearly want to pitch in; accept their suggestions. Tonight: Accept a dinner invitation.

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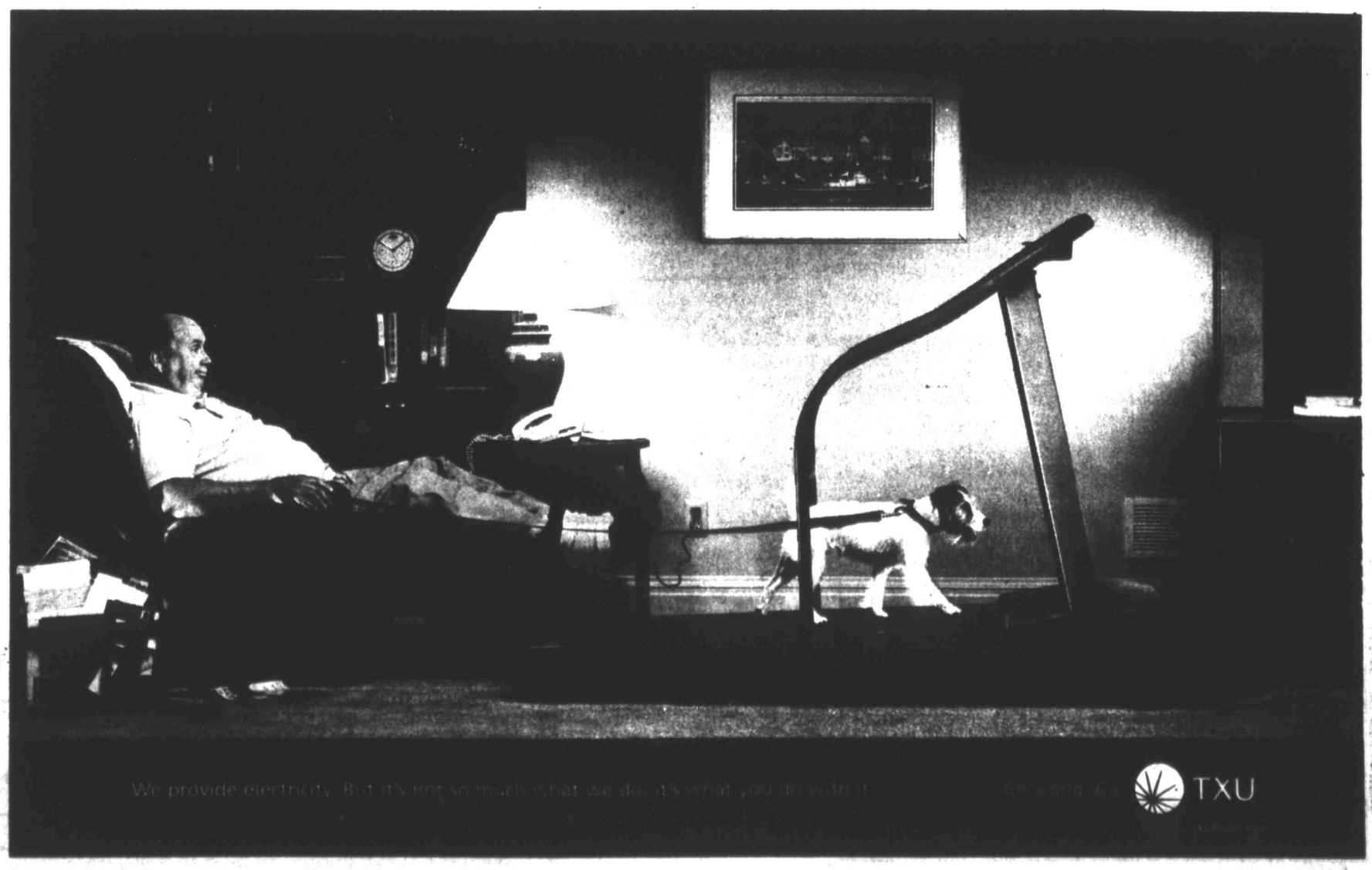

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OUR VIEWS

Doll festival fun and for a good cause

After a short absence, the Salvation Army doll festival is back, and we're glad to see it. While annually raising more than $1,000 for a great cause, the doll festival combines talent, creativity, volunteerism and fun into a single event.

If you aren't familiar with the doll festival, it goes like this. You pick up a doll from the Salvation Army and dress it in the attire of your choice. There are some six categories, but anything in good taste will qualify. The sky is the limit as to how people dress "their" doll. We've seen Indians, angels, little boys and girls, cowboys, cheerleaders and more. Some people will go to the extreme to fashion elaborate handmade costumes, complete with accessories. Others will purchase a ready-made costume from a retail store.

In short, time spent on your doll can be days or weeks, or as short as 30 minutes or so. It all depends on your time and your creativity.

You'll receive instructions with your doll about what to do and when to return it to the Salvation Army. At a selected date — sometime in early December — the dolls will be displayed. The top dolls will be auctioned and the money raised will go toward next year's Christmas programs. All of the other dolls are given to needy children.

So, whether you fancy yourself as a fashion designer or whether your creative skills are more akin to making toast, join in the Salvation Army doll festival. Pick up your doll today at the Army headquarters, 811 W. Fifth St.

It's for a wonderful cause — our less fortunate children — and it's a lot of fun.

OTHER VIEWS

Federal Judge James Parker could have understandably gaveled his quick approval of physicist Wen Ho Lee's one-count plea bargain and disappeared into his chambers, relieved to have the whole distasteful mess behind him.

But Parker went further. He apologized to Lee for the scientist's unacceptable treatment at the hands of the criminal justice system and issued a stinging rebuke to the Justice Department, FBI and Energy Department for having badly misled him — he stopped short of saying lied — at a bail hearing last December.

