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## SPORTS

Forsan's Buffaloes defeated Big Spring's Steers in Division II Crossroads Little Football League play on Saturday.

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## MORE SPORTS

Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers rolled to a lopsided 14-2 win over Sweetwater in non-district team tennis action Saturday, preparing for this weekend's District 4-4A team tennis opener against San Angelo Lake View.

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## MHMR FORUM

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## Big Spring duo held on drug charges

### Sweetwater lawmen suspect couple of cooking 'meth' in motel room

By HERREL HALLMARK

Sweetwater Reporter Editor

SWEETWATER — Two Big Spring residents face felony drug charges here after being arrested Friday at a motel along the north side of Interstate 20 in Sweetwater, where they are believed to have been "cooking" methamphetamine, according to narcotics investigator Lonnie Kincanon with the Nolan County Sheriff's Office.

"Both of these suspects have criminal histories of previous drug charges against them," Kincanon said. In fact, Kincanon said he had personally arrested both suspects when he previously worked for a law enforcement agency in Big Spring.

*"We believe the suspects were in the process of flushing additional amounts of methamphetamine while we were trying to get into the room. We have no idea how much they might have been able to flush, but we found evidence in the room that led us to believe that the suspects had just completed 'cooking' methamphetamine and were ready to check out of the room."*

Lonnie Kincanon  
Nolan County Sheriff's Office

John Steven Renfro, 35, and Christy Raines, 24, both of Big Spring, were each charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, as well as possession of chemicals to make a controlled substance, Kincanon said. Both of those

charges are considered as second-degree felonies.

The pair are also facing additional charges of possession of marijuana, Kincanon said.

Pending laboratory results on some liquids confiscated during the arrest, Kincanon added,

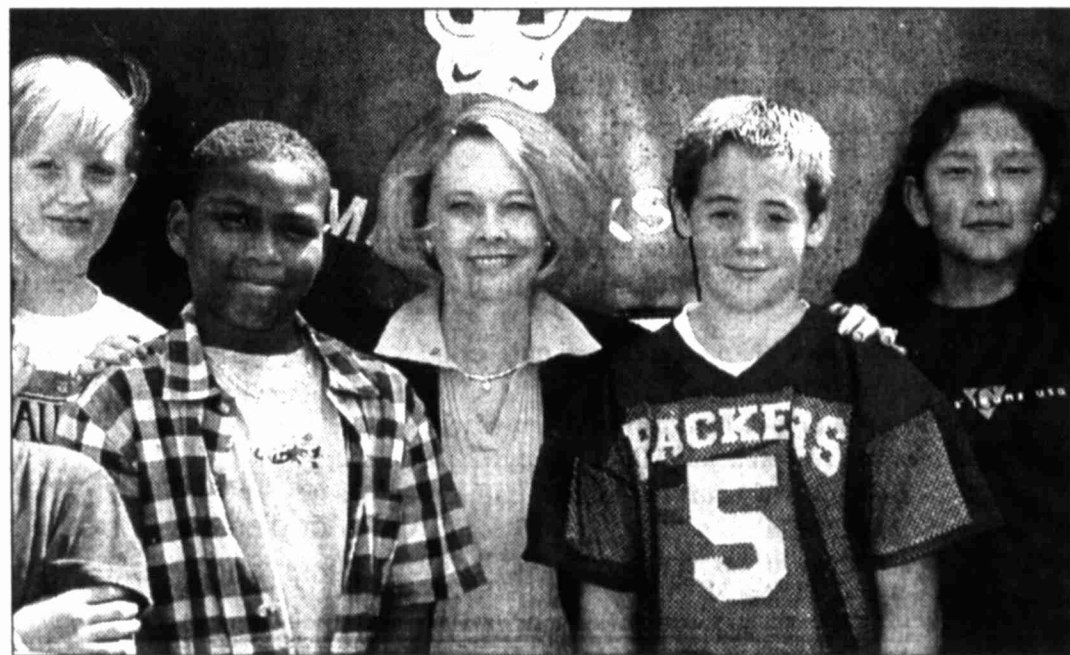
there is a probability that additional charges will be filed against the suspects.

Kincanon said there was "a considerable amount of liquid substance" recovered at the scene that he believes may contain additional methamphetamine. If the lab results confirm that methamphetamine is in the liquids, Kincanon pointed out, the charges against Renfro and Raines possibly could be increased to first-degree felonies.

Kincanon said the sheriff's office had received a call from another agency earlier in the day requesting it try and locate the two suspects who were wanted on outstanding warrants. It was

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## Principal of the Week



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
Brenda Gainey, Goliad Intermediate School principal, poses with some of her STAR students in front of the campus' sign. A veteran of 24 years in education, Gainey is committed to helping students succeed. Also pictured, from left, are: Valerie Caldwell, Xavlan Parnell, Daniel New and Miracle Cervantes.

## Goliad's Gainey leads way through another transition

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Brenda Gainey, Goliad Intermediate School principal, isn't one to stay stagnant in a job.

In fact, she has been principal of three schools in the past six years.

"And I've never moved," Gainey quipped. "I've had the same office in the same building."

The West Texas native has helmed the continuing evolution of Goliad School during its transition from a middle school to elementary to intermediate school status.

"That's been unique,"

*"I like to help people," Gainey said. "I want them to be successful. I want kids to be a success."*

Brenda Gainey  
Goliad principal

Gainey said. "This has given me an opportunity to go through all the different phases and challenges."

During her 24-year career as an educator, Gainey has always looked for new challenges but her top priori-

ty has never wavered — helping students to succeed.

"I like to help people," Gainey said. "I want them to be successful. I want kids to be a success."

One experience during her senior year at Monahans High School pointed Gainey to a lifelong career in education.

A member of the Future Teachers of America, Gainey stepped into the classroom to substitute teach for a day.

"I was exhausted at the end of the day but knew

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## Sexual assault

### Police are investigating BSSH patient's claim against another patient

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Big Spring police are currently investigating a sexual assault complaint brought by a 52-year-old patient at Big Spring State Hospital.

"This weekend Big Spring State Hospital contacted the Big Spring Police Department concerning allegations of an alleged sexual assault between two residents of the hospital," Valerie Avery, BSSH public information officer, said.

"The Big Spring Police Department is handling the incident and we are cooperating fully with their management of the investigation," Avery continued.

Police received a call Saturday from the state hospital's security department reporting the woman's allegation.

"She reported that the suspect, a male patient she knows, forced her to have intercourse against her will," Sweatt said. "There is a little bit of time gap from when the rape occurred to the time it was reported."

The alleged assault occurred on the hospital grounds, Sweatt said. The victim reported the incident to a hospital staff member who in turn disclosed the information to the hospital's security

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Valerie Avery  
BSSH public information officer

staff. "Anytime there is an allegation made of this nature there is a strict protocol we follow and security is an instrumental part of the procedure," Avery said. "We have a great working relationship with the police department and we contact the police department when any type of allegation of this nature is made."

The victim was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center for a sexual assault exam and later transported back to the state hospital.

In cases involving a mental hospital patient, the state files the charge if the person is under a court commitment, Sweatt said. If the person is committed voluntarily,

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## BSISD eyes needs; may borrow money from TASB program

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District will need to join a loan pool in order to cover expenses through part of the school year, administrators informed trustees Thursday.

"This is not because we don't have a fund balance," BSISD Business Manager Sandra Waggoner explained. "We are not going to harm fund balance. We just have a timing difference between our revenues and expenditures."

The problems occur during a lull when state funding ceases and local

taxes begin to be paid.

"In November through January our cash flow projection will be short," Waggoner told trustees. "(By the) middle to the end of January, we start receiving the bulk of our local taxes."

This is the first time the district has sought a loan to help with expenses, Waggoner said.

"This is the first time I know of and I've been here 13 years," she said. "It's not really fund balance so much as the low cash reserves. It's not because we're broke, it's a timing difference. We don't have the reserves to

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HERALD Photo/Andrea Medlin  
Lakeview Headstart celebrated Diez y Seis de Septiembre with a parade featuring Hispanic music and costumes. Carrying maracas and kazoos, from left, are: Thomas Cruz, Billy McIntosh, Kevin Baker and Travis Threats.

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# A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

## Obituaries

### Jake Hancock



Funeral service for Jake Hancock, 92, of Big Spring, will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2002, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Ralph Anderson, minister of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will follow at Clyde Cemetery in Clyde at 3 p.m. on Tuesday. Mr. Hancock died on Sunday, Sept. 15, 2002, in a local nursing home.

