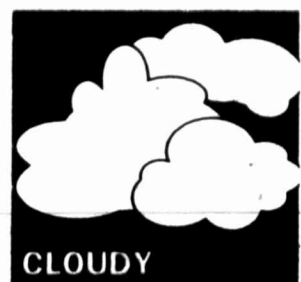


**LABOR DAY**

Sept. 3, 2001

**WEATHER**

Tonight:



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**Registration on-going for PD academy**

The Big Spring Police Department is accepting applications for the Citizen's Police Academy course.

The academy is set to begin on Thursday and continue for 12 weeks. Most classes will meet from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. on Thursdays in the training center classroom located above the council chambers at city hall.

Applications can be obtained at the police department and on the Internet at the department's web site, [www.police.bit-spring.tx.us](http://www.police.bit-spring.tx.us)

**WHAT'S UP...**

**TODAY**

Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m., at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. People 50 and older are invited to participate.

Big Spring Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. 1607 East Third.

Gospel Singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn. Guest singers from Stanton, Midland and Colorado City.

Howard Co. ARC meets at 806 East Third at the Bingo Hall. 264-0674.

Big Spring chapter and council, RAM meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Building. 221 1/2 Main St.

**TUESDAY**

Intermediate Line Dance class, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.

Coahoma Senior Citizens luncheon meets at 11 a.m. at the Coahoma Community Center.

Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

Alzheimer's Association Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room 500 South Main.

Coahoma FFA and Booster Club, 7 p.m., Coahoma Agriculture Shop. Prospective FFA members are invited.

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**United Way fund-raising campaign already under way**

HERALD Staff Report

While Thursday's luncheon is the official start of the publicity campaign for the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County, the push to raise a quarter of a million dollars has already begun.



MICHAELIS

"I have great news, wonderful news," Cindy Michaelis, United Way executive director, said Friday. The news is that the just-completed H-E-B employee campaign raised \$10,563 this year. With a workforce of some 120 people, that averages to about \$88 per employee. "That's just fantastic," said Michaelis. "What's also exciting is some of the other contacts we are making and the feedback we are hearing."

Michaelis said good reports are coming in from individuals, businesses and educational institutions. "Howard College is really upping its participation this year. They are making sure all the campuses are receiving our materials," Michaelis said. "We are doing more education about United Way among the faculty and staff this year, too. Terry Hansen (executive vice president for Howard

College) is on our board this year and I am sure he is instrumental in their involvement." Public schools are also jumping on board, she said. "Coahoma ISD is really excited about the effort they are going to make this year," Michaelis said. "Bill Kingston (CISD superintendent) has conveyed they are very willing to participate. We're very pleased to see that." Michaelis also said a busi-

ness owner who presented United Way with a \$5,000 gift last year has doubled that amount to \$10,000. "They wish to remain anonymous and we will respect that, but we are very appreciative of them," Michaelis said. Covenant Malone and Hogan has also finished its campaign for the year, raising \$5,333. "Things are really coming

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**Bearden set for title defense**

*Memory Walk more than just a 'good cause' for EMS clerk*

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Inez Bearden will be back for the 2001 Memory Walk and she is ready to defend her trophy.

"The Memory Walk is a good cause and I am trying to defend my trophy," Bearden said.

Sponsored by the West Texas Chapter of Alzheimer's Advisory Committee, money raised from the event goes towards local programs.

Eighty-three-year-old Bearden won the top prize for collecting the most donations of all the teams participating in the walk last year.

With the help of Cheri Harris, Bearden, who was part of a team consisting of just one, raised a total of \$1,200 and is ready to defend her title.

Harris, the city of Big Spring EMS billing clerk, enlisted both Big Spring police officers and fireman to make donations to Bearden's team. Bearden volunteers one day a week to help Harris with filing, making folders and stuffing envelopes.

"Cheri would help me," Bearden said. "Whenever the boys would come in (fireman and police) she would tell them about the Memory Walk and they were real good."

Bearden also received help from other city officials.

"(Fire Chief) Brian



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Inez Bearden takes a stroll down the street and is ready to defend her title in the 2001 Memory Walk sponsored by the West Texas Chapter of Alzheimer's Advisory Committee. Bearden's team, consisting of just herself, raised the most money for last year's event. A kickoff breakfast sponsored by and held at the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home is set for 7:30 a.m. on Thursday for those interested in participating.

(Jensen) was good," she said. "He just told the boys to help."

But city employees were not the only ones to contribute to Bearden's cause.

"I also hit up my friends and family," she said.

A scenic walk around Comanche Trail Park where the event is held is quite fine for Bearden.

About three years ago, Bearden quit walking the

state park everyday, a three-mile stretch, to start a workout program at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

Lifting weights along with other exercises, the mother of four, grandmother of nine and great-grandmother of nine has already rowed the equivalent of 625 miles on the rowing machine and is still going.

"My grandson who lives

in Houston likes to joke with me and say you've passed Houston. You need to turn around and come back," she said.

Those afraid they will not keep up with Bearden at the Memory walk should not worry. The event is not about competition or speed, she said, just about having an enjoyable time.

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**Taste**

*Cooking school tickets available*

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Something good is going to be cooking for Tuesday Sept. 11, at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

Tickets for the Taste of Home Cooking School is now on sale at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce but only 1,200 tickets are available.



McCUTCHEON

The smells of home made cooking created by home economist Margaret McCutcheon drew hundreds to the Big Spring Auditorium last year.

"We had about 800 people attend last year," said Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce executive director Debbye Valverde. "We had people as far as San Angelo and Abilene."

The two-hour onstage cooking presentation by McCutcheon will feature demonstrations of 10 easy-to-prepare recipes and will include a variety of door prize drawings.

"With today's busy lifestyles, we often miss the quality family time spent around the dinner table," McCutcheon said. "I feel

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**Expanded veterans' health coverage will be available Oct. 1**

HERALD Staff Report

More than 1,000 Permian Basin citizens may be eligible for expanded medical coverage later this year when enhancements to the Department of Defense's healthcare system become reality.

On Oct. 1, all uniformed services beneficiaries who are Medicare-eligible and who have purchased Medicare Part B will gain access to TRICARE For Life.

TRICARE For Life (TFL) acts as a secondary payer to Medicare. Claims are filed automatically and there is no monthly premium except for the Medicare Part B portion.

"TRICARE For Life is comprehensive healthcare coverage for you and your eligible family members," said Paula Plum, a TRICARE marketing/standard provider representative. "You may continue to obtain medical services at military hospitals and clinics. Under a program known as TRICARE Plus, some beneficiaries may be

allowed to enroll for primary care at military facilities, based on local availability."

Medicare will pay first and the remaining expenses will be paid by TRICARE.

"After Medicare pays its allowance for your medical bills, it will forward your claim to TRICARE. TRICARE will then determine the amount it will pay and send the payment to your doctor or hospital," Plum said.

