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WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT 65°-70° TOMORROW 91°-93°

INSIDE TODAY

GAME DAY

An 8-page special section in today's issue previewing this weekend's gridiron games, the state's top 10 teams by classification, statistics from the second week of play and "Friday Night Forecasters" — a look at who local media celebrities have projected as Friday night winners.

HISPANIC HERITAGE

Howard College offers several opportunities to experience Hispanic culture and heritage during Hispanic Heritage Month, beginning Friday.

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SEVERAL INJURED

Six people were injured, several seriously, when the vehicle in which they were traveling overturned several times along U.S. Highway 87 south of Big Spring this morning.

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PTK PAYS TRIBUTE

Howard College Phi Theta Kappa students presented "A Tribute to American Strengths" Wednesday featuring a tree dedication ceremony and a short reception with more than 100 students and employees.

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BRIEFLY

RAIN IN FORECAST

Friday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms.

Highs around 90. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Friday night...Partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows 65 to 70.

Saturday...Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs 85 to 90.

Sunday...Partly cloudy and a little cooler. Lows 60 to 65. Highs around 80.

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One hurt in blaze at refinery

Plant may be down two to three weeks

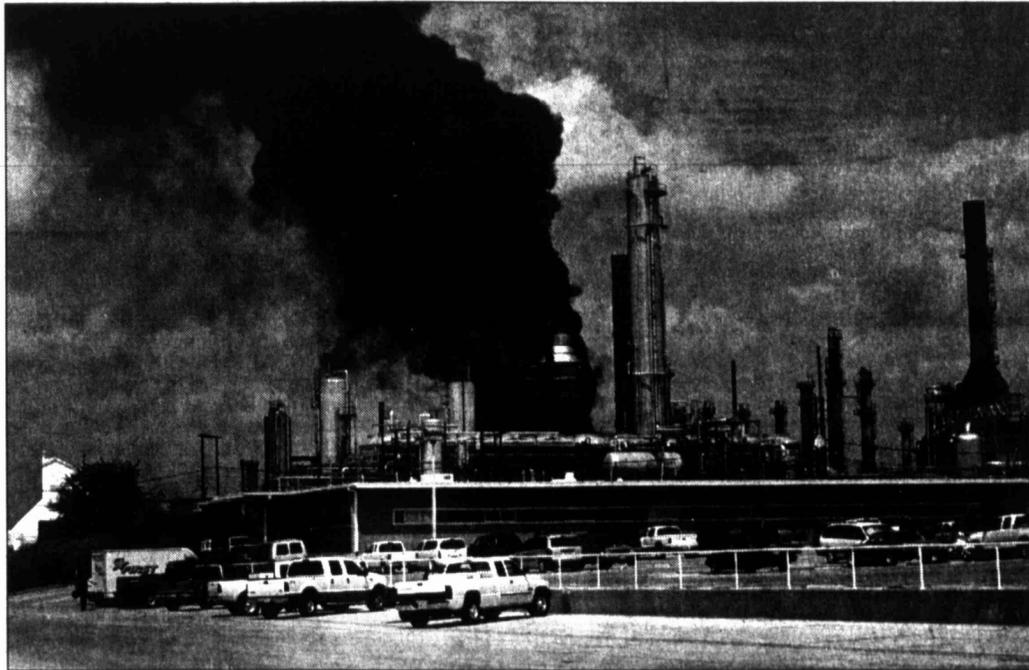
By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Quick action by the Big Spring Fire Department, the ALON USA Big Spring Emergency Response Team and the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department averted potential disaster Wednesday when a fire injured one man at ALON's Big Spring refinery.

Despite that impressive work, however, ALON Plant Manger Joe Conciene said this morning that he anticipates 2 to 3 weeks of down time for the facility.

"Right now we haven't been able to place a dollar figure on the damage," Conciene said. "We're just in the first 24 hours into the assessment, but we esti-



HERALD photo/Tommy Wells
Black smoke billows from the crude unit at the ALON USA refinery in Big Spring, as Big Spring Fire Department, Howard County Volunteer Fire Department and members of the ALON Emergency Response Team battle the blaze. An unidentified contract worker was burned in the accident and is currently being treated in the ICU at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

mate our down time will be 2 to 3 weeks. We'll still be supplying our customers from stored inventory and

using exchange products from our competitors."

In addition, Conciene said the plant will still be

selling asphalt products and will have a couple of auxiliary units processing gaso-

line from intermediate

products, but the plant's major units would be down

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Howard County gathers to remember 9-11

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A potentially disastrous oil refinery fire near Big Spring Wednesday accentuated the lessons learned when New York firefighters and policemen risked and lost their lives helping others on Sept. 11, 2001.

The heads of Howard County's and the city's emergency departments — some weary from an afternoon spent fighting a fire at the ALON USA refinery — gathered at First Baptist Church Wednesday night with the public to remember 9-11.

And the community came to pay its respects to those whose lives were taken, the survivors, the families and those brave men and women who sought to rescue them.

Some 600 to 700 people packed the church sanctuary for the service and candlelight vigil.

"What I see as a look out at you tonight and reflect upon a year ago, I am hum-

"We've lost our innocence. Before, we never even knew there were people who would be willing to crash airplanes into buildings to kill people. Now we've got to be on the lookout and we've got to put our trust in the Lord."

Mayor Russ McEwen

ble to be your elected servant," Mayor Russ McEwen said.

McEwen recalled the words Mamie Lee Dodds expressed at a seed planting

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
The Rev. Dennis Teeter, left, Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker, Big Spring Fire Chief Brian Jensen and Big Spring Police Lt. Terry Chamness stand in reverence while Star Spangled Banner plays during the First Baptist Church "9-11 Remembered" ceremony Wednesday night. Below, cups in the fence at Washington Elementary spell familiar words.



BSHS students, faculty hold reverent ceremony

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Big Spring High School students, faculty and staff stood in a solemn circle Wednesday to show their unbroken bond of unity while reflecting on last year's attacks.

More than 1,200 people — from administration to jan-

itorial and food service staff — soberly walked to the second floor of the high school for the morning ceremony while the music of Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA" played in the background.

"The second floor is the

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Hispanic festival promises food, music and fun for all

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

It's just about Fiesta time! Big Spring's first downtown fiesta will kick off at 5 p.m. Friday and will offer lots of great Mexican food, music and fun.

"Everybody's invited to come and have a good time," said event coordinator Raul Marquez said. "There's going to be a lot of good authentic Hispanic food, games for the kids, a lot of entertainment with bands that are going to start Friday. We're going to have some great gospel singers there, we're going to have a

big washer tournament next to Dahmer's Emporia."

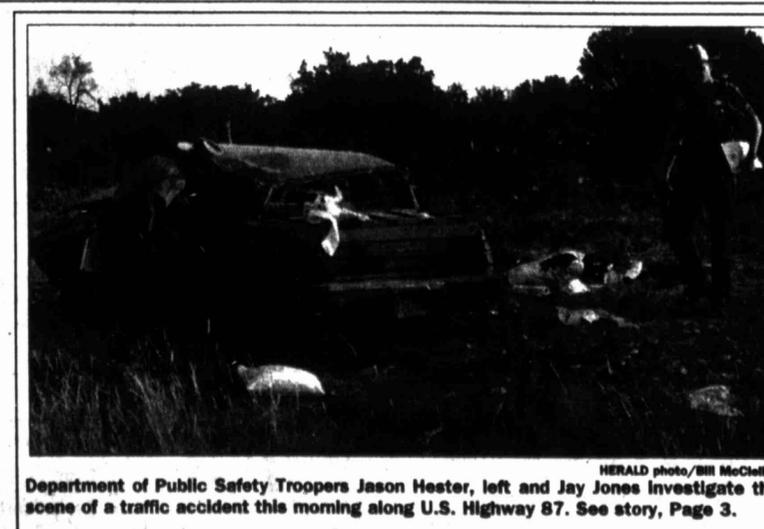
Low rider clubs Alsa, Santana Specialty Club and Low Image Car Club will sponsor the washer tournament and display their modified vehicles, Marquez added.

"They're going to have some car-hopping for people to look at that," he said. "They're going to have some beautiful cars there."

The Downtown Revitalization Association are co-sponsoring the event.

"We're going to have live

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HERALD photo/Bill McClellan
Department of Public Safety Troopers Jason Hester, left and Jay Jones investigate the scene of a traffic accident this morning along U.S. Highway 87. See story, Page 3.

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A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

J.R. Moore

Funeral service for J.R. Moore, 83, of Big Spring was held today, Sept. 12, 2002, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Ken McMeans of College Baptist Church officiating. Burial was at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mr. Moore died Wednesday, Sept. 11, at a local nursing home.

He was born Aug. 26, 1919, in Nolan County. He was a lifetime resident of Howard County. He was a disabled veteran and had served in the Army Air Corps during World War II as an aircraft gunner. He was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. He was a member of the Baptist church.

Survivors include several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Jane Thorpe

Graveside service for Jane Thorpe, 52, of Big Spring will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, 2002, at Mt. Olive Cemetery with Dr. Randy Cotton officiating.

She was born on March 19, 1949, in Big Spring and had been a lifetime resident. She attended Big Spring schools and had worked for 7-Eleven convenience stores for 24 years at the 11th Place and Third and Owens locations.

Survivors include two sisters, Peggy Garner of Big Spring and Louwona Phemister of El Reno, Okla.; three brothers, Ravis Wayne Thorp of Odessa, Kenneth Lewis Thorp of Jacksonville and Johnny Jack Thorp of Gastonia, N.C.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support groups

MONDAY

☐ TOPS Club TX 21 (take off pounds sensibly), weigh in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.

☐ Military support group meets at 6 p.m. at the VA Medical Center in room 212 the first Monday of every month. Contact Wanda Gamble at 263-7180 or Treva Hall at 263-8574.

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

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

☐ Surviving Pregnancy Loss meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call 631-4430 for more information.

☐ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open meeting on fourth floor at VA Medical Center from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY

☐ AA Open discussion meeting, 615 Settles 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Closed podium meeting, 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

☐ TOPS Club TX 1756 (take off pounds sensibly), weigh in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 11th and Birdwell.

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

☐ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, closed meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

☐ Al-ANON, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

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

☐ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Noon Open 12 and 12 Study meeting, 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

☐ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Noon women's meeting 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Police blotter

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

• **JOSHUA HAMPTON**, 20, of 538 Westover Road was arrested on local warrants.

• **FRED RUBIO**, 37, of 621 Sgt. Paredez was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

• **VICTOR CASTILLO**, 29, of 3100 Cactus was arrested on local warrants.

• **TIMOTHY UNDERWOOD**, 26, of 1212 E. 16th St. was arrested on local warrants.

• **MARCUS MCVEA**, 18, of 901 N.W. 2nd St. was arrested on a Howard County warrant.

• **DARYLL LEVAY POLK**, 29, of 2524 Hunter was arrested on a Howard County warrant.

• **JOHN HENRY SCHENCK**, 27, of 3305 E. 11th St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **SHAWN CHRISTOPHER STAPLETON**, 25, of 2501 Martin Luther King Boulevard in San Angelo was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **HUMBERTO MORALES JR.**, 20, of 33 W. Ave. P was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence — minor.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 800 block of South Aylesford Street, the 800 block of Pine Street and the 2500 block of Chanute Drive.

• **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported near Interstate 20 Exit 184.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 700 block of Northwest Seventh Street. A black 2001 Pontiac Grand Am parked at the home reportedly sustained \$900 damage in the incident.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported:

- In the 1600 block of Lark. Someone reportedly broke into a white 1995 Chevy Corsica and stole two purses or wallets, title to the vehicle, an ATM card, a Social Security card, a Texas drivers license and a checkbook.

- In the 1400 block of Park. Someone reportedly stole a CD player worth \$10, CDs worth \$300, and a Smartstart device worth \$650.

Take note

☐ Lynda Proffitt has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, insurance is not going to cover this diagnosis. An account has been set up at State National Bank, account no. 6790380 to cover the medical expenses.

All donations would be greatly appreciated.

☐ The Fraternal Order of Eagles 3188, Aerie and Auxiliary is having a coat drive for the community.

Bring them by the Eagles Lodge at 703 West Third or contact any Eagle member to have them picked up.

Call the Eagles Lodge at 263-6862 after 3 p.m.

☐ The Texas LST/Amphibious Association invites all shipmates, past and present, to the amphibious reunion to be held in San Angelo Oct. 10-13.

For more information contact Bob Garner LST 461, HC 52 Box 362, Hemphill 75948. Send e-mails to TexasLSTs@aol.com

☐ Valets needed for Webb Reunion Exhibits.

Wooden, personal men's valets with a place to hang pants and/or a tray for jewelry are needed for uniform displays planned during the Oct. 11 and 12 event.

They will be needed for a two month period for use at the Hangar 25 Air Museum.

Permanent donations of these items are welcome.

☐ September is PTA membership enrollment month.

Marcy Elementary encourages all parents to join PTA.

The fee is \$4. For more information contact Heather Williams at 268-9993 or Candance Williams, treasurer at 268-1993.

Records

Wednesday's high 87

Wednesday's low 67

Average high 88

Average low 63

Record high 105 in 1930

Record low 45 in 1975

Precip. Tuesday 0.00

Month to date 0.00

Year to date 10.04

Sunrise Friday 7:28 a.m.

Sunset Friday 7:55 p.m.

Lottery

• The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery: 3-10-28-31-38-51
Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: \$4 million

• The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order 6-3-4

• The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery 7-12-21-26-34

• The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday afternoon by the Texas Lottery, in order 1-9-9

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact Herald Features Editor Andrea Medlin at 263-7331, ext. 238 or email johnmoseley@bigspringherald.com.

