TUESDAY

September 17, 2002

WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT TOMORROW 65°-67° 90°-95°

INSIDE

Chemical spill

A chemical spill on the Interstate 20 north service road Monday kept an area hazardous materials team busy until after midnight.

BRIEFLY

Fiesta coming

The Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th St., will be having a fiesta 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

A Spanish dinner will be served and a live Mariachi band will be in attendance.

Entertainment will also include a Mexican Hat Dance and a performance by the Sizzlin Senior Dancers.

Admission is free and it is open to the public. For more information, contact Charlotte Reagan at 267-1353.

COMING THURSDAY

Game Day, a feature of the Herald, runs each Thursday. Sports Editor Tommy Wells will have statistics from previous games as well as previews of all the Friday and Saturday pigskin matchups.

BRIEFLY

Eagles coat drive

The Fraternal Order of Eagles 3188, Aerie and Auxiliary is having a coat drive for needy people in 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. for more information.

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9-1-1 District budget under fire again Wednesday

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Howard County 9-1-1 Communications District Director Tommy Sullivan faces fires on a regular basis as Howard County's Volunteer Fire Department chief, but Wednesday he'll be facing a different kind of

heat as area mayors

and Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart grill him about a questionable budget amend-

The meeting will be at the new 9-1-1 building, 610 S. Main Street, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be open to the public.

amendment. The approved at the 9-1-1

"We don't want to beat up have questions. It's our responsibility to find out

on anybody at all, but we do exactly what's happening and what the process was.'



Mayor Russ McEwen

board's March 12 meeting, was first discussed during the Jan. 8 meeting. It added \$220,000 to the 9-1-1 budget for the purchase of a new building, computer and office equipment and for the hire of an administrative assis-

The amendment increased the 9-1-1

tant for Sullivan.

budget from \$196,268 to \$416,268

Sullivan said he mailed a letter Jan. 9 informing city council members in Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan and Howard County Commissioners about

See 9-1-1, Page 2

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TEACHER OF THE WEEK

Taking care of Coahoma's 'little ones'

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

COAHOMA Coahoma kindergarten teacher Kathy Nichols has been taking care of the school district's "little ones" for 17 years. And her "little ones"

remember her.

"Mrs. Nichols taught me how to color inside the lines, how chickens are born, to count, to write and most of all she started me on one of my favorite things to do today, reading," Coahoma senior Tawna Jacobs said in her nomination letter for teacher of the week.

"There are so many things that I learned from her that aren't in the books," Jacobs continued. "How to be kind to animals, be a good citizen, how to share and who to be a good friend. Mrs. Nichols does what she does, not for the money or the title, but for

"Throughout my school career she would check up on me and see how I was doing," Coahoma senior Jessie Bennett said. "I will always be one of her kids and will never forget Mrs. Nichols."



Coahoma kindergarten teacher Kathy Nichole, a 27-year educator with the Coahoma Independent School District, reads to several of her students. The Big Spring Herald and the Big Spring Education Federal Credit Union congratulate Nichols on becoming the first

teacher of the week. need to chime in.

"I am not a student or never have been a student Even a parent of Nichols' of Mrs. Nichols," Cheryl former students felt the Castillo said. "She was so

good to my kids and me. I guess most kids that had Mrs. Nichols would probably say that she should not only be teacher of the week

but teacher of a lifetime." Nichols' 27-year odyssey with the Coahoma school

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Jacobs 6-year- olds for eight hours, much less trying

But she does it, year after year without complaint. She is the perfect person to help the kids is their teacher, friend,

Herald, sponsors resume NIE program

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

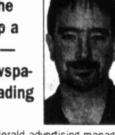
More than a 1,000 newspapers delivered to five elementary schools today signaled the reinstitution of the Big Spring Herald's Newspapers in Education program.

"We are proud to restart this program," said Big Spring Herald Circulation Manager Carlos Gonzales. "It's good for the students and for the community."

Newspapers are textbooks recording current events for history.

"Newspapers are the only textbook that grows as the child grows,'

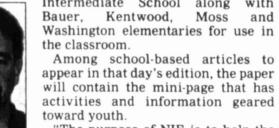
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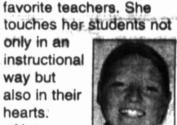
Gonzales said.

Each Tuesday, free copies of the Herald will be delivered to Goliad See NIE, Page 3



Intermediate School along with Kentwood, Moss and Bauer. Washington elementaries for use in the classroom. Among school-based articles to appear in that day's edition, the paper will contain the mini-page that has

toward youth. "The purpose of NIE is to help the children develop a love of reading not only for newspapers, but for reading in general," said Edwin Vela, Big Spring Herald advertising sales



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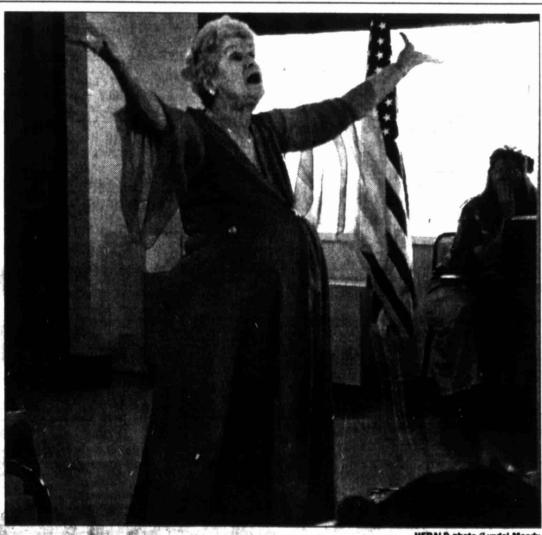
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Didn't I tell you, Margie, you should'a danced all night! Margie Myers performs a comi-cal routine to "I Should Have Danced All Night" during the Canterbury Fall Festival Monday night. The night's entertainment included a satiric fashion show, line dancing

SEE YOU AT THE POLE Students to gather in prayer Wednesday

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Howard County youth are expected to join millions of teen-agers across the world Wednesday for a time of reflection and prayer at the annual See You at the Pole.

"This started in Burleson with a small group in early 1990," First Baptist Youth Minister Jeff Donnell said. "On Sept. 12, 1990, 45,000 teen-agers met at school flag poles in four different states to pray. Today you can expect more than 3 million students from all 50 states and more than 20 countries to participate."

Students organize and direct the event each year. "The key is that it's a student-led movement prayer," Donnell said.

Donnell said the popularity by teen-agers of the movement is very signifi-"I think its interesting

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Jeff Donnell, First Baptist Church youth minister

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BIG SPRING ROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

David A. Juarez



Funeral service for David A. Juarez, 36, of Big Spring will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, 2002, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Socorro Rios of Templo Belen Assembly of God officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. Juarez died Sunday, Sept. 15, at a Lubbock hospital following a sudden ill-He was born Oct. 27, 1965, in Big Spring

and had been a lifetime resident of Big Spring. Survivors include two sons, David Anthony Juarez and Derrick Juarez; one daughter, Cecily Juarez; his parents, Ismael and Dora Juarez; one brother, Ismael Juarez Jr.;

four sisters, Virginia Diaz, Sara Martinez, Adela Hernandez and Viola Salgado, all of Big Spring. Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

EMS

The following is a summary of the EMS and Fire

Department: **MONDAY**

9:40 a.m. — 400 block of Bennla Rd., medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

4:36 p.m. — 1300 block of Utah, medical call, service refused.

5:50 p.m. — 1600 block of Lark, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

7:16 p.m. — 1200 block of College, trauma call, service refused.

7:55 p.m. — 1900 block of North Hwy 87, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

Take note

☐ 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.

☐ Tommy Hogan was diagnosed with can-"cer one year ago and is in need of financial help with medications and future surgery.

An account has been set up at First Bank of West Texas. To make a donation call 267 1113 and ask for the Hogan account.

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

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

Permanent donations of these items are welcome.

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☐ 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

Lottery

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

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the exas Lottery:

5-24-31-35-36 The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday afternoon by

the Texas Lottery, in order:

Records

Monday's high 84 Monday's low 62 Average high 86 Average low 62 Record high 104 in 1997 Record low 45 in 1951

Precip. Monday 0.00 Month to date 0.85 Year to date 10.79 Sunrise Wednesday 7:32 a.m. Sunset Wednesday 7:47 p.m.

Police blotter

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

· RAUL MARTINEZ, 45, address unknown, was arrested on charges of unlawfully carrying a weapon and resisting arrest.

• IAN DYLAN HEATH, 26, of 1008 Maple Ave. in Odessa was arrested on local warrants.

 VALENTIN PRADO GONZALES, 24, of 304 W. Fourth St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• JUAN MORENO HARO JR., 56, of 310 W. Seventh St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• MICHAEL LEE MUNOZ, 19, of 204 N. Johnson St. was arrested on a charge of evading arrest or deten-

· JOSE LUIS GOMEZ, 23, of New Mexico was arrested on charges of displaying fictitious motor vehicle registration and fictitious motor vehicle inspection.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 700 block of West Interstate 20. Tools worth \$120.96 were reported stolen.

• THEFT OF SERVICE was reported in the 500 block of South Gregg Street. Reported stolen were four tires and four wheels worth \$1,307.69.

 MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 200 block of South Gregg Street.

• LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 1000 block of North Main, the 1300 block of Baylor Boulevard and the 1500 block of Vines Avenue.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1300 block of Cardinal Street.

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity over the weekend:

• **ASSAULT**: 6

• ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE: 1

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING: 1 • BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE: 2

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF: 2

• DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED: 3 • FAILURE TO IDENTIFY: 1

• HARRASSMENT: 1 • RESISTING ARREST: 2

• RUNAWAY: 1

• SEXUAL ASSAULT: 2

• THEFT: 22

- Convenience store thefts: 18 — Beer thefts: 4

Sheriff's blotter

- Gasoline drive-offs: 14

• UNLAWFULLY CARRYING A-WEAPON: 1 • INCIDENTS: 11

• ACCIDENTS: 4

- Major: 1 - Minor: 3

ARRESTS: 15

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following recent activity:

 ADELAIDO MARTINEZ, 50, of 701 Bell was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Friday on a charge of burglary of a building.

