

WEDNESDAY

September 26, 2001

WEATHER

Tonight:



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TONIGHT 60°-65° TOMORROW 80°-85°

State park sets hayrides on Saturday

Harvest Hayride is set for Saturday at Big Spring State Park.

The annual event has been moved to September in hopes that the weather will be warmer, said Ron Alton, park manager.

The park will offer two rides, one starting at 3 p.m. and the other starting at 4:30 p.m. The last ride will end about 6 p.m., he said.

Funds raised will go to the Lone Star Legacy endowment fund to help all state parks.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third.

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060 meets at Herman's Restaurant, 7 a.m.

□ The Senior Citizens Center will host an Arts and Crafts session each Thursday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Call Bobbie Leonard at the Senior Citizens Center for more information.

□ The Coffee Club will meet at Gale's Sweet Shoppe at 10 a.m.

□ Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

FRIDAY

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

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

□ AMBUCS meets at noon at The Brandin' Iron Inn.

□ Downtown Lions Club's annual hamburger supper at the Big Spring High School cafeteria, Friday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. \$5 per person. Buy tickets early from

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Council approves rate hikes by familiar 4-3 margin

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Big Spring City Council members approved the final reading of new sanitation and water rates by the same 4-3 margin by which they approved the city's budget.

Council members approved an increase of \$2 for residential



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garbage collection and 17 percent for commercial garbage collection. An increase in the water rate of 20 cents per 1,000 gallons was also approved.

On both measures, Mayor Russ McEwen and council members Tommy Tune, Joann Smoot and Oscar Garcia voted for the proposed rates while council persons Greg Biddison, Chuck Cawthon and Stephanie Horton voted against the final reading.

"We had a good city council meeting," said McEwen. "We were able to take care of some business and

have some frank discussions on some issues that had been brought to us. It is good to have the budget behind us and go on to other business the city needs to take care of."

Also, the city council kept the same tax rate of 65.63 cents per \$100 in property value.

In routine business, the council approved the first reading to lease renewal of the KBYG building to Ballard Broadcasting Company, a lease renewal of the Northside Community Center pool with the Boys Club and a lease renewal with the Northside Community Action

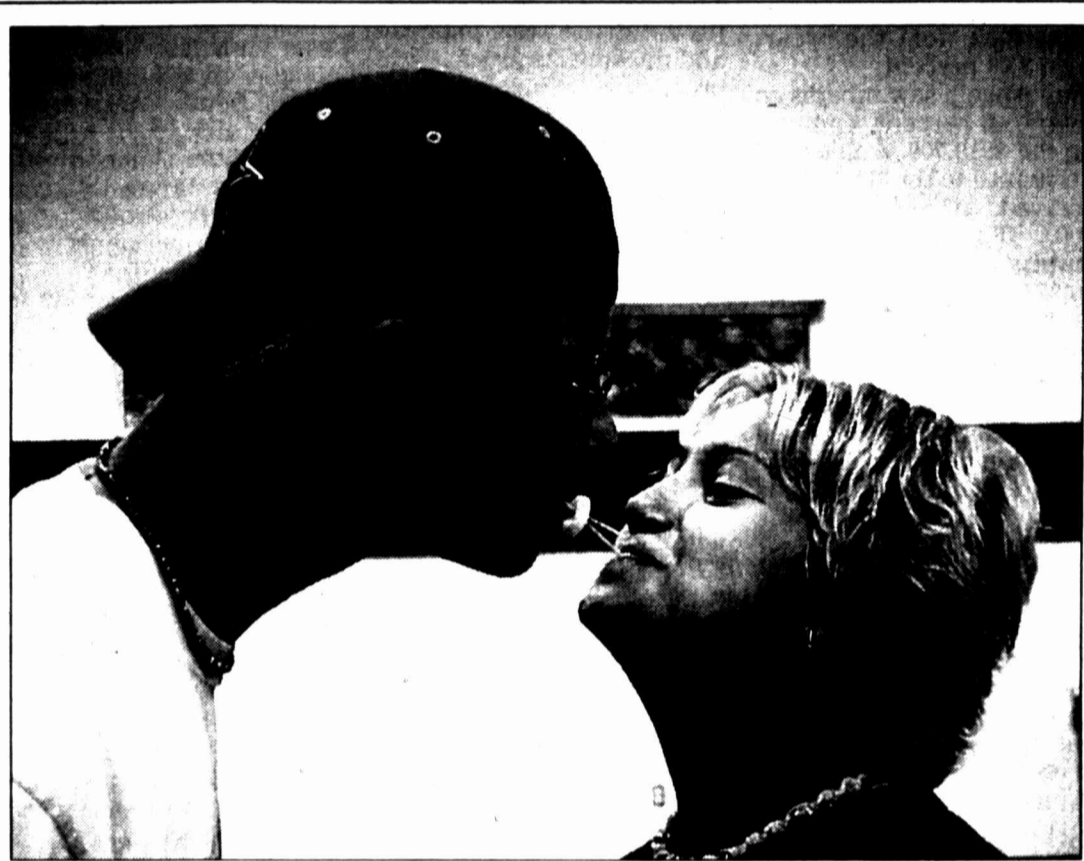
League to provide housing and other services for the homeless.

Following an executive session, council members tabled a vote on renewing the city manager Gary Fuqua's contract until the changes in the contract could be discussed with Fuqua.

Council members voted against the final reading of an ordinance repealing golf fees for city employees until more information could be obtained.

In other business, the council

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SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf students Donny Burflind and Venus Garza pass a Lifesaver candy on a toothpick during Deaflympics Tuesday, part of the SWCID Deaf Awareness Week celebration.

Courtesy photo

Grant means broad band internet access is closer

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Herald Correspondent

Bringing broad band Internet access to the Howard County area moved one step closer when the Texas Infrastructure Fund Board awarded a \$25,000 grant to the cooperative effort of local entities led by Howard College and Moore Development for Big Spring Inc.

"We are so pleased to have received this," said Dr. Joel Michaelis, the college's associate vice president of workforce development. "With this award, we are eligible for the next wave of funding, which holds the promise of \$500,000 in



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grants designed to fund the entire project."

A grass roots effort to bring technologically advanced Internet communication to Howard County began about one year ago. Representatives from Howard College, Moore Development for Big Spring, Howard County, the Big Spring and Coahoma school districts, West Texas Centers for Mental Health and Mental Retardation, the city of Big Spring and the Colorado River Municipal Water District began planning ways of making the concept a reality. Those efforts led to the \$25,000 TIF grant recently received.

Michaelis credited Kent Sharp, executive director of Moore Development, with having the vision and the determination to see the project through. The various entities within the county have joined with Sharp to develop a telecom-

munications infrastructure capable of providing broad band Internet to Howard County.

"Broad band access will increase the speed of Internet reception within Howard County, similar to the service available in larger metropolitan cities. This will catapult Howard County technology into the 21st century," Michaelis said.

The second phase of cooperative effort begins immediately, and has a deadline of mid March, he added.

"We will use this \$25,000 to finalize a plan for bringing this type of service to Howard County," Michaelis said.

Howard County will be the fiscal agent for the grant money, in keeping within the TIF requirements.

For more information contact Sharp at Moore Development, 264-6032, or Michaelis at 264-5010.

Local women are collecting Christmas toys for victims

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Life continues in New York after the Sept. 11 attacks as residents grieve, yet go about their daily business. But many families may not have Christmas on their minds.

A group of Howard County women from area churches does, and wants to make sure those New York children impacted by the tragic events have something special for their Christmas.

"Our goal is to raise 5,000 toys. That's a lot but I think the community can do it," said Sam Cimino, one of the organizers of the drive.

The local drive to raise Christmas toys for the chil-

dren of New York has already begun and will continue through Nov. 1.

The group is reaching out to the community and several local business have already agreed to be a drop off site for the toys including Displays of Splendor, Parks Agency, Places and Pleasures, Harris Lumber, YMCA, West Texas Discount Flooring and Alon.

Big Spring firefighters will be accepting toys at any neighborhood fire station.

Laura Gilbert of the Christian Ministries United Nations based in New York is working with the group to distribute the toys and said at this time this is the only group that had contacted her about doing something for Christmas.

"I think it is wonderful idea," said Gilbert. "The holiday time is usually difficult for grieving people."

Gilbert said New Yorkers

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Sales tax

Big Spring's rebate for September just less than 1 percent

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
News Editor

Sales tax rebates for Big Spring rose less than 1 percent in September, according to the State Comptroller's office.

The Howard County seat was among 17 of 19 communities in the area to experience an increase — however slight — in sales tax rebates for September, compared to September of 2000.

Rebates for Big Spring rose 0.89 percent this month, based on payments of \$260,515.41. That compares to \$258,195.29 in September of 2000. For the year, Big Spring has received rebates totaling \$2,803,044.30, up 5.09 percent.

At Coahoma, rebates jumped 12.36 percent for September. Coahoma received \$4,274.84 this month, compared to \$3,804.55 in September 2000. For the year, Coahoma has received \$35,445.40, down 10.48 percent.

Forsan saw sales tax receipts soar 188.88 percent. The city received \$2,993.33 this month compared to \$1,036.15 in September 2000. For the year, Forsan has received \$28,730.57, up 88.87 percent.

Abilene received \$1,847,506.09 this month, up 7.64 percent from the \$1,716,256.20 received in September of 2000. For the year, the city has received \$18,938,757.22, up 2.73 percent.

Sales tax rebates were up for 1.67 percent for Andrews, which received \$55,504.62 this month, compared to \$54,589.42 in September of 2000. For the

year, Andrews has received \$568,503.48, up 10.81 percent.

Colorado City noted a 1.48 percent increase in rebates, comparing the \$32,023.24 received this month to \$31,553.14 received in September 2000. To date, the city has received \$324,726.68 this year, down 0.52 percent.

Fort Stockton had a 9.66 percent increase in rebates, comparing the \$83,371.50 received this month to the \$76,026.13 taken in during September 2000. For the year, Fort Stockton has received \$763,738.35, up 1.64 percent.

Kermit received \$27,927.05 this month, an increase of 34.57 percent when compared to the \$20,781.27 collected a year ago. To date, Kermit has received \$256,324.62 this year, up 13.53 percent.

Lamesa had an increase of 3.32 percent in sales tax rebates for the month. The Dawson County community received \$60,827.43 compared to \$58,868.61 in September of 2000. For the year, Lamesa has received \$665,671.46, up 2.94 percent.

Sales tax rebates were up 9.02 percent for Lubbock, which received \$2,168,502.06 this month, compared to \$1,989,009.31 last September. For the year, Lubbock has received \$21,213,629.79, up 4.21 percent.

