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## WEATHER

Tonight:



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## Reliever route public forum slated tonight

A public forum to discuss a possible truck relief route for U.S. Highway 87 that would divert through traffic around Big Spring has been scheduled for 7 tonight at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

The nine-member task group, which has been studying reliever route possibilities, will be seeking input from local residents. No route will be picked during the meeting.

Those interested in speaking during the meeting are asked to limit their comments to no more than five minutes in order that everyone wanting to address the issue will have a chance to do so.

## WHAT'S UP...

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

**FRIDAY**  
□ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.  
□ AMBUCS, noon, La Posada.  
□ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

## SATURDAY

□ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
□ YMCA open house, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., the community is invited.  
□ American Legion Auxiliary Post 506, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., Barbecue plates for \$6, 3203 W. Highway 80, call 263-2084 for more information or place an order. Carry out and delivery is available.  
□ The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens is encouraged.  
□ Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third. Members and guests welcome.

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## Federal block grant to help BSPD take step up in technology

By BILL McCLELLAN  
News Editor

Big Spring Police Department is looking to expand its technology after learning it is eligible to receive almost \$27,000 in federal block grant funding.



SMITH

According to police chief

Lonnie Smith, the funds should result in more efficiency, resulting in better service to citizens.

"Our ultimate goal is to have enough laptop computers to assign one to each officer so they can take offense reports, accident reports and gather other information in the field," said Smith.

Past block grants have enabled the department to purchase some 13 laptops. One is assigned to the street crimes unit, four others are assigned to investigators

and the rest are used on patrol.

"What I am looking at is to get eight to 10 laptops this year. We would take one of the older ones we have and assign that to a patrol supervisor," Smith said.

The chief said the laptops are a more efficient way to file reports.

"Once an officer completes a report on the laptop, it can be downloaded into the central data base. Then detectives, records and supervisors will quickly have access to that report.

Right now it can be 24 to 48 hours before a report is available for normal use," he said. "After training and orientation, this will save manpower and make the reports more complete, thereby streamlining our records and improving our flow of reports."

The laptops the department is currently using are three to four years old.

"They're still good computers, but they aren't built to the same standards as newer ones are," the chief said.

Assigning a computer to each officer will also save on wear and tear, Smith noted. Currently, a computer could be used 24 hours a day, seven days a week. By assigning each to one officer, none will be used more than 12 hours a day, 14 days a month.

The department received notification that it is eligible to receive the block grant in the amount of \$26,646. The department will have to match 10 percent or

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## Moore Development wins state award

By BILL McCLELLAN  
News Editor

Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. received statewide recognition this week by winning the Community Economic Development Award (CEDA) in Houston.

The award was presented Tuesday at the Texas Economic Development Council's annual conference. Moore Development had been nominated for the prestigious award by TXU in communities of 15,001 to 40,000 population.

"This is a little like writing home for \$10 and getting \$20," said Kent Sharp, Moore Development executive director. "We knew we had a great year last year, but to be nominated for the CEDA and then to actually find out we were the winner — I guess I am still a little in awe."

According to the state committee responsible for the selection of the awards, Moore Development demonstrated innovative approaches to institutional, financial, technical and legal aspects of economic development.

The committee said the programs and projects



Thomas Lewis, left, and Riley Faulkner of Faulkner Masonry work on a new sign being constructed for Moore Development for Big Spring and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The sign, a joint venture between the two entities, should be complete in a week to 10 days.

undertaken by Moore Development in the past 12 months "made it possible for others to achieve greater impacts by joining public/private participation and by the leverage of Big Spring's resources among the many organizations in the community."

"The impact on other activities in the area clear-

ly demonstrate the overall impact of expenditures of local sales tax dollars toward the creation of wealth in Big Spring," the committee said.

Among Moore Development's accomplishments the committee considered in making the selection were its relationships with StarTek Inc., Solitaire

Homes Inc., Texas State Veterans, Home, Western Container Corporation, West Texas Centers for MHMR and Commercial Cabinets Inc.

"I cannot emphasize enough the involvement of the whole community in being responsible for this

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## Jury

### Martinez indicted on 3 murder counts

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

Among the 10 indictments on six individuals handed down Wednesday by a Howard County grand jury were three for murder against 17-year-old David Cano Martinez of Big Spring.



Martinez, MARTINEZ who was originally indicted on July 20 for capital murder, was arrested on June 26 and charged with the shooting death of his mother-in-law, 26-year-old Simon Hollingsworth.

Later, District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson filed capital murder charges against Martinez, charging him with the shooting deaths of 56-year-old Janie Mendez and 21-year-old Chris Delgado, both of whom were roommates of Hollingsworth. All three suffered multiple gunshot wounds, according to police

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## Big Spring sees 5.4 percent hike in sales tax rebates

By BILL McCLELLAN  
News Editor

Big Spring received a 5.4 percent increase in sales tax rebates this month, according to the State Comptroller's office.

The city received \$258,195.29, an increase over the \$244,950.12 taken in during the same month a year ago. For the year, Big Spring has received \$2,867,121.53, an increase of 1.52 percent over the same period in 1999.

While most West Texas cities saw increases in rebates compared to a year ago others showed notable decreases. Among them were Sweetwater, Seminole, Snyder, Kermit and Fort Stockton.

Rebates were up significantly in Coahoma again. After experiencing an increase of almost 49 percent last month, rebates were up 55.86 percent this month. The Howard County community received \$3,804.55 this month compared to \$2,440.94 a year ago.

For the year, Coahoma has received \$39,599, up 49.43 percent compared to the \$26,499.57 it received through the same period in 1999.

Forsan saw sales tax receipts drop again. After a 54.42 percent decrease in August, receipts fell 41.04 percent for September. The community took in \$1,036.15 in rebates this month; compared to \$1,757.41 a year ago. Forsan continues to show strong numbers for the year-to-date however, The community has received

\$15,211.32, up 23.13 percent from last year.

Abilene received \$1,716,256.20 this month, up just 1.04 percent from the \$1,698,571.03 received in September of 1999. For the year, the Taylor County seat has received \$18,433,903.05, up 3.83 percent.

Sales tax rebates were up 27.67 percent for Andrews, which received \$54,589.42 this month compared to \$42,756.49 in September of 1999. For the year, Andrews has received \$513,039.27, up 12.36 percent.

Colorado City saw a 5.43 percent increase in rebates, comparing the \$31,553.14 received this month to \$29,925.52 received in September 1999. Rebates are up 3.24 percent for the year as the Mitchell County seat has received \$326,447.94.

Fort Stockton saw a 10.43 percent decline in rebates, comparing the \$76,026.13 received this month to the \$84,880.37 taken in during September 1999. For the year, Fort Stockton has

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## St. Lawrence cooking up another batch of sausage

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

By the time scores of visitors arrive in St. Lawrence for the annual fall festival on Sunday, the locals will already be worn out.

"We are kind of dragging by then, but we're always ready to have a good time," said Martha Schwartz, publicity chair for the festival, which benefits St. Lawrence/St. Thomas Catholic Church.

Church members are already hard at work baking, cleaning and landscaping to prepare for visitors. The main event, as many people see it, is the sale and grilling of pound after pound of homemade sausage.

"The men will start making the sausage Saturday about 5 a.m.," Schwartz

## TO GET THERE

Take U.S. Highway 87 south from Big Spring to Highway 33. Take 33 south past Garden City approximately 10 miles to Highway 2002. Turn west and go five miles.

said. While they will sell it for \$3.50 per pound uncooked, plenty more will go on the grill for barbecuing in the wee hours Sunday.

"They will barbecue nearly all night," Schwartz said. "This is really a 48-hour deal and once they start, it just keeps going."

If you like the sausage, which is part of a plate

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City workers Chris Martinez and Jennifer Dubose prepare to put in a new line at 808 Scurry, the new location of the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County. The building is also occupied by the Big Spring Symphony Association. 1 Guild.

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**OBITUARIES**

**B.J. "Bill" Williams**

Funeral service for B.J. "Bill" Williams, 70, Knott, will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 29, 2000, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Bob Manning, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mr. Williams died on Monday, Sept. 25, at his residence.

He was born on Nov. 1, 1929, in Howard County and married Doris Nadine Wiswell on July 20, 1946, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death on July 20, 1998. He was a farmer and a lifelong resident of Knott. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Knott.

Survivors include: two daughters, Sandra McNallen of Jacksboro and Linda Cypert of Big Spring; two brothers, Leo Williams of Hext and Charles Williams of Big Spring; two sisters, Ann Alexander of Big Spring and Rosetta Petty of Ranger; and five grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Home Hospice, 600 S. Gregg St., Big Spring 79720, or to the First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 27, Knott, 79748.

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

**GRANT**

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\$2,961, bringing to total amount to \$29,607.

As part of the grant process, the department must have an advisory board which will meet and agree on how to spend the money. That board will consist of County Attorney Mike Thomas; Peace Justice Bennie Green; Big Spring ISD Deputy Superintendent Murray Murphy; Shann Thomas, victim services coordinator with Rape Crisis/Victim Services; and Lt. Terry Chamness.

Smith said the funds will help both the department and citizens.

"If we make our officers more efficient, it allows them to take on other duties, which enhances the service we are providing," said Smith.

The chief also said the department has received a Safe and Sober Wave grant from the Texas Department of Transportation. The grant is in the amount of \$9,000 for 2001 and \$9,500 for 2002. The funds are used to

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B. J. "Bill" Williams, 70, died Tuesday. Services will be 10:00 AM Friday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mary Catherine (Henderson) McCarty, 88, died Tuesday. Services will be 1:00 PM Friday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Private family graveside services will be at the City of Lubbock Cemetery, Lubbock, Texas.

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pay overtime and vehicle expense incurred by putting additional patrolmen on the streets during key holidays during the year.

**GRAND JURY**

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reports.

Martinez was also indicted on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in the wounding of a fourth victim, Vicki Green, who recovered from the June 25 attack and identified Martinez as the gunman. Wilkerson said Martinez was not indicted on the assault with a deadly weapon charge in indictments handed down in July.

"These are all different charges from the ones in July," said Wilkerson. "There are just more things we wanted to do in order to have more flexibility in the case."