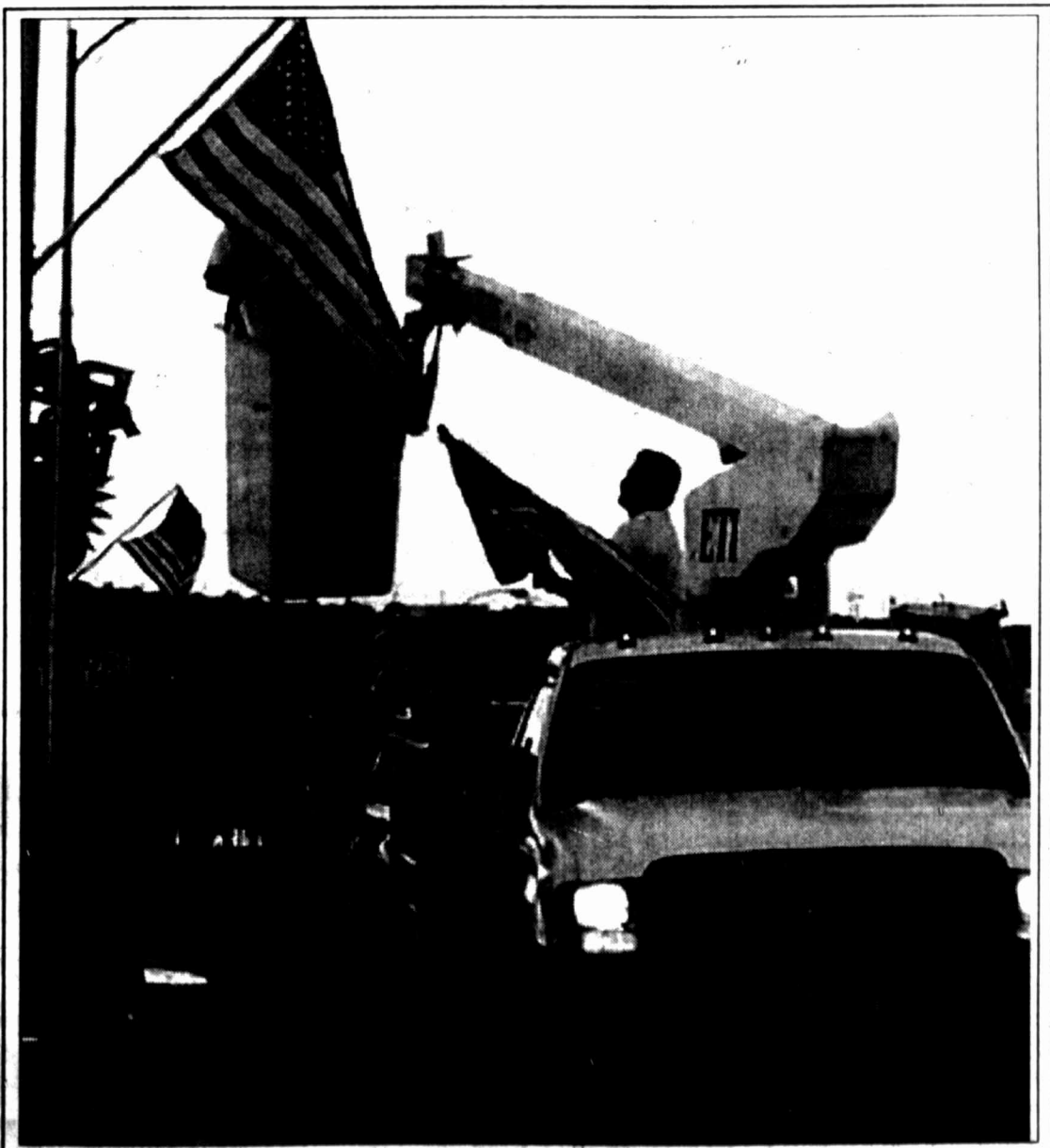
TFL is provided to: • Medicare-eligible military retirees, including retired guard members and reservists.

• Medicare-eligible family members and widows/widowers (dependent parents and parents-in-law are excluded).

• Certain former spouses if they were eligible for TRICARE before age 65.

Those wishing to learn more about the program can attend one of several briefings scheduled Wednesday at the Midland Center, 105 N. Main in Midland. Briefings are set for 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Duane Thomas, in the bucket, and Mike Nieto, both of the Big Spring Rotary Club, post flags along Gregg Street this morning for Labor Day. Members of the Rotary Club hang the flags each holiday. Vern Bloodworth of Cox Cable drove the bucket truck.

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OBITUARIES

Conrado O. Acosta

Conrado O. Acosta, 77, of Ackerly died on Saturday, Sept. 1, 2001, at his residence. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2001, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Guadalupe Carranza and the Rev. Leandro Gonzalez officiating. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born on Dec. 23, 1923 in Loraine, and married Fe Abreo on Sept. 11, 1945, in Big Spring. Conrado worked at the V.A. Medical Center in Big Spring for 30 years, retiring in 1984. He also farmed from 1945 until 1998. He served in the Army during World War II.

He was a Baptist. Survivors include his wife, Fe Abreo Acosta of Ackerly; two sons, Jose A. Acosta of Honolulu, Hawaii, and Alberto A. Acosta of Houston; one sister, Lydia Waddell of Anderson, Ind.; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Alma Acosta, in 1968.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home. www.npwelch.com. Paid obituary

Garrison N. Walker

Garrison N. Walker, 73, of Big Spring died Sunday, Sept. 2, 2001, in a local hospital.

Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park. The Rev. Dianne Brown of First Presbyterian Church will officiate. The family will receive friends from 4 to 5



p.m. today at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

A native of Yanceyville, N.C., he moved to Big Spring in 1952 and was an operator at the Fina Refinery until he retired in 1985. He was a World War II Navy veteran and a member of the First Presbyterian Church and of Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life, 1609 Oil Mill Road, Big Spring, 79720.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home. www.npwelch.com

Linda Sue Vigar

Linda Sue Vigar, 53, of Midland died Sunday, Sept. 2, 2001, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Arrangements are pending with Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Rosetta Louise Smith

Rosetta Louise Smith, 42, of Big Spring died Friday, Aug. 31, 2001, at University Medical Center in Lubbock. Arrangements are pending with Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Imogene Price Rickabaugh

Imogene Price Rickabaugh, 90, of Big Spring died Sunday, Sept. 2, 2001, in a local nursing home. Arrangements are pending with Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

DRIVE

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along well. We're really looking forward to a great campaign," she added.

Those gifts and more will be announced during Thursday's annual kickoff luncheon, set for 11:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall.

TRICARE

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The location has been changed from its original location at the Midland Senior Center.

Other information can be obtained at the Web site, www.tricare.osd.mil or by calling 1-888-363-5433.

TASTE

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the majority of our audiences attend because they are searching for new, quick and simple recipes that satisfy the taste buds and provide easy preparation, leaving more time to enjoy with family."

Even with a large audience, everyone will have an opportunity to see McCutcheon's action, ValVerde said.

"There are two big screen TVs, one on the left and one on the right," ValVerde said. "It is perfect. Everyone can see. The camera pans in one what she is doing."

Those who attend will receive a "2001 Taste of Home Cooking School Recipe Collection" and gift bag of items.

McCutcheon is a graduate of Texas Tech University and taught high school home economics for six years. She also worked previously as a county extension agent in Lubbock.

The Taste of Home Cooking School is sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, KBST and the city of Big Spring. Admission is \$7 and tickets will be sold on a first come, first serve basis.

By setting the school on a Tuesday night and in September, ValVerde expects a larger attendance than the 800 from last year.

"We had the last one last October and I believe it fell on a Thursday," she said. "There were a lot of other activities going on at the time and several people

could not attend." Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with the show starting at 7. For more information call, call the Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641.

WALK

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"It not competitive," she said. "We just walk at our own speed. It includes all kinds of people from old to young. It's just fun. People enjoy it."

And its all for a good cause, she said.

"I know a lot of people who have had the diseases," Bearden said. "Some of them very good friends. It just absolutely changes them. They can be real sweat and then for no reason they can change and become violent. It's a terrible disease."

The 2001 Memory Walk is set for Oct. 13 and teams are now being sought to collect money and make the scenic walk. The event is expected to start at 8 a.m. and last about an hour and a half.

Several activities are scheduled including carnival booths and a lower rider demonstration along with door prizes and awards.

Everyone who participates also receives breakfast.

Anyone interested in walking or being a team captain is invited to a kickoff breakfast sponsored by and held at the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home at 7:30 a.m. Thursday. The breakfast will be held at the veterans home and team packets will be distributed at that time.

National sponsors for the walk are Sprint and GE Long Term Care Insurance. Local partner sponsors are the Big Spring Herald, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Home Hospice Halos and the veterans home.

For more information concerning the event, contact Danelle Castillo at 263-8373 or Nancy Jones at 264-2397.

BRIEFS

THE BIG SPRING ART ASSOCIATION will host a watercolor demonstration given by local artist Kay Smith, Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library. Visitors are always welcome.

THE BIG SPRING BAND Boosters will have a meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the high school band hall.

All band parents (grades 6 through 12) are invited and encouraged to attend.

The meeting agenda includes the election of officers and band activities for the coming year.

ATTENTION CLASS OF 1981 our class reunion will be Oct. 12-13.

For more details please contact Dee Earhart Thomi at 214-340-0645 or email Dthomi@aol.com

BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers of the children in the community who have been abused and neglected.

For more information on becoming foster/adoptive families call Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669 or 1-800-233-3405.

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A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

UM, located at the McMahon Wrinkle Airpark, will be open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday 1:30 to 4 p.m. The museum will be closed on all city holidays.

THE HOWARD COUNTY HUMANE Society will be having a cat special Aug. 14 - 31. All cats are \$10 and includes spaying, neutering and all vaccinations. Call 267-7832 for more information.

LATE REGISTRATION at Lowat College begins Monday at 8:30 a.m. Students may register each day until 5 p.m. except Friday, when late registration concludes at 2:30 p.m. A \$5 late registration fee applies. Contact 264-5000 for more information.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

SENIOR CITIZENS WHO HAVE witnessed the effects of childhood diseases are needed to staff a new volunteer program that will promote immunizations.

Volunteers 55 and older are sought for the effort, to be known as the Seniors for Childhood Immunization Program.

