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WEATHER

Tonight:



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Howard County Republicans convene today

The Howard County Republican Party will be holding a debate party beginning at 6:30 p.m. today at 16 Brackeen Lane off Country Club Road. Everyone is invited.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

- VFW Post No. 2012, VFW Hall, 7 p.m., 500 Driver Road.
- Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main Road.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.
- Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, call Terry Hansen 264-5175.
- Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park, call 398-5522 or 267-1628.
- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

- Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U4206O, Herman's, 7 a.m.
- Big Spring Senior Citizens Center Art Classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.
- Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, call Billy Smith, 267-6479.
- Howard County A&M club, 6 p.m., La Posada, for monthly meeting.
- A meeting for Democrats and all interested parties, including Independents and Republicans, 7 p.m., county court room, second floor court house.
- Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library.
- Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

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

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Harvest Saturday returns to state park this weekend

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
News Editor

For those who would like to return to the past themselves or have their children or grandchildren experience an old-fashioned hay ride, Big Spring State



ALTON

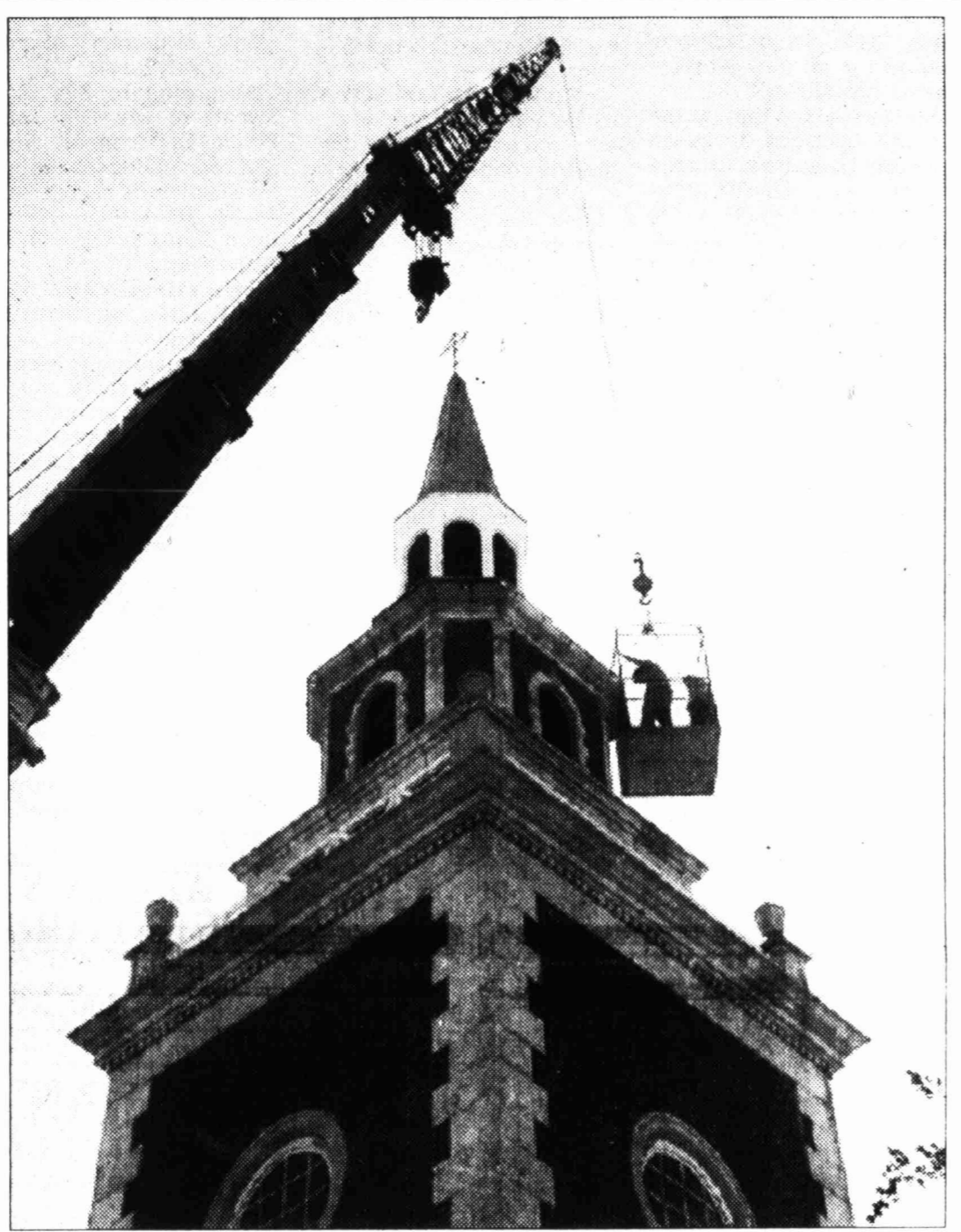
Park is the place to be this weekend. It's time for the annual Harvest Saturday. One word of advice though get there early. "When we get 400 to 450 people we're excited and that's usually what we average," said Ron Alton, state park manager. That number could rise this time, because the event has been moved up to ensure better weather. "In previous years, we held it more around true

harvest time, closer to Halloween," said Alton. "But a few years it was just flat so cold that it was miserable. You never know about West Texas weather, but it looks like it will be good for this weekend." Indeed, the long-range forecast calls for highs in the 70s on Saturday ideal weather for a hay ride around Scenic Mountain. There are two times for the rides, 3 p.m. and again at 4:30. Park officials will

have a half-dozen trailers set up for each run. In one other difference from the past, the normal park entrance fee will be waived. However, participants are encouraged to make a donation to an endowment fund, the Lone Star Legacy, for the Big Spring State Park. "As this endowment fund grows, the interest on the funds will be used for operations and maintenance at our local state park, while

the principal continues to build," said Alton. "This Lone Star Legacy weekend will allow people who love the great Texas outdoors to help preserve our natural heritage, including the Big Spring State Park, for the next generation. Park visitors can dedicate their donations to the state park, fish hatchery, historic site or other Texas Parks & Wildlife facility of

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Some preventative maintenance is performed on the First United Methodist Church steeple Monday. Workers were hoisted up in the air by a crane owned by Cathey Construction Co. to paint part of the steeple and repair a few windows.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

BSISD

Coach charged with assault dismissed from employment due to breach of his contract

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
News Editor

A science teacher and coach who was discovered to have been arrested on sexual assault charges after being hired by Big Spring Independent School District this summer has been relieved of his duties, officials said today.



MURPHY

Jason Ferguson, who officials said never taught in a Big Spring classroom was relieved of his duties after failing to meet contractual obligations, said Murray Murphy, BSISD deputy superintendent.

"It was a mutual agreement. Through subsequent conferences with Region 18 and the district, we agreed to a certain amount of time for this to be resolved. At that time we said Oct. 1 would be that time," said Murphy. "As of that date, nothing had changed with the Midland grand jury, nothing has changed with Mr. Ferguson's situation. We had to say he was in

breach of his contract. He was in a situation that he could not get permitted by the state of Texas."

BSISD hired Ferguson on July 6 to teach science and to perform coaching duties at Big Spring Junior High. However, on Aug. 9, Midland police contacted the district in an effort to locate Ferguson, 24. It was at that time that BSISD officials learned that he had been charged with sexual assault of a child.

Murphy said Ferguson was placed on administrative leave Aug. 10, following routine procedures for the district.

Those procedures included calling Ferguson into a business meeting with Murphy and Big Spring ISD Superintendent Bill McQueary and then suspending him.

According to Murphy, Ferguson passed a criminal background check before he was hired. He was among 54 new teachers hired for the start of this school year.

"We did a criminal history check on him and found out that he had a clean record," Murphy said at the

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Health care facilities see delays in obtaining flu vaccine

By **CARL GRAHAM**
Staff Writer

Most Howard County health facilities and those in surrounding counties are experiencing delays on shipments of influenza vaccine.

In a check of local health care providers, only Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMCC) has already received the vaccine and begun administering it to patients.

According to Mitzi Knight, a SMCC spokesper-

son, one batch of the vaccine has arrived and vaccinations started yesterday.

"One batch has already come in because of who we order from," said Knight. "We usually begin the vaccinations on or around the first of October, so we are right on time. We are one of the few health care providers and organizations that have received the vaccine but we take the matter very seriously."

In a check with the Veterans Administration Medical Center (VAMC),

spokesperson Iva Jo Hanslik said that facility had only received around a third of the vaccine it ordered.

"Normally, we have already started giving the vaccinations but this year we are behind and have not received the full amount we normally order," said Hanslik, who stressed that the VAMC's patients have no reason to be overly concerned.

"It's no cause for alarm," she said. "We have experienced delays in the past. We

will be administering the vaccines first to patients that are of high risk, such as those with respiratory ailments. Then, as the remainder of the vaccine comes in, we will give them to other patients and staff members. We expect to have the rest of our shipment by sometime in November."

The vaccinations are not being delayed just in this area, it is a nationwide delay according to health officials.

The Centers for Disease Control has recommended

that health care workers and patients who are at high risk receive the vaccine first.

According to federal officials, the vaccine delay is being caused by manufacturing issues with two companies and because of slow growth of one of the influenza strains needed to make the vaccine.