He was born on March 8, 1910, in Callahan County and married Sarah Osborne on Jan. 30, 1982, in Big Spring. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He owned and operated Hancock Oil Properties until he retired in 1997. He was a member of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Sarah Hancock of Big Spring; one son, Don Osborne of Big Spring; two daughters, Jane Overman and Jeanine Huskey, both of Big Spring; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater West Texas Chapter, 4400 N. Big Spring, C-32, Midland 79705. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

### David Juarez

Funeral service for David Juarez, 36, of Big Spring is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Mr. Juarez died Sunday, Sept. 15, 2002, at a Lubbock hospital. Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Take note

□ The Fraternal Order of Eagles 3188, Aerie and Auxiliary is having a coat drive the community. The coats will be given away Oct. 14, at the Eagles Lodge. The Lodge will accept jackets, sweaters, coats, and sweatshirts of any size, color or style. 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 October 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.

□ West Texas Opportunities Inc., is holding a community meeting 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, at Isaiah 58 located at 107 Runnels. For more information contact Judy Reed at 267-9536.

## 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.

## Records

Sunday's high 76  
Sunday's low 60  
Average high 87  
Average low 62  
Record high 101 in 1965  
Record low 43 in 1951

Precip. Sunday 0.85  
Month to date 0.85  
Year to date 10.79  
Sunrise Tuesday 7:31 a.m.  
Sunset Tuesday 7:49 p.m.

## Police blotter

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

• **BERTHA SUSAN HINOJOS**, 31, of 100 NW Third was being held at the police department's jail for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

• **BRENTON CASEY PETTY**, 18, of 2800 Apache was arrested on a charge of minor in consumption — alcohol.

• **ALFRED RAY LANG**, 50, of 4200 Hamilton was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ADOLFO HUANTE LOPEZ**, 30, of 1106 E. 11th Place was arrested on charges of public intoxication and resisting arrest.

• **ROCKY ALLEN AUTRY**, 19, of 448 Armstrong No. A was arrested on a charge of no driver's license.

• **MARCUS SMITH**, 21, of 2609 Wasson Road was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.

• **MANUELA VALENTINA MIER**, 29, of 704 Willia was arrested for two local warrants.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1100 block of N. Lamesa Dr., the 1400 block of Robin St., the 800 block of W. Eight Street, the 2500 block of Ent Drive and the 600 block of Holbert St.

• **DISTURBANCE/FIGHT** was reported in the 2500 block of March Circle, the 200 block of Circle Drive, the 400 block of NW Ninth Street, the 800 block of Lorilla St., the 2600 block of Fairchild Dr. and the 200 block of Main St.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 900 block of Abrams where \$20 worth of vehicle parts and \$264 worth of electronic equipment were reported stolen.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1300 block of Tucson Road where \$70 worth of Bicycles were reported stolen.

• **ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY to a FAMILY MEMBER, Enhanced**, was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.

## EMS

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

### SATURDAY

10:40 a.m. — 1900 block of Simlar, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

3:52 p.m. — 800 block of Nolan, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

10:17 p.m. — 1900 block of North Hwy 87, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

10:52 p.m. — 200 block of Scurry, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

11:12 p.m. — 200 block of Scurry, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

### SUNDAY

2:48 a.m. — 400 block of Westover, medical call, service refused.

3:36 a.m. — 3200 block of Parkway, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

8:33 a.m. — 6400 block of Midway Rd., medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

10:22 a.m. — 900 block of Magnolia, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

11:29 a.m. — 900 block of Ohio, medical call, service refused.

2:56 p.m. — Golf Course Rd., trauma call, service refused.

## Markets

Noon quotes provided by Edward Jones & Co.

AT&T	12.23 -49
Archer-Daniels	12 -07
Atmos Energy	21.8 -2
BP PLC ADR	43.23 -02
ChevronTexaco	72.6 -59
Citigroup	29.04
Cornell	7.8 -2
Dell	26.34 -46
Du Pont	39.46 -62
Exxon Mobil	33.75 -33
Halliburton	14.35 +22
IFCO Systems	2 +01
IBM	71.6 -1.05
Intel Corp	15.72 -32
NUV	9.64 +.01
Patterson Ener	25.51 +21
Pepsico Inc	39.99 -16
SBC Comms	24.05 -5
Sears Roebuck	45.13 -07
TXU Corp	53.57 -73
Texas Instrument	18.25 -75
Total Fina	68.82 -37
Unocal Corp	32.52 -22
Wal-Mart	54.21 -19
Wal-Mart/Mexico	26.9-27.2
AMCAP	13.06 +.04
Europacific	22.76 -36
Prime Rate	4.75 %
Gold	314.2 - 316.45
Silver	4.48 - 4.55

## Lottery

The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery:

2-4-16-21-38-43

Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: \$4 million

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery:

4-15-25-26-37

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:

7-0-6

## 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

□ Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. People 50 and over are invited to participate. Call 268-4721 for more information.

□ Disabled American Veterans and Auxiliary chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams.

□ Concerned Citizens meets at 7 p.m. in the Firberflex conference room on Bethel Street in the Airpark. The public is invited.

□ Christian Singles Fellowship meets 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church youth hall. All singles in the community are welcome to come for an evening of fellowship, food and table games.

### TUESDAY

□ Intermediate line dance classes meets at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information.

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

□ Evening Lions Club meets at noon at the Senior Citizens Center.

□ Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 6 p.m. at the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

□ Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. for dinner with meeting to follow. Located at First and Goliad. All Masons are welcome to attend.

□ Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library. Sculpting in clay will be this month's activity.

□ Big Spring chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge located at 219 Main.

### WEDNESDAY

□ Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. at the Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Senior Circle Stretch and Tone meets at the Carriage Inn Cafe at 9:30 a.m.

□ Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Line dancing at 1 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center located in the Industrial Park. Call 398-5522 or 267-1628 for more information.

□ Duplicate Bridge Club meets Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 1 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club.

□ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge located at 703 West Third.

### THURSDAY

□ Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at Herman's Restaurant at 7 a.m.

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By LYNDEL MO  
Staff Writer

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# New doctor:

## Dr. Cynthia Rutledge sees Big Spring as 'big city' after leaving practice in West

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

After just a week in town, Dr. Cynthia Rutledge is enjoying life in the "big" city.

"There's a Blockbuster here, a Wal-Mart and three movie houses," Rutledge quipped.

Rutledge is the newest addition to Family Medical Center, 2301 South Gregg, having moved from West. She moves from a practice at Providence Health Center.

"West is a small, mostly rural town and there really was not a need for the services of more doctors," Rutledge said in explaining her decision to leave the Central Texas community.

The large choice of physicians in nearby Waco served the small community well, she said.

"I wanted to move to a community that has a need for physicians."

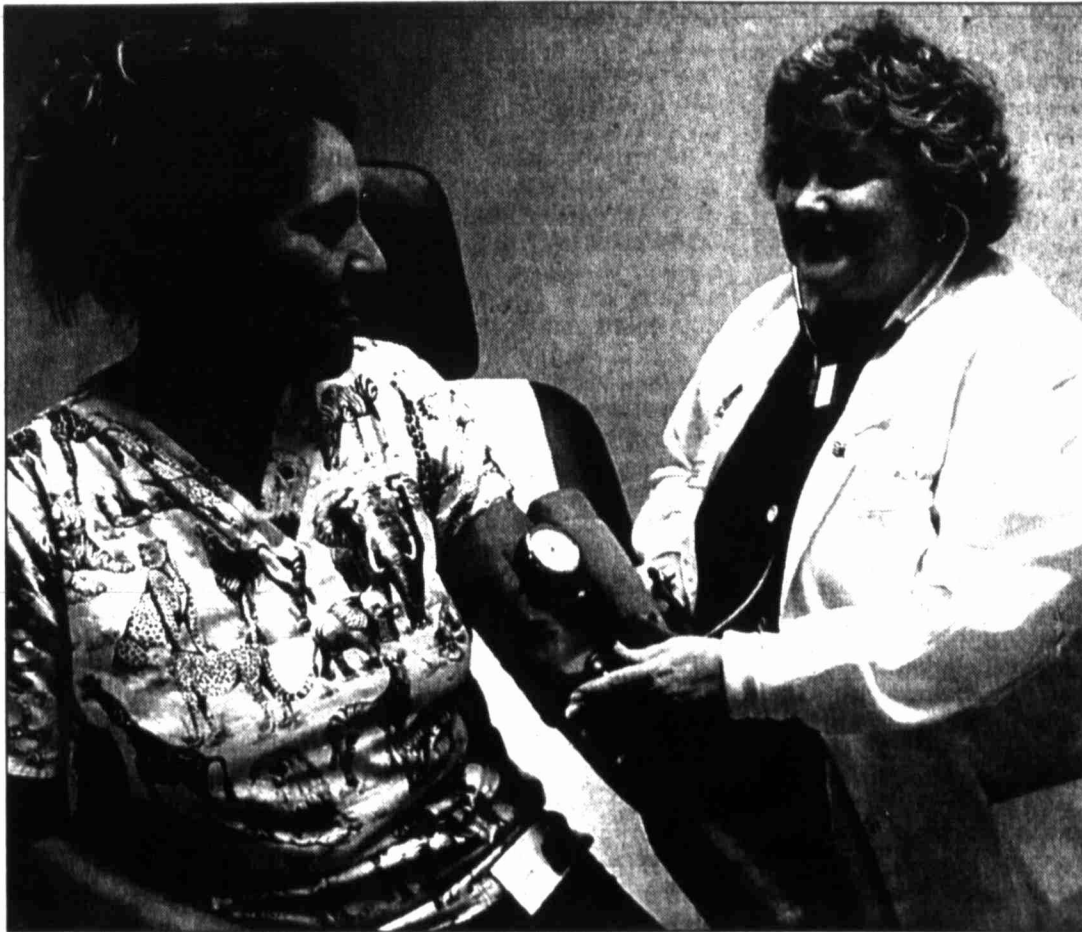
The doctor, now ready to set down roots in the community, led an adventurous life before entering the medical field.

