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SYMPHONY SEASON START-UP

The Big Spring Symphony season ticket Kick-off will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry. The event is sponsored by the Symphony Guild.

First performance of the symphony will be Oct. 4, with "The Symphony is Tchaikovsky." Others will be Dec. 20, Feb. 28, April 24 and the annual Pops in the Park performance on July 3.

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The Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor has little sisters in towns across America. Placed between 1949 and 1951 as gifts from the Boy Scouts, many of these nearly forgotten statues are today being renovated and restored as Americans take a closer look at this symbol of freedom and democracy.

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NFL Hall of Famer to speak at United Way rally

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Tickets for the Big Spring and Howard County United Way luncheon rally are on sale as more than 300 are expected to turn out for the annual event.

"We're very excited about the campaign this year," said United Way Campaign Chairman Charles Myers. "Even though this summer we've had bad economic news both nationally and locally, Big Spring has always been generous."



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your money

more than ever," he added. The luncheon is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23 and the guest speaker is Don Maynard, a former New York Jets wide receiver and NFL Hall of Fame inductee and a Colorado City high school graduate.

"Don is an inspirational and hilarious speaker," said Cynthia See UNITED WAY, Page 3A

What: United Way of Big Spring and Howard County rally.

Where: Garrett Hall, First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry.

When: 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23.

Admission: Tickets are \$10 each.



Jamie Kent, a member of the Lone Star Brass Quintet, plays to the crowd of Goliad fifth and sixth graders with the assistance of Jesse Soliz, a fifth grader at Goliad, during an educational concert Friday at the Big Spring Municipal Theater.

City is still working out inmate details with the TDCJ

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Texas Department of Criminal Justice inmates involved in the long-running Wilderness Camp program were moved from the Big Spring facility to Colorado City during the Labor Day holiday weekend.



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"They were moved back to the Wallace Unit on Sunday," said Big Spring Code Enforcement Officer Kenny Davis. "We're currently in a transition period, and have been preparing for this for some time now."

The move was made necessary due to cuts to TDCJ budget and work program funding, and has been a major part of consideration in preparing the 2003-2004 Big Spring city budget.

"We've been getting ready for this move for a while now," said Big Spring City Manager Gary Fuqua. "We've made provisions in the upcoming budget to purchase a bus for the inmates, to get them back and forth between here and Colorado City. In the meantime, we're working out the details with TDCJ to keep the program going."

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A CALLING

Presbyterian pastor finding Big Spring to be a perfect fit

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

How is a cat responsible for the First Presbyterian Church gaining a new pastor?

"There was this cat that lived on our front porch (in Seymour) for about three years that we tried to get rid of," said Matthew Miles, who recently moved to Big Spring after serving four years as pastor at a Presbyterian church in Seymour. "My wife started feeding it and we were



MILES

said, so the cat stayed put on the front porch, literally.

"I lived right next door

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looking for its owners because it was spayed and declawed." Adding another pet to the household was out of the question, Miles said.



Big Spring Police Officer Richard Robertson directs traffic away from a two-vehicle accident that occurred at the intersection FM 700 and Birdwell early Tuesday evening. A Mitsubishi driven by Tiffany Paige, 17, of Big Spring was headed eastbound on FM 700 and collided with a Isuzu driven by Jacqueline Moore, 37, of Big Spring headed south on Birdwell. Paige was cited for failure to yield right of way.

Dozens of services to be offered at Canterbury's annual health fair

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Bone density and cholesterol testing will be just some of the numerous free health care services available during the Canterbury Retirement Homes health fair Saturday.

"We're going to have a lot of different business here represented by someone at a table to give information about their services," said JoAnne

What: Canterbury Retirement Homes Health Fair.

Where: Canterbury Retirement Homes, 1700 Lancaster.

When: 9 a.m. Saturday.

Hyer, Canterbury's executive director.

Beginning at 9 a.m., area health agencies will be offering free screenings for vision, hearing, glucose and diabetes

while pharmacy and security counseling will be offered throughout the event. The health fair continues until 3 p.m.

"Texoma Mobility is going to give away a motorized wheel chair and a chair lift for those who sign up for the drawing at their table," Hyer added.

Canterbury is located at 1700 Lancaster and there is no charge to attend the

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55 Alive driver safety course begins Thursday

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Spring City Senior Center and the American Association of Retired Persons have scheduled a 55 Alive driver safety course beginning Thursday.

The program will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday and Friday. A lunch break is included.

The program was developed as a refresher course for drivers age 50

and older. It will be taught by a trained volunteer. In addition to reviewing the rules of the road, it will include how to compensate for age-related declines in physical and perceptual ability.

Those who attend both days will receive a certificate good for an automobile insurance discount. There is a \$10 fee for materials. To enroll, go by the Senior Center or call 267-1628.

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Scott, United Way executive director. "Even if you've never heard of him, \$10 for a meal and to hear someone of his caliber — that's worth it."

During his 17-year career as a professional football player, Maynard played under the likes of coach Vince Lombardi and helped the Joe Namath-quarterbacked Jets to a Super Bowl win in 1969.

Tickets can be purchased at the United Way office, 808 Scurry St., or

at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. Third St. The annual luncheon will be held at the First United Methodist Church Garrett Hall, 400 Scurry.

The United Way supports 14 area agencies which are the American Red Cross, West Texas Chapter; Boy's Club of Big Spring; Buffalo Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America; Council on Aging; Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center; Howard County Humane Society; Isaiah 58; Northside Community Center; Salvation Army; Victim Services; Westside Community Center; Westside Day Care Center; West Texas Girl Scout Council; and the YMCA of Big Spring.

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health fair.