Other indictments handed down Wednesday were on Reyes Castaneda Jr., 18, of 613 McEwen, on possession of a controlled substance; two indictments for five counts of forgery on 36-year-old Michael Gardner; an aggravated assault with a deadly weapon indictment on Guadalupe Nieto, 32, of 1514 Sycamore; two indictments for sexual assault charges against Abel Trevino, 49, of 2004 1/2 Johnson; and possession of a controlled substance against Derrick D. Wilbert, 19, of 1510 A Sycamore.

Assistant District Attorney Robin Orr presented two indictments for sexual assault. These indictments were handed down on Abel Trevino, 50, of 2004 1/2 Johnson.

**AWARD**

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award," said Sharp. "Our sincere thanks to all of those organizations and individuals who make our job easier at Moore Development."

Big Spring was the only community west of Interstate 35 to win the CEDA award. Other cities nominated for outstanding performance in the population class were Cedar Hill, Brownwood, Ennis, Frisco, Rockwall, Kingsville, Mansfield, Harker Heights, Sherman and Southlake.

Winning communities in each class were: less than 5,000, Columbus; 5,001-15,000, Terrell; 15,001-40,000, Big Spring; 40,000-100,000, McKinney; and over 100,000, Bryan-College Station.

**REBATES**

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received \$751,356.02, up 3.48 percent.

Rebates were down also for Kermit. That city received \$20,751.27 this month, some 15.17 percent below the \$24,464.02 collected a year ago. For the year, Kermit has received \$225,761.22, some 4.73 percent above what it had received a year ago at this time.

After an increase of more than 12 percent last month Lamesa saw an increase of just .44 percent this month. The Dawson County community received \$58,868.61 for the month, compared to \$58,605.58 in September of 1999. Lamesa still lags slightly on year-to-date totals as the \$646,642.85 in rebates is .94 percent below last year's total.

Sales tax rebates were up 1.03 percent for Lubbock, which received \$1,989,009.31

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this month, compared to \$1,968,566.58 last September. For the year, Lubbock has received \$20,354,739.52, up 5.63 percent.

Midland has received \$1,128,668.68 this month, up 35.54 percent compared to the \$832,692.03 taken in during September of 1999. For the year, Midland has received \$10,526,097.19, up 16.65 percent.

Rebates were up strong in Monahans this month, after falling off by 16.58 percent in August. This month, Monahans received rebates of \$61,469.65, up 18.22 percent compared to the \$51,995.58 taken in for September of 1999. For the year, the Ward County seat has taken in \$576,343.34, up 1.84 percent from a year ago.

September's rebates for Odessa amounted to \$940,664.97, up 11.18 percent when compared to \$846,047.61 taken in a year ago. To date this year, Odessa has received \$9,480,351.83, up 5.94 percent.

Rebates were up slightly for Pecos this month. That community received \$60,167.17, compared to \$59,924.19 for September of 1999. That's an increase of .4 percent. For the year, Pecos has received \$583,614.13, up 0.75 percent.

San Angelo saw rebates go up 4.43 percent, comparing the \$923,619.69 taken in this month to the \$884,372.58 received in September of 1999. To date this year, San Angelo has received \$9,798,198.90, up 42.15 percent.

Seminole witnessed a 7.82 percent drop in rebates this month, comparing \$31,627.04 to \$34,310.65. For the year, the city has received \$308,215.76, up 0.37 percent.

Snyder pulled in \$108,405.98 this month, down 18.66 percent when compared to the \$133,281.44 it received in September of 1999. For the year, Snyder has received \$1,074,074.50, down 1.74 percent.

Stanton received \$9,368.34 this month, up 11.37 percent compared to the \$8,411.19 it received in September a year ago. For the year, Stanton has received \$92,691.01, up 2.84 percent.

Rebates were down 17.98 percent in Sweetwater, comparing this month's receipts of \$122,091.63 to \$148,863.19 taken in a year ago. For the year, Sweetwater has received \$1,379,653.39, a decrease of 2.58 percent.

**FESTIVAL**

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lunch that sells for \$6 for adults, \$4 for kids, don't bother asking for the recipe.

"This was the recipe that was brought over from Germany. I don't think they'd give it to you," Schwartz said. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Game booths, including

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**BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN**

grab bag, spin-a-wheel and others, open at 10:30 a.m. Homemade baked and canned goods, crafts, candy and soft drinks will also be available. Bingo will begin at noon and continue until 4 p.m., and an auction of unique items, including a bale of cotton, is planned at 2 p.m.

Sausage sandwiches, dessert and iced tea will be served from 5-6:30 p.m. Giveaways will include a quilt handmade by the women of the church, a deer rifle and a Las Vegas vacation. Those winning tickets will be drawn during a dance that begins at 7 p.m. with tickets \$5 for adults and a DJ to provide the music.

To get to the St. Lawrence Parish Hall, go 10 miles south of Garden City on Highway 33, then five miles west on Highway 2401.

"We're already working hard out here," Schwartz said. "We're all keeping our fingers crossed the weather's going to be good and we hope to see you there."

**BRIEFS**

**THE BIG SPRING HIGH School Theatre Department** will present the comedy "Scapino" for its Fall 2000 Production.

Performances will be Saturday, Monday and Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$3 for adults, \$2 for senior citizens, students and children. Doors open at 7 p.m.

**MARKETS**

December cotton 62.40, down 25 points; October crude 31.18, down 28 points; cash hogs \$1 higher at 44 even; slaughter steers steady at 67 even; October lean hog futures 57.87, up 32 points; October live cattle futures 68.95 up 2 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation. Other markets not available by press time.

**SHERIFF**

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

• **RITA ISABEL CASILLAS**, 20, of 605 Colgate, was arrested on a charge of tampering with government records. (BSPD)

• **RAUL GONZALES**, 49, of Rannels, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended. (BSPD)

• **RICHARD BILLS**, 34, of #1 Courtney Place, was

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**TEXAS LOTTERY**

Pick 3: 9,2,6

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

arrested on a charge of attempted sexual assault. (BSPD)

• **ALAN CATON POWELL**, 27, of 534 Westover, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended. (BSPD)

**POLICE**

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

• **TRICIA CASTILLO**, 25, no address given, was arrested on local warrants.

• **RITA CASILLAS**, 20, of 605 Colgate, was arrested on a charge of tampering with government records. (BSPD)

• **MICHAEL DICKSON**, 18, no address given, was arrested on local warrants.

• **ROLAND GARCIA**, 34, no address given, was arrested on county warrants.

• **REYES CASTENADA**, 41, no address given, was arrested on local warrants.

• **ALAN DEAX**, 24, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **MICHAEL HERNANDEZ**, 32, no address given, was arrested on a charge of evading arrest.

• **ANTONIO FLORES**, 19, no address given, was arrested on a charge of minor in possession/alcohol.

• **MARK STILES**, 68, no address given, was arrested on a charge of aggravated assault on a public servant.

• **DOROTHY JACKSON**, 48, no address given, was arrested on a driver's warrant.

• **ASSAULT BY THREAT** was reported in the 300 block of Gregg and in the 1600 block of Owens.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 800 block of W. Marcy.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of W. Marcy, in the 1000 block of N. Lamesa, in the 1700 block of E. Marcy, in the 900 block of Willia, and in the 3300 block of E. Marcy.

**FIRE/EMS**

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

**WEDNESDAY**  
12:58 a.m. — 2600 block Dow, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

9:36 a.m. — SMMC, patient transferred to Lubbock.

6:45 p.m. — I-20 and Highway 87, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

6:49 p.m. — SMMC, patient transferred to Lubbock.

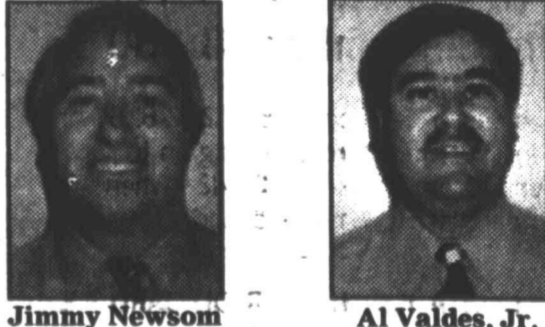
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Wednesday's low 45  
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Average low 56  
Record high 104 in 1953  
Record low 41 in 1924  
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**Military of loss**

WASHINGTON — The nation's military leaders told Congress Wednesday that troops are in danger unless the war ends unless the nation adds tens of billions of dollars to the defense budget or adopts a new agenda for military in hot spots world.  
"We must resources need modernize the Army Gen. Shelton, chairman of Joint Chiefs. Otherwise the strains of peacekeeping overseas missions also preparing wars — will erode readiness, he said.  
The current nearly \$300 billion increase, says who did not spend much, saying that resources could be

**Smith awarded \$449.7 million**

LOS ANGELES — A federal bankruptcy court has awarded Playboy Playmate Year Anna Nicole \$449.7 million in the estate of her millionaire husband. U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Samuel Bufford said Wednesday that the youngest son, Marshall, had Smith "of her own inheritance."  
Marshall called a "miscarriage of justice" and said he would Bufford's decision just a day before the estate was scheduled to be probated in Houston. In a decision that could affect the validity of the will, which left man's estate to his son.

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## Military says troops in danger of losing their war-fighting edge

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's military leaders told Congress on Wednesday that American troops are in danger of losing their war-fighting edge unless the next president adds tens of billions of dollars to the defense budget or adopts a less ambitious agenda for using the military in hot spots around the world.

"We must find the resources necessary to modernize the force," said Army Gen. Henry H. Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Otherwise the cumulative strains of carrying out peacekeeping and other overseas missions — while also preparing for major wars — will erode combat readiness, he said.

The current budget of nearly \$90 billion should be increased, said Shelton, who did not specify by how much, saying the exact figures could be established

after next year's planned review of national security strategy.

He and the chiefs of the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps were called before the Senate and House armed services committees to assess military readiness, a hot topic of debate in the presidential campaign.

Sen. John Warner, chairman of the Senate committee, pleaded for a bipartisan discussion, but the hearing quickly became a verbal tug-of-war between Democrats defending the Clinton administration's record and Republicans accusing the administration of running down the military.

When Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., the committee's ranking Democrat, said George W. Bush has called for adding \$45 billion in defense spending and Al Gore has proposed adding \$100 billion, several

Republican members objected, saying Bush has not offered a firm figure on how much he would increase spending.

Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., even dragged into the discussion Defense Secretary William Cohen, the only Republican in Clinton's Cabinet, and Cohen spokesman Kenneth Bacon, although neither was present. Roberts chided Bacon for having told reporters that Cohen had cautioned the military chiefs not to "beat the drum with a tin cup" at the hearings.

"Maybe his bow tie is a little tight," Roberts said of Bacon, citing the spokesman's fashion trademark.

At the Republican National Convention last month, Bush declared the military in dangerous decline and laid blame on a Clinton-Gore administration that he said had overused and underfunded the armed forces.

## New rules on trucking hours delayed

WASHINGTON (AP) — New federal rules on how long a trucker may stay behind the wheel will be put off for at least a year, upsetting highway safety advocates who say trucker fatigue contributes to hundreds of road fatalities annually.

But the trucking industry said the rules delay, being agreed to as part of congressional budget negotiations, was needed to come up with a workable plan.

Rep. Frank Wolf, R-Va., who has led efforts to improve truck safety, said the compromise was fair because it would allow the Transportation Department to continue gathering data on how trucking hours can best be revised.

But Wolf, chairman of the House Appropriations panel on transportation, also cautioned: "I want to tell the trucking industry that we're not going to rest until there is a good rule to protect the public."

The Transportation Department last spring issued proposed rules to change an hours-of-service

system adopted in 1937. Those rules were based on an 18-hour cycle of 10 hours driving and eight hours off, but since they don't account for the other six hours of the day a driver could legally stay behind the wheel for 16 hours in one 24-hour period.

The department has estimated that those long hours are in part responsible for the 755 annual fatalities and nearly 20,000 injuries resulting from crashes involving fatigued commercial drivers.

The proposed rules would require drivers of trucks

and buses to operate on a 24-hour cycle, with 12 hours of allowable driving time. Two consecutive nights of sleep between midnight and 6 a.m. would be required every seven days for long-haul drivers.

Safety groups said the new rules didn't go far enough, but the trucking industry attacked them as counterproductive to safe highways. They said the rules would require trucking companies to hire more new, inexperienced drivers and force trucks to operate during daylight hours when highways are crowded.

## NOTICE

On August 8, 2000, TXU Electric Company in accordance with Order No. 7 in Docket No. 22880 - Application of TXU Electric Company to Increase Interim Fuel Factors and to Implement an Interim Surcharge of Fuel Cost Under-Recoveries - filed a revision of its request to assess a surcharge on its customers' electric service bills to recover an undercollected balance of fuel cost revenues. The revision allows for TXU Electric to surcharge customers for its cumulative fuel cost underrecovery amount as of July 31, 2000 plus interest.

The surcharge in the amount of \$315,490,008, inclusive of interest through November 2000, will be implemented in TXU Electric's November billing month and recovered over a fourteen month period. This compares to the originally proposed and noticed underrecovery amount through June 30, 2000, of \$167,164,099 to be recovered over a six month period.

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## Smith awarded \$449.7 million

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A federal bankruptcy judge has awarded former Playboy Playmate of the Year Anna Nicole Smith \$449.7 million in her claim to the estate of her late billionaire husband, Texas oilman J. Howard Marshall.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Samuel Bufford ruled Wednesday that Marshall's youngest son, E. Pierce Marshall, had deceived Smith "of her expectancy of an inheritance."

Marshall called the ruling a "miscarriage of justice" and said he would appeal.

Bufford's decision came just a day before jury selection was scheduled to end in probate court in Houston, in a dispute over the validity of Marshall's will, which left all of the oilman's estate to his youngest son.

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OUR VIEWS

YMCA gives community top priority

When one thinks of organizations in Big Spring that have made the biggest strides over the past couple of years, the thought almost immediately turns to the YMCA.

Under the guidance of executive director Pete Thiry and a capable board of directors, the "Y" has been almost completely remodeled during that short time. This includes the fitness center, child care center, locker room areas, gymnasium, courts, even the lobby and entry. Outside, the area has been landscaped and the parking lot has been expanded. It is, as Thiry says, "basically a new YMCA."

We've always been proud of our YMCA and the services it offers to citizens of all ages. Whether you are interested in a workout, a swim or other recreational pursuits, the YMCA offers it — and at a low cost.

There are programs throughout the year that are both educational and designed to help individuals become and stay physically fit. An extensive child care program allows parents to feel comfortable, knowing they are leaving their young ones in a safe environment.

We like the "community first" attitude.

And speaking of that, we're pleased that it appears the YMCA will be taking on construction of a skate park for our youth. A survey conducted by the YMCA at Big Spring Junior High last spring confirmed that skate boarding is an activity that is increasing in popularity.

On Saturday, the YMCA will be holding an open house from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Those who go will be able to see all of the new improvements and, in fact, take advantage of some of them. A variety of free activities have been planned. Program demonstrations will take place in the morning. At noon, the pool, gym and fitness center will be open to the public at no charge.

Take time if you can this weekend to stop by and see all of the changes that have been occurring at the YMCA. We know you'll be as favorably impressed as we are.

How To CONTACT Us

In order that we might better serve your needs, we offer several ways in which you may contact us:

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High price of gas is an issue of taxes

The folks in Europe are not protesting the price of gasoline and diesel fuel.

They are protesting the high taxes on gasoline and diesel fuel. In Europe, taxes amount to about 75 percent of the cost of gas and diesel.

In America, we pay an average of 40 cents a gallon in taxes, in some states as much as 50 cents or more. Take a gallon of gas that's selling at \$1.48, subtract 40 cents, and you have \$1.08, not a bad price. In fact, if you will compare that price with the price of a gallon of soft drink or beer, you will see plainly that if you are being gouged, it's not by the oil companies.

It's interesting how the news media and politicians have shifted the blame to the oil industry or to the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries. Politicians in

Europe and in the United States are reluctant in the extreme to repeal any tax. They've all become greedy for tax dollars to spend.

You ought to remind your local politicians, especially Democrats who are always yowling about the rich, that gasoline taxes are extremely regressive, far more painful to the working poor than to the rich. I've yet to see a guy who drives a Jaguar or a Rolls-Royce or Mercedes complain about gasoline prices. To the rich, gas taxes are just chump change.

But to the working poor and to families struggling to make ends meet, gasoline taxes, like sales taxes, represent a major drain on their limited incomes. A nickel for the feds and a nickel for the state ought to be plenty to build roads that are going to have potholes within a year anyway.

Instead, the feds take 18.4 cents, and the state taxes range as high as 34 cents a gallon. Some states add insult to injury by charging a sales tax on top of their gasoline tax. In addition, in many states the cities and

the counties add gasoline taxes on top of the state and federal taxes.

If you wonder why regressive taxes are so popular, the answer is simple: Rich people finance campaigns, and regressive taxes are negligible to them. The working poor, who have to pay these regressive taxes, can't afford to pump thousands of dollars into some politician's kitty. Their influence on government is zip.

Some guy smarter than I wrote a book some years ago, the theme of which was that the American elite had abandoned the American people. That's true. The American elite have grown both unpatriotic and greedy. They no longer look out for the best interests of the people. That's true whether they are in government or private business.

I listened to an Al Gore speech the other night, even though it cost me two Zantac tablets.

This guy was weaving a fantasy in which the American people are helpless victims being plundered by "special interests"

and, therefore, need Sir Albert as their white knight who will "fight for them."

Have you ever noticed how often liberals resort to military metaphors? Who is Gore going to fight? The special interests that are funding his campaign? Not one of the people he was addressing got invited to the White House during the past seven-and-a-half years. Is he going to fight the people who did use the White House as their personal bed-and-breakfast? Make me laugh.

The point is that, whether they are talking about education or oil prices, they all resort to the same deceptive practices. They accept no blame. They appoint scapegoats — teachers, in the case of public education, and oil companies, in the case of energy prices. Most politicians today are demagogues, pure and simple, and demagogues are the poison of a republic.

The market price of oil will eventually go down because high prices encourage production and exploration. The taxes, however, will remain high.



CHARLEY REESE



The house poor vision built

It is, quite simply, the prettiest little library in Georgia, maybe in all of the South, roosting as it does on a steep bluff above the churning Chattahoochee.

Easy on the eyes, and built with an optician's money. Atlanta architects at Robert and Co. long ago designed Hawkes Children's Library of West Point, which opened 78 years ago this month, delayed slightly by World War I and the Flood of 1919.

Its dignified red brick and classic lines might seem prosaic in other setting but by the tumbling river they suggest a certain stability and make the small building an imposing one.

Rebecca Cotney, librarian, reaches into a desk drawer, pulls out an ancient eyeglass case and carefully snaps it open to show me the name "Hawkes" printed in gold on the lining.

"Dr. Hawkes," she says, indicating a portrait of a man handsome as a movie star but known for making spectacles. "One of our patrons had these glasses," she says in a reverential

tone. Yes, this is the library poor vision and visionaries built.

In 1895, Albert King Hawkes was the leading U.S. optician, author of books on spectacles and inventor of optometry appliances. After the Civil War he had opened an Atlanta manufacturing business that specialized in spectacles and lenses and sold eyeglasses to 8,000 towns and villages. Thus he made a fortune.

His charity was children — and their education. After speaking to a West Point school, he donated \$100 for books. And when he died, he left \$7,000 to build a library so near the old bridge that people couldn't miss it as they crossed the river daily.

Hawkes' will specified the "children's" part of the name. Later the library de-emphasized that so as not to discourage adult visitors.

The library has changed little since 1922. Last Sunday, I stepped through the doors into a simpler time. Note I didn't say better, because that would ignore many ills that the years and technology have worked to erase. But if nostalgia is your bag, pack it full here.

There are no computers — only the dark, massive shelves heaped with books. You still sign a card to check one out.

— Orié patron told me she had grown up visiting

Hawkes Library, moved away for many years, then had come home to live.

She brought her daughter to the library, walked to the shelf where a certain adventure book about an adventurous pony always used to be.

It was still there. The entire library would fit into the great room of most nouveau monster mansions in Dunwoody or Roswell. But if you don't waste space with Space Age accouterments, you have room for lots of books.