Prior to her foray into medicine, Rutledge worked in the airline industry. The job came with at least one perk, free travel; and the good doctor took advantage.

"I've been on every continent except Antarctica and Africa," she said.

Her adventures include trips to popular vacation spots such as Hawaii and treks to out-of-the-way destinations like Nepal to see the Himalayan Mountains.

Eventually, Rutledge changed careers to the



Dr. Cynthia Rutledge, the newest addition to Family Medical Center, checks the blood pressure of Monica Moreno. Rutledge saw her first patients in Big Spring on Monday.

medical field.

After six years as a chiropractor, fielding questions from her patients on ailments ranging from blood pressure checks to ear aches, Rutledge decided to tackle a new challenge.

"People would ask me questions and I did not know the answers," she said. "I wanted to know the answers"

At age 40, she decided to go to medical school, a daunting challenge, Rutledge admits.

"I knew that if I didn't do it, I wouldn't be satisfied," she said.

She completed her medical education at the University of North

Texas Health Science Center in Forth Worth and her residency training program at the Bay Area Medical Center and Bayside Family Medicine, both in Corpus Christi. She is board-certified in family practice.

"The staff at Scenic Mountain Medical Center is very excited to have Dr. Rutledge onboard as part of our quality medical team," said Tim Schmidt, CEO of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. "She brings with her a wealth of knowledge, experience and a commitment to improving the quality of health-care available to Big Spring and surrounding

communities."

As an active participant in many national and professional organizations including the American Osteopathic Medical Association, Texas Osteopathic Medical Association and the Texas Medical Society, Dr. Rutledge maintains a professional interest in such medical areas as family medicine, women's health, sports medicine and osteopathic manipulative therapy.

Rutledge can be reached at 267-5531.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at [newsdesk@crcom.net](mailto:newsdesk@crcom.net)

# Howard Cottage receives award from state agency

Special to the Herald

Howard Cottage, the early childhood development center at Howard College, recently received Four Star Texas Rising Star Provider Certification from West Texas Opportunities Inc.-Child Care Management Services.

"We are so pleased to have received this award," said Becky Moughon, Howard Cottage's director. "We received this recognition during our second year of operation, which is an added tribute to the quality of our staff at Howard Cottage."

The certification is awarded to state-regulated childcare facilities that achieve varying levels of quality that exceed state minimum standards. Four Star status is the highest level of certification, and recipients are eligible to receive a signing bonus and incentive awards, she said.

"To receive the \$500 bonus, we are required to adhere to a three-part criteria and certain guidelines prescribing how the funds may be spent," Moughon said.

Howard Cottage received the certification based on the educational level of the staff, staff-child ratio, annual staff training hours, quality of staff interaction with the children and classroom environment and materials.

"Howard Cottage staff have credentials ranging from CDA, or child development associate credential, Howard College child

development certificates, associate of arts degrees, bachelor and master degrees," Moughon said.

The goals of the Texas Rising Star Provider Award are to enhance the quality of child care or expand availability of services.

These requirements are for the facility to agree to remain in the Texas Rising Star Provider Program for one year; to use the bonus for allowable quality improvement activities; and to be fully certified by WTO Inc.

"We are considering using the these funds on several quality improvement purchases, including a stove to be used for cooking instruction and additional nutrition activities with the children," Moughon said.

Howard Cottage, now in its third year of operation, provides a learning laboratory for students enrolled in the Child and Family Studies program at Howard College.

As a full service preschool, Howard Cottage provides quality childcare each day from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Children aged 18 months to 5 years may enroll in the day program, and children from the community are also allowed to enroll, as space is available. At this time 49 children attend.

A special evening program is also available for children, aged newborn to 13 years, from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

### MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

David Juarez, 36, died Sunday. Services are pending.

### DUNLAPS Your Fashion Headquarters

111 E. Marcy 267-8283

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 #6790380, to cover medical expenses. All Donations would be greatly appreciated.

# Local trio headed to Washington for national Relay for Life activity

Special to the Herald

Gloria McDonald and Ronnie and Diane Wood will represent the Howard-Glasscock area during the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life Celebration on the Hill," set for Wednesday and Thursday in Washington, D.C.

The three were named "Relay Community Ambassadors" by the American Cancer Society and will act as grassroots spokespersons for the society's advocacy efforts. More than 3,000 ambassadors, cancer survivors and volunteers from each of the country's 435 Congressional districts will take part in the event.

"We want Congress to know cancer is a major concern to their constituents," said Diane Wood, local ACS Relay for Life chairperson. "This year, an estimated 1.3 million Americans are going to be diagnosed with cancer and 550,000 will die. Gloria, Ronnie and I

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Diane Wood  
Relay for Life chairperson

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The Celebration on the Hill is being organized under the auspices of the society's widely recognized activity, Relay for Life. The Howard-Glasscock Unit of the ACS has participated in Relay for Life for eight years and is one of the most successfully operated campaigns in the nation.

The 2001 Relay was No. 1 in the state and ninth in the nation per capita for the 30,000-34,999 population bracket. This year's event was even more successful and is expected to rank No. 1 in Texas again when the final numbers are in.

The Relay netted \$163,533 for cancer research, advocacy, patient services and education in the two counties this year.

McDonald developed a deep concern and compassion for cancer patients while serving 21 years as a registered nurse. Losing her father to cancer made her aware of the need to be involved. She has been working with the ACS for 10 years and is starting her ninth year with the

Relay for Life.

Ronnie Wood is a 23-year cancer survivor whose cure is attributed to an experimental drug that was available through cancer research. He has been involved with the society through participation with his wife, Diane, and is now serving as advocacy chairman for the local Relay.

As a caregiver to her husband, Diane Wood developed a passion to find a cure for the disease and joined the local board 22 years ago. She has been involved with Relay since its inception in 1995 and is starting her sixth year as chairperson.

"Celebration on the Hill is designed to send a message to our elected leaders that we need to stay committed to enacting policies and providing resources that will help alleviate our nation's cancer burden," Diane Wood said.

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OUR VIEWS

# Community's observances remarkable

The anniversary has passed, and now it is time to say that we're proud of the way our community observed the tragic attacks on America that occurred Sept. 11, 2001. It seems that each of us took time to remember in his or her own personal way.

There really was no incorrect way to reflect back on the tragedy that befell our nation.

The seed-planting ceremony at Comanche Trail Park; the Heritage Museum's free screenings of the hour-long HBO documentary, "IN MEMORIAM: New York City 9-11-01"; the Family Faith Victory Center International memorial service that included a live satellite telecast by Dr. Kenneth Copland from "Ground Zero" in New York City and a prayer service; and the First Baptist Church of Big Spring's "9-11 Remembrance" service in which members of the Armed Forces and emergency services personnel were recognized all gave local citizens an opportunity to gather and collectively mark the anniversary.

Several churches' doors were open for those moved to pray.

But perhaps the most moving tribute for those of us here at the Herald was the way in which Howard County's school children expressed both their sorrow and patriotism in the Sept. 11 Commemorative Art and Essay Contest sponsored by the Herald and Wells Fargo Bank.

Clearly, our children — just like all of us — were forever changed that day and they took advantage of the opportunity to make their feelings known.

The sentiments expressed during all those observances, as well as those works of art and essays made it clear that Americanism is alive and well here in West Texas — today and for many years to come.

## How To CONTACT Us

The Herald is always interested in our readers' opinions.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, let us never lose sight that the end result of our journey is everlasting life with you. Amen

# Here is the secret of achievement

Some time back I heard about a real estate developer in California who made a fortune by developing an idea that all the other developers had overlooked. It seems there was a tract of land in his area that was a swamp and considered worthless by everyone who looked at it. However, this developer got the idea of digging canals throughout the area and when the swamp drained, he was left with choice lots where each home had a private boat dock and all the other benefits of living on a lake.