Other organizations that have signed up to participate include the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center in Odessa, Medic Alert of Arlington, Wal-Mart Vision Center, Hearing Technology of Odessa and Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

In Home Care, Best Home Care, Intrepid USA, Odyssey Healthcare, Rx Services, Medical Arts Home Care, Pro 2, Area Agency on Aging, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, SMMC Senior Circle, Marcy House, Carriage Inn, the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas Veterans Nursing Home, Home Hospice, West Texas Opportunities, Texas Department of Human Services, Wilson Massage Therapy and Reflections are also slated to have informational booths at the fair.

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Davis said the details surrounding the future of the work program are still unclear, but there is a good chance it could work in the city's favor.

"In the past we've had 27 inmates working through the program," said Davis. "It looks like we might have 30 once everything is worked out."

"We're still very excited about the program. Back when it first started, we had to put in project requests, and that will essentially be the system we'll be moving to now. Things are looking very positive at this point."

Fuqua said increasing the number of inmates



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involved in the program is something they are taking into consideration.

"We're trying to get a bus that goes beyond the capacity of just 30 prisoners," said Fuqua. "That way, if we are able to increase the number of inmates working here in Big Spring, we'll be ready for that aspect of transporting them."

Fuqua said there were no inmates working in the city Tuesday following their move back to

Colorado City, but arrangements are being made to make their absence as short as possible.

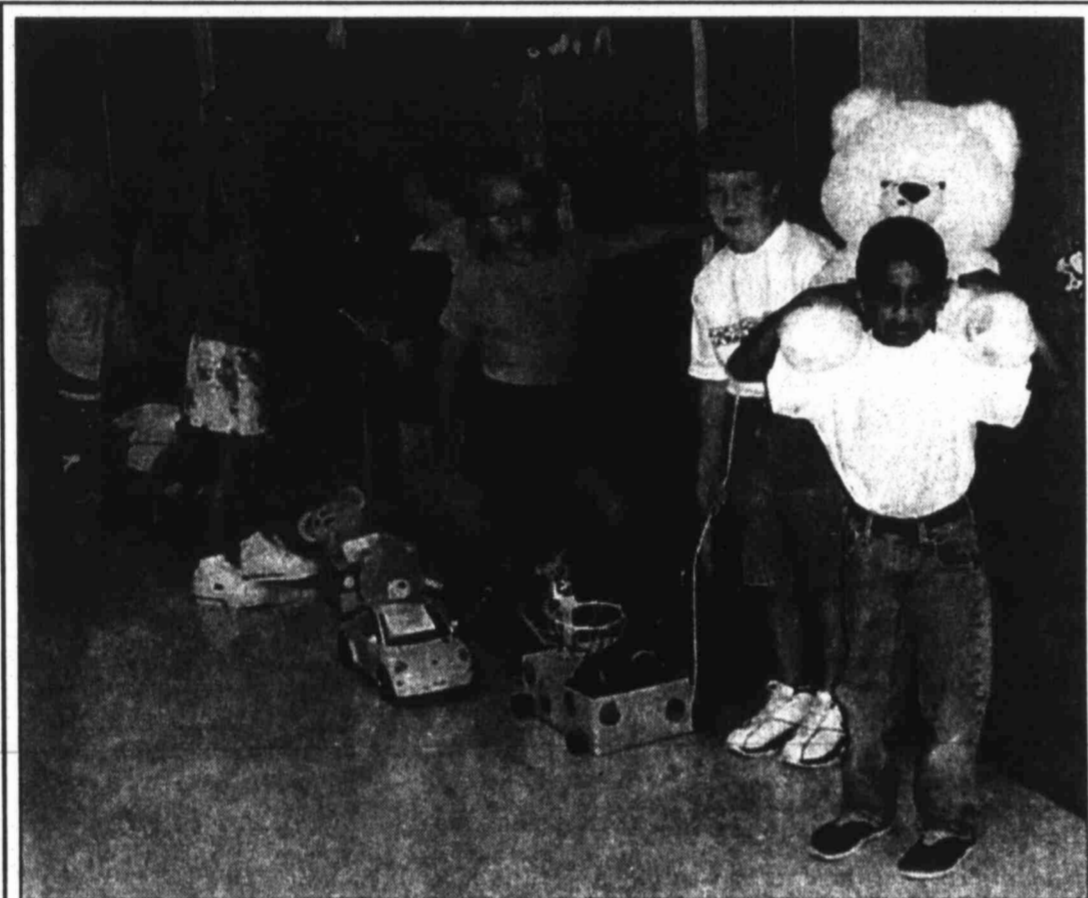
"TDCJ will provide transportation for them this week, and we're talking to Cornell Corrections about possibly borrowing a bus from them if we have to," said Fuqua. "If the number of inmates to be transported is small enough, we also have some vans we can use to transport them. Plans are being put in place to make sure the project continues."

According to Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen, two cents of the currently proposed three-cent tax hike will be used to purchase transportation for the prisoners and pay for the project where the TDCJ

budget falls short.

"(The offender program's) tremendously important because we have a labor force that is very cost-effective for us," McEwen said. "We are able to do projects we would not be able to do otherwise. The offender program has been one of the great boons to our community. To be honest with you, two cents of the tax increase is to go specifically to the retention of the offender program."

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Paula Brooks' first grade class at Moss Elementary parade through the halls and classrooms during their Teddy Bear Parade. Students provided their own teddy bears for the event, and built miniature floats mainly from shoe boxes.

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If you choose to transfer care to a local practitioner, Dr. Manuel Carrasco is available at Covenant Malone & Hogan Clinic. Dr. James Huston will also be available late summer upon his return from military reserve duty. Dr. Steve Ahmed and Dr. Jose Chavez are available to continue the care of pediatric patients at Covenant Malone & Hogan Clinic. Kim Shafer, RN, FNP-C will be available to see patients in Dr. Ahmed's office. These practitioners plan to continue practicing in Big Spring.

For medical record requests or to transfer care to one of the above physicians, please call 432-267-6361.

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to the church building," he recalled. "I would walk over to the church and it would follow me and sit on that porch until I came home. Then it would walk with me (back home). It never got into the street and for three years it never left the porch."