The West Point Women's Club has been called "the mother of the institution" because it kept together a collection of hard-won books until there was a library in which to house them. The first librarian, Mary Poer Oslin, was also the inventor of the singing telegram.

That's the kind of place this is — a whimsical detail is seldom overlooked. Yesterday's ponies reside in their same stalls. Books and benefactors are treated with a reverence that's remarkable in a world that doesn't read and, if it did, is not at all certain that tomorrow it will need books to do so.

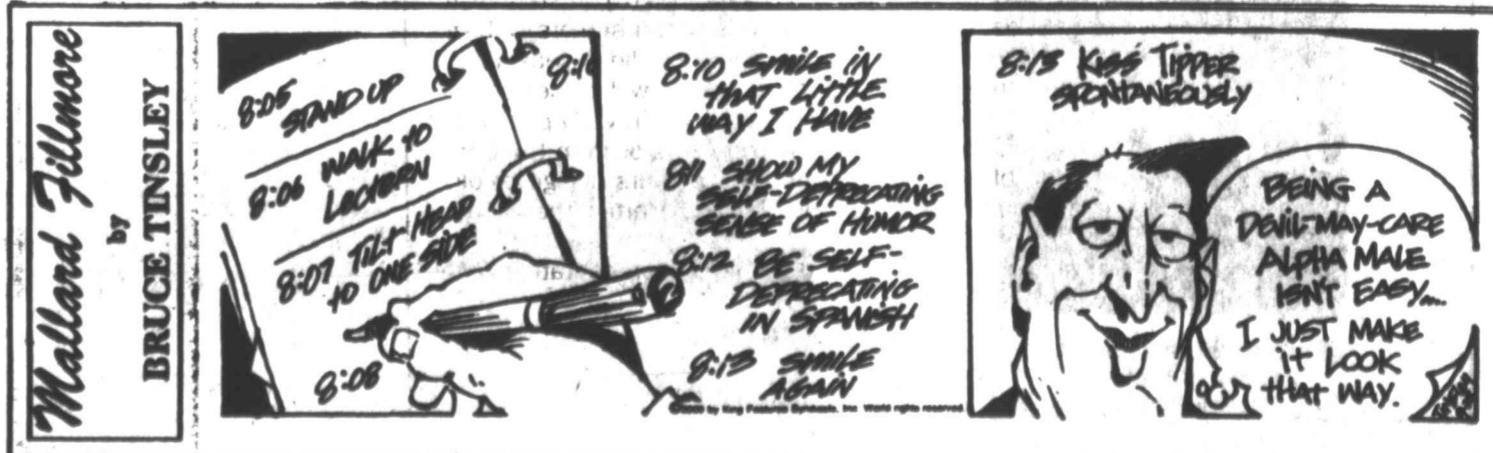
There will never be any real substitute for the visceral thrill of physically gulling from a well-oiled shelf the wisdom of Frost or Faulkner, who themselves borrowed from libraries and the wisdom of words before theirs.



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BSHS choir

At All-Region Contests Sept. 23, 24, and 25, Big Spring School students will perform at one of two schools. The choir will perform at High School on Monday. The Treble Choir concert soprano and alto. The Mixed Choir will perform at High School on Tuesday. The soprano and alto. The bass voices. Pieces to be included, "We Have Help," by Pavel Chesnokov, "Gone Up with Noise" by James "My Soul's Been in the Lord," a spiritual arranged by Hogan, "Si Ch' Morire," a Renaissance madrigal by Monteverdi sung and "Jubilate Michael Braz, sur by the Treble Choir. Big Spring High School students who are in the choirs are Kristina Woodruff, Kori Johnson, Stone, Sandra Nicole Smith, Lopez, Annette R. Jacquelyn Bowen Jones, Jessi Weir Jumper, Emily and Tiffany Moore, Koissha Boyd Jimenez, Lacey and bass, Alex Andrew Campbell Wingert and Christi.

Sands Round-

This is Round-Up Sands High School. Ackerly. Alumni teachers and students are enjoying a week. Still to come dress-up days, nerd/opposite.

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PENSACOLA. — A headline Pensacola News caught John D. eye: "Residents save their school." The school, neighboring Santa Rosa County was to be closed. The night whether it was small, over-budget forming elementary in the rural Munson and budgeting to school away. Dunworth, a college president moved by the determination to school that he come out of retirement to be principal for the whopping \$1.

"There was a parents and citizens community that have a good Dunworth, 76, recent interview were willing to was willing to stop them and we together."

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### SCHOOL NEWS

#### BSHS choir

At All-Region Choir auditions Sept. 23, 20 of the 40 auditioning Big Spring High School students were selected for one of two choirs that will perform at Permian High School on Nov. 4. The Treble Choir consists of 60 soprano and alto voices, and the Mixed Choir consists of 120 soprano, alto, tenor and bass voices.

Pieces to be performed include, "We Have No Other Help," by Pavel Chesnokov, sung in Russian; "God is Gone Up with a Merry Noise" by James McCray; "My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord," a traditional spiritual arranged by Moses Hogan; "Si Ch'io Vorrei Morire," a Renaissance madrigal by Claudio Monteverdi sung in Italian; and "Jubilate Deo" by Michael Braz, sung in Latin by the Treble Choir.

Big Spring High School students who earned spots in the choirs are: soprano, Kristina Woodruff; alto, Kori Johnson, Brittany Stone, Sandra Munoz, Nicole Smith, Krystle Lopez, Annette Richardson, Jacquelyn Bowen, Sherrean Jones, Jessi Weir, Kimberly Jumper, Emily Copeland and Tiffany Moore; tenor, Koeisha Boyd, Jason Jimenez, Lacey Wilkinson; and bass, Alex Edgemon, Andrew Campbell, Brian Wingert and Chris McGee.

Big Spring High School students who earned spots in the all region choirs are pictured at right and below: soprano, Kristina Woodruff; alto, Kori Johnson, Brittany Stone, Sandra Munoz, Nicole Smith, Krystle Lopez, Annette Richardson, Jacquelyn Bowen, Sherrean Jones, Jessi Weir, Kimberly Jumper, Emily Copeland and Tiffany Moore; tenor, Koeisha Boyd, Jason Jimenez, Lacey Wilkinson; and bass, Alex Edgemon, Andrew Campbell, Brian Wingert and Chris McGee.



#### Sands Round-Up

This is Round-Up Week at Sands High School in Ackerly. Alumni, parents, teachers and students have been enjoying activities all week. Still to come are two dress-up days: today is nerd/opposite and tomorrow is...

Friday is brown and white/western day.

The football game is planned for Saturday with a 2 p.m. kickoff. Queen candidates are: senior Jessica Ybarra DeLeon, daughter of Jesse Ybarra and Irma Franco, escorted by Bryan Castro, son of Felipe and Judy Castro; junior April

Kennemur, daughter of Mark Kennemur and Chris Foster, escorted by Jacob Campbell, son of Steve and Kay Campbell; sophomore Hollie Gibbs, daughter of Russell and Carlene Gibbs, escorted by Heath Webb, son of Gary Webb and Debbie Hardgrave; and freshman Ana Plata, daughter of Jose and Maria Plata,

escorted by Tony Withroder, son of Ed and Sandy Roberts. The evening will conclude with a dance in the cafeteria beginning at 8 p.m. with music provided by a disc jockey. All alumni, parents and students are invited to attend.

## Is it asthma?

### What you can do to take control

Asthma is a chronic inflammatory disorder of the airways associated with obstruction in the airflow, characterized by recurrent episodes of wheezing, shortness of breath, chest tightness and coughing, particularly at night or in early morning hours. This is frequently caused by spasm and tightness of the airways. Use of aspirin, exercise, a cold air, stress, and other irritants may cause airflow obstruction.



DR. GUIDO TOSCANO

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Exposure to irritants or allergens has shown to increase asthma symptoms, and precipitate asthma exacerbation. Observe the following recommendations:

- Remove the animals and products made of feathers from the home to eliminate exposure. If removal is not acceptable, keep the pet out of the patient's bedroom, keep the patient's bedroom door closed, consider placing dense filtering material over forced air outlets to trap airborne dander particles.
- Remove upholstered furniture and carpets from the home or isolate the pet from them to the extent possible.
- Essential actions to control mites include: encasing the mattress and pillow in allergen-impermeable covers.

- Removing carpets from the bedroom may make a big difference as well as avoiding sleeping in upholstered furniture.
- Minimizing the number of stuffed toys in children's rooms will also help prevent worsening of asthma in predisposed individuals.
- For cockroach sensitivity, which is frequently seen in inner-city asthmatics it is important to implement control measures including poison baits, boric acid or traps are preferred to chemicals, since chemicals may worsen the asthma as well.
- Vacuuming carpets at least once or twice per week removes mite allergen. Stay out of the room where a vacuum cleaner is being, or has recently been used.
- Humidifiers and swamp coolers are not recommended for use in the homes of house-dust mite-sensitive patients with asthma.
- Indoor fungi may cause sensitivity and trigger asthma as well. It is important to prevent indoor dampness to decrease proliferation of fungi.
- Air conditioning during the warm weather is recommended, and the use of a dehumidifier when needed, in areas where the humidity of the outside air remains high for most of the year. It is desirable to reduce indoor humidity, when needed to less than 50 percent.
- Prolonged breastfeeding and avoidance of early introduction of allergenic foods have proven to prevent eczema and food sensitization, but not to reduce the prevalence of asthma.

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## \$1 principal helps save school

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — A headline in the Pensacola News Journal caught John Dunworth's eye: "Residents fight to save their school."

The school board in neighboring Santa Rosa County was to decide that night whether to close the small, over-budget, low-performing elementary school in the rural hamlet of Munson and bus the children to schools 20 miles away.

Dunworth, a former college president, was so moved by the community's determination to save its school that he offered to come out of retirement and be principal for a year — for the whopping salary of \$1.

"There was a group of parents and citizens in that community that wanted to have a good school," Dunworth, 76, recalled in a recent interview. "They were willing to fight and I was willing to stand beside them and we'd march together."

Not only was Munson Elementary saved, it recorded the biggest gain in test scores of any Santa Rosa school in 1997-98 and now ranks first in writing and second in math.