• MARCUS DANIEL SMITH, 21, of 1509 Todd Road was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

 ROCKY ALLAN AUTRY, 19, of 448-A Armstrong was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

 ADOLFO HUANTE LOPEZ, 30, of 1106 E. 11th Place was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Sunday on charges of resisting arrest, search or transport.

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

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. Open meeting on fourth floor at VA Medical Center

TUESDAY

from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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.

Bulletin board

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

TODAY

☐ 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.

☐ The Coffee Club meets at Gale's Sweet Shoppe at 10 a.m.

☐ Kiwanis Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479 for more information.

 Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. at the RSVP office located at 501 Runnels.

☐ American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.

 Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Vets of America meets at 7 p.m. at 309 South Main.

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

FRIDAY

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

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

☐ Spring City Senior Center Country and Western Dance, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. All area seniors invited.

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district started when her husband, Kim, accepted the head basketball coaching position. "Coahoma has been home

to us," she said. "We've had offers from other, larger schools but this has never been a job for us.'

During her years as a educator, Nichols found satisfaction teaching the kindergarten age group.

"When they learn something for the first time, something new, it's exciting for them. You see it through their expressions," she said. "You actually see their little light bulb go cha-ching and the bright light go on in their eyes."

Each day brings new experiences.

"We start out with daily news," she said. "They all come in so excited and want to tell you what happened the last night."

Sometimes the students are a little too forthcoming in revealing their nightly adventures.

"What is said in here stays in here," she assured

Then the class heads on to a full curriculum day of phonics, mathematics, nap time, writing, science, social studies and socializing skills

"We try to meet the expectations of the state," Nichols said.

Through her 28-year career, Nichols has seen many changes in education.

"When I first started teaching — when I was teaching first grade - we didn't do as much with the first graders as we expect from our kindergartners today," she said. "The little ones are learning to keyboard, use higher-level thinking.

"It's amazing to me how hard we really make it, but the little ones are like sponges," she continued.

With all the expectations put on students these days, Nichols said society is forgetting an integral part of dren be children.

"We need to make education child centered so they can learn at their own pace," she said.

Nichols sees her job a facilitator.

How to submit

The Big Spring Herald and the Big Spring Education Federal Credit Union congratulate Kathy Nichols on becoming the first teacher of the week. If you want to earn your favorite teacher a quick \$25 in cash, send your nomination for Teacher of the Week to the Herald at 710 Scurry St., by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom or Johnmoseley@bigspringherald.c

Big Spring 79720. · Nominees must be currently teaching in Howard County.

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mailed to P.O. Box. 1431,

. Only nominations from Howard County students currently in kindergarten through 12th grade will be accepted.

 Students can nominate their former or current teacher.

Draw, write, e-mail, scrawl (must be legible), on a piece of paper, the back of your mom's grocery list or even write a song about your favorite teacher. Creativity counts. Focus on how the teacher impacted you while in his or her

"I put something out, explain it to them and then let their little minds run with it," she said.

Her other duties include coordinating the popular Coahoma Kindergarten Stick-Horse Rodeo for the past several years. Known as an artist around the community, Nichols painted the portrait of Quail Dobbs on one of the town's water towers.

She is also know as being a little bit of a pack rat. "You can talk to some of

the teachers here, even the retired teachers, and they'll say I'm known to have the closet that never ends;" she said. "Teachers know that if they need anything they can come down here. I have the messiest closet in the building."

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody, 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

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manger.
The cost of the service is provided through the partnership of several sponsors that include First Bank of Texas; Power West Howard Resources; Big College; Spring **Educational Federal Credit** Union; Rip Griffin's; Western Container; Wal-Mart: Cosden Federal Credit Union; Energas, an Atmos Company; Jimmy Newsom, Edward D. Jones Representative; Cornell Corrections; and Hayes Stripling Jr.

Gonzales hopes the program will take hold again and spread.

"As we have a larger sponsor-base, we can expand our circulation to Forsan, Coahoma and Stanton schools," he said. "I would love to get all of Howard County include Dawson Martin counties."

For more information on how to become a sponsor, call Vela at 263-7331.

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Contact Staff Writer Roger

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Canterbury sets Medicaid seminar

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Canterbury Retirement Homes will host a program on how to plan and obtain Medicaid ben-

efits for nursing home residents. "Some peow ple do not think they are eligible for Medicaid and

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ing home," Director Pat Assistant Johnston Edwards said

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"When people get on to Medicaid in the nursing home, they pay everything but \$60 out of their Social Security check," Edwards continued "The \$60 is for personal items and the state picks up the rest of the monthly nursing home bill.

"It's very advantageous for people to understand the keys for planning for Medicaid in the nursing home."

The public program will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the nursing home, 1700 Lancaster.

Michael Melson, Midland certified senior advisor and registered financial consultant, will speak on topics such as Medicaid planning, spousal impoverishment, trust and divestment penal-

Melson's goal is to use every available legal technique that is approved by the Texas Department of Human Services to help family members and friends to qualify for Medicaid assistance in the nursing home, Edwards said.

"People need to understand there is a difference between Medicaid in the community and Medicaid in the nursing home because the eligibility of this is totally different," she said.

INFORMATION

What: Program on how to plan for and obtain

Medicaid benefits for nursing home residents.

Speaker: Michael Melson, certified senior advisor.

MELSON

Where: Canterbury Retirement Homes, 1700 Lancaster.

When: 3 p.m. Wednesday.

A question and answer session will follow the program. Adults of aging parents are encouraged to attend.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

Chemical spill shuts down Interstate 20 north service road

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

A chemical spill on the Interstate 20 north service road Monday kept an area hazardous

materials team busy until after midnight. "The call

came in at 7:49 p.m. about a chemical spill, said Howard County PRITCHETT

Sheriff's Deputy Pritchett. "We had five 55gallon barrels of chemical. I think it was methanol and methanol-isoprophenol. It was a whole flatbed load of

barrels of chemical on its

Michigan. Apparently it was improperly secured and five of the barrels fell off. It ruptured two or three of them." A haz-mat team comprised

of police officers and Howard County volunteer firefighters responded to the scene, Pritchett said. "(Texas Department of Transportation personnel)

were out there and they put sand on it to keep it from running down the highway any more," he said. Pritchett the chemicals

were considered dangerous and the road was closed temporarily. "In my opinion any chem-

ical out of its environment, out of the container, can be considered dengerous," he said. "We kind of contained

way from Hobbs, N.M., to the scene just to keep anybody from driving through it and getting it on them. It was kind of a corrosive and flammable material. It's some kind of a cleaning fluid. I think he was carrying like five different kinds of chemicals on that truck, and the way they were loaded, we weren't real sure which ones they were."

The truck was owned by Landstar Inway Company, while the chemicals were owned by B.J. Unichem.

Pritchett said license and weight officials shut down the truck's operating license until needed repairs and maintenance are performed.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by any emailing rept newsdesk@crcom.net

Big Spring police are investigating allegations of sexual assault, threats

Staff Writer

investigating allegations of sexual assault that were reported after a man allegedly entered a Big Spring home and threatened the occupants.

invasion home occurred at about 10:20 p.m. Sunday at a residence on the east end of Sycamore

into a residence and threaten the occupants," said Big Spring Police Sgt. Roger

threatened them, then he pulled a knife and threatened them. He left, and the officers went over there to investigate the burglary. While they were there they got to talking to this lady and she reported that she had been sexually assaulted in the past — the last time was about three weeks ago

– by the suspect." Sweatt said the suspect is known to the occupants of the home and the incident appears to be part of an ongoing altercation between the suspect and the family.

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No injuries were reported and nothing was stolen from the home.

No arrests have been made and the case is still under investigation by Det. Lupe Liedecke.

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We're Always There

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

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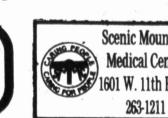
the Saw You at the Pole youth rally at 7 p.m. in the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater.

time of worship. We'll show a short video we shot of the kids that morning and someone will give a short message. It should be done in under an hour."

Youth ministers of several churches are helping to organize the event.

"We have a good turnout," Donnell said. "I think it's a neat time for all the kids to get together, express the same belief and show unity. What's great is they can look across the space and see other kids who believe like they do. Families go to different churches and that's cool but kids need to know other kids believe the

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The City of Forsan will hold a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on 9-18-02 at Forsan City Hall to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2002. The proposed tax rate is .41288 per \$100 of value.

The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in City of Forsan by 3.22%.

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the planned amendment.
According to the letter provided by Sullivan, "If you do not have a problem with, this request, no response is necessary. If you do have any questions I need to know before March 12, 2002."

Sullivan said he received no response to the letter.

City council members have said they never received such a letter. Coahoma Mayor Bill Read, Commissioner County Jerry Kilgore and County Judge Ben Lockhart also said they never received a letter about the amendment

from Sullivan. Forsan Mayor Jim Buske said the letter "sounds familiar," but he could not locate it.

Lockhart said Sullivan spoke with him in person about the amendment. Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen said the purpose of

the meeting is not to come

down hard on Sullivan or the 9-1-1 board. "The situation is that we have some questions," he said. "What we want is simply a dialogue with the 9-1-1 board so that we can find out exactly what happened

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you have questions, you can jump to conclusions that we don't need to. That said, McEwen said

the magnitude of the amendment and the circumstances surrounding it warrant further investigation.