On behalf of himself and the federal judiciary, Parker apologized to Lee for his treatment, and then the judge turned to the handling of the case by the Justice and Energy departments: "They did not embarrass me alone. They have embarrassed our entire nation. ..."

That's not enough. Trampled in this case was Lee's constitutional presumption of innocence, a right fundamental to this nation.

More than an apology is necessary. An explanation is demanded.

The Cincinnati Post

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Platforms and vice presidents do matter

Jack Anderson

Voter turnout is expected to be at a record low in November. Polls show that a third of the public thinks that there is no difference between the two major candidates and that it's pointless to vote, because politicians don't do what they promise anyway.

Green Party candidate Ralph Nader calls the parties "Republicrats" to perpetuate the myth that choosing between them is like choosing between vanilla and french vanilla. Further confusing voters is the widespread notion that vice presidents don't matter, party platforms are irrelevant and presidential debates are overrated in their impact on the election.

These are all myths, and they do a disservice to the voters.

The choice of a running mate tells us something about the character and priorities of the candidate. Gore's choice of Senator Joseph Lieberman was hailed as bold because Lieberman is Jewish. The public's positive reaction to that choice demonstrated that the country is ahead of the curve; bigotry is no longer socially acceptable. But the reason Lieberman contributed to Gore's bounce in the polls has less to do with religion than with his centrist politics.

Bush's choice of Dick Cheney was a signal to the party's right wing that it is still in favor despite Bush's insistence that he is a different kind of Republican. Cheney's voting record as a member of Congress was staunchly conservative. When Cheney campaigned recently in Michigan, the heart of the automotive industry, he had a hard time defending his vote against the Chrysler bailout, initiated by President Jimmy Carter and responsible for reviving one of America's flagship companies. Cheney's golden parachute from Halliburton, a major oil company where he was CEO, makes Bush vulnerable to the charge that the GOP ticket is comprised of two oil guys who are out of touch with ordinary voters.

Both Gore and Bush invested time and resources to make certain that their respective party platforms reflected their campaigns. The Democratic Party platform endorses free-trade policies, despite opposition from labor unions, and it stops short of calling for universal health care, favoring instead the incrementalist proposal Gore has put forth. The Republican Party platform no longer calls for the abolition of the Education Department and the National Endowment for the Arts, but it retains the party's strong condemnation of abortion rights, and it supports a constitutional amendment to ban abortion.

The 1996 GOP nominee, Bob Dole, is partly responsible for the myth that party platforms are irrelevant. He tried to moderate the platform in several key areas, including abortion. Having failed, he declared the platform meaningless. "I haven't read it," he said. That's not the case with Gore and Bush, who helped draft their respective platforms and will use them as a guide to governing.

Gore is anxious to debate, believing the format showcases his superior command of the issues, while Bush appears to be ducking. Much of this is pregame posturing. Bush is less certain about his debating skills and wants to lower expectations before any face-off. His aides are saying there's nothing sacrosanct about the three debates proposed by the bipartisan Presidential Debate Commission, and they add that debates only reinforce the attitudes of partisans on both sides.

The truth is debates have been decisive more often than not. An ill-at-ease Richard Nixon lost his debate with John F. Kennedy and the election in 1960. Gerald Ford's insistence in 1976 that Poland was not under Communist domination helped elect Jimmy Carter. And in 1992, more people watched Bill Clinton's final debate with George Bush Sr. than watched the Super Bowl. When Bush midway through that debate glanced impatiently at his wristwatch, voters decided it was time for him to go.

Debates can have impact on race

By WILL LESTER
Associated Press Writer

Presidential debates can have a subtle, important effect on a close race that sometimes has been difficult to measure in the polls in past election years, analysts say.

Debates can sway undecided and swing voters, and increase enthusiasm and turnout among base supporters. They also can affect campaign momentum or change a candidate's image — for better or worse.

Amanda Stromm, a 25-year-old graphic designer from Ypsilanti, Mich., is the kind of voter who could be helped by the three presidential debates scheduled for next month.

She supported Republican John McCain in the Michigan presidential primary.

She is undecided about Democrat Al Gore or Republican George W. Bush, but remembers that the 1996 debates led her away from GOP nominee Bob Dole. "He seemed unprepared," she said.

Stromm also wants to hear more about issues.

"I guess I'm looking to see if Gore is able to maintain that new image," said Stromm, a Democrat. "And Bush ... he looks kind of shifty.

"I'd like to see if he can come across well. He came across great on Oprah."

In 1980, Ronald Reagan effectively used the debates to reassure people who were concerned about his understanding of the issues. Perceptions of his grasp of the issues rose after his first debate with John Anderson, polls suggest, and that factor that could have helped after his late October debate with President Carter.

That year, the polls shifted from a Carter edge before that debate to a dead heat just before the election.

"The image the people had of Reagan was that they were not sure of his ability and the image he portrayed was of an elder statesman we could listen to and have some confidence in," said veteran pollster Warren Mitofsky.

Other years when debates are credited with playing a significant role:

— 1960, when John F. Kennedy's poised demeanor on television gave him a stature that some thought the young senator from Massachusetts lacked, while Vice President Richard Nixon appeared less comfortable with the new medium.

— 1976, when President Ford said Poland would never be dominated by the Soviet Union. He later explained he meant their spirits would never be dominated and never intended to dispute that the Soviets had extensive military forces there. But his momentum to catch up with Carter stalled after the debates.

— 1992, when Ross Perot's participation in the debates helped elevate the Reform Party candidate's stature and probably helped him get 19 percent of the vote. Bill Clinton won with just 43 percent.

One of the most important roles the debates play, said presidential scholar Charles Jones, is to confirm to voters that their candidate "is good enough that I'll turn out and vote."

Donald McElwaney, a Democrat and middle school teacher from Saugus, Mass., said he'll watch just to see how his candidate, Gore, performs. "He has to show that he wasn't just a 'yes man,' that he contributed to what's been going on the last eight years."