This year's vaccine will offer protection from three strains of influenza A/Panama, A/New Caledonia and B/Yamanashi.

If a girl can dream it, she can do it in Scouts

Editor's note: The following is the fifth in a series of articles on the agencies supported by the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**
Features Editor

If a girl can dream it, she can do it in Girl Scouts, one of the agencies funded by the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

"Girl Scouts can offer her opportunities in everything from computers to whitewater rafting, traveling and learning," said April Ferguson, local coordinator for the program based in Abilene. "The program is only limited by a girl's imagination. Anything she wants to do, it is the leader's job to make that happen."

A new Girl Scout year has

just started, following a very successful membership drive. Local girls between the ages of 5 and 17, from Daisies to Cadettes, can participate in a variety of activities geared toward their age level.

Recently, several dozen new members joined the Girl Scouts, forming new groups and adding to those already organized. Members are assigned to groups based on their age and school grade: those in kindergarten through the first grade are Daisies, those in the first through third grades are Brownies, while those in the fourth through sixth grades are Juniors. Older girls are Cadettes or Senior Girl Scouts.

Girls are welcomed to join at any time during the year.

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Courtesy photo

Morgan McKinney, from left, Dawnia Burney, Melissa Daniels, Neiman Ferguson, Jessica Chaney and Myeshia Shorts went with a group of close to 100 girls and some adults from Big Spring and Lamesa on a summer trip to Six Flags Over Texas.

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OBITUARIES

Doug Richardson

Graveside service for Doug Richardson, 79, Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2000, in the Colorado City Cemetery with Dr. Jimmy Watson officiating.

Mr. Richardson died on Sunday, Oct. 1, in a Midland Hospital.

He was born April 30, 1921, and had been a resident of Big Spring for the past 30 years. He married Harriet Pritchett on Aug. 13, 1940, in San Angelo. He was retired from Texaco as a field representative in gas operations. He was a member of the First Christian Church in Big Spring.

He is survived by his wife, Harriet Richardson of Big Spring; three sons, Jim Richardson and Dean Richardson, both of Houston, and Dick Richardson of Sweetwater; a sister, Doris Crouch of Midland; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 6 until 8 p.m. tonight at the funeral home. Arrangements are under Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

"Papa" Gene Madison

A memorial service for Gene Madison, 68, Odessa, will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2000, in at Fannin Terrace Baptist Church.

Mr. Madison died on Saturday, Sept. 30, in Odessa.

He was born on June 4, 1932, in Big Spring. He was a member at Fannin Terrace Baptist Church of Midland. He was the owner of Wheels of West Texas. He was a veteran and a longtime member of Midland Softball Association.

He is survived by his mother, Ruth Madison of Big Spring; two sisters, Sue Earnest of Midland and Wanda Bradford of Grande Saline; mother of his children, Deloris Madison of Midland; three children, Bruce Madison of Midland, Tammira Papan of Midland; and Tish Duncan of Fredricksburg; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and his companion Louis Moree of Odessa.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Hospice of Odessa. Arrangements by Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel.

Stanley Willis

Graveside service for Stanley "Strawberry" Willis, 85, Forsan, will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2000, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park

Cemetery.

Mr. Willis died on Monday, Oct. 2, in a Crane hospital.

He was born on Feb. 2, 1915, in Pittsburgh County, Okla. He married to his wife, Helen in April 1934 in Henrietta, Okla. He retired from Continental Oil Company as a pumper in 1967. He was a longtime resident of Forsan and a member of the Forsan Service Club. He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen, on Jan. 12, 1999.

He is survived by: two daughters, Corrina M. White of Longview and Marketta F. Wright of Grantsville, Utah; four sons, Stanley E. Willis of Longview, Tommy L. Willis of Midland, Fred D. Willis of Lohn and Jacky R. Willis of Crane; 17 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home in Crane.

Justin John Harris Edwards

A rosary for Justin John Harris Edwards, 10, of La Luz, N.M., formerly of Big Spring, will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2000, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church with the Rev. James McCarthy officiating. Burial will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.



Mr. Edwards died on Friday, Sept. 29, at a Tucson, Ariz., hospital following a long illness.

He was born on Nov. 7, 1989, in Big Spring. He was a Catholic. He was a fourth grade student at La Luz Elementary School. He enjoyed fishing, computers and was a talented artist. He especially like drawing cartoon characters. He was a lovable and talented boy.

He is survived by: his parents, Mary and Charles Edwards of La Luz, N.M.; two brothers, Robert Lee Vela and Larry Vela, both of Big Spring; two step-brothers, Jeremy Ray Edwards, Charles Thomas Edwards, both of Commerce; and one step-sister, Mandy Nicole Edwards of Commerce; his grandparents, Evelyn and Wesley Edwards of Longview; 13 uncles and seven aunts and a number of cousins.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Chapel.

should plan on spending at least an hour, probably more.

"We'd recommend jeans instead of shorts on the hay, but with the weather being what it is, I know a lot of people will be wearing shorts," Alton said. "Also, it's a good idea to wear a hat and put on some sun screen to protect from the sun."

Hay rides are open to all ages. For those who have never participated, the rides follow the park road along the edge of the 200-foot bluff at the northern limit of the Edwards Plateau. Alton, who serves as the guide, treats riders to a tour of the park's historical and geological characteristics.

"People really enjoy the view and it's a lot of fun. We hope you'll join us," Alton said.

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time. "This is standard procedure for all new employees to the district."

Murphy added that, at the time he was hired, Ferguson was participating in the Alternative Certification Program through the Region 18 Educational Service Center. The district found his name on a list provided by Region 18.

Ferguson's contract with the district began July 19 and officially ended Sept. 29 and he will be paid for the 52 days he was either employed and working or on administrative leave, noted Murphy.

He explained that Ferguson did participate as a coach during the first week to 10 days of football practice prior to the start of the school year.

"It's an unfortunate issue, but we feel like we did everything we could under the circumstances for all concerned," said Murphy. "It's time now to get something solidified, and that means to hire a science teacher and a coach for the junior high."

SCOUTS

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Ferguson said the program has been completely updated this year based on four primary goals — that girls involved in the program will develop to their full potential; relate to others by increasing understanding, skill and respect; develop a meaningful set of values to guide their actions and provide foundations for sound decision making; and contribute to the improvement of society through the use of their abilities and leadership skills by working in cooperation with others.

Older girls have the chance for "wider ops" or wider opportunities, such as traveling to other states and countries, meeting and learning about the lives of girls like them around the world. Once a Girl Scout graduates from high school, she is encouraged to stay involved in the program through Campus Girl Scouts, where older members can offer knowledge and support to groups in the area.

Like many parents do, Ferguson started her work with Girl Scouts when her oldest daughter, now 20, wanted to join the program. "I've been with it ever since; it is the best program

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around for girls, offering them so many opportunities they might not have otherwise," she said.

And the support of the United Way to the Girl Scout program in Big Spring, she added, is critical.

"Without the United Way, we just wouldn't be," she said. "They offer tremendous support to the girls, the staff and our volunteers."

POLICE

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

- **RAYMOND LOYSOYA**, 66, no address given, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct/language.
- **YELISA HUGHES**, 26, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **FAFAEL LOPEZ**, 66, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1300 block of Johnson.
- **DEBIT CARD ABUSE** was reported in the 1400 block of Bluebird.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 3300 block of W. Highway, 80.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 300 block of Owens and in the 1800 block of Gregg.

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following weekend summary of activities for the weekend ending at 8 a.m. Monday, 2 Oct.:

- **ASSAULT**, 2
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION**, 1
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF**, 3
- **DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED**, 1
- **DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED**, 3
- **FAILURE TO IDENTIFY**, 1
- **RUNAWAY**, 3
- **THEFT**, 16
- **CONVENIENCE STORE**, 13
 - **BEER**, 2
 - **GAS**, 11
 - **INCIDENTS**, 10
 - **ARRESTS**, 21
 - **ACCIDENTS**, 10
 - **MINOR**, 10

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activities between

TEXAS LOTTERY Pick 3: 9,3,3

Cash 5:4,7,10,28,35

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Cornell prison employee arrested for delivery of controlled substance

HERALD Staff Report

some time.

An investigation involving local law officials, the Texas Attorney General's office and federal prison officials has resulted in the arrest of a Cornell Corrections employee.

Marcus Rocha, 30, of 800 W. Marcy, a recreation specialist with the prison, was arrested late Friday on a charge of delivery of a controlled substance.

According to Sgt. Roger Sweatt of the Big Spring Police Department, Rocha had been under surveillance for suspicious activities for

"We received information a couple of weeks ago in reference to an employee of Cornell Federal Prison with regard to a state violation of transfer of a controlled substance into their facility," said Sweatt. "Through the investigation, we were able to make an arrest in the case late Friday evening on the delivery of a controlled substance."