"When he took over the

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Jim Drewry, parent

school the teachers' attitude and everything else changed," said Jim Drewry, 50, a landscaper whose daughter was in kindergarten at the time. "They were more understanding and caring and more concerned about the students actually learning and not just putting in the time."

Things had gotten so bad the year before Dunworth arrived that Drewry, pulled his daughter Elizabeth, now 9, out of the school.

In 1997, Munson Elementary, nestled in the Blackwater River State Forest about 40 miles north-east of Pensacola, was failing.

The school had the county's lowest test scores, the cost per-pupil — \$6,078 — was nearly twice the county average, and parents like Drewry were removing their children. Enrollment had been projected to drop

from 87 to 67 pupils.

There was no principal! The principal of Central High School, 22 miles away, oversaw Munson Elementary but visited only briefly a couple times a week.

The board accepted Dunworth's offer and gave him, his four hand-picked teachers and Munson residents one year to turn things around — and they did.

In addition to the academic gains, costs were cut and enrollment has stabilized at around 90 but is expected to increase.

Drewry's daughter, now a third-grader, has fond memories of the man, known as "Dr. D."

"I always remember his ice-cream tie because that's what he would wear on special days," Elizabeth said. "He was nice."

Before taking the job at Munson, Dunworth had been a teacher, principal, school superintendent, professor, dean and college president.

The effort to save the school was guided by his "principal's principles," developed during a half-century career in six states and a stint as president of

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## Author, former teacher trying to make science more appealing

WACO (AP) — What do "Bill Nye the Science Guy," "Mr. Wizard" and Riesel resident Janice VanCleave have in common?

A captive audience of millions of science-minded children.

VanCleave, a 58-year-old former science teacher, has written 45 children's science books that recently topped the 2 million mark in sales. They've been translated into 13 languages and are being used in classrooms and in homes from Alaska to Indonesia.

The books in her "Science for Fun" series, all of which bear her name and a logo with her picture, aren't just another set of textbooks. They are science experiment books, designed to demystify concepts of biology, chemistry, physics, Earth science and astronomy. The books have names like "200 Goopy, Slippery, Slimy, Weird & Fun Experiments," "202 Oozing, Bubbling, Dripping & Bouncing Experiments" and "203 Icy, Freezing, Frosty, Cool & Wild Experiments."

Sound like fun?

That's the whole point, she says.

VanCleave believes the best way to teach kids about

### Experiments put science into action

WACO (AP) — Here are some fun experiments to try from the books of Janice VanCleave:

#### GLOB

**PURPOSE:** To discover how a non-Newtonian fluid behaves.

**MATERIALS:** 4-ounce bottle of white school glue

1 pint jar food coloring, any color

1 2-quart bowl

Measuring cup

1 pint distilled water

1 teaspoon borax powder (found in the supermarket with laundry detergents)

Measuring teaspoon

Stirring spoon

**PROCEDURE:**

1. Pour the glue into a pint jar.

2. Fill the empty glue bottle with distilled water and pour the water into the jar containing the glue. Add 10 drops of food coloring and stir well.

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science is to tap into their natural curiosities and their love for having fun. That means more hands-on activities and less time reading books and answering questions.

"From a very early age, you can practically see (children) thinking, 'If I do this, I wonder what will happen,'" she said. "My books work to direct that curiosity to those wonderful 'aha' moments when, through hands-on activities, they see how science works — how it is part of their everyday lives."

Her newest book, "Science Around the Year," contains more than 350 experiments for all times of the year.

So how does she think of all those science experiments?

"People ask me that all the time," she said. "I just think science all the time. I'm observant, I read a lot and I taught for 27 years, so I kind of have that science teacher's mindset, so to speak. And sometimes something just happens. I'll be working on one experiment, and all of a sudden I'll think, 'I wonder what would happen if I tried this,' and I

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SLICE of life!

### COMMUNITY NEWS

Southwest Airlines and the Agency on Aging have announced the start of the 21st annual "Home for the Holidays" program. It provides area seniors with free airline tickets to visit family and friends during the upcoming holiday season.

Fifteen seniors from the Permian Basin, including Big Spring, will be selected for the program, based on their economic need and the reason for travel. Applications are available through the Permian Basin Area Agency on Aging or from the Spring City Senior Citizens Center. Eligible applicants must be 65 years of age or older and live in an area county, including: Glasscock, Howard and Martin. The deadline for applications is Oct. 20.

Recipients of the tickets will be invited to attend an awards presentation at the Agency on Aging offices, Tuesday, Nov. 7.

For an application, call (915) 563-1061 and ask for Dorothy.



### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

55 ALIVE DEFENSIVE DRIVING course will be offered Oct. 2-3 at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park, from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Both sessions must be attended for credit and the cost is \$10. Call 267-1628 to register.

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### SCHOOL

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the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education.

Now he's written a book, "The Dollar-A-Year Principal: Miracle at Munson," that tells how they made the school a success. He hopes it will be an inspiration for turning around other schools.

Among his principles: Respect, belief, leadership, parents and teachers working as a team.

"Being on a wrecking crew isn't going to fix anything," Dunworth said.

Dunworth commuted about an hour each way from his Pensacola home, but he was the first to arrive and usually last to leave, said David Johnson,

then a Munson teacher who succeeded Dunworth.

"The primary thing he did for us was being a source of inspiration," Johnson said. "We saw how much he really believed what this little school could become."

Teena Buchanan, 27, who has three children and a stepdaughter at Munson, moved to the district mainly because she liked the friendly atmosphere of the small school. She was crestfallen when it was threatened with closure.

"When we heard about Dr. D it was a huge relief," Buchanan said. "Everybody was just greatly relieved that somebody cared enough to spend their time and talent and help those kids who needed it."

### TOSCANO

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Patients should be treated promptly for rhinitis, sinusitis, and gastroesophageal reflux, if present, since these seem to be the most frequent precipitants of asthma attacks.

Annual influenza vaccine is strongly recommended to prevent further respiratory compromise which may trigger a status asthmaticus.

A detailed medical history and physical examination are important in evaluating asthma patients. Pulmonary function testing may be performed to evaluate the patient for bronchospasm and small airways disease, which is an indirect indicator of asthma. If the patient has a strong history of asthma, but normal spirometry,

additional studies may be required in a specialized pulmonary function lab.

Patient education should begin at the time of diagnosis and be integrated into every step of clinical asthma care.

Asthma management, how to measure your personal best peak flow, prevention techniques, and how to deal with asthma exacerbation should be discussed with your doctor.

Dr. Guido Toscano is a board certified internal medicine specialist practicing at Family Medical Center of Big Spring, a division of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Send questions by e-mail to: doctor\_toscano@hotmail.com, or mail to: Ask the Doctor, P.O. Box 351, Big Spring 79721.

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### SCIENCE

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do it, and — boom — I've got a second experiment."

Thinking of ideas is easy, she says. The harder part is simplifying them in terms that children will understand. That's where her training and experience as a teacher come in, she says.

"I'm always trying to visualize how I could teach concepts to a child," she said. "I really think that's why the books have sold so well, because I'm writing them from the teacher's view as to how I could explain them to a child, face to face."

So instead of heading to a chemistry lab, where she would work with chemicals and beakers, she heads to her kitchen cabinets and the local grocery store to pick up household items the children might have access to.

Her easy-to-follow directions and thorough explanations are two reasons Anne

Skrabaneck of Marlin loves VanCleave's books. Skrabaneck home-schools her three children, Sarah, 11, Benjamin, 8, and Rebecca, 6, and often uses VanCleave's experiments to supplement her lessons.

"The thing I love about her projects is that they're easy to do, they don't require a tremendous amount of supplies, and the supplies they use are things you generally have around the house or get at H-E-B or Wal-Mart.

"They're safe, and you're not working with dangerous chemicals, yet you can still learn chemistry principles."

But what her kids love about the projects is the fun time they have conducting them.

"When we're working our way through the book, they get so excited and can't wait to clear everything away and start the project."

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**Happy Birthday Eva Nall**

Eva Nall will be 90 Friday, September 29th. She has been a powerful influence on her family and on this community. Her dedication to help beautify Big Spring and her interest in the health and welfare of its residents stands as a memorial to her.

**Happy Birthday to one great Christian lady and a wonderful mother and grandmother!**

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Sue Nell & Wayne Truxal

Lou Ann & Paul Baker  
Frances & Silas Flournoy and Grandchildren



### ACTION

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Put 1 cup distilled water and 1 teaspoon borax powder into the bowl. Stir until the powder dissolves.


Slowly pour the colored glue into the bowl containing the borax. Stir as you pour.

Take the thick glob that forms out of the bowl. Knead the glob with your hands until it is smooth and dry.

Roll it into a ball and bounce it on a smooth surface. Hold it in your hands and quickly/slowly pull the ends in opposite directions.

RESULTS: Kneading quickly dries the glob and results in a piece of soft, pliable material that bounces slightly when dropped. It snaps if pulled quickly, but stretches if pulled slowly.

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**IN B...**

**Hawks boost luncheon for**  
The Howar Hawk Flight B... will hold a meeting at noon in the Cactus College's student building. Tickets for the are \$5.25 per person. Those planning should reserve by noon Friday. To make reservations call Betty Reed.

**Wakeboard t set at Moss**  
A wakeboard ment has been for Saturday at Moss Creek. Saturday demonstration one-hour rides \$10 beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday's begins at 10 a.m. fees are \$25. A boom tournament held in the afternoon set at \$15. For more info Reagan at 697-0...

**Twilight golf slated for Sa**  
The Citizen Academy Association will twilight golf tournament on Saturday Comanche Trail Course. Play begins at 7 a.m. and players will be ed balls during nine holes of play will be made players. Fees are \$55 per person. Entry fees are at the golf course.

**Disc golf tournament scheduled for**  
The eighth Big Spring Tournament scheduled for Birdwell Park. Registration a.m. Entry fees are for professional amateurs and \$10 for juniors and novices. For more information call Greg Bro 6335.

**Quarterback meets on M**  
The Big Spring Quarterback meet at 7 p.m. at the Big Spring School Athletic Center. Anyone interested in supporting the ball program...