Brian Claasen, a 28-year-old Republican serving in the Army at Fort Riley, Kansas, said he's "hoping Gore screws it all up."

Pollsters give mixed reviews to surveys that say who won a debate immediately after it's over. Some caution that such opinions are ephemeral and tell little about the campaign.

But Kathleen Frankovic, director of surveys at CBS News, said they offer an unvarnished public reaction before analysts, pundits and friends and family weigh in.

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IN BRIEF

Quarterback Club meeting tonight

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

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

YMCA adult leagues now being formed

Today is the deadline to register for three adult sports leagues in co-ed recreational volleyball, co-ed power volleyball and flag football are being organized this fall by the YMCA.

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

Power volleyball begins Oct. 5. Fees for the 6-man teams are $60.

Flag football play begins Oct. 7. Rosters will include 15 players and team fees are $100.

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

Steers freshmen post two wins over Wylie

Big Spring's freshman Steers took a pair of wins over Abilene Wylie's young Bulldogs on Thursday, the White team rolling to a 46-0 decision, while the Black squad posted a 23-22 comeback win.

Marcus Gray led the way for the White squad, scoring three touchdowns. Pete Yanez, Mark Sheedy and Brandon Hughes also added scores.

in the Black game, Tyree Williams scored on a 50-yard burst and Lee Gillihan hit Jared Phillips with a touchdown pass, but the Steers trailed 22-16 with less than a minute left.

But a touchdown run by Dennis Kimble tied the game and Michael Ornales kicked the game-winning PAT.

Coahoma girls finish seventh at Abilene

Coahoma's Bulldogettes finished seventh in the team standings at the McMurry Invitational cross-country meet in Abilene Saturday.

Rachel Williams led the way with a fifth-place finish, clocked at 13:08. Leann Smith was eighth, while Kristy Kinard was 62nd, Ashley Lang was 64th and Brandi Hart was 71st.

In the JV division, Michelle Walker was 13th and Lindy Barr was 16th.

Colorado City spikers split three-way match

Colorado City's Lady Wolves split a three-way volleyball match with Lubbock Cooper and Veribest on Saturday.

Lubbock Cooper beat the Lady Wolves 15-10, 15-4, but the home team rebounded to take a 15-7, 15-4 win over Veribest.

Colorado City is now 4-13 on the season.

ON THE AIR

Television

BASEBALL

6:05 p.m. — Atlanta Braves at Montreal Expos, TBS, Ch. 11.

7 p.m. — Texas Rangers at Minnesota Twins, FXS, Ch. 29.

FOOTBALL

8 p.m. — Jacksonville Jaguars at Indianapolis Colts, ABC, Ch. 2.

OLYMPICS

6 p.m. — Summer Games, men's and women's gymnastics, track and field, men's springboard diving, NBC, Ch. 9.

11:30 p.m. — Summer Games, track and field and men's volleyball, U.S. vs. Italy, NBC, Ch. 9.

Steers netters fall to Levelland on mixed doubles tiebreaker

HERALD Staff Report

LEVELLAND — It's called winning the battle, but losing the war.

Big Spring tennis players won 14 of 24 matches played in a District 4-4A team tennis showdown with Levelland on Saturday, but only 19 of those matches counted in the league standings and the homestanding Loboes won 10 of them.

That 10th win for the Loboes came in the mixed doubles after the two teams finished deadlocked with nine wins apiece following singles and doubles play.

Levelland claimed the match when Chase Paxton and Tricia Wilde took a 6-2, 7-5 win over Lauren Chesworth and Jake Smiley.

It was somewhat fitting that mixed doubles decide the match, since the Steers six boys' singles matches and added three straight doubles victories, only to see Levelland return the favor in girls' singles and doubles.

Zach Smiley got the Steers off to a good start in boys' singles with a 6-3, 6-1 win over Josh Montgomery, while Jay Shroff took the No. 2 match with a 6-3, 6-3 decision over Jeff Contreras.

Big Spring's No. 3 player, Alex Edgemon, added a 6-2, 6-1 win over Marshal Boles and Derek DeHoyos took the No. 4 match with a 4-6, 6-2, 6-1 win over Parker Payne. Michael Roffers had little trouble in taking a 6-3, 6-0 win over Levelland's No. 5 player, Paxton, and Brian Wingert survived a 6-1, 6-7, 6-3 marathon with Nathan Young.

In two boys' singles matches that didn't count in the district standings, Jake Smiley beat Tyler Levic 6-1, 6-2 and Drew Mireles was a 6-2, 6-4 winner over Noel Mora.

Boys' doubles matches were a bit more competitive, but Jay Shroff and Edgemon got the sweep started with a 6-0, 7-6 win over Contreras and Harrison Hill.

Zach Smiley and DeHoyos then combined for a 6-4, 6-1 win over Montgomery and Young before Roffers and Wingert were pushed to three sets before taking a 6-7, 6-2, 6-4 win. Vishal Shroff and Ryan Vela added a 7-6, 7-5 win over Levic and Mora for good measure.

Big Spring managed to take wins in two girls' singles matches — Amanda White took a 6-4, 3-6, 6-2 decision over Ashley Bowls and Breck Simmons registered an 8-5 pro set win over Miranda Mirillo — but they did not count in the standings.

The six girls' singles matches that did count belonged to the Loboes. Sarah Sorenson defeated April Ward 6-2, 6-3; Tosha Marlar took out Megan Roffers 6-1, 6-1; Allie Balch was a 6-2, 6-0 winner over Heather Parnell; Ashley Dorow outlasted Mindy Partee 7-5, 6-2; Kelli Palmer topped Annette Richardson 6-1, 6-4; and Haley Smith capped things with a 6-1, 6-2 win over Lauren Chesworth.

