

TUESDAY

September 14, 2004

**WEATHER**

**Tonight:**



**CLEAR**

**TONIGHT TOMORROW**  
 64°-66° 92°-93°

**BRIEFLY**

**TxDOT set to close Birdwell Lane again**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will be closing Birdwell Lane between Third Street and the Interstate 20 south frontage road beginning at 7 a.m. Wednesday.

TxDOT officials said the closure, which should last for about three weeks, is necessary for crews to replace the roadway south of the newly installed bridge across Beals Creek.

The roadway is failing, a TxDOT spokesman said, because unusually heavy rains this year kept the ground too moist for the roadway to "settle in" like it should have.

**Yellow Rose sets Relay fund-raiser**

The Yellow Rose Cafe at Scenic Mountain Medical Center will be serving up waffles and pancakes in a benefit for Relay for Life.

From 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Sept. 24, the cafe will offer pancakes or waffles plus juice, bacon or fresh fruit for \$3. Everyone is invited.

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**Teens to congregate for See You at the Pole Wednesday**

By **KENDRA WISS**

Staff Writer

Students at Big Spring Junior High, Big Spring High School and Howard College are invited to join other students around the Crossroads area and the world in prayer at their school's flag poles at 7 a.m. on Wednesday.

Participating students will be a part of the 15th annual See You at the Pole, a grass-roots prayer event that began in Texas in 1990, bringing students to their school flagpoles to intercede for their leaders, schools and families.

**Wednesday**

7 a.m., See You at the Pole, various school campuses.

7 p.m., Saw You at the Pole, Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

During the past 14 years, millions of young people have lifted their voices, bowed their knees and joined hands to pray for their schools as part of See You at the Pole —

National Day of Student Prayer, asking God to bring moral and spiritual awakening to their campuses and countries.

In 2003, more than 2 million teenagers met for See You at the Pole in all 50 states. Many prayed about the looming war in Iraq. Internationally, students from countries on six continents, including Australia, Canada, Brazil, Germany, Ghana, Ireland, Japan, Kenya, South Korea, Morocco, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Portugal, Romania, Singapore, South Africa and Turkey joined together in prayer.

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**Wind energy capital? Maybe**

*Commissioners grant intent to allow industrial revenue bonds; construction to begin in December*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Speculation over the past several years that Howard County could someday become the "wind energy" capital of Texas seems to be showing a great deal of merit.

Howard County commissioners Monday approved the first part of a resolution that will allow Austin-based PFM (Public Financial Management) to issue industrial revenue bonds to a green-energy producing company interested in building another "wind farm" in the county.

"We felt it was a two-point benefit to us from the standpoint of ecology, and of course bringing an increase in tax revenue for the community," said Commissioner Bill Crooker.

"I see it as a huge opportunity for Howard County," said Commissioner Gary Simer. "It will bring in some big tax revenue, and at this point and time anything in Howard County is a plus."

Grapevine-based Wind-Plus Inc. expects to begin construction on yet another "wind park" in December if the bonds meet final approval, according to David Spalding, the company's business development director.

"We leased the tract of land from Mark Morgan on a 25-year basis," said Spalding. "Our wind power is sold to a business in the Dallas-Fort Worth area that has locations throughout the state with a 10-year contract. We will be contracting with the Danish company

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**County budget approved**

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners put their stamp of approval on the 2004-2005 budget Monday and moved one step closer to finalizing the 3 percent tax hike they voted unanimously on in August.

Following a quick and silent public hearing concerning the budget, which is approximately \$800,000 more than the budget finalized in 2003, commissioners voted unanimously to adopt it.

"I'm very satisfied with the budget," said Commissioner Bill Crooker. "I think we worked really hard and the department heads were very cooperative. Essentially we're holding the line as far as the tax rate is concerned, and I was surprised we were able to do that this year."

"We lucked out in a couple of areas. One of the things that we've done in this budget is reduced our carryover from year to year. So far, we've been able to survive with this."