**Colorado C Harlem Ent**  
The Entertainers, professional basketball coach "The Underdog" Friday, Oct. 13. Colorado City School gymnasium. Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Advance tickets show are \$5. Tickets are chased at the door. Children under 12 will be free.

**ON THE**

**Television BASEBALL**  
6 p.m. — A... at New York... 11, and ESPN OLYMPICS 6 p.m. Games, women's track and equestrian team synchronized and rhythmic NBC, Ch. 9. 11:30 p.m. Games, men's quarterfinals field, NBC, Ch.



## IN BRIEF

### Hawks boosters set luncheon for Monday

The Howard College Hawk Flight Booster Club will hold a luncheon meeting at noon Monday in the Cactus Room of the college's student union building. Tickets for the luncheon are \$5.25 per person and those planning to attend should reserve their seats by noon Friday. To make reservations call Betty Reed at 264-5040.

### Wakeboard touney set at Moss Creek

A wakeboard tournament has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at Moss Creek Lake. Saturday will be a demonstration day with one-hour rides priced at \$10 beginning at 11 a.m. Sunday's tournament begins at 10 a.m. Entry fees are \$25. Also, an air boom tournament will be held in the afternoon with fees set at \$15. For more info, call Scott Reagan at 697-0427.

### Twilight golf touney slated for Saturday

The Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association will hold a twilight golf tournament on Saturday at the Comanche Trail Golf Course. Play begins at 4:30 p.m. and players will use lighted balls during the final nine holes of play. Teams will be made up of four players. Fees are \$55 per person. Entry fees are available at the golf course.

### Disc golf tournament scheduled for Sunday

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. 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.

### 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.

### Colorado City hosts Harlem Entertainers

The Harlem Entertainers, billed as professional clowns of the basketball court, will play "The Underdogs" at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, in the Colorado City Middle School gymnasium. Sponsored by the Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce, advance tickets for the show are \$5. Tickets purchased at the door will be \$7. Children ages 5 and under will be admitted free.

## ON THE AIR

### Television

**BASEBALL**  
6 p.m. — Atlanta Braves at New York Mets, TBS, Ch. 11, and ESPN, Ch. 30.  
**OLYMPICS**  
6 p.m. — Summer Games, men's and women's track and field, equestrian team jumping, synchronized swimming and rhythmic gymnastics, NBC, Ch. 9.  
11:30 p.m. — Summer Games, men's basketball quarterfinal and track and field, NBC, Ch. 9.

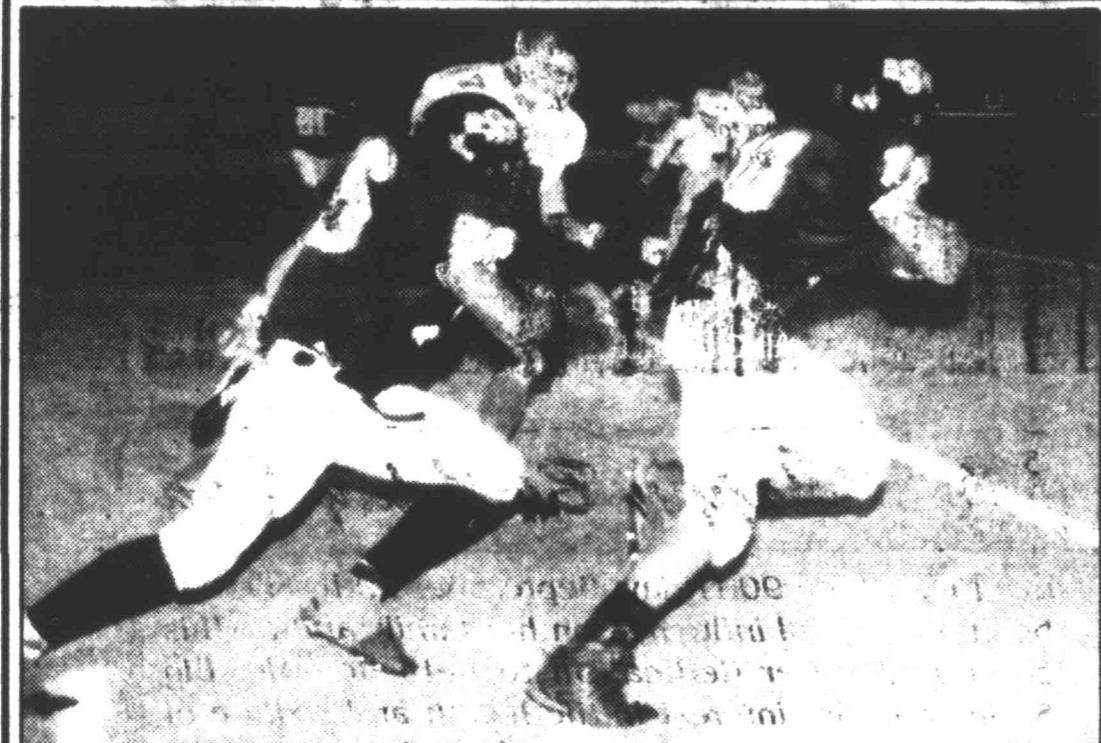
## Mariners beat Rangers to keep half-game lead on A's

SEATTLE (AP) — The Seattle Mariners know they have to keep winning. The Oakland Athletics are right on their heels, and they aren't letting up. "We're playing good baseball. No question about it," Seattle manager Lou Piniella said after the AL West-leading Mariners stayed a half-game in front of the A's with a 6-4 victory over the Texas Rangers on Wednesday night. "We need to keep it going because the team to the south of us isn't giving us much breathing room."

Oakland beat Anaheim 9-7 Wednesday afternoon. With four games left, the Mariners' magic number to make the playoffs is three over Cleveland, which is 11 games behind Oakland for the wild card spot. The Mariners play their final home game Thursday night against Texas before heading to Anaheim for a season-ending weekend series. Kazuhiro Sasaki, Japan's all-time saves leader, got the final five outs

for his 36th save in 39 opportunities. He escaped a bases-loaded jam in the eighth inning to convert his 11th save chance in a row. "Every pitch was so important," said Sasaki, who pitched 10 years professionally in Japan before signing with the Mariners as a free agent on Dec. 18. "I have to be emotionally ready for it." Sasaki tied the major league record for saves by a rookie set by St. Louis' Todd Worrell in 1986. "I'm not really thinking about

records," said Sasaki, speaking through a translator. "I'm just glad the team is winning." Sasaki relieved with a 5-4 lead and one out in the eighth and walked Royce Clayton, loading the bases. But Sasaki retired Rafael Palmeiro on a fly ball to shallow center field and struck out Chad Curtis. Getting Palmeiro without allowing the tying run to score was the biggest play of the game. "I just threw my best pitch with everything I had," Sasaki said.



Big Spring's Jaroe Parnell (10) is escorted down the sideline by teammates Benito Hilario (56) on his way to the Steers' only touchdown in a 20-6 loss to Abilene Wylie. The Steers open District 4-4A play at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Andrews.

## Steers open 4-4A play facing rival Mustangs

JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Managing Editor

Now they count. Big Spring's Steers open District 4-4A football play Friday at 7:30 p.m. when they tee it up with arch rival Andrews' Mustangs — a showdown that in the past few years has had nothing less than playoff implications. This time around, however, both teams enter the game with 1-2 records. Big Spring, after opening the season with a 34-0 romp over Sweetwater, has struggled in losses to Hereford and Abilene Wylie, while Andrews opened the season with a win over Borger before suffering losses to Lubbock Monterey and Carlsbad, N.M. As a result, both teams feel like they have something to prove. And when one factors in the need to open 4-4A play with a win, both the Steers and Mustangs are under considerable pressure to perform. It is not the scenario Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler would have preferred for the Steers' visit to Andrews. To his way of thinking, the Mustangs don't need any added incentive. "We've always brought out the best in Andrews," he explained. "Over the years, we've had a hard time winning over there, and they've had a hard time winning here. Traditionally, we tend to bring out the best in one another." At the same time, Butler admits that facing the Mustangs may well be exactly what his team needs following their frustrating 20-6 loss to Abilene Wylie last week. "It was one of those nights when you just shake your head and wonder why," Butler said in assessing the Steers' homecoming loss. "We're not doing anything really different than we did in the first game ... we're just in a funk offensively. "We just couldn't get anything going," he added. "I said we were going to have growing pains and hit some bumps in the road, but I didn't think we'd hit a major pot hole." While Butler and members of his coaching staff are admittedly frustrated, he says nobody is more upset by the team's start than the Steers themselves. "This is very upsetting for a group of kids that felt we were ahead of the game," Butler explained. "But I think this group

is going to respond and turn things around. "We're capable of doing good things," he added, "but they've got to believe it. I won't cut it for me to think they can. Our kids have got to believe in themselves. The bottom line is we need a boost in confidence." Andrews will be a difficult place to get a boost in confidence, however, because the Mustangs clearly believe they have something to prove. "They didn't expect to go to New Mexico and suffer a loss. You can bet that never crossed their minds," Butler said of Andrews' setback in Carlsbad. "You can bet we're walking into the same type of situation we ran into at Hereford. That means we've got our work cut out for us." Indeed. Chief among the Steers' challenges Friday night will be trying to stop the Mustangs' line charge on both sides of the ball. Simply put, the Mustangs are massive up front. Offensively, Andrews boasts and offensive line that averages more than 237 pounds per man, thanks in no small part to tight end Jeff Lebby, a 6-foot-5, 275-pounder, and tackles Daniel Lujan (6-1, 280) and Matt Holding (6-3, 230). The Mustang line provides plenty of muscle to open holes for tailback Jamie Buerio, a 5-10, 185-pound speedster that finished third in the 100 meters at last year's District 5-4A track meet. But the Steers' biggest concern has to be developing some offensive consistency of their own. "We've got to concentrate on what we're doing and decide what we are," Butler explained. "Our defense has had to be on the field way too much the last two games. That was really what killed us last week. "We'd scored and had something going, but we couldn't get the ball back there late in the game." Unfortunately, injuries have created several concerns for the Steers. Tailback Jason Woodruff remains questionable after suffering a knee injury, while Cody Rubio has also missed most of the week's workouts with a high ankle sprain. And with lineman Larry Thompson, a two-way starter, sidelined with pneumonia, depth is a concern.