According to Sweatt, Rocha was transferred to the Howard County Jail on Saturday. He remains there in lieu of \$10,000 bond set by municipal judge Tim Green.

noon Saturday through 8 a.m. today:

- **DAVID JUAREZ**, 24, of 401 W. Eight, was arrested on a judgment sentence/motion to revoke probation on carry of prohibitive weapon and possession of marijuana. (HCSO)
- **DENISE KAYLA HOATON**, 37, of 903 E. 14th, was arrested on a judgment sentence/motion to revoke probation on a driving while intoxicated charge. (HCSO)
- **ABRAM AGUILAR**, 38, of 506 State, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended. (BSPD)
- **WESLY PORTER PEACOCK**, 40, of 6610 N. CR 17, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. (HCSO)

• **AMANDA CHRISTINE HARVELL**, 20, of 1306 Wright, was arrested on a charge of display ID issued to another person. (BSPD)

RECORDS

Monday's high 103
Monday's low 66
Average high 83
Average low 56
Record high 98 in 1951
Record low 37 in 1975
Precip. Monday 0.00
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their choice," Alton said. Recently, he noted, Palo Duro Canyon State Park raised \$58,000 for its endowment fund at a concert.

Those participating should meet at the upper picnic pavilion/playground area. Parking space is limited. The mile-long circuit takes about 40 minutes to complete, so those attending

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HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Oct. 4:

Stay on top of your personal life. You could get into trouble someday, as you often wonder what could have been rather than focusing on the present. Stay anchored in reality. Finances are enhanced, especially if your work revolves around your domestic life or real estate. If you are single, you often misread others' actions, projecting something that doesn't exist. If you are attached, talk about your work, feelings and needs. Your bond deepens. CAPRICORN serves as an anchor.

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)

**** Don't hesitate to take the bull by the horns. You deal with another in an effective yet direct manner. Evaluate what you expect from work. Your sense of humor comes through with a partner. You see eye to eye with each other, and you wish others did, too. Tonight: A must appear-

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Take an overview and worry less about others' opinions. You might not agree with a loved one about a money matter. Maintain a conservative pattern, aiming for what you want. Laughter marks your decisions. Others have helpful suggestions. Listen. Tonight: Surf the Internet.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** Deal with someone head-on. You find that what you want on a personal level could be extremely different. Your follow-through counts when dealing with another. Trust a decision that takes you in a new direction. A loved one proves once more how much he is on your team. Tonight: Make nice.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** What you mean to be a positive but strong statement draws a forceful reaction from an associate. Regroup and try again. Others expound on their points of view. Understand what motivates another and

why he says such things. Creativity surges. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** Dig into work. You might need to make an expenditure to increase your job potential. Think about what you want to do with a challenging friend. You might not see eye to eye. Is that a reason to end the friendship? Brainstorm to look for ways to become more efficient. Tonight: Exercise.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Your fiery ways could put off a boss who might generally be most indulgent. Listen! Creativity blooms during a discussion. Don't sit back on possibilities. A child or loved one knows how to distract you. Tonight: Fun and games.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Your temper pushes you to study what is going on. Listen to another carefully. Seek out someone who understands you well. Strip away defenses and get down to basics. Financial security proves to be very important as far as dealing

with your own well-being. Think carefully about an expenditure. Tonight: Put your feet up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** You intervene when a friend has a problem with an associate or partner. Your keen insight makes a big difference in the outcome. Keep communication flourishing, despite another's reaction. Closing a door will not bring the results you desire. Tonight: Visit with friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Dig into your finances and take a hard look at what is going on. Your intuition leads you in the right direction when you want to cut back. Bosses push you hard. Though you might have a strong reaction, you go in another direction. Don't react, if possible. Tonight: Pay bills.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** Others come toward you. Confusion surrounds a work project. Deal with another and get a different

perspective. Don't make a big deal out of a change of plans. Use your personality to help you network and expand your horizons. Don't lose your focus. Know your long-term goals. Tonight: It's your decision.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** You could be upset by another's reaction and words. Financial problems could ensue within a partnership. Be very careful. Seek out additional information before you make an important decision. Gather facts. Refuse to make assumptions now. Talk to a boss. Tonight: Do your own thing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** Remember what you want, despite others' reactions. Deflect the uproar and remain positive. Your good humor helps others

move past problems and zero in on what is important. Take an overview and understand what others want. Walk in another's shoes. Tonight: Where your friends are.

BORN TODAY

Actress Susan Sarandon (1946), author Jackie Collins (1941), author Anne Rice (1941)

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Candidates prepare for first debate today

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. (AP) — Hours before their first face-off tonight, the presidential candidates rested while their campaigns tried to shape the story line in advance. George W. Bush won't talk about the details of his plans, one side asserted, while the other portrayed Al Gore as a master of unfair attacks.

Both candidates planned little more than separate inspections of the debate hall at the University of Massachusetts in Boston before they meet for the most anticipated event of their White House cam-

handle themselves under pressure.

Gore's challenge: Avoid know-it-all condescension and subtle put-downs while showing off his knowledge of public policy.

"Gore has to be able to convince people that all the knowledge he has can be put to their benefit," said Democratic consultant Jim Duffy.

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EDITORIAL

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OUR VIEWS

Let's come together for United Way

The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County's current campaign is now fully under way following last week's kickoff luncheon that saw an almost overflow crowd pack into First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall for a barbecue meal and performance by country music star Jamie Fricke.

And now it is time for our community to come together and live up to this year's campaign motto of "Together We Can."

What we can do together, by the way, is make Big Spring better by helping the United Way fund 13 agencies — Rape Crisis/Victim Services, Salvation Army, Westside Community Center, Westside Day Care, West Texas Girl Scout Council, the YMCA, American Red Cross, Boys Club of Big Spring, Buffalo Trail Council Boy Scouts, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, Northside Community Center, Howard County Council on Aging's senior meals program and ARF, the pet therapy program through the Humane Society.

These agencies offer a variety of services to a wide range of clients, from the very young to the elderly.

Some of these programs such as Salvation Army and senior meals are geared toward the disadvantaged. Others, such as Scouting, have a far simpler yet equally important goal of teaching a better way of life to young people.

To help fund them, a lofty goal of \$227,000 has been set, and it will take all of us to reach it.

In the next few days and weeks, almost all of us will be asked to do our part in reaching that goal.

Nobody will be suggesting that we give until it hurts, simply asking that we give what we can afford.

If we do, together we can make our little corner of this world a brighter place.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

About two weeks before homecoming, a lady I had the pleasure of meeting for the second time came into the church at 2205 Goliah Temple Belen Assembly of God and asked me if it would be all right for the people that ride the float to park at the church location during the parade. I remember that I didn't see any reason why not, I've been in the same situation myself a time or two in the past.

Come parade day, I went to the church to help my wife clean for the Sunday service. Unable to park on the south side, I drove to the north side of the church and I walked in and through to the other side and opened the door to look at the people and the float. There was a vehicle parked just outside the door and the window of the pastor's office. What caught my eye was that a young man was taking what appeared to be alcohol beverages out of that vehicle and distributing to other individuals.

I went on about my business and after they left, I was still puzzled about what I had seen. I went outside and looked in the back of this vehicle and not to my surprise, I saw a cooler with beer and ice

sitting in the back of the vehicle.

My wife and I went to eat and when we came back, about two hours later, they were back from the parade and to top it off, they were again sitting around drinking and distributing beer to even more individuals and some whom appeared to be minors.

These people I believed to be of what I call high caliber background, but I guess I was wrong because it appeared to me they had no class whatsoever. I didn't want to call authorities, although they were passing by, just like I wouldn't have called authorities on some young Hispanic man for throwing rocks in the Comanche Trail Lake. The only difference is that one involved alcohol and the other didn't.

The point that I am trying to make is that people should have more respect to the house of the Lord, regardless of whom it belongs to. I could have found out who the vehicle belongs to, but it didn't matter to me. I just hope it won't happen again and these individuals have a little more respect for what belongs to the Lord.

DOMINGO RIOS
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Making urns that tell of a lifetime

Giana Pisacano Eden at her pottery wheel is the poetry of Ecclesiastes. A time to break down, and a time to build up. The kneading, the centering, the emerging urn.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

When she makes a funerary urn for a dying customer — or for the survivors — Giana gives the ultimate artistic gift. It's not just a pot to hold ashes, but a personal tribute.

She developed her potter's muscle in Japan, a place called Sasayma, meaning Bamboo Mountain. When the wind blew, the cane swayed and it looked as if the whole mountain moved.

Every morning she threw 150 dishes of one shape. In the afternoon 150 dishes of another shape. The demanding apprenticeship paid off. She returned to her native New York and opened shop. She had accounts with Macy's, dishes in the window at Bergdorf Goodman. Her pots and her gallery's sign were in a street scene in the movie "Chapter Two."

"It was," she says, "an exciting time."

One day a distraught woman walked into Giana's SoHo shop, asking to buy a

lidded vessel. The customer wanted an urn for her late husband's ashes. On an impulse, the potter suggested they make the pot then and there, with the grieving widow as co-pilot at the wheel.

"As we began, her demeanor changed," Giana recalls. "She became immersed in the process."

The stranger directed the throwing — "a little higher, fuller..." — and soon left smiling. When the woman returned for the finished urn, she thanked Giana for helping ease the pain.

"I just made a pot," Giana thought. "Nothing special." But she remembered the incident.