Total general fund revenues for the 2004-2005 budget are expected to

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Biloxi Sun Herald photo/John Fitzhugh  
**David Branson loads plywood sheets on top of Priscilla Hissa's car in Gulfport, Miss., as residents along the Gulf Coast prepare as Hurricane Ivan moves towards the United States.**

**Coastal residents prepare to flee from Hurricane Ivan**

PANAMA CITY BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Apprehensive coastal residents from Florida's Panhandle to Louisiana started boarding up windows, packing and hitting the road as powerful Hurricane Ivan headed for the Gulf Coast after plowing across Cuba.

A hurricane watch was posted for a 420-mile-long swath from St. Marks in the Florida Panhandle, just south of Tallahassee,

to New Orleans and Morgan City, La.

Five Florida counties urged or ordered residents to leave today, and authorities in Louisiana's St. Charles Parish, located just outside of New Orleans and split by the Mississippi River, called for a mandatory evacuation of the parish's 49,000 residents. New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin suggested residents "seek higher

ground."

Ivan, which cut a deadly swath across Grenada, Jamaica, the Cayman Islands and Cuba, was a strong Category 4 hurricane with top sustained wind of 155 mph, although meteorologists said it might lose some strength before hitting the Gulf Coast.

"That's a monster they've got out there. I'm

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**FISD board meets, thanks voters for passing bond issue**

By **KENDRA WISS**

Staff Writer

The Forsan Independent School District's board of trustees met on Monday to discuss the outcome of the \$4.9 million bond election, which passed by a wide margin Saturday.

The bonds will fund extensive upgrades to district facilities, allow for construction of a multi-purpose athletic facility and fund new programs for the district.

"We had a very positive school board meeting discussing the exciting news of the bond election," said FISD Superintendent Randy Johnson. The bond passed by a 235 to 30 margin. "We want to get the word out that we appreciate the voters and the support



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of this community. The school board worked hard to do what we know is right."

Trustees also conducted a public hearing on the school's Financial Accountability System Report (FIRST) rating of "superior achievement."

The district's enrollment is down 10 students from this time last year, but considering the district began the school year with a 20 student deficit, the board is satisfied with the report.

To help trustees develop an extra-curricular drug-testing policy, the board examined recommendations from the Texas

Association of School Boards. This process of gathering data will continue as the board hopes to implement a policy as early as next year.

The Forsan High School Band, which has been chosen to march in Washington, D.C., on July 4, updated the board concerning its fund-raising efforts. The band needs to raise an estimated \$145,000 for the trip.

Keith Stone, junior and high school principal and Steve Osborn, elementary school principal presented the board with reports for their schools.

The board then approved the following action items:

- Reading and approval of minutes.
- Financial report.

- Payment of bills.
- National School Fitness Foundation Loan, which will now be paid off due to the passing of the bond election.

- Attorney communication on policy review.
- Policy update 73 (from the state).

Before adjournment, the board set a date of 7 p.m. Sept. 20 to canvass votes for the bond election. This will officially end the bond election and begin the 30-day waiting period before issuing the bonds.

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## Obituaries

## James George Drury Weeks



James George Drury Weeks, born March 24, 1919, in Meridian to Drury and Mary Weeks, passed away Sept. 13, 2004, in Big Spring, where he has made his home since 1946.

George is survived by his wife of 57 years, Johnnie B. Weeks; his daughter, Beth Cook of Mesquite; two sons and daughters-in-law, John D. and Cynthia Weeks and Donald R. and Joy Weeks, all of Big Spring; and three granddaughters, Tatum Weeks of Lubbock, Whitney and Kendra Weeks of Big Spring. He is also survived by two sisters, Gretna Zoe Gibbs of Albuquerque, N.M. and Mary Jo Tope of Monument, Colo.; along with numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, mother and brother, John T. Weeks.