## Mets join Braves going to playoffs as wild-card team

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

For the second straight night, there was a clinching party at Shea Stadium. Rick Reed limited Atlanta to four hits in eight innings and pinch-hitter Darryl Hamilton singled in the go-ahead run in the fifth as the New York Mets beat the Atlanta Braves 6-2 Wednesday to clinch the NL wild card berth. "It's good just to get it over with," Mike Piazza said. After the final out, the Mets walked out of their dugout and celebrated on the field in low-key fashion, with hugs and handshakes, much like the Braves did the previous day when they clinched their ninth straight division title at Shea Stadium. There was champagne in the clubhouse, but the Mets have their eyes on a bigger prize than the wild card. "We've been at this step before," said Reed (11-5), who struck out seven and walked one. "We've been to the next step. We have to get to the step after that." In other National League games, it was St. Louis 3, San Diego 0; San Francisco 4, Los Angeles 0; Houston 10, Pittsburgh 1; Milwaukee 10, Cincinnati 6; Florida 6, Montreal 3; Chicago 1, Philadelphia 0; and Colorado 6, Arizona 4. In the American League, Tampa Bay blasted New York 11-1, Seattle topped Texas 6-4, Chicago beat Boston 2-1, Toronto blanked Baltimore 4-0 and Kansas City downed Detroit 3-0. After Andruw Jones put the Braves ahead with a first-inning homer, Derek Bell may have saved another home run in the fifth, leaping and catching Jones' drive to the top of the right-field wall in the fifth. Bell left the game with a bruised left knee and a bloody gash on his left shin. His replacement, Hamilton, got a key hit in the bottom half of the inning. With the score 1-all against Kevin Millwood (10-13), rookie Timo Perez lined a two-out pitch into the right-field corner and stretched it into a triple. Hamilton blooped a pitch into short center for the go-ahead run, and Alfonso sent the next pitch into the left-field bleachers for a 4-1 lead, his seventh homer in 14 games. After opening September with 13 losses in 20 games, the Mets rebounded and will open the playoffs Oct. 4 at San Francisco or St. Louis. The NL East champion Braves start a day earlier

er against the Giants or Cardinals, with the matchups depending on final records. Cardinals 3, Padres 0  
Rick Ankiel broke Dizzy Dean's single-season Cardinals record for strikeouts by a rookie, pitching six sharp innings to lead visiting St. Louis. The NL Central champion Cardinals are one game behind Atlanta and San Francisco in the race for the league's best record and home-field advantage in the playoffs. Ankiel (11-7) gave up five hits and did not allow a runner to reach third base in his last regular-season start. Dave Veres pitched the ninth for his 28th save. Giants 4, Dodgers 0  
Kirk Rueter (11-9) pitched seven scoreless innings as San Francisco won at Los Angeles. The Dodgers were officially eliminated for the fourth consecutive season when the Mets won earlier in the night. Doug Mirabeli hit a three-run double and J.T. Snow homered for the Cubs. Cubs 1, Phillies 0  
Kerry Wood closed his comeback season with eight scoreless innings, striking out 10 to lead Chicago over Philadelphia. Sammy Sosa singled home Wood for his 137th RBI as the Cubs won for only the sixth time in their last 26 games. Wood (8-7), who missed all of last season following elbow surgery, gave up eight hits in eight innings. Marlins 6, Expos 3  
A.J. Burnett (3-7) hit an RBI triple to spark a four-run fifth-inning and also pitched 6 2-3 strong innings to lead host Florida. Tony Armas Jr. (7-9) allowed five runs and four hits in 4 1-3 innings. Astros 10, Pirates 1  
Jeff Bagwell hit his career-high 46th home run off Jimmy Anderson (5-11) and drove in four runs as Houston won at Pittsburgh. Bagwell has 131 RBIs and has scored 151 runs. Tony McKnight (4-1) held the Pirates to four hits. Brewers 10, Reds 6  
Scott Sullivan's wild pitch allowed the go-ahead run to score in the seventh as Milwaukee won the final night game at County Stadium. The teams close out the venerable stadium's 48-year run today.

## Jones takes second gold; Norway upsets U.S. women in soccer

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Olympic history, the sequel. A happy tale for Marion Jones, winner of the second track and field gold of the unprecedented five she's chasing. A sad story for the defending champion U.S. women's soccer team — it lost 3-2 in overtime to Norway, squandering a chance to win its second straight gold. Jones pulled away from the world's best sprinters in Thursday's 200-meter final like she was turbocharged. Under intense scrutiny both because of her quest for five track golds at one Summer Games and for

the revelation that her shot-putter husband tested positive for steroids, Jones seemed completely at ease as she sped to the finish line in 21.84 seconds. She stopped to kiss and hug husband C.J. Hunter after the race. Hunter has denied he knowingly took drugs to improve his performance. Jones got some good news when world-class U.S. sprinter Inger Miller said she would be back from a hamstring injury to compete in the 400-meter relay on Friday. Jones also is part of the 1,600 relay team and is in the long jump final

Friday. It's her weakest event. "I don't think anybody doubted me in the sprints. But my real test will come tomorrow," she said. In women's soccer, Norway won a dramatic gold medal game. Dagny Mellgren scored in the 12th minute of sudden death, knocking a 7-yard shot to the left of U.S. goalkeeper Siri Mullinix. The American managed to get a hand on the ball, but couldn't deflect it enough to keep it out of the net. Norway had been ahead 2-1 in regulation play, but Tiffany Milbrett tied with virtually no time left, heading in a long cross from Mia Hamm. The United States had 75 medals (31 gold, 18 silver, 26 bronze) at the end of Thursday, followed by Russia with 58 and China with 56. DRUG TESTING: At an Olympics tainted by drug use, a sports arbitration panel sent a clear message to athletes Thursday: When it comes to doping, "I didn't mean to" is no excuse. The Court of Arbitration for Sport upheld the IOC's decision to strip Romanian gymnast Andreea Raducanu of her all-around gold medal.

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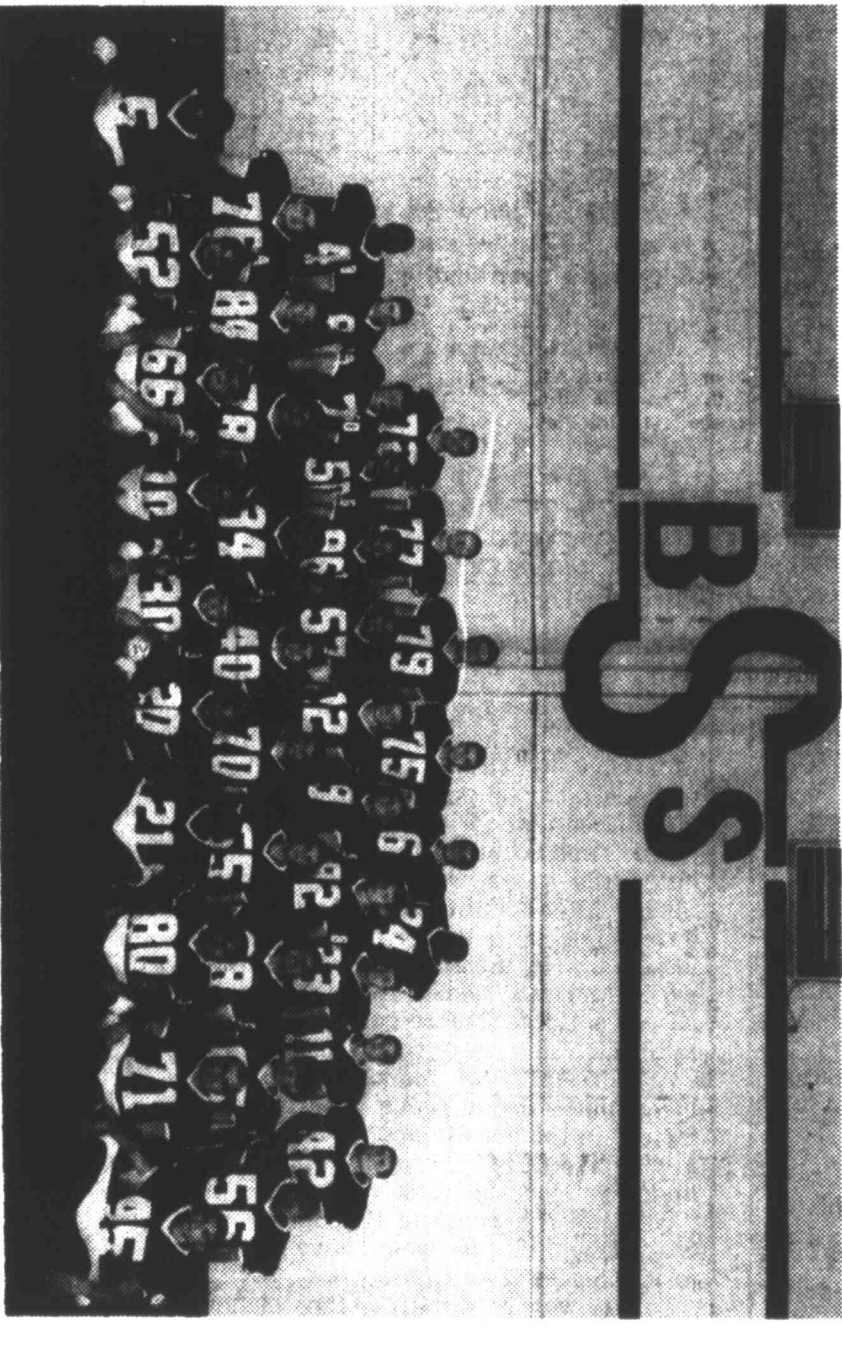
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By BETTY DEBNAM

## Bigger Than Life

# The American Cowboy

For more than a century, stories about the American cowboy have been thrilling people around the world. Although the cowboy did play an important part in history, books and movies have made his part seem bigger than life.

The peak of the cowboy era lasted only about 30 years. After the Civil War ended in 1865, the frontier was wide open. Cattle could graze freely on the open range.

But by 1895 the West was settled. Railroads connected every part of the country. Sheep farmers had put up fences and towns had sprung up. The open ranges were gone forever.