Sorenson and Marlar then teamed to take a 6-1, 6-2 win over Richardson and Roffers. Balch and Dorrow added a 6-4, 6-4 decision over Ward and Partee in the No. 2 doubles match. Palmer and Smith then deadlocked the overall match with a 6-4, 6-3 win over Parnell and Simmons.

The Steers return to action Tuesday, playing host to Odessa in a non-district match and will return to 4-4A competition Saturday when they travel to Plainview.

Cowboys get no respect from 49ers in 41-24 loss

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

George Teague saved face for the Dallas Cowboys during their second straight humiliating loss at home.

When Terrell Owens caught a 1-yard touchdown pass with 4:05 left in San Francisco's 41-24 victory Sunday at Dallas, he sprinted to midfield for his second post-TD celebration on the Cowboys' star logo.

This time, Teague followed Owens and leveled him as he got to the logo.

"That was all about disrespect. Teague was taking back our pride, on our field," Cowboys linebacker Darren Hambrick said. "It didn't look good, but it's all about pride."

Owens, who called his celebrations spur of the moment outbursts, got penalized for taunting the second time. And Teague got thrown out of the game.

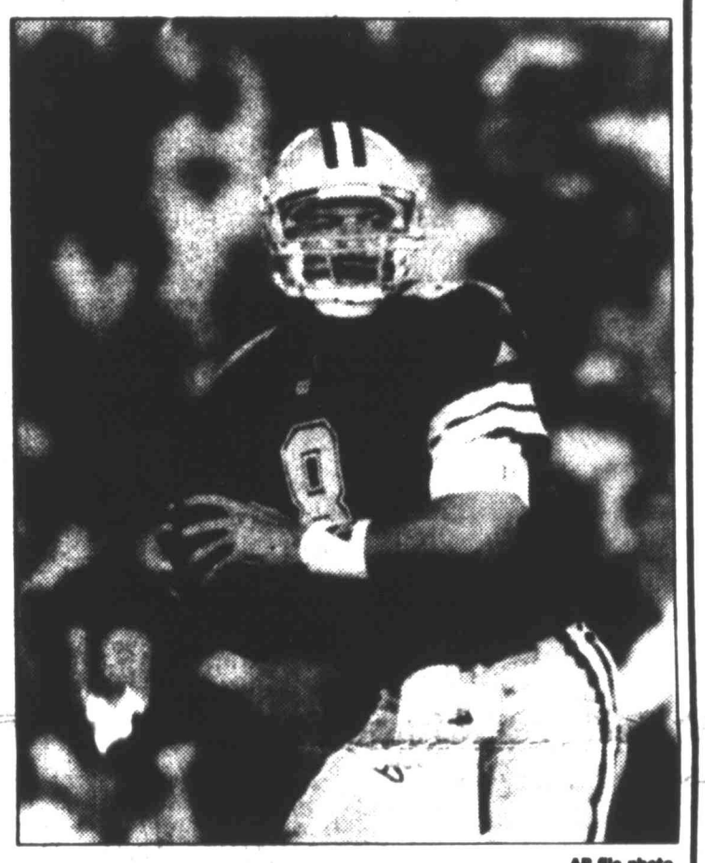
Emmitt Smith responded to Owens' first outburst with his own midfield celebration after a 1-yard TD run just before halftime that closed the Cowboys to 17-10. Teague had a physical response after Owens' late TD that made it 41-17.

"I just stood there in awe as Terrell went back to the star," said Jerry Rice, who also caught two touchdown passes for the 49ers. "He was sprinting and there was 31 (Teague) after him.

"Terrell is going to be Terrell. He gets pumped up doing stuff like this. We're going to try to handle this professionally, but hopefully he can learn from this and move on."

In other games, it was the New York Jets 21, Tampa Bay 17; St. Louis 41, Atlanta 20; Tennessee 23, Pittsburgh 20; Miami 10, New England 3; Baltimore 37, Cincinnati 0; Detroit 21, Chicago 14; Philadelphia 21, New Orleans 7; Kansas City 24, Denver 23; Oakland 36, Cleveland 10; Green Bay 29, Arizona 3; Seattle 20, San Diego 12; and Washington 16, New York Giants 6.

Rice knows a lot about celebrating after touchdowns, having scored an NFL-record 182 in his career. He acknowledged that Owens went too far with his antics.



AP file photo

Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman, pictured here during a 1995 game, made his return to the Cowboys lineup Sunday, his presence wasn't enough to keep the Cowboys from losing to the San Francisco 49ers.

While the 49ers and Cowboys were playing for the first time in three years, they are far removed from the NFC titles they used to play for. But the bitterness between the now-mediocre teams remained.

San Francisco coach Steve Mariucci and Cowboys coach Dave Campo both apologized to each other when they met at midfield after the game. Both refused to elaborate what was said after the game.

The two teams that played each other in six NFC championship games and have combined to play in 13 Super Bowls are both 1-3 this season.

Jeff Garcia was 16-for-26 for 178 yards and four touchdowns, his third straight multi-TD game. Charlie Garner ran for a San Francisco record 201 yards, matching what Philadelphia's Duce Staley did against the Cowboys just three weeks earlier as they lost their home opener 41-14.

"It's an accomplishment, but we are 1-3 right now," said Garner, who had a 1-yard TD among his 36 carries. "I want to win games. Hopefully, we can get some momentum from this."

That's something Dallas wasn't able to do just six days after a 27-21 Monday night victory at Washington.

Just minutes before Teague was thrown out of the game, Dallas cornerback Darren Woodson was also ejected. Woodson, upset that referees didn't call a penalty when 49ers center Jeremy Newberry stepped on his chest after the whistle blew, kicked the ball and then threw his helmet.

As for as the play on the field, Rice's touchdown receptions provided the only resemblance to the past's memorable games.

