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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

□ 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 any Downtown Lions Club member.

□ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

SATURDAY

□ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

□ The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens are encouraged.

□ The Lions Club will be offering a free eye glass clinic at Bob's Custom Woodwork located at 409 East Third

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Heritage Museum set to unveil exhibit, renovations

By DEBBIE JENSEN
Herald Correspondent

Cowboys aren't hard to find in Big Spring, but legends are. That won't be the case on Thursday, Oct. 4, when the Heritage Museum honors both local and nationally known cowboy legends during a reception and gallery opening.

The museum is inviting the community to the first viewing of an exhibit of the photographs of David Stocklein, "The Texas

Cowboys," which pictures the day-to-day life on a working ranch, from roundup to well past sundown. Stocklein's images give vivid color to all the trappings of a Western life.

The 7 p.m. event will also serve to show off the result of renovations to the main floor of the museum, located at 510 Scurry. Guests are encouraged to wear "Texas formal" attire as they enjoy live music, sample hors d'oeuvres and wine, and enjoy the photographic exhibit — all at no charge.

Highlighting the event will be a

special appearance by Tom B. Saunders IV, a Texas rancher who wrote the text for the book of Stocklein's photographs. Western swing musician and Big Spring native Jody Nix and his band will add a musical flavor to the party.

A guest of honor at the opening will be world-champion rodeo cowboy Wacey Cathey, a Big Spring native retired from 20 years as a professional bull rider. Cathey, who competed in the National Finals Rodeo 14 times during his career, will be presented with a Ring of Honor from the Professional Bull

Riders Association (PBRA) during the group's finals in Las Vegas next month.

Saunders, who works as a freelance writer while continuing to run the family ranch in Parker County, will be available during the opening to sign copies of the book. Also titled "The Texas Cowboys," the full-color, coffee-table-style book is for sale at the museum gift shop.

Stocklein's work, which hangs in the museum's main exhibit area downstairs, includes scenes from

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Long calling it quits

KBST news director says she'll miss all her 'eight listeners'

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

KBST news director China Long has been broadcasting the early morning local news to her so-called "eight listeners" for the past 20 years but the long and short of it is she's signing off.

"I am going to miss my eight listeners," Long said. "I like to think of my eight listeners as friends that are of a variety of ages and interests. I like to think my friends want to hear what I have to tell them."

Long who also hosts an early morning talk show has decided to retire and will broadcast her last show on Friday.

"I wish China all the best where every she is going," said Marsha Sturdivant, former Herald reporter and one of Long's eight listeners. "She starts my day every morning as I listen to her tell what is happening around town and going on that day. I think she has been a real voice for our community. I will miss her."

The closing of Webb Air Force Base in 1978 meant the end of one world for Long but the opening of another.

"When the base closed I thought that was the end of the world," Long said, who had worked at the base for a number of years. "I decided instead of getting work somewhere else, I would get a degree."

A 1956 Big Spring High School graduate, she had already earned an associate degree at Howard College.

"I think I took longer to get my associate's than any other person in the history of Howard College," Long said. "I started out in 1956. Then I got married and had children. I finally got my degree in 1975."

At 40, Long was determined to earn a degree in one year and headed to the University of Texas at the Permian Basin to study business.

An elective course taught by Bob Lewis, are also known as Tumbleweed Smith, steered Long's course of study to mass communication.

As part of her new degree, Long applied for an internship at the Big Spring Herald but there was no vacancy at the time, she said.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
KBST news director China Long broadcasts her morning report. Long has decided to retire from broadcasting and will give her final news report on Friday.

Lewis encouraged Long to try the radio station and although Winston Wrinkle, then the owner of KBST, was a little doubtful because he never had a woman work the news desk, he hired her for the internship, she said. "Winston said he did not think women newscasters had credibility," Long said. "Bob Lewis told me if you have something to say people will listen to you."

Long has some doubts too. "I did not think I could do it," she said. "I never thought I had the voice. When I started out, newscaster had that big booming voice."

Long finished her internship and graduated in December of 1978. She was offered a job by Wrinkle but instead opted to work at another radio station. She returned to KBST in 1980 as news director and worked until she was elected justice of the peace.

Radio was not done with Long and

soon she was back to doing the morning report.

Long feels a personal responsibility to inform the public.

"I have always thought that it is really important to tell people what is going on in the community," Long said.

"There are very few services for local news," she said. "I think it is very important to find out what is going on at the city council, commissioners court and school district. They are all supported with taxpayer dollars"

"Ordinary people can't go to all these meetings," she said. I like to stand in on behalf of everyone to keep them informed."

Long said she has never been told what she can report on.

"So many people talk about media

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Hugs

Stuffed toys set to arrive in New York on Monday

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — Some New York children will be receiving a little Texas love on Monday when a truckload of 4,000 teddy bears and stuffed animals reaches the city.

Last Friday, Coahoma Junior High — in connection with Burnett Junior High — collected teddy bears and stuffed animals to send the children in New York who lost a parent in the terrorist attack for the "Hopes to Hugs" program.

"I talked to the teacher in Burnett and she told me that Coahoma Junior High collected almost 800 of the bears," said Coahoma teacher Patricia Bennett. "Between Coahoma and Burnett Junior High we collected 4,000 stuffed animals."

The stuffed animals will be delivered to New York by truck Monday and two Burnett Junior High students, April and Travis Lagg, will personally escort the bears as they are turned over to organizations taking care of orphaned children. Those organizations include the Fire Fighter's Ministries, Feed The Children, United Way, the New York Police Department and New York hospitals, Bennett said.

"We are just thrilled," she said. "The teacher in Burnett told me that CBS and NBC had picked up the story and planned to follow the students to New York. Some of those will be our bears."

The project has also been

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BSISD students getting heavy dose of citizenship awareness

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

Local school children are getting a dose this week of what it means to be a U.S. citizen.

The state legislature has named this week "Freedom Week" and mandated that students from third through 12th grade receive instruction on the significance of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

The legislation was designated House Bill 1776, a number chosen for its historical significance rather than its order in the normal legislative process, said State Rep. David Counts (D-Knox City).

"We picked it ahead of time," he said.

Counts said that although it is certainly appropriate to celebrate Freedom Week in light of the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C., the timing of the week is totally coincidental.

"It was passed and signed

into law back in May," he said. "We were trying in a whole lot more friendly way to make people aware, and especially young people, of the freedoms we have. It comes at a time when our country is having a tremendous awareness of just how fragile our freedom is."

Big Spring Independent School District Assistant Superintendent Estella Aguirre said Big Spring schools already teach many of the things required by the new legislation.

"This is part of the regular curriculum," she said. "I think what this house bill is doing is just bringing this into focus during this week."

All Big Spring campuses independently developed their own plans for Freedom Week, Aguirre said.

Wayland Pierce, principal of Kentwood Elementary, said his student body has invited Big Spring firefighters to a picnic lunch Friday.

"We've invited the firemen," he said. "We're going

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HERALD photo/Andrea Medina
To show their patriotism some of the 3- and 4-year-olds at Lakeview Head Start Center painted American flags each with an individual style. Pictured here, from left, are Jorge Hernandez, Christa Calk, Dylan Ross, Avery Martinez, Anastacia Mendez and John Rios. The local VFW will present the school with United States and Texas flags at 10 a.m. Monday.

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Economic stimulus, other issues fray Congress' recent bipartisanship

WASHINGTON (AP) — Differences over a wide range of subjects — the economy, trade, treatment of laid-off workers — is putting to the test the bipartisanship that has reigned in Congress since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Worried about unseemly political clashes as the country girds for possible military action in Asia, Republican and Democratic leaders remain eager to resolve partisan clashes before they escalate into fights on the House and Senate floors.

Even so, the growing num-

ber of disputes underlines how hard it is for lawmakers to act in concert on a wide range of issues. Not only do Democrats and Republicans simply disagree over many items, but many members of each party have been chafing at the compromises their leaders have been trying to strike.