In March, the couple began to seriously talk about accepting an offer by the First Presbyterian Church congregation in Big Spring to take over the pastorship.

"(Matthew's wife) Stessa said 'what are we going to do with the cat if we leave?'" Miles said. "We never saw the cat again."

The feline saga was just one of a hundred "coincidences" that convinced Miles he was being called by God to Big Spring.

The son of a Presbyterian minister who served in Fort Stockton, Miles said "I cut my teeth on the Presbyterian pews" but fought against his calling to become a minister for a number of years.

"I graduated college from Sul Ross University," he said. "I had three options. One was to become a flight nurse, one was to continue working toward a Ph.D. in English and the last was seminary. Seminary felt right, so here we are."

There were some stops along the way before seminary including a stint in East Texas while Miles tried to seek a direction.

Hundreds of books on religion line Miles' office, a testimony to his years in seminary in Austin. Among the volumes are both Greek and Hebrew translations of the Bible.

Miles uses both when preparing his sermons.

Following his graduation from seminary, Miles was offered the pastorship in Seymour. Now he's getting use to a much bigger town.

"It's a good south West Texas ranching town," he said. "The people are the kind of people I'm used to dealing with. It's bigger than I've ever thought I would live in but it has its conveniences here and .. as a father of 10-week-old twins, that's fresh on my mind."

When Miles moved to Big Spring in late July he found several familiar

faces among the congregation including Marg Carpenter, an elder in the church who is involved with Presbyterian denomination on the national and international level.

"Matter of fact, Marg Carpenter is the only one who can get away with calling my 300-pound father little Jimmy Miles," Miles cracked. "She was his Sunday school teacher in Pecos when he was a little kid."

He is also excited to be serving in Big Spring. "This church has been a mainstay Big Spring ... for a long time and it has had some powerful pastors," Miles said.

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

-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Pleased to see Howard Cottage is being kept open

We are glad to see that Howard College is working diligently to keep its daycare program, Howard Cottage, open. In doing so, the college affirms its commitment to the community.

In the past, we have lauded the college for its efforts outside the traditional classroom. These include utilizing the coliseum for community events such as the health fair, public forums and the like, to allowing various service organizations to hold their weekly meetings in rooms at the student union building. Its close association with the Workforce Network has benefited local businesses and provided job training for hundreds of potential employees.

There are many other examples — the dental fair for youth and Kid's College quickly come to mind — of how the college has answered the needs of the community.

And that's how we feel about Howard Cottage — a daycare system that allows students and the community to place their children in a safe, controlled atmosphere while they go to school or work.

The program has consistently lost money during the few years that it has been in operation. There is no doubt though, that it has benefited the college in other ways — perhaps by allowing a single parent to attend classes and receive an education they may not have gotten any other way. Or to allow a valued employee an opportunity to continue working.

In order to keep the program going, administrators have had to raise fees. We realize that is an extra hardship on some parents, but it is still better than the alternative — closing the program down.

Now, trustees and administrators are seeking some type of funding for a new center for the child care program. It will have to be moved, making way for a privately-funded visual and performing arts center. Hopefully, the funds for the daycare can be secured.

After all, it is these young children — 18 months to 4 years old — who in all too short a time, will themselves be attending Howard College.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we seek your kingdom and righteousness as we walk through this life.

Amen

Scootin' around on a Cushman

Martin and Jane Stafford have six restored Cushman motor scooters, which were popular in the 1930's, 40's and 50's.

John got his first Cushman when he was eleven years old.

"It was a Cushman Super Eagle and had an eight horsepower engine," says Martin. "That was lots of machine for a boy who weighed around 80 pounds. It had a kick starter with so much compression I could hardly start it. When I finally did get it started I never killed the engine until I ran out of gas. I rode and rode it. I grew up riding Cushmans."

Cushman motor scooters stopped being made in 1964. Japanese imports were cheaper and outperformed the Cushmans. In the sixties a Cushman cost around six hundred dollars, about double the cost of an import.

Jane started riding Cushmans several years ago. Early on, she had a wreck on one and broke some bones. "That was my initia-

tion to Cushmans," she says with a chuckle. "I was only going about ten miles an hour."

Martin and Jane are modifying Cushmans. "They used to have a top speed of 45 miles an hour," says Jane. "Now they run up to 85, depending on the motor they have in them." Jane is a school teacher and Martin farms, but they always have time for Cushman activities. Both are directors of the South Plains Area Cushman Club.

"My scooter sat in the barn for years, neglected," says Martin. "One day a friend of mine from Lamesa called me and told me about the Texas Cushman Club and how people were restoring their old motor scooters and riding them again. I just got plumb excited. I got my scooter out of the barn and cleaned it up, overhauled the engine, polished it up and put new tires and seat cover on it. It's like it was when I rode it as a youngster. I started restoring scooters from then on. A good restored Cushman is worth \$5,000."

Every second weekend in August, Loop has a scooter meet. This year will be the 14th meeting of the South Plains Area Cushman Club. Up to fifty scooters are expected from as far away as San

Angelo, Abilene and New Mexico. Next year to mark the 15th anniversary of the club, members plan to ride their scooters from Loop to Andrews. Both the state and national Cushman Clubs will have a joint meeting in Wichita Falls next year.

Cushmans were designed for young people to ride around town. They weren't made for distance or speed, but mostly to enjoy. Kids used to ride them to school. They didn't need to have a drivers' license for a Cushman.

The first Cushman scooter rolled out of the factory in Lincoln, Nebraska in 1936. The idea sprang from a youngster who came to the factory riding a scooter with a washing machine engine on it. The Cushman company manufactured small engines for farm machinery and boats, then added the scooter line, producing 10,000 scooters a year. They were used in World War Two.

"Sometimes you'd see stacks of old scrapped Cushmans in cycle shops," says Martin. "Now there's sort of a revival of the old things." The national Cushman club has 5,000 members.