Not even Troy Aikman or Smith could turn around Dallas' fortunes.

South Carolina cracks Top 25; so does Clemson

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Leave it to Lou Holtz to downplay South Carolina's first appearance in the Top 25 since 1993.

"If we're 23, there's a lot of bad football teams, because I don't think we're the 23rd best football team in the country by any stretch of the imagination," Holtz said Sunday.

The Gamecocks (4-0), who beat Mississippi State 23-19 on Saturday, were ranked No. 23 in The Associated Press Top 25 college football poll in balloting by the 71 sports writers and broadcasters on the AP panel.

South Carolina, which last appeared in the poll for one week early in the '93 season, are off to their best start since 1988. The Gamecocks were 0-11 in '99 and opened this season by snapping a 21-game losing streak with a win over New Mexico State.

They also have wins over a then-No. 9 Georgia and Eastern Michigan.

Once again, Nebraska and Florida State were 1-2, but the Seminoles moved a little closer to the top spot.

The Cornhuskers (3-0), 42-13 winners over Iowa, received 39 first-place votes and 1,743 points, while the Seminoles (4-0), 31-0 winners over Louisville, had 30 first-place votes and 1,732 points. Last week, the Huskers led the Seminoles by 24 points; this week the lead is 11.

Florida (4-0) was No. 3 with one first-place vote and 1,603 points after its 59-31 win over Kentucky, with idle Virginia Tech (3-0) moving up a spot to No. 4 and Kansas State (4-0) dropping a notch to No. 5 after a 55-10 win over North Texas. The Wildcats received the other first-place vote.

Washington was No. 6, followed by No. 7 Clemson, No. 8 USC, No. 9 Michigan and No. 10 Miami.

Tennessee, which beat Louisiana-Monroe 70-3, improved two places to No. 11, followed by No. 12 Ohio State, No. 13 Texas, No. 14 Oklahoma, No. 15 UCLA, No. 16 TCU, No. 17 Wisconsin, No. 18 Michigan State, No. 19 Auburn and No. 20 Oregon.

Southern Mississippi was No. 21, followed by No. 22 Purdue, No. 23 South Carolina, No. 24 Illinois and No. 25 Georgia.

It was a good day for Clemson, that other team from South Carolina. The Tigers (4-0), with a 31-10 win over Virginia, moved up four spots and into the top 10 for the first time since 1991.

Both UCLA, a 29-10 loser at Oregon, and Wisconsin, which lost 47-44 in two overtimes to Northwestern, fell out of the top 10. The Bruins (3-1) tumbled from nine places; the Badgers 10. Oregon (3-1) moved into the poll for the first time this season.

Notre Dame (2-2), which lost to 27-21 to Michigan State, dropped out of the Top 25, as did Mississippi State (2-1).

In the USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll, the top five were Nebraska, Florida State, Florida, Virginia Tech and Kansas State.

AP POLL

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Sept. 23:

	Record
1. Nebraska (39)	3-0
2. Florida St. (30)	4-0
3. Florida (1)	4-0
4. Virginia Tech	3-0
5. Kansas St. (1)	4-0
6. Washington	3-0
7. Clemson	4-0
8. Southern Cal	3-0
9. Michigan	3-1
10. Miami	2-1
11. Tennessee	2-1
12. Ohio St.	4-0
13. Texas	2-1
14. Oklahoma	3-0
15. UCLA	3-1
16. TCU	3-0
17. Wisconsin	3-1
18. Michigan St.	3-0
19. Auburn	4-0
20. Oregon	3-1
21. Southern Miss.	2-1
22. Purdue	3-1
23. South Carolina	4-0
24. Illinois	3-1
25. Georgia	2-1

Others receiving votes: Notre Dame 172, Air Force 22, N.C. State 17, Mississippi 15, Pittsburgh 15, Arizona St. 13, Arkansas 13, East Carolina 7, Texas A&M 6, Texas Tech 5, Mississippi St. 3, Alabama 1, Colorado St. 1, LSU 1, Stanford 1.

Chicago clinches title; Mariners lead A's by one game

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Chicago became the first AL team to clinch a spot in the playoffs, even though the White Sox lost.

Seattle was a big winner on the next-to-last Sunday of the regular season, beating Oakland 3-2 in the finale of a four-game series to retake a one-game lead over the Athletics in the AL West.

"We had a chance to do it on the field and fell apart, but we'll take it," Chicago first baseman Paul Konerko said after Sunday's 6-5, 10-inning loss to the Minnesota Twins. "We didn't win the division because of one day. It was won over six months."

Chicago clinched their first division title since 1993 and ended Cleveland's five-year reign as AL Central champions when Kansas City completed a 9-0 win over the Indians.

A few moments later at the Metrodome, Matt Lawton hit a two-out homer in the 10th off Kevin Beirne (1-2), capping Minnesota's comeback from a 5-0 deficit.

"We've been pushing and pushing. I never thought we'd get back this quickly," said Frank Thomas, the lone remaining active player from the White Sox's last division winner in 1993. "This is special."

In other American League games it was New York 6, Detroit 3; Tampa Bay 6, Toronto 0; Baltimore 1, Boston 0; and Anaheim 9, Texas 2.

In National League games, it was New York 3, Philadelphia 2; Atlanta 14, Montreal 5; Los Angeles 1, San Diego 0; Arizona 8, San Francisco 3; Cincinnati 4, Houston 3; Milwaukee 8, Pittsburgh 5; Chicago 10, St. Louis 5; and Colorado 9, Florida 3.

At the Metrodome, Eddie Guardado (6-3) got the victory with two innings of one-hit relief.

"I've never seen a celebration by both teams when the game ends," White Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf said.

Mariners 3, Athletics 2

After losing the first three games of the series, Seattle took a 3-0 lead and hung on.