George grew up in Meridian and graduated from Meridian High School, where he lettered in football. He worked for several local merchants as a bookkeeper, including a grocery store, lumberyard and clothing stores.

He then enlisted in the Army as an administrative assistant and attained the rank of Staff Sergeant in the Headquarter Battery, 18th Field Artillery Battalion in the European Theater. He served four years in active duty and three years in the reserves.

After separation from active duty he moved to Big Spring, where he worked for the Hemphill Wells Company for 12 years. George and his brother-in-law, Gilbert Gibbs, then opened Gibbs & Weeks Men's Store and remained in business for 31 years.

After selling the clothing store he continued to work for the new owners at the Gentleman's Corner for several years. Upon retirement he worked for Dunlap's Department Store, Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Tri-State Advertising Sales.

He was a faithful member of 14th and Main Church of Christ for many years. George was a 50-year member of Staked Plains Lodge No. 598, A.F. & A.M., a member of the Suez Shrine Club, a member of Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, a member of Ambucs and various business service clubs. He served on the board of Howard College, the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and the Howard County Fair Board.

He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend.

Services will be held at 10 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 16, 2004, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Royce Clay officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. Visitation will be from 8-9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Howard College, attention Jan Foresyth, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring 79720.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

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## Virginia Bryant



Virginia Bryant passed away Sunday, Sept. 12, 2004, in Midland.

She was born Oct. 4, 1917, in Lipan to Callie and Alice Yeats. Virginia grew up in Midland and attended school here. She married Alvey Bryant Jan. 18, 1938, in Stanton. Virginia was a member of Greenwood Baptist Church and the Prairie Lee Home Demonstration Club.

Virginia was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Alvey, March 14, 1998; her son, Billy W. Bryant; one grandson and one great grandson.

She is survived by her sons, Alton Bryant and wife, Judy, of Allison and Alvey Bryant Jr. (Pete) and wife, Mary, of Greenwood; her daughters, Betty Simpson and husband, Glen, and Carolyn Dunn and husband, David, all of Greenwood; her daughter-in-law, Dolly Bryant of Greenwood; 14 grandchildren; 27 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

The family will receive friends at Ellis Funeral Home today, Sept. 14, 2004, between the hours of 6-8 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2004, at Greenwood Baptist Church with the Rev. Waymon Swopes and John Snider officiating. Burial will follow at Greenwood Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Virginia's grandsons will serve as pallbearers. Memorials may be directed to Greenwood Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, 60908 FM 307, Midland 79706.

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## Sheriff's report

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

• **DEBRA RENEE SHAFFER**, 35, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

• **DAVID ADAM MARTINEZ**, 20, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of bondsman off of bond for minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage - third offense, four counts of burglary of a habitation, a motion to revoke probation for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, evading arrest or detention and failure to identify - giving false/fictitious information.

• **RHONDA DICKERSON**, 33, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of theft by check and issuance of a bad check.

• **JAMES A. MCGUIRE**, 38, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of theft by check; two counts of issuance of a bad check and criminal nonsupport.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1600 block of N. FM 700.

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## Bobby L. Myrick



Bobby L. Myrick, 65, of Sterling City died Sunday, Sept. 12, 2004, at Lake Buchanan, Llano County. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2004, at the First Presbyterian Church in Sterling City with the Rev. John Wintringham, pastor, officiating, assisted by Ken Barr. Interment will follow at 4:30 p.m. in the Coahoma Cemetery in Coahoma.

The family will receive friends from 4-6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

He was born Aug. 16, 1939, in Big Spring and married JoDell Shelburne Oct. 28, 1961, in Coahoma.

Bobby had lived in Sterling City for 37 years and was an independent oilfield contractor for 40 years. An avid outdoorsman, he loved hunting with bow or firearms, fishing, gardening, fast pitch softball, dominoes and watching football. He was well known for sharing things from his garden, including hot peppers and homemade sauces.