TODAY

☐ Gideons International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at Herman's Restaurant at 7 a.m.

☐ Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. at Gale's Sweet Shoppe located at 1706 East FM 700.

☐ Kiwanis Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

☐ Big Spring Main Street meets at noon at the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main.

☐ Christmas in April meets at noon at Bob's Custom Woodwork meets at noon, 409 East Third.

☐ Friends of the Library meets at noon at the Howard County Library.

☐ American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 West Hwy 80.

☐ Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

☐ 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.

☐ AMBUCS meets at noon at the Brandin' Iron.

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

☐ Spring City Senior Citizens Country and Western Dance will be 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

☐ Howard County Scottish Rite Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge located at 21st and Lancaster.

☐ Free eye glasses from 9 a.m. to noon at Bob's Custom Woodwork located at 409 East Third.

☐ Hangar 25 Air Museum, located at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

☐ The Heritage Museum at 510 Scurry is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

EMS

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

WEDNESDAY

10:37 a.m. — I-20 and Hwy 87, traffic accident, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

1:50 p.m. — 200 block of Refinery Road, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

4:20 p.m. — 100 block of East 15th, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

5:26 p.m. — 800 block of Aylsford, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

7:01 p.m. — Mile marker 184 I-20, traffic accident, one patient transported to SMMC.

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until repairs are finished. The injured worker, who's name had not yet been released, is an employee of Western Industrial Insulation in Odessa.

Concienne said reports he received this morning indicated that the injured man was listed in stable condition at the intensive care unit at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

"The word we have from the hospital is that he should make a full recovery," Concienne added.

The fire was reported shortly before 2 p.m. Wednesday and was extinguished by about 3:45 p.m., although fire crews remained on scene during the cool-down period to prevent re-ignition.

BSFD Fire Marshal Carl Condray said the ALON team had already started controlling the fire by the time fire department personnel arrived on the scene.

"Our people went in with the refinery staff. They have their own fire brigade and emergency team. Throughout the plant there's several fixed fire monitors or nozzles. They were already starting to apply water within about a minute and a half from the time this thing went up. Then we got there and we started supplying too. We worked with them at their direction."

ALON operators determined that valves actually inside the blaze needed to be shut off to starve the fire.

"In the crude unit, we had some valves that needed to be blocked off because in those types of fires, the way you put the fire out is to actually stop the fuel," said HCVFD Chief Tommy Sullivan.

Condray said the fire

"Our Red-Hat team worked with the Big Spring Fire Department and Howard County Volunteer Fire Department and did an absolutely tremendous job... Together they were instrumental in containing the fire and minimizing the damage"



Joe Concienne, plant manager

department used "attack lines" to keep the fire away from the workers shutting off the valves.

"We had four attack lines and our deck gun off of one of our pumpers," he said. "This is a proven system that we've refined over the years since Cosden's been here and ALON now. Through periodic training sessions that we did with them jointly, and through the emergency management system that we have in place, everything went very smoothly."

Sullivan said the firefighters who put out Wednesday's fire have conducted joint exercises focusing on very similar situations.

"I've been training ALON and even Fina, when they were there, for this type of situation," Sullivan said. "That's what makes it work, when they trust you and you trust them."

The quick work not only potentially saved lives, it saved ALON dollars as well.

"Other refineries, this type of situation, the fires burn for 10 or 12 hours. After the call, we got in there, put the teams together and everybody worked well together. Yesterday proved that when we have to come together with it, our training is the most important thing. We all came home safe," Sullivan said.

Units from the Big Spring Police Department and the Texas Department of

Transportation responded to the scene as well as the BSFD, the HCVFD and the ALON response team.

Concienne praised all of the emergency responders.

"This was some very professional work," he said. "Our red-hat team worked with the Big Spring Fire Department and Howard County Volunteer Fire Department and did an absolutely tremendous job. They've all trained together, so they were able to get in, ascertain that they were going to have to 'valve out' in several locations, formulated a plan and implemented it. Together they were instrumental in containing the fire and minimizing the damage."

"But we also want to thank the job all of the emergency responders did," the plant manager added.

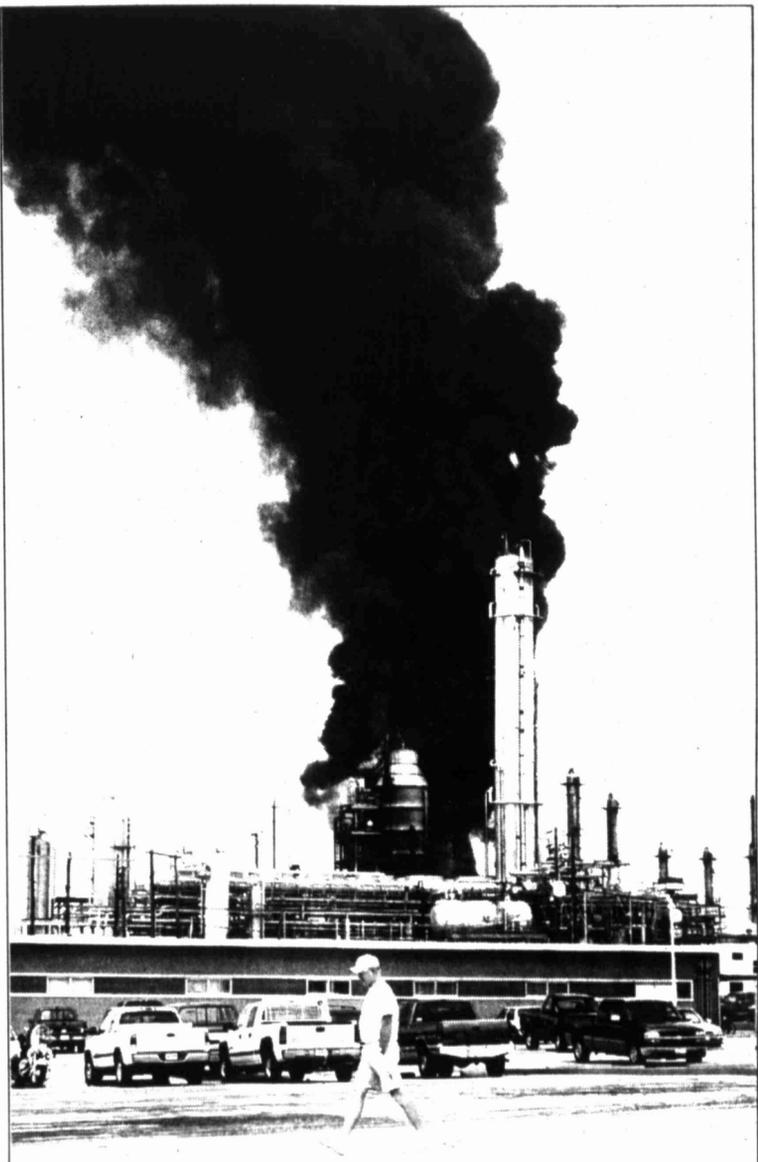
"The police department, the DPS and the sheriff's office worked hand-in-hand with the fire departments to keep the situation under control."

Both Condray and Sullivan said the fact that the blaze occurred on Sept. 11 was just a coincidence.

"There weren't any terrorists," said Sullivan. "This was just an accident."

Managing Editor John A. Moseley contributed to this story.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net



A plume of smoke towers into the air at the ALON USA refinery in Big Spring on Wednesday afternoon. A fire in the crude unit at the plant injured one contract worker and will result in 2 to 3 weeks of down time for the facility.

Howard College to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

Activities will begin Friday with kickoff luncheon for students and faculty on campus

Special to the Herald

Howard College offers several opportunities to experience Hispanic culture and heritage during Hispanic Heritage Month, beginning Friday.

"We have several things we're offering our students and the community in celebration of Hispanic Heritage, beginning Friday



FLORES

with a kickoff luncheon," said Javier Flores, dean of students for Howard College.

For the kickoff luncheon, the Howard College cafeteria will be brightly decorated and traditional Mexican cuisine is the menu for the day, he said.

"This is an annual activity for our students," he said.

Special guest, University of Texas Permian Basin Vice President Dr. Patricio Jaramillo, will be the speaker during a Brown Bag Luncheon Oct. 2 in the Fireplace Room of the Dora

Roberts Student Union Building, beginning at 12:15 p.m.

"We are very excited to have Dr. Jaramillo coming to Howard College. He has been in education for many years, and will have some interesting information for us," Flores said.

A special exhibit of Hispanic art will be prominently displayed in the Anthony Hunt Library, coordinated by the Mexican American Student Association, according to Mina Serna-Benavides, MASA advisor.

"On display beginning Monday will be art work done by Hispanic artists. Some of that art work will feature a Hispanic theme," Benavides said.

Artists whose work will be displayed include Kelly Hinojos, Marcus DeLeon, Angelica Hinojos and Carlos Villera. The art will be on display until Oct. 16, she added.

"Marcus's work was the 2001 winner of the Thistle's Writing and Art contest sponsored each year by Howard College," she said. MASA will also sponsor a

special panel discussion composed of Howard College students and Hispanic community leaders set for Oct. 10 in the Fireplace Room of the Dora Roberts Student Union Building, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

"We will issue invitations to numerous community leaders to take part in this presentation," she said.

The public is invited to all of these activities, Flores said.

For more information or to attend an event call 264-5082.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

J.R. Moore, 83, died Wednesday. Services are 3:00 PM, today at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be in Mount Olive Cemetery.

Loyce Jane Thorp, 53, died Wednesday. Graveside services are 11:00 AM Saturday at Mount Olive Cemetery.

Guess Who's 50 Today?



Love - The Young Ladies At The Office

One-vehicle accidents leave several seriously injured

HERALD Staff Report

Six people were injured, several seriously, when the vehicle in which they were traveling overturned several times along U.S. Highway 87 south of Big Spring this morning.

According to Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker, who assisted Department of Public Safety troopers at the scene, three adults and three children were involved in the one-vehicle accident. The wreck took place near Wildfire Road, approximately eight miles south of Big Spring around 7:20 a.m.

"The car was southbound on Highway 87 in the west lane and for some reason — no one knows yet — the vehicle suddenly came across the highway," said Walker.

Tire marks and debris



No one was seriously injured in this accident involving a Jeep Wednesday evening along Interstate 20.

indicated the automobile went through the median and across the north-bound lanes, rolling at least once before coming to rest facing north.

Identities of the individuals were not known early this morning.

"I don't believe any of the people spoke English," said Walker. "At this point, we don't know where they were from or where they were going, although they had Colorado (license) plates."

Several people — possibly as many as five — had been

ejected from the automobile during the accident. Walker said three of the people involved — one male, one female and a small child — appeared to have been seriously injured. Three

others were able to move about the scene but were also taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center by three EMS units.

Working the accident were DPS troopers Jay Jones and Jason Hester.

The accident was the second major wreck within 24 hours along Crossroads area major highways.

A man sustained minor injuries in an accident near Interstate 20 Exit 184 at about 7 p.m. Wednesday.

According to a spokesman for the Howard County Sheriff's Office, the man was driving a Jeep eastbound on Interstate 20 when tread separated on one of

the vehicle's tires, causing the Jeep to roll.

The spokesman said the driver's injuries were not life-threatening.

No one with the DPS could be reached for comment this morning.

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OUR VIEWS

Let's enjoy Diez y Seis at festival

It's time to party, Big Spring! Or could we say it's time for fiesta? The Diez y Seis de Septiembre Fiesta, sponsored by the Downtown Revitalization Association and KBYG radio gets under way around 5 p.m. Friday at Heart of the City Park.

That's two days scheduled to be chock-full of entertainment.

The event, which celebrates the anniversary of Mexico's independence from Spain on Sept. 16, 1810, will be on Saturday, and everybody's invited to take part in the festivities.

There's going to be a lot of good authentic Hispanic food, games for children, a washer tournament, displays of low riders, car-hopping exhibitions and plenty of music.

Organizers say they hope the fiesta will attract people across racial and cultural lines from all over West Texas.

After the solemn observance of the Sept. 11 anniversary on Wednesday, it seems that this festival couldn't have come at a better time.

So join your neighbors downtown Friday evening and all day Saturday, kick up your heels and have a good time.

We'll see you there.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, this is a glorious day. May we face our many challenges and joys with you by our side. Amen

Bush should endorse arming pilots

Flying has never been my favorite activity, and it's gotten a lot harder over the last year.

I fly, on average, a couple of times a month. Barely a week after the

September 11 attacks, I was back in an airplane flying across the country, and I haven't avoided taking a single flight since.

But I'm always nervous the moment I step foot in the airport. For a while after the attacks, when airport security seemed intense, at least in the Washington, D.C., area, I felt a little better. All those fresh, young National Guardsmen and women with assault rifles patrolling the airport gave me some sense of safety.

But they're mostly gone now, replaced by state police whose guns are a lot smaller and whose middle-aged girths give me less confidence that they could deter a group of tough young terrorists like those who killed 3,000 Americans last fall.

Apparently, I'm not alone

in these feelings. Last week, the U.S. Senate voted 87 to 6 to allow pilots to carry guns in the cockpit, a stunning political turn-

about made possible because of a sea change in public opinion. The flying public wants to feel safe again, and guns — in the right hands — will make them feel safer. And women, more than men, want pilots armed; at least that's the result of a poll taken by the Winston Group for the Allied Pilots Association.

The poll of 800 randomly selected registered voters across the nation showed 75 percent favored arming pilots, but slightly more women (76 percent compared with 73 percent of men) wanted guns in the cockpit. Married women with children were the most supportive of all, with 78 percent voicing approval.