"If we would have gotten swept, we would have been down a game and then we'd have to rely on somebody else," first baseman John Olerud said. "Today was a game we had to win."

Seattle leads the AL West at 87-69, while Oakland is 85-69, one game in front of Cleveland (84-70) in the wild card race.

Run-scoring singles by Olerud in the first and Mike Cameron in the second put the Mariners ahead, and Carlos Guillen hit a leadoff homer in the fourth off Ariel Prieto (1-2).

Jason Giambi hit a two-run homer in the sixth off John Halama (13-9), and Arthur Rhodes and Kazuhiro Sasaki combined for 3 2-3 innings of hitless relief, with Sasaki getting his 35th save.

Royals 9, Indians 0

Blake Stein (8-4) allowed four hits in seven innings, and Jose Santiago finished with two-hit relief.

The Indians headed home to play a unique day-night doubleheader Monday: Chicago in an afternoon makeup and Minnesota at night in a regularly scheduled night game — the first three-team doubleheader at the same ballpark since the St. Louis Cardinals beat the New York Giants 6-4 and lost to the Boston Braves 2-0 on Sept. 13, 1951.

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The City of Big Spring is accepting applications for Jailer, meter reader, and cemetery general maintenance worker until 9-29-00. The city is also taking applications for animal warden until 10/06/00. For further information contact City Hall personnel at 310 Nolan, Big Spring, TX 79720. The City of Big Spring is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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For Rent- 3 bdr., 2 bath, garage, C/H/A. Kentwood area. $600. mon., deposit required. 398-5504.

For Rent or Sale: 16x76 ft. 2 bdr. 2 bth. like new mobile home outside city. Call 267-6347

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CITY OF BIG SPRING CITY COUNCIL 5:30 PM, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2000 CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 307 E. 4TH STREET, BIG SPRING, TEXAS ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

The City of Big Spring is requesting the approval of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance changing from Single Family Dwelling (SF-2) to Planned Development/Single Family Dwelling (PD/SF-2) in Block 16, Brennand Addition, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, for the purpose of Retirement Homes, with a resident Community Center in the middle of the property.

2955 SEPT. 25 & 26, 2000

PUBLIC NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Big Spring Independent School District shall receive sealed bid proposals until 2:00 p.m., October 5, 2000, on the following:

Student Letter Jacket Awards

Specifications and bid documents may be secured from the school district's Business Office, 708 Eleventh Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720-4610, phone number (915) 264-3620. Bids will be publicly open and read immediately following the deadline for receiving the bids in the Business Office of the Big Spring Independent School District. Bidders are invited to be present at the bid opening. Bids received after the opening date and time will be returned unopened. Bids will be presented for consideration to the Board of Trustees on October 12, 2000, at 5:15 p.m. at their regularly scheduled board meeting. The Big Spring Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids

2944 September 18 & 25, 2000

CHURCH AND CLUB NEWS DEADLINES

Church and club news items are due at the Herald office by noon Wednesday fro Friday publication.

Items should be dropped off to the office at 710 Scurry; mailed to P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721-1431; or faxed to 264-7205.

For more information call 263-7331

HELP WANTED

The Big Spring Herald is looking for a few good people in our distribution and circulation department.

We are looking for mailroom personnel including supervisors, carriers, and customer service personnel. Positions available immediately.

The people we are seeking are customer driven and desire to provide quality service.

Interested parties should bring resume by or pick up job application at our office, 710 Scurry. No phone calls. The Herald is an equal opportunity employer and provides a drug-free workplace.

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7 :PM :30	20/20 Downtown (CC)	Simpsons Malcolm-Mid.	Antiques Roadshow	Providence (CC)	Big Brother Raymond	20/20 Downtown (CC)	Games (CC)	(:05) Movie: The Devil's	Mujeres Enganadas	Movie: The	Martial Law	My Blue Heaven (CC)	Movie: The Wood (CC)	Movie: Saving Private Ryan	Light of the Southwest	Biography (CC)	On the Inside	WCW Monday Nitro (CC)	Code Blue: Swf
8 :PM :30	NFL Football: Jacksonville	'70s Show '70s Show	American Experience	Courage (CC)	Survivor (CC)	NFL Football: Jacksonville		Advocate	Laberintos de Pasion	Next Karate Kid (CC)	WWF Raw	Movie: Bat 21		(CC)		City Confidential (CC)	Glowing Skulls		Police Force: Day Watch
9 :PM :30	Jaguars at Indianapolis	Mad Abt. You Nanny (CC)	Force More Powerful	Early Edition	Family Law (CC)	Jaguars at Indianapolis			Cristina: Edicion Especial	Movie Surfers	WWF War Zone	(:45) Movie:	Resurrection Blvd. (CC)		Something Good	Investigative Reports (CC)	Prosecutors-Justice	Bull (CC)	Secret World
10 :PM :30	Colts (CC)	Jerry Springer (CC)	News-Lehrer	700 Club (CC)	News (:35) Late	Colts (CC)		Movie: The Devil's	P. Impacto Noticiero Univ.	Boy-World Boy-World	Martial Law	At First Sight (CC)	Movie: A Simple Plan	Movie: Blue Streak (CC)	News Life in Word	Law & Order (CC)	Justice Files	Pretender (CC)	Code Blue: Swf
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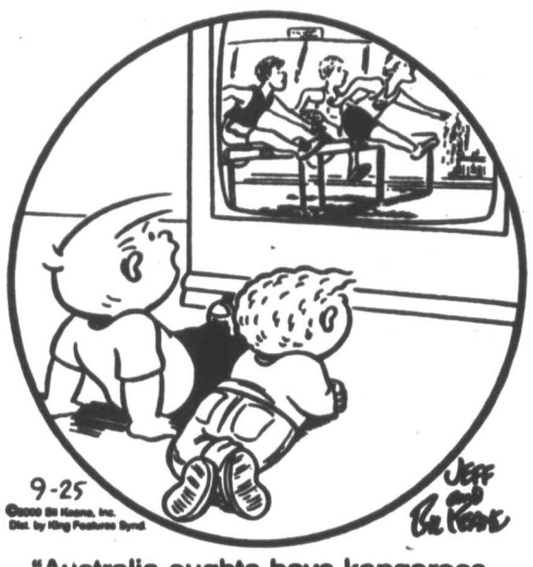