"They amended their budget, but that budget amendment wasn't minor in nature. In essence, they more than doubled their budget," he said. "None of the entities were fully aware of that taking place. We don't want to beat up on anybody at all, but we do have questions. It's our responsibility to find out exactly what's happening

and what the process was." McEwen said it's too early to speculate about what steps the city might take, should evidence of impro-

priety come out. "That's crossing a bridge we haven't even gotten to." he said. "I would not even speculate on that because there may be logical explanations to all the questions that we have. We've got to wait until we see exactly

what happened." Sullivan said he has his

ducks in a row for the meeting.
"I did everything like I should," he said. "Our lawyers talked to me from Austin and they said I did everything right, by the

law," he said. Sullivan added that the 9-1-1 District is funded by a surcharge on local telephone customers' bills and not by area cities or by Howard County.

"I have a lot of people contacting me that have the misinformation that on this budget amendment, we took the money from the city.' he said. "One thing I want to clarify, the 9-1-1 Communication District does not receive any money

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school," Donnell said. "It's not a mandated prayer, it's

dents will meet by the flag pole at their respective cam-Wednesday night, area youth are invited to attend

"We've got music. A (local) band, Crimson Soul, will be there," Donnell said.

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OUR VIEWS

Excited about our NIE kickoff program today

oday, we're welcoming 1,000 school children to the readership of the *Herald* as we kick off our Newspapers In Education program that is designed to make the daily newspaper a living textbook and reference

The *Herald* will be delivering those papers to classrooms at Goliad Intermediate School, as well as four elementary schools in Big Spring — Bauer, Kentwood, Moss and Washington.

The *Herald's* NIE program, which also includes publication of the mini-page in each Tuesday's edition, as well as staging each year's Howard County Spelling Bee, is provided with the help and partnership of several sponsors that include First Bank of West Texas, Power Resources, Howard College, Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union, Rip Griffin's Truck/Travel Center, Western Container, Wal-Mart, Energas, Cosden Employees Federal Credit Union, Edward D. Jones representative Jimmy Newsom, Cornell Corrections and Stripling Jr.

Today's edition also kicks off the Herald's new "Teacher of the Week" feature that will appear in each Tuesday's paper, as well as our continuing effort to publish the remainder of the artwork and essays generated by Howard County students commemorating the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

The newspaper is not only a true living history book of current events, it's also a tool for teachers to use in a variety of subjects.

In addition, the NIE program is also intended to help create the newspaper reading habit in students.

While there's no question that we at the *Herald* want youngsters to become newspaper readers. enhancing our business in the future, our commitment to the NIE program is much more than an effort to secure our role for the future.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We are always in your thoughts, Lord, help us to keep you always in ours. Amen

As usual, Congress puts everything

s a procrastinator of the first order, I'm always comforted by Congress. No one and no institution can beat Congress for putting off its work until

the moment after the last possible moment. Here is Congress coming back

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the campaign trail (most of them have their jobs on the line Nov. 5), and not one of the federal government's 13 appropriation bills has been completed. The homeland-security bill has not been passed in the Senate. Forget prescription drugs. Social Security reform and lots of other

yak about. Of the 13 basic appropriation bills, only three have been passed by both houses, but these are stuck in committees (differences in House and Senate bills have to be reconciled by a

topics politicians like to

conference committee, and then both houses have to pass the final versions). Chances are that

Congress will end up passing a continuing resolution, which just extends last year's funding so the government can keep operating. The federal government's fiscal year begins Oct. 1.

I cannot remember the last time, if there was a last time, when Congress did its job on time. Passing the federal budget, of course, is its main job. There are a number of reasons for the members' lack of due diligence in doing their duty. One, of course, is that

most of them are windbags and can't say "Hello" in less than 25 words. They can't ask a question without preceding it with a speech, which makes congressional hearings enormous time-killers. They don't work on Mondays or Fridays, both of them being unofficial travel days. They quit Washington at every opportunity. There is no such thing as a one- or twoday holiday for the members of Congress. They stretch most into weeks. They put dozens of things

on their agenda that the Constitution gives them no authority to consider. And finally, but probably foremost, they spend most of their time raising money and campaigning for reelection.

You can easily see for yourself the problem. Suppose that you had to persuade people and organizations to give you \$250,000 (that's a low figure) during the next 18 months so you can run for re-election. That's about 540 days, give or take a sunset or two. Imagine how many phone calls or personal visits you would have to make to get people and organizations to part with a quarter of a million dollars. A good part of every day would have to be devoted to fund raising, even with professional help.

Congress never passes campaign-reform legislation, though on occasion, as it did recently, it will pass a new Incumbent Protection Act, which it mislabels as campaign reform.

The most recent bill (McCain-Feingold) will silence incumbent opponents by prohibiting organizations from placing

issue ads within 60 days of an election. It is as unconstitutional as the Nuremberg Laws would be.

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Real campaign reform would, for example, prohibit anyone not a resident of the given district or state from contributing to a campaign. That would go a long way to defanging the more than 35,000 special interests camped on the banks of the Potomac. Another true reform would be to prohibit the spending of any money by any candidate until six weeks prior to election. Since advertising space and broadcast time are limited, that would necessarily reduce the total amount spent.

Congress naturally has no desire to do anything that would make elections fair. Like big business, members of Congress hate competi-

After all, just a few terms and they become vested in the best pension plan in the galaxy.

I'm beginning to agree with most of our Founding Fathers that democracy doesn't work.

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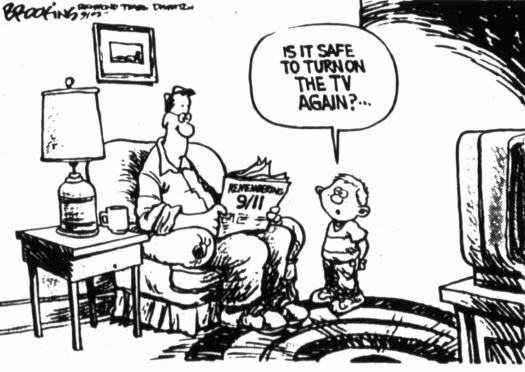
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Globalization: A fraud, worse luck

By MARK WEISBROT

Guest Columnist

One of the good things about the stock market coming back down to Earth after a prolonged bubble is that it leads people to question other misconceptions about the economy. When stock prices were soaring we heard all kinds of nonsense about a "new economy," technological revolutions, and profit projections that were just too miraculous to be true.

The standard litany about the wonders of globalization could be the next myth that is ripe for debunking. For decades we have been told that increasing global trade and investment was great for everyone, with the exception of some inevitable "losers" who would hopefully retrain for new jobs (perhaps in the

'new economy.") Like the investment advisers who hawked **Enron and WorldCom** stocks as they were heading toward disaster, most of the "experts" on globalization have long been avoiding the real numbers.

For starters: The real median wage in 1973 was \$12.45 per hour (measured in 2000 dollars). In 2000 it was about \$12.90. Considering that the U.S. economy grew by 72 percent (per person) during that period, somebody got shafted. Since the median is by definition the middle

of the wage ladder, that somebody includes the majority of employees in the United States - not just the textile or steel workers who have been hit directly by foreign competi-

Anyone who is old enough to have lived through the 1950s, '60s, and '70s knows that it was not uncommon for a typical wage-earner to buy a house, support a family, and even put the kids through college with just one income. That doesn't happen any more, and these statistics are another way of expressing America's changed reality.

Interestingly, almost all of the research by economists shows that our opening up to foreign trade contributed to this massive redistribution of income. The only question is: How much? Even if we take the smaller estimates of how much redistribution was due to increased trade not to mention U.S. firms moving production overseas — it is easy to show that about three-quarters of the U.S. labor force has suffered a net loss due to globalization. This takes into account (as do the above numbers on the real median wage) all the cheap DVD and CD players, clothing, and other consumer goods that we now import from overseas. For the vast majority of Americans, the losses from globalization

have outweighed the gains, in strictly economic terms. This should not be sur-

prising, since our political leaders have made it their mission for more than 30 years to rewrite the rules of global commerce (for example, in such agreements as the North American Free Trade Agreement or the World Trade Organization) in ways that give corporations more power and workers What about the develop-

ing world? Unfortunately the official, undisputed numbers tell a very different story here, too, than the one we have heard from the cheerleaders on TV. The growth of income per person in the low and middle-income countries dropped sharply over the last 20 years. If we compare the last two decades (1980-2000) to the previous 20 years (1960-1980), we find that these economies advanced by less than half their prior rate of growth.

As a result of this slower economic growth, most developing countries also saw reduced progress over the last 20 years in such areas as life expectancy, infant and child mortality, literacy, and education.

This long experiment in corporate-led globalization has been a failure, at home and abroad. As with the end of the "new economy," it is time to face up to the facts.

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IN BRIEF

Boys boosters will

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The Big Spring High
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Booster Club will be
holding a fish fry on Sept. 20, from 11 q.m. to 2 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Trinity Baptist Church Annex. Adult tickets will be \$6. Childrens tickets are priced at \$4. Orders of three or more can be delivered.

Proceeds from the event will be used to purchase padded chairs for the BSHS gym.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at All District Printing, located at 1005 E/11th Place.

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 Reves at 756-2126 or Jesse Montez at 756-3763.

Coahoma boosters

to meet Monday The Coahoma Athletic Booster will be holding a weekly meeting every Monday night at 7 p.m. in the Coahoma Elementary cafeteria.

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. contact Greg Brooks at

For more information 267-6335 or Shannon Hudgins from 9 a.m. to 5 .m. at 263-7832

ON TAP

TONIGHT VOLLEYBALL 5 p.m. - Big Spring at Wink.

THURSDAY FOOTBALL p.m. - Grape Creek JH vs. SIHS, 5 p.m.



Big Spring Junior High School running back Jamere Cooper breaks into the secondary in the Steers' season-opeing win over Andrews last week. The Big Spring seventh and eighth graders will resume their seasons this Thursday afternoon when they play host to Grape Creek at Blankenship Field.

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swinging the bat.

Ichiro Suzuki went 3-for-4 with three walks, the last coming with the bases loaded and two outs in the bottom of the 11th inning as the Mariners beat the Texas Rangers 6-5 Monday night.