He never met a stranger and enjoyed meeting with friends for morning coffee at the Town and Country. Bobby was very supportive of his children's and grandchildren's school activities.

Survivors include his wife, JoDell Myrick of Sterling City, three sons and two daughters-in-law, Robert Bruce and Joy Myrick of Sterling City, David Wayne Myrick of San Angelo, and James Gregory and Sheryl Myrick of Arlington; four granddaughters, Shaunna, Whitney, Shayna and Jessica; one grandson, Gregory; one sister, Peggy Bishop of Midland; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Dan and Paula Shelburne of Coahoma; one nephew, Dean King of Marfa, and numerous aunts, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, A.C. and Lerline Myrick, and two granddaughters, Jordan and Kailin.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association, 3205 W. Cuthbert, Ste A-8, Midland 79701 or a favorite charity.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

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## Elizabeth M. Wallace

Elizabeth M. Wallace, 78, of Midland died Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004, in a Stanton nursing home. Graveside funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, 2004, at the Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton with Bro. Charles Walker officiating.

She was born Dec. 20, 1925, in Douglas, Ariz., and was a member of Christadelphian Ecclesia Church.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Cathy Wallace, of Midland; three sisters, Clarene Hillger and Wanda Aycock, both of Stanton and Jonelle Hughes of Big Spring; two grandsons; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to Pioneer Christadelphian Bible School, in care of Foye Wells, 4108 N. Florida Ave., Alamogordo, N.M. 88310.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

## Police blotter

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

• **DAVID LYNN DOW**, 21, of 1000 S. Rannels, was arrested Monday on charges of unlawfully carrying a weapon and disorderly conduct - language.

• **YESENIA PENA**, 22, of 107 E. 25th Street, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• **RHONDA KAYE DICKERSON**, 33, of 601 Culp, was arrested Monday and held for the HCSO.

• **JOSHUA ALAN LONG**, 24, of Lubbock, was arrested Monday on local copias warrants.

• **BUDDY ALEN MCCOY**, 27, of Colorado, was arrested Tuesday on local warrants.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 2700 block of Cindy.

• **THEFT** was reported:

- in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

- in the 300 block of Gregg Street.

- in the 1700 block of FM 700.

• **UNLAWFULLY CARRYING A WEAPON** was reported in the 1300 block of Tucson.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 200 block of FM 700.

## Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email [editor@bigspringherald.com](mailto:editor@bigspringherald.com)

## TODAY

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.  
• A Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.

## WEDNESDAY

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.  
• Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.  
• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.  
• Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.  
• Duplicate-Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.  
• Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

## THURSDAY

• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.  
• Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.  
• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.  
• Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP office at 501 Rannels.  
• American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.  
• Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main St.  
• Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

## FRIDAY

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.  
• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.  
• Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

## SATURDAY

• Alzheimer's Memory Walk begins at 9 a.m., with registration at 8:30 a.m. in the Old Settler's pavillion at Comanche Trail Park.

## Weather

Tonight - Mainly clear. Low 66. Winds SSE at 10 to 20 mph.  
Wednesday - Sunny skies. High 92. Winds SE at 10 to 15 mph.  
Wednesday night - Clear skies. Low 66. Winds E at 5 to 10 mph.  
Thursday - Sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.  
Friday - Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.

## Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 8-11-22-35. Bonus Ball: 17.  
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.  
Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$875,000.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 14-17-27-31-33.  
Number matching five of five: 1.  
Prize per winner: \$38,960.  
Winning tickets sold in: Dallas.  
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-3-0

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## WORLD

## Car bomb kill

BAGHDAD, Iraq - A police station of Iraqis were least 47 people killed and 100 injured in a car bomb attack on Tuesday. The attack was carried out by a group of police officers and a police station in Baghdad.

The attacks to disrupt U.S. police force in towns and cities for January.

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# WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

## Car bomb kills at least 47 near Iraqi police

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A car bomb exploded near a police station in Baghdad early Tuesday as dozens of Iraqis were applying to join the force, killing at least 47 people and wounding 114, officials said. In Baqouba, gunmen opened fire on a van carrying policemen home from work, killing 11 officers and a civilian.