"Bipartisanship, when you quicken the process, is really abnormal" for Congress, said House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo.

As part of their drive to show unity, Democratic and

GOP leaders who usually speak infrequently now consult regularly. Three days after the deadly assault on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, that unity produced quick enactment of bills authorizing the use of military force by President Bush and providing \$40 billion for the effort to rebuild and respond to the attacks.

And speedy action is still anticipated on airline security, anti-terrorism and routine spending bills.

"There may be fraying around the edges, but ultimately the leaders will stop

any major tear in the bipartisan fabric," said Marshall Wittmann, who studies Congress for the conservative Hudson Institute.

Even so, that unity is being tested daily. And perhaps the sternest test is the effort to recharge an economy that many analysts think may sink into recession.

Top Republicans want to move quickly on economic recovery legislation, while leading Democrats have expressed less urgency. The GOP wants to ensure a healthy economy in time for the 2002 elections;

Democrats, while still seeking internal consensus, fear revival of budget deficits and constant cuts in federal programs.

Popular GOP ideas for reviving the economy include cutting the capital gains tax on investments and corporate income tax rates, allowing more generous deductions for business and letting parts of this year's tax cut take effect earlier.

Many Democrats favor cutting Social Security and Medicare payroll taxes on low-income workers who pay no income tax, or send-

ing them tax rebates; expanding unemployment benefits and federal health care aid for the poor; and increasing spending for school construction, job training and public works.

Each side vehemently opposes many of the other's ideas.

"That's labor pork," House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, said of Democratic spending proposals, referring to Democrats' union backers.

The GOP's push for tax cuts is "a pre-existing agenda," said Rep. Lloyd Doggett, D-Texas.

TEXAS BRIEFS

New causeway eyed for South Padre

AUSTIN (AP) — The collapse of the Queen Isabella Causeway underscores the need for a second bridge connecting the mainland to South Padre Island, area officials say.

The Texas Transportation Commission planned to hold initial discussions Thursday about construction of a second bridge, and proponents of a new span were ready to speak out.

"South Padre is not only for the Rio Grande Valley but for all of Texas, and there are many, many residents of the Dallas, San Antonio, Austin, Houston areas that have condos and that visit frequently, and we are in desperate need of a second bridge," said South Padre Island Mayor Ed Cyganiewicz.

Eight people were killed when four barges and a tugboat hit the Queen Isabella Causeway Sept. 15, causing it to collapse and sending cars plunging into the Laguna Madre below. The causeway — the only vehicular span to the island resort — is expected to be closed until \$4 million in emergency repairs are completed.

Passenger ferries are transporting people to and from the island. Cars are being removed from the island by ferry, but vehicles are not yet allowed to travel to the island. That could change soon as more vehicle ferries are put into service.

The state transportation commission is considering whether to begin preliminary environmental studies for a new bridge.

Mechanical heart implant performed

HOUSTON (AP) — A surgical team has implanted a self-contained mechanical heart in a patient during a six-hour procedure.

The procedure on Wednesday was the first such operation in Texas and the third in the world.

"It couldn't have gone better," said Dr. O.H. Frazier, who spent more than a decade helping develop the AbioCor replacement heart at the Texas Heart Institute and St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, where the surgery was performed. "Everything looks stable now. He's not having any problems. We have some hope for him."

The completely internal pump, made of plastic and titanium and weighing less than 2 pounds, is powered through the skin by an external battery pack.

Frazier, who called the AbioCor heart a rescue device for patients who have no hope, said the patient had been "desperately ill for a long time" with heart failure and was not a candidate for a heart transplant because of complications involving his lungs.

The hospital did not identify the patient by name or give his age.

Blaze destroys shack near murder scene

TYLER (AP) — A ramshackle house linked to the slaying and dismemberment of an East Texas man has burned to the ground and law officers are trying to determine if the blaze was connected to the murder investigation.

The shack was the last place Charles Ray Prince was seen alive, authorities said. In 1999, fire was also used in a futile attempt to conceal the identity of the Smith County man who was killed over a bad drug debt.

Sheriff's officers are seeking for questioning two men who were seen at the house. Both left the location shortly after the fire broke out around 11 p.m. Neither man has been located.

Law officers summoned to the house fire saw two men brawling over a video camera in the yard.

Sheriff's deputies had responded to the fire to maintain order in the area, which has been the scene of frequent clashes between neighbors.

The homeowner, who is physically disabled, escaped the fire but has not been located. He was treated for a broken arm and a gash to the head during a separate brawl inside the house minutes before the fire broke out.

Hawks invade valley during migration

MALLEN (AP) — Thousands of hawks migrating south for the winter have descended on the Rio Grande Valley.

More than 15,000 broad-winged hawks soared over the Rio Grande Valley on Wednesday morning and were expected to remain in area skies through Sunday, said Mike Carlo, a park ranger at the Santa Ana Wildlife Refuge.

Early autumn is the peak of the season with the birds reaching very large numbers in their migration.

The broad-winged hawk is a small crow-sized bird of prey that breeds in the eastern United States and Canada.

The birds start their migration in small groups in mid-August and form much larger flocks by the time they reach the Valley. The hawks then cross into Mexico.

Families applying for death certificates of World Trade Center attack's victims

NEW YORK (AP) — They clutched envelopes containing the dry and official details of lives cut short: A birth or marriage certificate. A rental agreement. A letter from an employer.

The hundreds of relatives with loved ones lost in the tangled steel and concrete ruins of the World Trade Center came to the city's assistance center Wednesday to apply for death certificates — and to close a chapter.

"I just have to find a way to move on," said Barbara Sohan, who lost her 32-year-old daughter, Astrid, in the Sept. 11 attacks. "Yesterday was her birthday, and we just stayed at home. We were numb."

One police officer at the gate said some families got as far as the door but couldn't bring themselves to go through with the certificate yet.

Even though only about 300 bodies have been recovered from the wreckage, the city set up the center on a Hudson River pier to help relatives of the more than 6,300 people still missing with the process of getting death certificates.

It typically takes three years when there is no body, a delay meant to prevent fraud. But the city is reducing the wait to a few days in most cases so the victims' families can get death benefits and access bank accounts.

By the end of the first day, 297 families had started the process, aided by 120 attorneys.

"I'm still hopeful that somehow my wonderful wife will be found alive," said George Santiago, 37, his eyes brimming with tears. "But for the sake of our children, I have to somehow sort through this."

As parents, husbands and wives worked with lawyers who donated their time, about 50 family members were taken to the trade center site to leave flowers and other small memorials to the dead and missing, said Rosemarie O'Keefe, head of the city's Family Assistance Unit.

An estimated 1.2 million tons of steel, concrete and glass — about 90 percent of the wreckage of the twin towers — remains, according to the Army Corps of Engineers.

Security at the site is tight. A ban was added Wednesday on amateur photography of the crime scene.

Heightened security around Manhattan has snarled traffic for days. To ease the congestion, single-passenger vehicles will be banned Thursday and Friday from entering southern Manhattan from East River bridges and tunnels

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

Developments related to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks:

- U.S. and Pakistani officials end two days of talks in Islamabad, with Pakistani leader saying nations agree on military preparations for combating Osama bin Laden's terrorist network in Afghanistan.
- An additional 635 reservists are called up, bringing to about 15,600 the number called to active duty, according to the Pentagon.
- A U.N. agency says an assault on Afghanistan could send up to 1.5 million refugees into neighboring countries.
- President Bush prepares a security package expected to include more air marshals and stronger cockpit doors.
- Ten people are arrested in investigation into fraudulently obtained Pennsylvania licenses to transport hazardous materials. The FBI has warned that terrorists may strike using chemical or biological weapons.
- Europe continues crackdown on suspected terrorists, making arrests in Spain, Britain and the Netherlands. Two men ordered held without bond in Virginia.
- Death toll at trade center rises to 300, with 232 of those identified and 6,347 people listed as missing. Death toll at Pentagon remains 189, Pennsylvania crash 44.

between 6 a.m. and noon. Wednesday. If the restrictions work during the trial run, they can be extended, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said. It's just another of the many adjustments people will have to make as they "get used to living in a different way," Giuliani said. Police planned checkpoints to make sure drivers were carpooling, though it wasn't clear if offenders would be fined, ticketed or just turned away. The ban includes some of the busiest commuter pathways in the country. Initially, the ban was believed to also apply to vehicles with just one person in Manhattan below 62nd Street. But the mayor, acknowledging confusion over earlier statements, clarified the restrictions during a late afternoon news conference Wednesday. Giuliani, who has been widely praised for his steady leadership since the terrorist attacks, also said Wednesday that he would speak with his would-be successors about staying on after his term ends Dec. 31 to lead the city's recovery. He didn't say what his role would be or how long it might last. The city charter bars the mayor from serving a third term.