After outlasting Rangers in a 4-hour, 39minute game. Seattle is eight games behind Oakland and Anaheim for the AL wild-card spot. Yet the Mariners feel anything's

possible. "We've still got a shoestring of hope," Mike Cameron said. "We've just got to play good, finish strong and hopefully something good will happen."

The Mariners loaded the bases with one out against Danny Kolb (3-4) and Rich Rodriguez relieved. Pinchhitter Jose Offerman struck out looking, but Suzuki walked on four pitches to

ning run without even manager Lou Piniella said. had a sacrifice fly for 5-all.

After closer Kazuhiro Sasaki blew a 5-3 lead in the ninth, the Mariners came back to win their second straight following a seasonhigh six-game losing streak.

"We need to finish 13-0," Cameron said. "We're off to good start right now We're 2-0."

Texas stranded 16 runners, a season-high, walked a season-high 13 and lost its fourth in a row

"Walks have hurt us all year," Rangers manager Jerry Narron said. "You look at the stat sheet and see our bases on balls and compare that to the guys at the top of our division. We're going to have to get our guys to start pounding the strike zone.'

Mike Lamb drew a leadoff walk in the Texas ninth and Rafael Palmeiro singled with one out for his third hit. Todd Greene hit an RBI

late, then scored the win-relief, to Ichiro," Seattle bases, rookie Hank Blalock

"I was just trying to get locked in and get the ball out of the infield," Blalock said.

Rangers catcher Ivan Rodriguez was ejected in the second for arguing a called third strike, then returned to the field to protest and confronted umpire Mark Carlson.

"I haven't seen him animated like that in a long time," Piniella said.

Seattle starter Freddy Garcia took a 4-0 lead into the sixth before giving up singles to Palmeiro, Greene and Carl Everett that loaded the bases with no outs.

After Garcia struck out Blalock, Michael Young hit a sacrifice fly and pinch-hitter Herbert Perry had an RBI single.

Doug Creek relieved and hit Kevin Mench in the foot and walked Lamb, cutting the lead to 4-3.

A&M won't say if QB change is looming

COLLEGE STATION (AP) Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum isn't saying if he'll change starting quarterbacks when the No. 19 Aggies play seventh-ranked Virginia Tech on Saturday.

The Aggies (2-0) had an extra week to prepare for Virginia Tech with last weekend's open date. Slocum said Monday that senior Mark Farris, sophomore Dustin Long and freshman Reggie McNeal will all split snaps in practice this week.

"We're fortunate in having several guys that have played and bring something different to the table," Slocum said. "There is different things you can do offensively depending on what quarterback is playing.'

Slocum wouldn't say who was starting. And the quarterbacks all said they didn't know

Farris, the 27-year-old senior and three-year starter, started the first two games but was just 18-of-45 passing. He was pulled in the first half of both games.

"You can change guards, tackles, defensive linemen and no one notices, but as soon as you change the quarterback its a big deal," Farris said. "You just have to worry about what you See A&M, Page 6

Eagles spoil Spurrier's MNF debut with rout

Philadelphia Eagles came pepper spray used by when the smell of pepper police to break up a fight spray sent them scurrying off the bench.

The Eagles routed the Washington Redskins 37-7 on Monday, sending coach Steve Spurrier to his worst loss in six years.

"We got clobbered," Spurrier said. "We never could go anywhere. They beat us every which way. Philadelphia held Washington's offense to

179 yards and zero points and did not allow the Redskins past the Eagles' 35-yard line. The Eagles also had four sacks and forced three turnovers. Donovan McNabb and the offense did the rest.

"The coaches showed us a lot of stuff this week in practice," Eagles corner-back Bobby Taylor said. "Sometimes it was a bit overwhelming. ... They gave us a full dose, and it

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) gave us a chance to show the only scare on a what we can do near-perfect right for the In the fourth quarter the stands spread to the Eagles sideline. At least one player vomited, but

the spray soon dissipated and play resumed after an

eight-minute delay.
"I looked up and saw what was going on and just started hearing people scream," Philadelphia receiver Antonio Freeman said. "I had so many thoughts about post-9-11 and this being such a big game in D.C."

This was Spurrier's worst coaching defeat since Florida's 62-24 loss to Nebraska in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 2, 1996. He had only one other loss by 30 or more points with the Gators: 45-3 at Tennessee in 1990.

Washington's only score came on Jacquez Green's 90-yard punt return in the second quarter.

Iraan moves to top of Class A football poll

have been where Iraan is. Stanton sat atop the high school football worl a few seasons ago, looking like No. 1

It's the same feeling Iraan which is scheduled to face Stanton Friday night enjoys this week as they were named the top Class A team in the state, according to the Associated Press high school football poll.

Iraan, which rushed past Forsan earlier this season, replaces Celeste as the top team. Celeste lost 13-6 to Honey Grove on Friday and fell to No. 7.

Ennis settled all debate abEout who was really No. 1 in Class 4A.

The Lions' 21-14 comedefeat of from-behind Denton Ryan on Friday made them unanimous choices to finally reclaim the top spot in this week's Associated Press high school football poll.

The reigning two-time Division II champs haven't been 4A's top-ranked team since the final regular-season poll of 2001, but lost

The Stanton Buffaloes their spot after Denton Ryan was voted into the top spot during the 2002 preseason poll. As a result, Ennis has now been the No. 1-ranked 4A team in 10 of the last 13 weekly polls.

Denton Ryan, the defending Division I champion, was one of three No. 1s to get upset over the weekend, causing lots of turnover among the state's top 50 teams.

Austin Westlake in 5A and Celeste in 1A were the others to drop in the poll after a pair of surprising losses.

Before more than 20,000 fans in Denton, then-No. 2 Ennis rallied from a 14-0 second-quarter deficit behind the efforts of quarterback Graham Harrell.

Harrell had scoring throws of 10 and 59 yards. and Denard Cox's 2-yard touchdown run late in the game helped Ennis extend the state's second-longest active win streak to 29 games. Ryan, which had its win streak snapped at 16 games, dropped to No. 3 in this week's poll.

In 5A, Aldine Eisenhower



moved into the No. 1 spot after losses by Austin Westlake and then-No. 2 Humble.

Eisenhower is followed by San Antonio Madison. Galena Park North Shore, Lufkin. Waco and Longview, a newcomer to

the poll after winning its first three games, including a victory over nationallyranked Shreveport (La.) **Evangel Christian Academy** two weeks ago.

Austin Westlake dropped to No. 7 in this week's poll after its 14-10 loss at A&M

Consolidated. Westlake couldn't score from inside the 15 during a fourth-quarter drive and later fumbled a punt, which A&M Consolidated recovered, to seal the loss.

The defeat was costly to the Chapparals in other ways, as they lost starting quarterback Mark Oliver to season-ending knee injury.

Humble dropped to No. 8, and Euless Trinity and Abilene round out the 5A's Top 10.

Sandwiched between Ennis and Denton Ryan in the 4A poll is Brenham, which moved up a spot with Ryan's loss. No. 4 Highland Park flip-flopped with No. 5 Wolfforth Frenship in this week's poll, while Texarkana Texas High stayed at ranked sixth.

Bastrop and Bay City were knocked out of the poll after losses, and were replaced by No. 9 Terrell and No. 10 Killeen.

Not much changed in the 3A and 2A polls as both topranked teams. Everman and Comfort, won on Friday.

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Texas (Park 9-6) at Seattle (Franklin 6-4), 9:05

Anaheim (Washburn 18-5) at Oakland (Mulder

Wednesday's Games
Cleveland (Drese 9-9) at Boston (Fossum 4-4).

6:05 p.m. Minnesota (Mays 3-7) at Detroit (Sparks 8-15), 6:05 p.m. Toronto (Halladay 16-7) at Baltimore (Douglass 0-3), 6:05 p.m. N.Y. Yankees (D.Weils 17-7) at Tampa Bay (V.Zambrano 6-7), 6:15 p.m. Kansas City (Suppan 8-15) at Chicago White Sox (Garland 11-11), 7:05 p.m. Texas (Benoit 3-4) at Seattle (Valdes 8-11), 9:05 p.m.

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San Francisco (Ortiz 12-10) at Los Angeles (Brown 3-4), 9:10 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League
ANAHEIM ANGELS—Recailed INF Alfredo
Amezaga from Salt Lake of the PCL. Purchased
the contract of C Sal Fasano from Salt Lake. Designated RHP Evin Nins for assignment.
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Placed LHP Yorkis
Perez on the 60-day disabled list. Purchased the
contract of LHP Eric DuBose from Bowle of the

Eastern League.
BOSTON RED SOX—Announced the resignation of Dr. Arthur Pappas, medical director.
TEXAS RANGERS—Purchased the contract of
LHP Ben Kodłowski from Tulsa of the Texas.
League. Moved INF-OF Frank Catalanotto from League. Moved INF-OF Frank Catalanotto from the 15- to the 60-day disabled list, Announced a player development contract with Spokane of the Northwest League through the 2004 season. ational League FLORIDA MARLINS—Announced a two-year

player development contract with Carolina of the Southern League. ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Reached working agreement with Tennessee of the Southern League through 2004. BASKETBALL

BOSTON CELTICS—Signed F Ruben Wolkowyski FOOTBALL

National Football League MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Activated T Lewis Kelly. Released OL Mile Malano. NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Released TE

Arther Love from the practice squad.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Waived DT Garrett Johnson HOCKEY

lational Hockey League
BUFFALO SABRES—Returned LW Daniel Paille, LW Michael Tessier, G Marty Magers, D Dennis Wideman, D Martin Cizek and C Chris Thorburn to their junior teams. NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Signed Mike Milbury.

general manager, to a multiyear contract.
PHOENIX COYOTES—Assigned D Matthew
Spiller, LW Ben Eager and RW Fredrik Sjostrom
to their junior clubs.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Reassigned G

A&M

Continued from Page 5 can control. It's tough. The thing that keeps me going is practicing like I have the last three years.