These figures no doubt explain why liberal California Sen. Barbara Boxer helped lead the charge for arming pilots. Boxer has always been an implacable foe of guns. She was one of the congressional leaders of the Million Mom March for gun control legislation in 2000 and has been an outspoken critic of the right for private citizens to bear arms. Yet, last

week, she was one of the most impassioned proponents for arming one group of private citizens — pilots.

But if women and even liberal Democrats are eager to give guns to pilots, the Bush administration is still dragging its feet. Reluctantly, the administration has now said it could support a test program to arm a small number of pilots on a trial basis. But overall, the administration has been surprisingly slow to take measures to improve public confidence in airline safety.

Security checks have become almost a joke. Lines are long and tempers short, but the sight of 70-year-old women being patted down at the baggage screening area gives no one a sense that screeners are likely to intercept potential hijackers.

This week, when I flew from Dulles airport in Washington, D.C., to San Francisco, I waited several extra minutes while an obviously confused elderly man had to be hand-searched because he'd forgotten to take his keys out of his pocket and was struggling to get his shoes off so they could be run through the metal detector.

On another recent trip, I watched a suspiciously agitated Middle Eastern man

twice try to sneak through the crew screening area without proper identification. Yet only when I drew a nearby guard's attention to the man was he stopped for the same treatment I routinely receive on my many trips — frisked, bags hand-searched, wands swept over his body.

The secretary of transportation's politically correct pledge that there will be no ethnic profiling of airline passengers has led to ridiculous and potentially dangerous situations.

Those from the same demographic group as the hijackers are ignored while little old ladies are subjected to humiliating searches.

The Winston Group poll showed that growing numbers of Americans have decided to forgo airline travel altogether. Some 29 percent of those polled say they won't fly, with nearly a third of women saying they won't get on a plane. With the airline industry one of the most fragile components of our still struggling economy, the president and his administration must do something to restore travelers' confidence.

A good first step would be for the Bush administration to enthusiastically endorse a program to arm pilots on a voluntary basis.



LINDA CHAVEZ



Collectors of memories

The name Grover Talbert had been in my "possible interview" file for some time. A friend in Rusk told me he collected mustache cups and lived in Huntsville.

I was in that city recently and got Grover on the phone. He told me to come on over. His two favorite cups are the first one given to him and a left handed mustache cup. All his cups have matching saucers. They are mostly rare china and are beautiful. They are displayed throughout the Talbert's well-kept home.

I asked him how mustache cups came into existence in the first place. "I guess it was to keep mustaches dry when men were drinking coffee. They have a little insert or bridge inside the top of the cup that keeps the coffee from getting on the mustache."

Grover has never grown a mustache. "I just got started collecting the cups because I was fascinated by them. They're

mostly conversation pieces." He has cups from all over Europe, mostly made in the 20s and 30s.

"I go to garage sales and buy them for a couple of dollars. I walk away smiling."

Grover's wife is named Charlotte Elaine, but her nickname is Wegi (Weegee). She collects music boxes.

"Somewhere My Love, or Laura's Theme from Dr. Zhivago, is my favorite music," says Wegi. "So I just started collecting music boxes."

"They all tell a story about her life."

"I have one to represent my parents' grocery store. Then I have a school house because I'm a teacher and a church to represent my husband being a minister. Then I have one shaped like a telephone because I talk on the phone a lot. I have a horse and buggy like my kinfolks used to have."

She has several boxes put away, but some are displayed in the living room and kitchen.

"I have several with a Christmas theme and I get them out after Thanksgiving."

She let me hear some of the tinkling music the little boxes play.

"My grandchildren usually crank them up every time they go by them and they get them all playing at once. That's really something."

Wegi is probably the most organized person in Huntsville. At Grover's urging, she showed me a closet with at least 100 scrapbooks filled with photos, ticket stubs, greeting cards and newspaper clippings about the family.

They're all placed on shelves according to cities where the family lived and the dates they were there.

"When I get old, I'm going to spend lots of time going through these," says Wegi.

When Grover and Wegi celebrated their 45th anniversary last year, their two children, a boy and a girl, asked them what they wanted.

"Just to be together" was the reply.

The two offspring gave their parents a calendar filled with tickets to various events during the year. The dates for ball games, plays and weekend get-aways were all marked on specific dates and had the names of which family members would attend the outings with Grover and Wegi.

That's a pretty impressive present.



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Howard College PTK students present special tribute

Special to the Herald

Howard College Phi Theta Kappa students presented "A Tribute to American Strengths" Wednesday featuring a tree dedication ceremony and a short reception with more than 100 students and employees.

"We all feel the need to honor our country and our efforts to preserve our freedom following the 9-11 tragedy, and decided this was one way Howard College students could join with the efforts of others around the nation," said Joy Shaw, PTK president.

Featured speaker for the ceremony was Terry Hansen, executive vice for administrative systems for Howard College. Dr. Jimmy Watson, philosophy instructor for Howard College and minister of First Christian Church, provided the benediction.

"We are part of a global community and things will never be the same since Sept. 11," Hansen said.

He added that the selection of a live oak tree was the perfect expression for Howard College to dedicate to the memory of that infamous day.

Watson said the selection of a live oak tree by the Howard College maintenance department and director Robert Williams was an apt symbol.

"The oak is known for its strength," Watson said.

Phi Theta Kappa is the national honor society for students in community colleges. Officers for this year are Ricky Yanez, vice president; Vanessa Yanez, secretary/treasurer; and Uri Demeny, parliamentarian.

Dr. Cheryl Sparks, president, and Howard College donated a plaque that is being inscribed with "A

Tribute to American Strengths September 11, 2001." Great Western Dining donated refreshments for the reception.

Sparks said after the tragedy began in New York on Sept. 11, 2001, she was asked by an employee what to do.

"I said pray," she said.

At 12:15, students at SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf also had a tree dedication ceremony featuring the signing choral group Expressions.

According to Provost Ron Brasel, Expressions performed two patriotic songs, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

"All SWCID students were encouraged to wear red, white and blue, and we had a typical America meal in the SWCID cafeteria, with hot dogs, hamburgers and apple pie," Brasel said.



Courtesy photo
Terry Hansen, vice president of administrative systems at Howard College, Wednesday told about 100 people gathered for a Phi Theta Kappa-sponsored 9-11 ceremony about his experiences in New York City the day of the attack.

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music starting at 5 o'clock on Friday and it will continue until 10 o'clock on Friday, then it will crank up again at 10 o'clock Saturday morning and end at 11 o'clock Saturday night," said DRA President Allan Johnson. "It's going to be Tejano music. This is a Tejano Dies y Seis de Septiembre festival."

The music will be provided in a straight concert format, not a "Battle of the Bands" like the DRA presented at its inaugural "Funtastic Fourth Festival" earlier this year.

"This is just music," Johnson said. "There's no contest to it on this one. Local talent for the most part. We're also going to have some dancers out there, we're going to have a rap show out there. There's a lot happening."

Marquez said he hopes the fiesta will attract people across racial and cultural lines from all over West Texas.

"From outside, the little

towns and counties," he said. "It's going to be a good celebration. Everybody's invited to come have a good time."

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Friday
5 p.m. — Fiesta grounds open
6 p.m. — Christian group
"Chosen" performs
6:45 p.m. — Remarks by Mayor Russ McEwen and Big Spring City Council members Stephanie Horton and Oscar Garcia
7 p.m. — Los Panteras de George Rodriguez performs

Saturday
10 a.m. — Fiesta grounds open
10 a.m. to noon — Charlie Leos and his One Man Band
12:30 to 1 p.m. — Dancing Floricos with Mary Paredes
1 p.m. — Washer Tournament begins
1:30 to 4:30 p.m. — Popo and Company performs
4:30 to 5 p.m. — Gospel singer Susie Gonzales performs
5 to 5:30 p.m. — Breakdancers
6 to 6:30 p.m. — Rap group Owaze Ready performs
7 to 11 p.m. — Grupo Ventura performs

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only place in the high school that forms a complete circle," Sharon Richardson, student council sponsor said.

Several members of the high school's student council, who sponsored the program, directed the ceremony.

"Every student should have a red, white or blue ribbon that you were given during second period," Student Council Second Vice President Brandon Hughes announced to the participants. "When you stand in the hallway you will make a trio. Three students of red, white and blue."

"We ask that you hold hands so the circle will show the colors of red, white and blue in an unbroken bond of Big Spring High School."

Richardson said the ceremony was very solemn.

"You should have seen them (students) heading upstairs and in the hallways," Richardson said. "They weren't poking each

other or cutting up. It was a very solemn movement."

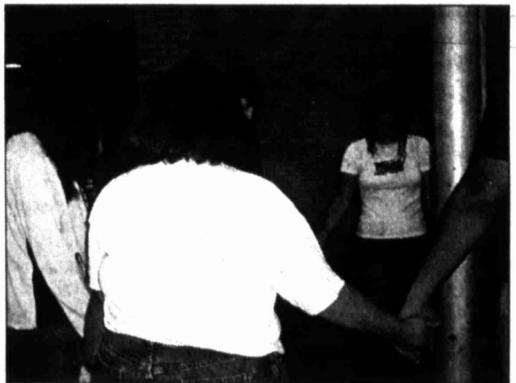
The ceremony started off with reciting the Pledge of Allegiance followed by high school junior Kristina Woodruff's rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner."

"She was very good," Richardson said. "It just left me with chills."

A moment of silence was held to remember the thousands who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001, and then Woodruff belted out "God Bless America."

Then council members took turns reading a speech about the day.

"Today, one year later, as we at Big Spring High School stand together hand in hand, we remember those who lost their lives without a choice and those who gave their lives without a thought, to show that we are united as one, through different races, religions and backgrounds, we are one nation, we are America," student council member Cassie Coates said. "Our nation is strong and united, and now more than ever, we



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Big Spring High School students met at the flag pole in front of the high school Wednesday morning for a time of spiritual meditation and to pray over the events of Sept. 11, 2001. Pictured are clockwise from bottom, Cassandra Willis, Sarah Carman, Rachelle McMeans, Maleah McGee and Ashley Hamm.

are the land of the free and the home of the brave."

Other student council members presenting the ceremony were Amanda Lasater, president; Zack Watkins, first vice-president; Stephanie Franco, sec-

retary; John Flores, parliamentarian; and Chris Wigington, historian.

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ceremony at the amphitheater in Comanche Trail Park earlier in the day.

"At this time she saw images of people running from New York's trade center, running away from the Pentagon," he said. "In her next breath she said she saw people running to the World Trade Center, running toward the Pentagon."

Firefighters, police officers, ministers, risking their lives to attempt to help, he said.

"I know there is so many amongst us here in Big Spring that would do the same thing."

The terrorist attacks created a tremendous rage, he recalled.

"Angry people who want to take so many lives just to take innocent lives," he said.

Angry because of the freedoms U.S. citizens enjoy — but Americans will rebound.

"We are a nation founded not just in the name of God we trust, but founded by Christians," he said. "We

believe in our savior Jesus Christ and that's why I know we will be OK."

The attacks changed America.

"We've lost our innocence," McEwen said. "Before we never even knew there were people who would be willing to crash airplanes into buildings to kill people. Now we've got to be on the lookout and we've got to put our trust in the lord."

McEwen's words brought the applauding audience its feet.

Following the mayor's remarks, Big Spring Police Lt. Terry Chamness spoke about how the refinery fire induced reflections in him about 9-11.

"From the firemen, the DPS, medical service form the sheriff's department, we worked together everyday," Chamness said. "Not only — when we have an incident like today — not only do we work together, we come together as a team. I'm so proud of the community."

Although emergency personnel faced a potentially dangerous situation at the

refinery, they stood steadfast, he said.

"They didn't give a second thought," Chamness said. "They just did their job. That's what we love to do, our job."

Following another standing ovation for Chamness, the church's choir sang "Who are the Brave," while a slide show played out of pictures of the destruction of New York.

Big Spring Fire Chief Brian Jensen and Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker also reflected on that 9-11 day and the Rev. Dennis Teeters, the pastor of First Baptist Church, gave a pastoral reflection.

Former and present workers and their families from the city, county, police department, fire department, sheriff's department and department of safety were recognized by each department head, along with the Howard County Sheriff's Posse.

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Eighteen Western Texas College nursing students participated in graduation and pinning ceremonies Thursday Aug. 22, at First United Methodist Church. Graduation marks the completion of a 12-month cycle of instruction at the local college.
The nine graduating students are now eligible to take their state board examinations to become licensed vocational nurses. Graduates pictured are, front row, left to right, K.C. Harrison, Snyder, Amy Sartain, Snyder, Jeannie Stephens, Snyder, back row, Melanie Prather, Snyder, Brandy Burleson, Snyder, Denise Wood, Coahoma, Summer Barnes, Hermleigh, Kendrah Caffey, Hawley and Sherry Whitley, Lamesa.
Pinning ceremonies honored students who have completed the first six months of their studies. Students pinned during the ceremony include, front row, left to right, Jina Miller, Snyder, Kelli Pritchard, Hamlin, Teri Presley, Snyder, back row, Eddie Tenorio, Colorado City, Sherri Budnaltis, Snyder, Jennifer Short, Snyder, Shanna Block, Snyder, Ashton Weatherly, Colorado City, and not pictured, Tammy Nowlin, Rotan.

Local youth wins crown



Courtesy photo
Pictured is Heather Scoggins, 11, of Coahoma, who was awarded Little Miss Permian Basin Fair and Exposition 2002. She is the daughter of Billy and Christy Scoggins and the granddaughter of Barbara and Danny Coahoma and Hershel and Earnestine Fowler, all of Coahoma. Heather is the little sister of 13-year-old Cody.

Family focus
Trimming the grocery bill

Recent events in our economy have caused many individuals to look for ways to save money.



KATIE WALKER

The grocery bill is a great place to start. Below are twelve tips for trimming the grocery bill to stretch and save food dollars.