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Encourage immigrants to learn English

Immigration and language are once again stealing center stage in California politics. The state, which is home to the largest Hispanic population in the country, is also the birthplace of national movements to make English the official language, to eliminate bilingual education and to cut off benefits to illegal immigrants. Now, Arnold Schwarzenegger finds himself in the midst of a brewing controversy about his positions on both language and immigration, which could turn into key issues in the campaign for governor.

I met Schwarzenegger in the late 1980s, when I was president of U.S. English, a public policy advocacy group that supports a constitutional amendment to make English the official language of government in the United States. Like millions of other Americans, Schwarzenegger had responded to a fund-raising solicitation from U.S. English, and my predecessor had invited him to join an honorary board of advisors along with such other luminaries as Walter Cronkite and Alistair Cook. In 1988, Schwarzenegger attended an event in Los Angeles to meet U.S. English members and donors. I found him bright, charming and very committed to the proposition that English is the key to success for immigrants who come to the United States, a common-sense view that most Americans share.

Democrats in California now want to use Schwarzenegger's association with U.S. English and his support for Proposition 187, which would have denied welfare

and schooling to illegal immigrants, as proof that he is anti-Hispanic. Unlike Schwarzenegger, I am no fan of "Prop. 187" (as it became known). I spoke out against it at the time and agreed with the opinion of a federal court that declared the measure unconstitutional.

Nonetheless, I don't think that supporting Prop. 187 means you're necessarily anti-Hispanic or even anti-immigrant. Some 59 percent of Californians voted for the initiative out of frustration that illegal aliens were taking advantage of the welfare system and diluting resources that should go to legal residents of the state. I doubt many of those who voted for the initiative, including Schwarzenegger, understood that one of the provisions — denying public education to the children of illegal aliens — was blatantly unconstitutional given an earlier Supreme Court decision (Plyler v. Doe) on the same issue involving a Texas statute.

But what about Schwarzenegger's affiliation with U.S. English? Some stories have reported, accurately, that I resigned as president of the organization when I discovered that the founder of the group had once circulated a private memorandum that was both anti-Hispanic and anti-Catholic. The memo alleged that the influx of so many Catholic immigrants from Latin America and Asia was going to alter the demographics of the country because of their higher birthrates, so that, in his words, "For the first time in history those of us with our pants up will be caught by those with their pants down." A number of prominent members of the board of advisors resigned when I did, but Schwarzenegger apparently did not step down. So does that mean

Schwarzenegger agreed with the memo or supported its views? I highly doubt it — my guess is he was oblivious to the controversy.

In fact, the man who wrote the memo, John Tanton, resigned a few days after I did. In short order, so did the board of directors — who were the actual policymakers for the group, as opposed to the honorary advisory board on which Schwarzenegger sits. None of the original founders, directors or staff is even associated with U.S. English today.

Supporting English as the national language, and encouraging immigrants to learn English, isn't anti-Hispanic or anti-immigrant. The only reason the United States has successfully integrated so many millions of immigrants over the last 150 years is precisely because we have a common language and culture. Poles, Greeks, Italians, Jews and others learned English and came to think of themselves as Americans, which allowed them to quickly move into the cultural and economic mainstream.

The key to success for today's Hispanic immigrants is to follow the same path. Ironically, the biggest impediment to this natural process is government policy, which promotes Spanish-language instead of English instruction for Hispanic children and Spanish-language services for adults. As governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger could help turn around these policies and make the American Dream a reality for California Hispanics.

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Departing Democrat could give GOP its quorum

AUSTIN (AP) — One Senate Democrat left his boycotting colleagues in New Mexico and returned to Texas, a move that could give Republicans the quorum they need to again push a congressional redistricting plan.

Sen. John Whitmire, a Houston Democrat, said he isn't abandoning the redistricting fight that has occupied two special legislative sessions. But he said he'll wage the battle in Texas.

It ultimately will be fought on the Senate floor and be decided in court, Whitmire said in Houston after stepping off a plane Tuesday night. He said he wants to unite both sides in the partisan standoff. "I am concerned about

what this will do to the state Senate. The Senate has suffered greatly from this division. We can repair that," said Whitmire, the longest-serving member of the chamber.

Whitmire secretly spent the Labor Day in Houston. He returned to Albuquerque, N.M., briefly Tuesday to meet with the other 10 Democratic senators who have been blocking a quorum and halting Texas Senate business.

"After being in my district for five days, I have concluded my constituents are opposed to redistricting, but they also believe the fight should be on the Senate floor," Whitmire said.

In New Mexico, his fellow Democrats expressed deep disappointment. Some said they were especially upset to have learned about Whitmire's decision through news reports and not from Whitmire himself.

Sen. Juan Hinojosa, D-McAllen, said Whitmire "gave us no notice and just dropped us in the grease."

"He fled in the middle of the night. Call it what you want it to be, he did a good Houdini act," said Sen. Mario Gallegos, a Houston Democrat.

Other senators thought Whitmire was going to Louisiana, not Texas, for the weekend, said Democratic Sen. Judith Zaffirini of Laredo.

The Democrats said they will now weigh all their options and noted they still have a federal court case pending. But having one lawmaker break away and return to Texas means their so-far successful quorum bust could dissipate should Republican Gov. Rick Perry decide to call another special session on redistricting.

Perry hasn't said when he might call one. Calls placed to his office Tuesday night by The Associated Press were not immediately returned.

The last special session ended Aug. 26 after 30 days. The "Texas 11," as the boycotting senators called themselves, stayed in New Mexico the entire

month. With their absence, the 11 Democrats prevented the 31-member Texas Senate from having enough lawmakers present to vote on a bill. Two-thirds of the chamber must be there.

In New Mexico, the senators were across the state line so they couldn't be arrested by Senate sergeant-at-arms or other Texas law officers and forced to come back to the Capitol.