RSVP volunteers will visit new mothers at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and remind them of the importance of the immunizations. To find out more about the program or to volunteer, call 264-2397.

SUPPORT GROUPS

TODAY  
•TOPS Club (take off pounds sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., College Heights Christian Church, 21st and Goliad.

•All widows and widowers are invited to meet with Encourager's Support Group today, 6 p.m. at Schlotzskys, 1513 East FM 700. For more information call 398-5522.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.

•Bereavement Support Group meets from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Community Care Hospice.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

TUESDAY  
•The Greater West Texas Chapter of the Alzheimers Association meets the first Tuesday of each month in the community room of the Howard County Library at 2 p.m. Our support groups are for all caregivers of

anyone no matter what the disease or disability. All meetings are confidential and are for your support. For more information you can call our office at 264-2397 or go by 501 Runnels (RSVP office).

•Caregivers Night Out, meets every fourth Tuesday every other month from 6 - 7:30 p.m. at Community Care Hospice.

•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

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•Home Hospice and Canterbury are sponsoring a new grief support group. It will meet the second Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m. in the community room at Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster. Call Home Hospice at 264-7599 or come by 600 South Gregg for further details.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from noon Saturday until 7 a.m. today:

•GILBERT MONTANEZ, 23, address unknown, was arrested on a charge of possession of 3.5 grams of a controlled substance and for two local warrants.

•JOHN FIERRO, 24, of 1202 E. Third St., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•SANDRA PAYNE, 35, of 707 W. Creighton was arrested on a charge of no driver's license.

•CHARLES DENK, 25, of 707 W. Creighton was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•JAMIE GUNTER, 21, of 4205 Meril Drive in Midland was arrested on a charge of no driver's license.

•JOSHUA HUGHES, 18, of 1710 Harvard was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•SANTIAGO LEOS, 48, of 802 N. Birdwell Lane was arrested on a charge of public intoxication and for a Nolan County warrant.

•PATRICIA MCINTIRE, 44, of 1608 Avion was arrested for a Howard County warrant.

•JEFFERY MOYERS, 19, of Lubbock was arrested for an Ector County warrant.

•HARIL JOE HODNETT, 41, of 2613 Hunter was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated

and no insurance.  
• EDWARD AGUILAR, 23, of 1600 Robin was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

•MARIO GARCIA, 47, address unknown, was arrested on a charge of assault.

•EDWARD BOYCE, 47, of 4000 W. Highway 80 was arrested on charges of no driver's license, no insurance and no inspection sticker.

•AARON BOGARD, 21, of 1425 E. Sixth St. was arrested for two local warrants.

•JAMES KOERBER, 31, of 615 N. Loop in Midland was arrested for two local warrants.

•ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1300 block of Colby and the 2600 block of Langley.

•THEFT was reported at H-E-B grocery store in the 2000 block of South Gregg. Someone reportedly stole a box of \$6 Trojan condoms worth \$14, 24 Durex condoms worth \$17 and six Trojan-Enz condoms worth \$14. According to the police report, all the prophylactics except the Trojan-Enz brand condoms were recovered.

•LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported on Cactus Avenue, in the area of 11th Street and Virginia, in the 2600 block of Wasson Road, in the 1200 block of South Douglas St and in the 1100 block of Mulberry Avenue.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 300 block of Tulane Road, the 1300 block of Wright Street, the 400 block of East Fourth Street, the 1500 block of Avion Street, the 2400 block of South Goliad, the 300 block of North Gregg and the 1300 block of Colby.

•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 1300 block of Sycamore.

•MINOR ACCIDENTS were reported in the 1200 block of South Gregg, in the vicinity of Virginia and East 18th Street, near the Ryder Truck Barn in the 1900 block of Apron, in the 1500 block of East FM 700 and in the 300 block of Northwest Eighth Street.

•SHOTS FIRED was reported in the 900 block of Willia.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:

- In the 2500 block of Ent. About \$80 worth of damage was done to a blue 1995 GMC Sierra.

- In the 600 block of Colgate Avenue. About \$400 worth of property damage was done at the home.

•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1300 block of Wood. About \$220 worth of items were stolen from the vehicle.

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# Youngster killed by shark described as an upbeat kid eager to start school

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) — David Peltier was described as an "upbeat, happy-go-lucky boy," enjoying his last weekend of summer break at the beach when tragedy struck.

A shark attacked the soon-to-be fifth-grader, ripping a 17-inch gash in his left leg and releasing him from its grip only after the boy's father hit the shark on the head. The father carried David ashore but he died hours later after losing large amounts of blood from a severed artery.

Family and friends were shocked by the shark attack — the first one in the area in 30 years and the first fatal one in the United

States this year.

"I just wonder why it had to be him," the boy's mother, Carol Miles, 29, told the Richmond Times-Dispatch. "He did not deserve this, but he's in good hands now. The Lord wanted an angel, and he got one."

John Gorman, the 10-year-old boy's neighbor, said David had a penchant for football and spent almost every afternoon at his house, playing with his daughter, Ruth, who was looking forward to being his classmate starting Tuesday.

"It's a tragedy, you know you have a kid that's hit by a car. But something like this is a freak thing," said Gorman, 39. "I mean,

there's nobody to be mad at."

"It's upsetting here and here," 10-year-old Ruth said, pointing to her heart and her head.

The attack occurred in 4 feet of water about 50 yards from the shore off Sandbridge Beach, said Ed Brazle, division chief for the city's Emergency Medical Services.

The rescue effort was similar to the one that saved 8-year-old Jessie Arbogast, whose arm was severed by a shark off Florida's coast but reattached after his uncle removed it from the shark's gullet. Jessie remains in a light coma.

David's father, Richard

Peltier, was surfing on Saturday when he spotted the shark and shouted to his three sons who were in the water. Peltier hauled David onto his surfboard as the two older boys ran to shore, witnesses said.

The shark brushed Peltier's leg then lunged at David, who was freed from its jaws after his father hit the shark on its head. Richard Peltier then paddled to shore with his son, where witnesses and lifeguards administered first aid to the boy. Richard Peltier was treated for a hand injury.

Richard Peltier's brother, James, said he was not surprised by Richard's actions.

"He's very strong," he told The Virginian-Pilot of Norfolk. "He always has his head about him in emergencies."

Some beachgoers avoided the water at the oceanfront resort strip and remote Sandbridge Beach after reports of the attack spread.

"You can tell it scared a lot of people away," said Dorothy Jarrett of Virginia Beach.

Others, like Steve Morris of Virginia Beach, seemed undeterred by the attack and braved the rough surf. His wife, Debbie Morris, was more cautious, refusing to allow her 11-year-old daughter to enter the water.

"I'd rather give the shark

a little time to get further down the coast," she said.

Forty-nine shark attacks have occurred worldwide this year, including a fatal one in Brazil, said George Burgess of the International Shark Attack File in Gainesville, Fla. Twenty-eight have been in Florida waters.

Last year, there were 84 shark attacks worldwide, 53 in the United States, he said.

The beach was closed Saturday after the attack but Virginia Beach officials reopened it Sunday morning. More than 40 emergency divers and a Jet Ski patrolled the waters Sunday.

## HOROSCOPE

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Sept. 4:

You might opt for a change in residence or in your family or domestic life. Others frequently make demands. Understand what motivates their requests. Check out your financial ideas carefully; many of them are right-on. You might want to test them on a friend who has unusual knowledge. Your work and your day-to-day life prove to be most rewarding. If you are single, you'll meet people through your friends. The person you hook up with will be both a friend and lover. If you are attached, trust your partner financially and emotionally. Discuss your strong reactions. ARIES understands you.