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EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Toys project an extremely worthy cause

While it does seem a little early for most of us to be thinking about Christmas gifts, a group of Howard County church women have taken it upon themselves to make sure that those most tragically affected by the Sept. 11 terrorist attack in New York will have an enjoyable holiday.

That group, composed of women from several area churches, wants to make sure those New York children impacted by the attack have something special for their Christmas.

And their goal of collecting 5,000 toys by Nov. 1 is a lofty one.

However, we believe they are correct in stressing that our community is capable of answering that call.

Several local business have 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.

And, of course, Big Spring firefighters will be accepting toys at any neighborhood fire station.

New York-based Christian Ministries United Nations is working with the group to distribute the toys, and officials said that at this time, Howard County's group is the only one that has contacted them about doing something for Christmas.

The local group will also need funds to transport the toys, and an account has been opened at the First Bank of West Texas called the Hope for the Children, Christmas in New York.

Those interested can make a contribution at both the Big Spring or Coahoma branches or send a donation in care of Joel De La Garza at P.O. Box 140, Coahoma 79511.

We can't think of a worthier cause.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

As a 17-year-old when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, I barely knew where Hawaii was. I still remember then President Roosevelt's speech, "...be remembered in infamy..." I also remember his degradation of the act in this manner. "I hate war. Eleanor hates war. Even Falla hates war." Then his positivistic view of "We will win, at all costs," thus preserving freedom.

Listening to President Bush's address to Congress last week, I felt the same tingling of nerves in my body. Everyone knew the enemy in 1941, but all we know of the enemy today is that they do not accept freedom, or self-government, or our right to worship freely.

Judging from my per-

sonal education from day one to now, I possibly could classify these terrorists as unconscionable, illiterate, cowards with no regards for human life.

The fact that air transports and jet fuel were used to demolish the World Trade Center buildings does not mean that they have no other means of killing us "infidels." They have at their disposal untold germ warfare elements for our water supply, plus aerial elements as were used in Iran against some of their own people.

What precaution has Big Spring taken in keeping our water supply pure as possible, and potable? Moss Lake is open to almost any attempt to destroy us. Think about it.

ROY SIMMONS
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Our forces face a hard task in Afghanistan

I'm hoping and praying that President Bush will be extremely cautious before committing any military actions in Afghanistan.

If we searched the globe for the one country where our forces are least-equipped, least-suited to fight, it would be Afghanistan. It has become a graveyard of foreign invaders, all of whom boasted of "military superiority" when they came in.

Afghanistan is 10,000 square miles short of being the same size as Texas. There is no further resemblance. It is crisscrossed by rugged mountains that divide the country into three regions. In the Central Highlands is the main Hindu Kush range. This area is about 160,000 square miles of deep, narrow valleys and tall mountains (some above 21,000 feet). The Southwestern Plateau is a region of sandy deserts, high plateaus and semideserts. It's about 50,000 square miles, and the average elevation is around 3,000 feet. The Northern

Plains, part of the Asian steppes, are rolling foothills and normally the most densely populated and fertile areas. In the extreme northeast, there is an area called the Badakhshan, epicenter for many of the 50 earthquakes that occur each year. And if we needed any more bad news, there are probably still a million or more land mines uncharted and scattered about the country.

But that's just the geography. It is the recent history that should make us cautious and wary. In 1979, the Soviet Union sent in troops to prop up a communist government; eventually, the Soviets committed 100,000 troops. The Afghans never had an organized army. Nevertheless, they killed 20,000 Soviets and wounded more than double that number. The Soviets left after 10 years of bitter stalemate.

Mujahideen (a Persian word meaning warrior) with no more Russians to kill began to kill each other. They've been at war continuously since the Russians left in 1988. The significance of that for us is that when we dump American soldiers into that country, they will be up against men who have far, far more combat experience than any of our guys. And these warriors, with all their experience, will be

fighting in their own country on ground they know. Our guys will truly be strangers in a strange land.

Our high-tech weapons won't help us. There isn't a target in Afghanistan worth bombing. If we bombed their cities, the residents would hardly know the difference. The cities are already in ruins. Their agriculture has been destroyed by years of war and drought. The Taliban has no central government vulnerable to bombs. It has no army. It has no air force. It has no industrial infrastructure. It has about 20 obsolete planes and a considerable amount of armor and artillery left by the Russians, though how much of it works, no one knows. If war comes, they will probably abandon the planes and armor and go into the hills with their rifles and shoulder-fired missiles.

I wouldn't put too much stock in the offer of 15,000 troops by the Afghan opposition. The Taliban has whipped it good, and the opposition controls only about 10 percent of the country. The Afghans paid a fearful price in their war against the Soviets. The Soviets killed about 3 million of them, but it appeared to make no difference. It just made the Mujahideen meaner and more determined.

If we send in special-operations forces, we should be prepared to accept casualties. If we resort to bombing innocent people — in Afghanistan or anywhere else — we should be prepared to lose the war against terrorism. As 19 men, armed with nothing more than pocketknives, box cutters and airline tickets, have just shown us, we are a lot more vulnerable than the terrorists. We are, to use the military jargon, a "target-rich" nation.

We have a multibillion-dollar Army, Navy and Air Force. We have a multibillion-dollar intelligence operation. Yet, for about \$30,000 worth of flight instruction and maybe another \$30,000 in living expenses, these 19 guys killed more than 5,000 of us, caused more than \$2 billion in just physical damage and brought the world's last remaining superpower to a standstill.

Don't think for one second that there aren't a lot of terrorists in the world feeling very much encouraged by all of that. That's why it's so important to go after them, but saying it is a lot easier than doing it. And nowhere will it be harder than in Afghanistan.

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Concentric strategy needed to fight terrorism

"The Objective" is the primary principle of the nine principles of war, and so it is the primary decision to be made by America's leaders in the war on terrorism.

Retaliation and vengeance are not part of the objective. Rather, the political objective is to bring an end to state-sponsored terrorism. The military objective is typically the defeat of the enemy army — not so in this case.

Wars are typically fought from the outside in, but when the enemy is isolated and the ruling regime is faced with a viable domestic insurgency, the calculus changes. State sponsors of terrorism are coiled snakes

whose vulnerable heads are in the center. Cut off the head, and the rest falls lifelessly away. In such a scenario, a concentric strategy, which emanates from the inside out, is appropriate.

Two clear targets are presented: Afghanistan and Iraq. If their respective capitals of Kabul and Baghdad are taken, their ruling regimes will either fall or be on the run. Either way, friendly Afghans and Iraqis, backed by U.S. and allied forces, would then expand their control by spreading out of the capitals in ever-increasing concentric circles.

The elimination of these two centers of terrorist support would have a chilling effect on other such states, including Iran, Syria, Libya, Sudan, and even North Korea.

Much is made of the fact that the old Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan and failed, but that failure came about to a large extent because the opposition

Afghans — the Mujahideen — had a safe haven in neighboring Pakistan where they were supplied and trained by the United States.