Whitmire said he didn't expect Perry to call another session immediately and that he didn't expect to be arrested to be returned to the Capitol this week, at least.

"I do not intend to be apprehended," Whitmire

said as a group of about five Houston police officers stood guard over the news media scene at the airport when he arrived.

Republicans want to draw new congressional boundaries because they say the existing districts, under which Democrats hold a 17-15 advantage in the Texas congressional delegation, don't reflect the state's increasingly Republican voting trends.

Democrats want to keep the congressional districts as they are.

The Senate Democrats fled to New Mexico on July 28 in two private planes just as Perry was about to call a second consecutive special session on congressional redistricting.

Eating right: Going overboard on the weekend

By Sally Squires

The Washington Post Overloaded? That's what a lot of Americans are feeling after getting into caloric mischief during the Labor Day weekend.

Nor are holiday weekends an exception: Overindulgence has become so common, according to a study published in August in the journal Obesity Research, that weekend overeating routinely begins on Friday and continues through Sunday night.

"We really now see a three-day weekend every week in terms of eating," says Barry Popkin, professor of nutrition at the University of North Carolina School of Public Health and lead author of the study. "That was a surprise."

The study, which is based on a large nutritional survey collected by the U.S. Department of Agriculture from 1994 to 1996, found that on average Americans consume about 82 more calories a day from Friday to Sunday than they do on Monday to Thursday. That equals roughly 250 additional calories each week. "That may not sound like a lot," Popkin says. "But over the course of a year, that works out to an extra five pounds."

Topping the list of heavy eaters are adults ages 19 to 50, who consume an average of 115 extra calories per weekend day, the study found. Those 51 and older average about 74 calories more per day on weekends, while children and teens consume "really trivial amounts" more, Popkin says—only about 18 to 30 calories additional per day. Alcohol and fat account for nearly all the added calories consumed by adults on weekends.

Here's what you can do to help thwart caloric overindulgence on the weekends:

— Boost physical activity. Just as there's extra time to eat on the weekends, there's extra time to work out. So use some time to compensate for the additional calories. A 30-minute walk will burn roughly 125 calories—equivalent to the extra calories consumed on a weekend day. Take a walk each day and you'll stay even—just don't use the walk as an excuse to eat even more.

— Drink alcohol with meals, not before them. The study found that alcohol accounted for about half the additional weekend calories. "Alcohol is hard to leave out on the weekend," Popkin says. "It's clearly an important part of socialization." So sip wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages—but

imbibe with dinner, instead of as a cocktail before eating.

— Have healthy snacks ready to grab. Sweet and savory flavors were among the biggest temptations for people in the study. Both types of snacks often come loaded with fat. So place fresh fruit near the front of the refrigerator where it's easy to spot when you're

foraging. Have other lower-calorie substitutes ready to nosh. A meringue cookie, for example, has about 15 to 20 calories vs. anywhere from 120 to 400 calories for a chocolate chip cookie. Get a salty fix from your own quick antipasto of olives, baby carrots and cherry tomatoes. Or make a savory snack with dried fruit, whole grain cereal,

slivered nuts and even a few chocolate chips.


— Pay extra attention to portion size. Yes, restaurants dish out huge portions, but a previous study by Popkin found that consumers do the same thing at home. Measure portions before sitting down to eat. Place food on a plate and then take it to the table. Avoid family-style eating where

platters of food can undermine portion sizes and encourage mindless eating.

— Track what you eat. Even if you don't record what you eat during the week, doing so on the weekend can help keep you more mindful of what you're consuming. Stop to record food before you eat it to help slow consumption.

Bank calories during the week for the weekend. Eat half a bagel instead of a whole bagel one day during the week and save 180 calories to counterbalance nearly two day's worth of extra weekend calories. Or trade your candy bar for a piece of fruit one day per week and save about 200 calories for the weekend.

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IN BRIEF

Softball boosters to meet Sept. 8 at ATC

The Big Spring Lady Steers Softball Booster Club will meet Sept. 8 in the ATC beginning at 7:30 p.m.

All parents are urged to attend and meet new head coach Lea Daggett.

HC cheerleading camp set for Sept. 6

The Howard College cheerleading squad will host its annual mini cheer camp on Sept. 6, at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and cost is \$25. The camp is open to first through eighth graders.

Cheer/dance class run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants are asked to bring a lunch, tennis shoes, a water bottle and place their name on all their belongings.

For more information, call Linda Berry at 264-5024.

BSHS cheerleaders to hold cheer camp

The Big Spring High School cheerleaders will be holding a mini-cheer camp for youths ages 5-13 on Sept. 27.

Registration for the camp will be at the Big Spring Mall on Aug. 30 from noon to 3 p.m. and at Steer Gym on Sept. 4 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The cost for the camp is \$20 per child. Participants will have the opportunity to perform at the varsity football game on Oct. 3.

Youth bowling league sign-up to be Sept. 6

The YABA-sanctioned Youth Bowling League will begin registering bowlers for this season at 10 a.m. on Sept. 6 at the Bowl-A-Rama.

A parent's meeting will be held at 9 a.m.

CGA to hold final event of season

The Chicano Golf Association will be hosting its Grand Champions Tournament on Sept. 6.

All CGA members are eligible to participate. Non-members can also compete for \$25, which includes a meal and post-tournament dance.

Participants will also have a shot at winning a 2003 Chevrolet from Pollard Chevrolet. Any golfer sinking a hole-in-one on hole No. 4 wins the automobile.

For more information or to get a tee time call, Billy Pineda at 264-7116.

HCHS to host golf tournament Sept. 13

The Howard County Humane Society will be hosting the first Dorothy Garrett-Margaret Lloyd Memorial Golf Tournament on Sept. 13 at Big Spring Country Club.

The 4-person scramble is scheduled to start at 1 p.m.

For more information call 267-5354.