1. Take an inventory. Every few months, take an inventory of the foods you have available. Use that as a starting point for planning meals.

2. Plan your meals. Knowing what you are going to prepare for meals and snacks helps you to plan your shopping list.

3. Take a tip from Santa Claus - make a list and check it twice. A written list of what you need helps you stay focused at the store, can help reduce impulse buys and can help ensure that you get what you need so you don't have to make multiple trips to the store.

4. Study grocery store ads before shopping. If you know what is on sale before you go to the store, you can plan your meals to get the most out of your food dollar.

5. Compare prices with unit pricing. Unit price is the cost of an item per unit such as per ounce, slice, pound, etc. By looking at the unit price, you can compare costs of similar items that may be packaged in different size containers.

6. Bend, stoop and stretch your way to lower food costs. Store brands are often found on the lower shelves but they are often equal in quality and taste to the more popular (and expensive) national brands.

7. Don't shop when you are hungry. Shopping when you are hungry increases impulse buying and it is often for foods that are not the most healthful.

8. Take advantage of loss leaders, but don't let them take advantage of you. A loss leader is a product that is sold for less than what the store paid for in order to get customers into that store. The idea is that once they get the customer in the store, they will buy products other than the loss leader.

9. Buy fresh fruits and vegetables that are in season. You will get both the best price and the best quality.

10. Use convenience foods wisely. In general, the more someone else prepares your food, the more you are going to pay for it.

11. Cut back on foods with no nutritional value (i.e. soda, chips, cookies, candy). These foods use about 12 percent of our food dollars and offer little nutritionally.

12. Don't waste food. An estimated 25 percent of edible food is wasted. Wasted food is really money that is thrown away. Proper storage and use of leftovers can help reduce food waste.

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Finding the good in something bad

The effects of the terrorists attacks continues to be a salted wound, to say the least, for those who were there.



ANDREA MEDLIN

The general consensus, based on the few people I have talked to, is "It had no effect on me."

I can't speak for everyone, but I find myself wondering if this is really true.

Whether we are willing to admit it or not we still tend to be paranoid and jumpy. A good example is the fire at the refinery

yesterday which prompted responses from area and national media.

Even the radio station announced that the fire was not due to terrorists.

I wonder, if the fire had occurred before last Sept. 11, would we have even considered terrorists as the cause?

Probably not. And lets not forget the response (for lack of a better word) to the art and essay contest sponsored by the Herald and Wells Fargo.

We will, as promised, print the remainder of the 2,000 pieces of art and 200 essays we received on an extra page each Tuesday. We estimate that will take approximately two years to do.

If that doesn't indicate

affection I don't know what does.

Yes, we have returned to our daily routines, we deal with our problems, go to work and raise our kids.

But now we do it with a new realization.

Not only that we are vulnerable and that perhaps we are not the most favorite people in the world.

But, hopefully, with the realization that there are people who have respect and appreciation for human lives and are willing to do what it takes to preserve them.

The terrorists attacks on Sept. 11, should be remembered for the countless acts of bravery, kindnesses, compassion and for those who did their jobs without a sec-

ond thought. Lets not forget that thousands of people - firefighters, emergency personnel, nurses, doctors and people who just wanted to help traveled sometimes thousands of miles to help people they didn't even know.

Non-stop images of the burning towers, death and destruction should not be the focus.

I don't want to forget what happened. That would be callous and insensitive, but there is no need to dwell on the tragic.

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'01 Chevy Metro LSI.....	\$7,995
'01 Chevy Prism LSI.....	\$9,980
'01 Pontiac Sunfire 4dr.....	\$9,990
'01 Chevy Lumina.....	\$10,875
'01 Chevy Malibu.....	\$10,900
'02 Olds Alero, 4dr.....	\$10,900
'02 Buick Century.....	\$13,950
'01 Chevy Camaro Convertibles, 1red, 1white.....	\$17,488
'02 Buick Lesabre Custom.....	\$17,950
'01 Olds Aurora, 8000 miles.....	\$19,900
'02 Cadillac Seville SLS, silver.....	\$28,900
'02 Cadillac Seville SLS, Red.....	\$29,990

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PRE-OWNED TRUCKS

'01 Chevy S-10.....	\$8,980
'01 Pontiac Aztek.....	\$14,900
'99 Chevy 1500 Ext Cab Silverado, new body style.....	\$15,950
'02 Olds Silhouette GL.....	\$17,488
'01 GMC Sierra 1500 Ext Cab SLE 23k.....	\$19,750
'02 Buick Rendezvous, 2 to choose from.....	\$19,980
'02 GMC Envoy, SLE 4wd.....	\$25,855
'01 GMC Yukon XL 4x4, SLT, Leather.....	\$28,900

2002 GMC Sonoma X Cab

\$4000 Off \$13,662

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2002 Cadillac Deville

\$8,000 Off \$37,735

stk# 2068

2002 Cadillac Seville SLS

\$9000 Off \$36,844

stk# 2074

2002 GMC Envoy SLE

\$4,600 Off \$27,090

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2002 Buick Lesabre

\$5,000 Off \$21,994

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2002 Buick Rendezvous AWD

\$5,800 Off \$25,827

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Lady Steers' Boosters to meet
The Big Spring Steers' Booster will be meeting at Sept. 12 in the Athletic Training room. For more info contact Beverly at 264-0388.

Boys booster hold fish fry
The Big Spring School Boys' Booster Club will be holding a fish fry Sept. 20, from 5 p.m. at the Baptist Church. Adult tickets are \$4. Children tickets are \$2. Most of the proceeds will be used to purchase chairs to be used in the BSHS gym. For more info contact Myrna at (915) 267-6891.

BS Bass Club hold tourney
The Big Spring Bass Club will be holding a benefit tournament at Lake Alan H. Lindsey on Sept. 21. The entry fee for the tournament is \$110. The top three receive prizes. For more info contact Joe Re at 2126 or Jesse at 756-3763.

Coahoma booster to meet
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• Rankin at Start

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Boosters to meet

The Big Spring Lady Steers' Booster Club will be meeting at 7 p.m. on Sept. 12 in the Big Spring Athletic Training Center. For more information contact Beverly Hayworth at 264-0356.

Boys boosters will hold fish fry

The Big Spring High School Boys Basketball Booster Club will be holding a fish fry on Sept. 20, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Trinity Baptist Church Annex. Adult tickets will be \$8. Children tickets are priced at \$4.

Most of the proceeds from the event will be used to purchase padded chairs to be used in the BSHS gym.

For more information contact Myrna Russell at (915) 267-6891.

BS Bass Club to hold tourney

The Big Spring Bass Club will be holding a benefit tournament for Don Lindsey on Sept. 21 at Lake Alan Henry.

Lindsey was recently diagnosed with cancer.

The entry fee for the tournament is \$40 per person. The tournament will run from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and be headquartered at Grubs Bait and Grill entrance.

For more info call Gary Gillihan at 264-6528.

'Small Jalapeno' tourney slated

The Small Jalapeno Softball Tournament will be held Sept. 20-22 in Stanton. The tournament is for Class D teams.

Entry fee for the tournament is \$110 per team. The top three teams will receive prizes.

For more information contact Joe Reyes at 756-2126 or Jesse Montez at 756-3763.

Coahoma boosters to meet

The Coahoma Athletic Booster will be holding a weekly meeting every Monday night at 7 p.m. in the Coahoma Elementary cafeteria. They will be discussing upcoming events, fundraisers and view the football film from the previous game.

Celebrity auction slated for Sept. 21

Beverly and Roy Beauchamp will be sponsoring a celebrity auction on Sept. 21 to help raise funds for the Big Spring athletic department.

Larry Mantle, the brother of former Yankee great Mickey Mantle, will serve as the keynote speaker at a banquet prior to the event.

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• Wall at Coahoma, 7:30 p.m.

• Rankin at Stanton, 7:30 p.m.

Steers continue district preparations

By CONNIE EDMON

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring Steers have been busy over the past few days. The squad has played five dual matches in the past two weeks. They played Amarillo Tascosa and Lubbock High on Sept. 5; Dumas and Amarillo Palo Duro on Sept. 7 and Snyder on Sept. 10.

Amarillo Tascosa and Lubbock High, strong 5A teams, both defeated the Steer tennis team. Tascosa took 18 matches and Lubbock allowed Big Spring

six wins. Veronica Villarreal and Jay Shroff took their singles matches and doubles duos Megan Roffers and Heather Parnell; Mindy Partee and Jessica Rodriguez; Jay Shroff and Ryan Vela; and Vishal Shroff and Nick Paradez won their matches.

On Saturday, Big Spring met Dumas head-on, winning by a 16-2 margin. The Steers took all the boy's singles and boy's and girl's doubles matches losing only the girl's No. 2 and No. 3 singles bouts.

In a late afternoon start, Palo Duro defeated Big Spring, 11-8. The Steers took six of these matches to three sets before finally wearing down their opponents in three of the matches. Big Spring head coach Sarah Corse said that any of the other three could have gone our way because the kids were all playing hard.

Justin Ferrell laid his opponent to rest after a second set tiebreaker that he won 7-4. Partee struggled in the second set but came back to win the third set.

Villarreal and Partee lost their first double's set and returned to finish the match in straight sets. Other winners that afternoon were Shroff, Paradez, Villarreal, and Heather Parnell in singles and the boy's doubles duo of Shroff and Ryan Vela.

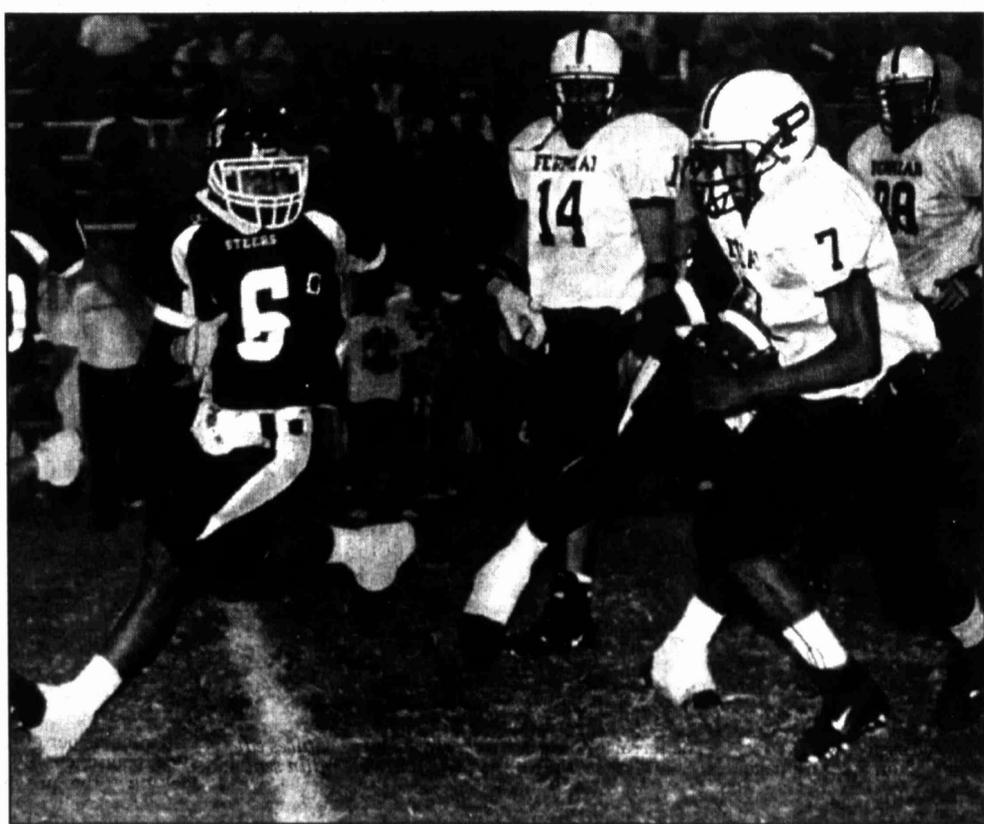
Tuesday's match against Snyder was a hard fought loss for the Steers. Snyder claimed an 11-8, but again the Steers took six of the matches to three sets.

Shroff defeated his opponent in straight sets, as did

Jason Vela. Vishal Shroff started off strong winning the first set 6-3. He had a tough time in the second set, losing it and then came back in the third to win, 6-2. Ryan Vela also finished in three sets after taking his second set in a 10-8 tiebreaker. Paradez had a rough start, losing the first set. He bounced back, however, and won his match in straight sets.

The only boy's doubles duo to win was Ferrell and Nick Rivera, who defeated

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Big Spring's showdown with Hereford is one of just a handful of big games dotting the state this weekend. The Steers, 0-2, will be gunning for their first win against Hereford, 1-1.

Steers, Whitefaces highlight slate full of big-time games

Texas high school football fans may feel as if they have died and gone to playoff heaven a bit early tomorrow. No less than five of the state's top teams head into prime-time matchups this weekend.

The most important, at least for Big Spring fans, is the Steers' showdown with the Hereford Whitefaces Friday in Hereford.

Big Spring, with starting quarterback Tye Butler back in the lineup, will gun for its first win of the year when the two teams kick off, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Whiteface Stadium.

Butler was sidelined the final 11 minutes of the Steers' 48-27 loss to Permian last week after being shaken up on a play early in the fourth quarter.

Another key matchup in the area will feature two of the state's top-rated six-man squads in Sands and Sanderson. Sands, 2-0, is ranked No. 2 nationally, according to Six-Man Illustrated. Sanderson, which is coming off a 48-0 rout of Floyd, NM, is No. 3 in the SI poll.

The two teams are set to play at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Sanderson.

In other area games, Wall faces Coahoma, Stanton hosts Rankin, Forsan visits Roscoe and Grady hosts Wellman.