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)\*\*\*\* Your energy returns. You could become downright difficult if you don't get your way. Communication fizzles as others cannot agree. Don't let anyone deter you from your goals, even if it means working long hours. Tonight: Whatever you want.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)\*\* If you sense that you could be out of sync and you can cancel your day, do so by all means. If you hit a roadblock, turn and go another way. Charging into a problem creates a backfire. An older relative or boss passes on key information. Tonight: Avoid others. Read a book.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)\*\*\*\* Your intentions count, but somehow they become distorted as you deal with others. Instead of getting your dander up, stop and think about what is going on with others. News helps you understand why a friend can't get grounded. Tonight: Where your friends are.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)\*\*\*\* Deal with others in your normally creative manner. You assume responsibility. Your ability to see a person and understand his dreams directs the appropriate response. Adjust your work schedule if you're tired from the weekend. Tonight: A must show.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)\*\*\*\* Reach out for information despite another's opinions. You sense that the facts aren't clear, and you notice that an associate cannot seem to answer your questions. Deal with a money matter head-on. Another might not be happy, but he goes along with you. Tonight: Hop on the Internet.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)\*\*\*\* You deal with others as well as you can, yet a certain person still flares up. Consider retreating. You don't see another as others do. This explains the problems now. Concentrate on

work or go out for a brisk walk. Center in your most effective way. Tonight: Talk to a loved one.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)\*\*\* You don't have much control over others' reactions, but you still have more control than you are aware of. Review a situation that involves a child or a creative endeavor. Though it looks like a go, you can't be careful enough. Tonight: Let another make the first move.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)\*\*\*\* Dig into work, but also stay grounded with a money matter. You want what you want, and you might be too willing to push in every which direction to make this possible. Think in terms of your security. Face a longtime demon or secret that you haven't shared. Tonight: Clear out errands.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)\*\*\*\* Your imagination might impress some, but not the one who counts. You find a partner or associate to be contrary, so let him take the lead. Whatever you do will be nixed. Pressure builds in an unanticipated way. Follow your instincts on a call. Tonight: Time for a midweek break.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)\*\*\* New beginnings prove to be necessary with a family member who doesn't agree with you. Be happy if you don't have a home office, and mosey out the door. Use your creativity financially, and enhance your status. Don't let a detail slip. Tonight: Play it cool at home.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)\*\*\*\* You know what you want, but putting words to your desires might prove to be a lot harder than you anticipated. Appeal to another's visual sense before tossing your hands up in the air. A friendship stresses you out. Observe a financial flashing yellow light. Tonight: Return a friend's call!

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)\*\*\* Deal with finances head-on. You intuitively know what's what here. Deal with others one on one. A boss continues making unusual demands. Your confusion with another might be the result of mixed messages. Consider a talk soon. Tonight: Order in.

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# Boy shot at end of 15-mile car chase

## Police say 14-year-old hit in shoulder after pointing gun at officers

FORT WORTH (AP) — A 14-year-old boy who led police on a high-speed, 15-mile chase was shot in the shoulder by a Fort Worth policeman after pointing a gun at the officer, police said.

The boy, whose name was not released because he is a juvenile, is expected to recover from his injuries, said Lt. Jesse Hernandez, a Fort Worth Police Department spokesman.

The youth could face charges of theft, resisting arrest and attempted injury to a police officer, Hernandez said.

The officer, whose name

was also withheld, was put on a three-day administrative leave from duty while the department's Major Crimes Unit investigates, police said.

"It was a critical police incident, and we will be conducting an internal investigation," Hernandez said.

The shooting marks the fifth time since November that a Fort Worth officer has involved in the shooting of a suspect.

In March, an officer fatally shot a probationer after the man pulled a shotgun. The latest incident began early Sunday when Keller

police first spotted the vehicle, but the driver eluded them.

Then, about 1:30 a.m. Sunday, Tarrant County sheriff's deputies spotted the car speeding on Interstate 35 West, police said.

The boy's father had reported about 9 p.m. Saturday that his 2000 Lexus had been stolen in Watauga. At that point, the boy was classified as a runaway.

A second chase ensued at speeds of up to 100 mph, police said.

Fort Worth police quickly joined the chase and

released spikes to flatten the car's tires, eventually bringing the vehicle to a stop, Hernandez said.

As officers approached the car, the teen-ager emerged from the vehicle with a 9 mm Glock semiautomatic handgun, pointing it first at himself and then at the officer, police said. The officer then shot the boy in the shoulder, disabling him.

Hernandez told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that the policeman was an experienced officer who was recently hired by Fort Worth after working for another law enforcement agency.

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OUR VIEWS

Take time to honor the worker

Today, we celebrate one of the most basic components of a successful society — the worker. Great decisions are made by politicians, generals command during wars and scientists explore the mysteries of the universe. But without the "common" working man and woman to drive the gears of society, all the equations and theories wouldn't amount to much.

In recognition of the workforce that fuels this country, the U.S. Congress has set aside the first Monday in September for the observance of Labor Day.

So, what exactly should we be observing today?

George Sand once said, "Work is not man's punishment. It is his reward and his strength, his glory and his pleasure." While some would doubtless take issue with Sand's assessment, there is more than a little truth to it.

For many, what we are is defined to a great extent by what we do for a living. A great majority of U.S. workers take great pride in their occupations and strive to do the best job possible.

Given those facts, therefore, a day of celebration of our work makes a great deal of sense.

Very few good things come about as the result of random chance or good fortune, but from simple, hard work.

A cure for polio? Jonas Salk worked years on the problem before finding a cure.

Likewise, the Empire State Building and other great structures in this country just didn't appear out of the blue one day, but were the result of years of labor.

The examples could go on and on ... But it is not great accomplishments we recognize today, but the simple realization that much that makes this nation great has been made possible by the work of our people.

OTHER VIEWS

The controversy and confusion over the last presidential election have been followed by some dogged work on preventing a repeat.

There's no single fix because there was no simple culprit for all that went wrong last November.

But good recommendations have come recently from a bipartisan panel led by former Presidents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter and from the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Both groups urge that state and local officials, who have primary authority over elections, remain the point people for voting reform. They want Congress to provide new matching money to spur reforms and explore

best practices, but without applying a heavy hand. ...

Another Ford-Carter idea may offend some veterans: celebrating Veterans' Day on Election Day in the even-numbered years when federal elections are held. This would boost voter turnout — and it might usefully expand the pool of people from which polling-place workers are drawn.

Some veterans believe this would give short shrift to the holiday's original purpose. But the former presidents persuasively argue that using the day to improve the exercise of democracy is an appropriate way to honor veterans. ...

THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

Hmm... Tax cuts good, regulation bad?

Most of us assume the fatal weakness of libertarian thinking, which is so dominant in this administration of recycled Reaganism, is its eternal tendency to apply simple solutions to complex problems — which is, of course, also the reason for its appeal.



MOLLY IVINS

All is reduced to the market, the market rules, the market is God. James Arnt Aune, formerly with the Bush School at Texas A&M, however, provides a more comprehensive indictment of libertarian thinking and finds its most striking feature is the avoidance of empirical investigation.

Or, as a Texas pol observed recently, "My God, Bush is doing the same thing to the nation he did to Texas, and in even less time." The same thing is, obviously, the endless Bush Jr. mantra, "Tax cuts good, regulation bad; tax cuts good, regulation bad."

Do they never stop to look at what tax cuts and deregulation achieve? There are always winners and losers under deregulation, but even the briefest summary shows the unmistakable pattern.

— Savings and Loan

dereg, \$500 billion charged to the taxpayers. Enough said.

— Utilities deregulation. So far, no good.

— Telecommunications deregulation. As per usual, we were promised lower rates, greater choice, the magic of the marketplace, and milk and honey for all. What we got was more telephone marketers calling during dinner. Cable rates have risen 33 percent, three times the inflation rate, since the 1996 telecom dereg debate.

Scholars will recall the bill was heavily influenced and indeed partly written by the industry's lobbyists, part of the pattern with dereg. Cable customers continue to be gouged by local monopolies, there is almost no head-to-head competition. Ditto local phone competition. Prices are up 12 percent, not down at all; the companies that were supposed to compete against the regional Bells are in bad shape, as is competition in the long-distance field. Calls for re-regulation already abound.

— Airline dereg. A mess. Most experts blame two factors: deregulation and the Federal Aviation Administration's disastrous attempt to develop a new air traffic control system.

The 1978 deregulation did indeed make flying a form of mass transit. There are three times as many flyers today as there were 20 years ago, according to a New York Times Magazine article of last year, and

fares, on average, are 40 percent lower, adjusted for inflation.

The gradual development of near-monopolies — only the biggest survive — is also a familiar pattern in these cases. Airlines have dropped service at small communities and routinely over-schedule at major airports. The system drifts into worse shape annually, with no end in sight, and Congress has done nothing because God forbid anyone should interfere with the free market.

— Trucking dereg. Since dereg in the late '70s, competition has indeed driven prices down. It has also created "sweatshops on wheels," with drivers making 25 cents a mile, working 90-hour weeks. According to a series in June in The Ottawa Citizen, truckers average less than five hours sleep a night.

The industry has also seen the growth of scam schools that turn out poorly trained or completely untrained drivers. The trucking industry has a 150 percent annual driver turnover rate and is short 80,000 drivers.

We could go on and on, and each of these situations should be studied in more depth, especially by those who casually make lofty pronouncements about the need to deregulate and privatize absolutely everything.

Perhaps the main point to keep in mind is that there were reasons for

regulation in the first place.