Today, Afghanistan's ruling Taliban and Iraq's Saddam Hussein have almost no friends — and certainly no safe havens. The air space over Iraq is already controlled and patrolled by U.S. and allied air forces. And Afghanistan has no air force of consequence. The problem that is left, then, is that of defeating their air defenses and local ground forces.

Lanes through air defenses are cleared through a combination of technology and firepower, after which troops can be inserted. But instead of marching or driving through a cleared minefield, they are ferried by helicopters and followed by air transports once landing fields are cleared. In military terms, it is called a vertical envelopment.

Then comes the tough part: We can determine how many enemy units are

on the ground in each capital, but we cannot be certain how much fight they have in them. This means that our ground troops must be heavily supported by Apache helicopter (tank-killing) gunships and jet air cover.

The initial invading forces would include Iraqi or Afghan opposition forces that could coordinate simultaneous attacks from outside the cities' perimeters.

Further, they could assert a calming influence on the local population. And inevitably, the long-suffering Iraqi and Afghan people can be introduced to democratic governments and free-market economies.

The expelled leaders who are not captured would be on the run, nearly friendless and nearly powerless. And whereas the process of tracking down individual terrorist leaders and those who supported them can take some time, the military objectives can be secured in short order.



JACK ANDERSON



Mallard Fillmore
BY
BRUCE TINSLEY

I GUESS A SNIP, POWERFUL SYMBOL LIKE ME HAS A LITTLE MISBEHAVING...
...IS LANCE ARMSTRONG.
...I MEAN, THE ONLY GUY I'VE EVER SEEN COME OUT IN A REDDRESS UNIFORM...

READING CORNER

Autumn
Autumn will s

I can feel it on which carried sage "Autumn's on again."

Mid August time as Summer ma stand.

I know it won'til Autumn ma entrance grand.

The work is al soon the fruit in.

Autumn meant vest came, now we rest, th again.

Summer's heat the road Winter still ar bend.

Between two s 'extremes' Autumn is a gl blend.

I'm longing for moment

When the seas arrives.

I shall celebrat glory

Thankful that Martha Ander

We the People

We the people, at heart,

Our faith in ou will not come ap

We must band come such strife

And not let thi life.

We are bound and pride:

To our country to our freedom v

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United we stan we fall.

To give in to t explains it all.

We cannot exh energy with hat

For the prospe Americans that

of our race.

Please, I am u of you,

Do not play th the enemy's rule

Do not fall apa hurt a friend,

Because an An not a color of sk

Bill Tompkins

Tragedy

If tomorrow st out me,

And I'm not th If the sun sho find your eyes

All filled with me;

I wish so muc wouldn't cry

The way you d While thinkin many things,

We didn't get I know how m love me,

As much as I l And each time of me,

I know you'll too;

But when tom without me,

Please try to u That an angel called my name

And took me l And said my

READER'S CORNER

Autumn

Autumn will soon be here
I can feel it on the wind
which carried the mes-
sage
"Autumn's on the way
again."

Mid August is a favorite
time
as Summer makes its last
stand.
I know it won't be long
til Autumn makes an
entrance grand.

The work is almost over,
soon the fruit is gathered
in.
Autumn means the har-
vest came,
now we rest, then start
again.

Summer's heat is down
the road
Winter still around the
bend.
Between two seasons of
'extremes'
Autumn is a glorious
blend.

I'm longing for that
moment
When the season fully
arrives.
I shall celebrate Autumn's
glory
Thankful that I am alive.
Martha Anderson Peugh

We the People
We the people, are strong
at heart,
Our faith in our country
will not come apart.
We must band to over-
come such strife.
And not let this deter our
life.

We are bound by justice
and pride:
To our country we hail,
to our freedom we abide.
The enemy's goal is to
make us feel weak:
to fight with each other
until we're on the brink.

To target our neighbor
because of his skin,
Is giving the enemy their
ultimate win.
This country exists of all
sorts of color.
We cannot go off and con-
demn our brother.

There is not a breed of
the American race.
An American is one that
carries freedom with grace.
An American is one that
knows who they are.
It's a feeling of pride that
is bred in the heart.

We, as the people, are the
center of it all.
We have to be dignified;
we have to stand tall.
We have to show the
world as a whole,
That we are Americans,
the land of the bold.

United we stand, divided
we fall.
To give in to the enemy
explains it all.
We cannot exhaust our
energy with hate
For the prosperous
Americans that are not
of our race.

Please, I am urging to all
of you,
Do not play the game by
the enemy's rule.
Do not fall apart. Do not
hurt a friend,
Because an American is
not a color of skin.
Bill Tompkins

Tragedy
If tomorrow starts with-
out me,
And I'm not there to see;
If the sun should rise and
find your eyes
All filled with tears for
me;
I wish so much you
wouldn't cry
The way you did today,
While thinking of the
many things,
We didn't get to say.
I know how much you
love me,
As much as I love you,
And each time you think
of me,
I know you'll miss me
too;

But when tomorrow starts
without me,
Please try to understand,
That an angel came and
called my name,
And took me by the hand,
And said my place was

ready,
In heaven far above,
And that I'd have to leave
behind
All those I dearly love.
But as I turned to walk
away,
A tear fell from my eye,
For all my life, I'd always
thought,
I didn't want to die.
I had so much to live for,
So much yet to do,
It seemed almost impossi-
ble,
That I was leaving you.
The good ones and the
bad,
I thought of all the love
we shared,
And all the fun we had.
If I could relive yester-
day,
Just even for a while,
I'd say good-bye and kiss
you
And maybe see you smile.
But then I fully realize,
That this could never be,
For emptiness and memo-
ries,
would take the place of
me.
And when I thought of
worldly things,
I might miss come tomor-
row,
I thought of you and
when I did,
My heart was filled with
sorrow.
But when I walked
through heaven's gates,
I felt so much at home.
When God looked down
and smiled at me,
From His great golden
throne,
He said "This is eternity,
And all I've promised
you."
Today for life on earth is
past,
But here it starts anew.
I promise no tomorrow,
But today will always
last,
And since each day's the
same way
There is no longing for
the past.
But you have been so
faithful,
So trusting and so true.
Though there were times
you did some things,
You knew you shouldn't
do.
But you have been forgiv-
en, And now at last you are
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So won't you take my
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For every time you think
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I'm still here in your
heart.
Ken Hopper
"Cadillac"

Show the children their
God of creation.
Show them He alone is
their overcomer.
He alone is their
strength.
He alone is their salva-
tion.
Listen to the children.
Protect the children.
Teach the children.
Encourage the children.
Serve the children. Live
for the children.
Love the children. Pray
for the children.
Sharon Rich

Early Hours of
September 12
I had to think, and think
some more
To keep my mind off the
day before
The day the plane
slammed through the walls
Of those once proud tow-
ers that stood so tall.
Those towers fell, there's
little left
Just like the peace that I

trust, forgiveness, and love.
once felt
My minds now filled with
fear, distrust
Because those towers
have turned to dust.
I can't stand to think how
the victims felt
Its too sad to think of the
loved ones left
So I think and think, and
think some more
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Ramona Harris

Walking,
I walk the roads
day and night
talk to me for
a moment;
as I pass down
the highway of life.
Just a wayfaring
stranger
My home out
under the blue
just passing by
on the highway
My friend, I am
just passing through.
Bernice Reed Jones

Echoing Cries
Night fell on freedom lost
when terror burned, at
America's cost
In the heart of our land,
two birds flew by
and bloody walls crum-
bled, while
remaining men cry.
Innocence gone...now
brothers divide
as we contemplate war,
religions collide
Those souls...that now lay
at rest
stand guard as angels
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Best.
Buried in ash and 'neath
smoke filled halls
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Still fading daily, but
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Beware! You vandals, We
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Our colors parade in the
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Red, white and blue, it
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So now our prayers go
strong and loud
as we march in war...for
America, proud!
But what now, will the
cost of freedom be?
more bloodshed, more
tears...
for my children, for me?
Lord, grant us wisdom,
let Grace abide!
In faith, we'll reign
mighty,
with You at our side!
Janette M. Valle

Pray For the Children
Consider the children,
God's sunshine in a dark
and evil world.
The are God's joyous crea-
tions.
They are the innocence at
which we marvel.
They are the personifica-
tion of love.
Listen to the children,
God's littlest instruction
books.
We learn so much as we
listen to them.
they can teach us to love.
They can teach us to for-
give.
Protect the children.
Their trust must not be
compromised.
Their innocence is not to
be preyed upon.
Their willingness to for-
give must not be ques-
tioned.
Their love must be
accepted.
Teach the children, God's
little angels that must carry
on.
For some their loss is
great, a relative, a sibling,
a parent.
For others their fear is
great, guns, war.
For all the lack of under-
standing is great.
Encourage the children
for the future depends upon
them.
They must overcome.
They must be strong.
They must grow.
Serve the children, God's
special clay.
Loaned to us for such a
short time.
They seek heroes, they
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SCHOOL NEWS

Garden City schools announced the September Student of the Month at a recent board meeting.