Midland received \$1,263,225.27 this month, up 11.92 percent compared to the \$1,128,668.68 taken in during September of 2000. To date, Midland has received \$12,892,666.29, up 22.48 percent.

Rebates were up strong again for Monahans. The

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HERALD photo/Anshel Medina
Canterbury's Fall Festival included entertainment provided by the Sizzlin' Seniors which included their interpretation of the Village People's YMCA complete with costumes. From left are Mary Ann Fincher, Zelda Abbe, Anna Lou Bradberry and Margie Myers. The festival also featured a hot dog supper and a cake walk.

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OBITUARIES

Yvette Marie Gaytan

Yvette Marie Gaytan, 37, a devoted Christian, went to be with the Lord Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2001, while at home with her loving family and friends.



Yvette was a native Houstonian, graduated from B.F. Terry High School in Rosenberg and received her associates degree from SWICD in Big Spring in 1991. She was also very instrumental in establishing the Drama and Mime Ministry of SWICD.

She is survived by her fiancé, Mark Webb; parents Arnold and Sylvia Lira; grandmother, Anita Lira; sister, Teresa Ann Munoz and husband Mark; brothers, Raymond Gaytan and Paul Vela; nieces Katrina Lopez, Celine Gaytan and Chasady Vela; nephews Mark Munoz Jr., Jonathan Morrow and Paul Vela II; and her dearest friend Marie Dunnan and family.

Ms. Gaytan is also survived by loving aunts, uncles and dear friends.

Funeral service was in the Chapel of Forest Park Westheimer Funeral Home Monday, Sept. 24. Interment was at Forest Park Westheimer Cemetery.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at Living Water Ministries, located at 1008 Birdwell Lane.

Pallbearers were Paul Vela, Raymond Gaytan, Mark Munoz, Mark Webb, Leonardo Campos and Efrain Ortega.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Gynecologic Oncology Cancer Research at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, P.O. Box 297153, Houston 77297.

Arrangements are under the direction of Forest Park Westheimer Cemetery, Funerals & Cremations.

Paid obituary

Irene Pettus Robertson

Funeral service for Irene Pettus Robertson, 87, of Brownsboro, will be 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, 2001, at Leagueville Baptist Church with the Rev. Tom Bragdon officiating. Burial will be at Leagueville Cemetery.

Mrs. Robertson died Monday, Sept. 24, following

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Terry (Turtle) Cunningham, 48, died Sunday. Services are 10:00 AM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

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Trinity Memorial Park and Cemetery
906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331
www.npwelch.com

Daphne Meador Smith, 95, died Sunday. Graveside services will be 2:30 PM Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Anna B. Holms, 75, died Saturday. Services will be 4:00 PM Wednesday at First Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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city received \$72,026.87, up 17.17 percent compared to the \$61,469.65 taken in for September of 2000. Last month, rebates were up 22.11 percent for the Ward County community. To date, Monahans has received \$630,408.35, up 9.38 percent.

September's rebates for Odessa amounted to \$1,067,593.56, up 13.49 percent when compared to \$940,664.97 taken in a year ago. For the year, Odessa has received \$10,570,856.26, up 11.5 percent.

Rebates were up for Pecos. The community received \$63,221.36, compared to \$60,167.17 for September of 2000 — an increase of 5.07 percent. Pecos has received \$565,598.39 for the year, down 3.08 percent.

San Angelo saw rebates go down 0.42 percent, comparing the \$919,709.50 taken in this month to the \$923,619.69 received in September of 2000. The Tom Green County seat has received \$10,221,728.44 this year, up 4.32 percent.

Snyder received \$109,933.92 this month, up 1.4 percent when compared to the \$108,405.98 it received in September of 2000. The Scurry County city has received \$1,055,839.26 for the year, down 1.69 percent.

Stanton received \$8,250.26 this month, down 11.93 percent compared to the \$9,368.34 it received in September a year ago. For the year, the Martin County seat has received \$89,996.26, down 2.9 percent.

Sterling City took in \$8,115.37 in rebates for September, up 65.89 percent compared to the \$4,891.91 received in September of 2000. To date, the community has received \$80,521.82 this year, up 30.74 percent.

Rebates were up 23.6 percent in Sweetwater, comparing this month's receipts of \$190,905.91 to \$122,091.63 taken in a year ago. For the year, Sweetwater has received \$1,425,197.69, up 3.5 percent.

Bankruptcy judge issues ruling in Anna Nicole Smith case

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A federal bankruptcy judge voided a Texas probate court's decision that found former Playboy model Anna Nicole Smith was not entitled to a \$474 million inheritance.

Judge Samuel Bufford agreed Tuesday with claims by Smith, who is also known as Vickie Lynn Marshall, that the Texas judgment violated federal laws, said Philip Boesch, an attorney representing Smith.

The decision is the latest in a long-running legal battle in which Smith has tried to claim an inheritance from her late husband, J. Howard Marshall II. His son, E. Pierce Marshall, has argued that Smith has no claim to the oil tycoon's estate.

In December, Bufford finalized a previous ruling awarding Smith \$474 million from the estate. That ruling came halfway through a Houston probate trial and prompted Smith to abandon her claims in the

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probate court. Her former stepson, E. Pierce Marshall, however, filed new claims in Texas and a jury later found that Smith had no claim to the estate.

U.S. District Judge David O. Carter threw out the original bankruptcy court ruling in May and scheduled his own review of the case. The judge has scheduled a hearing for December in which Smith and E. Pierce Marshall must testify before a decision is made on the award.

"The ruling was essentialy important in the big picture because it eliminated and voided the Texas judgment," Boesch said Tuesday. "The federal court jurisdiction will proceed and the appeals process will proceed in California."

David Margulies, a spokesman for Marshall, said Tuesday that the bankruptcy court's ruling did not address the Houston court's finding that Smith has no rights to the estate.

"Despite six years of litigation, Vickie has not one iota of evidence and not one witness to show that she ever was entitled to any additional money from the Marshall family," Margulies said. "And this action doesn't change that."

Smith, 33, met her former husband in 1991 when she was dancing at a Houston strip club. They married in 1994 and he died the following year at age 90.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Tuesday until 8 a.m. today:

• PRAXEDIS ROGO GONZALES, 40, of 1400 N. Birdwell Lane was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• JIMMY RAY WILLIS, 31, of 810 E. 15th St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• RONALD LEE SIMONEK, 46, of 3611 Hamilton was arrested on a charge of failure to control speed resulting in an accident and driving while intoxicated — second offense, and for two local warrants.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 2600 block of Cheyenne. Someone reportedly kicked the front door open and stole home entertainment equipment worth \$1,724.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 400 block of South Bell, the 2900 block of East Interstate 20 and the 1000 block of North Main.

• DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 600 block of South Goliad.

• MINOR ACCIDENTS were reported in the 700 block of East 11th Place, the 700 block of Settles and the 700 block of South Birdwell Lane.

• ASSAULT BY THREAT was reported in the 2300 block of Roberts.

• THEFT was reported in the 1000 block of South Gregg. About \$100 in cash was reported stolen.

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SUPPORT GROUPS

TODAY

• Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8926.

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

• 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.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

• Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

FRIDAY

• Turning Point A.A., 8:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

• AA, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

• Narcotics Anonymous, 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

• Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

BRIEFS

BIG SPRING JUNIOR HIGH

will be sponsoring a Scholastic Book Fair Sept. 24-28.

It will be open to the public from 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

All proceeds will go towards purchasing new books for the BSJHS library.

SANDRA PAYNE CANCER FUND Contributions are need to help with the cost of hospital expenses. Payne is presently at MD Anderson Hospital in Houston due to Renal Cell Carcinoma.

Please send contributions to Wells Fargo Bank, c/o Sandra Payne Cancer Fund in Big Spring.

For further information contact Jeanie Knocke at Wells Fargo Bank, 268-6212. Or Johnny Moore at the Texas Department of Transportation in Big Spring at 267-8691.

DONATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED

at the Coahoma Dairy Queen at 108 NW Broadway for the Hero's Fund to provide relief for the family's of the fireman and police who lost their lives in the rescue efforts in New York at the World Trade Center on Sept. 11.

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

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or

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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.

SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

MARKETS

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Table with 2 columns: Stock Name and Price Change. Includes AT&T, Archer-Daniels, Atmos Energy, BP PLC ADR, Chevron Corp, Citigroup, Compaq, Cornell, Dell, Du Pont, Exxon Mobil, Halliburton, IFCO Systems, IBM, Intel Corp, NUV, Patterson Ener, Pepsico Inc, Phillips Petro, SBC Comms, Sears Roebuck, Texaco Inc, Texas Instrument, TXU, Total Fina, Unocal Corp, Wal-Mart, Wal-Mart/Mexico, AMCAP, Europacific, Prime Rate, Gold, Silver.

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary of the Big Spring Fire Department and EMS:

12:21 a.m. — 3300 block of West Hwy 80, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

2:59 a.m. — 600 block of Driver Rd., medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

7:07 a.m. — 2500 block of Carol, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

2:37 p.m. — 500 block of NW Seventh, medical call, service refused.

2:47 p.m. — 2600 block of Barksdale, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

5:03 p.m. — 1000 block of Bluebonnet, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

7:08 p.m. — 700 block of Birdwell, trauma call, service refused.

9:16 p.m. — 1700 block of Kentucky Way, medical call, service refused.

RECORDS

Tuesday's high 75
Tuesday's low 50
Record high 104 in 1951
Record low 39 in 1926
Average high 84
Average low 57
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Month to date 1.00
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Former state GOP head urging Gramm to reconsider decision

HOUSTON (AP) — Although a former head of the Texas GOP is urging U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm to reconsider his decision against seeking a fourth term, the senator's camp says that's not likely and two candidates have already announced for the job.

Gramm's leadership is critical as the nation struggles to repair economic damage caused by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Tom Pauken said Tuesday.

Gramm announced his decision to retire one week before terrorists struck New York and Washington. No is still the answer, a spokesman said.

"The decision was heart-wrenching," said the senator's spokesman, Larry Neal. "And while we are flattered at the attention and concern, the decision stands. Sen. Gramm plans to leave office at the end of his term."

Among conservative

Republicans, Pauken contends that a "real groundswell" is developing to encourage Gramm, who has fought for conservative budget and tax policies, to seek another term.

"The world has changed, and we need him up there," said Pauken, citing stock market losses, massive airline layoffs and other economic disruptions stemming from the terrorism.

Pauken lost a Republican race in 1998 for attorney

general to John Cornyn. The attorney general announced last week that he'll seek the Republican nomination for Gramm's seat.

Cornyn had put off his campaign announcement last week because of the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington.

U.S. Reps. Joe Barton of Ennis and Henry Bonilla of San Antonio, are potential Republican primary opponents. They delayed

announcing decisions about the Senate race because of last week's tragedy, but were expected to announce their decisions in the coming weeks.