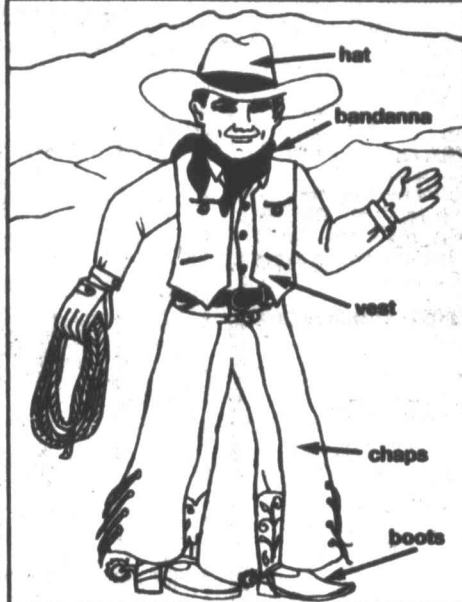
### Cowgirls

On the ranch, girls worked the cattle just as their brothers did. They did everything: roping, branding and roundups.

Cowgirls did not usually go on cattle drives, because at that time people thought women should stay at home.



Cowgirls were big attractions at rodeos and Wild West shows. At first they wore full skirts. But they soon began to wear split skirts that made riding easier.



### Cowboy clothes

Each piece of clothing had many uses.

- The boot protected against thorns and brush. The narrow toe let the boot slide into the stirrup. The high heel kept the foot from slipping out of the stirrup and dragging on the ankle.
- The hat's wide brim protected against sun, rain, snow and low branches.
- Chaps, leather coverings that fit over the legs, protected against thorns and brush.
- Vests were warm, but less bulky than a coat. Seated riders had an easier time getting at vest pockets than pants pockets.
- Bandannas protected the neck and face against sun and dust. They could also be used as washrags, sweatbands, hot pads, bandages, napkins and ropes.

### Cattle drives

In the mid-1800s, there were no railroads running out of Texas. In order to get cattle to eastern markets, cowboys had to herd, or drive, the cattle to train stations in Kansas.

Cattle drives lasted as long as one to three months. Ten to 12 cowboys might have to control several thousand cattle.

Most cowboys on cattle drives were teen-agers or young men. Older, more experienced men stayed on the ranch.

Cattle from many different owners mixed together. They were branded so cowboys could separate out each rancher's cows at market time.

At the end of the trail the cowboys sold almost everything, including the chuck wagon and most of the horses.

### Trail grub

Food on the trail was usually beans, biscuits, canned peaches and tomatoes, dried meat such as beef jerky, and any fresh game that cowboys shot.

In the Southwest, cowboys might have chili, enchiladas, tamales, cornbread or tortillas.

They ate little beef. Cattle were more valuable at market than as food for cowboys.



The cook kept food and supplies in a chuck wagon.

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MIGHTY FUNNY'S **Funny Phonics**

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

Q: What do you call a beautiful cat?  
A: A glamour puss!

Q: What is the wettest country?  
A: England. The royal family has been reigning there for years!

Q: How do you make lipstick?  
A: Use glue - but I wouldn't recommend it!

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

**Rookie Cookie's Recipe**

### Chinese Beef

You'll need:

- 1 1/2 pounds ground beef
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 (4-ounce) can mushrooms, drained
- 1 (8-ounce) can water chestnuts, drained
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 2 cups rice, cooked

What to do:

1. Cook ground beef in a skillet over medium heat for 10 to 15 minutes or until brown. Drain well.
2. Add onion. Cover and cook over low heat for 5 minutes. Stir often.
3. Add remaining ingredients except rice.
4. Cook on low for 15 minutes. Stir occasionally.
5. Serve over rice. Serves 4-6.

**COWBOYS TRY 'N FIND**

Words that remind us of cowboys are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: COWBOY, AMERICAN, STORIES, HISTORY, WEST, COWGIRLS, RANCH, RODEOS, BOOT, STIRRUP, HAT, BRIM, CHAPS, HORSE, LEATHER, VESTS, ROPES, HERD.

I'D LIKE TO BE A COWBOY!

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**Mini Spy ...**

Mini Spy and her friends are taking a break from driving cattle. See if you can find:

- banana
- number 3
- safety pin
- ruler
- question mark
- letter E
- word MINI
- snake
- pencil
- comb
- snail
- letter C
- peanut
- heart

• number 7 • letter B

# Whoa There, Cowboy Fans!

Do you ever watch westerns? The brave cowboy singlehandedly taming the Wild West is America's biggest legend. Trouble is, much of it isn't true. Here is the truth about some of the movie myths.

- 1. A cowboy always wore guns. FALSE**  
Few cowboys carried guns. Wearing a gun while you were rounding up a stampeding herd or riding a half-wild horse was dangerous. Most kept their guns in the chuck wagon. Cowboys rarely needed to defend themselves against rustlers or Indians. Their guns were mainly used as protection against snakes, to turn aside a stampeding herd, to kill an injured animal or to hunt game.
- 2. The lone cowboy rode into town and got rid of all the bad guys. FALSE**  
Most cowboys only got into town a couple of times a year. And in many places, it was illegal to carry a gun unless you were a lawman.
- 3. Cowboys slept under the stars. TRUE**  
Being out in nature was one of the best things about being a cowboy. Many chose to sleep outside even at the ranch. A cowboy's bedroll was usually just a rolled-up blanket, where he stuck clothes and personal belongings.
- 4. Cowboys were all white. FALSE**  
Many cowboys were Native Americans. Experts believe about one-fourth were Hispanic. Another fourth were probably black. The first cowboys in America were the Spanish who brought cattle and horses to America. They taught Indians how to ride and herd cattle. Many African-Americans learned ranching skills while they were slaves. Others came West seeking a new life. Cowboys judged each other by how they did their job, not by the color of their skin. It was one of the few jobs where black people were paid equal wages.
- 5. Cowboys lived dangerous lives. TRUE**  
Cowboys did have to be brave in the face of danger, but not because bad guys were always after them. The biggest threat was stampeding cattle. Many cowboys were killed or injured by panicked herds. If they were hurt, there was no medical help nearby. Lightning, rabbits, rattlesnakes, prairie wildfires or coyotes could all set off a stampede. Many cowboys were killed by lightning and pneumonia. They had to take turns watching the herds at night, no matter what the weather. The most dangerous job was that of bronco buster. In order to tame the wild horses, cowboys had to ride them. But the bucking broncos often threw off and injured the unwanted riders.
- 6. Cowboys were tough and independent. TRUE**  
Cowboy work was very hard, dirty and dangerous. It wasn't for sissies. A cowboy might be working miles from anyone else. He had to be independent.
- 7. A cowboy's best friend was his horse. FALSE**  
Cowboys did not have one special horse. Each cowboy might get the use of a string of three to six. On a drive he would choose a different horse each day, so the animals could rest.

**GENE AUTRY**  
In this movie poster Gene Autry, "The Singing Cowboy," is riding with his trusty guitar. In real life, cowboys didn't play guitars at all. They did take harmonicas or fiddles along on trail drives.

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**Garage Sale**, 2703 Rebecca. Sat. 8-Noon. 55 gal. aquarium, '77 VW Bus, toys, misc.

**Garage Sale**, 6911 E. Midway Rd., Fri. 4pm. Sat. 8am. Working Coca-Cola, 7-up, Royal crown machines. Furn. clothes, dishes, theater seats.

**GARAGE SALES**

**Garage Sale**, Fri. & Sat. 7-7. 2702 Oasis. Flowers, kids clothes, lots of bargains.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS  
The Big Spring Independent School District shall receive sealed proposals until 2:00 p.m., October 5, 2000, for:

Stop-Loss Reinsurance Specifications and proposal documents may be secured from the school district's third party administrator Group & Pension Administrators, Jeff McPeters, 300 Municipal Drive, Richardson, Texas 75080, phone number (972) 238-7900. Proposals will be received in the Business Office of the Big Spring Independent School District until the above listed date and time. Proposals received after the above deadline will be returned unopened. Proposals 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 proposals.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Lillian Jeanene Hardin Johnson, Deceased, were issued on September 25, 2000, in Cause No. P-12714, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to LAURA JAN CHAVEZ.

The residence of the Independent Executor is Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. The post office address is: c/o: C.E. (Mike) Thomas, III Attorney at Law P.O. Box 2117 Big Spring, Texas 79721 All parties having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

**DATES**: the 25th day of December, 2000.  
C.E. (Mike) Thomas, III 501 Gregg Street P.O. Drawer 2117 Big Spring, Texas 79721 By: C.E. (Mike) Thomas, III Attorney for the Estate State Bar No. 1982020 2958 September 28, 2000

**INVITATION TO BID**  
Bids for the construction of: Roofing the Student Union Building Roofing the Building Trades Building Replacing the HVAC system at the Student Union Building Replacing the exterior doors at the Student Union Building Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deal (SWCID) 3201 Avenue C Big Spring, Texas. Each Bidder shall deliver their bid in a sealed envelope to the Owner or to the bid opening. Drawings and Specifications may be examined at the office of J. Phillip Furquerson, Architect, 500 Johnson Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, 915-267-3794. Copies of these documents shall be available at the office of the Architect in accordance with the instructions to Bidders. The refundable deposit will be \$50.00 per set. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any formality in connection therewith. The Owner reserves the right to contract within 30 days following the bid opening. No bids may be withdrawn during this time. 2687 September 28 & October 5, 2000

**HOROSCOPE**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Friday, Sept. 29:  
An opportunity that you thought was gone and forgotten returns. Don't make a mistake again. Learn from your experiences, and take a leap of faith. Use your talents to gain financially. 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) Recent professional and emotional gains need to be consolidated. Be direct with associates, and discuss money matters. Confusion surrounds a business plan. Now you can get it straight, if you wish. Tonight: Take it easy.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) Someone makes a big effort toward you. Consider what you want to do here. Consolidate work-related gains. A boss sees you a lot differently than others do. Accept a compliment. Tonight: Out among the crowds.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) A new flirtation or a loved one reverses course. If single, someone from your past could blast back into your life. Do some hard thinking about what you want. Someone in your day-to-day life goes overboard to make your life work. Tonight: Say thank you nicely.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) Creativity and flirtation mix.