Long rebounded from a 3of-12 performance in the season-opening 31-7 win over Louisiana-Lafavette to hit 9-of-18 passes for 119 yards in a 14-12 win over Pittsburgh on Sept. 7. He relieved Farris in both

games. McNeal has played just one series, but completed both of his passes for 28 yards and ran twice for 12 yards while leading the Aggies to their last touchdown against Lafayette.

Maxime Daigneault, LW Jevon Desautels, C Petr Dvorak, G Robert Gherson, F Marian Havel, F Joni Lindlof, RW Jeff Lucky, D Jason Maleyko, D Nathan Paetsch, C Warren Peters and D Patrick

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New England	2	0	0	1.000	74	21	
Buffalo	1	1	0	.500	76	76	
N.Y. Jets	1	1	,0	.500	44	75	
South							
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Houston	1	1	0	.500	22	34	
Indianapolis	1	1	0	.500	41	46	
Jacksonville	1	1	0	.500	48	44	

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New Orleans at Chicago, Noon Dallas at Philadelphia, Noon Indianapolis at Houston, Noon Kansas City at New England, Noon Carolina at Minnesota, Noon Buffalo at Denver, 3:05 p.m. San Diego at Arizona, 3:05 p.m. Green Bay at Detroit, 3:15 p.m. Seattle at N.Y. Giants, 3:15 p.m Washington at San Francisco, 3:15 p.m. Cincinnati at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m. Open: Pittsburgh, Oakland, Jacksonville,

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1. Bobby Mote, Redmond, Ore., \$74,337

2. Scott Montague, Fruitdale, S.D., \$67,041

3. Wes Stevenson, Kaufman, Texas, \$66,788

4. Jared Lavergne, Ville Platte, La., \$66,546

5. Forest Bramwell, Pagosa Springs, Colo., \$64,661

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6. Pete Hawkins, Weatherford, Texas, \$62,526
7. Will Lowe, Vernon, Texas, \$62,197
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9. Jeffrey Collins, Redfield, Kan., \$57,661
10. James Boudreaux, Cuero, Texas, \$56,152
STEER WRESTLING
1. Bill Pace, Stephenville, Texas, \$82,153
2. Joey Bell Jr, Salem, N.J., \$81,742
3. Cash Myers, Athens, Texas, \$81,648
4. K.C. Jones, Las Animas, Colo., \$74,083
5. Rod Lyman, Victor, Mont., \$72,058
6. Sid Steiner, Bastrop, Texas, \$70,193
7. Todd Suhn, Brighton, Colo., \$61,175
8. Birch Negaard, Buffalo, S.D., \$60,020
9. Lee Graves, Calgary, Alberta, \$57,452
10. L. Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif., \$54,156
TEAM ROPING (HEADERS)
1. Speed Williams, Jacksonville, Fla., \$103,979
2. Kevin Stewart, Glen Rose, Texas, \$65,674
3. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$63,879
4. Jake Barnes, Cave Creek, Ariz., \$60,854
5. Matt Tyler, Weatherford, Texas, \$59,939
6. Daniel Green, Oakdale, Calif., \$54,532
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9. Cley Tryan, Billings, Mont., \$48,395
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4. Brad Culpepper, Ashbum, Ga., \$59,996
5. Clay Cooper, Glen Rose, Texas, \$59,996
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6. Randon Adams, Logandale, Nev., \$56,560
7. Kory Koontz, Sudan, Texas, \$56,066
8. Mike Beers, Powell Butte, Ore., \$54,457
9. Dugag Kelly, Paso Robles, Calif., \$52,780
10. C. Twisselman, S. Marganta, Calif., \$48,567
8ADDLE BRONC RIDING
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2. Glen O'Neill, Didsbury, Alberta, \$109,150
3. Jesse Ball, Camp Crook, S.D., \$105,540
4. Rod Hay, Wildwood, Alberta, \$91,556
5. Tom Reeves, Eagle Butte, S.D., \$88,666
6. Billy Etbauer, Ree Heights, S.D., \$73,016
7. Jess Martin, Dillon, Mont., \$72,822
8. Rod Warren, Big Valley, Alberta, \$65,346
9. Rance Bray, Dumas, Texas, \$57,013
10. Steve Dollarhide, Wikleup, Artz., \$55,484
CALF ROPING
1. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, \$130,252
2. Blair Burk, Durant, Okla., \$127,513
3. Trevor Brazile, Anson, Texas, \$87,732
4. Brent Lewis, Pinon, N.M., \$85,734
5. Houston Hutto, Del Rio, Texas, \$81,684

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6. J. Schneeberger, Ponca City, Okla., \$71,043
7. Brad Goodrich, Hermiston, Ore., \$60,943
8. Jim Locke, Miami, Texas, \$60,258
9. Nate Baldwin, Rigby, Idaho, \$60,040
10. Rusty Sewalt, Del Rio, Texas, \$58,093
BARREL RACING
1. Charmayne James, Athens, Texas, \$93,330
2. Tammy Key, Ledbetter, Texas, \$77,444
3. Rachael Sproul, Arlee, Mont., \$61,421
4. Molly Powell, Sims, Mont., \$55,811
5. Tami Fontenot, Ethel, La., \$55,387
6. D. Campbell, Washington, Utah, \$52,646
7. K.Blandford, S. Springs, Texas, \$52,259
8. Delores Toole, Manter, Kan., \$52,111
9. M. Southard-White, Chandler, Okla., \$51,099
10. Jolee Lautaret, Kingman, Anz., \$47,328
BULL RIDING
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A's move into tie for AL West lead

the Athletics need some lateinning magic, they know they can turn to Miguel Tejada.

The A's moved back into a tie with Anaheim for first place in the AL West when Tejada singled home the winning run in the ninth inning to beat the Angels 4-3 Monday night.

Eight of their 17 meetings this season have been decided by one run.

Tejada has grown accustomed to providing that big hit, boosting his MVP chances with some memorable moments September.

He kept Oakland's ALrecord 20-game winning streak going with game-winning hits on consecutive days, including a three-run homer.

This hit handed the Angels just their second loss in 18 games, and salvaged a rough night for the All-Star shortstop. He left six runners on base in his previous three at-bats — striking out with two on in the third and with the bases loaded in the

In other American League games, it was: Boston 6. Cleveland 1 in the first game of a doubleheader and Cleveland 7, Boston 1 in the nightcap; Toronto Baltimore 0; and Detroit 5, Kansas City 2.

Ray Durham Jermaine Dye homered for the A's in the opener of a key four-game series. Cory Lidle pitched seven strong innings, and Billy Koch (10-3) worked the ninth for the victory.

Troy Glaus hit a three-run shot in the first inning to match a major league record with a home run in four straight at-bats, but

Anaheim could muster.

The Angels had won six straight since losing 2-1 at home to the A's last Monday. Anaheim followed that with three straight victories over Oakland in which the bullpen was outstanding.

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Oakland that was all the offense A's took the first step in returning the favor with their major league-leading 30th one-run victory.

"It's a plus for us in the first game of the series to break through their armor and let them know their bullpen isn't untouchable," said Durham, who reached base four times and scored the winning run.

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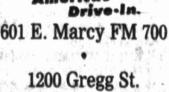
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Alabama is a state in the Deep South, and was a center for the Confederacy during the Civil War.

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 mostpopulated state, with about 41/2million people.

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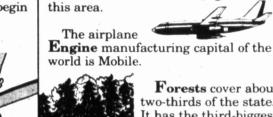
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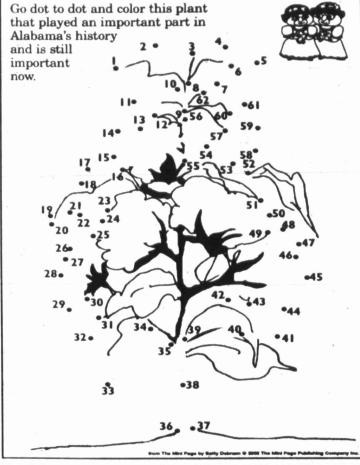
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- Combine all soups and milk in a large bowl. Mix well. 2. Add rice and chicken. Mix well.
- 3. Pour into a casserole. 4. Pour melted butter or margarine evenly on top.
- 5. Bake in a preheated 300-degree oven for 1 hour.
- Serves 6 to 8. from The Mint Page by Betty Debnam & 2002 The Mint Page Publishing Gempany Inc.

Gus Goodsport's Report Supersport: Kazuhisa Ishii Birthdate: 9-9-73

Height: 6-0 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.

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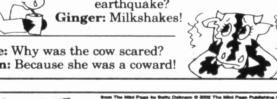
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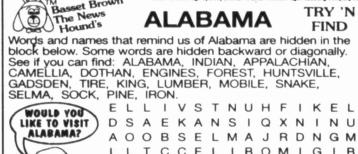
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important port for oceangoing ships **Huntsville** is the site of the George C. Marshall Space Flight Center. It developed the Saturn 5 rocket, which sent astronauts to the moon, and the moon buggy they rode in to explore it.



More navigable waterways are there than in any other state. The Mobile River is the most important

"Jubilees" are twohour 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, farmraised catfish, soybeans, cattle, chickens and cotton are top products.

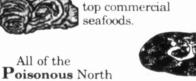
Next week The Mini Page is about fall and squirrels.



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



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 is in 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. University of

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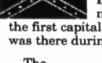
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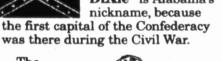


Rights Act after Martin Luther King Jr. led a five-day march from Selma to Montgomery in 1965. Marchers were protesting discrimination against black people in voting.

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





Yellowhammer is the state bird.