The attacks were the latest attempts by insurgents to disrupt U.S.-backed efforts to build a strong Iraqi police force capable of taking over security in many towns and cities ahead of nationwide elections slated for January.

In Baghdad, the blast left a gaping 10-foot crater outside the station at the end of Haifa street, a main Baghdad thoroughfare that has been the scene recently of fierce clashes. Dozens of cars parked nearby were destroyed and shops and buildings were badly damaged.

## Panel mulls whether Goss should head CIA

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even as Congress revamps the nation's intelligence network, lawmakers appear intent on getting a new CIA chief in office before they adjourn next month for the November election.

President Bush's choice for the post, retiring Rep. Porter Goss, R-Fla., was a CIA operative during the 1960s. He is expected to win Senate confirmation, but only after Democrats question his ability to steer a politically independent course.

Goss, 65, was the only scheduled witness at a confirmation hearing on his nomination before the Senate Intelligence Committee on Tuesday.

"Porter Goss will need to answer tough questions about his record and his position on reform, including questions on the independence of the leader of the intelligence community," the committee's senior Democrat, Sen. Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia, said last month.

## MGM agrees to be bought by Sony-led group

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sony Corp. is a step closer to acquiring famed Hollywood studio Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Inc. in a \$3 billion deal that would give it a considerable library of more than 4,100 titles.

The sale would mark the third time billionaire investor Kirk Kerkorian has sold MGM, one of Hollywood's most storied names and once best known for its musical hits like "Singing in the Rain" and "Meet Me in St. Louis."

Under the proposed deal announced Monday, Sony has agreed to pay \$12 per share for MGM, or about \$2.94 billion cash, and assume about \$1.9 billion in MGM debt. MGM said its management will recommend the "proposed merger" to its board by Sept. 27.

The sale is also subject to regulatory approval. For the past two years, MGM has been hunting ways to grow larger.

## Israel sends anti-terror experts to Russia

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel has sent intelligence officers to Russia and is hosting at least two senior Russian officers in Tel Aviv — quietly moving to upgrade anti-terror cooperation with Moscow in the wake of a series of devastating attacks in Russia, officials told The Associated Press.

The Israeli moves come as President Vladimir Putin revamps Russia's anti-terrorism capabilities after a school seizure by separatists in southern Russia ended with the deaths of at least 330 hostages, including many children.

A team of Israeli intelligence officers arrived discreetly in Russia shortly after the hostage standoff to discuss a program to share Israeli expertise, said three officials close to the mission.

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not taking any chances," Irvin Bruce said as he and his wife, Lillian, packed to leave the Copa Casino in Gulfport, Miss., to return to their home west of New Orleans.

The spot where the center of the storm would make landfall was anyone's guess. Forecasters said its outer bands of wind and rain may begin lashing the coast as early as Wednesday.

At DeBubba and JoJo's Karaoke Cafe I in Panama City Beach, revelers were invited to a hurricane party. "We're going to have it until they run us out of here," said disc jockey Charles Stover.

At 8 a.m. today, Ivan's top sustained wind was measured at 155 mph, down slightly from its earlier reading of 160 mph and making it a strong Category 4 storm, the National Hurricane Center in Miami said. The storm was centered about 115 miles northwest of the western tip of Cuba — about 490 miles south of Panama City Beach or 450 miles south-southeast of the mouth of the Mississippi River. It was moving toward the north-northwest at 9 mph.

The storm, one of the most powerful hurricanes ever to hit the Caribbean,

had been blamed for at least 68 deaths. Ivan slammed across western Cuba with drenching rain and 20-foot waves. Oil and gas rigs in the Gulf of Mexico were evacuated and hundreds of people abandoned fishing settlements on Mexico's Yucatan peninsula.