First grader Bianca Montes was selected as the outstanding student from grades kindergarten through third while fifth grader Sydney Halfmann was selected from grades fourth through sixth.

These two students were recognized by elementary principal Brad Jones.

High School principal Faith Scott announced that seventh grader Cade Halfmann was chosen from the junior high and Chelsea Schwartz, a junior, was selected from the high school.

On Sept. 17, 2001, at the regular meeting of the Howard County 4-H Club, Farm Bureau president, Mike Moates presented a check to Howard County 4-H president Trevor Bibb. The check was from money raised in a golf tournament held at Big Spring Country Club.

Howard County Farm Bureau board sponsored the golf tournament to benefit Howard and Glasscock County 4-H Clubs. The portion of the donation to Howard County 4-H was in excess of \$790.

Howard County 4-H Club members and officers were very excited to receive this donation and hope the money will be used for leadership camps, state competitions and community service projects.

Harry Potter, among most "challenged" books in schools

NEW YORK (AP) — The "Harry Potter" series, John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" and Maya Angelou's "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" were among the 10 books most "challenged" last year as appropriate for schools and libraries, according to the American Library Association.

The list coincides with the 20th annual Banned Books Week, which ends Sunday.

"Banned Books Week serves to raise awareness about censorship and remind Americans that our freedoms can be fragile if we are not vigilant in protecting them," Judith Krug, director of the ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom, said Wednesday.

The ALA defines a "challenge" as a formal, written complaint filed with a school library about a book's content or appropriateness.

Criticisms, usually by parents, include Satanism (the Potter series), offensive language and violence ("Of Mice and Men") and racism and sexual content ("I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings").

The ALA reports 646 challenges in 2000, up from 472 in 1999, and believes this represents just a fraction of actual complaints. Krug said books, however, rarely end up being pulled.

The list is also sponsored by the American Society of Journalists and Authors and the Association of American Publishers.

Included are Robert Cormier's "The Chocolate War," cited for violence and offensive language, and Caroline Cooney's "The Terrorist," controversial well before the Sept. 11 hijackings.

"The Terrorist" is a young adult novel about a boy killed after being handed an explosive package on a London train.

"The complaints are because the alleged terrorist is an Arab," Krug said.



By BETTY DEBNAM

Check Off the Quarters You Find
Cool Coins Are Hot

State quarters

The 50-state-quarters program is the biggest boost to coin collecting ever, a top coin expert told The Mini Page. These quarters have a state on one side and George Washington on the other side. Each quarter features a symbol representing a fact or event unique to that state.

For 60 years, before the state quarters were issued, most of the quarters in circulation looked like this.

In 1998, about 2 billion (2,000,000,000) quarters were "minted" (made) by the U.S. Mint, a part of the U.S. Treasury Department that makes the coins.

Then, in 1999, the first state quarters were issued. The number of quarters made in 2000 jumped to more than 6 billion.

How many coins are made depends on the demand by the banks who put them into circulation. How many the banks want depends on how many we citizens want.

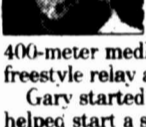
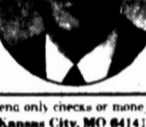
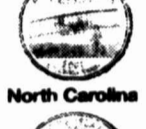
Since 1999, there have been 14 new state quarters. A new one is produced for only about 10 weeks and will never be produced again.

The order that the coins are made depends on when the states joined the Union. It will take until 2008 to issue quarters from all 50 states.

How valuable these coins will be in the future is unknown. But what you learn by studying them can be valuable.

The Kentucky state quarter will be issued in October.

Issued in 1999



The new golden dollar



Sacagawea is shown carrying her son in a cradle board on her back.



On the reverse is an eagle surrounded by 17 stars, the number of states in 1804.

The new coin honors Sacagawea (sah-KAH-guh-WEE-uh), the Native American woman who traveled with explorers Lewis and Clark on their famous expedition, from 1804 to 1806. She served as a guide and interpreter on their trek to the Pacific Ocean.

The new golden dollar was introduced to the public in 2000. Even though it has a gold look to it, it is made mostly of copper.

It is very popular. In just two years, about 800 million have been put into circulation.

Many people have felt that dollar coins would come in handy for use in vending machines.

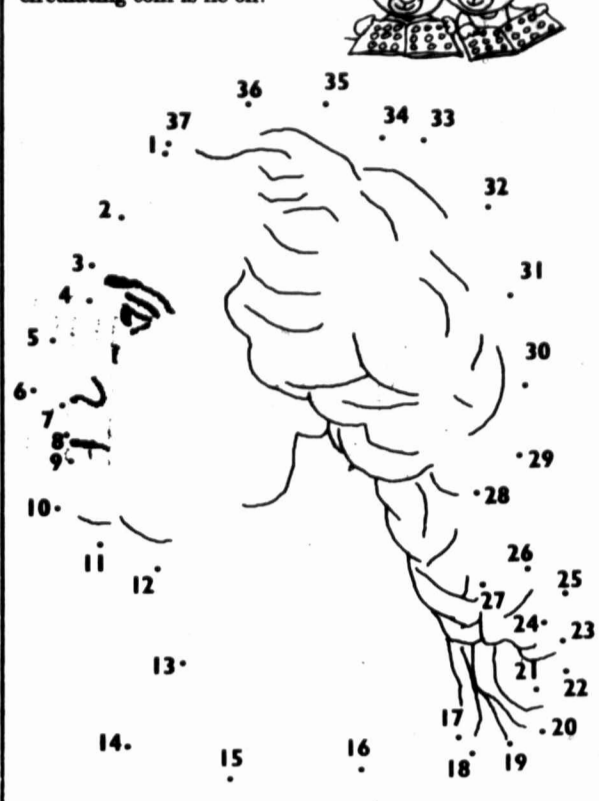
The U.S. Mint brought out the Susan B. Anthony dollar coin in 1979. It was not very popular because it looked too much like a quarter.



Susan B. Anthony was a leader in the fight for women's right to vote.

To find out more about Sacagawea, read next week's Mini Page.

Go dot to dot and color this famous president. Which circulating coin is he on?



Rookie Cookie's Recipe Super Stuffed Taters

You'll need:

- 3 baking potatoes
- 2/3 cup milk
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup cheddar cheese, grated

What to do:

1. Bake potatoes in a 375-degree oven for 1 hour or until done.
2. When cool, split lengthwise. Scoop out insides, leaving the shell.
3. In a medium bowl, combine insides of potatoes, milk, butter and salt. Mix until smooth.
4. Place equal amounts of potato mixture back into shells.
5. Sprinkle equal amounts of cheese on top.
6. Return to oven and bake for 10 minutes or until cheese is melted. Serves 3.



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Gus Goodsport's Report Supersport: Gary Hall Jr.

Height: 6-6 Birthplace: Cincinnati

Weight: 195 Birthdate: 9-26-74

Not many swimmers can swim as fast as Gary Hall Jr. He is one of the world's best freestyle swimmers.