More seasons passed. Giana found out she had Hodgkin's disease, struggled to a full recovery, moved to Oregon, met and married a Georgia native named John. The couple eventually returned to his hometown of Jesup.

She is 45 now, making her pots in a back-yard studio on a small-town street called Hickory in the piney woods of South Georgia. An ink-black Labrador named Madison keeps her company. Outside her window, the bamboo sways.

Eleven years ago Giana was in the hospital for the birth of her daughter, Liana. While she was in bed, Giana's best friend since kindergarten died of AIDS. Four days later, a favorite uncle in New York also died of AIDS. He had encouraged her in her art,

even helped her set up the SoHo shop.

"It knocked my socks off, and I couldn't be there," she says. "The need to do something was strong."

So she sat at her wheel and made two urns "as an expression of the essence of their lives." And so it began.

Her Uncle Jackie's urn is covered with evocative images, including the Camel cigarettes he chain-smoked. Her Grandpa Charlie's urn is topped with a winning bridge hand. The best friend she lost to AIDS, Michael Hirsch, is remembered with a poem on his urn: "This big lump of missing you spends a lot of time in my throat."

A local doctor and AIDS activist found out about Giana's urns. She took brochures to death-and-dying conferences and AIDS groups. Word spread. Through her Web site (www.turn.to/giana) and by word of mouth, from Atlanta to Connecticut, people slowly heard about her work. Those who were grieving and those on their deathbeds sought solace in helping design and create a vessel.

Now they send her videos of lost loved ones. They write detailed descriptions of complex personalities they expect her to convey.

One man wanted his companion's urn to reflect a love of raking leaves and a habit of carrying lots of keys.

Giana takes it all in, absorbing the sadness, knowing what she's doing is a service.

She sketches a design. If it suits the customer, she wedges the clay and throws the urn. Some customers are more involved with the process than others. Some want urn copies or miniatures for a division of ashes.

Giana never knows what to charge for such work. She accepts whatever the customer wants to pay.

"Usually they send more than I'd ever have asked for."

Influenced by Japanese potters, Giana makes her own tools from bamboo and scrap metal. Her pots — including the funeral urns — are as extravagantly bright as a fall day, with glazes that range from azure to a warm brown.

She gets visible chill bumps as she retells the story of a young man who died after a lifetime of struggling with depression. The happiest times of his short life were seaside romps as a boy.

The urn she made had a rim that rolled like an ocean wave.

The lid was topped by a butterfly.

The letter that his grieving mother sent Giana is filed away, heartache in curvise.

And Giana stays at her wheel, disciplined by decades of practice, pulling from an ugly lump of clay a graceful, practical shape.



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The joys of the South and a 3-B night

One of my favorite Southern things is what we call a Three-B night: bullets, beer and barbecue.

Of course, the beer and the barbecue follow the shooting of the bullets at the gun range. Alcohol and gunpowder are a dangerous mix.

But Three-B is a social activity I highly recommend. Good friends, a little target shooting and then a repast of spicy barbecue and cold beer is a fine, fine way to spend an evening.

God, I love the South so much I can't stand it. I've been thinking that it wouldn't be a bad idea to get one of those recreational vehicles and then just travel from one bluegrass festival to the next. Traveling around the South is like a never-ending feast. It's jammed full of beauty and interesting folks.

And down South there's



CHARLEY REESE

always a gun range not too far away — or, for that matter, a gun.

I've no doubt that God created the South for the sole purpose of the good life, and it's too bad that the devil came along and made us all have to waste so much time working. You do remember, I hope, that when that foolish Eve listened to the snake and the even more foolish Adam listened to Eve, the punishment was that they would have to go to work. And us, too.

In the morning, when you're hauling yourself out of bed to go to work, just remember that it is Eve's fault. She had paradise, but, being the mother of all women, she was, of course, not quite satisfied. It's one of those traits that is both annoying and charming at the same time.

I knew a fellow once whose wife was like that. He would buy a house and live there for no more than two years before his wife would be on him to move.

Fortunately, he ran some waterfront bars and a bail-bond business and made a good bit of money.

But I swear, I think the

poor man must have bought six houses and moved seven times in the same city. A divorce would have been cheaper.

At any rate, true Southerners resist the curse of work as much as they can.

I had some kin who just quit whatever job they had when the hunting season opened.

I guess they figured they could always find another job, but a day missed hunting is a day missed forever.

A friend of mine in Louisiana who works on the offshore oil rigs said that the foreman, a fellow from Ohio, came up one morning and said: "You guys could be earning all the overtime you want. We'll let you work 60 or 70 hours. How come you guys only work 32 hours a week?"

"Cause," my friend replied, "we can't get by on 24."

If you've ever been to Cajun Country in Louisiana, you'll understand. Those are people who know how to enjoy life. They are famous eaters. One of my favorite lines of history is the remark of a

Virginia lady about the 10th Louisiana Regiment, which fought for Marse Robert in the War of Northern Aggression.

"The 10th Louisiana," she said, "eats everything in its path."

A more contemporary story some folks say is true is one in which two Cajuns, Mr. Hebert (pronounced Abear) and Mr. Quibideaux, spied a flying saucer land in a swamp. The ramp came down, and a little green man walked out.

"What's that?" inquired Hebert.

"I don't know," said Quibideaux, "but get the rice started."

Well, actually that isn't a true story, but it is a good example of Cajun humor.

I have to remind myself that folks up North have some fantastical ideas about the South due to those Hollywood writers who snort Coke and love stereotypes.

We are really the most normal people on earth, and as Hodding Carter once said, we will be polite right up to the point we get mad enough to kill you.



Mallard Fillmore by BRUCE TINSLEY

SPORTS

IN BRIEF

CGA schedule championship

The Chicago Association of Golfers will hold its 10th annual "Nate" Snyderson Grand Champions Tournament on Oct. 14-15 at the Comanche Golf Course.

Players may win a four-man closest to the hole will be awarded. The winner is scheduled for the Vadera Club from 7 p.m. following the tournament.

Call the golf office at 264-2366 for tee times and more information. Willie Mendoza, 6390.

Bass club to open tournament

The club will open its 10th annual tournament on Saturday at Lake. First-place money will be \$300. The big bass award is \$300.

Fishing hours are from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The next tournament is scheduled for Oct. 21 at O.H. IV Headquarters w/ Concho Park M.

For more information call Mark McCall at 267-2008 or Jim at 267-6129.

Howard rodeo strong at Sul Ross

Howard rodeo team won its season with an impressive show at the Sul Ross University rodeo. In Saturday's sophomore McFadden won wrestling with a good clocking, w/pled with his time going into round gave him all win.

Colby Schnee his partner finished overall in the ring, while Ross finished fourth in the first round short go in bronc riding.

"This was a rodeo for us, but we'll have better coach Greg Ke..." "We've got a lot of men and a played a little better. I think we're going to get strong."

Local runners Portland Marathon

Three local runners, Melissa McShelley Smith and Erwin took Portland Marathon Saturday.

McCullough way, finishing with a time of 1:37:13 in age group. Strong in the women's group, finished a time of 5:05:20. Erwin finished 4:46:32 time, 4th in men's 35-39 age group.

Junior high school win one at Greenwood

Big Spring Junior School's Lady's team won one action at Greenwood on Tuesday. Nieves Ortega Tuitt led grade "B" team 15-5, 16-14 win.

In the eighth game, Big Spring 16-14, 11-15. The BSJHS team fell 15-8 in the seventh game was defeated 15-8.

ON THE TELEVISION BASEBALL

7 p.m. League division Game 1, N.Y. Oakland A's, N.Y.

IN BRIEF

CGA schedules third championship tourney

The Chicano Golf Association of Big Spring will hold its third annual Nate "Snydo" Nunez Grand Championship Tournament on Saturday at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Players may form their own four-man teams. Closest to the pin prizes will be awarded and a dinner is scheduled at the La Vadera Club from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. following the tournament.

Call the golf course at 264-2366 for tee times. For more information, call Willie Mendoza at 264-6390.

Bass club to hold open tournament

The club will have an open tournament Saturday at Alan Henry Lake. First-place prize money will be \$1,200 and the big bass award will be \$300.

Fishing hours will be 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The next montly club tournament is set for Oct. 21 at O.H. Ivie Lake. Headquarters will be the Concho Park Marina.

For more information, call Mark McMahon at 267-2008 or Jim Crenshaw at 267-6129.

Howard rodeo team strong at Sul Ross

Howard College's Hawks rodeo team opened its season with several impressive showings at the Sul Ross State University rodeo.

In Saturday's short go, sophomore Seth McFadden won the steer wrestling with a 5.4-second clocking, which coupled with his third-place time going into the final round gave him the overall win.

Colby Schneemann and his partner finished third overall in the team roping, while Ross Ericsson finished fourth in both the first round and the short go in bareback bronc riding.

"This was a pretty good rodeo for us, but I think we'll have better," Hawks coach Greg Kernick said. "We've got a lot of freshmen and experience played a little bit of a factor. I think we're just going to get stronger."

Local runners finish Portland Marathon

Three local residents Melissa McCullough, Shelley Smith and Russell Erwin took part in the Portland Marathon on Saturday.

McCullough led the way, finishing the race with a time of 4:10:10 to finish 137th in her 30-34 age group. Smith, running in the women's 40-44 group, finished 227th with a time of 5:05:29.