Panhandle residents needed no more reminders of the perils of powerful hurricanes. Hurricanes Charley and Frances caused billions in damage and were blamed for more than 50 deaths statewide; Ivan could make landfall as the triumvirate's most powerful.

"If a Category 5 hits, you know what kind of debris could be flying through the air at 160 mph?" asked Bruce Butler, a keyboard player from Panama City Beach who was among those waiting in a 90-minute-long line Monday for plywood at a Home Depot.

Millions of residents along the coast were advised to, at the very least, begin paying close attention to Ivan.

All over low-lying southern Louisiana, residents made plans to leave.

"All of my guests have left," said Theresa Vegas, manager of the Sand Dollar Motel on vulnerable Grand Isle, south of New Orleans. "Most of the fishing boats have left the

# PRAYER

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"Ascend: Clean Hands. Pure Heart" is the theme for this year's event. The theme is in reference to Psalms 24:3-4, which explains that only those with "clean hands and a pure heart" may enter into God's presence, describing that place as

"the hill of the Lord" or "His holy place."

See You at the Pole is a student-initiated and student-led movement that started in Burleson in 1990. It originated with just one youth group, meeting at night at several schools around Burleson during a weekend retreat.

In addition, Wednesday evening students in grades seven through 12

and college students are invited to gather from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium for the "Saw you at the Pole Rally." Filled with music and worship, organizers state the rally will bring youth together to honor God.

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be \$7.36 million, according to reports from County Auditor Jackie Olson.

Among the expenditures for 2004-2005 are \$1.69 million for judicial costs, \$361,426 for administrative costs, \$85,467 for election costs, \$578,464 for financial administration costs, \$1.29 million for general expenditures, \$535,436 for intergovernmental contributions to other local agencies and \$2.11 million for public safety, including sheriff's office and county jail costs.

The county's estimated general

fund balance on Oct. 1 is expected to be \$3.1 million, and according to a report furnished to the commissioners by Olson, is expected to decrease to \$1.4 million at the end of September 2005.

The 2004-2005 budget also includes pay raises for all county employees.

Total general fund expenditures for the approved budget total \$8.17 million, and while the new budget is almost \$1 million over that of a year ago, Commissioner Gary Simer said it's simply a matter of looking at the big picture.

"I feel like it's justified," said Simer. "The last two years we haven't bought the sheriff any new vehicles or spent any money on the

road and bridge equipment. We're just about walking at this point, so if you look back a few years I think you'll see we're pretty much in line."

When asked if he was satisfied with the new budget, however, Simer said it's about economics, not satisfaction.

"I'm never satisfied with it. I guess you would say," said Simer. "Seems like it's costing more and more every year. I guess you can't buy a box of matches for two cents anymore either."

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# WIND

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Vestas — the same company that built the existing turbines on the hill — to build the turbines. During construction we'll probably employ 20 to 30 people, and then on a long term basis for maintenance, there will be three to five people."

Spalding said if everything goes smoothly with the revenue bonds he expects to see construction on the new site begin in December and take approximately five to seven months to complete. He added that another wind-based company is also looking at the Big Spring site to set up an operation.

Commissioners voted unanimously to create an industrial development corporation a month ago in hopes of helping Wind-Plus secure the bonds. While negotiations between the county and energy provider are still on track, several changes had to be made to the corporation's articles of incorporation during Monday's meeting.

"We're having to redo one thing because the Texas Secretary of State surprised us," said Michael Spain, attorney with Fulbright and Jaworski of San Antonio and legal representative for Wind-Plus. "About a month ago the commissioners created the Howard County Industrial Development Corp. and sent the documents to the state offices. Apparently, the county created an industrial development corporation back in the 1980s, which the State Secretary told me was a defunct corporation because they haven't filed some reports back in the 1980s. When I sent the docu-

mentation to Austin, they told me they had filed those reports later, so the corporation was still in existence, meaning we can't create a new one.