Now this true illustration should give rise to a very interesting question: why did one developer see real opportunity, while all the others did not? The answer to this question lies in the complexity of the human

mind and the fact that every human being is unique. How we view the world and the circumstances we are in is closely linked to our success and to personal achievement, which is something most of us desire. There is no question that this developer is an achiever and he received both the tangible and intangible rewards that go with it.

Before I proceed, let me pose this question to you: do you consider yourself to be an achiever? If your answer was "yes," then you already know and will appreciate many of the things I'm going to say. However, if by chance your answer was "no," and you would like to become an achiever, please give some thought to what I'm saying because I can definitely help you get started off on the right foot. You know that the most important step in any journey is the first one.

At this point you may ask just what is an achiever? Well, an achiever is someone who accomplishes what he or she sets out to accom-

plish. In other words, an achiever is someone who has goals and persists or stays with their goals until they reach them. You have probably heard someone say about another person that "he or she is a high achiever." The difference between a high achiever and a low achiever can basically be found in what kind of goals they have. A person can only become a high achiever if they establish high goals. The same thing applies to low goals or no goals. This is the root problem for most people: they never take the time to establish definite, written, clear-cut goals, and because they have no goals, there is no way they can become an achiever.

Alfred Adler, Austrian born psychologist (1870-1937), came to the same conclusion. After a lifetime of study in this field, he became convinced that a continuous striving toward a self-chosen goal, not sex alone, is what motivates human beings. Now, I want to tell you the secret of achievement. The secret of achievement is not to let

what you are doing get to you before you get to it. If you will think about this a moment, I believe you will see the truth of it. What keeps most people from becoming high achievers is that in most cases, they become discouraged and give up. In short, they quit too soon.

Let me share something called "Press On" that I believe you will find to be very appropriate.

"Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent."

Here is something to think about until our next visit: Set your goal and don't quit until you reach it. In other words, don't let it get to you, before you get to it.

You may contact Jim Davidson at 2 Bentley Drive, Conway, AR 72034.



JIM DAVIDSON



# Bankruptcy bill just flat out stinks

Sometimes you have to connect the dots, and sometimes the connections just hit you over the head.

Congress is on the verge of taking a final vote on the bankruptcy bill, the product of a five-year effort by credit-card companies to stack the law in their favor and against average citizens. But you will be relieved to learn that our lawmakers have thoughtfully included a loophole that leaves six states, including Florida and Texas, free to continue providing extraordinary advantages to rich citizens from all over the country who need to shelter their gelt from bankruptcy proceedings. The millionaire protection amendment.

And this is about to happen despite the fact that one of the bill's most important sponsors, a congressman with financial problems, got a \$447,500 loan — as The New York Times genteelly put it, "on what appeared to be highly favorable terms," from (guess who? Right again) — a major credit card company.

Rep. James P. Moran, Democrat of Virginia, got the loan from the MBNA Corp. of Delaware in 1998.

the world's largest independent credit card agency, just one month before he signed on as the lead Democratic sponsor of the bill, giving it the appearance of a bipartisan effort. Quel coincidence, eh?

And that's just what Rep. Moran said. "The timing of my loan was wholly coincidental with the co-sponsorship of bankruptcy reform."

I find that entirely believable, since I live in Texas where such coincidences lie thick on the ground. Just last summer, our governor Rick Perry appointed a former Enron executive to the state Public Utilities Commission, to better to regulate our energy market.

The very next day, Perry got a \$25,000 check from Kenny Boy Lay, but Perry explained, it was "totally coincidental."

You would think Moran would have a little more sympathy for Americans caught in the toils of the bankruptcy laws — his own financial problems stem from running up debts on his credit cards, stock market losses and paying for cancer treatment for his daughter.

Ninety percent of all bankruptcies are caused by getting sick, getting laid off or divorce.

But then, most Americans don't get half-million dollar loans that qualify as the largest mortgage package given by MBNA to any single debtor that year.

Naturally, most congress-people get their money from credit card companies

in the form of campaign contributions, rather than loans. And that makes it so much better, you see. MBNA was President Bush's largest corporate contributor in 2000 and, since 1990, blanks alone have made contributions of over \$106 million to Congress, the parties and presidential candidates. The Center for Responsive Politics website (opensecrets.org) has the gory details on who got how much with links to current contributions.

Bankruptcies have been rising in recent years, but there is no evidence of abuse of the system by average Americans or that it is hurting the card companies. Credit-card debt and credit-card companies profits are rising, too.

This card-company bill institutes a harsh "means test" and makes it much harder to get the "fresh start" status from bankruptcy. Average citizens will be pushed into five-year repayment plans, leaving less for child support. The bill will particularly affect women.

But whose fault is it that bankruptcies are rising? The Public Interest Research Group points out that the four leading banking regulatory agencies — the Federal Reserve Board, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Office of Thrift Supervision and the FDIC — just issued a report in June documenting predatory lending practices. The credit card companies are making loans to con-

sumers already in debt trouble, not to mention offering cards to teen-agers. Some credit-card companies charge monthly minimum payments so low consumers wind up owing more than they did before, instead of ever paying off their credit-card debts.

Citibank has just agreed to pay the Federal Trade Commission \$200 million to settle predatory lending charges. So why reward the very companies that are causing the problem? Is this what Congress intended with its "Corporate Responsibility Act"?

The bill does contain a provision to keep Kenny Boy and Company from taking advantage of the millionaire's loophole: You can't use it if you've been convicted of securities fraud. Great, but as you may have read, it is extremely difficult to get convictions for securities fraud.

In Texas, at the end of the tech bubble, the S&L frauds and after the stock market dive, people here are suddenly scrambling for high-end houses. They trade up from the \$1 million house to the \$5 million or \$10 million. The state's "homestead" exemption protects the family home from the claims of debtors. It's a good thing for most people, but has become another form of fraud by the big rich.

This bill stinks. Write, phone, fax or e-mail your representatives, and remind them that they work for you, not the credit-card industry.



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The loan will also be an interest bearing account with a rate of about 90 percent of a 90-day treasury bill, Waggoner said.

"Right now that's 1.5 percent but that changes monthly," she said.

School financing has plagued many West Texas districts. Waggoner added that several West Texas districts are members of the TASB program.

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Past participants of the program include Alpine, College Station, Denver City, Fort Stockton, Midland, Pecos-Barstow-Toyah, Sierra Blanca, Stafford, Seminole, Sherman, Stafford and Wylie.

Trustees will vote on

the issue at the Oct. 10 regular meeting set for 5:15 p.m. at the Big Spring High School, 707 11th Place.

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that's what I wanted to do was be with kids," she said.

After earning her bachelor of science degree in education from Angelo State University, Gainey began her career teaching kindergarten students at Colorado City.

She then taught school in Snyder before coming to the Big Spring Independent School District in 1987 as a first- and second-grade teacher at Bauer Magnet School.

After four more years in the classroom, Gainey decided on a change.

"I felt like so many children had problems and would benefit from having an elementary counselor," Gainey said.

With a master's in education and counseling certificate already in hand, Gainey became a kindergarten-through-fifth grade counselor at Kentwood Elementary and the former College Heights and Anderson Kindergarten schools. A few years later she served as counselor for Goliad Middle School.

By this time, Gainey was ready for another

step in her quest to help children succeed.

"As principal, you are able to help with the curriculum, work with the students and with the teachers to help provide a quality education for the kids," she said.

In 1996, she was promoted to the helm at Goliad Middle School.

Gainey sees her job as an instructional leader and helper to the teachers, helping to motivate students even if that means she has to take a dive.

After Goliad's transition to house elementary-age children as the district sixth-grade center, the school received low performing status from the Texas Education Agency.

To help motivate the students, Gainey made an interesting offer.

"I told the fourth-graders if they made 85 percent on the test they would be able to dunk Mr. (George) Martin (former assistant principal)," she said. "Mr. Martin then said they if they made 85 percent on the test they would be able to dunk Mrs. Gainey."

And the students rose to

the challenge.

Next year the offer was made to all grades, third through sixth. Nearly everyone made the goal.

"We had dunking for two days," she said. "I was very fortunate that year because the teachers joined in, so the kids not only were able to dunk the principal but their teacher as well."

Gainey places the school's success of climbing back from low performing status on her faculty.

"We have the very best teachers dedicated to their students," she said.

A career in education offers many opportunities, Gainey said.

"What is great about going into education and being an educator is it allows for growth in many different areas," she said. "Not only can you be a teacher but become a counselor, administrator, diagnostician. There are very many avenues in education."

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that person can file the charges.

The state of Texas is the complainant in this case, Sweatt said.

Detective Milton Horton is investigating the case.