Erwin finished with a 4:46:32 time, 432nd in the men's 35-39 age group.

Junior high spikers win one at Greenwood

Big Spring Junior High School's Lady Steers managed one win in volleyball action at Midland Greenwood on Monday.

Niebes Ortega and cye-lye Tuitt led the eighth-grade "B" team to a 12-15, 15-5, 16-14 win.

In the eighth-grade "A" game, Big Spring suffered a 16-14, 11-15, 15-0 loss.

The BSJHS seventh "A" team fell 15-8, 15-10, and the seventh "B" squad was defeated 15-3, 15-12.

ON THE AIR

Television BASEBALL

7 p.m. — American League division series, Game 1, N.Y. Yankees at Oakland A's, NBC, Ch. 9.

Cool-headed Grbac leads Chiefs to 24-17 win over Seahawks

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Elvis Grbac is looking like a new man — and not just because he hasn't shaved since the Kansas City Chiefs started winning.

This Grbac stays cool under pressure, throws accurate passes into tight coverage and leaves the field to cheer instead of the boos that used to rain down from Arrowhead Stadium.

"I think he's the same guy," center Tim Grunhard said after Grbac threw for 256 yards and two touchdowns in Monday night's 24-17 win over the Seattle Seahawks. "But I think now he thinks he's capable of making every throw. To have him

do that consistently just gives him confidence and gives us confidence in him also."

It's all a matter of experience, Grbac said.

"It's being here for four years and going through tough times," he said. "Now I have an opportunity to really understand my abilities and the offense's ability. I knew that sometimes I would get the big play and sometimes I really had to dump it off. I had to be patient more than anything else."

Grbac displayed both patience and confidence on the drives that led to his TD passes.

After Seattle (2-3) went up 7-0 late

in the first quarter on Jon Kitna's 1-yard pass to Itula Mhi, Grbac went 5-for-5 for 69 yards on the Chiefs' first possession of the second, capped by his game-tying 15-yard pass to tight end Tony Gonzalez.

Then, in the third quarter, Kansas City (3-2) trailed 17-7 and found itself pinned at its own 5 after Jeff Feagles' pooch punt.

Grbac went to work again, hitting Derrick Alexander on the first play of the drive for a 73-yard gain and finding him again two plays later for a 17-yard touchdown that made it 17-14.

On the 73-yard play, Grbac threw the ball just over linebacker George

Koonce's head, and Alexander made a leaping grab in front of Springs. Then he managed to hold on when he bounced off safety Jay Bellamy in the end zone.

"Elvis made a great throw," said Alexander, who finished with 153 yards on five receptions. "It was right over the guy's head, and I was able to go up and make the play. I don't know how I caught it, but it just kind of stuck to my hands."

After that, Seattle wasn't able to regain any momentum. Pete Stoyanovich, who missed a 37-yard field goal on the Chiefs' first possession, tied it at 17 with a 27-yarder early in the fourth quarter.



Big Spring's Mike Martinez, pictured here during the Big Spring Invitational cross-country meet, and his teammates will be hosting another event this weekend, the annual 4x1 mile relay. The event gets under way at 10 a.m. Saturday at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

Aledo takes over lead in 3A poll; Buffs out in 2A

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Coach Tom Buchanan says he hopes his Aledo football team has dusted off an old cliché from two seasons ago when the Bobcats won the Class 3A Division I state championship.

The Bobcats won the Class 3A title in 1998 with a "refuse to lose" attitude and after a 5-0 start this season, they've reached the No. 1 spot in The Associated Press High School Football Poll for the first time this season.

Garland in 5A, Wichita Falls in 4A, Mart in 2A and Shiner in A, held their top billings.

"We've had some kids back this year that went to the quarterfinals last year, but we lost one of our all-state players in Zach Bankhead and he was a tough one to replace," Buchanan said. "He was our free safety, wide receiver and returned punts."

In to the rescue stepped multitallented Blake Christenson, who plays at free safety, returns punts, plays split end and quarterback. He has thrown and caught touchdown passes.

"He's done a really good job of taking over," Buchanan said. "The thing that hurts is we lost depth when Zach transferred to Stephenville. Now Blake has to play both ways."

Aledo got its chance to move into the No. 1 position because Crockett, last week's No. 1, lost to Class 4A Palestine 29-28. Crockett, which dropped to No. 4, was one of five ranked 3A teams to lose games last week.

No. 4 Cuero lost to Yoakum 17-7 and dropped to No. 8. Three others dropped out of the top 10 following losses, No. 5 Everman, No. 6 Lindale and No. 8 Newton. The newcomers are No. 7 Daingerfield, No. 9 LaGrange and No. 10 China Spring.

There were no losses but one casualty in Class 5A. No. 10 Duncanville beat Grand Prairie 47-14 but was nudged out of the top 10 by San Antonio Marshall.

Garland got its first blowout victory of the season, 35-0 over Garland Naaman Forest. The Owls had 16 first place votes and 195 points for a comfortable lead over No. 2 Austin Westlake with three first place votes and 168 points.

SCHOOLBOY POLL

Here is The Associated Press Schoolboy Football Poll with records and first place votes in parentheses through games of Sept. 30.

Team	Record
Class 5A	
1. Garland (16)	4-0
2. Austin Westlake (3)	4-0
3. Katy (1)	4-0
4. Adre Eisenhower (4)	4-0
5. The Midland Lee (3)	3-1
6. Converse Jackson (4)	4-0
7. Lewisville (4)	4-0
8. Tyler John Tyler (3)	3-1
9. Abilene (5)	5-0
10. San Antonio Marshall (4)	4-0

DROPPED OUT: Duncanville

Also receiving votes: Duncanville 17, The Woodlands 11, Adre 2, Allen 2, Bryan 2, SA Homes 2, Arlington Lamar 1, Hargraves 1.

Team	Record
Class 4A	
1. Wichita Falls (8)	5-0
2. Stephenville (2)	3-1
3. San Marcos (4)	4-0
4. Merit (4)	4-1
5. Brinkwood (3)	3-1
6. Wolford Freship (3)	3-1
7. Highland Park (4)	4-0
8. Nederland (4)	4-0
9. Port Arthur Lincoln (4)	4-0
10. Ennis (3)	3-1

Also receiving votes: Houston Forest Brook 20, Mesquite Point 11, West Orange Star 8, Bay City 3, Texas City 3, Corsicana 2, La Marque 2.

Team	Record
Class 3A	
1. Aledo (8)	5-0
2. James (9)	4-1
3. Diboll (1)	4-0
4. Crockett (4)	4-1
5. Abilene West (1)	5-0
6. Gatesville (4)	4-0
7. Daingerfield (1)	4-0
8. Cuero (3)	3-1
9. LaGrange (3)	3-2
10. China Spring (4)	4-0

DROPPED OUT: Everman, Lindale, Newton

Also receiving votes: Commerce 23, Lindale 20, Everman 19, Madsonville 19, Barber 8, 13, Muleshoe 10, Gonzales 8, Martin 8, Eggn 7, Grand 6, Luling 6, Hargrave-Farnett 5, Hudson Johnson 5.

Team	Record
Class 2A	
1. Mart (16)	4-0
2. Garza (2)	5-0
3. Refugio (1)	4-0
4. Sonora (4)	5-0
5. Olney (1)	5-0
6. Pflug Point (4)	5-0
7. Rogers (3)	3-1
8. Lone Oak (4)	4-0
9. Ato (3)	3-1
10. App (4)	4-0

DROPPED OUT: Stanton

Also receiving votes: Jarrell 10, Stanton 9, Comfort 8, Holiday 6, Thomaze 6, Godthardt 5, Lavin 5, Comgan-Garden 4, Friona 2, Hemphill 2, New Waverly 2, Sundown 2.

Team	Record
Class 1A	
1. Shiner (12)	4-0
2. Stratford (4)	4-0
3. Beckville (3)	4-0
4. Paducah (1)	4-0
5. Pagar (3)	3-1
6. Celeste (4)	4-0
7. Rankin (4)	5-0
8. Risks (4)	5-0
9. Windthorst (4)	4-0
10. The Belmond (3)	3-1
11. Charlotte (4)	5-0

DROPPED OUT: Wulman

Also receiving votes: Madred 10, Nazareth 10, Worman 5, Butler 6, High Island 5, Munday 2, Wheeler 2, Merard 1, Rotan 1.

Will Bonds, Piazza or Clemens answer baseball's October call?

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

This might be the year the October numbers add up for Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens and Mike Piazza.

Bonds and Piazza, two of baseball's best sluggers, have barely hit 200 without much power in the playoffs. Clemens, a future Hall of Famer, is merely a 500 pitcher in the postseason.

They get another chance to change that this week. Rick Ankiel was scheduled to throw the first pitch of the playoffs Tuesday when St. Louis took on Greg Maddux and the Atlanta Braves.

Cardinals manager Tony La Russa, a master of gamesmanship, pulled the first surprise of the postseason Monday. With 20-game winner Darryl Kile expected to pitch Game 1, La Russa instead said his starter would be Ankiel, a 21-year-old rookie.