Austin lawyer Ed Cunningham has announced for the Democratic nomination.

Pauken said his past rivalry with Cornyn had nothing to do with his plea to Gramm.

"I can't think of anybody better than Phil Gramm to

put together an economic development package," said Pauken. "Phil Gramm is the leading economic conservative in the Senate."

There's plenty of time, Neal said, before Gramm's term expires at the end of next year for the senator to help deal with the nation's economic recovery.

"It is our hope that much of the business at hand, dealing with the attacks, will be dispensed with before we leave," said Neal.

TEXAS BRIEFS

Firm's accounts frozen, investment cited

DALLAS (AP) — Citing an investment from the wife of a top Hamas political leader, the Treasury Department has frozen two bank accounts of a North Texas Internet service provider already under investigation by a federal terrorism task force, according to a published report.

Arch McColl, an attorney for InfoCom Corp., said that the \$250,000 annuity investment by Nadia Elashi Marzook in 1993 was the only explanation the agency gave in a letter to company owner Bayan Elashi announcing the decision.

Investor Nadia Marzook is married to Mousa Abu Marzook, a former U.S. resident who is now deputy of the Hamas political bureau in Damascus, Syria. Since 1995, Marzook has been on a Treasury Department list of specially designated terrorists, making his assets subject to seizure.

Hamas is a militant Palestinian movement blamed for scores of attacks against soldiers and civilians in Israel.

McColl said Nadia Marzook's investment was legal and not connected to finances from Mousa Marzook or Hamas.

Representatives of the FBI in Dallas and the Treasury Department in Washington declined to comment on the freezing of InfoCom's assets.

Mold may cause higher premiums

AUSTIN (AP) — Concerns over mold may soon cause an increase in insurance premiums already substantially higher than the standard rates set by state regulators, according to new premium comparisons by the Texas Department of Insurance.

A review by the department shows that the vast majority of insurers have priced their policies higher than the standard rates, which are supposed to allow companies to earn a reasonable profit.

Consumer groups say Texans are being charged too much for homeowners' insurance, a charge evidenced earlier by a national study that showed Texans pay the highest premiums in the country.

"When you have the highest rates in the country, the rates ought to be coming down, not going up," said D.J. Powers of the Center for Economic Justice, which represents low-income and small-business consumers.

Rick Gentry of the Insurance Council of Texas told The Dallas Morning News in Wednesday editions that rates have increased because insurers have been hit by increased property losses.

The situation will worsen if nothing is done soon to address the growing problem of mold damage in homes, he said.

The statistics released this week also found that Nueces County homeowners are more likely to file mold damage claims than other parts of the state.

New contractor faces strike threat

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — The new contractor for aircraft maintenance at Sheppard Air Force Base is facing a possible strike by union members.

Members of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Local 2771 say they plan a walk-out with Lear Siegler Inc. if negotiations falter before the company takes over maintenance of Sheppard's trainer jets on Monday.

Officials of LSI lost the maintenance contract to Lockheed Martin in 1997. But they won it back in an 8-year, \$230 million deal awarded them in July.

Union officials on Tuesday criticized the company's proposed contract changes, including dropping six employees who are off work on short-term or long-term disability.

"This company does not want to give a guarantee to bring them back to work," chief union steward Jody Bennett told the Wichita Falls Times Record News in Wednesday's editions. "To me, that's just unacceptable. That ought to be that person's job until they voluntarily terminate employment or retire."

Last victim of bridge collapse identified

PORT ISABEL (AP) — Officials on Tuesday identified the last of the eight victims killed when a tug boat struck the Queen Isabella Causeway and cars plummeted into the water some 85 feet below after portions of the bridge collapsed.

Recovery workers identified the final victim as Julio Mireles, 22, of Los Fresnos. Mireles' body was found inside his Mazda sports car when the vehicle was pulled from the water Monday. His identity was not released until Tuesday because officials wanted to notify family members.

Another body also was retrieved Monday and one was recovered Sunday, more than a week after four barges loaded with steel coils and guided by a tugboat slammed into the South Texas bridge on Sept. 15.

The two were retrieved from a Ford sport utility vehicle that was pulled from the water in two sections a day apart. The victims were identified as Barry Welch, 53, and his wife Chealsa Welch, 23.

Two more unoccupied vehicles were expected to be retrieved from the bay, but the primary goal of retrieving victims has been achieved, said Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman Adrian Rivera.

"Our personnel are relieved that these vehicles have been located and we hope this brings some closure to the families that were involved in the tragic incident," Rivera said.

State officials said a joint investigation of the accident is ongoing. The Coast Guard, meanwhile, is conducting a marine safety investigation and has a hearing scheduled for Oct. 9 in Corpus Christi.

During the weekend, demolition crews removed tons of concrete and other debris that delayed recovery work until Monday.

Repairs to the 2.37-mile-long bridge — the only vehicular link between the mainland and South Padre Island and the longest bridge in Texas — could take four months and cost \$5 million.

Gov. Rick Perry asked the federal Small Business Administration on Monday to activate the Economic Injury Disaster Loan pro-

gram for businesses in Cameron County affected by the collapse.

Hotels, restaurants and retail shops were hard hit when the bridge collapse cut short the tourist season, Perry said.

Businesses that can't meet financial obligations or pay operating expenses because of the collapse are eligible. Loan amounts would be

based on need. The accident comes amid a call for a second causeway to the island.

The Brownsville City Commission was scheduled to vote Tuesday evening on a resolution against a proposed causeway at Holly Beach, north of Port Isabel.

The resolution calls for a look at alternatives such as ferries, a sister bridge near

the Queen Isabella Causeway or a bridge at the original causeway site, south of the current bridge, to avoid a negative economic impact on Brownsville.

Meanwhile, a draft of a plan for a second bridge between the island and Holly Beach is to be presented Thursday at a Texas Transportation Commission meeting in Austin.

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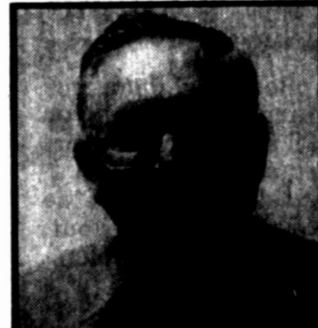
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OTHER VIEWS

Put attention on behavior, not nationality

Americans, many of foreign descent themselves, are glancing over their shoulders these days at Arab-looking men and wondering if the men are radical Muslim fundamentalists on a jihad to destroy "evil" America.

Then Americans, defenders of liberty and opponents of discrimination, are feeling guilty about thinking such thoughts. In a country that's a blend of many different races, religions and cultures, the dance between judgments and honest judgments is delicate. It is a balancing act all Americans will have to learn to help prevent more terrorist attacks.

Law enforcement has asked for citizens to report any clues in the Sept. 11 attacks. These leads could help identify more members of the terrorist network. This is not a call for racial or ethnic profiling. In fact, the Texas Legislature passed measures effective Sept. 1 that seek to prohibit racial profiling by law officers.

Danny Defenbaugh, the special agent in charge of the Dallas FBI office, says, "There's a difference between racial profiling and criminal profiling. You've got certain patterns and practices involved in these types of crimes."

For one, the World Trade Center/Pentagon crimes already have been committed, and authorities know Arab terrorists were involved. Looking more closely at suspects with an Arab background makes sense. The difference between such investigative profiling and racial profiling is that racial profiling generally involves random scrutiny of people simply based on their race without reference to a specific crime or probable cause.

In the past week, some behavior has been viewed with greater suspicion.

One person reported his next-door neighbors picked up and left the day after the attacks abandoning all their belongings. They didn't appear to be going on vacation.

Many of the terrorists used cash for large purchases or used a credit card to confirm a purchase but paid cash. This was one of the actions that raised the suspicions of a flight school in Minnesota.

The sight of many people coming and going late at night to a home rented to a Middle Eastern man alerted one family in Vienna, Va., to the need to contact authorities.

Profiling the Sept. 11 terrorists who hail from different countries can be hard. Some involved in the attacks were "sleeper agents," dispatched to the U.S. years ago.

Keeping the focus on behaviors rather than mere nationality should help avoid McCarthyism with a Middle Eastern twist.

MORNING NEWS
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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:
I would like to express my opinion on what happen in New York and how it effects people here in Big Spring. A political figure here in Big Spring made a comment that what happened in New York does not affect people here in Big Spring. He is so wrong!

everywhere were changed including mine. That is when I lost a loved one, who without regard to his life went in that mess and tried to rescue any survivors. This tragedy will live in our minds forever and people's lives will be changed because of it no matter where they live.

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Taking a trip to Skagway aboard a ferry

This is no cruise. Let me get that straight, first rattle out of the box.

I don't do cruises. It makes me nervous when people wait on me.

The ship I'm catching here, the Columbia, is part of the Alaska public ferry system, moving along the so-called "Marine Highway." All year long the Columbia and other vessels like it ferry passengers up and down the Inside Passage from Bellingham to Skagway, Alaska, along with their cars and trucks and dogs and dreams and pup tents.

We're a ragtag group of travelers — tourists, teens, terriers and sturdy Alaskans ready to return home. Nobody dresses for dinner. Nobody gets hair done. Nobody entertains in the aft deck lounge.

Some of us have small cabins, some of us sleep on plastic chaise lounges in the solarium, others pitch

tents on deck. I spring for a cabin, more for the bathroom than the bunk.

I don't share showers. It makes me nervous when people wait on me.

Departure from Bellingham is a heady experience. People left on the dock are waving extravagantly, as if we are headed off to war, or Mars. Two girls use their bodies to spell out messages. "WE LOVE YOU," they say with outstretched arms and bent waists and other contortionist calisthenics.

One old woman boards with a bouquet of hydrangeas in a Mason jar. Someone has seen her off in style.

I lug my carpetbag and yard-sale train case and sack of books to Cabin 151. The books weigh more than everything else. I have "Passage to Juneau" and Mary Hood's "And Venus Is Blue" and half a dozen other flavors from which to choose. You can't tell what your literary appetite might be once under way.

The room is plenty comfortable, with a little window that lets you look out at garbage scowls or killer whales or Ketchikan. I tie

back the curtain for the duration.

Less than an hour from shore, everyone seems to have found a comfortable spot to nest. The young cluster in the video arcade or movie room, or pair off in their tents. The old people fill the bow's inside observation lounge, with its panoramic view. The thirsty go straight to the bar, and others hie to the dining room.

I stay outside until after dark, watching the lights of Victoria, British Columbia, disappear and feeling luckier than payday Friday. I can tell right away I'm going to like this transportation mode. As public transportation goes, it harkens to something ancient and elegant.