Police are also investigating another reported alleged incident of sexual abuse. A female victim reported to police that a male acquaintance sexually assaulted her several times in the suspect's car. The incidents happened

over a period of months. No arrests have been made in either case.

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believed the suspects might be staying in a Sweetwater motel, Kincahon said.

"The suspects were located and as officers approached the motel room to make contact with them," Kincahon said, "one of the suspects stepped outside, saw us, ran back into the room and locked the door. As a result, it took us some time to actually get inside the room."

Once access had been gained into the room, Kincahon said, officers recovered a quantity of methamphetamine.

"We believe the suspects were in the process of flushing additional amounts of methamphetamine while we were trying to get into the room," Kincahon said. "We have no idea how much they might have been able to flush, but we found evidence in the room that led us to believe that the suspects had just completed 'cooking' methamphetamine and were ready to check out of the room."

That evidence led offi-

cers to eventually search the suspects' vehicle where they found a "Nazi meth lab," Kincahon said, as well as additional methamphetamine, some marijuana and other drug paraphernalia, including syringes, smoking pipes and chemicals.

Kincahon was lead investigator in the case. He was assisted at the scene by Sheriff's Office

investigator David McDonald and deputies Michael Johnson and Fabian Jimenez.

The Sweetwater Fire Department was also dispatched to the scene to assist officers in the handling of the chemicals, Kincahon added, due to the chemicals being considered as hazardous materials.

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**BY JACQUELINE BIGAR**  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Monday, Sept. 16, 2002: Your even and calm ways help you in all phases of your life, be it at work or with your family. You're able to make inroads because of how you express yourself both professionally and personally. Recognize what it will take to increase your professional status, then do whatever you need to do. Your family needs to take a higher priority. Many of you will choose to work from home, if possible, or establish a home-based business. If you are single, your love life stars as a high priority. You might have already met someone, or you will late this birthday year. If you are attached, add more spice to your relationship. Nurture a loved one more. **AQUARIUS** pitches in.

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) \*\*\*\* Take charge in the morning. You get more done than you can imagine. A meeting adds to your resources, as you find other like minds. Brainstorm and add to your many different options. Schedule time for a friend in the late afternoon. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\* Reach out for those at a distance, sharing more of your caring and feelings. Find experts at work, whether through conversation or on the Internet. You need more facts, and you need them quickly. Take charge in the p.m. Tonight: Work as late as need be.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\* Handle people individually if you want success, whether dealing with personal or professional matters. A long lunch might help you loosen up an uptight associate. Detach, do research and seek out new types of solutions. Tonight: Hop on your computer. Rent a movie.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\* Others will find you; don't worry. You easily could feel overwhelmed, as so many requests come in. Schedule time with an associate this afternoon. If possible, divvy up work or delegate as much as you can. Be more open. Tonight: Togetherness works.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\* Quickly dig into work before the social butterflies in the office find you. If possible, screen calls as you attempt to get the job done. Schedule a late lunch or meeting to network and catch up on others' news. Let others call the shots. Tonight: Say "yes."

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\* Your imagination takes the lead at work and at home. Use your enormous ingenuity constructively. Curb a tendency to indulge a special friend or child when you need to work. By late afternoon, you see the enormity of what lies ahead. Tonight: Go for a stress-buster.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\* You accomplish a lot from your home if given the chance. You also discover that you have a lot to do. Dig right in. Schedule the more pleasurable parts of your work for later in the day. Screen calls, if possible. A child or loved one knocks on your door. Tonight: Enjoy a loved one.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\* Set a precedent. Discuss what needs to happen with associates. Your sense of organization carries you quite far. Know what you want and make plans to get it. A parent or other family member needs your attention. Tonight: Relax at home.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\* Move carefully

when dealing with a child or a domestic matter. You aren't changing anyone anyway. Laugh and play along with loved ones, but don't forget other obligations. Use the afternoon to clear out messages and calls and to get work done. Tonight: Out and about.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\* Put your best foot forward, and you'll get results. Do nothing halfway right now. Carefully consider options that involve finances. Others appear to be more than willing to work with you. Ask for more of what you want. Tonight: Give up being shy!


**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\* Don't make a statement until you're good and sure of yourself. Review a personal matter with care. Let a loved one have more of a say. Learn to work more as a team. Success will greet you as a result. You emerge this morning as a force to encounter, once you clear the decks. Tonight: Be yourself.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\* Use the morning to move key projects. You might not like the reaction you get. Consider what is happening with a dear friend. If you cannot get this person to talk right away, you might feel as if you failed. You didn't. Give this person space. Tonight: Do something just for yourself.

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### IN BRIEF

**Boys boosters will hold fish fry Sept. 20**  
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 \$6. Children tickets are priced at \$4. Proceeds from the event will be used to purchase padded chairs for the BSBS gym. For more information contact Myrna Russell at (915) 287-6891.

**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 Gillman 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 tonight**  
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, fund-raisers and view the football film from the previous game.

**USA Gymnastics meet set for Sept. 21**  
The USA Gymnastics Compulsory Meet is scheduled for Sept. 21 in Odessa. Members of the Big Spring Sidewinders are scheduled to compete in the event. Gymnasts qualifying at the meet will advance to the district meet on Oct. 5 in Lubbock.

**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.

**DiscOver Big Spring tournament slated**  
The 10th Annual DiscOver Big Spring Disc Golf Tournament will take to the air next month. Officials with the meet have announced that the tournament will be held Oct. 6 at Birdwell Park. For more information contact Greg Brooks at 267-8335 or Shannon Hudgins from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 263-7832.

### ON TAP

**TONIGHT VOLLEYBALL**  
5 p.m. — Big Spring JH A & B teams in Colorado City.  
**TUESDAY VOLLEYBALL**  
5 p.m. — Big Spring at Wink.  
**THURSDAY FOOTBALL**  
5 p.m. — Grape Creek JH vs. BSJHS, 5 p.m.

## Big Spring netters breeze past Sweetwater

By CONNIE EDGEMON

Special to the Herald  
The Big Spring Steers' team tennis traveled to Sweetwater on Saturday and came home big winners. Big Spring posted a 19-6 mark against the Mustangs. Just how strong was the BSBS varsity? Consider this: Of the 19 varsity level matches played, Big Spring took 15. "The kids are improving each week, said Big Spring assistant coach Dennis Smiley. "I was proud of their effort at Sweetwater and am

looking forward to district play." The Steer girls won all but two matches against Sweetwater: Heather Parnell, Mindy Partee, Natasha Neighbors, and Alex Gariepy all won their bouts in straight sets. Jessica Rodriguez allowed Sweetwater a set win and Amanda Farmer won in a pro set. Megan Roffers was defeated in a 6-4; 7-5 match while Lauren Chesworth lost in three sets after winning the second. All the Big Spring girl's doubles teams won in straight sets. On the boy's side, the top four sin-

gles competitors — Jay Shroff, Vishal Shroff, Ryan Vela, and Nick Rivera, won easily. All four won the matches in straight sets. Nick Paredez also enjoyed a solid outing. He defeated his opponent in a three set match, dropping only the second game by a 5-7 margin. Jason Vela and Paul Diaz were defeated in three sets and Cole Furqueron lost in two. The top two boy's doubles teams, made up of Jay Shroff and Vela and Vishal Shroff and Paredez, won their matches in straight sets, as did the Steers' No. 4 doubles duo of

Diaz and Furqueron. Rivera and Jason Vela were defeated in three sets after losing the first set and winning the second. The mixed doubles team of Gariepy and Kyle Conley won their match in three sets. Big Spring travels to Abilene on Tuesday for a match against Abilene Wylie. From there, they will advance into their 2002 district opener against San Angelo Lake View on Saturday, Sept. 21. Action against Lake View is slated to begin at 9 a.m. at the Figure Seven Tennis Center.



A Forsan running back slices his way through the Steers' defense in Division II Crossroads action Saturday afternoon. The Buffaloes opened their season with a thrilling 6-0 win over the Steers, who slipped to 0-2.

## First-half fumbles help Eagles soar past winless Steelers, 26-13

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor  
The Eagles converted two first-half fumbles into scores and then held on to defeat the Steelers in Crossroads Little Football League action Saturday morning. With the win, the Eagles moved into a second-place tie with the Cardinals in the CLFL Flag Division with a 1-1 mark. The Steelers suffered their second straight loss despite a strong performance from running backs Tyrone Maples and Thomas Young and center Nick Smart. After the Eagles has taken the opening kickoff and drove the length of the field to score, the Steelers hit stride. Young scored on a 32 yard scamper around the right end.