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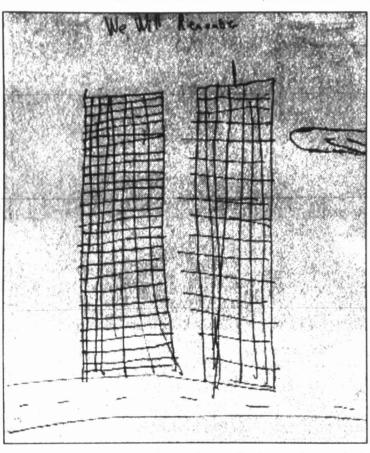
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Remembering 9-11

Big Spring, Texas — Sept. 11, 2001, was as normal a day for me as any other. I drug myself out of bed and got ready for school. As I called for a ride, I was watching "Today" on NBC. A news brief came through saying that at approximately 8 a.m. a commercial airliner flew into one of the Twin Towers. I watched until my ride came and on the way to school they reported about the second airliner flying into the untouched tower.

My first and second period classes drug on as usual. When I got into my third period our teacher told us the news of the Pentagon. That's when I began to panic. My father lives only an hour and a half away from there. Fourth period went all too slow. It was as if time was just standing still and there wasn't anything anyone could do about it. By fifth period I had had enough and called for a

My aunt picked me up and took me to her house where my sister already was. We tried calling our father but we had no luck reaching him. We began to really worry. My cousins heard about the gas prices going up so they went to go get gas before they did. When they returned we all watched the horror on the television trying to adjust and wondering if it was really real.

For a few days after we were all still very paranoid. We watched the news all day or when we could. When the news stopped worrying too much about it, so did we.

A year has passed since and I am thankful that we have gotten through this tragedy as one; as a nation. even now, when you drive down the street, you can still see flags waving. You still can see signs saying "God Bless America" or "America we love you." There are signs in front lawns of houses, at businesess, inside and out. Every other car that passes by on the street has a flag on the arrienna or on the window, they have bumper stickers. It's an amazing thing to see

Americans will always remember this horrible and tragic day because it has brought everyone closer together. America will never forget the men that put their lives on the line and died in order to save the innocent victim from the collapsing towers. These men will always be in our hearts and we should all thank God for them. God has blessed America in so many ways. I AM PROUD TO BE AN **AMERICAN!**

Sept. 11, 2001

A day never to be forgotten!!

One day some guys thought they were cool, when they graduated from flying school.

One day some guys thought they grand when they called the leader of their evil band. They asked him

how they should attack, he said just get them back. These guys that thought they were so cool were terror ists just out of school. They said they were in the right when they boarded their own flight.

They opened knives while in the air putting all passengers in despair. They knocked out stewards and broke down doors, they took the pilots to the floors.

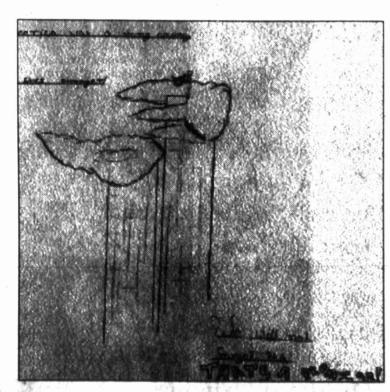
They took control of the planes, flying as if they were in lanes. They turned around the planes they flew and shocked the world, even me and you.

The men were all great big cowards, they flew the planes into New York's Twin Towers. They killed many women and children and men all because of Osama bin.

This man told them a great big lie, one that caused them all to die. You see it didn't affect us, all it did was make us aware that there are people who never fight

We didn't retaliate by bombing a school, we bombed all the men who thought it was cool.

Michael Yeater



The Terrorist Attack

What happened that day? I was not there but it gave us a scare. Seeing people running around, people crying and buildings falling down. Not knowing what to do or say. It makes me scared in a way. Why do people do the things they do. Knocking down buildings and shooting in the schools.

Lots of people saw the plane crash into the building that

I don't know why he did it or why he wanted to do it. Lots of people died that day because the plane crashed into the building.

When I heard what happened I was sad for all those people who died.

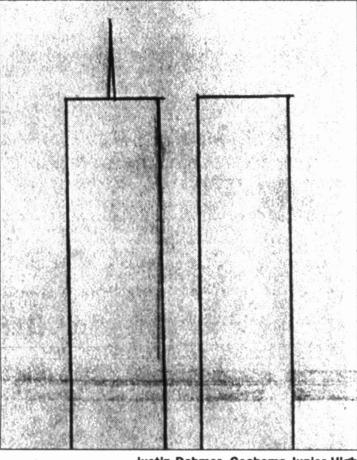
Tabitha Medina

What Did You Do?

What did you do to us Bin Laden? Why did you make us all cry? Look what you did to us Bin Laden.

Look, now your sitting there with a sigh. You tore us apart where is your heart? I still forgive you Bin Laden Maybe you were just saddened. Shani Coker

When America Lost Its Way The towers have fallen And we will never forget The rubble is cleared and a lot of People visit there to remember the day When America lost its way. But we are back on course And greater and stronger than before The terrorists have failed to change our ways We are just still one free nation And no one can change that. Skyler Mundell



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The True American

The 11th day of September 2000 was just another day. Exactly one year later it would be a day never to be for-

We were just about to begin class when the assistant principal opened the door and told the teacher to turn the T.V. on to the news. There the twin towers stood and only one had been hit so far. At first I did not know what was going on and thought there was just an accident and went back to do my work. Then on the T.V., a few minutes afterward, I heard a second plane came into the twin towers and when I saw the plane hit, I was shocked. It did not occur to me what was going on until I saw the second plane crash. I then asked myself "Why is this happening?" and who was on these planes that have crashed into the twin towers. Watching the news was probably why it affected me as much as it did because of the whole picture. To actually see bodies falling from windows and both trade centers on fire while collapsing down to the ground was a horrible thing to watch. This tragic event was like a movie because i never thought the World Trade Centers would go down so early and by such cowardly terrorists.

After Sept. 11, there were many changes and everyone uniting together for the first time in a very long time. All who went to go help save lives in the rubble took unity. Coming together to send money, blood and love to help save lives took unity. Americans started to show their patriotism with American flags being put up in schools, athletic events, homes and on cars. most of the rescuers who looked for lives wore bandanas with the American flag on it. I think with this tragic event, freedom became very important to Americans. Many did not think about freedom but when it was challenged by others trying to take it away from us, then it became a big issue. Religion was really big because churches and others were praying more than ever. Again people became united because there was not separation of Catholics, Baptists, Methodists or other religious groups. There were just American people praying together as one. A big change happened in airports and other places, like tighter security. Airports now wanted you there three hours in advance to make a flight so they could check bags and the people. In order to have tighter security and to have people help out in the military, we would have to pay more money in stores and gas.

A couple of years ago, Americans' reply to an American would have been a United States citizen and having freedoms in speech and religion. Today Americans can be of any culture and race. These Americans are the ones who stand up for what they believe in and better the country in every way that they can. This is why we are so strong because of the way different Americans who come together to bring their ideas. We cannot be mad at all Afghans because of what some have done to our country. Most Afghans are great Americans who have escaped from the terrorists and help make America a great place, the ones to blame are the cowards and ignorant people who do not

Sept. 11 was not a day of loss. It was not the end of Americans' pride. It was a new beginning. It was a wake

Together:

As we mourned the loss of fellow Americans We mourned together As workers help free people from the ruble They freed them together

As this war on terrorism is fought We fight together

So terrorists your plans did not work We are still a nation together. Stephen Euring

Chance Rainer

Forsan High School On September 11, 2001, the United States of America felt something they had not felt in a very long time. Cowards attacked them out of nowhere. On that infamous day, thousands of people lost their lives. They lost their lives just because people were jealous of how prosperous the United States has become. They tried to make what they had done look good by saying it was because the United States has bad morals. We know the real truth, though.

My first reaction when I heard about the attacks was pure shock. I was sitting in Spanish class when my teacher turned on his radio so that we could listen to what was going on. At first I was not sure what was going on because he just turned on the radio and sat there silently. After a while, I started to piece everything together, and then I understood that the twin towers had been hit by two of our own airplanes.

Many questions passed through my head. I never thought that the United States could be touched. But on that one day, I found out the hard way that the United States is not invincible like I once thought it was.

My second reaction was pure anger at the people who directed the attacks that caused the death of thousands of innocent people. Like everyone else, I wanted the United States to get to the bottom of everything and punish all of the people that were involved or even knew about it. Being involved and knowing about it, but doing nothing, are the same thing in my book.

The third reaction I had to the attacks was fear. I was scared to death that if an attack like this could happen so easily and so unnoticed, what if it were to happen close by. I live very close to the only in-land refinery in the United States. If it were to be attacked, I am not sure what type of devastation my area would feel because of it.

Since the attacks on the Twin Towers on September 11, I have been much more careful in what I do. Like many other people, I am scared to fly on an airplane. If it happened once, it could happen again.

Another thing I do now that I didn't use to do is I make sure that I live my life to the fullest every day. There is no point in living life scared of everything when a person can live life trying his or her hardest at everything and having a great time. I think everyone should live his or her life this way and make sure they know their full potential in life. If a person tries, anything is possible. The only thing that ever holds a person back is his self.

Everyone's reaction to the September 11th attacks is different. One thing is for sure though: Since the attacks, America is closer and more patriotic than it has ever been. If we want to continue as a country, we need to keep close and never drift apart. If we do that, no problem will ever be too big for our country.