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Lady Steers crush Lady Cats, Rangerettes

By TOMMY WELLS
 Sports Editor

GREENWOOD — The Big Spring Lady Steers are finding the Greenwood High School gymnasium more and more to their liking as the season unfolds.

In fact, it might as well be Steer Gym — West as far as the the BSBS volleyball squad is concerned.

Big Spring pounded out its third and fourth wins of the season in Greenwood Tuesday night by downing the San Angelo Central Lady Cats and Greenwood Rangerettes.

Big Spring, which is coming off one of its better finishes in years at the recent San Angelo Invitational, didn't waste any time in putting the Lady Cats on

the defensive, winning in three straight games 25-20, 25-9, 25-20.

Sparked by the attack of outside hitters Ka'Rissa Magers, Shannon Higgins and Leina Braxton, the BSBS girls dealt San Angelo a 25-20 setback in the opening game.

The nightmare became even worse for the Lady Cats in Game 2. The Lady Steers dominated the action and rolled to an easy 25-9 win.

Senior setter Lindsay Phillips, sophomore Carmen Lewis and Stefani Scott all turned in solid efforts in the win.

San Angelo, behind the play of April Varnadore, managed to get on track a bit in the final game of the best-of-five match. The Lady Cats struggled to within 24-29

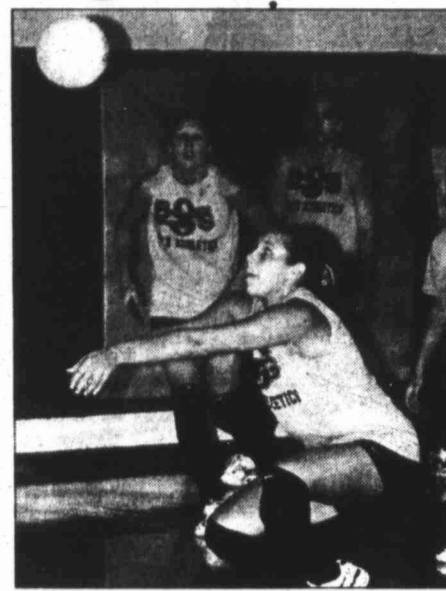
before Magers and the BSBS girls ended the affair.

With the victories, Big Spring improves to 10-4 for the year under first-year head coach Revis Ward-Daggett.

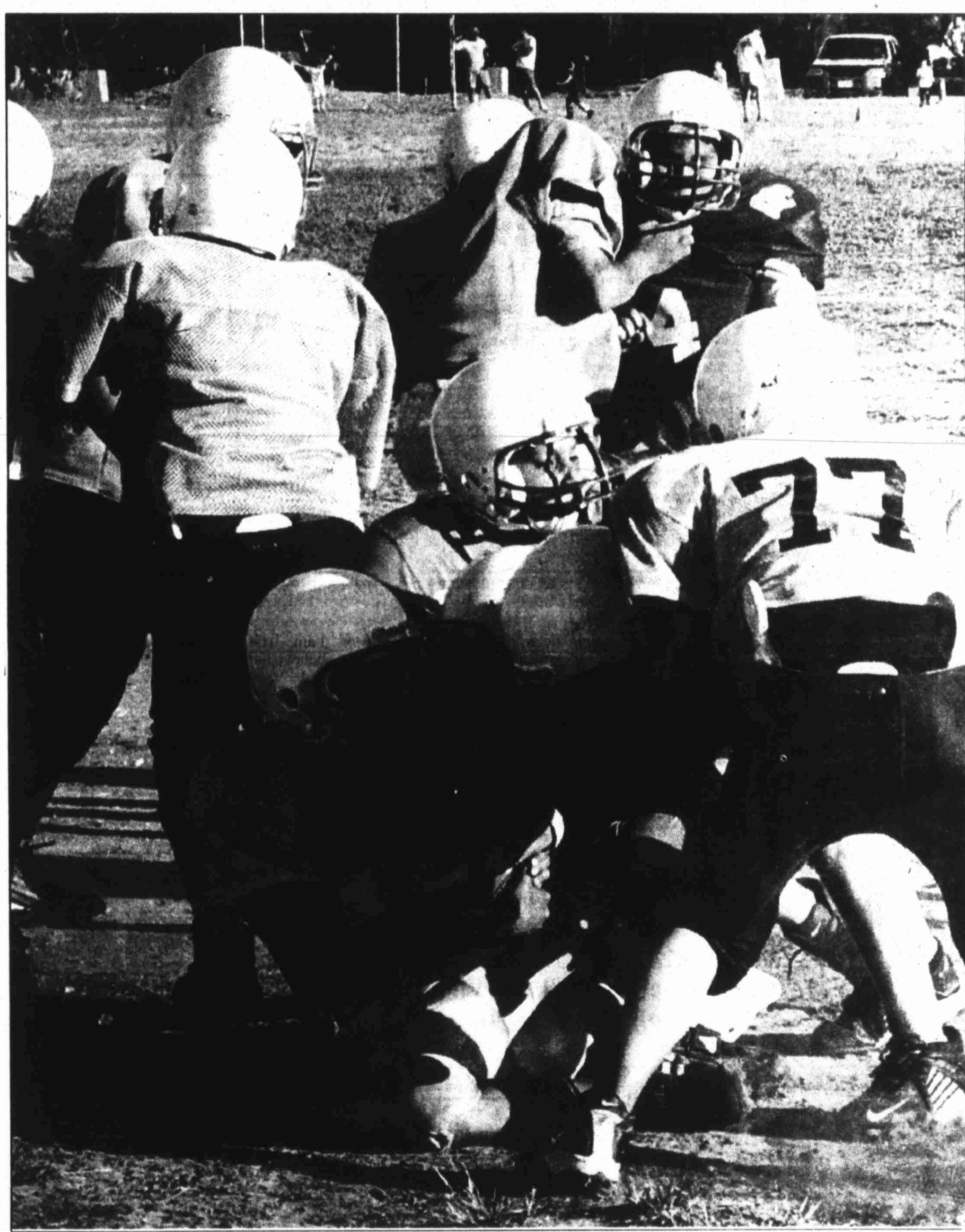
The Lady Steers also defeated Greenwood in the outings, marking the second time in the past two weeks Big Spring has beaten the Rangerettes. No scores were available at press time.