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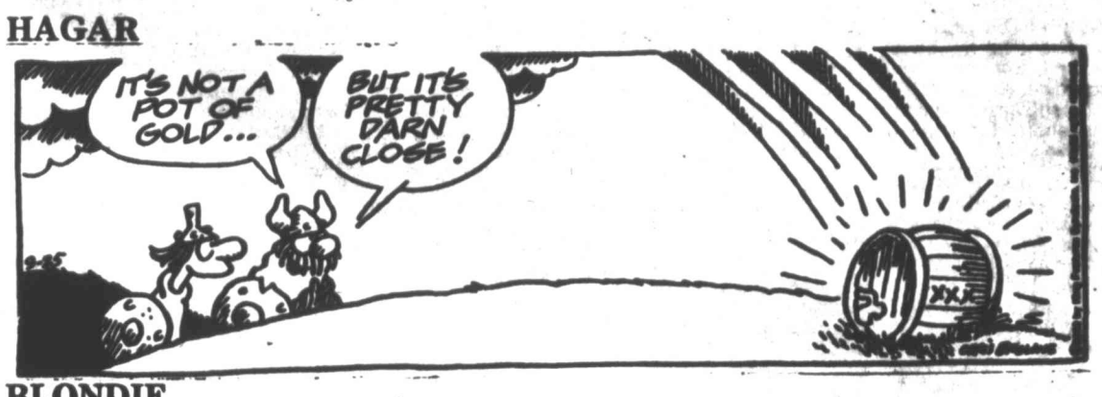

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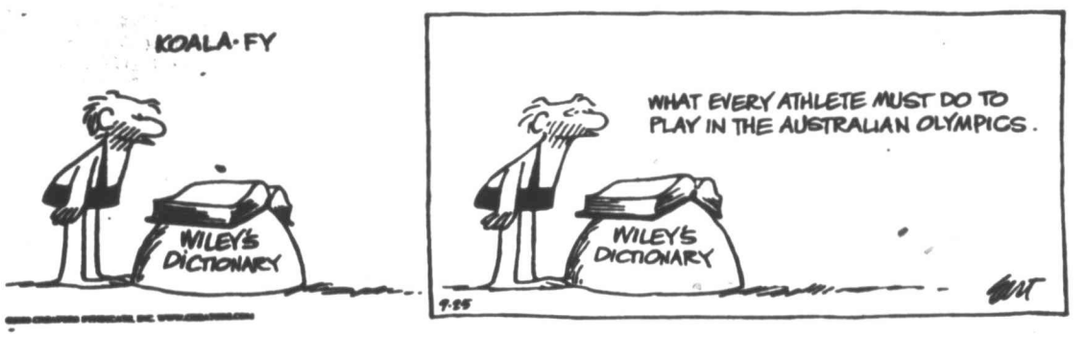

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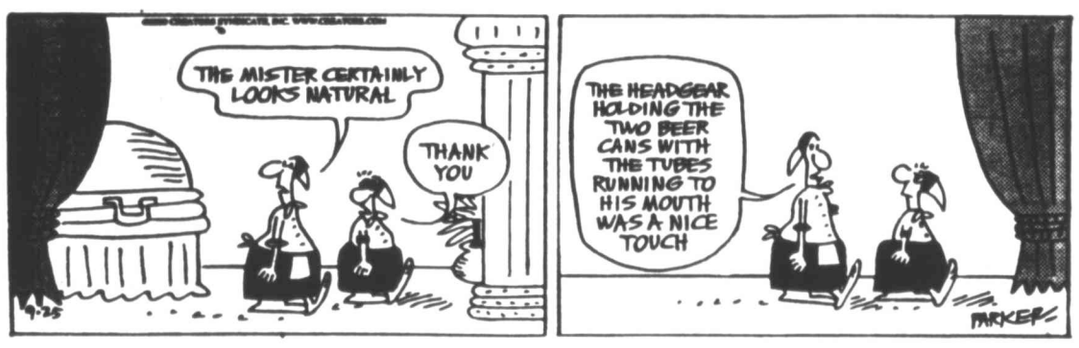

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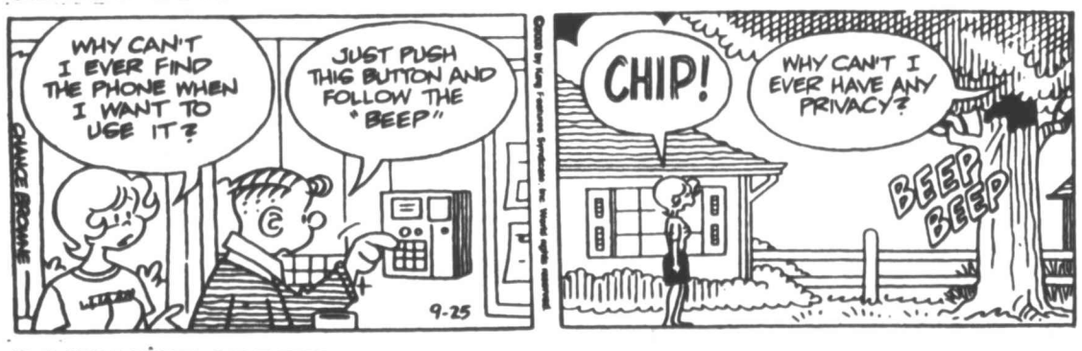

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Monday, Sept. 25, the 269th day of 2000. There are 97 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 25, 1789, the first Congress adopted 12 amendments to the Constitution and sent them to the states for ratification. (Ten of the amendments became the Bill of Rights.)