It's better than an airplane; you can move freely about, and nobody's forever pitching peanuts at you.

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We the People

Ten dollars is ... 10 dollars

Wallace Cook of De Leon collects jokes. He gets many of them from the internet. Sometimes he'll be at his computer for hours looking for jokes.

"Well, I tell them just because I like to watch people laugh. I have two or three levels. I have some I can tell anybody and some I tell just in closed rooms. Small town humor goes a long way in the city. They enjoy the country stuff."

One of the most recent ones he's told in mixed company is this one: A young couple got married and went to the county fair on their honeymoon. A pilot was there offering airplane rides for 10 dollars. The new bride said, "I

sure would like to take an airplane ride."

Her husband replied, "We can't afford it."

The wife said, "But it's just 10 dollars."

He said, "I don't care. Ten dollars is 10 dollars."

They came back in five years and the scene was repeated.

She said, "I'd sure like an airplane ride."

He said, "We can't afford it. Ten dollars is 10 dollars."

This went on every four or five years and she never got to ride in an airplane. Finally on their golden wedding anniversary they were back at the fair.

She said, "Look, I'm 73 years old and I want to ride that airplane."

He said, "We can't afford it. Ten dollars is 10 dollars."

The pilot heard them and told the couple, "I'll tell you what I'll do. Since it's your anniversary, I'll give you a special deal. If you can ride with me and not open your mouth, not squeal, scream

or holler, you can ride free. But if you open your mouth it's gonna cost you 10 dollars."

The man agreed to the deal.

So they got into the two-wing plane with an open cockpit and they took off. The pilot did a hard bank to the right, a hard bank to the left, then a complete belly roll. He didn't hear a peep out of the passengers.

He then went straight up, stalled out, turned a flip and still didn't hear a sound from them. He thought to himself "I can't believe they sat through that and didn't holler."

So he went back and did the same routine again: hard bank to the right, hard bank to the left, then a belly roll. Not a sound.

Back on the ground, he said "I can't believe you kept quiet through all that. But a deal is a deal. You get to ride free."

The old man said, "I nearly said something when my wife fell out, but 10 dollars is 10 dollars."



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Bush eyes security improvements; Justice Department warns of other plots

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush plans to push for sweeping changes in airport security, including armed officers on almost every flight, as the Justice Department warns that terrorists may be plotting more destruction.

With that in mind, the House voted to divert money from Bush's missile defense program to counterterrorism efforts.

Even as the U.S. military continued to mobilize for a strike at terrorists and a U.S. envoy briefed NATO officials in Brussels, Belgium, the Bush administration sent last-chance

overtures toward Afghanistan's Taliban militia.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said in an Associated Press interview that the Taliban rulers could avert a war with America by turning over Saudi exile Osama bin Laden, the No. 1 suspect in the Sept. 11 terror attacks, and rip up the al-Qaida terrorism network.

Bush suggested that Afghans rise up against the Taliban. He said the best way to fight terrorism "is to ask for the cooperation of citizens within Afghanistan who may be tired of having the Taliban in place or tired

of having Osama bin Laden."

The increasing pressure on the Taliban comes as federal investigators find more evidence of an international terrorist network which may still be operating.

Attorney General John Ashcroft on Tuesday told Congress that terrorists may be planning an attack using a truck carrying hazardous chemicals. Twenty people have been charged with trying to obtain fraudulent licenses to drive tanker trucks, officials said. Some of those arrested in connection with the tanker licenses may have connec-

tions to the hijackers, the Justice Department said.

"Terrorism is a clear and present danger to Americans today," Ashcroft told a Senate hearing.

Making the skies seem safer was an immediate concern for the Bush administration and Congress following the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, during which hijackers crashed two planes into the World Trade Center, a third into the Pentagon and a fourth in a field in southwestern Pennsylvania. More than 6,000 people were believed killed.

Bush met Tuesday with

Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta to discuss airline security measures as lawmakers clamored for action.

A Bush proposal was likely to include giving the federal government a greater role in overseeing private security companies that work in airports. Bush was said to be cool to the idea of arming pilots.

The Federal Aviation Administration was advertising for air marshals — and more than 100,000 people have downloaded the application off the agency's Web site. The administration and Congress want to

see armed marshals on most, if not all, flights.

Federal law enforcement officials from other agencies are being quickly trained and pressed into service until the new crop of marshals is hired.

Bush officials also want to replace relatively flimsy, easy to open, cockpit doors with something more sturdy.

The House voted in support of a \$343 billion defense bill late Tuesday, boosting money to fight terrorism by \$400 million, for a total of about \$6 billion.

The Senate has stalled on the issue.

\$500 million donated; Charities, officials try to coordinate efforts

NEW YORK (AP) — Checks are pouring into charities for victims of the terrorist attacks with pledges nationwide rising quickly past \$500 million, even as officials try to get a handle on the number of relief efforts and how best to coordinate them.

The wave of financial support after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, whether small offerings from schoolchildren or \$10 million corporate bequests, is already reaching victims and their families who are trying to cover the rent or pay for funerals.

With the money come awkward issues: how to coordinate scores of organizations seeking donations; how to monitor the delivery of help to victims; and what to advise donors so they are confident their money is well-spent.

Relief organizations were to meet Wednesday with New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer, whose office regulates charities in the state.

"The goal is to ensure that all of the groups are working together, and that every dime possible goes to the victims of the tragedy," said Scott Brown, a spokesman for Spitzer. "We're hoping to ensure that things run efficiently and smoothly."

Officials say the \$500 million figure is a rough estimate and likely low.

Brown said the state's Charities Bureau estimated \$500 million at a minimum, with at least 100 relief organizations soliciting funds. The Chronicle of Philanthropy, a biweekly newspaper of the nonprofit world, estimated \$558 million.

The American Red Cross said pledges hit \$202 million; donations to last week's multi-network telethon brought in \$150

million; The September 11 Fund brought in \$115 million; the Salvation Army reported \$25 million in the New York area alone; Catholic Charities USA reported \$1 million.

In addition, an estimated \$128 million was pledged in grants from corporations and foundations not associated with the Red Cross or September 11 Fund, according to the Chronicle. Some of that could be counted by other organizations.

"We've got just hundreds of checks coming in. We're trying to keep up," said Kathy Whelpley with the Survivors' Fund of the Community Foundation of the National Capital Region.

The fund, which will help pay long-term needs like medical care, counseling and scholarships for victims of the Pentagon attack, has collected \$4 million, she said.

The Red Cross donations surpassed all previous fund-raising records following a catastrophe, said Deborah Goldberg at the organization's headquarters in Washington.

The organization raised \$10 million after the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, \$24 million after Hurricane Hugo in 1989 and \$104 million after Hurricane Andrew in 1992.

On the streets of New York, hundreds turned out to get help.

At a center on the Hudson River, the city set up temporary offices for aid workers complete with day care, a TV room and dining tables with flowers.

"It's incredibly well organized," said Elizabeth McCarthy, who saw more than 500 people in the past few days seeking help from Safe Horizon, a nonprofit organization that provides short-term emergency help.

Rumsfeld says campaign will be long, bloody

WASHINGTON (AP) — In its latest preparations for the war on terrorism, the Pentagon has called up National Guard and Reserve soldiers who secure ports and military bases, gather information about enemies and identify human remains.

Military officials on Tuesday brought nearly 2,000 more reservists from the Air Force, Army and Navy to active duty. They include 190 members of an Army Reserve mortuary unit from Puerto Rico that will help recover remains of the more than 6,000 missing from the attack on the World Trade Center.

Many of the soldiers will help beef up security inside the United States while others will go overseas, Pentagon officials say. Which troops and equipment are going where is a closely guarded secret.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld prepared for a breakfast meeting Wednesday with top congressional leaders. On Tuesday, he continued Bush

administration efforts to prepare the public for a long, perhaps bloody, campaign.

"It will not be an antiseptic war, I regret to say," Rumsfeld said at a Pentagon news conference. "It will be difficult. It will be dangerous. And ... the likelihood is that more people may be lost."

Rumsfeld said the new war will not start with a massive offensive such as D-Day, the final allied push in Europe during World War II.

"It is by its very nature something that cannot be dealt with by some sort of massive attack or invasion," he said. "It is a much more subtle, nuanced, difficult, shadowy set of problems."

Rumsfeld predicted the campaign would last "not five minutes or five months," but years.

The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks against the United States left nearly 7,000 people dead or missing in New York City, at the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania.

The Pentagon announced that an additional 1,940 reservists from 16 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia were called to active duty. They bring to 14,318 the number of Reserve and National Guard members called so far under a partial mobilization order President Bush signed after the Sept. 11 attacks. Bush authorized the Pentagon to call as many as 50,000 to active duty.

Also, about 200 soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky., were sent to each of two chemical weapons storage facilities in Kentucky and Indiana to augment security, according to officials at those sites. A spokeswoman said there had been no specific threat against either place.

The military campaign — separate from the financial, diplomatic and law enforcement tools being mobilized against terrorism — has been code-named "Enduring Freedom," Rumsfeld said.

The name first chosen, "Infinite Justice," was

scrapped after the administration recognized that in the Islamic faith such finality is considered something provided only by Allah, the Arabic word for God.

The U.S. is assembling a large force in the Persian Gulf and Arabian Sea — including at least two aircraft carriers, with two more reportedly headed in that direction. Each ship carries about 5,000 sailors and 75 aircraft and is accompanied by about a dozen warships, generally including attack submarines and destroyers capable of firing cruise missiles.

The United States also has warplanes at land bases in Saudi Arabia and elsewhere in the Persian Gulf region, and it plans to put Air Force B-52 bombers on the Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia.

A key element of the military campaign is expected to be U.S. special operations forces, the clandestine warriors who operate behind enemy lines, sometimes in helicopter-delivered raids.

A different landscape as Gore ponders future

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Al Gore faces a political landscape that has shifted dramatically and a world shaken by terrorism as he prepares to step back into the limelight.

On Saturday, Gore is scheduled to address the biggest annual fund-raising event in a state where the presidential nominating season begins. State Democratic Party officials say they're going forward with the event despite the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, and some said Gore could add to public understanding of terrorism.

"Gore knows national security like few other people," said Chicago political consultant David Axelrod. "If he goes there and speaks softly about terrorism and

the national interest, it could be interesting. He could exhort people to support the president and that would be helpful."

The event comes as Gore begins raising his profile after his agonizingly narrow loss of the White House. Now he must deal not only with a nation focused on anything but politics, but a party that isn't ready to concede the nomination to him.

"If he is going to run again, he is going to have to win a nomination," said Jeff Link. "It's not going to be handed to him."