"What we're doing today is amending the articles of incorporation to read exactly the way they did a month ago. The corporation was composed of Jerry Worthy, Drew Mouton and a third party who has moved away from town. Although they haven't done anything with the corporation since the early 1990s, they seem just as glad to get rid of it and no longer be involved with it. They've expressed that they don't have any objection to what we're doing here today."

Spain said the changes approved by the commissioners will bring the two corporations into one and allow the commissioners to serve as its board of directors.

"The new resolution does three things," explained Spain. "One is to approve the restated articles of incorporation, and they will read exactly the way they read when you approved it before. You'll also be naming yourselves as the initial board of the corporation and approving the by-laws. That's what the commissioners are being asked to act on today."

"This is what's known in the bond world as an inducement resolution," Spain explained to the commissioners. "It's to let the company know you're at least interested in looking at it. It doesn't commit you to issuing bonds and it's all subject to a lot of things being done between now and when the bonds would be issued. We'll have to come back to you at least one more time, to the board and the commis-

sioners, to approve any issuance of bond."

Bill Newman Jr., managing director of PMF, told commissioners the addition of the new wind farm would mean a substantial increase in revenue for area taxing entities.

"In looking at the 2003 values, if this facility were only valued at \$30.5 million, it would bring in about \$743,000 to all of the various taxing entities," said Newman. "For Howard County alone, it would amount to about \$134,000, assuming valuations stay the same. Obviously that's a nice boon to the county."

"This is a great way to help fund projects for our community, and in this case, it's the funding of the Wind-Plus energy farm," said Crooker. "This will create taxable income for the county and all taxing jurisdictions except the city, of a little over \$700,000."

"This is a real bonus for us. It's sort of like a Christmas present in a way and I hope there are more companies that can take advantage of this bond procedure."

As for Howard County becoming the "wind capital" of Texas, Simer said it's not just a possibility — it's likely.

"I can see it happening," said Simer. "Like they say, this is a channel for wind right through here, so I can see every wind company in America looking at the opportunity to move to Howard County. It would be a huge plus for us."

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closed. Military installations were sending at least 275 aircraft well away from Ivan's possible path.

While utility crews continued to bring power back to customers on the Florida Peninsula who were blacked out by Hurricane Frances, Panhandle customers were told to brace for trouble.

"Ivan is an extremely dangerous storm and we want our customers to have realistic expectations," said Gulf Power spokesman John Hutchinson. "The power is not going to be restored in just a few days if Ivan comes in as a Category 4

or 5 hurricane."

While the Gulf Coast fretted over Ivan's possible landfall, other areas continued moving toward normal operations. Schools and government offices in many counties hit by Frances reopened their doors, Martin County in southwestern Florida lifted its curfew and hospitals in the Florida Keys began to reopen.

Keys residents were allowed Monday to return to their homes after Ivan turned away from their island chain, and tourism officials said Keys vacationers were invited to begin returning Thursday. Businesses lost

to \$20 million in sales because of the evacuation, according to Monroe County estimates.

"It looked bad. Can't fault them for that," said Jill Brown, 40, a waitress at a restaurant that closed for Ivan. "We could have stayed open a few more days. Bars were open. Anybody that stayed open made a fortune."

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## OUR VIEWS

## Start planning for an historic holiday parade

There's no time like the present to make plans for the *Big Spring Herald's* 18th annual Crossroads Community Christmas Parade, which we plan on making the biggest and best Big Spring has ever seen.

This year is, after all, our 100th anniversary, meaning this will be the 100th Christmas season that the newspaper has served our community.

In keeping with that thought, the theme for this year's parade will be "100 Years of West Texas Christmases."

Even though entry forms have not yet begun appearing on our pages, it's still time for individuals, businesses and organizations to begin making plans to take part in the parade which is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 4.

The parade will begin at 5:30 p.m. and follow its usual route up Gregg Street to downtown, arriving at the courthouse square in time for the Christmas celebration scheduled at Heart of the City Park.