On this date:

In 1690, one of the earliest American newspapers, "Publick Occurrences," published its first — and last — edition in Boston.

In 1775, American Revolutionary War hero Ethan Allen was captured by the British as he led an attack on Montreal.

In 1890, President Benjamin Harrison signed a measure establishing Sequoia National Park.

In 1890, Wilford Woodruff, president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, issued a manifesto formally renouncing the practice of polygamy.

In 1897, American author William Faulkner was born in New Albany, Miss.

In 1957, with 300 Army troops standing guard, nine black children, forced to withdraw from Central High School in Little Rock, Ark., because of unruly white crowds, were escorted to class.

In 1973, the three-man crew of the U.S. space laboratory Skylab II splashed down safely in the Pacific after 59 days in orbit.

In 1978, 144 people were killed when a Pacific Southwest Airlines Boeing 727 and a private plane collided over San Diego.

In 1979, the musical "Evita" opened on Broadway.

Today's Birthdays: Baseball Hall of Famer Phil Rizzuto is 82. ABC News correspondent Barbara Walters is 69. Country singer Ian Tyson is 67. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jesse Russell is 61. Actor Robert Walden is 57. Actor-producer Michael Douglas is 56. Model Cheryl Tiegs is 53. Actress Mimi Kennedy is 51. Actor-director Anson Williams is 51. Actor Mark Hamill is 49. Actor Christopher Reeve is 48. Actor Colin Friels is 48.

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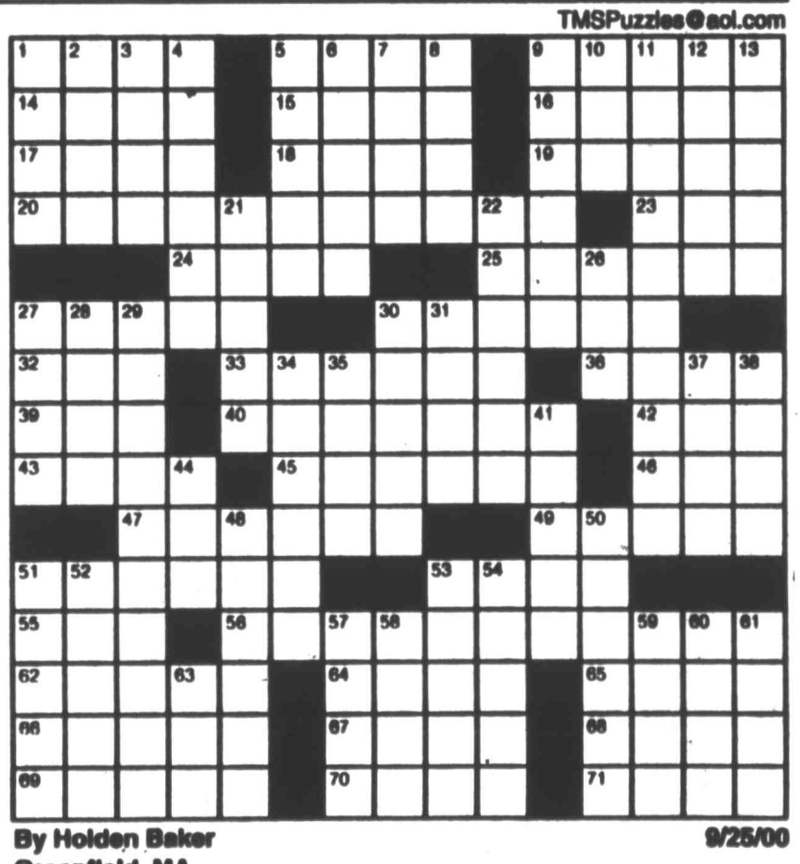

ACROSS

1 Slender
5 Masticate
9 Brit's wireless
14 Helper
15 Swear word
16 Change for the better
17 Privy to
18 "__ eyes have seen the glory..."
19 Bedouin, for example
20 Considered carefully
23 Undivided
24 Pretentiously creative
25 Hair-setting device
27 Edge along
30 Shrimp dish
32 Employ
33 Lessens
36 Letters of fliers from France
39 Mothers
40 Made up one's mind
42 Tiller's tool
43 Depression migrant
45 Mother of Calcutta
46 Atl. summer hrs.
47 Granitelike rock
49 Praise
51 Frank
53 FBI agent
55 Harem room
56 Went from bad to worse
62 __ Dame
64 Public disorder
65 Tree trunk
66 Garson of "Mrs. Miniver"
67 "__ la Douce"
68 Loaf about
69 Williams and Devine
70 Banana wrapper
71 Airline to Israel

DOWN

1 Stated
2 Queue
3 Graven image
4 Servile
5 Hale-Bopp or Kohoutek
6 Hirsute
7 Sicily smoker
8 Sharpen
9 Haphazard
10 Latin 101 verb
11 Razed to the ground
12 Vacuous
13 More unusual
21 Loaf or roll
22 Rubs out
26 Pre-CD collection
27 Type of wrestling
28 Writer Dinesen
29 Kind of hitter or driver
30 Mixes up
31 Surrender formally
34 Come to pass
35 High cards
37 Hurly-burly
38 Collectors' groups
41 Senegal's capital
44 Terminate
48 Downy ducks
50 Ineffectual
51 Line dance
52 Embellish
53 Fairy-tale creature
54 Conductive element
57 Grasp
58 Old sod
59 Implement
60 Ms. Fitzgerald
61 Gateway rival
63 "The Bridge of San Luis __"

By Holden Baker
Greenfield, MA

9/25/00

Sunday's Puzzle Solved

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