At last year's Olympics, he won gold medals in the 50-meter freestyle and the 400-meter medley relay. He won the silver in the 400-meter freestyle relay and the bronze in the 100-meter freestyle.

Gary started swimming competitively when his father helped start a swim club.

He was born to be a swimmer. Both his parents were swimmers, and his father, Gary Hall Sr., was an Olympic swimmer at the 1968, 1972 and 1976 games.

Gary lives in Phoenix, Ariz. He likes playing the guitar, traveling, painting and playing tennis.

Meet J.D. Roth

J.D. Roth, 34, has been in show business most of his life.

As a child, he began by performing in commercials and doing cartoon voices.

At 19, he hosted the popular game show "Fun House." From there he went on to host other TV shows, such as "Double Up" and "Inside Out."

These days, he is hosting "Moolah Beach," a game show where kids compete in contests on an island setting.

J.D. grew up in Cherry Hill, N.J., with his twin sister. His mother is an interior decorator and his father a lawyer.

He and his wife, Christine, a physical therapist, have a son, Cooper.

In his free time, J.D. likes playing basketball.

MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

The following jokes all have something in common. Can you find the common theme or category?

Tom: When is a hurricane over?
Tim: Monsooner or later.

Amanda: Why do we call those big tropical storms hurricanes?
Ginger: Whoever heard of a his-a-cane!

Rosie: Why don't weather forecasters tell each other jokes?
Jack: They don't want to laugh up a storm!

COIN COLLECTING TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of coins are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: MONEY, HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY, QUARTERS, STATE, NICKELS, DIMES, PENNIES, DOLLAR, GOLDEN, MINT, TREASURY, BANKS, DESIGN, METAL, STAMP, CHANGES.

COIN COLLECTING IS FUN!

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LSEGNAHCIIERENE
SJDIMESVENYKNR
KOYYROTSIHSTGSS
STAMPYRURUSAERT

Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and Alpha Mouse have been shopping. Mini is careful to count her change. See if you can find: word MINI

SALE!

• pencil
• kite
• cat
• man in the moon
• key
• sock
• number 7
• exclamation mark
• ruler
• number 2
• marshmallow
• toothbrush
• umbrella
• caterpillar
• bell

How Coins Are Made

1. Congress gives its approval for the creation of a new coin.
2. After many people approve the design, an artist makes a big drawing so the details can be added.
3. A clay model of the coin is made of a hard plastic called epoxy.
4. A machine is used to copy the plastic model into a tiny engraving the size of a coin.
5. The engraving is copied onto a metal stamp called a die.
6. Rolls of metal are fed into a machine that prints out coin-size blanks.
7. The blanks are heated so they will be softer and easier to stamp.
8. The blanks are put into a machine that raises the edges on both sides of the coin.
9. The blank coins are put into a machine that stamps the engraving on both sides of the coin.
10. The coins are checked, counted and put into bags. They are sent to special banks around the country and then on to your local bank.

Quarters come from a press, after they have been "struck." (The warm metal blanks are put into a machine and the engraving is stamped, or pressed, onto them. See Step 9.)

This map shows the location of the four U.S. Mints, or the places where our coins are made. There are public tours in Denver and Philadelphia. Washington, D.C., is the headquarters for the U.S. Mint. Fort Knox, in Kentucky, is where the government stores 147 million ounces of gold.

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Coin Terms

Obverse: Front
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Mint Mark: Letter showing where the coin was made.
D - Denver W - West Point
S - San Francisco P - Philadelphia

Mintmarks are small letters showing where the coins were made.

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A site to see: For information on these coins, visit: www.usmint.gov. Click on the kids section ("K.I.P.s. pocket change").

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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 for this week's pep rally.

The theme is: "Steers on Hogs" Ritchey said.

"It's just a fun motivational thing to build some extra excitement to start our district season with Andrews."

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.

Stanton to honor active-duty alumni

At halftime of the Stanton High homecoming football game Friday, former students who are on active duty with the various armed forces will be recognized. Individuals who know of current active duty military members are asked to contact the school. To add a name to the roster or to check to see if an individual is already on the list, call 756-3254.

Homecoming pep rallies planned

Two area high schools have homecoming pep rallies planned for Friday. Coahoma has its pep rally scheduled for 3 p.m. while Stanton is planning a 3:10 start.

PREP SLATE

FRIDAY

FOOTBALL

BIG SPRING —vs. Andrews, 7:30 p.m.

COAHOMA — HC, vs. Hamlin 7:30 p.m.

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GARDEN CITY —at Midland Trinity, 8 p.m.

GRADY —vs. Sanderson, 7:30 p.m.

SANDS — at Ropes, 7:30 p.m.

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

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GARDEN CITY — at Lubbock, 10 a.m.

TENNIS

BIG SPRING —vs. Plainview, TBA.

VOLEYBALL

BIG SPRING — vs. Friendship, 2 p.m.

ON THE AIR

Radio

2 p.m. — Seattle Mairers 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.

Bulldogs face improved Pied Pipers for homecoming

By JEFF MORRIS
Sports Editor

The Hamlin Pied Pipers will have to do more than play a catchy tune this week when they visit Coahoma for homecoming because Sam Scott and his 3-1 team are catching Robert Wood and his Bulldogs at a bad time.

Coahoma (3-1) is coming off its first loss of the season and if that were not enough, the Pied Pipers are visiting at homecoming, traditionally a time when teams tend to go all out for a win.

On top of that, the Bulldogs have not forgotten a 2-point loss last year, 28-26, and a second-half comeback that fell short on the

road. "We were down 28-7 at halftime and came back and had a chance to win, but didn't get it done," Coahoma coach Wood recalled Wednesday. "We will have to play our best to bounce back from last week because they are always well coached and ready on special teams. They mix it up on kickoffs and really this is a good game to have before you start district play because you have to prepare for everything. We're liable to see an onside kick and they have a great returner in Jared May. He's already returned a punt and a pair of kicks against Post (which handed Coahoma its only loss of the season, 21-14, last

Bulldogs Glance

What: Coahoma High football, homecoming, vs. Hamlin Pied Pipers.

When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Coahoma High School, homecoming.

Records: Coahoma 3-1; Hamlin 3-1.

week). He is small and quick and hard to get a hold of, so we'll have to be ready."

After suffering its lone loss by a late touchdown to the Post Antelopes last

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HERALD photo/Mansel Baeza
Cory Hill runs with the ball, using his blocker for extra yardage. This week, he will likely be watching due to a cut on his right arm he suffered against Post last week.

Steers start district play against arch rival Andrews

By JEFF MORRIS
Sports Editor

Steers Glance

What: Big Spring Steers vs. Andrews Mustangs.

When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Memorial Stadium on the Howard College campus in Big Spring.

Records: Big Spring 0-3; Andrews 1-2.

There will be a battle, a show down on the line of scrimmage at Memorial Stadium Friday night when the Andrews Mustangs meet Big Spring's Steers in a District 4-4A battle between two of the biggest district rivals around.

"It's probably our biggest district rival, but what it comes down to is their defense against our offense because defense is the strong point of their team," Big Spring coach Dwight Butler said Wednesday night.

Andrews is leading the league in defense, allowing only 160 yards a game while Big Spring has shown signs of a potent offense that has the potential to score points in a hurry, especially in come-from-behind fourth-quarter situations. And the Steers' defensive unit had improved each week, often keeping Big Spring in the game long enough for the offense to rally at the end.

While Big Spring still has not found its first win of the season, the Steers are only five points short of being 3-0 and certainly could have won all three, if not the past two games.

In week one, three missed extra points proved the difference at Sweetwater as the Steers set a comeback tone for the season at Mustang Bowl. After an early open date, Big Spring quarterback Tye Butler showed his ability to lead the offense when he led the Steers second comeback

effort against Hereford, leaving kicker Jordan Cobb with a 22-yard field goal to win at the end. Cobb couldn't connect and the Steers fell short by a point.