Link, a former top aide to Sen. Tom Harkin, ran Gore's campaign in the state last year, and has maintained ties since the election. Paulee Lipsman, a veteran

activist who was a big Gore backer in the last campaign, said Democrats look at Gore cautiously. "People invested a lot of time, money and effort in that campaign. You don't do that again unless there's some assurance that something is going to be different."

The doubts come as Gore raises his profile in the state where precinct caucuses launch the presidential nominating season. Since his loss, Gore has been low

key, appearing at select campaign events and putting together a training academy for activists.

Gore is the keynote speaker at the Iowa Democratic Party's annual Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner, a prized forum before thousands of the state's most active Democrats.

The event is shaping up as a far different one than the traditional, hotly partisan, bash-the-Republicans evening.

Stocks stabilize, but long-term volatility isn't over

NEW YORK (AP) — Despite enjoying two positive sessions after a week of heavy declines, many Wall Street watchers weren't convinced that the upward trend would last.

Analysts said the same uncertainty that drove the market to one of its worst performances ever last week is still around: worries about the economy generally, along with specific concerns about the business fallout from this month's terrorist attacks.

"Investors want to know what's going to happen going forward. And we still don't know," said Will Braman, chief investment officer at John Hancock Funds. "We should start to get some hints when third-quarter earnings are released."

The Dow Jones industrial average closed Tuesday up 56.11 at 8,659.97, bringing its two-day advance to more than 424 points. The blue chip index plunged 1,369 points last week.

Analysts were generally pleased with Wall Street's performance, noting the indexes had withstood several waves of profit-taking from Monday's big rally.

"We're still seeing buying and that's a step in the right direction," said Bryan Piskorowski, market commentator at Prudential Securities. "This has been a constructive session."

The market calmly digested a Conference Board report showing consumer confidence this month at its lowest level since January 1996, falling to 97.6 from 114 in August. The numbers are closely watched because consumer spending accounts for two-thirds of the economy.

They said the bigger concern for the market is still corporate profits, which show few signs of improving and which are expected to be further hurt by fallout from the attacks.

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New 'books for Dummies' are now available at the Howard County Library

Thanks to all who came out to the Friends of the Library Book Sale on Saturday, September 22.

There was a steady stream of people all day long and I don't think anyone went away empty handed.

I found some favorite Dick Francis' books that I wanted for my own library and don't even ask me about paperbacks! I think everyone is familiar with the "Dummies" books; they break down various subjects to basic and easily understood terms on any and all topics.

Howard County Library has received over 20 Dummies guides and that is the focus for today's column.

When you come to the library, look for these in the New Book section.

They will be on a separate shelf and are easily recognized by their bright yellow and black covers.

Zig Ziglar is a renowned motivational speaker who addresses over 300,000 people every year.

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Additional Dummy books focus on what careers you want and how to achieve it are: "Managing Your Career for Dummies", by Max Messmer; and "Cool

Careers for Dummies" is written by Marty Nemko.

Joyce Lain Kennedy who writes a syndicated column "Careers" (look in the Dallas Morning News for it) has updated her books "Resumes for Dummies" and "Cover Letters for Dummies".

In "Resumes" you will find out how to tailor your resume; make the most of online opportunities, and create a first-rate e-mail resume.

"Cover Letters" will help you to create a specific letter to answer ads, approach recruiters, and request information.

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Okay, you got that wonderful job in San Diego using the above books.

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Dr. Alan L. Rubin, M.D., has authored two books for those who suffer from diabetes or perhaps cares for a diabetic person.

"Diabetes for Dummies" explains how to prevent, understand and manage the disease, choose the best treatment plan for

yourself or a loved one; and where to go online for additional help.

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"Pregnancy for Dummies" and "Parenting for Dummies" will guide you in raising your child from birth to preteens.

Perhaps you will need "First Aid & Safety for Dummies" too!

It tells you how to accident-proof your home, how to deal effectively with emergencies, administer CPR and the Heimlich maneuver, and many other helpful hints.

Other "Dummy" books are "Etiquette for Dummies" - advice on raising well-mannered children and find out how to do the right thing in any social situation.

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Discover how to relieve tension at home and at work; how to deal with difficult people, and to tame your anger and worry.

This book gives many action-oriented ways of coping with your anxiety about anxiety.

Sports fiends take note: we have "Dummy" books on soccer, tennis, football, baseball, basketball and NASCAR also.

All of these books can be found in the New Book area.

Remember, Howard County Library is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Children's Story Time is every Wednesday at 10 a.m.

The Library is located at 500 Main St.

Hollis McCright writes a weekly column highlighting the newest selections available at the library.

CBS releases cast for the third 'Survivor' series held at wildlife reserve in Kenya

NEW YORK (AP) — A goat farmer, a dentist and a professional soccer player are among the cast members for the third "Survivor" series on CBS, set to debut Oct. 11.

CBS executives are eager to see whether the public's appetite for the reality game will change because of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11. The second edition earlier this year was the most popular series of the TV season.

The 16 players were stranded in the Shaba National Reserve in Kenya, Africa. The cast members:

—Carl Bilancione, 46, a dentist from Winter Springs, Fla.

—Clarence Black, 24, a high school basketball

coach from Detroit.

—Tom Buchanan, 46, a goat farmer from Rich Valey, Va.

—Jessie Camacho, 27, a deputy sheriff from Orlando, Fla.

—Teresa Cooper, 42, a flight attendant from Jackson, Ga.

—Silas Gaither, 23, a bartender from Germantown, Tenn., currently living in Los Angeles.

—Frank Garrison, 43, a telephone technician from Odessa, N.Y.

—Kelly Goldsmith, 22, a recent Duke University graduate from Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., working as a behavioral research analyst.

—Kim Johnson, 57, a

retired school teacher from Oyster Bay, N.Y.

—Diane Ogden, 42, a mail carrier from Lincoln, Neb.

—Kim Powers, 29, a freelance marketer from Conshohocken, Pa.

—Brandon Quinton, 25, a bartender from Dallas.

—Lindsey Richter, 27, an advertising account executive from Portland, Ore.

—Linda Spencer, 44, a career counselor from Cambridge, Mass.

—Lex van den Berghe, 38, a marketing manager from Santa Cruz, Calif.

—Ethan Zohn, 27, a former professional soccer player and now a coach from Lexington, Mass., currently living in New York City.

Asteroid photos show complex surface with dust 'ponds' likely formed after impacts

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Photos taken by the first spacecraft to land on an asteroid show a landscape littered with boulders, small rocks and other debris that appear to have partly eroded and settled into mysterious "ponds" of thick dust, researchers say.

The photos taken by the Near Earth Asteroid Rendezvous spacecraft, called NEAR, add evidence to the theory that even the weak gravity of an asteroid can hold on to much of the flying debris created when struck by another object such as a meteorite or comet.

But the photos of the asteroid Eros also created a new puzzle for astronomers who wonder why much of that debris appears to have eroded - without any wind or water in the airless void of space.

"It continues to surprise us, and to add to our amazement about how diverse the surface of an asteroid can be," said Joseph Veverka, a Cornell University

astronomer and lead author in a series of three articles on Eros in the Thursday edition of the journal Nature.

NEAR was never designed to land on an asteroid. But after it orbited Eros for a year, taking thousands of high-resolution images of the 21-mile-long asteroid, scientists decided to gently crash the spacecraft into the surface last February.

The spacecraft sent back 70 photos of Eros during its descent, including a final sequence that shows a transition from a rough surface to a smooth pond of fine, loose material.

Veverka said photos of the asteroids Gaspra and Ida, and of Phobos, a satellite of Mars, show areas comparable to Eros but none of the pond-like deposits at the bottom of craters.

The fine material in the deposits appears to have been sorted from the upper portion of the potato-shaped asteroid's regolith, or loose soil. The close-up photos of Eros also show that some blocks of rocky debris

appear to have weathered and collapsed.

"Clearly, there is something else going on that is moving things downhill."

The astronomers believe the erosion may partly be due to an electrostatic effect observed on the moon's surface. Tiny particles can build up photoelectric charges with long exposure to the sun, causing dust to rise and settle. But the effect would be unlikely to produce deposits the size of those found on Eros, researchers say.

In an accompanying commentary, Erik Asphaug of the University of California at Santa Cruz, said the heavy layer of dust could pose a problem for robot or even human explorers in the future. But it also could represent a relatively easy way to mine asteroids for their abundant metals, including precious metals such as gold and platinum.

"They'll be making soda cans out of platinum if they're successful," Asphaug said.

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Big Spring basketball boosters to

The Big Spring basketball team will be meeting at 7:30 at Steer Gym. A number of players are attending the Tuesday. For more information, call Brian at 267-7748.

Big Spring for Harley riders

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Big Spring Harley riders will be actively see Harley-Davidson cycle owners to participate in week's high school rally on Friday when the Big Steers start dis against the Mustangs with pep Rally at Bl Field that will many Harley possible. Ritch theme for this rally is: "Steers and that the simply for fun."

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IN BRIEF

Big Spring basketball boosters to meet

The Big Spring High basketball team's booster club will be having a meeting at 7:30 on Oct. 16 at Steer Gym. All parents of players are urged to attend the Tuesday meeting. For more information, call Brian Ellington at 267-7748.

Big Spring looking for Harley riders

If you have a Harley, then you are a wanted person, at least this week at Big Spring.

Big Spring High principal Mike Ritchey is actively seeking all Harley-Davidson motor cycle owners and riders to participate in this week's high school pep rally on Friday afternoon when the Big Spring Steers start district play against the Andrews Mustangs with a special pep Rally at Blankenship Field that will feature as many Harley riders as possible. Ritchey said the theme for this week's pep rally is "Steers on Hogs" and that the reason is simply for fun.

"It's just a fun motivational thing to build some extra excitement to start our district season with Andrews," Ritchey explained. "Basically, there is nothing more exciting than the sight and sound of a Harley, so we hope that everyone who has one will give us a call and be part of our pep rally on Friday."

Ritchey said interested hog riders should call the school to confirm their ability to participate and that the riders would gather in the parking lot by the gym on 10th street at 2:15 p.m. on Friday.

He said he might manage to ride a hog himself, but that students will have to wait and see.

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GARDEN CITY —at Midland Trinity, 8 p.m.
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SANDS — at Ropes, 7:30 p.m.

STANTON — vs. Midland Christian, 8 p.m.

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GARDEN CITY — at Lubbock, 10 a.m.

TENNIS
BIG SPRING —vs. Plainview, TBA.

VOLLEYBALL
BIG SPRING — vs. Friendship, 2 p.m.

ON THE AIR

Radio
2 p.m. — Seattle Maimers at Texas Rangers, KBST, 1490, AM.
6:40 p.m. — St. Louis Cardinals at Houston Astros, KBST, 1490 AM

Television
BASEBALL
6 p.m. — Atlanta Braves at Florida Marlins, TBS, Ch. 11.
7 p.m. — St. Louis at Houston Astros, ESPN2, Ch. 125.