The matchup between Class 4A's top-ranked schools will probably come down to this: Denton Ryan's senior star against Ennis' junior phenom.

James Battle leads the top-ranked Denton Ryan Raiders against the pass-happy Ennis Lions, who threatened to break the single-season state record for passing touchdowns behind Graham Harrell.

The performances of these gifted quarterbacks on Friday night will likely determine who wins one of the most-anticipated games in recent years. It's also a game that's likely to draw more than its fair share of college scouts.

"I don't think there's any place that you can go in the nation," said Denton Ryan coach Joey Florence.

Weekend's schedule

The following is a list of the area high school games for this weekend.

Friday, Sept. 13	
Big Spring at Hereford	7:30 p.m.
*Wall at Coahoma	7:30 p.m.
*Rankin at Stanton	7:30 p.m.
Forsan at Roscoe	7:30 p.m.
Robert Lee at Garden City	7:30 p.m.
Wellman at Grady	7:30 p.m.
Sands at Sanderson	7:30 p.m.
* Homecoming games	

"and see these type of high school quarterbacks at the same time in the same place on the same field."

Fans are expected to be out en masse. The demand for tickets was so great that Ryan had the game moved from its 5,000-seat home stadium to Fouts Field on the University of North Texas campus. North Texas officials expect about 20,000 people to cram into the stands, nearly twice as many as the average attendance at Mean Green home games.

The scope of that contest obscures several other would-be top games this weekend, including 5A's No. 4 San Antonio Madison at No. 8 San Antonio Taft; an interesting 5A matchup between No. 2 Humble against Katy, ranked third before a season-opening loss to No. 6 Lufkin; 2A's No. 5 Garrison at 1A's No. 6 Burkeville; and a 1A battle between No. 8 Windthorst versus No. 9 Petrolia.

Battle is the key to Ryan's no-huddle offense and a huge reason Ryan rebounded from a 1-9 season in his freshman year to 28-3 over the past two seasons, including a 4A Division I title last year.

In Ryan's first game of the season last Friday, Battle threw for 239 yards and four touchdowns and ran for 76 yards and another score in Ryan's 51-22 win over then-No. 7 Fort Worth Dunbar.

been incredible since he was a sophomore."

Graham, the all-state QB son of coach Sam Harrell, was particularly precocious in his first year as a starter. As a sophomore, Graham led Ennis to its second-straight Division II championship, throwing for 3,972 yards and 53 touchdowns — a figure that's second in state history.

Ennis struggled in its season opener against Waxahachie last week, with Harrell going 8-of-21 for just 82 yards. With the win, Ennis extended the state's second-longest active win streak to 28 games.

Meanwhile, Ryan looked overwhelming against its then-ranked opponent, Dunbar. The Raiders had a 37-0 halftime lead.

To be successful against Ryan, Graham Harrell will need the help of an untested group of receivers and a line that will have to hold up against a fierce pass rush that features 6-foot-7 defensive end Jarvis Moss.

"We've got to give our quarterback some time," Harrell said. "We've got to make some first downs and move the football just to keep their offense off the field."

The game has all the makings of a classic: Battle and Harrell are arguably two of the top three quarterback prospects in the state; both teams have been ranked either first or second in the AP poll since the second week of the 2001 season; and it's the first 1-2 matchup since the 2000 season opener.

"It will be a great game for high school football fans to watch," Florence said.

But not necessarily one either coach wants to be a part of. An open date that couldn't be filled on either team's schedule forced these two 4A powers into the matchup.

"We didn't want to have to play each other," Florence said, "but it was unavoidable." The last time the top two teams in 4A met was the 2000 season opener. Second-ranked Texas City opened the year by defeating No. 1 Stephenville, 39-33.

Wizards get Stack from the Pistons

WASHINGTON (AP) — After leading the Detroit Pistons to a surprising turnaround season, Jerry Stackhouse will get a chance to do the same with the Washington Wizards.

The Pistons traded Stackhouse to the Wizards for Richard Hamilton in a six-player deal Wednesday. Washington also gets forward Brian Cardinal and center Ratko Varda, while Detroit lands forward Bobby Simmons and guard Hubert Davis.

"I'm just disappointed ... because I have to leave my home," Stackhouse said. "I have to leave a fan base that has grown with me since I've been here and who have been just unbelievably great for me. It's not easy, but at the same time it comes with this business and I understand that."

Stackhouse, a two-time All-Star, shed his selfish image and became more of a team player last season. Detroit won 50 games — 18 more than the previous year — despite predictions the Pistons would finish near the bottom of the Eastern Conference.

Now he's going to a Wizards team that finished eight games below .500 last season despite the return of Michael Jordan.

"When you have the opportunity to add an All-Star player of Jerry's caliber, you can't hesitate on the chance to strengthen the team," Wizards general manager Wes Unseld said. "We had to part with several players we were very high on, but we feel we have improved."

The trade is a surprise ending to Jordan's overhaul of the Wizards starting lineup as he prepares for his final season. Washington will open the season with five new starters.

Also, by getting Stackhouse, Jordan is building for the future while enhancing his chances to go out a winner.

Rangers complete sweep of Seattle

ARLINGTON (AP) — Long after the game, Bret Boone sat at his locker mulling to himself. How could he make such a dumb mistake when so much is on the line for the Seattle Mariners?

Boone's baserunning blunder cost the Mariners a chance to score despite two doubles in the ninth. And Seattle's playoff hopes took another blow when Todd Greene led off the bottom of the inning to give the Texas Rangers a 4-3 win Wednesday night.

The Mariners try on Thursday to avoid a four-game sweep at last-place Texas. They are six games behind Anaheim in the AL wild-card race with 17 games to play — all against AL West opponents.

"It's getting down to the nitty gritty, and we can't do this," Boone said.

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SPORTS EXTRA

Angels beat A's again to draw closer in AL West

AMERICAN LEAGUE

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AL ROUNDUP

The Oakland Athletics just can't finish off the Anaheim Angels. Shawn Wooten hit a go-ahead two-run double with two outs in the seventh inning Wednesday night as Anaheim rallied for a 6-5 victory over Oakland.

AL ROUNDUP

single off Mike Venafro, and Scott Spiezio, who drew a two-out walk off Tam. Scot Shields (4-3), who pitched 2 2/3 hitless innings, earned the victory. Troy Percival, the fourth Angels pitcher, worked the ninth for his 37th save in 41 chances.

Martinez (18-4), sidelined since Aug. 28 by a sore left groin and hip, gave up three runs and seven hits over six innings.

Twins 8 Tigers 2

Minnesota backed Brad Radke (8-4) with a six-run second inning, and the Twins lowered their magic number for clinching the AL Central to three by beating Detroit at home.

Royals 9 White Sox 6

Mike Sweeney hit a three-run homer and Brandon Berger and Carlos Beltran added two-run shots as Kansas City snapped an eight-game losing streak.

Blue Jays 6 Indians 5

Vernon Wells hit a sacrifice fly against Dave Elder (0-1) in the top of the 11th as Toronto completed a three-game sweep at Cleveland.

Red Sox 6 Devil Rays 3

Pedro Martinez rejoined Boston's rotation and earned his 150th career win. He was supported by Manny Ramirez, who hit his 15th career grand slam as the Red Sox won at Tampa Bay.

Wednesday's Games

Minnesota 4, Detroit 2; Toronto 6, Cleveland 5, 11 innings; Boston 6, Tampa Bay 3.

Thursday's Games

Chicago White Sox (Garland 10-11) at Kansas City (Asencio 3-5), 1:05 p.m.; Boston (Wakefield 9-5) at Tampa Bay (V Zambrano 6-7), 1:15 p.m.; Seattle (Franklin 6-3) at Texas (Park 8-6), 2:05 p.m.; Minnesota (Mays 3-6) at Cleveland (Sabathia 11-10), 6:05 p.m.; Baltimore (Douglas 0-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Dwight 16-7), 6:05 p.m.; Oakland (Mudler 17-7) at Anaheim (Washington 17-5) or Callaway 1-0), 9:05 p.m.

Friday's Games

Baltimore (Lopez 14-7) at Boston (Fossum 4-3), 6:05 p.m.; Tampa Bay (Sosa 2-7) at Toronto (Halladay 15-7), 6:05 p.m.; Kansas City (Suppen 8-15) at Detroit (Corno 1-4), 6:05 p.m.; Minnesota (Milton 13-8) at Cleveland (Mulholland 2-1), 6:05 p.m.; Chicago White Sox (Biddle 1-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 16-9), 6:05 p.m.; Texas (Benoit 3-3) at Anaheim (Washington 17-5), 9:05 p.m.; Seattle (Vaides 8-10) at Oakland (Zito 20-5), 9:05 p.m.

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Wednesday's Games

Pittsburgh 4, Cincinnati 1; Atlanta 8, N.Y. Mets 5, 1st game; N.Y. Mets 5, Atlanta 0, 2nd game; Chicago Cubs 6, Montreal 3; Philadelphia 9, Florida 2; Colorado 8, Houston 6; St. Louis 4, Milwaukee 3; Arizona 6, San Diego 5.

Thursday's Games

N.Y. Mets (Thomas 9-11) at Montreal (Colon 8-3), 6:05 p.m.; Atlanta (Maddux 13-5) at Florida (Pavano 4-10), 6:05 p.m.; Pittsburgh (Fogg 12-11) at Philadelphia (Duckworth 6-9), 6:05 p.m.; Chicago Cubs (Wood 10-9) at Cincinnati (Haynes 14-9), 6:10 p.m.; St. Louis (Santopietro 10-5) at Houston (Oswalt 19-8), 7:30 p.m.; Los Angeles (Dault 11-7) at Colorado (Stark 9-3), 8:05 p.m.; San Francisco (Jensen 11-8) at San Diego (Oliver 3-3), 9:05 p.m.

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AL LEADERS

AMERICAN LEAGUE BATTING—M. Sweeney, Kansas City, .341; Ramirez, Boston, .337; Williams, New York, .335; Iwazumi, Seattle, .329; Kennedy, Anaheim, .321; Ordonez, Chicago, .313; Tejada, Oakland, .313. RUNS—A. Soriano, New York, 117; Rodriguez, Texas, 115; Jeter, New York, 112; Damon, Boston, 108; Jaramba, New York, 107; Eckstein, Anaheim, 102; Beltran, Kansas City, 102; Durham, Oakland, 102. RBI—A. Rodriguez, Texas, 132; Tejada, Oakland, 118; Ordonez, Chicago, 116; Jaramba, New York, 111; Ganderon, Anaheim, 111; Garcia, Boston, 109; Chavez, Oakland, 102. HITS—A. Soriano, New York, 191; Iwazumi, Seattle, 189; Switalski, New York, 188; Tejada, Oakland, 187; Ganderon, Anaheim, 182; Garcia, Boston, 177; Rodriguez, Texas, 176. DOUBLES—G. Anderson, Anaheim, 54; Garcia, Boston, 49; A. Soriano, New York, 47; Ordonez, Chicago, 44; Beltran, Kansas City, 41; Hillenbrand, Boston, 38; Olerud, Seattle, 38. TRIPLES—Damon, Boston, 10; Myung, Texas, 8; Wirtz, Tampa Bay, 8; Suzuki, Seattle, 7; Beltran, Kansas City, 7; 14 are tied with 6. HOME RUNS—A. Rodriguez, Texas, 54; Thome, Cleveland, 44; R. Palmeiro, Texas, 40; A. Soriano, New York, 36; Jaramba, New York, 36; Ordonez, Chicago, 32; Chavez, Oakland, 31; Tejada, Oakland, 31. STOLEN BASES—A. Soriano, New York, 40; Beltran, Kansas City, 32; Jeter, New York, 31; Cameron, Seattle, 29; Damon, Boston, 29; Suzuki, Seattle, 28; Wirtz, Tampa Bay, 25. PITCHING (16 Decisions)—P. Martinez, Boston, 18-4, .818, 2.29; Zito, Oakland, 20-5, .800,