Libertarians, even those who actually cover government, seem to believe government is bent on a mindless quest for ever-greater power. In my experience, there are only two ways something gets regulated: a public disaster of such epic proportions that people demand regulation, or the industry itself asks for regulation.

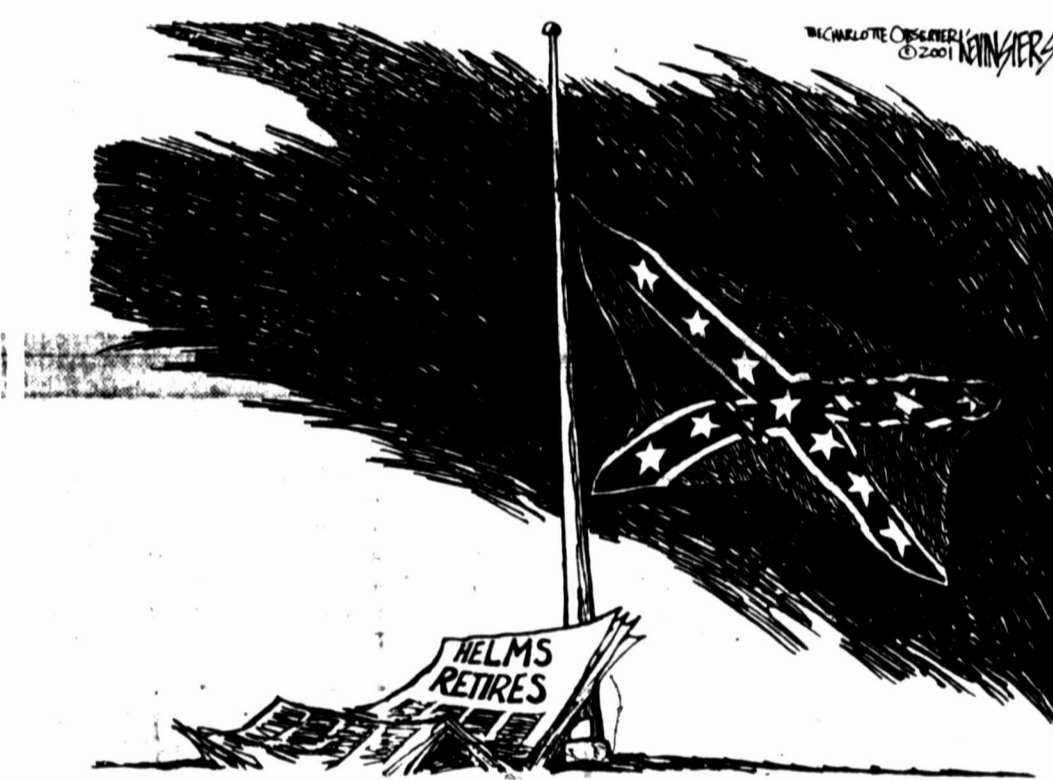
That may strike you as unlikely, but it is to be seen every session in every legislature as the watch-repairers or the lawn-sprinkler installers or some damn group arrives to demand their high calling be regulated and practitioners certified.

In the case of natural monopolies, such as utilities and phone companies, regulation is needed for the very reasons of which we are now so unpleasantly being reminded — because a monopoly will just gouge the hell out of consumers.

I am a great believer in perpetual reform and just as annoyed by bureaucratic paperwork as anyone else, but willful stupidity in the face of evidence is also annoying.

Capitalism works well only in a carefully constructed cradle of law and regulation (Russia being one case in point).

Greed is not good. Where there is greed there is no vision and, not to coin a phrase, those who forget history are condemned to repeat it.



Justice: We must find checks and balances

The latest release of a prisoner from death row due to DNA evidence

proves more than the irrefutable error of an irreversible sentence. It proves that the jury system is too fallible. Any system based upon human judgment is inherently fallible. The question is how to make it less so.

Eighteen years ago, Charles Fain was convicted of raping and murdering a 9-year-old girl in Nampa, Idaho.

An FBI expert testified that three hairs found on the girl's body probably matched Mr. Fain's hair. He was wrong.

DNA testing was not available then, but it is now, and it has proved conclusively that the hair did

not belong to Mr. Fain.

Mr. Fain joins six other men who were awaiting execution on death row this year and who have now been freed. They are joined by scores of others who likewise nearly lost their lives over the last few decades. In some of those cases, authorities continue to claim they had the right men, but simply not enough evidence. It is just such thinking that goes against the basis of our system of justice: You are innocent until proven guilty.

There is no provision in our system that allows for a verdict of "innocent; presumed guilty." Yet, the judge who sentenced Mr. Fain says, "If I had the slightest doubt, I certainly would not have imposed the death penalty." And worse, the prosecutor in the case said, "The DNA evidence doesn't really change my opinion that much that Fain's guilty."

The judge and prosecutor have stepped over the line. Until a person is convicted,

he is only alleged to have committed the crime in question. And when a person is acquitted, he is said to be guilty only by people who are prepared to be sued for slander. So it is unseemly for a judge and a prosecutor to continue to pronounce guilty someone whom the courts have judged to be innocent.

This brings us to the heart of the problem: People are flawed, so juries, judges and prosecutors are flawed. What is needed is an equitable and economical system of checks and balances.

If a jury pronounces a verdict of "not guilty," the case should be closed. If the jury says, "guilty," the case should be subject to being overturned by the trial judge, in which instance, the case would be closed. And if the trial judge does not overturn, then any case involving jail time should automatically be reviewed by a three-judge panel on a higher court. Such a panel would limit its purview to the trial transcript and

written briefs from the prosecutor and defense counsel.

Such a system would solve several problems:

1. Fewer cases would burden the appeals courts.
2. Blatantly flawed decisions would be overturned quickly.
3. Indigent defendants would have the benefit of automatic reviews, which would increase their chances of receiving impartial decisions.
4. Unfair sentences could be reduced.
5. Most important of all, the likelihood of sending an innocent person to jail would diminish dramatically.

It is a great crime for the state to send an innocent person to jail and a worse crime to deprive him of his life. The public's faith in the justice system and the government itself is lessened. So it is incumbent upon us to combine modern technology with a new system of checks and balances to enhance fairness and credibility.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Lady Hawks offering help for area parents

Howard College's Lady Hawk basketball team invites parents to "Take the Night Off" by providing child care on Sept. 21 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

"This is our big fundraiser for the year, and we want parents to take advantage of our offer to provide child care in the coliseum that night," said Lady Hawk head coach Joey Wells.

The cost is \$5 per child, and children 3 years and older may attend.

"We will provide games and activities, as well as snacks during the evening," he said.

Lady Hawk players will provide the child care and parents in the community are encouraged to take advantage of the skills of these players.

"We really want our Lady Hawk players involved in the community, and what better way than by giving parents an inexpensive way to go out to dinner or to a movie while their children have fun, too," Wells said.

Reservations are encouraged, but drop-offs will also be accepted.

"We have room in the coliseum for a large number of children. With that in mind we have distributed fliers to all the elementary schools in Howard County," Wells said.

For more information or to reserve a place for your child, call Wells at 264-5043 or assistant coach Shana Brasel at 264-5040 or assistant coach Kristi Washington at 264-5042.

### PREP SLATE

#### TUESDAY

**VOLLEYBALL**  
**BIG SPRING** — vs. Lubbock Estacado, Steer Gym, 6 p.m.

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**FOOTBALL**  
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**GRADY** — Idle.  
**STANTON** — vs. Reagan County 8 p.m.  
**SANDS** — vs. Sanderson, 7:30 p.m.

**VOLLEYBALL**  
**BIG SPRING** — at Lamesa Tournament (Friday-Saturday), TBIA.

#### SATURDAY

**CROSS COUNTRY**  
**BIG SPRING** — at Seminole, 10 a.m.

**TENNIS**  
**BIG SPRING** — vs. Andrews, TBA.

**VOLLEYBALL**  
**BIG SPRING** — at Friendship, 2 p.m.

### ON THE AIR

**Television**  
**AUTO RACING**  
3 p.m. — NHRA Mac Tools U.S. Nationals, final round, ESPN, Ch. 30.

**BASEBALL**  
8 p.m. — St. Louis Cardinals at San Diego Padres, ESPN, Ch. 30.

**GOODWILL GAMES**  
8 p.m. — Swimming, beach volleyball and surf lifesaving, TNT, Ch. 28.  
10 p.m. — Basketball coverage, TNT, Ch. 28.