Last week, Butler brought his team back from a 14-point deficit with another fourth-quarter rally that forced an overtime period. Again the Steers had a chance to win. They went for two after Ramone Ford scored in overtime, but again they came up short by a point.

After two one-point losses in as many weeks, the Steers are certainly over due for a win and according to coach Butler, the Big Spring players have responded in a positive way, finding an even higher level of excitement in practice this week, sensing a chance for a home win over a big rival who has had its own share of struggles this year.

After a pair of losses to start the season, the Mustangs broke out against Carlsbad High of New Mexico two weeks ago, get-



HERALD photo/Jim Fierro
Brandon Mendoza (15) runs well after he catches the ball for Big Spring. The Steers will need him to catch a lot of balls and run really well this week at Memorial Stadium when they start District 4-4A play against arch rival Andrews at 7:30 p.m. Friday night.

ting their first win, 31-14, before taking a week off to prepare for both team's district opener this week.

Andrews quarterback Ryan Newbrough and running back Brady Haygood lead the Mustangs' offense, which has a hefty line that will certainly present problems for Big Spring. But the key to beating the Mustangs must be battling a huge defensive front and a strong set of linebackers. Matt Gardner and Zach Tubbs lead the linebacking corps while K.C. White anchors the ends, so running up the middle and sweeps to the strong side will be a challenge for the Steers who have struggled inside the

red zone this season.

"With a running game that has struggled all season, the Steers have relied on Butler's ability to throw the ball to Brandon Mendoza, Clarence Wilkins and several others. But Ford stepped forward last week, adding a spark to the running attack in the second half that opened up the passing game, allowing Butler to mix the pass and the run during the fourth quarter.

That will be a critical condition for the Steers this week. They must be able to run the ball, which means they will have to find a way to block the bigger Andrews linemen.

"They are big, strong and

powerful up front, so that's the key match up for us and offensively, they're front is massive. They've had some injuries, but they've had two weeks to get well and get ready, so that is a critical concern — that we may not match up well up front," coach Butler admitted. "But I believe we can play with them. Our kids have responded well. They bounced back from last Friday and had a good week of spirited practice. We had a really good practice today, so I feel good about our team. If we can find a way to deal with their offensive and defensive line and have

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Stanton hosts Midland Christian for homecoming

By JEFF MORRIS
Sports Editor

Last year, the new kid on the block taught the teacher a football lesson. After losing, often by a lopsided score, its first four games to traditional power Stanton High, the Mustangs of Midland Christian mustered an upset win of its own last year, starting a 13-1 winning streak that took the 6-year-old squad all the way to a TAPPS title last season.

"I remember my first year here," Midland coach Greg McClendon recalled Wednesday. "We had only moved up from six-man football for two years and Stanton had been beating us badly because they had such great championship teams. My first year, they beat us 53-9, not because they were running up the score, they were just that good. I remember we always wanted to play them because we wanted to play the best to be better and it has worked out for us because last year was our first win. Then we went on to win 13 of our 14 games and a championship since then."

When McClendon brings his undefeated 5-0 Mustangs to Stanton for homecoming Friday night, Stanton's Buffaloes will be ready to put their pride on the line,

even if they are the underdogs with a 1-3 record, which is unfamiliar territory for the Buffaloes and their coach, Mark Cotton.

"They might be a little down this year, but what it means is that we've closed the gap on a team with tradition," McClendon said. "I can tell you we will not take them lightly, no matter what others say about who is favored because coach Cotton and his staff have always challenged us as coaches to be prepared and to make adjustments to their attack. They will attack you and they always have players with pride, so we're apprehensive because we remember what happened a year ago when they were the favored team. They came in here with a 4-0 record and we were 2-2 and we upset them 24-12 and we ruined their undefeated season, so we sure want to avoid that this week.

"I'm a history teacher with a long memory," McClendon continued. "I count Mark Cotton as a personal friend and teacher who has helped me and helped our program. This series is important because they have helped us raise the level of our play and become competitive enough to go on and win a 4A TAPPS title."

Cotton said he expects a

Buffaloes Glance

What: Stanton Buffaloes vs. midland Christian Mustangs

When: Friday, 8 p.m.

Where: Stanton High School, homecoming.

Records: Stanton 1-3; Midland Christian 5-0.

serious battle on the line of scrimmage and that his Buffaloes will have their hands full with a group of mustangs that will out weigh them considerably.

"They are the most talented team we have faced," Cotton said Tuesday. "We'll be over matched on the line because they average about 255 a man and that's with one guy who is only 200 pounds, so we'll sure be over matched up front. Then, they have Jamie Beegly at quarterback and he's a 6-foot-3, 195-pound kid who can play and they have Tony Joseph at tailback and he's a 6-1, 200 kid who can run the ball. He started for Midland High last year and transferred over, so they're loaded.

"The big key for us is we have to find a way to move

See **BUFFALOES**, Page 2B



HERALD photo/Steve Schofer
Rushton Pardue (9) goes up against a Reagan County Owl earlier this season, trying break up a big pass. Pardue and the rest of the Stanton High defensive unit will certainly get a test this week when undefeated Midland Christian comes calling for homecoming Friday night at 8 p.m.

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SPORTS EXTRA

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

Table with columns for American League East Division, American League Central, American League West, National League East, National League Central, and National League West. Includes team names, wins, losses, and percentages.

ALL LEADERS

Table listing top performers in the American League, including batting leaders like Suzuki and Rodriguez, and pitching leaders like Lincecum.

NL LEADERS

Table listing top performers in the National League, including batting leaders like Lincecum and Rodriguez, and pitching leaders like Lincecum.

NFL FOOTBALL

Table showing NFL standings for the American Football Conference (East, North, South, West) and the National Football Conference (East, North, South, West).

BULLDOGS

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he football and keep our defense off the field," Cotton continued.

Perhaps the Buffaloes are plotting an upset of their own, ready to return the favor from last year when the Mustangs beat the Buffaloes for the first time in the five-year history of the series.

BULLDOGS

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week, Wood said his Bulldogs have had a good week of practice, despite the loss of Coahoma's star running back, Cory Hill.

BULLDOGS' notes:

Coahoma coach Wood said he was more worried about his team playing better this week than about missing his star running back, Cory Hill.

BULLDOGS

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he football and keep our defense off the field," Cotton continued.

STEERS

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some good long drives, we'll have a good chance to get our first win this week."

Bonds still needs three to tie, Astros, Rangers lose again

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Needing three to match Mark McGwire's record, Barry Bonds got them at Dodger Stadium. Walks, that is.

Enron Field. The Cardinals closed within 3 1/2 games of NL Central-leading Houston.

San Francisco remained 11 1/2 games behind Arizona in the NL West and three games behind St. Louis in the wild card race.

Chipper Jones hit his 37th home run, Andrew Jones hit his 33rd homer and Atlanta won at Florida.

Cardinals 5, Astros 1
Slumping Mark McGwire homered twice to lead Darryl Kile and St. Louis at

for 168 yards and three interceptions. He was also sacked six times.

Redskins cut QB George

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — Jeff George was cut by the Washington Redskins on Wednesday after he failed to lead the team to a single point in its two embarrassing losses to open the season.

George was told of the decision when he arrived at 7:15 a.m. for a workout.