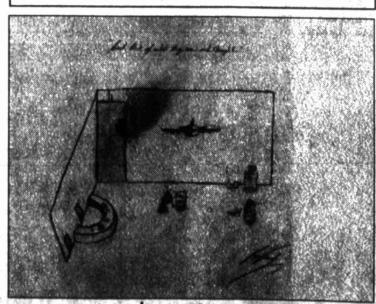


Cory Clanton, Coahoma Junior High

Twin Towers

The day that it happened, I fell into shock, I could not believe what my brown eyes saw I fell into grieve of what had happened The whole U.S. stopped in their tracks The sight of it was horrible, most the people dead Whoever would do such a thing, must be sick in the

The wonderful Twin Towers torn to shreds I fill sorry for the people that were in them doing there jobs minding there own business It was a horrible day seeing the horrible sight The U.S. will never be the same again I hope it will never happen To this beautiful country again Justine Cline



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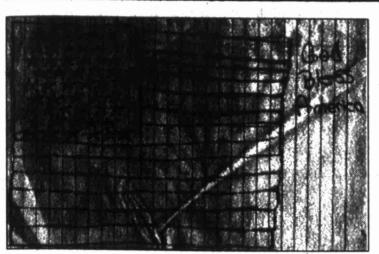
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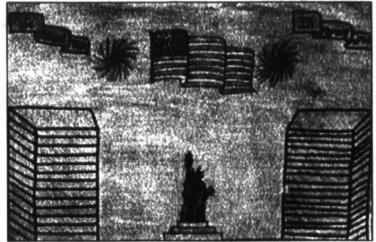
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How could you Children with o Moms and Dads Husbands with: Wives with no h And now I sit do and ask myself How could you Why did you do Kayla Brownfiel Coahoma Junior

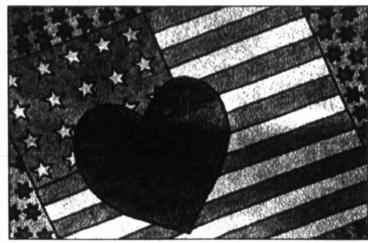




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You Can Dare But Never Compare You can dare But never compare. You can laugh and taunt And think you will never get caught. You are proud for what you did You hurt every single kid. You say no way But you will pay. We are united and guided, We are America Rebecca McEndree

Just Begun Osama Bin Laden you son of a gun You think you have a cool gun You think it was fun Well wait we're not quite done Osama this war has just begun Blaine Kerby Coahoma Junior High

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The Great Awakening II On September 11, 2001 New York was shaken through and through, Two airplanes hit the "Twin Towers," They were brought down by terrorist pow-The people who were there were scared for hours,

Today people fly hoping they won't die. Scariest thing to see People falling like leaves on a tree, With America being free and homey who would have thought bombs were com-

TV being the thing that it is, That was the thing that me see What the world can actually be. The world is a scary place But things will get better with prayer and grace.

Xavier Gonzales Coahoma Junior High

Twin Towers When the Twin Towers fell, My heart fell as well. We didn't know what to expect, It's OK because your fall is next. We will send our soldiers fighting, to bring Bin Laden out of hiding. America is strong, America is brave, We'll get you back for that day. Brandon Hildebrand Coahoma Junior High

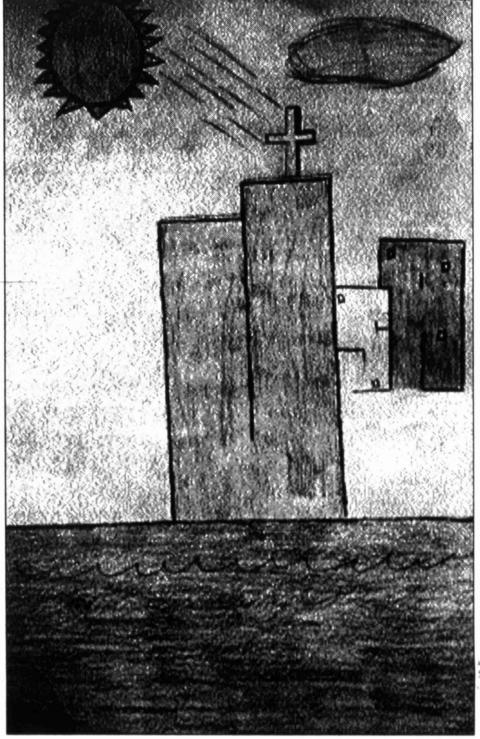
The Proud Towers Once there were two towers Protruding through the smog Until that freak Bin Laden Smashed them like a hog It was a dastardly deed that can't But many people in this world want to Punch him in the face. Tyler Tucker Coahoma Junior High

The people who did this are really bad. Don't you care about what you did? Can't you see people are dead? Thousands are missing; thousands are gone; The victims are hurt, The families are sad, People are working from dusk to dawn. Some people are jealous of our powers, So they went and blew up the World Trade Towers. No matter what you say, no matter what you do These people are grieving thanks to you. We won't let you go we won't let you stay, Osama, soon it'll be your day to get blown away. Cody Price Coahoma Junior High

You left us with loved one's dead People who lived hurt September 11, 2001, was a day of sorrow, a day that will be in history

You may think we are weaker But all we are is a stronger country Many people ask, How could you why did you Children with one or no parents Moms and Dads with a child lost Husbands with no wives Wives with no husbands And now I sit down and ask myself the same questions How could you do this? Why did you do this? Kayla Brownfield Coahoma Junior High





Matt Vandeerpool, Big Spring Jnior High

Micah Harrison Forsan High School

On September 11, 2001, the lives of the American people changed. Those of us who watched the towers burn on the television had our lives changed, those of us who were in the building had our lives changed, and those of us who ran into the building to save others had our lives changed. September 11, 2001, is a day that will never change.

It has been close to a year since the tragedy happened, and I still remember it quite well. It was just like any other day. Wake up for school, shower, get dressed and before I know it I'm standing in front of the school. I remember laughing and cutting up with other kids, like always. I remember going to first period doing the usual school agenda. After first period, I went to my locker and took out my books for the next period.

I then remember waiting outside my second period door. My second period teacher was walking side by side with the principal, both with sad and dismayed faces. The normal for these two men was happy uplifting faces that made you smile. Today was different and I could tell something was terribly wrong.

Our teacher opened the door to the classroom with no words spoken. We entered realizing something had happened. As we took our seats, nothing was said by the teacher or any of us. For a few minutes we sat in silence until our teacher turned on the radio. We then heard sirens, people yelling, and news reporters speaking of planes crashing into the World Trade Center. After a while, he switched the radio to off and explained to the best of his knowledge what had happened.

We all sat there in a confused and shocked manner. The rest of second period was spent in a sort of question and answer session, in which questions such as who, why and how were asked. When the bell rang to release us from second period, we went out into the hall where word had already been spread. Some kids looked scared, some sad, and as always, those who made outrageous statements and jokes about serious issues were making their statements.

Third and fourth period carried on in the usual manner. but in a mode I cannot explain with words. As the bell rang to release us for lunch, I remember looking at a television screen. Footage of two towers billowing with smoke was playing. This had not happened in my hometown, but in my home country, and it sent a cold shiver down my spine. I knew something terribly wrong had happened, and I was scared.

The rest of the day went by in pretty much of a blur. There was an occasional stop by the office to see if anything further had occurred, but pretty much a blur. One thing later that day that still stands out to me though. I remember being released early from football that day. What I remember from this early release was my coach telling me the reason we were going home was to be with our families because that's who we needed to be with. I did this and found an empty home awaiting me. When my parents finally came home, they told me to fill up on gas since this had happened. I did as told and when I pulled up into the gas station, I was in the longest line I had ever seen. Again, a cold shiver shot down my spine, and again, I was scared.

The biggest impact this event had on my life is simple. I

go to bed every night thinking "what next," not just about tragedies like this, but my life. This event made me realize a family member, a friend, or even I could go at anytime, so what am I going to do next?

Felicia Osburn

Forsan High School

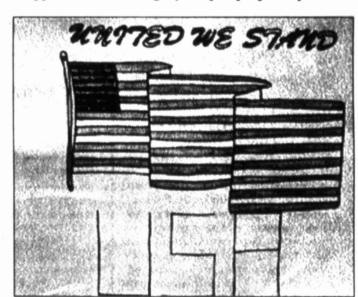
Every one in the United States is aware of what happened on September 11, 2001. It is a day that will stay engraved in our hearts forever. I believe my feelings about September 11th are the same as any 16 year old, and that is fear.

The day of September 11th started like any other one would. I woke up and began getting ready for school. I arrived at my first class just as the tardy bell rang. The day went on, and I did not know a thing about what was going on outside the walls of Forsan High School. The news finally hit my ears about sixth period. My first thought was - "Oh, that is terrible," and then went on with my day. However, as I started to think about it a little more, the truths of the whole matter finally hit me. Our lives were forever changed. They changed in well over one way.

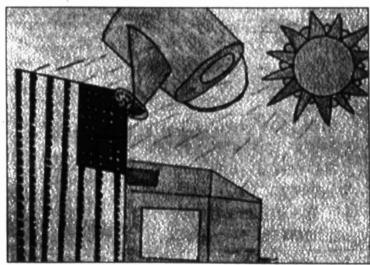
The lives of our firemen have drastically changed. Every time a fireman is in sight, one can see how he is greatly appreciated. We wave to them and shake their hands because they are our heroes. I think of how the firemen's families must feel every time they go to work. It is not like the warmth of Christmas time, that is for sure. A friend of my family is a firefighter in Big Spring, and I know that I worry about him frequently. I always think of what could happened to him, or what might have happened to him had the planes crashed into Big Spring. Though I know the chance of that happening is nearly impossible, there is the thought of it all. Firemen from around the United States now get the recognition they should have received long ago.

I also think more of my family since September 11th. Quite a few people lost someone that devastating morning that never knew how much that person was loved. Most of the people trapped in the buildings did not even get to say good-bye to their loved ones. Every time I leave my house, I make sure I tell everyone that I love them. It is that uncertainty of not knowing when they will leave this world is that is frightening to me. My family means a great deal to me, and I do not know what I would do without them. My brother is like my guardian angel in disguise, and my parents are always there when I need them. My family is among my top priorities in life.