"I think it's going to be a conversation stopper," La Russa said. Said Braves manager Bobby Cox: "Is he going to do that?"

Maddux, a four-time Cy Young winner, is 10-10 in 23 career postseason starts. He'll get a break, as will the other Atlanta pitchers — Cardinals slugger Mark McGwire will only be a pinch-hitter, slowed by tendonitis in his right knee.

"There's nothing I can do about it," McGwire said. Later in the day, the best-

of-five AL playoffs begin. The Seattle Mariners will visit the Chicago White Sox, and Clemens will start for the New York Yankees at the Oakland Athletics.

On Wednesday, Piazza and the New York Mets will visit Bonds and the San Francisco Giants.

Clemens earned his first World Series victory last year when he finished off the Yankees' second consecutive sweep.

The Rocket's strong outing against the Braves left him 3-3 in 12 lifetime starts in the postseason. All in all, it's a record not quite befitting the pitcher who has won a record five Cy Youngs.

Clemens struggled after being hit in the right hamstring by a hard grounder off the bat of Detroit's Brad Ausmus in late September. The Yankees stumbled, too, losing their final seven games of the regular season — the worst skid ever for a team entering postseason play.

Clemens does not seem too worried. "I think you'll see the intensity there," Clemens said.

Against the Athletics, Clemens will return to the site of one of his postseason lowlights.

In Game 4 of the 1990 AL playoffs between Boston and the A's at the Coliseum, Clemens jawed with umpire Terry Cooney and wound up becoming the first person in playoff history to be ejected

for arguing with an umpire while still in the game.

Like Clemens, teammate Chuck Knoblauch was not overly concerned about the Yankees' late-season slump. Knoblauch will start at designated hitter in Game 1, with sure-handed Luis Sojo playing second base.

"What we've done to this point doesn't really matter now," Knoblauch said. "But it's still fresh in my mind — what we've done in the past few weeks. If you have a choice, you'd like to play well going in."

At Comiskey Park, the Mariners find themselves in a surprising position — in the playoffs without Ken Griffey Jr. Freddy Garcia will start for Seattle against Jim Parque of the White Sox.

After trading Randy Johnson in 1998, Seattle sent away its greatest player in franchise history to Cincinnati for a package that included center fielder Mike Cameron and pitcher Brett Tomko.

The result? The Mariners won a team-record 91 games and the wild card spot.

"Regardless of how you slice it, we're going to the playoffs and the Reds are going home," Tomko said.

At Pacific Bell Park, Bonds and Piazza will be the main focus when the Giants and Mets meet.

Piazza is only 12-for-57 (211) with two homers and seven RBIs in postseason series with the Mets and Los Angeles.

YMCA swim team members shine at meet in Midland

HERALD Staff Report

A contingent of 12 swimmers from the Big Spring YMCA swim team took part in a meet recently in Midland.

For four of the team members — Rachel Johnston, Heather Chandler, Holly Bancroft and Meagan Matthews — it was their first meet as members of the team.

Those four fared well, too. Johnston, competing in the girls' 8-Under division, finished third in the 25 backstroke, fourth in the 25 freestyle and seventh in the 100 relay. Bancroft, swimming in the girls' 9-10 division, was seventh in the 50 butterfly and 100 relay, as well as eighth in the 100 individual medley.

And in the girls 13-Over division, Matthews finished third in the 50 backstroke, fourth in the 100 relay and fifth in both the 50 freestyle and 50 butterfly. Chandler swam on that fourth-place relay team and added a sixth-place finish in the 50 freestyle.

Matthews and Chandler teamed with sisters Wendy and Holly Mayfield in that fourth-place relay. In addition, Wendy Mayfield added a first-place finish in the girls 11-12 division 50 butterfly, while Holly finished first in the 13-Over division's 100 butterfly.

Caleb Lester, swimming in the boys 6-Under division, had without question the best day of any member of the team. He finished first in the 25 freestyle, 25 breaststroke and 25 backstroke before adding a third-

place relay finish and a fourth-place in the 100 individual medley.

Meredith Morgan also had a strong showing in the girls 9-10 division, finishing first in the 50 breaststroke, second in the 50 backstroke, third in the 50 butterfly, fourth in the 50 freestyle and seventh in the 100 relay.

Catherine Leuber was third in both the 50 backstroke and 100 individual medley in the girls 9-10 division. She added a sixth-place finish in the 50 butterfly, was fourth in the 50 breaststroke, and 15th in the 50 freestyle and swam a leg on that seventh-place relay team.

The team also had three entrants in the boys 9-10 division — Floyd Morgan, David Budke and Evan Nabors.

Morgan finished first in the 25 freestyle, third in the 25 breaststroke, fourth in the 25 butterfly, fifth in the 100 individual medley, sixth in the 25 backstroke and was a member of a third-place team in the 100 relay.

Budke was second in the 50 butterfly and the 100 individual medley, swam on the third-place relay team and added a fourth in the 50 freestyle and fifth in the 50 backstroke.

Nabors joined them on the relay team and added a third-place finish in the 100 individual medley.

He would also finish in fifth place in the 25 breaststroke, sixth in the 25 butterfly, seventh in the 50 backstroke and 11th in the 50 freestyle event.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Kenmore 191 cubic foot Frostless Refrigerator/Freezer - \$175.00. Roper Natural Gas Range - \$75.00. 4 - 235 75R-16 used tires - Two silver steel rims for 1997 Ford pickup - \$100.00. Call 393-5754

Wanting to lease wagon to buy a team of horses (mules) wharress for 6 mos beginning Oct. 15th 393-5246. 267-3362 ask for Lon

WEDDING CAKES!! Archery, silk bouquets, Cakes, silk bouquets, Cakes, silk bouquets, Cakes, silk bouquets. Order new to reserve your date. The Gnschams 267-8191

ACREAGE FOR RENT

Pasture for rent in CISD. 15 acres good grass, free water, shed for feed, shelter for animals. 6 ft smooth top wire horse fence. 267-1802. IV mess.

ACREAGE FOR SALE

Small acreage of land for sale. 11-2 miles West of Coahoma. 5-7 mcs. Sth. of Big Spring. 263-8785

BUILDINGS FOR SALE

Sixteen unit apartment investment property. Located at 300 Tulane. Call Tom Cantrell at 972-349-3220

BUILDINGS FOR RENT

For lease Beauty Shop with 4 stations and equipment. Good location. Call Westex Auto Parts 263-5000

For lease small building on Snyder Hwy with overhead door. \$300/mo. + \$100 dep. Call Westex Auto Parts. 263-5000

Office Suite "B" for Lease: Spacious & Nice Coffee bar with refrigerator & sink. Gas & water paid. Gary Bldg. 1512 Scurry. Call 806-794-7064

Small building w/lot on 4th st. \$150/mo. + deposit. Call Westex Auto 263-5000

COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE

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HOUSES FOR SALE

\$1,000 TOTAL MOVE IN COST On any of these homes to qualified buyers. 3 Bedroom 2 bath 2 car garages. 2308, 2506 or 2508 S. Monticello. Purchase price \$59,900. Call now 520-4663

203 Jefferson 3/2 CHA, new carpet & paint, garden tub. Quiet neighborhood. \$49,500. Call 394-4203

807 CULP COAHOMA \$300/mo. \$195/mo. 2 Bedrooms, Garage. Central Heat, Utility Room. Must have good credit. 915-677-0094

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Swimming Pool, Carpets, Most Utilities Paid, Senior Citizen Discounts, 1 & 2 Bedrooms & or 2 Baths. Call KENTWOOD APARTMENTS 1904 East 25th Street 267-5444 263-5000

HOUSES FOR SALE

3 Bdrm, 3 bath, Carport. 1508 Runnels. Call 267-8203

4121 Thea: Build in 1999. 3 BR, 2 Ba ceramic tile, water softener, R/O unit, sprinkler system, mid 80's. Must See!! Call Tessa at 268-1911 evenings

BRAND NEW HOME just finished. 3/22, fireplace, formal dining with bay window, utility and sequestered master bedroom. Large fenced yard. \$87,900. Drive by 3213 Fern and call 915-520-9848 for an appointment to show

FOR SALE 3/2 home, 2300 sq. ft., pool, Coahoma Schools, on 18 acres, fenced and crossed fenced, large barn and pens. Home is approximately six years old. Additional 55 +/- acres with irrigation system also available. 915-268-3845

For Sale 4214 Doon 3 bdrm 1 bath, Den, CHA. Fenced backyard. Storage room. call 264-1515

For Sale By Owner 3 bdr 2bth 2 car garage, carport fireplace, & more. 505 Highland Drive. Call Tom @ 268-1526

IM MAD ...at banks who don't give real estate loans because of bad credit, problems or new employment. Call Kirk Homeland Mortgages (254) 947-4475

In Coahoma 3bdr, 1bth CHA, approx. 1,100 sq. ft. 204 S. Adams. New paint inside & out, great starter home or investment property. Additional 1 bdr, 1 bth included. \$18,500.00. Call 263-0658

Large 2 BR 1512 Runnels. Fenced yard, storage & car lift. \$25,300. 915-728-2848 or 267-8047

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MOBILE HOMES

3 bedroom 2 baths \$6,500. 563-9000

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FURNISHED APTS.