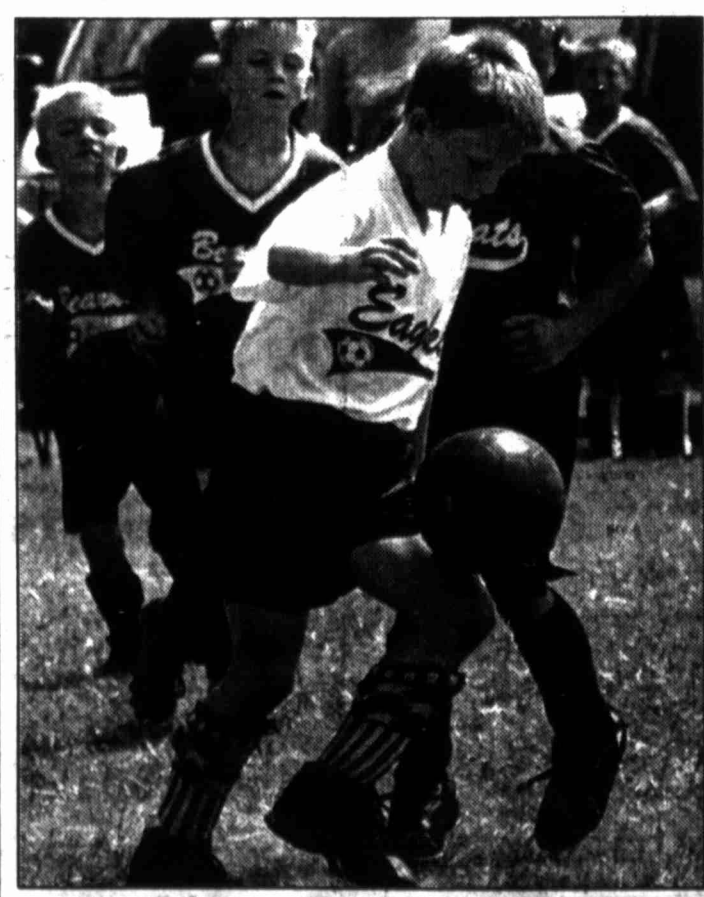
Unfortunately for the Steelers, the Eagles defense came up big from there. They recovered fumbles on the Steelers' ensuing two possessions and cashed them in for a 20-6 advantage. Maples, a speedy second-grader, pulled the Steelers back into the contest midway through the second half with a 22-yard run. In other CLFL action, the Falcons slipped past the Cardinals in a showdown of unbeaten teams. The Falcons, who scored on the last play of the game last week to claim a nail-biting 19-13 win over the Steelers, improved to 2-0 with a 19-6 victory over the Coahoma squad. In Division II play, the Forsan Buffaloes opened their season on a high note, winning a 6-0 decision

over the scrappy Steers, who had two of their coaches ejected by the referees for arguing calls. With the loss, the Steers slipped to 0-2. The Coahoma Bulldogs flexed their muscles in the matchup with the Cowboys, winning 33-0 in the season opener for both squads. In Division I action, the Steers improved to 2-0 with a thrilling 18-12 overtime win over the Forsan Buffaloes. The two teams battled to a 12-12 tie during regulation and played through four overtime periods. In the league's other Division I matchup, the Bulldogs emerged victorious, taking a 19-0 win over the Panthers. Contact sports editor Tommy Wells at 263-7331 or tpwells@crcom.net.

## San Diego batters Carr, Texans in 24-3 setback

SAN DIEGO (AP) — By the fourth quarter, the game had become a feeding frenzy of big bodies chasing a rookie quarterback. Junior Seau and the San Diego defense punished David Carr and the expansion Houston Texans. The Chargers sacked Carr nine times, intercepted him twice and recovered his fumble in the end zone for a touchdown in beating the Texans 24-3 on Sunday. Seau, the perennial Pro Bowl linebacker, intercepted Carr to set up one of the Curtis Conway's two touchdowns. Defensive end Raylee Johnson recovered Carr's fumble in the end zone for another score. Carr completed only 6 of 25 passes for 87 yards. The Chargers (2-0) kept Houston (1-1) from becoming the first expansion team to win its first two games. Houston upset Dallas 19-10 a week earlier to become the

first expansion team since Minnesota in 1961 to win its first game. Carr, who was a fan of Seau's while growing up in California's Central Valley, and even got his autograph as a teenager, has been sacked 15 times in his first two games. The Chargers didn't want to be complacent, and it showed. Seven of their sacks were in the second half. Besides the first-quarter interception, Seau had one sack and seven tackles. The 13-year veteran figured that with a rookie quarterback, the Texans wouldn't have a sophisticated game plan. "I took more gambles today than I would if I played Brett Favre," Seau said. "It was a chess match. You give me a formation, I know what you're running. If there's a lineman uncomfortable with his block, I can find him."



An Eagles player bounces the ball off his thigh during the team's season-opener Saturday morning. The Eagles opened the BSUSA season against the Bearkats.

## Pokes slide past Titans

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys did to the old Houston football team what they couldn't do to the new one. Following a humiliating loss to the expansion Houston Texans in the opener last week, Quincy Carter went 14-of-24 for 240 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Cowboys to a 21-13 win over the Tennessee Titans on Sunday. The Cowboys looked totally different from the uninspired, sloppy unit that was defeated 19-10 by the gritty Texans last week. They played with the desperation a team that realized it couldn't afford to start 0-2 for a third straight season with the TITANS of Philadelphia and St. Louis up next. Dallas (1-1) got a handful of big plays from a defense that didn't produce any against the Texans. An aggressive offense kept the Titans, formerly the Houston Oilers, off balance. It was a redeeming performance for Carter, who received much of the blame for the Cowboys' loss. The normally confident second-year quarterback seemed upset by the criticism and was defensive all week. But if there was any lingering anger or resentment, Carter seemed to let it all go after his second touchdown toss of the game, a 38-yard strike to Joey Galloway in the end zone between two Titans defenders. Standing on the blue star at midfield, Carter stared up at the hole in the Texas Stadium roof, pointing up with both hands, then practically skipped to the sideline to continue celebrating. The Titans (1-1) had been in control the first 2 1/2

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### AMERICAN LEA

East Division	W	L
New York	94	55
Boston	84	64
Toronto	68	81
Baltimore	66	82
Tampa Bay	49	100
Central Division	W	L
Minnesota	87	63
Chicago	74	76
Cleveland	68	82
Kansas City	58	96
Detroit	53	96
West Division	W	L
Anaheim	94	55
Oakland	93	56
Seattle	85	64
Texas	59	80

**Sunday's Games**  
Baltimore 8, Boston 3  
Tampa Bay 7, Toronto 4  
Minnesota 5, Cleveland 0  
N.Y. Yankees 8, Chicago W  
**Innings**  
Kansas City 9, Detroit 3  
Seattle 6, Oakland 3  
**Monday's Games**  
Cleveland (R.Rodriguez) :  
(P. Martinez 18-4), 12:05 p.m.  
Cleveland (Tallett 0-0) at Bo  
14), 6:05 p.m., 2nd game  
Toronto (Walker 8-4) at Balt  
6), 6:05 p.m.  
Kansas City (Sedlack 3-5) :  
5-8), 6:05 p.m.  
Texas (Lewis 1-2) at Seattle  
9:05 p.m.  
Anahem (Lackey 8-3) at Oa  
9:05 p.m.  
**Tuesday's Games**  
Minnesota (Radke 8-4) at C  
6:05 p.m.  
Toronto (Miller 7-4) at Balt  
4), 6:05 p.m.  
Cleveland (Sabathia 11-  
Wakefield 10-5), 6:05 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees (O.Hernandez :  
(P. Wilson 6-10), 6:15 p.m.  
Kansas City (May 4-9) at C  
(Buehrle 17-11), 7:05 p.m.  
Texas (Park 9-6) at Seattle (F  
p.m.  
Anahem (Callaway 0-1) at  
17-7), 9:05 p.m.

### NATIONAL LEA

East Division	W	L
Atlanta	94	53
Montreal	74	76
Philadelphia	74	76
Florida	72	77
New York	70	79
Central Division	W	L
St. Louis	86	63
Houston	80	70
Cincinnati	73	76
Pittsburgh	65	84
Chicago	64	86
Milwaukee	52	97
West Division	W	L
Arizona	92	57
San Francisco	85	64
Los Angeles	84	65
Colorado	69	81
San Diego	63	87

**Sunday's Games**  
Atlanta 6, Florida 4  
Chicago Cubs 6, Cincinnati 1  
Montreal 10, N.Y. Mets 1  
Philadelphia 1, Pittsburgh 0  
Houston 8, St. Louis 0  
Colorado 5, Los Angeles 4  
Arizona 5, Milwaukee 5, 13  
San Diego 4, San Francisco  
**Monday's Games**  
Atlanta (Milwood 17-6) at P  
6:05 p.m.  
Cincinnati (Deshaens 7-8 :  
(K.Wells 12-14), 6:05 p.m.  
San Francisco (Schmidt 11-  
(Nomo 14-6), 9:10 p.m.  
**Tuesday's Games**  
Montreal (Kim 0-0) at Florida  
6:05 p.m.  
Cincinnati (Estes 5-12) at P  
7-6), 6:05 p.m.  
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(Leiter 13-11), 6:10 p.m.  
Philadelphia (Padilla 14-  
(Madux 13-6), 6:35 p.m.  
Houston (Saucier 6-5) at N  
9-16), 7:05 p.m.  
St. Louis (An. Benez 5-4) at :  
1), 8:05 p.m.  
Arizona (Batista 7-8) at San  
9:05 p.m.  
San Francisco (Jensen 11-4 :  
(Deal 11-8), 9:10 p.m.