Strange says Ryder Cup team to donate \$520,000 to relief effort

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Ryder Cup matches have been postponed, but not the charity.

U.S. captain Curtis Strange said Tuesday his team will donate \$520,000 to the National Disaster Relief Fund, while the PGA of America said it would give \$500,000.

The pledges were announced during the "Tribute of America" at Fiesta Texas theme park, a patriotic rally that featured

three Ryder Cup players, nearly a few tears and a videotaped message from President Bush.

Bush commended the PGA Tour for moving forward by resuming its tournaments, and had a special message for Strange.

"I'm sorry we missed our dinner last week, but the invitation still stands," he said.

The U.S. team was supposed to have dinner with the Bush before leaving for

England to play the Ryder Cup, which was scheduled to begin Friday.

The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks caused the PGA of America to postpone the matches until next year at The Belfry, with the same captains and 12-man teams. Strange has said his team will wear the same clothing indicating 2001 on the logos to remember why the Ryder Cup was postponed.

"We are and always will continue to be the 2001

team," Strange said, his voice choking with emotion as the Ryder Cup trophy sat below him.

David Toms and Hal Sutton were the only U.S. Ryder Cup players to enter this week's Texas Open, and were the only teammates to attend the ceremony. Some players, such as Paul Azinger, said they thought it would be disrespectful to the Texas Open to come to San Antonio without staying to play.

Several other players in the Texas Open attended.

While the theme of the rally was unity, the Ryder Cup donation was made possible by a rift two years ago when U.S. players wanted a voice in how the PGA of America distributed its profits from the matches.

The PGA of America, which made \$23 million from the '99 Ryder Cup, decided to give players and the captain \$100,000 for the charity of their choice.

Lady Steers stay on winning track by beating Bulldogs

Lady Steers Glance

What: Big Spring defeated Plainview, 15-10, 15-6, in Tuesday's District 4-4A volleyball match.

Records: Big Spring 4-3, 14-13. Plainview 4-3, 18-9.

Next: Saturday, Friendship at Big Spring, Steer Gym, 2 p.m.

By JEFF MORRIS
Sports Editor

Two weeks ago, the Big Spring volleyball team was struggling to find a win, especially in District 4-4A play.

A week after adding a pair of sophomores to her varsity roster, Traci Pierce has seen her volleyball team put together back-to-back district wins over Levelland (Saturday, on the road) and Plainview (Tuesday at home).

After evening its district record at 3-3 Saturday, Big Spring improved to 4-3, 14-13 with a 15-10, 15-6 win over Plainview's Lady Bulldogs Tuesday night at Steer Gym.

"We did what we came to do, play our best and stay on the winning side," Pierce said after the win.

Sophomores KaRissa Magers and Lindsay Phillips started working with the varsity squad last Wednesday. Saturday, they gave the Lady Steers a spark on the road. Tuesday,



HERALD photo/Jim Fierro
Alesha Robertson of Plainview (13) gets her shot blocked by Lady Steers Leina Braxton (33) and Krystal Long (32) Tuesday night at Steer Gym. The Lady Steers stayed on a roll with a District 4-4A win over the Lady Bulldogs, improving to 4-3 in district action and 14-13 overall.

See LADY STEERS, Page 2B

Steers lose at Midland

HERALD Staff Report

After weeks of steam rolling opponents and shutout wins, Big Spring ran into a tougher team Tuesday at Midland High when the Bulldogs beat the Steers, 17-2, in a non-district match that left Big Spring with only its second loss of the season.

The Bulldogs are ranked among the top 10 in Class 5A tennis teams. Tuesday, only Brian Wingert and Michael Williamson managed to win matches for Big Spring. Both won in straight sets. Wingert beat Carlos Morales, 6-4, 6-1 in the No. 5 boys' singles while Williamson won, 6-3, 6-3, over Kirk Logan at No. 6.

The Bulldogs dominated the match, winning the top four boys' singles matches before sweeping all the remaining matches, leaving the Lady Steers without a single win.

Alex Edgemon and Jake Smiley came close to for Big Spring in the boys' singles. Both forced a tie-break in the opening set before succumbing in straight sets, leaving Big Spring in an early hole.

Big Spring coach Sarah Corse reported that she was pleased that so many matches went to tie breakers or third sets.

"Many of these matches could have gone either way," the second-year coach reported.

Steers Glance

What: Big Spring tennis team lost to Midland, 17-2, in a non district meet.

Records: Big Spring 3-0 in District 4-4A, 7-2 overall. Midland, N/A.

Next: Saturday vs. Plainview at Figure 7 Tennis Center.



HERALD photo/Jeff Morris
Brian Wingert jumps and reaches for a shot during a recent match at the Figure 7 Tennis Center at Comanche Park in Big Spring. Tuesday, he was one of only two boys to win a match for Big Spring at Midland High.

Howard men ride into sixth place at ENMU rodeo

Hawks have a week off

By JEFF MORRIS
Sports Editor

A week after falling on his head while riding a bull in New Mexico, Ross Ericsson was back in a New Mexico rodeo chute for his Howard College rodeo team when the Hawks competed at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales.

"He's sound now, still sore, but he helped us score some points over the weekend," Howard rodeo coach Greg Kernick said Tuesday at the Howard College Rodeo Arena as his team prepared to practice. "We are steadily improving each week."

This week, Ericsson finished strong for the Hawks, despite his sore back. He earned 71 points for fifth place in the bareback riding long-go before making a 72-point ride in the short-go for fourth place and also finished fourth with 143 points in the two-head competition. In the saddle bronc riding, he split fourth, fifth and sixth place with a 66-point ride.

After finishing ninth to start the season, the Hawks improved to sixth this week as a team on the men's side while the women's team failed to score any points for the second consecutive week. Vernon finished first, Tarleton was second and Odessa placed third in the men's team standings while Odessa's women won, beating second-place Snyder and third-place Vernon.

"Things are getting better for our girls," Kernick



Rodeo Glance

What: Howard College Rodeo

Where: Eastern New Mexico University, Portales

When: Last week, men finished sixth, women failed to score points.

Next: Howard Hawks take a week off before going on the road again to Sul Ross State University Alpine, Texas.

Special: Hawks are hosting a Jackpot rodeo this weekend at the Howard College arena on FM 700 in Big Spring. Saturday registration starts at 10 a.m. and Sunday, the team roping registration starts at noon and the action gets underway at 1 p.m. The public is invited to participate and/or spectate.

for more information, call the college hotline at 264-5169 or the rodeo office at 264-5111.

explained. "We had a hard time with our barrel racing because the ground was slick, so our horses didn't have good footing. But I feel like we're coming along with our women real well. They'll be scoring some points soon."

Jessi Goodson did well for



HERALD photo/Jeff Morris
Howard College rodeo rider Chris Herring rides a whiteface longhorn bull at the Hawks' practice facility in Big Spring. The Hawks are hosting a special Jackpot on their week off. Saturday activities start at 10 a.m. Sunday's team roping action starts at 1 p.m. with registration at noon. The public is invited to participate and spectators are welcome. For more information, call 264-5111.

Howard in the team roping, teaming with Dean Slayer of Texas Tech for a 7.2 time, which placed the pair in 11th place.

Perhaps Colby Schneeman had the best weekend for Howard. The sophomore finished first with a 4.9-second time in the team roping long-go, teaming with Chris Jarwin of TSU, and third with Howard teammate Seth Smithson in the short-go with a 5.7 time. The two Hawks made it to the second round with a 6.6 in the short-go and also won the

freshman Tony Sauter has a 7-second time in the long-go, taking seventh place for Howard. His 5.6 in the short-go gave him a second-place finish. He had a 12.6 in the two-head for second in the average while Jake DeGeer finished eighth with a 7.6 in the long-go.

This week, the Hawks get a rest from the road, but not a rest from the ring. Kernick and his crew have an open date on the schedule this week before returning to the road for a trip to Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Oct. 4-6. But Ericsson will not be getting much rest this weekend because he and his Hawks teammates are hosting a Jackpot weekend or rodeo action at the Hawks' arena off of FM 700 Saturday and Sunday.

"Just call it a Jackpot," Kernick explained Tuesday. "People will know what it is all right."

Starting at 10 a.m. Saturday's events include: steer wrestling, calf roping, goat tying, barrel racing and breakaway. The cost varies, depending on the event with \$60 being the highest entry fee Saturday for calf roping and \$25 the lowest for barrel racing.

Sunday, contestants may begin entering the team roping at noon. The cost is \$24 per team and the action starts at 1 p.m.

Kernick said he expects a crowd to come early for a front-row spot on the fence. The events are open to the public for participation or viewing. There is no charge to spectate, so amble on over to the rodeo this weekend.

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SPORTS EXTRA

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

Table with columns: American League, East Division, West Division, Central Division. Columns include W, L, Pct, GB.

Monday's Games: Seattle (Abbott 15-4) at Texas (Bell 5-4), 2:05 p.m. Baltimore (Bauer 0-2) at Boston (Fossum 2-1), 6:05 p.m. Toronto (Lyon 5-3) at Cleveland (Sabathia 15-5), 6:05 p.m.

Table with columns: National League, East Division, Central Division, West Division. Columns include W, L, Pct, GB.

Monday's Games: Atlanta (Marquez 3-6) at Florida (Burnett 9-11), 6:05 p.m. Pittsburgh (Cruz 2-1) at Pittsburgh (Arroyo 4-6), 6:05 p.m.

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Continued from 1B they led the Lady Steers to a win with solid serving and deep digging for saves, side-outs and points. "Today was a key win for us because we have to win at home to have a chance (to make the playoffs). I am especially proud of our girls for winning two in a row. We had a good hard practice Monday to get ready for tonight and really I have to say the two girls we moved up from the JV have given us a spark and I think they have helped us gel as a team. They have added some things to our game, like Lindsay serves well, so she is a big help to our serving game. And KaRissa has excellent defense. She has great awareness and has done a great job of making the transition, so they have both helped our team."

before the Lady Dogs got their final point. Perhaps Phillips best play of the day came late in the second match. As the girls for both teams watched what seemed to be a mis-hit ball almost fall to the floor on the Big Spring side of the net, Phillips made her most alert play of the game, digging the ball at almost the last second to save it over the net. While others were giving up on the ball, Phillips was looking for a way to save it, hustling to the last second. Her effort paid off. It seemed like a slow-motion replay as players for both teams simply watched her make her move. Then they watched the ball land on the Lady Dogs' side for another Big Spring point and a 13-5 lead that turned into a 15-6 win. As the official blew his whistle and awarded Big Spring another point on Phillips' alert play, players on both sides of the net had a confused look of amazement on their faces. Perhaps the best part of the two-match turnaround is the straight-set fashion the Lady Steers have used to sweep their district foes. Tuesday, the Plainview Lady Dogs brought a winning 18-8 record to Steer Gym while Big Spring had struggled to an even 13-13 mark after Saturday's 15-7, 15-6 win at Levelland. The Bulldogs brought a 4-2 district record to Big Spring, but left with a 4-3 mark while the Lady Steers pulled even with the Lady Dogs who will likely be more prepared when Big Spring ends the season with a three-hour ride to return the trip on Oct. 20. "They are just the type of team that will beat you if you're not ready to play and we came in here flat tonight," Smith said of her Lady Dogs. "We came in here flat and they were really ready to play. This was a tough one to lose, so maybe we'll learn that we can't just expect to come in and win, we have to come ready to play. I expect we'll be ready for them at the end."