NFL LEADERS

NATIONAL LEAGUE BATTING—Bonds, San Francisco, .365; L. Walker, Colorado, .347; V. Guerrero, Montreal, .336; Helton, Colorado, .331; Alfonso, New York, .321; Jones, Atlanta, .319; J. Kent, San Francisco, .319. RUNS—S. Sosa, Chicago, 113; Pujols, St. Louis, 108; Bonds, San Francisco, 104; Berkman, Houston, 100; S. Green, Los Angeles, 97; Helton, Colorado, 96; V. Guerrero, Montreal, 92. RBI—Berkman, Houston, 119; Pujols, St. Louis, 115; Burrell, Philadelphia, 110; S. Green, Los Angeles, 106; J. Kent, San Francisco, 102; S. Sosa, Chicago, 99; S. Sosa, Chicago, 99. HITS—V. Guerrero, Montreal, 185; J. Kent, San Francisco, 179; Vidro, Montreal, 172; Helton, Colorado, 166; Pujols, St. Louis, 165; Furcal, Atlanta, 165; L. Castillo, Florida, 165. DOUBLES—B. Abreu, Philadelphia, 42; J. Kent, San Francisco, 40; Lowell, Philadelphia, 39; O. Cabrera, Montreal, 38; Vidro, Montreal, 38; Burrell, Philadelphia, 36; Walker, Colorado, 36; T. Lincecum, Montreal, 36; R. Rollins, Philadelphia, 8; Furcal, Atlanta, 8; Rolen, St. Louis, 8; McCracken, Arizona, 8; A. Sanchez, Milwaukee, 7; D. Roberts, Los Angeles, 7; K. Saito, San Diego, 7; D. Lee, Florida, 7; Payton, Colorado, 7. HOME RUNS—S. Sosa, Chicago, 45; Bonds, San Francisco, 43; S. Green, Los Angeles, 41; Berkman, Houston, 40; Burrell, Philadelphia, 36; V. Guerrero, Montreal, 36; J. Kent, Pittsburgh, 35. STOLEN BASES—P. Pierre, Colorado, 43; D. Roberts, Los Angeles, 43; L. Castillo, Florida, 43; A. Sanchez, Milwaukee, 37; V. Guerrero, Montreal, 34; E. Young, Milwaukee, 31; A. Fox, Florida, 29. PITCHING (16 Decisions)—S. Schilling, Arizona, 23-5, .821, 2.76; W. Miller, Houston, 13-3, .812, 3.58; R. Johnson, Arizona, 21-5, .808, 2.53; Oswalt, Houston, 19-6, 7.60, 2.84; Millwood, Atlanta, 17-6, 7.39, 3.02; Maddux, Atlanta, 13-5, 7.22, 2.42; Nomo, Los Angeles, 14-6, 7.00, 3.28. STRIKEOUTS—R. Johnson, Arizona, 300; Schilling, Arizona, 292; Clement, Chicago, 200; Wood, Chicago, 188; Oswalt, Houston, 183; Burnett, Florida, 183; Schmidt, San Francisco, 175. SAVES—S. Smith, Atlanta, 50; Gagne, Los Angeles, 48; M. Williams, Pittsburgh, 41; Mesa, Philadelphia, 39; Jimenez, Colorado, 38; Nen, San Francisco, 38; Hoffman, San Diego, 36.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL American League BALTIMORE ORIOLAS—Activated OF Gary Matthews, Jr. from the 15-day disabled list. TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Signed SS B.J. Upton. TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Fired Rocket Wheeler, manager of Knoxville of the Southern League. NATIONAL LEAGUE CUBS—Acquired RHP Travis Anderson and RHP Mike Nannin from Houston to complete an earlier trade. MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Transferred RHP Chad Fox from the 15- to the 60-day disabled list. ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Activated LHP Mike Mathews from the 15-day disabled list and sent him to Milwaukee to complete an earlier trade. BASKETBALL National Basketball Association DETROIT PISTONS—Traded G Jerry Stackhouse, F Brian Cardinal and C Raticio Varela to the Washington Wizards for G Richard Hamilton, F Bobby Simmons and G Hubert Davis. INDIANA PACERS—Signed G Erick Strickland. NATIONAL Football League NFL—Suspended Atlanta CB Ray Buchanan for testing positive for anabolic steroids and Chicago S Damon Allen for violating the substance abuse policy for four games each. ATLANTA FALCONS—Signed CB Rodney Heath. CLEVELAND BROWNS—Waived James Lewis and TE Aven Moore from the practice squad. Signed OT Kaulana Noa and QB Shane Stafford to the practice squad. DALLAS COWBOYS—Released S Keith Davis from the practice squad. Signed LB Louis Machey to the practice squad. INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Placed RB Shyrone Sift on injured reserve. Signed TE Mike Roberg. MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed WR Margin Hooks and G Dwayne Perce to the practice squad. MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Placed LB Rionail Smith on injured reserve. Re-signed LB Lemanski Hall. PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Signed DB Chidi Nwagwu. Released WR Lance Jackson. Released RB Antonio McCray from the practice squad. Signed WR Francis St. Paul to the practice squad. ST. LOUIS RAMS—Released WR Francis St. Paul and RB Mike Matar from the practice squad. Signed WR Dane Looker and FB Maurice Douglas to the practice squad. HOCKEY National Hockey League ATLANTA FLAMES—Re-signed G Milan Hlinka to a two-year contract. CALGARY FLAMES—Acquired F Ladislav Kohn from Detroit for future considerations. NEW YORK RANGERS—Named Gordie Clark professional scout. Agreed to terms with C Mark Messier on a one-year contract. PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Signed LW Simon Gagne to a two-year contract. PHOENIX COYOTES—Re-signed LW Ladislav Nagy to a two-year contract. TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Signed D Darren Rumble to a one-year contract.

NFL STANDINGS

Table with columns: Conference, Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA. Lists teams like Miami, New England, N.Y. Jets, Buffalo, Houston, Indianapolis, Tennessee, Jacksonville, Cincinnati, Baltimore, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, West.

AP Top 25

The AP Top 25 Press college football poll, with first place votes in parentheses, records through Sept. 7, total points based on 25 points for a first place vote and previous one point for a 25th place vote and previous ranking: Record Pts Pts 1. Miami (68) 2.0 1,844 1 2. Oklahoma (3) 2.0 1,700 2 3. Texas (3) 1.0 1,667 3 4. Tennessee 43 2.0 1,642 4 5. Florida St. 2.0 1,606 5 6. Ohio St. 2.0 1,341 8 7. Michigan 2.0 1,333 7 8. Nebraska 43 2.0 1,241 11 9. Georgia 1.0 1,211 10 10. Washington St. 2.0 1,164 11 11. Virginia Tech 2.0 1,135 12 12. Oregon 1.0 1,027 6 13. Oregon 1.0 948 13 14. Washington 1.0 855 14 15. Michigan St. 2.0 700 15 16. Michigan 1.0 649 16 17. Southern Cal. 1.0 538 18 18. Colorado 1.0 415 17 19. N.C. State 3.0 402 21 20. Notre Dame 2.0 374 23 21. Texas A&M 2.0 290 20 22. Wisconsin 3.0 294 25 23. UCLA 1.0 213 — 24. Colorado St. 2.0 173 19 25. LSU 1.0 171 24 Others receiving votes: Kansas St. 168, Iowa St. 161, Penn St. 149, Georgia Tech 102, Alabama 89, Boston College 64, 50, Oregon St. 47, Arkansas 43, Auburn 39, Southern Miss. 35, Clemson 24, Mississippi 15, Kentucky 13, Utah 10, Air Force 7, Louisville 6, Missouri 6, South Carolina 4, Maryland 3, Purdue 2, Toledo 2.

JUCO Top 15

Colorado Springs, Colo. (AP)—The top 15 teams in the National Junior College Athletic Association football poll with first place votes in parentheses, records through Sept. 11 and total points: Record Pts 1. Georgia Military 1.0 103 2. Tyler, Texas (2) 1.0 102 3. Rochester, Minn. (1) 1.0 78 4. Jones County, Miss. 1.0 63 5. Newberry, S.C. 1.0 50 6. North Iowa 1.0 54 7. Joliet, Ill. 1.0 53 8. Iowa Central 1.0 47 9. Nazareth, Pa. 1.0 40 10. NE Oklahoma A&M 1.0 32 11. Hinds, Miss. 1.0 29 12. Coffeyville, Kan. 1.0 25 13. Gateway, Mo. 1.0 22 14. Trinity Valley, Texas 2.0 20 15. Pima, Ariz. 2.0 20

PREP SCHEDULES

This week's schedule for the teams ranked in the Associated Press' high school football poll (games Sept. 12-14). All games are on Friday unless otherwise noted. Class 5A 1. Austin Westlake (1) vs. A&M Consolidated. 2. Humble (1) vs. Katy, 7 p.m. Saturday. 3. Aldine Eisenhower (1) at Alief Elsik. 4. San Antonio Madison (1) at SA No. 8 San Antonio (1) at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. 5. Lewisville (2) vs. Arlington Martin. 6. Lufkin (2) is idle. 7. Galena Park North Shore (1) vs. Houston Madison, 7 p.m. Saturday at Houston's AstroDome. 8. San Antonio Taft (1) vs. SA No. 4 San Antonio Madison, 7:30 p.m. Saturday. 9. Waco (2) vs. Waco University. 10. Euless Trinity (1) vs. Arlington Martin. Class 4A 1. Denton Ryan (1) vs. AA No. 2 Ennis. 2. Ennis (1) at AA No. 1 Denton Ryan. 3. Brenham (1) vs. Hurstville. 4. Frerking (2) vs. Lubbock Coronado. 5. H'land Park (1) vs. Stephenville, 2:30 p.m. Saturday. 6. Texasiana Texas High (2) vs. Atlanta. 7. Bastrop (2) at San Marcos. 8. Bay City (1) vs. Houston Strake Jesuit. 9. West Orange-Stark (2) vs. Vidor. 10. CC Calallen (2) vs. CC Miller. Class 3A 1. Eversman (1) vs. Lawton (Okla.). 2. Jasper (2) vs. Nacogdoches. 3. Sinton (2) at Stockdale. 4. Commerce (1) vs. Wylie. 5. Longview Spring Hill (2) is idle. 6. Bridgeport (2) at Pilot Point. 7. Newton (1) vs. Houston Alphonso Crutch. 8. Burnett (2) vs. Killeen Shoemaker. 9. Abilene Wylie (1) at Aledo. 10. Celina (1) vs. Sanger. Class 2A 1. Comfort (2) at Stockdale. 2. McGregor (2) at China Spring. 3. Hemphill (2) at Woodville. 4. Post (2) at Friona. 5. Garrison (2) vs. IA No. 6 Burkville. 6. Centerville (2) at Somerville. 7. Corrigan-Camden (1) vs. San Augustine. 8. Van Vleet (0) vs. Palacios. 9. Bangs (1) at Hico. 10. Elysian Fields (1-1) is idle.

AP Top 25

The big contribution came from Wooten, who made a rare start against a right-hander because Troy Glaus was sidelined with a jammed left ring finger. "I think I had one other start against a righty this year," Wooten said. "Unfortunately, Troy got hurt. Someone had to step up. Today it happened to be me."

In other American League games, it was: New York 5, Baltimore 4; Boston 6, Tampa Bay 3; Minnesota 8, Detroit 2; Toronto 6, Cleveland 4; and Kansas City 9, Chicago 6.

Wooten, who tied a club record with three doubles, hit the first pitch from Jeff Tam (0-1) into the left-field corner. He drove in Garret Anderson, who hit a one-out

LA pulls even with Giants in wild-card race

This is turning into another one of those great races between the Dodgers and Giants.

Los Angeles drew even in the NL wild-card race Wednesday with a 7-3 victory over its traditional rival. Hideo Nomo remained perfect in San Francisco and Brian Jordan hit a three-run homer and had four RBIs to lead the Dodgers.

"We just knew it was important to win today to salvage the series and leave with it even," Jordan said.

Nomo (14-6) allowed two runs, six hits and five walks in 6 2/3 innings while striking out eight and improving to 8-0 in San Francisco. The Dodgers stopped a four-game losing streak and ended the Giants' five-game winning streak.

"You've heard the word warrior used with this guy," Dodgers manager Jim Tracy said. "All the right words are used with this guy. A battler. He's never going to give in to you. ... I don't know where this club would be without the presence of Hideo Nomo. He's obviously become the mainstay of our rotation."

Kirk Rueter (12-8) gave up four runs in the fifth inning. The teams, who started their battles a century ago when they were in Brooklyn and New York, have four games remaining this season.

In other games, it was: St.

STEERS

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their opponents in straight sets. Villareal and Partee were the only girls to win against Snyder. Villareal defeated her opponent, Pat Vargas, in straight sets. Partee lost her first set to Snyder's Jackie Becue but came back to win the second set in a tiebreaker. From there, won a 13-11 tiebreaker for the match.

The tough schedule will only help the BSHS netters. "We'll be ready when district starts but until then, I want to see what the chemistry is like," said Corse. "This team is young and we have plenty of time to get things to gel before we start district. The fact that we only lost

8-11 to Snyder shows that the team is on track to be strong competitors in district. We defeated Snyder 10-9 in district play last year and then we lost five very strong senior competitors and this week we still took all the boy's matches but one. The boys really stepped up on Tuesday and played well," she added.

The Steers travels to Sweetwater on Saturday and to Abilene Wylie on Tuesday. The district opener is scheduled for Saturday, September 21, at 9 a.m. at the Figure Seven Tennis Center.

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FISHING REPORT... AUSTIN (AP)—Here's a fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for September. Also available on www.tcfishing.com. CENTRAL BROWNWOOD: Water 80 degrees; Black bass are slow on spinnerbaits in 7 feet. Striped bass are slow on 18 inch spinners in 18 feet. White bass are fair on spoons in 14 to 18 inches are good. Channel and blue gill are slow on Canadian nightcrawler. Yellow catfish to 25 lb slow on shad in 25 ft. BUCHANAN: Water 80 degrees; 1017; Black on 1/4oz. blue shad spinnerbaits, watermelon jerkbaits and War H early on lake points. Striped bass are fair on L-Traps and jugging. Yellow catfish to 25 lb slow on shad in 25 ft. BUCHANAN: Water 80 degrees; 1017; Black on 1/4oz. blue shad spinnerbaits, watermelon jerkbaits and War H early on lake points. Striped bass are fair on L-Traps and jugging. Yellow catfish to 25 lb slow on shad in 25 ft. SOUTH AMISTAD: Water 80 degrees; Black bass are slow on spinnerbaits, and jigs. 15 feet early. Striped bass are slow on 18 inch spinners near the Rio Grande. White bass are slow on topwaters, striped bass are slow on slabs. Crappie are slow on Channel and blue gill. Yellow catfish are slow on minnows. WEST ALAN HENRY: Water 80 degrees; Black bass are slow on topwaters and plastic blue fleck. Crappie are slow on Channel and blue gill. Yellow catfish are slow on minnows. ARROWHEAD: Water 80 degrees; 6 low. E. Crappie are fair. Good on minnows and are fair on minnows. HUBBARD CREEK: Water 80 degrees; 83 degrees; bass are good on Rattle-Traps. Crappie are good on chrome Rat-L. White bass are fair on chrome Rat-L. NAWORTHY: Water 80 degrees; 84 degrees; fair on live bait. Crappie are good on jigs. Redfish are fair and striped bass are good. Catfish are good and perch. OAK CREEK: Water 80 degrees; No bass. Black bass are fair on good near docks on jigs. Catfish are fair on live bait and cheesebait. OH. IVE: Water 80 degrees; 19 low; Black minnows, spinner Crappie are good on jigs. White bass are slow. Smallmouth Catfish are good on live bait and chum. POSSUM KINGDOM: Water 80 degrees; 83 degrees; Black bass are fair. White bass are fair. SPENCE: Water 80 degrees; 56 low; Black on jigs, and red Crappie are fair on White bass are very good on cranksbaits, and hybrid striped bass on trotlines baited with chicken liver. WHITE RIVER: Water 80 degrees; 82 degrees; bass fair. Crappie are good on minnows. WICHITA: Water 80 degrees; 85 degrees; bass are fair. Crappie are good on minnows. White hybrid striped bass are fair on live bait. No One Cover County II Big Spring

FISHING REPORT

AUSTIN (AP)—Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Sept. 11 (Report also available on Web as www.txfishing.com.)