Big Spring will return to action this Friday and Saturday when they participate in the Maiden Invitational Volleyball Tournament in Seminole.

Big Spring's next home appearance will be Sept. 16 when the BSBS junior varsity and varsity square off against Veribest High School.



Herald Photo/Bruce Schoeler
 Big Spring notched wins over Central and Greenwood Tuesday.



Herald Photo/Tommy Wells
 The Cowboys' defense brings down a Steer runner during a scrimmage between the two Crossroads Little Football League teams Tuesday afternoon at Goliad Intermediate School. The Cowboys and Steers are scheduled to open the 2003 CLFL season Saturday afternoon.

Dodgers drop Astros to 2nd in NL Central race

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Eric Gagne set a major league record with his 55th consecutive save, and Fred McGriff hit two homers to give him 491 for his career as the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Houston Astros 4-1 on Wednesday night.

Gagne, in only his second season as a closer, preserved the victory for Wilson Alvarez by retiring the last four batters. He broke Tom Gordon's record, set from April 19, 1998-June 5, 1999, with the Boston Red Sox.

The Astros fell a half-

game back of St. Louis in the NL Central.

Gagne, whose only blown save this season came in the All-Star game, hasn't squandered a lead during the regular season since Aug. 26, 2002, when Arizona's David Dellucci hit a tying RBI double in the ninth inning.

The right-hander leads the majors with 47 saves — the most to begin a season without a miss — after setting a Dodgers franchise record last year with 52 saves in 56 chances.

JV, Frosh Steers to host Permian

The Big Spring High School freshman and junior varsity football teams will try and get on the winning track tomorrow afternoon when they host Odessa Permian at

Memorial Stadium. The freshman game will begin at 5 p.m. The JV will follow at 7.

Both BSBS squads dropped their openers last week to Odessa High.



Herald Photo/Tommy Wells
 Dolphins' Alexandra Ortega attempts to block a ball during Big Spring Youth Soccer Association practice Tuesday. The BSYS season begins Saturday.

Local putters to hit course

By TOMMY WELLS
 Sports Editor

Thanks to the Big Spring Family YMCA, some of the top golfers in the Crossroads will have permission to just putt around all day.

Putt golf enthusiasts will get the chance to show their skills this Sunday afternoon when the 2003 Big Spring Putt Golf Championship gets under way. The 18-hole event, which was rescheduled from last week because of rain, is slated to start at 2 p.m. with a shotgun start at the Big Spring Putt Golf Course on Highway 87 south of the city.

"We want as many people to come out and participate as possible," said YMCA director Pete Thiery. "It should be a lot of fun."

As an added attraction, the tournament will also feature a special Media division in which members from the Big Spring Herald, KBST and KBYG will play against each other.

"I'm all for it," said Herald staff reporter Thomas Jenkins. "I'm going to bring my Tiger Woods game ... I hope."

Also slated to participate from the paper is sports editor Tommy Wells.

Thiery said the event will be divided into three divisions. Players 12 and Under will be grouped into one division, while those from 13-17 and 18 and older will form the other two. The top three participants in each division will receive trophies. Entry fee for the tournament is \$10 per person.

To enter the tournament contact the YMCA at 267-8234.

WHS booster club set to hold golf tourney

The Westbrook Wildcats Booster Club will hold a golf tournament Sept. 13 at Wolf Creek Golf Links in Colorado City. The 3-person scramble will begin at 9 a.m.

The entry fee for the tournament is \$30 plus cart. First, second and third places will be awarded, as well as a Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin winner.

For more information call Abel Alvarez at (325) 728-5514.