1 Bedroom furnished apartment - no pets. \$250/mo. + \$150 deposit. paid water. 267-5420

408 W 5th Clean eff apt bills pd. \$250/mo. \$100 dep. Sorry No Pets. 263-4922

Apartments. Unfurnished houses. Mobile. Home. References required. Call 263-6944. 263-2341

UNFURNISHED APTS.

1 bdr apt stove & ref. 407 1/2 E. 4th. \$50/mo. pk. pay bill. **RENTED** Call 267-2296

2-1 bd apts. Close to shopping & hospital. Clean. No pets! 267-7705 or 237-1352

\$200 - Move in Special. Water & gas paid. CHA, playground. 1 & 2 bdr apt homes. Heather Apartments. 2911 W. Hwy 80. 263-2292

UNFURNISHED HOUSES

1 BR 1 bath apt. \$125/mo. \$50/dep. 2107 Main. ALSO 1017 E. 21st. \$150/mo. 1-806-796-2545 or 267-4572

3 bdr 1 1/2 bth on Oil Mill Rd w/garage apt. fenced. yd. newly remodeled \$600/mo. + deposit. After 5:30 call 267-5759

3 Bedroom 1 bath. 501 Johnson. No pets. Call 267-3841 or 270-7309

Barcelona Apartments \$199 Move-In Special w/6 Mo. Lease. Water & Gas Paid. 538 Westover Rd. 393-1252

UNFURNISHED HOUSES

1400 Sycamore 2 Or 3 bdr 1 bath. CHA w/d connections. fenced yard. \$450/mo. + deposit. You bills paid. No HUD. 267-2296

1802 Young 2BR 1 bath. CHA. \$325/mo. \$150/dep. 263-1792 or 264-6006

1809 Johnson 2 bdr 1 bth CHA washer dryer conn. fireplace. \$450/mo. + dep. You pay bills. No HUD. 267-2296

1902 Mittal 2 bdr. No down. Low monthly payments. 915-425-9997

2 bdr 1 bath. 1104 (rear) Nolan. No pets. Call 267-3841 or 270-7309

2 bdr 2 bath. fenced yard. References required. 263-7259

207 Jefferson 3 BR 2 bath. CHA, fireplace. Totally remodeled. \$650/mo plus deposit. You pay bills. No HUD. 267-2296

607 Holbert 3BR 1 bath, garage. Newly remodeled. \$380/mo. \$260/dep. 263-3689

Available Oct 1. Close in Loop Rd. 2 bdr house. water well. \$400/mo. \$400/dep. HUD approved. 263-1621 or 664-9685

Clean 2 BR 1 bath, garage, fenced yard. Good location. No Pets. Call 267-6760 or 267-4823

Executive 3 bdr. 2 bth home in Highland. \$400/dep. \$850/mo. Call 263-4528

For Lease or Sale, 1413 Sycamore 2 bdr CHA, \$300/mo. to rent or \$400/mo. to buy. 915-695-6100

For rent 2 bedroom house, refrigerator & stove furnished. 106 Lookout. 268-1159

RENT TO OWN 4 bdr 2 bath 3 bdr 1 bath 2 bdr 1 bath. 1 bdr. w/bills pd. No Down. 264-0510

Small 2 bdr mobile home. Midway area for rent. Washer & dryer stove & ref. CHA. \$300/mo. \$150 dep. 267-3114 after 2pm. 393-5585 anytime

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For Sale 4 upright freezers. Proceeds go to charity. Call 263-4470

1 BR apt. 602 1/2 George W & D connections. CHA totally remodeled. \$350/mo plus dep. You pay bills. No HUD. Call 267-2296

Make-ready person needed. Basic carpentry, plumbing. Painting and yard work included. Apply in person 538 Westover. No phone calls please

Lost at 16th and Pennsylvania. Gray & white Female striped Tabby cat. Boys pet. Reward. Call 267-1069

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Kids who know how to swim still should not be left alone

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Concerned in California," regarding her fears about her child drowning while visiting relatives who have unprotected swimming pools, prompted me to write. Her fears are well founded. You were on target telling her that her sister and ex-husband were ignorant about child safety.

As mothers - and emergency flight nurses with 30 years of combined experience - we can testify that a n y unfenced pool in the vicinity of any child is a prescription for tragedy. It does not matter that a child knows how to swim "Swimmers" drown every day.

Statistics collected by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission paint a frightening picture of childhood drownings and swimming pools. - 77 percent of the drowned children had been seen five minutes or less before being missed, and subsequently discovered in the pool. - 69 percent of the accidents occurred while one or both parents were responsible for supervision. - 65 percent of the accidents happened in a pool owned by the child's family.

- 39 percent of the supervisors were doing chores. - 18 percent were socializing. - 9 percent were busy on the telephone. Thank you, Abby, for letting us share this information - MICHELLE WILT, RN, KATHLEEN O'BRIEN, RN, ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.

DEAR MICHELLE AND KATHLEEN: I hope your sobering statistics will serve as a warning to parents, relatives and caregivers of children everywhere, especially those in warm climates where swimming pools are common. And thank you for sending me the following list of "Drowning Prevention Tips for Pool Owners," published by the National Network of Trauma Professionals Read on.

1. Never leave a child unattended in the water or pool area for any reason. 2. Always keep your eyes on the child or children. Designate a child watcher, whether you or someone else, when you attend a party or have friends or family over. 3. Talk with baby sitters about pool safety and supervision. 4. Post rules such as "No running," "No pushing," "No dunking" and "Never swim alone." Enforce the rules. 5. Don't rely on swimming lessons or "floaties" to protect your children in the water. 6. Don't assume that drowning incident couldn't happen to you or your family. 7. Don't be lulled into a false sense of security just because you think your pool area and home are secure. Always watch your children, whether in the house or outside. 8. Attend a CPR class. Make sure your baby sitter knows CPR. 9. For the nearest cardiopulmonary resuscitation class, contact your fire department, Red Cross or hospital. 10. Encourage your neighbors to follow pool safety guidelines, including keeping their back gates and doors locked, and their pool gates securely closed and latched.

DEAR ABBY: You may relate to this. You realize you're getting old when you notice a nice-looking, gray-haired man and realize that he's probably young enough to be your son. HELEN FOWLER, ASHEVILLE, NC.

DEAR HELEN: Right! Or you notice that touch-ups have gotten expensive.

DEAR ABBY: Both my husband and our 12-year-old daughter are stutterers. We recently discovered an organization that has helped them enormously, and I would like to share it with your readers. The National Stuttering Association (NSA), a self-help organization for people who stutter, provides literature for parents of children who stutter and, in addition, a video for children.

After years of difficult times at school, our daughter had poor self-esteem. Through NSA, we were able to learn about the various speech therapies that are available, and our daughter is in an excellent therapy program near our home. Her self-esteem has now improved.

My husband has also gained confidence by attending NSA meetings (there are chapters all across the country). NSA has helped him realize that there are other people out there just like him, so he is not alone.

Please tell your readers about NSA so other families like mine can be helped. GRATEFUL WIFE AND MOTHER. DEAR GRATEFUL: With pleasure. Thank you for sharing your family's success story. The National Stuttering Association can be reached at (800) 364-1677. The address is 5100 E. LaPalma Ave., Suite 208, Anaheim Hills, CA 92807. The web site is: www.nsa-tutter.org. The e-mail is: nsastutter@aol.com.

DEAR ABBY: I would like to add this "tragic" experience to your "You know you're getting old when ..." collection. (Yes, it happened to me!) You know you're getting old when your son greets you by saying, "Hi, Mom. I just joined AARP!" - FEELING OLD IN ARKANSAS.

DEAR FEELING OLD: Don't let it get to you. I hear they're taking 'em younger and younger. DEAR ABBY: About two years ago, I received a letter from a woman incarcerated in a California state prison. To make a long story short, I ended up sending her stationery, envelopes, stamps and many money orders - one for more than \$600.

She told me she had no family and needed a place to live after she was paroled. Well, I took the bait, hook, line and sinker, and "helped" her for more than 18 months. I'm 43 years old and thought I had finally found my future mate. Her letters seemed sweet and sincere. I felt sorry for her. She even sent me a document that looked genuine showing her "release date."

All of it was a lie. I'm sick to my stomach, not only because of the amount of money I sent her, but because I was hurt by someone I thought I could trust. A few months ago I received the same story in a letter from a woman inmate in a Texas prison. Do you think these prisoners are passing my name around? Also, is there any way I can get my money back? - FEELING USED INUTAH.