CENTRAL

BROWNWOOD: Water clear; 83 degrees; Black bass to 5 pounds are slow on spinnerbaits and topwaters in 7 feet. Striped bass to 23 inches are slow trolling spoons in 18 feet. White bass to 13 inches are fair on spoons in 4 feet. Crappie to 14 inches are good on live minnows and some jigs in 22 feet. Channel and blue catfish to 5 pounds are slow on minnows and Canadian nightcrawlers in 12 feet. Yellow catfish to 14 pounds are slow on shad in 25 feet.

BUCHANAN: Water clear; 82 degrees; 101.7; Black bass are fair on 1/4oz. blue shad Titanium spinnerbaits, watermelon Snap Back jerkbaits and Wart Hawg crankbaits early on lake points in 5 - 12 feet. Striped bass are fair to good on Rat-L-Traps and jugging Pirk Minnows at daylight off lake points in 40 - 60 feet, and good later trolling 10z.Curb's striper jigs or drifting live bait. White bass are slow jugging Pirk Minnows and 2" Lt'l Fishe Shad on lake points. Crappie are slow on minnows. Channel catfish are good. Yellow and blue catfish are good on trotlines.

PROCTOR: Water stained; 84 degrees; 1161.07; Black bass are fair on buzzbaits early, and Rat-L-Traps midday. Striped bass to 9 pounds are good on 4" gizzard shad. White bass are fair in Sowell Creek area. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on shad and cheesebait in 6 feet. Yellow catfish are slow.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water clear; 84 degrees; Black bass are good on spinnerbaits, and jigs over grass in 15 feet early. Striped bass are fair on striper jigs near the dam, and up the Rio Grande. White bass are fair on topwaters, striper jigs, and slabs. Crappie are slow on live minnows. Channel and blue catfish are fair on cheesebait in 2 - 30 feet. Yellow catfish are slow.

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water clear; 83 degrees; Black bass are good on topwaters and plastics in camo or blue fleck. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs.

ARROWHEAD: Water stained (from wind); 85 degrees; 7.7 low; Black bass are fair near rocky points. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished around dericks. White bass are good on Rat-L-Traps while trolling. Catfish to 7 pounds are good near the dam on shrimp, and cheese bait.

COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 85 degrees; 9.5 low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Redfish are slow. Catfish are slow. Fishing is extremely slow due to a toxic golden algae bloom.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 84 degrees; 6 low. Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair. White bass are good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on chrome Rat-L-Traps. Catfish are good on live bait.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water lightly stained; 83 degrees; 14 low; Black bass are good on crankbaits and Rattle-L-Traps. Crappie are fair. White bass and hybrid striper are fair on chrome Rat-L-Traps. Catfish are good on live bait.

NASWORTHY: Water lightly stained; 84 degrees; Black bass are fair on live bait and topwaters. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. Redfish are fair. White bass and striped bass are good on minnows. Catfish are good on minnows and perch.

OAK CREEK: Water lightly stained; 80 degrees; No boat ramps open. Black bass are fair. Crappie are good near docks on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on trotlines with live bait and cheesebait.

OH. IVE: Water lightly stained; 82 degrees; 19 low; Black bass are fair on minnows, spinnerbaits and jigs. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on minnows. Smallmouth bass are fair. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with live bait and chicken liver.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water lightly stained; 83 degrees; 2.75 low; Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair. White bass are fair. Striped bass are fair. Catfish are fair.

SPENCE: Water stained; 78 degrees; 56 low; Black bass are fair on jigs, and red shad plastics. Crappie are fair on jigs 8-15 feet. White bass are very good on topwaters, and crankbaits. Striped bass and hybrid striper are fair on minnows and topwaters. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live bait. Fishing is generally slow due to golden algae bloom.

STAMFORD: Water lightly stained; 83 degrees; 2.5 low; Black bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White and striped bass are fair on crankbaits and minnows. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with shad and stinkbait.

SWEETWATER: Water lightly stained; 81 degrees; 19.75 low; Black bass are fair on crankbaits, and live bait. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on minnows. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with live bait, and chicken liver.

WHITE RIVER: Water lightly stained; 82 degrees; 20 low; Black bass are fair. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair. Hybrid striper are slow. Catfish are fair in the Wichita Park area around cattails on live bait, and liver.

WICHITA: Water stained (from wind); 85 degrees; 6 low; Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on live bait and jigs. White bass are slow. Hybrid striper are slow. Catfish are fair in the Wichita Park area around cattails on live bait, and liver.

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The Heart of Dixie

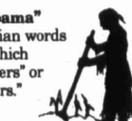
Alabama From A to Z



The U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville is the biggest space and rocket museum in the world. Scientists at the George C. Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville worked on the first space shuttle.

Alabama is a state in the Deep South, and was a center for the Confederacy during the Civil War. Its border on the Gulf of Mexico helped make it a top industrial area. Today, manufacturing of paper products, rockets, chemicals and textiles is important. Native Americans lived in the area for more than 8,000 years. The French, British and Spanish all claimed it at different times. The United States obtained part of the area in a treaty with Spain as part of a settlement after the War of 1812. It became a state in 1819. It withdrew from the U.S. during the Civil War. Alabama is the 23rd most-populated state, with about 4 1/2 million people.

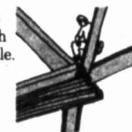
The name "Alabama" comes from the Indian words "alba" and "amo," which mean "thicket clearers" or "vegetation gatherers."



The Appalachian Mountains begin there.



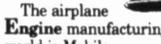
Birmingham is the largest city, with about 240,000 people. In the early 1900s, the steel industry made the city a center of industry.



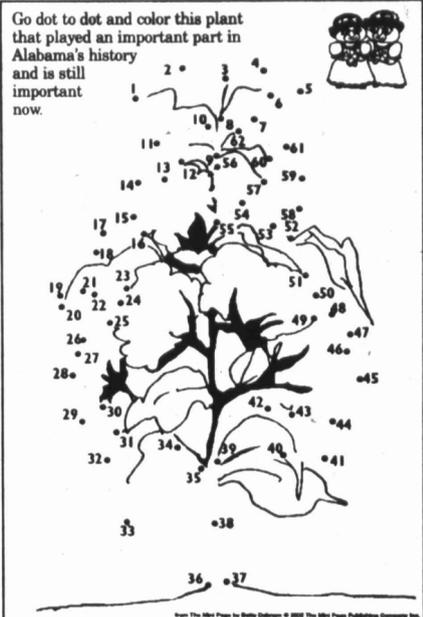
The Camellia is the state flower.



Dothan is "The Peanut Capital of the World." More than half of the peanuts grown in the U.S. are grown in this area.



The airplane Engine manufacturing capital of the world is Mobile. Forests cover about two-thirds of the state. It has the third-biggest area of forest in the U.S.



Go dot to dot and color this plant that played an important part in Alabama's history and is still important now.

Rookie's Recipe
Company Casserole
Alabama raises a lot of chickens. You'll need:
• 1 can cream of chicken soup
• 1 can cream of mushroom soup
• 1 can cream of celery soup
• 1 soup can filled with milk
• 1 cup rice, uncooked
• 2 cups chicken, cooked and shredded
• 1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted
What to do:
1. Combine all soups and milk in a large bowl. Mix well.
2. Add rice and chicken. Mix well.
3. Pour into a casserole.
4. Pour melted butter or margarine evenly on top.
5. Bake in a preheated 300-degree oven for 1 hour. Serves 6 to 8.

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Gus Goodsport's Report
Supersport: Kazuhisa Ishii
Height: 6-0 Birthdate: 9-9-73
Weight: 187
Last spring was a big time for Kazuhisa Ishii (Kah-zoo-hee-sah Ee-shee-ee). He became a pitcher for the Los Angeles Dodgers. Before joining the Dodgers, he was an all-star pitcher for the Yakult Swallows of the Japan League for 10 years. He ended his career with them with 78 wins and 46 losses. He also helped the team win the Japanese Series Championship five times. Last year he had a 3.39 earned run average. Kazuhisa, who is learning to speak English, likes playing golf, and one of his favorite foods is cheeseburgers. He and his wife, TV news broadcaster Ayako Kisa, have one child.

Meet Beverley Mitchell
Since 1996, Beverley Mitchell has played Lucy Camden on the show "7th Heaven." Beverley, 21, was born in Arcadia, Calif. Her father is an auto-race promoter and her mother is an office manager. She was 5 when she started performing in commercials. Her first TV role was when she was 9. Beverley, who graduated from high school in 2000, studies film at Loyola Marymount University. She has two dogs and two cats. She likes the music of Shania Twain, the Dixie Chicks, 'N Sync and Blink-182. Jodie Foster is her favorite actress, and her hobbies are singing, shopping and snowboarding.

Mighty Funny's Mini Jokes
All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?
Amanda: What do cows do on vacation?
Hannah: They visit museums!
Jack: What do cows have after an earthquake?
Ginger: Milkshakes!
Rosie: Why was the cow scared?
Dylan: Because she was a coward!

ALABAMA TRY 'N FIND
Words and names that remind us of Alabama are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: ALABAMA, INDIAN, APPALACHIAN, CAMELLIA, DOTHAN, ENGINES, FOREST, HUNTSVILLE, GADSDEN, TIRE, KING, LUMBER, MOBILE, SNAKE, SELMA, SOCK, PINE, IRON.
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B I E L A V Z N O R I N A E R
A N F M N N G A D S D E N S Y
M E A P P A L A C H I A N G N
A C A M E L L I A T S I E R O F

Mini Spy ...
Mini Spy and her friends are exploring a natural bridge in Alabama. See if you can find: elephant • 2 whales • moon • lima bean • two letter A's • bell • pig • word MINI • duck • bird • man's face • ladder • camel • horse's head • nails • snail • number 6 • mushroom

More About Alabama
The Gulf Coast and Mobile Bay beaches are top tourist attractions. Mobile Bay is an important port for oceangoing ships.
Huntsville is the site of the George C. Marshall Space Flight Center. It developed the Saturn 5 rocket, which sent astronauts to the moon, and the moon buggy they rode in to explore it.
More navigable Inland waterways are there than in any other state. The Mobile River is the most important river.
"Jubilees" are two-hour periods of fishy activity. In the middle of summer nights, thousands of shellfish such as crab and shrimp move so close to the shores of Mobile Bay that crowds can simply scoop up a seafood feast.
Martin Luther King Jr. began preaching at the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery. It was there he organized a boycott against the bus system after Rosa Parks was arrested in 1955. She had refused to give up her bus seat to a white passenger. This incident sparked the civil rights movement.
Lumber, farm-raised catfish, soybeans, cattle, chickens and cotton are top products.
Next week The Mini Page is about fall and squirrels.
Montgomery is the capital. Jefferson Davis took his oath as president of the Confederacy there.
The fastest NASCAR track is said to be in Talladega, along with the International Motorsports Hall of Fame.
Oysters, shrimp, blue crabs and catfish are some of the top commercial seafoods.
All of the Poisonous North American snake species are in Alabama, the only state with all four kinds: coral snake, water moccasin, rattlesnake and copperhead.
The Star Blue Quartz is the state gemstone. Coal, crushed stone, marble, limestone, natural gas and oil are the top minerals.
The endangered Alabama Red-bellied turtle is the state reptile, and the only place in the world it lives in is the swamps near Mobile.
The Sock capital of the world is Fort Payne. It makes more socks than any other place in the world.
The Southern Longleaf Pine is the state tree.
Site to see: www.touralabama.org
Look through your newspaper for stories and pictures about historical people and places in your state.
Tuskegee Institute was founded by Booker T. Washington in 1881 to give African-Americans a place to learn good trades. George Washington Carver developed his 300-plus uses for the peanut there.
The University of Alabama football team, the Crimson Tide, has won eight Sugar Bowl championships, more than any other team.
The Voting Rights Act was signed after Martin Luther King Jr. led a five-day march from Selma to Montgomery in 1965. Marchers were protesting discrimination against black people in voting.
The Women's Army Corps Museum at Fort McClellan in Anniston is the only museum in the world entirely about women in the military.
The "Heart of Dixie" is Alabama's nickname, because the first capital of the Confederacy was there during the Civil War.
The Yellowhammer is the state bird.
The Birmingham Zoo has more than 900 animals, including elephants and cobras.

The Mini Page/NIE
Tomorrow's workforce is in today's classrooms.
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GARAGE SALES

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Garage Sale, 900 Runnels. Sat. 8-7. Living room set, microwave, power tools, tent, Coleman stove, daybed, too much to list.

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Lovely Country House for Sale: 4bdrm, 3 bath, large 4 car carport, fire place, 2 patios, on 27.85 acres. Fenced with corrals, pool, hot tub, sheds, green house. Call Jake or Vivian 267-7501 or 267-6808.