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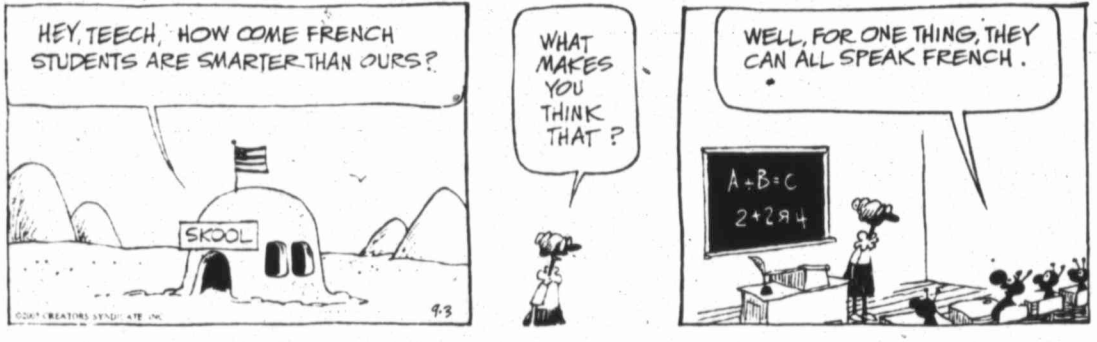
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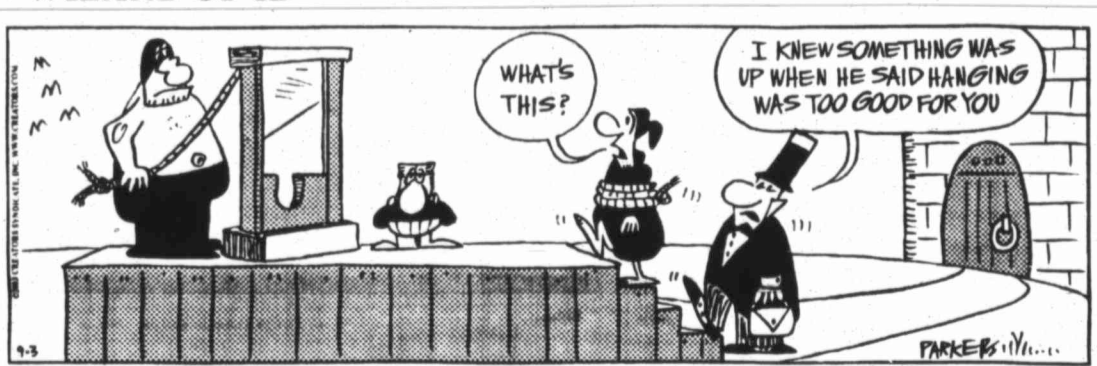
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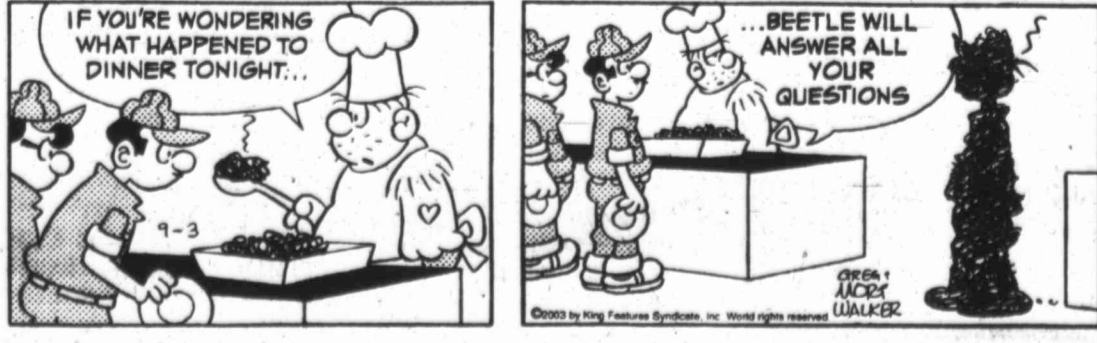
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 3, the 246th day of 2003. There are 119 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 3, 1783, the Treaty of Paris between the United States and Great Britain officially ended the Revolutionary War.

On this date:

In 1189, England's King Richard I "the Lionhearted" was crowned in Westminster.

In 1658, Oliver Cromwell, the Lord Protector of England, died.

In 1939, Britain and France declared war on Germany, two days after the Nazi invasion of Poland.

In 1940, Artie Shaw and his Gramercy Five recorded "Summit Ridge Drive," "Special Delivery Stomp," "Keepin' Myself for You" and "Cross Your Heart" in

Hollywood for RCA Victor.

In 1943, the British Eighth Army invaded Italy during World War II, the same day Italy signed a secret armistice with the allies.

In 1967, Nguyen Van Thieu was elected president of South Vietnam under a new constitution.

In 1967, motorists in Sweden began driving on the right-hand side of the road, instead of the left.

In 1976, the unmanned U.S. spacecraft Viking 2 landed on Mars to take the first close-up, color photographs of the planet's surface.

In 1978, 25 years ago, Pope John Paul I was installed as the 264th pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church.

In 1989, a Cubana de Aviacion jetliner crashed after takeoff in Havana, killing all 126 aboard and 26 people on the ground.

Ten years ago: The Labor Department reported the nation's unemployment rate edged down to a two-year low of 6.7 percent the previous month.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Helen Wagner ("As the World Turns") is 85.

"Beetle Bailey" cartoonist Mort Walker is 80. Country singer Hank Thompson is 78. Actress Anne Jackson is 77. Time magazine contributing editor Hugh Sidey is 76. Country singer Tompall Glaser is 70. Actress Eileen Brennan is 68. Actress Pauline Collins is 63. Rock singer-musician Al Jardine (The Beach Boys) is 61. Actress Valerie Perrine is 60. Rock musician Donald Brewer (Grand Funk Railroad) is 55. Rock guitarist Steve Jones (The Sex Pistols) is 48. Rock singer-musician Todd Lewis is 38. Actor Costas Mandylor is 38. Actor Charlie Sheen is 38. Singer Jennifer Paige is 30. Actor Nick Wechsler is 25.

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Newsday Crossword SILENT SCREEN STARS by D.R. Stark Edited by Stanley Newman

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 - 15 High plateau
 - 16 Wise owl
 - 17 Borodin prince
 - 18 Pool-table covering
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 - 22 Less than
 - 23 Yoko's son
 - 24 Loses fur
 - 25 Straighten
 - 29 Tokyo entertainer
 - 32 More expensive
 - 34 Sugarloaf locale
 - 35 Not phony
 - 39 Ticked off
 - 41 Excite
 - 43 Debatable
 - 44 Response to a rodent
 - 46 Winter wear
 - 47 Dreaming, maybe
 - 50 1936 Olympics hero
 - 51 Beetle Bailey's superior
 - 54 Once around the sun
 - 56 It makes waves
 - 57 Cleopatra star (1917)
 - 62 Zodiac sign
 - 63 Gelatin shaper
- DOWN**
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 - 5 Come up
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 - 7 Crosby or Damone
 - 8 Frau's husband
 - 9 Sneak attack
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 - 12 Demolished
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 - 21 Lou Grant portrayer
 - 25 Grandfather of Enos
 - 26 Late-night host
 - 27 Desdemona's enemy
 - 28 The Kiss star (1929)
 - 30 Sundial numeral
 - 31 Canary's chirping
 - 33 Film holder
 - 36 Icicle place
 - 37 Revival shout
 - 38 Subtraction word
 - 40 Billy Williams
 - 42 Flowers
 - 45 Door feature
 - 48 Treaty ratifier
 - 49 Kitchen gadget
 - 51 Nearest star
 - 52 Base opposites
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