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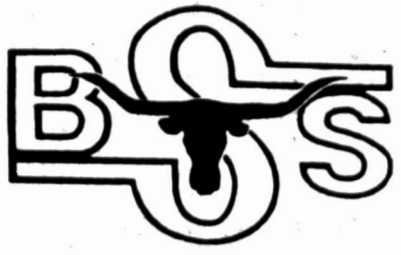
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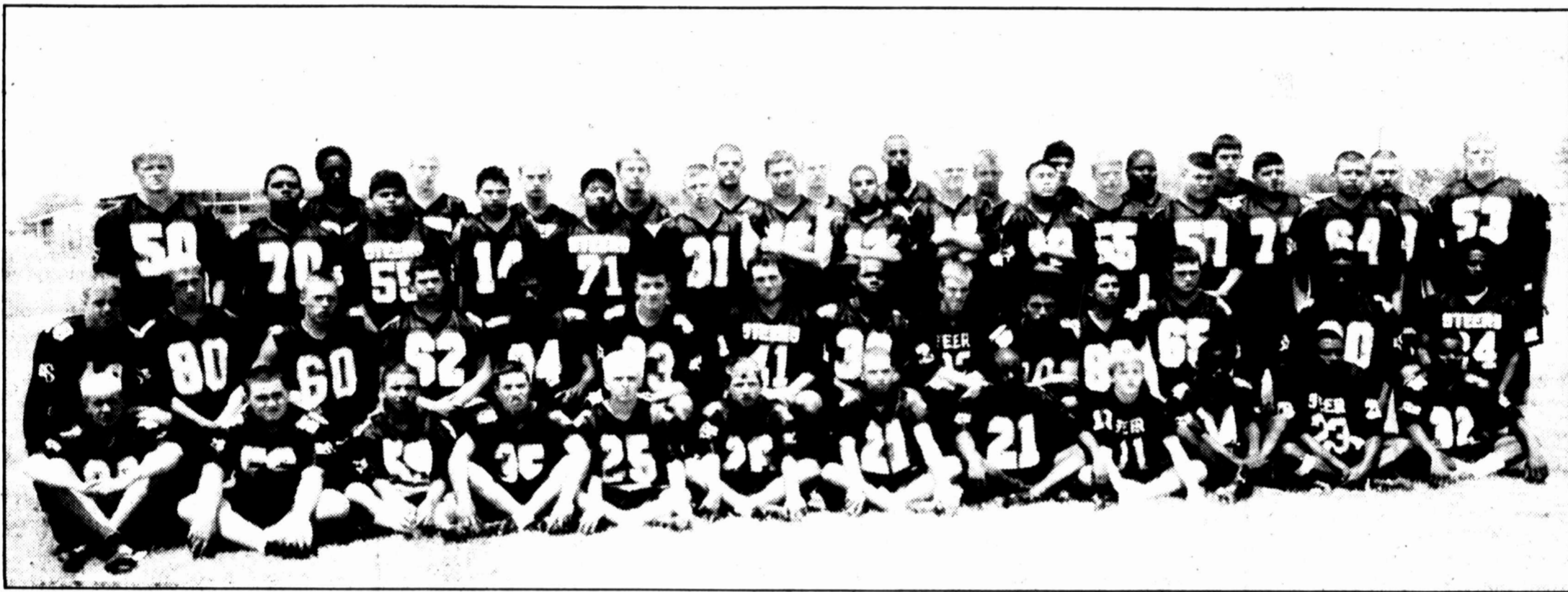
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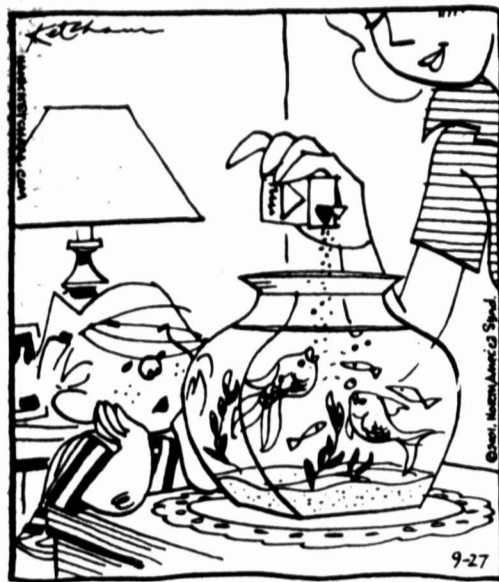
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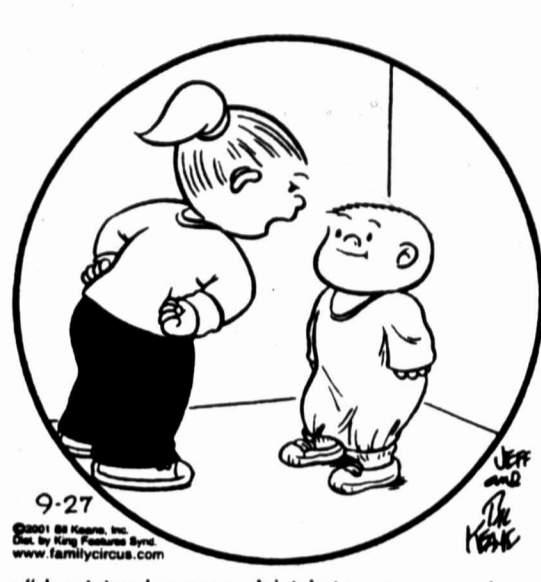
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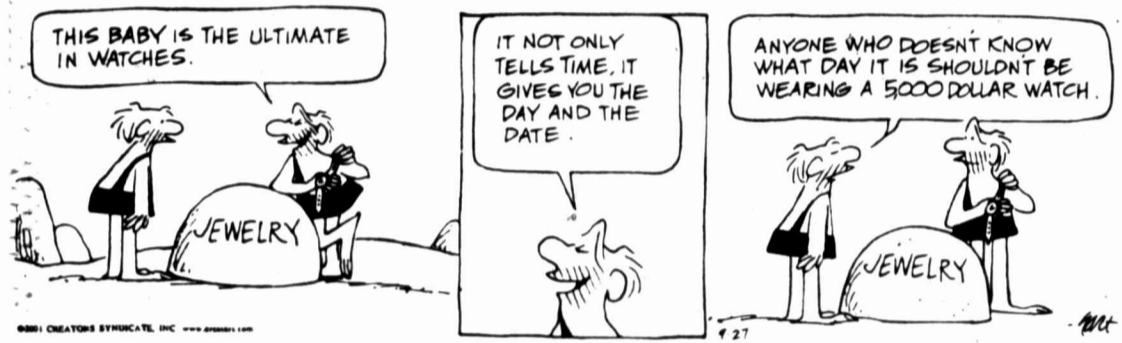
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Newsday Crossword

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Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include: 1 Key West mollusk, 6 Actress Vima, 10 Female WWII group, 14 Crosswise, on a ship, 15 Algerian port, 16 Dr. Pavlov, 17 Day/Hudson film, 19 Folk history, 20 Spill the beans, 21 Kick out, 22 Martini morsel, 23 Fraternal fellows, 25 Duke in Cooperstown, 26 Bring under control, 29 Donnybrook, 31 Betelgeuse's constellation, 32 Annoy, 33 "Well, --di-dah!", 36 Policy provision, perhaps, 39 Conscripting org., 40 Discover by chance, 41 More up-to-date, 42 Showed again, 43 Fans' spot, 44 Amicus, 47 Folk singer Phil, 48 Without letup, 49 Guitar device, 51 Beer, slangily, 55 Building extension, 56 Pianist's purchase, 58 Novel ending, 59 Beachgoer's worry, 60 Where the action is, 61 Letter starter, 62 Novelist Oz, 63 Exodus commemoration, 10 Steamboat (historic cartoon), 11 Steer clear of, 12 Make a jack-o'-lantern, 13 Look of scorn, 18 Responded to reveille, 22 Tither's contribution, 24 Dolt, 25 Serb or Croat, 26 Weeps audibly, 27 WWW addresses, 28 Skewed view, 29 Georgia city, 30 Tharres town, 32 Sundance's girlfriend, 33 Court surface, maybe, 34 Matured, 35 One of a matched set, 37 De Valera's land, 38 Give comfort to, 42 Leaner beater, 43 Caber tosser, 44 Browbeaten, 45 Striker's shout, 46 Oscar de la, 47 Some tourneys, 49 Buddy, 50 Prefix for nautical, 52 No longer mint, 53 Enjoy a banquet, 54 The Lion King villain, 56 Entrepreneur-aiding org., 57 More: Sp.