### AL LEADERS

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
BATTING—M.Sweeney, Kar  
M Ramirez, Boston, .340; BWW  
336; A.Kennedy, Anaheim,  
Seattle, .322; Orlondo, Tex  
Gardner, Anaheim, .314.  
RUNS—A.Soriano, New York  
Texas, 117; Jeter, New York  
New York, 110; Damon, Bealt  
Chicago, 108; Durbin, Oake  
RBI—A.Rodriguez, Texas,  
Chicago, 121; Tejada,  
Gardner, Anaheim, 114; Jek  
113; Garciaparra, Boston,  
Oakland, 105; Thome, Clevela  
HITS—B.Williams, New York  
New York, 193; Suzuki, Seat  
Oakland, 189; GAnderson,  
Garciparra, Boston, 180; Jete  
A.Rodriguez, Texas, 179.  
DOUBLES—GAnderson,  
Garciparra, Boston, 50; Aho  
47; Ordones, Chicago, 44; Baf  
42; Hillenbrand, Boston, 40;  
39.  
TRIPLES—Damon, Boston  
Texas, 8; Winn, Tampa Bay, 7;  
7; Bertram, Kansas City, 7; 14  
HOME RUNS—A.Rodriguez, T  
Cleveland, 45; RPalmeiro, Tex  
New York, 38; J.Gilardi,  
EChavez, Oakland, 33; Ordona  
STOLEN BASES—A.Soriano,  
Boston, Kansas City, 32; Jete  
Suzuki, Seattle, 29; Camer  
Damon, Boston, 29; Winn, Tan  
PITCHING (16 Decisions)—P  
18-4, .818, 2.29; Zito, Oake  
2.84; Westbrook, Anaheim, 2  
D Lowe, Boston, 20-7, .741;  
Oakland, 17-7, .708, 3.74; D  
17-7, .708, 3.93; Pineda, Sea  
3.3.  
STRIKEOUTS—P.Martinez,  
Clemens, New York, 183; Z  
P.Clarke, Seattle, 169; Mussh  
Heldaday, Toronto, 157; R.Oz  
SAYES—Guardado, Minner  
Oakland, 39; Perch, Minner  
Seattle, 35; Urbina, Boston

### NL LEADERS

Toronto, 33; A.Acevedo, Detroi  
**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
BATTING—B.Sosa, San F  
Walker, Colorado, .344; V  
333; Helton, Colorado, .331;  
320; Alfonso, New York, .  
Francisco, .316.  
RUNS—B.Sosa, Chicago, 1  
Lowe, 109; Bonds, San  
Bertrman, Houston, 104; SH  
102; Helton, Colorado, 99; V  
97.  
HITS—Bertrman, Houston, 1  
Lowe, 115; Burrell, Philadelphia  
Los Angeles, 109; Kent, Bar  
S.Sosa, Chicago, 102; Bonds  
101; Maddux, Chicago, 101.  
HITS—V.Suarez, Minner  
Francisco, 182; Vito, Minner  
Florida, 172; Pudge, St. Lou  
Colorado, 170; T.Yaeger, Cin  
DOUBLES—B.Sosa, Minner  
Florida, 40; Kent, San Fran  
Montreal, 38; Vito, Minner  
Chalmers, 37; Burrell, Philad  
San Diego, 36; Biggio, Hou  
Colorado, 35.  
TRIPLES—R.Rizzo, Philad  
Montreal, 6; Fucci, Atlanta, 6;  
B.Crocker, Arizona, 6; 6 at  
S.HOME RUNS—S.Sosa, Chi  
San Francisco, 43; Bonds,  
Bertrman, Houston, 41; Burrell,  
V.Galardo, Montreal, 37; B  
10.



SPORTS EXTRA

Bledsoe, Bills get wild 45-39 OT win

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows include East Division (New York, Boston, Toronto, Baltimore, Tampa Bay) and Central Division (Minnesota, Chicago, Cleveland, Kansas City, Detroit).

STOLEN BASES—Droberts, Los Angeles, 45; Pierre, Colorado, 43; LCastillo, Florida, 43; Abancarte, Milwaukee, 37; Vazquez, Montreal, 34; Young, Milwaukee, 31; Afari, Florida, 29.

TRANSACTIONS

Nan, San Francisco, 38; Hoffman, San Diego, 37. BASEBALL American League ANAHEIM ANGELS—Recalled RHP Lou Pote and RHP Francisco Rodriguez from Salt Lake of the PCL.

NFL STANDINGS

Table with columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA. Rows include AFC East (Miami, New England, Buffalo, N.Y. Jets) and AFC Central (Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Baltimore, Cleveland).

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Buffalo Bills hope their first two games aren't the start of a tiring trend.

"It'd be nice to win one in regulation," quarterback Drew Bledsoe said after the Bills beat the Minnesota Vikings 45-39 in overtime Sunday.

Peerless Price streaked untouched for a 48-yard touchdown reception in OT, and Bledsoe set career and franchise highs with 463 yards passing.

The Bills, who lost 37-31 to the New York Jets last week when Chad Morton returned the opening kickoff in OT for a touchdown, played back-to-back overtime games for just the second time in their history.

Mike Hollis tied it at time expired in regulation with a career-long 54-yard field goal that bounced over the crossbar. That answered Moe Williams' 3-yard TD run that put the Vikings (0-2) up with 26 seconds left.

Bledsoe completed 35 of 49 passes for three touchdowns — two to Price, who had 13 catches for 185 yards.

passing record, even those from the early days of the AFL. He threw 64 times and Oakland's defense forced five turnovers as the Raiders beat the winless Steelers.

Gannon came out throwing, going 43-of-64 for 403 yards and a touchdown. The 43 completions were only two short of Drew Bledsoe's 1995 NFL record.

The Raiders (2-0) rushed only 14 times.

Giants 26, Rams 21

At St. Louis, Kerry Collins completed 14 of his first 15 passes as the Giants (1-1) built a 17-point second-quarter lead and held on to beat the defending conference champions.

The Rams fell to 0-2 for the first time since 1998.

Patriots 44, Jets 7

At East Rutherford, N.J., Tebucky Jones and Victor Green had defensive touchdowns and Tom Brady threw two TD passes for the Patriots.

Adam Vinatieri kicked three field goals as New England (2-0) won its eighth straight regular-season game.

Broncos 24, 49ers 14

At San Francisco, Mike Anderson rushed for 95 yards and caught a touchdown pass, and Brian Griese threw two TD passes for the Broncos.

Olandis Gary rushed for 61 yards and a TD

watched the Dolphins' defense hold on to win for the fifth straight time in Indianapolis.

Williams became the first Dolphins rusher to top 100 yards two straight games since Bernie Parmalee in 1994.

Saints 35, Packers 20

At New Orleans, Aaron Brooks, was 16-of-28 for 217 yards as New Orleans remained perfect by downing the Green Bay Packers.

DOLLS

Continued from Page 6 quarters despite a mild concussion to quarterback Steve McNair. He ran into an equipment trunk on the Dallas sideline midway through the second quarter.

He returned for the third quarter with Tennessee leading 10-7. The Titans were driving when Cowboys safety Darren Woodson hit McNair's arm as he threw.

He returned for the third quarter with Tennessee leading 10-7. On the second series of the half, McNair threw the game-changing pass when Cowboys safety Darren Woodson hit his arm as he threw.

Coakley, shaken up two plays earlier, caught the wobbly ball and returned it 52 yards for a touchdown, giving Dallas its first lead.

McNair, who completed nine of his first 10 passes, struggled after returning from his injury. He finished 20-of-38 for 226 yards with one touchdown.

Smith had 59 yards, moving him 414 yards from becoming the NFL's career rushing leader. He was stuffed twice on third-and-1. Galloway caught five passes for 88 yards.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows include East Division (Atlanta, Montreal, Philadelphia, Florida, New York) and Central Division (St. Louis, Houston, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Milwaukee).