Price Reduced, 2004 Nolan, Brick 3-4 BR, 1 1/2 bath, CH/A, Fully furnished. \$37,000 bank financing. 267-1679

REDUCED 2608 Larry Dr. 3 1/2 New kitchen cabinets, flooring, carpet & paint. In ground pool. 263-3778

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Land lots for sale at 1605 Jennings. Price Reduce. Call 263-2951 for more info.

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Outstanding car lot for rent. Ideal location at 700 E 4th St. Between Ford and Chevrolet house. Adequate air conditioned office space \$100/deposit, \$500/mn. Call 267-2112.

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1711 Alabama Clean 3 Bdrm, 2 bath with fireplace Call 915-728-3177

2 bdr., 1 bath. \$300 month. Call 466-0227 after 5:00.

2 BR, 1 bath, CH/A, new paint & carpet, fenced yard. \$350. mo. + dep. 267-5855.

3 bdr., 1 bath, CHA, \$425. month. Call 466-0227 after 5:00.

3 bdr., CHA, fenced yard. No Pets. \$500 mon. + \$225. dep. 263-5818

3BR 1 bath, 2902 Cherokee. References required. Rent to Own. \$350/mo. \$200/dep. 267-6667.

4220 Hamilton, 4 BR, 1 1/2 baths, fenced yard, new ceramic tile. No indoor pets. \$495/mo. 1 Year lease & security deposit required. 263-6514. Owner/Broker

For rent: Large, very clean 2 BR with den a possible 3rd BR. Newly carpeted. Large fenced backyard. Call 267-7659 after 6PM.

For rent or Sale, small 2 bdr., house. Coahoma ISD. \$250./\$200. 263-3022 before noon.

Mile and 1/2 outside city, Loop Rd., 2 bdr. house. Water well. \$375/mn. \$300/dep. 263-1621 or 664-9685.

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Do thorough office and house cleaning. Excellent references. Call 264-7757.

TOO LATES

J 2709 Lynn LARGE GARAGE SALE, Sat. 8-1. Lots of misc. & furniture

TOO LATES

1993 Mustang Cobra, excellent condition! Call Todd @ 263-7306, 267-6505 after 6pm.

For Sale red '94 Lincoln Mark VIII LSC, one owner. Excellent condition. 72,000K. Call 268-9478.

4 Family Garage Sale. Brass, baby clothes, books, and lots of Junk. Sat. only, 2602 E. 16th, next to Teal Carpet on FM 700.

Garage Sale: 703 E. 16th, Fri.-Sat. 8-7. Collector items, mens junk, nice clothes, lots of misc.

Garage Sale, 113 Miller "B" South service road, Friday and Saturday. Too much to list.

YARD SALE, 4210 Calvin. Sat. Only 8-5. Clothes and lots of misc.

Backyard Sale, Fri & Sat, 9-7. 1109 Sycamore. Baby clothes, adult clothes, misc.

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Sept. 12, 2002:

You might be more active or verbal than in past years. Use your strong sense of direction, but realize not everyone sees or understands issues as you do. Your family and home take priority in an unprecedented matter. You tend toward unconventional health and dietary ideas. Still, be open to more conventional ways. If you are single, your life takes a new direction. You will meet someone very special, from whom you will learn a lot. If attached, your relationship flourishes when the two of you are alone. SAGITTARIUS pushes your buttons.

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)**** Let your mind soar, and your spirit will give you the courage to follow. Review matters carefully. Your creativity flourishes. Don't take another's stance personally - OK? Tonight: Make calls and weekend plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**** Deal with people directly, asking for more information. You find that although a child or loved one could be testy, you get a new perspective because of what others choose to share. Tonight: Spend time with family.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**** Your temper pushes you to sometimes do things that you would prefer not to. Choose your words and reach out to those around you. Humor helps you relax with those close to you and those in your daily life. Tonight: Use care with others, especially if you're angry!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)*** Dig into work, avoiding personal calls or anything else that might be distracting. You accomplish a lot. Whether up for a bonus or receiving overtime, you make this day pay off. Tonight: Run errands and make visits. Let your social nature emerge.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**** Reach out for people who make a difference to you, whether creatively or

emotionally. Express your bountiful and happy personality. You get many yeses as a result. Tonight: Play the night away.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**** Curb your temper before you have a problem. Be smart and distance yourself emotionally from this situation. You'll do well if you concentrate on one matter at a time. Tonight: Anchor in at home. Do something you love.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**** You might be irritated. Conjure up that unusually diplomatic, charming style, and you'll be heading toward the victory circle before you know it! Don't get caught up in another's story. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**** Friends and associates might push you in a certain direction. Know when to say no, especially when your finances might be implicated. Stay on top of work. Tonight: Treat yourself for a change.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**** You're personality plus. Where you found resistance this week, you might not any longer. Pat yourself on the back. Be careful not to antagonize a friend. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)*** Listen to someone at a distance. Read between the lines with a partner. This person really means well. Meanwhile, seek out experts. Consider other ways to get to the same result. Tonight: Vanish quickly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**** Aim for what you want. Meetings prove to be instrumental. A partner could be testy or difficult. Think through a decision. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**** Though many could test your patience, you will get comfort from one special person. Listen well to others you care about, but realize someone might make a judgment that might not be justified. Tonight: Be with the one you love.

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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF COAHOMA TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS The City of Coahoma is giving notice of the City's intent to submit a Texas Community Development Program grant application for a Community Development Fund grant request of \$350,000 for wastewater system improvements throughout the City and a Planning and Capacity Building Fund grant request of \$10,050 for citywide comprehensive planning studies. The applications will be available after September 17, 2002 for review at City Hall during regular business hours. #3664 September 12, 2002

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY On the 30th day of August, 2002, I impounded the following estray: Kind of Animal: Horse Breed: Palamino Color: Tan Sex: Female Age: Unknown Size: Adult Brand, Marks, Identifying Characteristics: Small white spot on right hip, and blaze face and, on the 8th day of September, 2002, I filed a notice in the Estray Book of Howard County, Texas. I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Howard County, Texas, for the owner of said estray, but the search did not reveal the owner. Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 14th day of September, 2002, said estray will be sold at Public Auction/Share Sale at Howard County Courthouse. WITNESS my hand this day of 2002. DALE L. WALKER Sheriff of Howard County, Texas #3667 September 12 & 13, 2002

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF BIG SPRING NOTICE TO BIDDERS Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, the City of Big Spring will receive sealed bids on the following date/time for the purchase of the below listed items/equipment: A. Date/Time: Thursday, September 26, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. for the following: 1. WATER SERVICE RE-LOCATE 2. FLEET LUBE AND OIL SERVICE 3. 8" x 24" MJ FITTINGS Bids are to be opened and read aloud in the Big Spring City Conference Room, Upstairs, City Hall, 307 East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Bid information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing Agent, 1380 Airport Drive East, Bldg. #19, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date of the bid and a general description of the bid items. Handicapped individuals attending the opening that are unable to traverse the stairs must notify the purchasing office at 915-264-2380 a minimum of 48 working hours prior to bid opening. The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities. #2670 September 12, 15 & 22, 2002

Mom of six offers suggestions

Dear Annie: I am the mother of six children, some biological and some adopted. My adopted children were all teenagers when they came to us. We have encountered some problems that I believe are fairly common to adoptive families, especially when there are children of mixed cultures. Please let me use your column to help people be more sensitive in these situations. Here are my suggestions:

1. Please don't look at my children and ask which ones are mine. They are all mine.
 2. Please do not ask me about the circumstances that led to their adoption. The situation is probably painful for them, and your questions may be hurtful.
 3. Please do not make disparaging comments or drag up every abysmal statistic you can remember about their country. Do not expect them to compliment our country or remark on how much better things are here than in their country of birth. No matter the hardships, it was their home, and they may miss it.
 4. Please DO offer warmth, friendship, kindness and compassion. Understand that these adopted children are adjusting to a new life, new language, new family and new culture. Remember that my biological children are adapting to a larger family and to sharing their home, parents and life. We want to become one family. Please think of us that way. - Real Mom of Six
- Dear Mom: You sound like a compassionate and caring woman, and your suggestions are priceless



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

for all adoptive families. Dear Annie: I have been dating "Tim" for four years. He is a workaholic, and money is everything to him. He has never taken me out on a date because he has to work late or is out of town. He has never given me a birthday card or present. (He says he doesn't believe in cards.) I don't have his address or phone number.

We have a wonderful sex life, but that's it. He tells me he loves me, but we rarely spend time together. In fact, he is often at my place only long enough for us to have sex. How can I make him more romantic? - Tired of Waiting in California

Dear Tired: Wake up, Toots. Tim only sees you when he wants sex. He never takes you out in public. You don't have his phone number or address. This is a familiar pattern, and it means Tim is probably married. If he isn't, he's not exactly a prime candidate for romance or marriage. Get out while you can.

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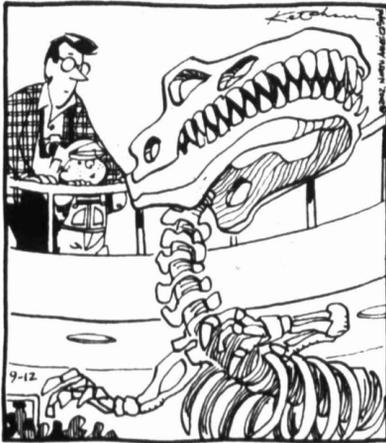
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SEP. 12

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DENNIS THE MENACE



"THAT REMINDS ME... I FORGOT TO BRUSH MY TEETH."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"This is when the stars come out to watch the sun go to bed."

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This Date in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Sept. 12, the 255th day of 2002. There are 110 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One year ago, on Sept. 12, 2001, stunned rescue workers continued to search for bodies in the World Trade Center's smoking rubble...

On this date: In 1609, English explorer Henry Hudson sailed into the river that now bears his name.

In 1880, author and journalist H.L. Mencken was

born in Baltimore.

In 1938, Adolf Hitler demanded self-determination for the Sudeten Germans in Czechoslovakia.

In 1943, German paratroopers took Benito Mussolini from the hotel where he was being held by the Italian government.

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. Army troops entered Germany for the first time, near Trier.

In 1960, Democratic presidential candidate John F. Kennedy addressed the issue of his Roman Catholicism...

In 1972, the situation comedy "Maude" premiered on CBS.

In 1977, South African black student leader Steven Biko died in police custody...

In 1988, Hurricane Gilbert slammed into Jamaica, killing 45 people and causing damage estimated at up to \$1 billion.

Ten years ago: The space shuttle Endeavour blasted

off, carrying with it Mark Lee and Jan Davis, the first married couple in space; Mae Jemison, the first black woman in space; and Mamoru Mohri, the first Japanese citizen to fly on a U.S. spaceship...

Today's Birthdays: Actress Irene Dailey is 82. Actor Dickie Moore ("Our Gang") is 77. Actor Freddie Jones is 75...

In 1972, the situation comedy "Maude" premiered on CBS. In 1977, South African black student leader Steven Biko died in police custody...

Answer to previous puzzle: A crossword grid with words like TART, JIGGS, TERI, ILIA, OBIES, ERIN, PICKTHEBRAINSOF, STERAGE, DUETO, HEN, DOOR, GLEAKKNOWLEDGE, FRIED, LUGIES, AAAA, LEAD, GALLS, AFS, OIS, BOAVE, SCOOT, GATHERTOGETHER, AITU, MOE, CAPRA, OVERSTEP, REAPTHEBENEFITS, ARLO, UPEND, ODES, BOON, MAYAS, REST.

Newsday Crossword

NOT EXACTLY by Bob Frank Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS: 1 45 Down utterances, 5 Reply to a bid, 10 Cat call, 14 Ferris wheel, for example, 15 Arctic region, 16 mater, 17 Mil. assistant, 18 Sub detector, 19 Like Scrooge, 20 Get a ballpark figure, 23 One and only, 24 Baby syllable, 25 Boise hrs., 27 Car-sticker stat, 29 Bill's partner, 30 Writer LeShan, 33 Cognizant, 35 Baby whale, 37 Hoity-toity type, 38 Get a rough figure, 41 Lawn pest, 42 Dweeb, 43 Young Montague, 44 Big galoot, 45 Pixie, 46 U-turn from NNW, 48 Guinness suffix, 49 Wonderment, 50 At any time, 52 Provide a rough figure, 59 song (cheaply), 60 Loaf on the job, 61 Genesis son, 62 Moore of G.I. Jane, 63 Chew the scenery, 64 French spots of land, 65 Shrinking inland sea, 66 Compact, 67 majesty (high crime), DOWN: 1 Toot one's own horn, 2 Verdi heroine, 3 Like seat belts, 4 Ready followers, 5 Shoe part, 6 Milne mammal, 7 "Rule, Britannia" composer, 8 Ollie's buddy, 9 Pay no mind to, 10 Rumba relative, 11 Gen. Robt., 12 Actor Sharif, 13 Pallid, 21 Bugs' nemesis, 22 Bovine cry, 25 Molten rock, 26 Descend like an eagle, 28 Sign of treble?, 29 Klutzes, 30 Capable of being counted, 31 Geodesic items, 32 Monastery leader, 34 Deli bread, 36 Lingus, 37 HBO competitor, 39 Gas choice, 40 Rome fountain, 45 She-sheep, 47 Living-room furnishing, 49 Be of use, 51 Fax alternative, 52 Attendee, 53 la Douce, 54 Iditarod terminus, 55 One of the Ghostbusters, 56 Stays idle, 57 Golf platforms, 58 Otherwise, 59 Pharmaceutical overseer.

A crossword grid with numbers 1-68 indicating starting positions for the clues.