NFL FOOTBALL

Table with columns: American Conference, East, Central, West. Columns include W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA.

Monday's Games: Indianapolis 42, Buffalo 26. Atlanta 24, Carolina 16. Miami 18, Oakland 15. San Diego 32, Dallas 21.

Table with columns: National Conference, East, Central, West. Columns include W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA.

Monday's Games: Green Bay 37, Washington 0. Sunday, Sept. 30. Wednesday Night Football results as of Sept. 25.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL, results as of Sept. 25. RESULTS: Timeless Designs over Sharp Image 21-14.

Astros, Rangers lose

HOUSTON (AP) — Woody Williams couldn't find words to describe his performance, but he certainly was handy with his pitches. Williams pitched a three-hitter for his fourth straight victory and Craig Paquette hit a go-ahead single in the eighth inning, leading the St. Louis Cardinals over the Houston Astros 3-2 Tuesday night. The Cardinals closed within 4 games of first-place Houston in the NL Central. The loss kept the Astros' magic number at seven for clinching their fourth division title in five seasons. St. Louis began the night with a two-game lead in the wild card race. "I can't describe how it felt, especially how I pitched against the Astros the last time," Williams said. "It's just something that I've never felt in my life in baseball. There is nothing I would change about it."

"That was quality major league pitching. He was honest. If he'd have struggled in the eighth he was out of there. But it was three in a row." Williams struck out nine and walked three in his ninth career complete game. Mariners 13, Rangers 2. ARLINGTON (AP) — Bret Boone drove in four runs and the Seattle Mariners set an AL record with their 56th road victory, 13-2 over the Texas Rangers on Tuesday night. John Olerud, Carlos Guillen and Al Martin homered for Seattle. Ichiro Suzuki stole two bases, giving him 50 for the season. The Mariners improved to 56-21 on the road, breaking the league mark set by the 1971 Oakland Athletics. The 1996 Chicago Cubs hold the major league record for road victories with a 60-15 record. Boone went 3-for-4. He hit a two-run single in the second and a two-run double in the fourth, helping Seattle post its 108th victory of the season. Aaron Sele (14-5) allowed two runs and six hits over seven innings to break out of a recent slump. He had lost four of his previous five decisions. Seattle took a 4-0 lead in the second against rookie Justin Duchschere (1-1) on Stan Javier's RBI triple, Mark McLemore's RBI infield single and Boone's two-run single. Duchschere was making his first appearance in 20 days and his second major league start. He hit three batters in the first three innings.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jordan made his return to play a two-year absence. "I am returning to the game I love," Jordan said. "I will manage a relief agency for the victims of the Washington Estee Portnoy, SFX, Jordan agency. "I am especially convinced we are on which to be a team," opportunity to their game to to thank the f for their loyalty strongly influence. The five-time retired for a s after leading t their sixth t comeback issu licensing spons — a caused the off to come a day l Jordan neve out a comeback January 1999, with the state

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His airness will return to active player status for two years

WASHINGTON (AP) — Michael Jordan made his comeback official Tuesday, announcing he will return to play in the NBA and sign a two-year contract with the Washington Wizards.

"I am returning as a player to the game I love," Jordan said in a news release issued through his management agency.

Jordan will donate his entire salary for the upcoming season to relief agencies working with the victims of the terrorist attacks on Washington and New York, said Estee Portnoy, a spokeswoman for SFX, Jordan's management agency.

"I am especially excited about the Washington Wizards, and I'm convinced we have the foundation on which to build a playoff-contention team," Jordan said. "The opportunity to teach our young players and help them elevate their game to a higher level, and to thank the fans in Washington for their loyalty and support, strongly influenced my decision."

The five-time league MVP, who retired for a second time in 1999 after leading the Chicago Bulls to their sixth title, announced his comeback after clearing up a licensing issue with one of his sponsors — a disagreement that caused the official announcement to come a day later than expected.

Jordan never completely ruled out a comeback when he retired in January 1999, hedging his bets with the statement that he was

Jordan says his return is not about the money

"99.9 percent" certain he would never play again. Leaving the door open, even by one-tenth of 1 percent, meant Jordan could always kick it back open without going back on his word.

Now, he has. "This is certainly an extremely important moment in the history of our franchise, however our excitement is muted by the world events that surround us," Wizards owner Abe Pollin said.

"The greatest player in the history of the game is joining my team, and for that I am extremely honored and pleased."

Jordan, 38, said he would not comment further on his return until Oct. 1.

Jordan has been training for a possible comeback for about six months, at first saying that he was simply trying to lose the extra weight he had gained in retirement. He rigorously worked himself into playing shape over the summer by holding several invitation-only camps of pickup games with other NBA players at a gym in Chicago.

Jordan's first official practice with the Wizards will be Oct. 2, the first day of training camp at Wilmington, N.C. He occasionally worked out with the team last season when he was president of basketball operations, a job in which

he almost completely overhauled Washington's roster and put the team into a rebuilding mode.

His supporting cast will include the likes of Jahidi White, Richard Hamilton and Courtney Alexander — none of whom were in the NBA when Jordan was playing for the Bulls. Turning a team that won only 19 games last season into a winner might be an insurmountable challenge even for Jordan.

"I know there are a lot of naysayers out there," Jordan said earlier this month to reporters in Chicago when he all but made his return official.

"Winning isn't always championships. What's wrong with helping kids find their way, teaching them the game?"

To comply with NBA rules, Jordan had to sell his ownership stake in the Wizards, which he obtained along with a share of the NHL's Washington Capitals on Jan. 19, 2000.

That paperwork was completed Friday, and Jordan's attorneys ironed out the last few glitches to clear the way for his comeback announcement.

"I am happy to welcome Michael Jordan, the player, back to the NBA, although, as commissioner, I am sorry to lose him in the board room," NBA commissioner David Stern said.

"Michael has always brought joy to basketball fans around the world, and, in these difficult times, we can all use a little more joy in our lives."

Jordan will be in the unusual position of playing for the coach he hired, Doug Collins, who joined the Wizards in April and also coached Jordan for three seasons with the Bulls in the 1980s. Jordan will share the court with players, including high school graduate Kwame Brown, selected No. 1 overall by the Wizards in June, and veteran forward Christian Laettner — a graduate of Duke, the archrival of Jordan's alma mater, North Carolina.

Jordan suffered three physical setbacks over the summer, raising doubts about whether his body could endure the rigors of an 82-game schedule.

Back spasms and knee tendinitis curtailed his workouts, and two cracked ribs from a collision in a pickup game took him off the court for four weeks.

Jordan will return without the all-star cast that he hoped would accompany him. Charles Barkley, who spoke of playing with Jordan, abandoned his comeback bid during the summer, and the Wizards were unable to sign any marquee players.

But by ridding the Wizards of the high-salaried, long-term contracts of Rod Strickland, Juwan Howard and Mitch Richmond, Jordan has given the Wizards enough salary cap flexibility to restock the roster next summer.

Jordan won 10 scoring titles and is the NBA's fourth all-time leading scorer with 29,277 points. He has averaged a league-record 31.5 points per regular season game throughout his career and 33.4 in the playoffs.

Jordan's first retirement came in October 1993, after he led the Bulls to three titles. He played baseball in the Chicago White Sox organization for one season, but he couldn't make it out of the minor leagues and returned to the Bulls in March 1995.

Jordan led the Bulls to three more titles and retired again in January 1999, shortly before the start of the lockout-shortened season.

Jordan is scheduled to make his return appearance in Chicago on Jan. 19. His regular-season debut will be Oct. 30 at Madison Square Garden against the Knicks, and his first home game for the Wizards will be Nov. 3 against Allen Iverson and the Philadelphia 76ers.

"While nothing can take away from the past, I am firmly focused on the future and the competitive challenge ahead of me," Jordan said.

Golden Eagles shuffle schedule to make room for 'Bama

HATTIESBURG, Miss. (AP) — Southern Mississippi will play Alabama on Thursday, Nov. 29 and TCU on Dec. 7, changes made necessary when the Golden Eagles' game against the Crimson Tide was postponed.

Southern Miss was originally scheduled to play Alabama in Birmingham on Sept. 15, but major college football postponed all of its games that day following terrorist attacks in New York and Washington.

The Golden Eagles were to

play Conference USA rival TCU in their final regular-season game Nov. 30 at home.

That game was moved back a week to accommodate Alabama. Last week the Southeastern Conference

game was moved to Dec. 8, giving the league's teams an extra week to make up postponed games.

Alabama was scheduled to conclude its regular season Nov. 17, as always, against Auburn.

The Crimson Tide's only

other alternative was moving its Nov. 10 game with Mississippi State to Oct. 27. That would have allowed the Alabama-Southern Miss game to be made up Nov. 10, when the Golden Eagles were off.

But Alabama-Birmingham

is scheduled to play TCU that day at Legion Field.

However, the Tide didn't want to give up the \$2 million it typically makes from a home game. Southern Miss didn't want to lose the game's \$475,000 payday.

Tony Dorsett named 2001 PricewaterhouseCoopers Doak Walker Legends award winner

DALLAS (AP) — Former Dallas Cowboys running back Tony Dorsett will be the 2001 recipient of the PricewaterhouseCoopers Doak Walker Legends Award,

according to the SMU Athletic Forum Board of Directors.

Dorsett, who will be the fourth recipient of the award, will be honored on Jan. 29.

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)**** If an idea lingers in your mind this morning, act on it. Hop on the Internet and make calls to those who can help you pave the way to your desire. Emphasize what you want, making solid, step-by-step plans. A meeting could be a bore! Tonight: Enjoy a friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**** If you find you are dreaming of work, follow through and act on some of your thoughts. Try out an idea or two on an associate, who could think quite differently than you. Clamping down on spending never hurts. Take charge now. Tonight: A must appearance.