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CENTRAL LEAGUE Baltimore, Sept. 23 St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 9 p.m. First Round (Best-of-6)

Boxing 1998—Ahlens 1998—Lubbock 1994—Corpus Christi LAS VEGAS (AP) — Oscar De La Hoya, Whittier, Calif., stopped Fernando Vargas, Ontario, Calif., 11, to retain the WBC super welterweight title, and capture the WBA title.

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PUBLIC NOTICE. IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS: TO: MILTON BROWN, LILLIE MARIE BROWN, GETHTER MCGRIFF, JEWELL PHIFER, DORIS JEAN GODFREY, JOE BROWN & CORA GIBSON. And any and all other unknown owners or persons, including adverse claimants, owing or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in, or lien upon the following described property delinquent to Plaintiffs herein, for taxes, to-wit: LOTS FIVE & SIX (5 & 6), BLOCK ONE (1), DENTON ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS. Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$890.54, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein. You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against JOHN HILLARY BROWN, MILTON BROWN, LILLIE MARIE BROWN, ROGER BROWN, PHEFER MCGRIFF, JEWELL PHIFER, DORIS JEAN GODFREY, JOE BROWN & CORA GIBSON as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 28TH day of FEBRUARY, 2002, in certain suit styled: HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. MILTON BROWN, ET AL, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 7-01-02-4827 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE. Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax

Mom disapproves of lifestyle



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

Dear Annie: I am a 26-year-old lesbian. I came out to my mom last year. (My father is no longer living.) When I told Mom I was gay, she said, "I don't want to hear about it."

Mom didn't speak to me for two weeks and skipped my birthday. We finally agreed to disagree - I would live my own life, and she would disapprove. I gave Mom a book about parents with gay children and the names of organizations that I thought would be helpful. To my knowledge, she has not used any of these things.

Recently, Mom has started up again, making rude remarks about my clothes, my friends and my taste. Maybe she believes her criticism will make me conform to her idea of acceptability, but I've had it. My birthday is in a week. Last year was the worst ever because I spent the night alone and crying. This year, I made plans with friends and don't want to include my family for fear Mom will ruin everything.

I have a good job and great friends who are all very supportive and caring. I love my mother, but I can't take much more of her nastiness. I have tried to talk to her, but we end up yelling or fuming in silence. Do you think there is any hope for a normal mother-daughter relationship again? - Missing Her in Iowa

Dear Iowa: Your mother may come around when she sees that you are happy, but it is not likely to happen soon. Although you have given her the names of organizations, it might help if YOU contact one of them and ask for suggestions. Try PFLAG, 1726 M Street, N.W., Suite 406, Washington, D.C. 20036 (www.pflag.org). Meanwhile, don't pick a fight with your mother. If she criticizes you, simply say, "Sorry we don't agree on this, Mom," and change the subject.

Dear Annie: Nearly 30 years ago, my mother-in-law gave us her antique piano when our children wanted to take lessons. When our youngest daughter married, we gave the piano to her since she was the most dedicated pianist.

My husband passed away three years ago. Eight months ago, my mother-in-law called and said she wants "her" piano back so she can give it to her favorite grandchild. I was offended and told her the

piano now belongs to my daughter. My mother-in-law began to cry and yell, saying her son was dead and she wants the piano back. I told her it would be wrong to take the piano from one grandchild in order to give it to another.

Since then, my mother-in-law and my husband's siblings have had no contact with me or my children. We are heartbroken. I have been a member of this family for 35 years. Was it unfair of me to keep the piano? What should I do? - California

Dear California: Let's give your mother-in-law the benefit of the doubt and assume she is grieving and the piano reminds her of her son. However, unless she gave it with strings attached, it belongs to you, and you can do what you like with it.

Nevertheless, no piece of furniture is worth destroying a 35-year relationship. Can your daughter afford another piano? Would you be willing to help her purchase one? Ask your daughter if she will give the antique piano back to her grandmother. Tell your mother-in-law you love her and want to put the relationship back on track. Maybe then Grandma will play a different tune. Good luck.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Frustrated in Alabama," who resented that her father-in-law's new wife, "Isabel," wanted the children to call her "Grandma." When my sister tried to teach her granddaughter to say "Grandma Gayle," the child could only say, "Dodo," and the name stuck. - Becca's Gramma in Detroit

Dear Gramma: Kids can make fools out of anyone. Thanks for writing.

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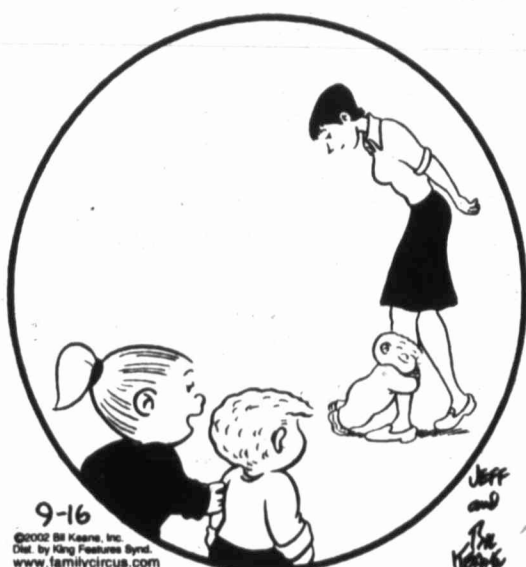
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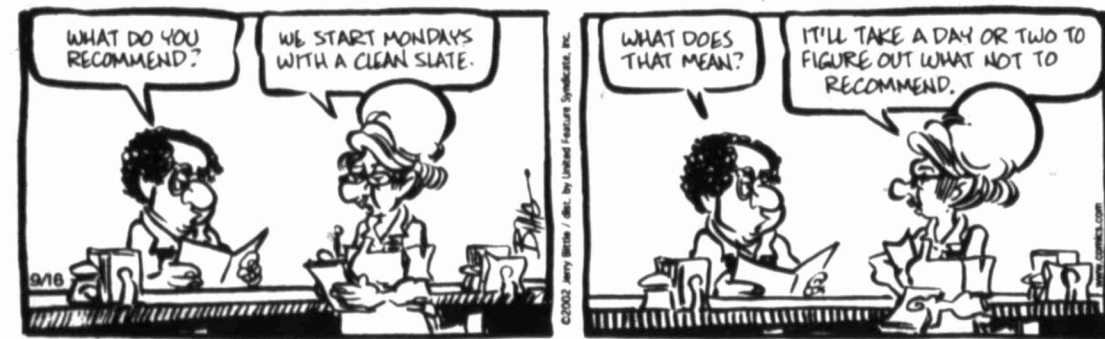
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This Date in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Sept. 16, the 259th day of 2002. There are 106 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Sept. 16, 1940, President Franklin Roosevelt signed into law the Selective Training and Service Act...

Representatives. In 1966, the Metropolitan Opera opened its new opera house at New York's Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts. In 1972, "The Bob Newhart Show" premiered on CBS. In 1974, President Ford announced a conditional amnesty program for Vietnam War deserters and draft-evaders. In 1977, Maria Callas, the American-born prima donna famed for her lyric soprano and fiery temperament, died in Paris at age 53. In 1982, the massacre of hundreds of Palestinian men, women and children by Lebanese Christian militiamen began in west Beirut's Sabra and Chatilla refugee camps. One year ago: President George W. Bush pledged a crusade against terrorists, saying there was "no question" Osama bin Laden was the "prime suspect" in the Sept. 11 attack. Eight cross-country runners from the University of Wyoming were killed when their

sport utility vehicle collided head-on with a pickup truck that had swerved into their lane. Movie producer Samuel Z. Arkoff died in Burbank, Calif., at age 83. Today's Birthdays: Actress Janis Paige is 80. Actress Lauren Bacall is 78. Blues singer B.B. King is 77. Clergyman-author Rev. Robert H. Schuller is 76. Actor Peter Falk is 75. Actress Linda Miller is 60. Rhythm-and-blues singer Betty Kelly (Martha & the Vandellas) is 58. Musician Kenny Jones (Small Faces; Faces; The Who) is 54. Actress Susan Ruttan is 54. Actor Ed Begley Jr. is 53. Country singer David Bellamy (The Bellamy Brothers) is 52.

Answer to previous puzzle: SAVOR CERTIFIED, TRIBE AVOIDABLE, ARGON KITTICARSON, TOMI BELL TREPES, GUESTED MATINEE, FATTEN HAGUE, ANTSY CELEBRATE, ICE ELMER DEL, RESTSTOPS SKOAL, ROANS MARPLE, ANDANTE RECITES, LAID EEL STIAM, LINEDRIVE SHOVE, OVERRULED INNER, TERSENESS PASSE

Newsday Crossword

ASTRONOMICAL by Shirley Soloway Edited by Stanley Newman

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