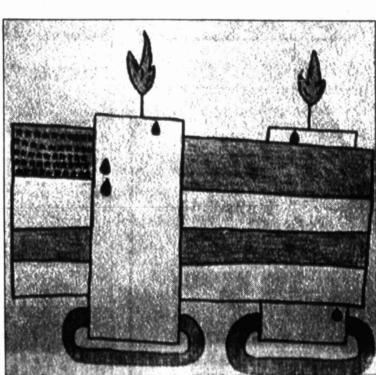
September 11th brought about many changes. I am more aware of my surroundings, I have more respect for firemen, and I pay more attention to my family I suppose it takes a tragedy to open peoples eyes character



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ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** Follow the crowds. Attend meetings. Be available to friends. You might hear more than you want from a partner, but look at this information as knowledge. You will deal with someone else in a more sensitive manner as a result. Tonight: E-mail someone at a distance or make a call.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** Take a stab at doing something different at work. A boss appreciates your innovative streak. Extremes pull you in other directions. Worry less, and remain confident that you have the necessary energy. A partner might need you to readjust your plans. Tonight: Catch up with an older relative.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Take an overview. A lot could be dropped on your plate. Your imagination takes you in a new direction if you just let it happen. Make a decision involving a partner or a child. If single, accept an invitation that could lead to meeting new people. Tonight: Seek out important information.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Work with individuals. Look at each person independently. You'll get a better idea of what is going on at work and within a project, where others need

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Defer to those around you. Others ask for more than usual. Speak your mind clearly when you have had enough. Discussions prove to be animated and informative. What starts out as serious could end up as a real romp if you let it. Know what you're doing before you plunge in. Tonight: Go along with plans.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Proceed on a nice and easy level when dealing with associates. Your instincts help you zero in on what you feel is significant. Consider doing something healing for others, if not yourself. A change of pace fits the bill. Tonight: Put your feet up.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** You speak your mind in a manner that others can hear. You can make a difference. Mobilize your imagination in a conversation in which you want to leave your mark. Don't do anything halfway right now. Tonight: Enjoy a special friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** Follow your instincts with someone you consider close to your heart. Sometimes you push way too hard to have things tumble your way. Others might react just to oppose you, not because they thought through their responses. Tonight: Happy at home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Express yourself in a more exact manner. Others listen and ask questions. You might be particularly good in a group setting or teleconferencing. You're able to incorporate many different points of view. You reverse direction. Tonight: At one of your favorite places.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 Jan. 19) **** Information finally heads your way. You might have to sort through a substantial amount of paperwork. Sift out the important details. Reach out for a boss or higher-up who might have even more facts and needed details.

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meal. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Verbalize your thoughts, but be careful to express sometimes-oblique ideas as simply as possible.

Keep communication as your goal. Don't show off or let another think you're trying to outdo him or her. Explain as much as you can. Tonight: You draw many to you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ** Do a lot of observing and listening right now. You could be overwhelmed by everything that goes on. An individual might not be

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Tot's affection has mom worried

Dear Annie: My husband and I have three daughters under the age of 10. Our youngest, the 5-year-old, is overly affectionate, and we are sick with worry about her behavior. She goes up to complete strangers, especially men, and will hug and kiss them. Yesterday, she went right up to some man at a pizza place and shook his hand and said hello. I'm sure she would have gone anywhere with

We spend lots of quality time with our children and have strong family values. We give them lots of affection. We do not understand why she gravitates to strange men and is so trusting. How can we make her stop? — Nervous New York Parent

Dear Nervous: Your daughter is an affectionate, social child. Unfortunately, in this day and age, that can be dangerous. Explain to her (again and again) that she must not approach people without your permission. Ask the school disrict or the police departcent if they have any helpful suggestions for alerting children to the dangers without frightening them to death. Meanwhile, keep a close eye on her at all times, and ask your older children to do the same.

Dear Annie: Several months after my wife passed away, my neighbor introduced me to a wonderful girl named "Iris." We dated for six months and became quite close. She called me one day to say that her doctor had given her terrible news. She had been diagnosed Parkinson's disease.

Rather than lose this wonderful woman, I offered to help care for her. As her disease progressed, I let her move in with me. After six years, her condition became so bad that I was forced to put her in a nursing home where she could receive round-the-clock care. However, I continue to see her every day and take her out at least twice a month to the movies or to dinner.

My family and friends insist I have done all I can for Iris and should forget about her. They say I am wrecking my chances of finding a suitable mate by tying myself to an invalid. Iris is only 51 years old, and I do not want to abandon her. I also do not want to remain alone forever. Any advice? — In Limbo in

Arizona Dear Limbo: There is no need to abandon Iris in order to date other women. After all, you are not married to her and are breaking no vows. Continue to visit her, and take her out when you can. She is no threat to another woman. In fact, any woman would be foolish not to appreciate your level of commitment

and caring. Dear Annie: I am divorced and have a 4-yearold son. My ex-husband and I share custody of "Shane." We are both now married to other people, and although we are civil, we are not chummy.

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I attend a function and run into people we know, they invariably ask, "Where's Shane?" This seems so rude to me. They know I'm divorced. Do they think I left Shane home alone? Surely it must dawn on them that Shane is with his father. Why do they insist on reminding me that I can't see my child every day?

I was so grateful the day a friend said, "Sorry Shane couldn't come. Maybe we'll see him next time." I could have kissed her. — Mom in the Midwest

Dear Mom: You seem overly sensitive to these remarks. People who inquire after Shane are not trying to be rude or remind you of your divorce. They are simply remembering that you have a son. They don't know Shane is with Dad. He could be with his grandparents, home with a baby sitter or on a camping trip with a friend's family. You need only reply, "He's with his father," to end the speculation.

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Dear N.C.: It's never too late to make up for a wrong. Send a check, along with a note of apology. It will clear your conscience, and your friend will appreciate your honesty.

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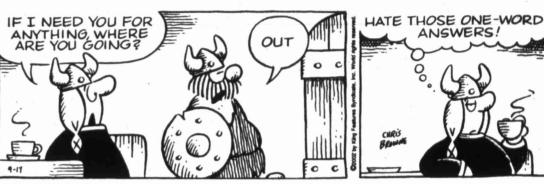
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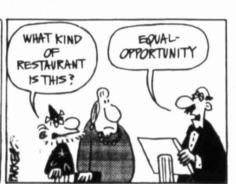


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This Date in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 17, the 260th day of 2002. There are 105 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 17, 1787, the Constitution of the United States was completed and signed by a majority of delegates attending the constitutional convention in Philadelphia.

On this date:

In 1862, Union forces hurled back a Confederate invasion of Maryland in the Civil War Battle of Antietam.

In 1920, the American Professional Football Association — a precursor of the National Football League — was formed in Canton, Ohio.

In 1939, the Soviet Union invaded Poland, more than two weeks after Nazi Germany launched its assault.

Forrestal was sworn in as the first Secretary of Defense as a new national military establishment unified America's armed forces In 1948, the United

In 1947, James V.

Nations mediator for Palestine, Count Folke Bernadotte, was assassinated in Jerusalem by Jewish extremists.

In 1962, U.S. space officials announced the selection of nine new astronauts. including Neil Armstrong, who became the first man to step onto the moon.

"MASH" pre-In 1972, miered on CBS TV.

In 1976, NASA publicly unveiled the space shuttle Enterprise at ceremonies in Palmdale, Calif.

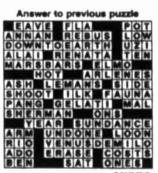
In 1978, after meeting at Camp David, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat signed a framework for a peace

In 1996, former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew died in Berlin, Md., at age

Five years ago: A U.N. helicopter slammed into a fog-shrouded mountain in central Bosnia and burst into flames, killing German

diplomat Gerd Wagner, five

Americans and six others. Today's Birthdays: Actor David Huddleston is 72. Actress Anne Bancroft is 71. Actress Dorothy Loudon is 69. Sen. Charles E. Grassley, R-Iowa, is 69. Actor Paul Benedict is 64. Supreme Court Justice David H. Souter is 63. Singer LaMonte McLemore (The Fifth Dimension) is 63. Actor John Ritter is 54. Singer Fee Waybill is 52. Actress Cassandra Peterson ("Elvira, Mistress of the Dark") is 51. Comedian Rita Rudner is 46.



Newsday Crossword

ACROSS Overcook

5 Ring up 9 Gets rid of

14 Dog in a Stephen King novel

15 Toast topping 16 Ryan or **Tatum**

17 Thick slice

18 H. __ Perot

19 Sounding like a toy piano

20 Skeptic's question 23 Finale

24 Place for the night 25 Tomorrow.

in Tijuana 29 Twinge

31 Prestudent That is: Lat. 35 Greet the

villain 36 Scrabble piece 37 Jaded one's

question 40 Writer Gardner

Elvis Preslev 42 Gullible

43 Spanish king 44 Small insect 45 Author of

Hiroshima 46 Listening device A ways away

question

48 Hamlet

55 Ladder steps Saucy 56 57 Put into a phrase

QUESTIONS by Norma Steinberg Edited by Stanley Newman

59 Not shortened **60** Labyrinth

61 Pictorial

trademark **62** Adolescents 63 Lead player

64 Pack (away)

DOWN 1 Liquid dosage letters

2 Maui dance 3 Slightly open 4 Caftan

5 Ring around the sun

6 One way to read 7 Not as much

8 Come up short

9 Overly fond 10 Workers' group

26 Put on a pedestal 27 Recently

> 29 Navigate 30 Org. 31 Short skirts

Arthur

11 List of

options

12 Stove-top

21 Busybody

22 Wash out

25 Scrooge, e.g.

28 Tennis great

suds

13 Shrewd

utensils

32 French student

33 Donald Duck nephew

35 Wife of Zeus 36 Peter or Ivan 38 Slinky dance

39 Motionless

44 Party attendees

45 Milliner 46 Air rifle

47 La __ del destino (Verdi opera)

48 Melody 49 In the past 50 Turning

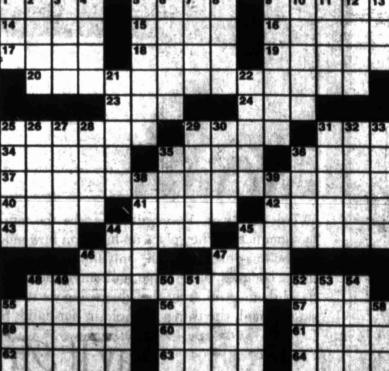
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