**TENNIS**  
6 p.m. — U.S. Open, men's and women's fourth-round coverage from New York, USA, Ch. 38.

## Garden City girls win first Bearkat cross country meet

### Big Spring boys run to third at Brownfield

HERALD Staff Report

**GARDEN CITY** — When Garden City High School hosted its first Bearkat Cross Country meet Saturday, its girls' squad ran to a season opening victory with a low score of 54 points as Allison Jansa finished the two-mile course in first place with a time of 13 minutes and 53 seconds, earning one point for her Lady Bearkats.

Jessica Hoch finished 14th in 14:56.0, but Grady placed four of its Lady Wildcats in the top 12 and Forsan had one Lady Buffalo in the dandy dozen. Forsan's Becky Zubizte was 12th with a



RANDY BRITTON

Noami Guerrero (14:51) and Megan Niehues, who also had a 14:51.

Reagan County finished second in the eight-team event with 61 points. Iraan High was third with a 74 score, Grady finished fourth with a 78, Bordon County was fifth with a 113, Roby High was sixth with a 154, Robert E. Lee was seventh with a 162 and Christoval High finished last with a 185.

14:55 while Brianna Pribyla paced Grady in eighth position with a 14:48.0. She was followed by team-mates Samatha Yeats (14:49.0),

Cynthia Becerra was 19th for Forsan and Heather Hise finished in 23rd place.

The seventh-grade Forsan team, also took second place in its division while the eighth-grade girls were paced by Leslie Carter in eighth place and Trey Praedey finished third for the Buffaloes in the junior varsity division.

In boys action, Iraan High finished first with 33 points while the hosting Bearkats came in fifth with 121, ahead of Forsan in sixth with a 128. Christoval finished second in the seven-team three-mile running event, followed by Crane High in third with 71 points, Bordon County in fourth with 85 points and Greenwood's Ranger were seventh with a 171.

Logan Willis was the low scorer for Garden City. He finished 16th with a 20:00.0 after Baldemar Ibarra won the boys' run with a 17:42 time. Ross Rhoton of Forsan

was 17th with a 20:01.0 run.

### Big Spring takes third

When Big Spring ran at Brownfield against three other prep programs Saturday, the Steers finished third with 104 points while Friendship finished first with 49 and San Angelo Lake View was second with a 75. San Angelo Central was fourth with 111 points.

Jacob Marquez finished seventh for the Steers in 15:56 while Andy Cuellar was eighth with a 16:01 and Tony Arguello was 19th with a 16:30, Andy Arguello was 24th with a 16:43, Keith Hilario was 20th with a 16:34, Martin DeLos Santos was 34th with a 17:12, Pat Gonzales was 44th with a 17:42.

Mike Flores was 45th with a 17:45 and Rocky Tores was 49th in 18 flat. Seventh grader Chris Martinez finished third in the boys junior high division, signaling a bright future for the varsity.

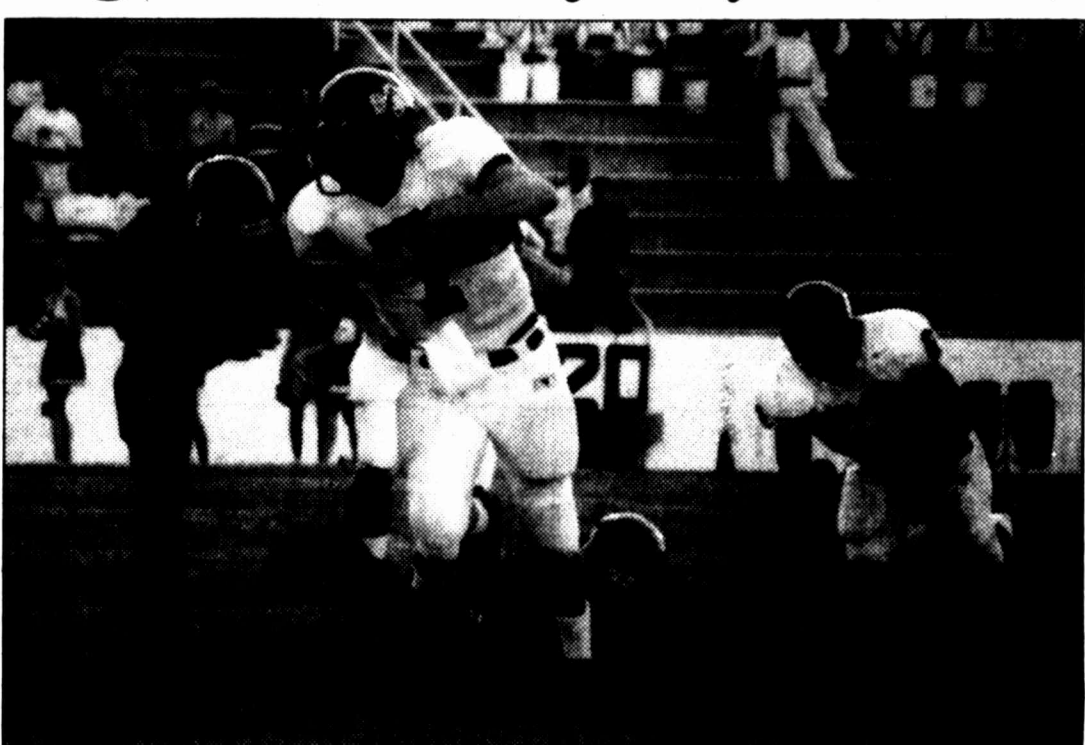
In girls action, Big Spring has only three varsity girls and did not field a team. But Eva Tobar led the Lady Steers, finishing No. 31 with a 14:20, followed by Nicole Williams at No. 33 with a 14:33 and Percilla Franco at No. 37 with a 14:46. In JV girls action, Ashley Martinez led the way with a 12th-place finish in 13:56 while Rachelle Guinn was 21st in 14:31, Stacy Rubio was 27th in 15:13 and Paige Gainey finished 56th in 16:58.

### Sands runs to third

Sands High reported that its boys cross country team finished third in its division at the Brownfield meet with 99 points behind Hart with 71 and Smyer with 92.

Joe Martinez finished third for Sands with a 16:04, followed by Steven Barraza in 10th with a 17:02 and Marcelo Barraza in 15th with a 17:33.

## High School Player of the Week



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**Big Spring High quarterback Tye Butler is the first Herald Prep Player of the Week. He earned the honor for leading his Steers on a furious fourth-quarter come-back bid that came up three points short of a win against Sweetwater at Mustang Bowl Friday night. Despite the season-opening loss to the Class 3A Mustangs, Butler engineered two fourth-quarter scoring drives that put the Steers in position to win. He finished with 14 yards rushing, including a 7-yard touchdown and he connected on all but two of his passes, finishing 11-of-13 with two TD tosses and 207 yards. The Steers are idle this week.**

## Stanton's Herm leads Rice, Butler is prep player of week

What a week in Howard County sports! Our first Friday of high school football was exciting — to say the least, perhaps the biggest upset was Stanton's lopsided score at Greenwood. I guess I'm glad didn't go to that game, but I'm looking forward to seeing the Red and Gray Buffaloes down the road and I am positive that despite their youth and inexperience, coach Cotton will get them back on a winning run, starting this week when the Buffaloes open their home schedule against Reagan County.

On the bright side for Stanton this week was former player Kyle Herm, who led the Buffaloes to the 1997 Texas title before leaving for Rice. This week, Cotton could have used Herm's help, but he was busy leading the Owls to a seven-point win over Houston's Cougars while ending an eight-game losing streak on the road in the process. I never saw Herm play, nor have I had the good fortune to meet him, but I do plan on giving him a call this week and as time goes on, I hope to do some stories on all the former players from our area who have gone on to bigger and brighter college careers, so if you know of former athletes at your school who are currently playing college ball — regardless of the sport — give me a call and at least leave me a message because I need your help to know who and where they are.

Friday, I was wondering how bad it was going to get for the Steers, who started about as bad as a team can. But coach Butler's bunch showed they have a will to win that always has to come from within the players. By the end of the evening, I was about as proud of the Steers as Butler was because they fought back so hard, showing a determination and grit that tells me they won't quit. That is about the most a coach can ask for. Even though they lost — by three points to a

Class 3A rival — Butler said he was proud of his boys for fighting back. I was too because it shows me that Butler's bunch of 2001 Steers will be competitive even when they lose, so don't count out the Steers because anything can happen in football on Friday nights.

We started a new feature at the *Herald* today — the "Prep Player of the Week" — which will highlight the high school player that I think meant the most to his or her team during the past week.

This week's selection is not based on who he is, but on what he did on Friday night. Although I did not attend the other area games, I talked to each coach and review as much information as I could. After careful consideration, it seems to me that Tye Butler did the most to help his team pull off what would have been considered an upset win, so congratulations Tye and good luck to all our area athletes and coaches.