DEAR FEELING USED: Write the warden at both prisons, giving the names of the women who have contacted you. Prison officials should be aware that some inmates are committing still more crimes via the U.S. mail. As for the money you lost, you have learned an expensive lesson, consider it tuition in the school of experience. Abby shares her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "Abby's More Favorite Recipes." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 per booklet (\$4.50 each in Canada) to: Dear Abby Booklets, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in price.) © 2000 UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

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1999 Ford Ranger XLT - Tan w. cloth, 4 cyl., 5 speed manual, local one owner w. 13,000 miles. Was \$11,995. Now \$10,995

1998 Ford F150 XL Short Wheelbase - Black w. fiberglass running boards and fender flares, 6 cyl., automatic, CD, one owner w. 34,000 miles. Was \$14,995. Now \$13,995

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1998 Ford Ford F150 S.C.XLT - Tan w. cloth, 4.6 V-8, all power, local one owner w. 30,000 miles. Was \$18,995. Now \$17,995

1997 Chevrolet S-10 Ext. Cab L.S. - Red, 6 cyl., all power, one owner w. 41,000 miles. Was \$11,995. Now \$9,995

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1995 Ford F150 S.C.XL - Blue, 6 cyl., 5 speed, air, local one owner w. 62,000 miles. Was \$10,995. Now \$9,995

1994 Ford F150 S.C.XLT - Green tan tune, 6 cyl., 5 speed, all power, local one owner w. 77,000 miles. Was \$10,995. Now \$8,995

1993 Dodge Dakota Club Cab LE - Tan green tune, V-8, all power, locally owned w. 55,000 miles. Was \$9,995. Now \$7,995

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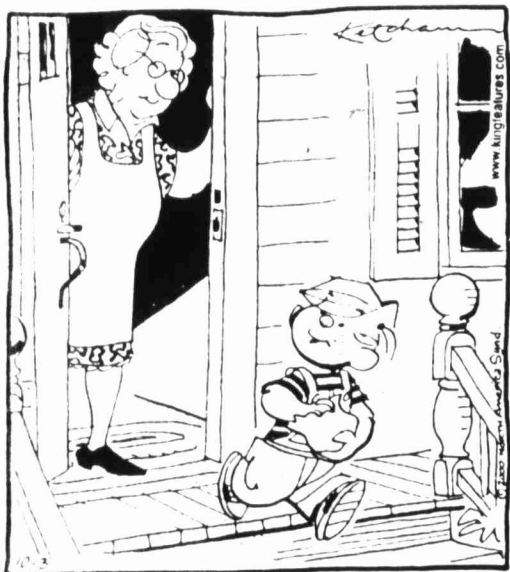
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1999 Lincoln Town Car Signature Series - Green w. tan leather, all power, program car w. 24,000 miles. Was \$27,995. Now \$25,995

TUESDAY OCT. 3

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"THANKS FOR THE COOKIES, MIZ WILSON. WHEN I'M A BOY SCOUT, I HOPE I CAN HELP YOU ACROSS THE STREET SOME DAY."

FAMILY CIRCUS

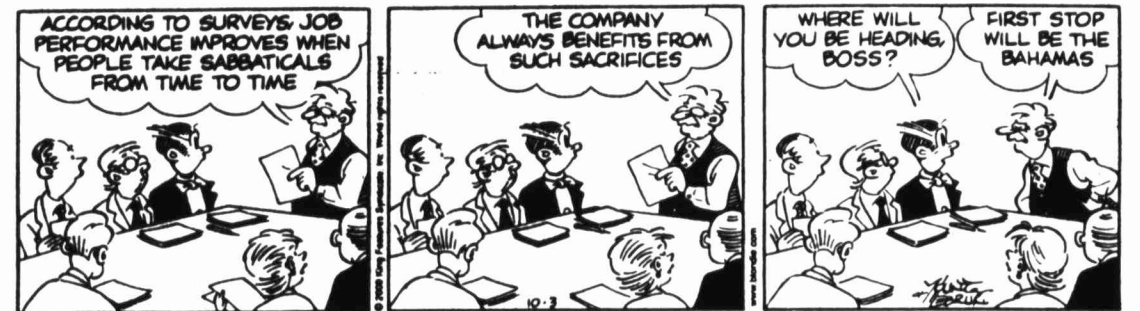


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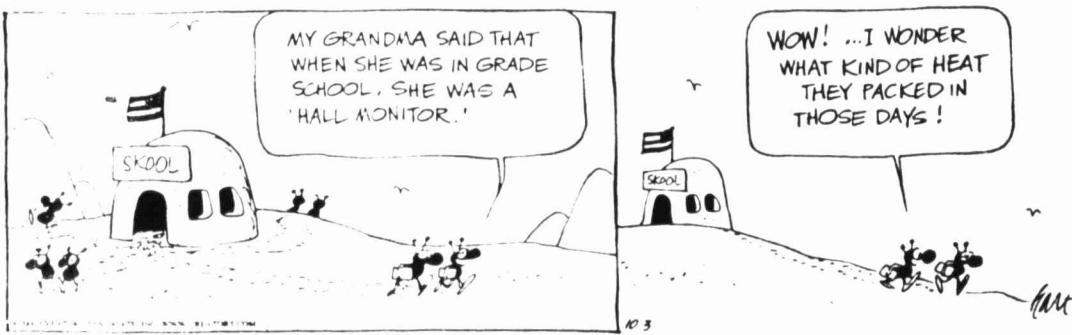
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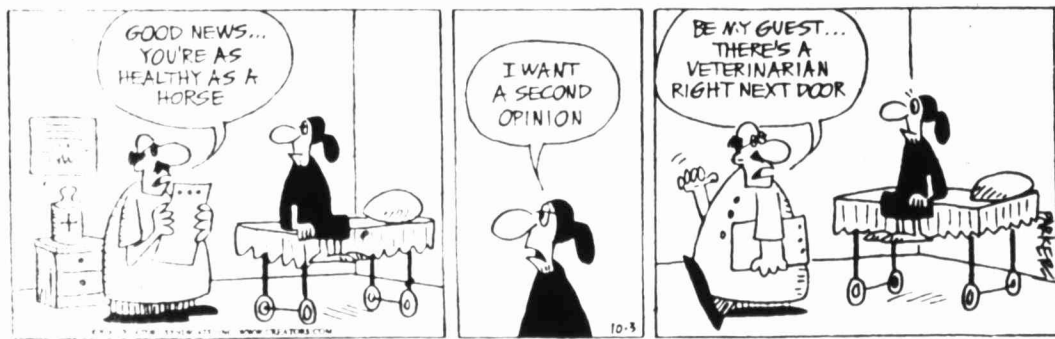
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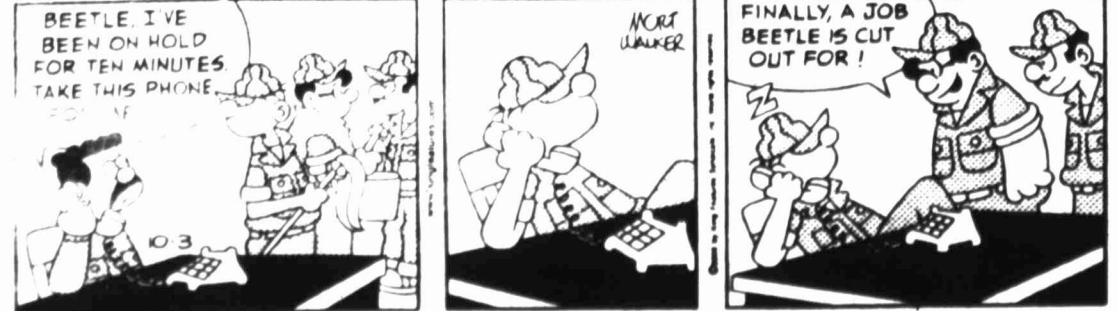
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Tuesday, Oct. 3, the 277th day of 2000. There are 89 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 3, 1863, President Lincoln declared the last Thursday in November Thanksgiving Day. On this date: In 1226, St. Francis of Assisi, founder of the Franciscan order, died; he was canonized in 1228. In 1929, the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes formally changed its name to the Kingdom of Yugoslavia. In 1941, Adolf Hitler declared in a speech in Berlin that Russia had been "broken" and would "never rise again." In 1942, President

Roosevelt established the Office of Economic Stabilization. In 1944, during World War II, U.S. troops cracked the Siegfried Line north of Aachen, Germany. In 1955, "Captain Kangaroo" and "The Mickey Mouse Club" premiered on CBS and ABC, respectively. In 1960, "The Andy Griffith Show" premiered on CBS. In 1962, astronaut Wally Schirra blasted off from Cape Canaveral aboard the Sigma 7 on a nine-hour flight. In 1974, Frank Robinson was named major-league baseball's first black manager as he was placed in charge of the Cleveland Indians. In 1981, Irish nationalists at the Maze Prison near Belfast, Northern Ireland, ended seven months of hunger strikes that had

claimed 10 lives. Ten years ago: West Germany and East Germany ended 45 years of postwar division, declaring the creation of a new unified country. Iraqi President Saddam Hussein made his first known visit to Kuwait since his country seized control of the oil-rich emirate. Today's Birthdays: Author Gore Vidal is 75. Actress Madlyn Rhue is 66. Singer Alan O'Day is 60. Rock and roll star Chubby Checker is 59. Actor Alan Rachins is 58. Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., is 57. Singer Lindsey Buckingham is 53. Jazz musician Ronnie Laws is 50. Blues singer Keb' Mo' is 49. Thought for Today: "The worst disease in the world is the plague of vengeance." - Dr. Karl Menninger, American psychiatrist (1893-1990).

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Crossword puzzle grid with clues and a list of words to be filled in.

Monday's Puzzle Solved section showing the completed crossword grid and a list of words.