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Dear Ann Landers: I was interested in the letter from "Better Off Alone in Iowa," who rented a room to a slob. You told her to throw the bum out. These days, Ann, it is not that simple. In the state of New York, if this man were paying room and board, he would be a lawful tenant and the woman would be his landlord. She needs to institute a legal eviction proceeding or he can sue her. Please tell her to see an attorney and find out how best to handle the situation. While legal proceedings can take a long time and cost money, it is the price one must pay for being a landlord. -- Stu Goldberg in New York

Dear Stu: Thanks for the legal advice -- and no bill.

Dear Ann Landers: I read the letter from "Pregnant and Peeved in Washington, D.C.," whose friend worked at the hospital where she was scheduled to deliver her baby. She was concerned that this friend would broadcast the news of the birth before the new mother had a chance to do so.

I work at a hospital and can tell you that hospital staff members are not permitted to share personal information, whether they work directly with patient care or provide some other type of support service. Her friend would be fired for breaching patient confidentiality. -- Lips Sealed in Michigan

Dear Michigan: You were not the only reader to point this out. I hope that "friend" in D.C. sees this and shapes up. Shame on her.

Dear Ann Landers: I hope you have room for one more letter about well-meaning friends who take lousy wedding photos. I have some solutions.

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hall. If the couple already has a set of ruined photographs, they can still hire a professional to take pictures sometime after the wedding. If possible, the entire bridal party should be included. If not, at least the bride and groom can dress up in their tux and bridal gown and have a lovely memento. I once knew a couple who, for their first anniversary, arranged to use the church one afternoon, purchased flowers and decorations, dressed in their bridal regalia and hired a photographer.

People should not have to settle for blurred, unfocused wedding pictures because the photographer is a family friend or relative. While the retakes won't be the same as the originals, the couple will have something worth keeping. It sure beats complaining for the next 20 years. -- Photographer in New York

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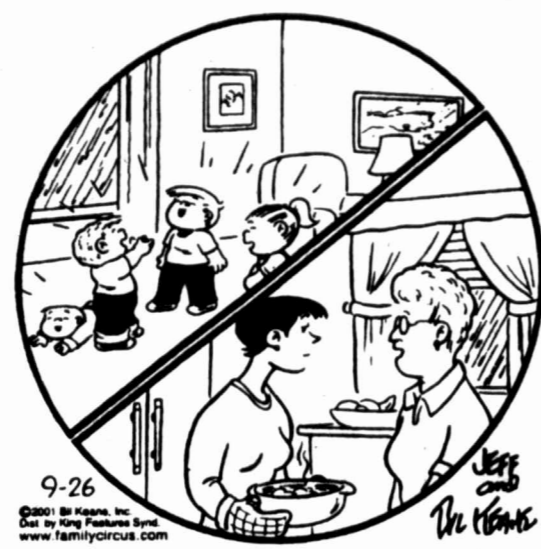
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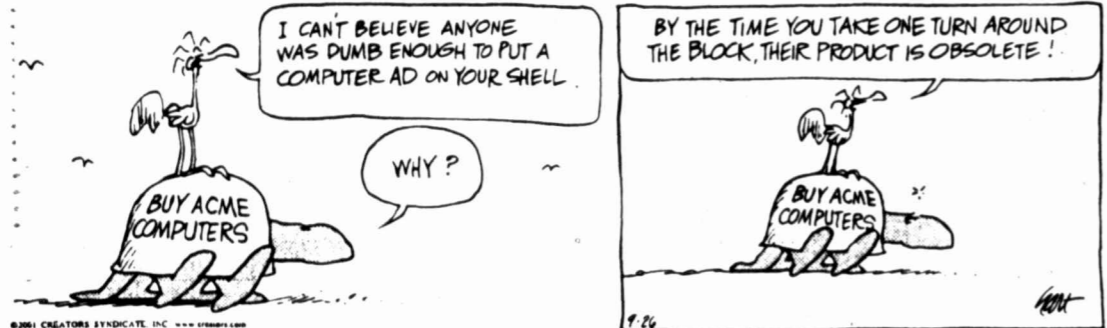
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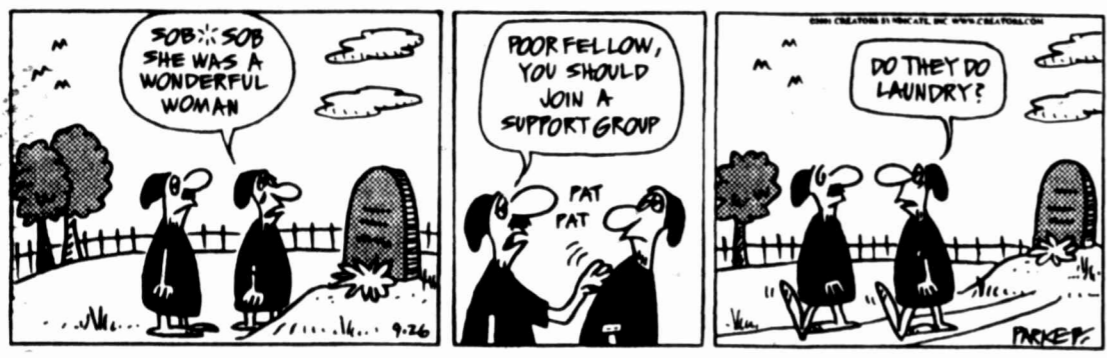
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Today's Highlight in History: On Sept. 26, 1960, the first televised debate between presidential candidates Richard M. Nixon and John F. Kennedy took place in Chicago.

On this date: In 1777, British troops occupied Philadelphia during the American Revolution.

In 1789, Thomas Jefferson was appointed America's first secretary of state.

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In 1914, the Federal Trade Commission was established.

In 1950, United Nations...

troops recaptured the South Korean capital of Seoul from the North Koreans.

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In 1969, the family comedy series "The Brady Bunch" premiered on ABC TV.

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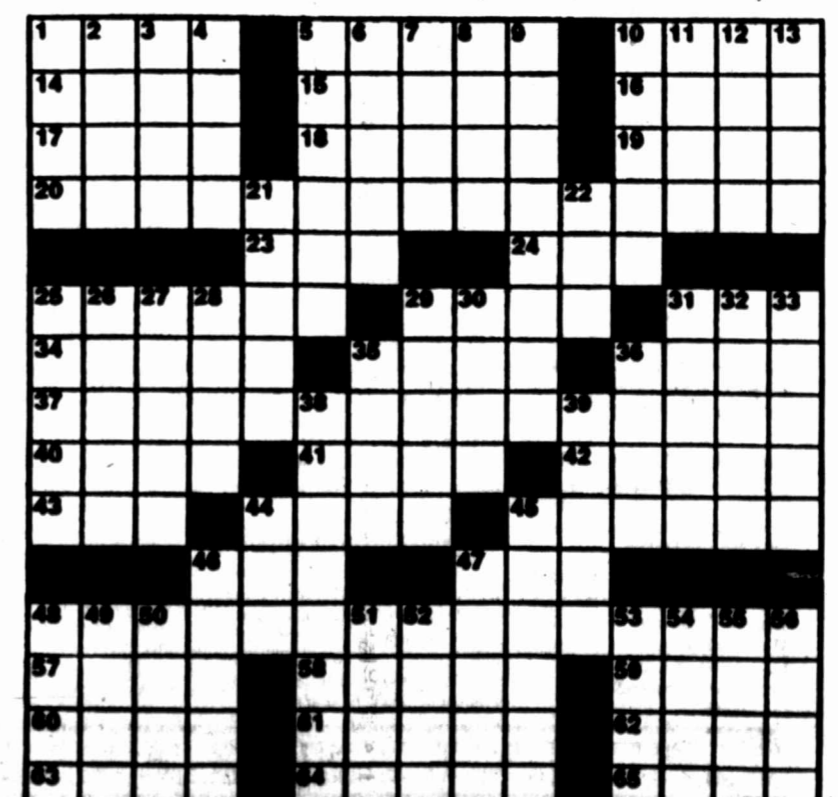
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12 Mambo king
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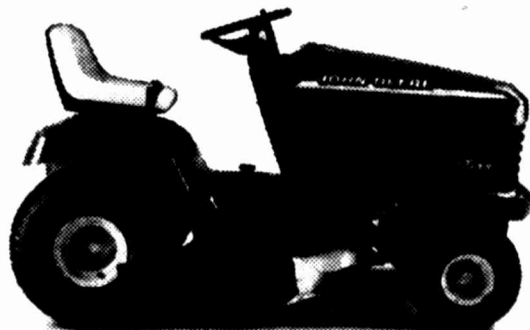
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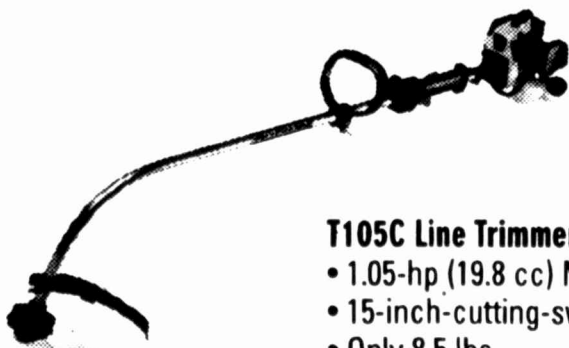
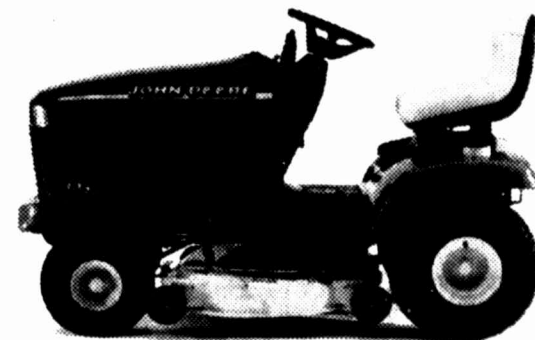
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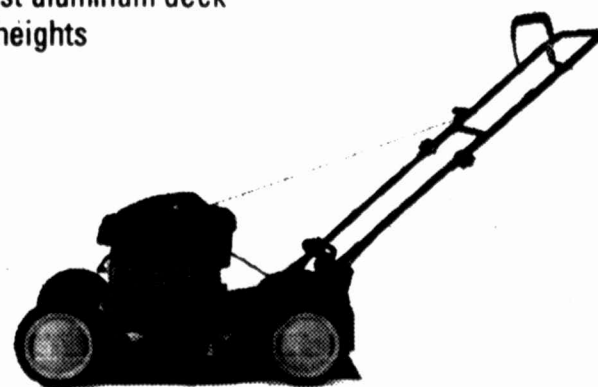


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