This selection is solely based on my opinion and may not always be a football player. All players from all sports are eligible for consideration and because I am only one person who can not be at all the games, I am depending on ALL of our area coaches to help me out by nominating and suggesting their boys and girls for this weekly award by Saturday evening. I ask our readers and especially our coaches to keep in mind that I am still very new to the area and that I need their continuing help and support to do the most for each of our teams that I can. Likewise, I am always open to suggestions, comments and story ideas, so please call, fax or Email your results and ideas to me at the numbers listed above. The contact information is listed at the top right corner of the sports page each day, so give me a call and keep in mind that if you do not report your results, I will not know it and if I do not know it, it will not be in our paper.

Finally, I sure was disappointed in my Crimson Tide this week. By the time I got home Saturday night, Alabama had lost its second straight season opener to UCLA. At least it was closer than last year's debacle in LA. Oh well, there's always next week.

### SIDELINES

## Lots of veterans released by teams in final NFL cuts

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The final cuts of the NFL preseason were unkind to quarterbacks projected as starters and established veterans with high salary cap numbers.

Jeff Lewis, expected to replace Steve Beuerlein as Carolina's quarterback, instead is looking for work. So is Kent Graham, who opened last season as Pittsburgh's No. 1 QB.

Jacksonville safety Carnell Lake was released Sunday, as was Buffalo safety Henry Jones, one of the few remaining connections to the Bills' AFC title days. Defensive tackle Russell Maryland, the No. 1 overall pick by Dallas in the 1991 draft, was released by Green Bay.

There also were trades. Cleveland dealt away two backup quarterbacks, Ty Detmer to Detroit and Spergon Wynn to Minnesota, and a running back — Travis Prentice, who also went to the Vikings.

"This gives him an opportunity to go someplace where he knows for absolute certainty that he's got a chance to be the No. 2, and has a chance to be competing for the starting job," Browns coach Butch Davis said of Detmer, who will back up Charlie Batch. Jim Harbaugh, previously the backup in Detroit, was cut.

Tennessee sent safety Perry Phenix to Carolina and defensive tackle Rod Walker to Green Bay for draft picks.

And there were salary adjustments. Running back Garrison Hearst, who hasn't played the last two seasons, allowed the 49ers to restructure the bonus money for performance incentives this season. The 49ers wanted to reduce Hearst's cap figure, which would have been about \$1.7 million before the restructuring.

"There are a lot of reasons to have Garrison on this team," 49ers GM Terry Donahue said. "He's got talent, enthusiasm, ability and adds leadership. We expect that he will contribute a great deal."

By releasing Lewis, a five-year veteran, the Panthers pretty much assured Heisman Trophy winner Chris Weinke, 29, will be the starting quarterback in their opener at Minnesota.

"I think everybody would understand it's a difficult decision because he was slated to be the starter this year," Panthers coach George Seifert said. "Things didn't work out, and at the same time we had a couple of other guys come to the front and we decided to go in that direction."

Graham, who a year ago beat out Kordell Stewart for the starting job, lost out to XFL MVP Tommy Maddox in Pittsburgh. The same thing happened six years ago, when Graham was cut by the New York Giants after they signed Maddox.

Other quarterbacks losing their jobs were Atlanta's Eric Zeier, Oakland's Rodney Peete, Jacksonville's Jamie Martin, Indianapolis' Billy Joe Hobert and Washington's Todd Husak.

Buffalo's Jones, a first-round draft choice in 1991, had made 61 straight starts, most among active players on the team. Along with recording 100 or more tackles in each of his last four seasons, Jones appeared in 144 games with Buffalo, tied for the most with defensive end Phil Hansen and kicker Steve Christie among current players.

Lake's release will save the Jaguars \$500,000 this season and about \$2.3 million in 2002. The Jaguars signed Lake to a four-year, \$18 million contract in 1999 and he had a Pro Bowl season as Jacksonville made the AFC title game. But he missed all of 2000 with a foot injury.

Maryland could wind up with the Jets, who have invited him to interview on Monday. Entering his 12th NFL season, Maryland was scheduled to make \$1.4 million this year. The Packers wanted to reduce that to the neighborhood of the veterans' minimum of \$477,000.

Also released Sunday as NFL teams got down to the 53-man limit were Raiders linebacker Ryan Phillips, who started 16 games last season for the NFC champion Giants. Oakland released veteran punt returner Eric Metcalf and tight end Andrew Glover, as well.

Dolphins wide receiver O.J. McDuffie was placed on the physically unable to perform list along with tight end Alonzo Mayes. McDuffie, a nine-year veteran who is ninth on the team's career touchdown list, has an injured left big toe that kept him out for much of last year.

The Chiefs put defensive tackle Dan Williams, injured for most of the past few seasons, on injured reserve. They also released kick returner Tony Horne and wide receiver Derrick Mays.

Minnesota cut veteran running back and special teams standout Moe Williams and defensive tackle Fernando Smith.

Tennessee dropped William Floyd, leaving the Titans without a fullback on the roster. The Titans signed Floyd in July.

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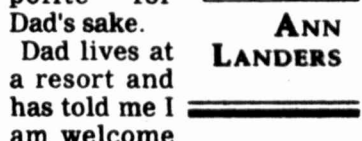
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ANN LANDERS

I found this totally inappropriate and didn't know what to say. My father wasn't in the room. Should I tell him what his wife did? I think he should know about it. -- Shocked Daughter in Wisconsin  
Dear Wisconsin: It is not necessary for you to report to your father that his wife behaved inappropriately. Either the woman is extremely flirtatious, or she is not playing with a full deck. If the "pincher" makes your father happy, this incident isn't worth rocking the boat. However, you might think twice before bringing any more male college friends to your father's place when his wife is around.

Dear Ann Landers: The letter from "State College Student" struck a raw nerve. She said her ex-boyfriend was so emotionally abusive that she needed therapy when they broke up. Now his new girlfriend lives in the same dorm and wants to be friends. You said "Student" was under no obligation to be chummy. You are right, of course, but there may be more going on. I, too, had a relationship with a guy who was emotionally abusive, and it took a long time for me to recover from it. Nearly a year later, my ex-boyfriend's new lady sought me out and wanted to develop a friendship. At first, I couldn't handle it. Then, I finally agreed to meet with her. Thank God I did.

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MONDAY

SEP. 3

|       | KMID (2)                  | KPEJ (3)                  | KERA (5)               | FAM (6)                             | KGSA (7)                | WFAA (8)                      | KWES (9)                | WTBS (11)              | UNI (13)                   | DISN (14)                    | NASH (15)                | TMC (16)                     | SHOW (20)                          | HBO (22)                             | KMLM (24)              | A&E (25)                | DISC (26)              | TNT (28)               | TLC (41)               |                 |
|-------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 6:PM  | News (CC) Fortune         | Cosby (CC) Suddenly       | Wishbone Zoboomatoo    | Tina Turner: Wildest Dreams Concert | News (CC) Fortune       | News (CC) Fortune             | News (CC) Fortune       | News (CC) Fortune      | Carita de Angel (CC)       | Movie: Mighty Joe Young (CC) | Voyage Home (CC)         | (CC) The Out-of-Towners (CC) | The Baby-Sitters Club (CC)         | Where the Heart Is (CC)              | Update With John Hagee | Law & Order (CC)        | Mortuary School        | Grizzly: Face to Face  | Law & Order (CC)       | Medical Medical |
| 7:PM  | Classic TV Bloopers       | Boston Public (CC)        | School-American        | State of Grace State of Grace       | Dreams Concert          | Classic TV Bloopers           | Weakest Link (CC)       | Movie: The Dirty Dozen | Amigos y Rivales           | Movie: The Glimmer Man       | WWF Raw                  | Movie: The Green Mile        | Movie: Scary Movie (CC)            | Madonna Live: The Drowned World Tour | Light of the Southwest | Biography (CC)          | Grizzly: Face to Face  | Law & Order (CC)       | Junkyard Wars          |                 |
| 8:PM  | Movie: The Glimmer Man    | Aly McBeal (CC)           | Public Education       | State of Grace State of Grace       | Raymond Becker (CC)     | Movie: The Glimmer Man        | Fear Factor (CC)        | Fear Factor (CC)       | Por un Basso (CC)          | Movie: That Dam Cat          | WWF Raw                  | Movie: The Green Mile        | Movie: Scary Movie (CC)            | Madonna Live: The Drowned World Tour | Law & Order (CC)       | Building the Impossible | Summer Goodwill        | Hunt for Amazing       |                        |                 |
| 9:PM  | Arrest & Trial Nanny (CC) | American Experience       | Kristi Yamaguchi       | Family Law (CC)                     | News (CC) 700 Club (CC) | News (CC) 700 Club (CC)       | News (CC) 700 Club (CC) | (10) Movie: Where      | P. Impacto Noticiero Univ. | NIMH 2: Secret of Timmy      | (07) Movie: Star Trek II | Movie: Zero Effect (CC)      | Movie: Dinner With Friends         | Update With Sam Peak                 | Law & Order (CC)       | Justice Files           | Junkyard Wars          |                        |                        |                 |
| 10:PM | News Nightline            | Blind Date Jerry Springer | News-Lehrer            | 700 Club (CC)                       | News (CC) 700 Club (CC) | News (CC) 700 Club (CC)       | News (CC) 700 Club (CC) | (10) Movie: Where      | P. Impacto Noticiero Univ. | NIMH 2: Secret of Timmy      | (07) Movie: Star Trek II | Movie: Zero Effect (CC)      | Movie: Dinner With Friends         | Update With Sam Peak                 | Law & Order (CC)       | Justice Files           | Junkyard Wars          |                        |                        |                 |
| 11:PM | Politically Inc. Cheers   | Spin City (CC)            | Nova (CC)              | Who's Boss? Who's Boss?             | Show (CC) U.S. Open     | Ent. Tonight Politically Inc. | Show (CC) U.S. Open     | Eagles Dare            | El Super Babalazo          | Zorro (CC) Mickey Mouse      | The Wrath of Khan (CC)   | (15) Movie: Snappedragon     | (CC) Movie: Bridge of Dragons (CC) | Promise Church                       | Biography (CC)         | Grizzly: Face to Face   | Hunt for Amazing       |                        |                        |                 |
| 12:AM | Attorney Divorce Court    | Attorney Divorce Court    | Attorney Divorce Court | Attorney Divorce Court              | Attorney Divorce Court  | Attorney Divorce Court        | Attorney Divorce Court  | Attorney Divorce Court | Attorney Divorce Court     | Attorney Divorce Court       | Attorney Divorce Court   | Attorney Divorce Court       | Attorney Divorce Court             | Attorney Divorce Court               | Attorney Divorce Court | Attorney Divorce Court  | Attorney Divorce Court | Attorney Divorce Court | Attorney Divorce Court |                 |

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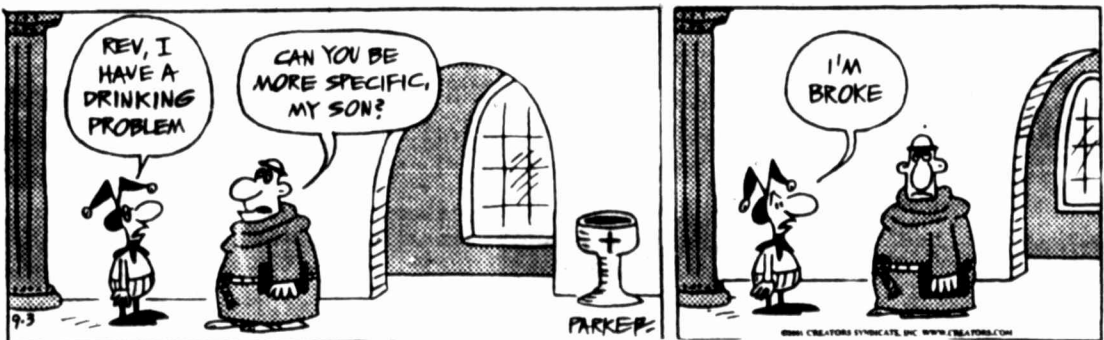
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today's Highlight in History:  
On Sept. 3, 1783, the Treaty of Paris between the United States and Great Britain officially ended the Revolutionary War.  
On this date:  
In 1189, England's King Richard I (the Lion-Hearted) was crowned in Westminster.  
In 1658, Oliver Cromwell, the Lord Protector of England, died.  
In 1939, Britain and France declared war on Germany, two days after the Nazi invasion of Poland.  
In 1943, the British 8th Army invaded Italy during World War II, the same day Italy signed a secret armistice with the allies.  
In 1951, the television soap opera "Search for Tomorrow" made its debut on CBS. (It ran on CBS

until 1982, when it moved to NBC until its final episode, which aired in December 1986.)  
In 1967, Nguyen Van Thieu was elected president of South Vietnam under a new constitution.  
In 1970, football coach Vince Lombardi died in Washington, D.C.  
In 1976, the unmanned U.S. spacecraft Viking 2 landed on Mars to take the first close-up, color photographs of the planet's surface.  
In 1978, Pope John Paul I was installed as the 264th pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church.  
In 1989, a Cubana de Aviacion jetliner crashed after takeoff in Havana, killing all 126 aboard and 26 people on the ground.  
Ten years ago: Twenty-five people were killed when fire broke out at the Imperial Food Products chicken-processing plant in Hamlet, N.C. Academy Award-winning director Frank Capra died in La Quinta, Calif., at age 94.  
Five years ago: The United States launched 27

cruise missiles at "selected air defense targets" in Iraq as punishment for Iraq's invasion of Kurdish safe havens.  
Today's Birthdays:  
Actress Helen Wagner ("As the World Turns") is 83.  
Beetle Bailey cartoonist Mort Walker is 78.  
Country singer Hank Thompson is 76.  
Actress Anne Jackson is 75.  
Time magazine contributing editor Hugh Sidey is 74.  
Country singer Tompall Glaser is 68.  
Actress Eileen Brennan is 66.  
Actress Pauline Collins is 61.  
Rock singer-musician Al Jardine (The Beach Boys) is 59.  
Actress Valerie Perrine is 58.  
Rock musician Donald Brewer (Grand Funk Railroad) is 53.

Answer to previous puzzle

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| LEG        | LEAGLE      | TSGT  |
| ALIMAC     | GRAV        | HARE  |
| INVIGORATE | OVAL        |       |
| DIE        | OLAF        | PAIZE |
| UNITS      | PENNIE      |       |
| POND       | ESCROW      | GAR   |
| SETAPART   | UNA         |       |
| MER        | NETLIKE     | POW   |
| AKE        | GROUSERS    |       |
| ITT        | UNUSED      | NCAA  |
| LEAFLET    | SOLOS       |       |
| BRIEF      | LBAY        | ERS   |
| ANNE       | TRIPPLICATE |       |
| GAIL       | EDSULLIVAN  |       |
| SLRS       | MAINSTREET  |       |

Newsday Crossword

ON THE GRIDIRON by Lee Weaver  
Edited by Stanley Newman

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                 | <b>DOWN</b>              |                                |
| 1 Jessica of TV's Dark Angel  | 1 On ___ with (equal to) | 8 Allow borrowing again        |
| 5 Milky Way part              | 2 Tibetan monks          | 9 ___ Mahal                    |
| 9 Tiny amount                 | 3 Successful movie       | 10 In the past                 |
| 12 Lacking color              | 4 Pre-cable need         | 11 Society newcomer, for short |
| 13 Fishing net                | 5 Mermaid's habitat      | 13 Scattered footwear          |
| 14 Wise one                   | 6 Muscle contractions    | 14 Summer prep school          |
| 15 Latin love                 | 7 Egyptian crosses       | 17 Sea eagle                   |
| 16 Get down to work           |                          | 19 British prep school         |
| 18 More spirited              |                          | 23 Make happen                 |
| 20 Like clipped sheep         |                          | 24 Eagle's nest                |
| 21 Use the rink               |                          | 25 Fireplace frame             |
| 22 Flooding protection        |                          | 27 Water pitcher               |
| 26 Snow-moving machine        |                          | 28 Happen again                |
| 29 "___, My God, to Thee"     |                          | 30 Prepares for publication    |
| 30 Ostrich kin                |                          |                                |
| 32 More recent                |                          |                                |
| 34 Capri cash                 |                          |                                |
| 35 Phonograph record          |                          |                                |
| 37 Style of a room            |                          |                                |
| 39 Tizzy                      |                          |                                |
| 40 "Sock ___ me!"             |                          |                                |
| 41 Ploys                      |                          |                                |
| 43 "That's incredible!"       |                          |                                |
| 44 Current fashions           |                          |                                |
| 47 Least refined              |                          |                                |
| 49 Maid or butler             |                          |                                |
| 51 Synthetic fiber            |                          |                                |
| 53 Aromas                     |                          |                                |
| 55 Start afresh               |                          |                                |
| 57 Experiment with            |                          |                                |
| 61 Hard or soft follower      |                          |                                |
| 62 Queen Elizabeth's daughter |                          |                                |
| 63 Big volumes                |                          |                                |