Parade entries will be judged and plaques awarded to first-place winners in four categories: those sponsored by schools and churches; commercial and manufacturers' entries; those sponsored by civic organizations; and individuals' entries.

In addition, the entry judged best overall by the judges this year will receive a cash prize.

We're hoping to encourage the Coahoma High School Band to join those from Forsan and Big Spring in the procession. In addition, we're encouraging church groups, service clubs, riding clubs, Boy and Girl Scouts ... anyone and everyone to begin planning an entry.

And don't forget to light those entries.

We want the Crossroads Community Christmas Parade to continue being known as one of the largest and best events of its kind. But we need your help.

Please make your plans to join us in making sure that this is not only a historic year for the Herald, but a very, very memorable Christmas season for us all.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, may we form the habit of forgiveness through you and your word.

Amen

## Simon says: Guns and Carrots

I'll bet you have desk drawers that you have not opened in years.

Three things that are absolutely useless to tell another person:

"Just relax."  
"Try not to think about it."

"Don't worry."

There are Letterman people, and there are Leno people. And they always marry each other.

It is a shame more members of Congress are not putting up a fight to preserve the assault weapons ban, which expires

Monday. According to a recent University of Pennsylvania National Annenberg Election Survey, "68 percent of the American public wants Congress to extend the 10-year-old ban on assault weapons." Further:

"Support for extending the ... prohibition on manufacturing 19 types of semi-automatic rifles and shotguns and on ammunition clips holding more than 10 rounds was also registered by 57 percent of people with a gun in their household and even by 32 percent of members of the National Rifle Association, the politically influential organization which adamantly opposes the ban."

Highest levels of support came from women (71 percent), people with college degrees (75 percent), liberals (75 percent), people living in the Northeast (73 percent), Hispanics (75 percent) and Democrats (73 percent.) But get



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this: "In no ordinary demographic group did support go below 60 percent. The lowest levels were recorded by Republicans (61 percent), residents of rural areas (61 percent), conservatives (62 percent) and 18-to-29-year-olds (63 percent)."

One of Bill Clinton's greatest achievements was to make gun control a mainstream issue. But how much did you hear about it at the Democratic Convention this year?

I don't know anyone who eats full-size carrots anymore.

When is the last time you saw someone use a coin-changer? (And if you don't know what a coin-changer is, you never rode a bus in Olden Times or bought an ice cream bar from a Good Humor man.)

The reason people scream into their cell phones is because they can't hear their own voice in the earpiece like on a regular phone. So why doesn't somebody invent a cell phone that does that?

And while we are on the subject, has anyone ever really pressed 5 to leave a call-back number?

I hate to be a stickler (which is a lie — I love being a stickler), but I keep reading how the 2000 presidential election was the "closest race" in U.S. history. Nope. Gore's margin of victory in the popular vote was almost five times the size of John F. Kennedy's margin over Richard Nixon in 1960. Nor was the electoral vote margin the closest in history. Bush won in the electoral college by five votes, four more than Rutherford B. Hayes's single vote margin in 1876.

Does any police dispatcher still say, "Calling all cars"?

Tell me that ad for a refrigerator with a television in the door is a joke.

My favorite quotation from the Republican Convention came during a lunch with Don Evans, the commerce secretary. Evans is a longtime friend and huge supporter of George Bush. Evans would probably admit that when it comes to Bush, he has "drunk the Kool-Aid" (a term favored by reporters, which is a reference to Jim Jones and Guyana, where, in point of fact, Jones's followers drank grape Flavor Aid and not grape Kool Aid, but only a stickler would point that out).

For example, Evans said of Bush: "He is a man with an incredibly balanced life mentally, physically and spiritually. His faith is to serve other people and lift other people up. Those who know him best, like him most. Ever since I have known him, he has had an incredible drive to serve others. He doesn't think about him, he thinks about you. He has an amazing resolve, discipline and commitment to continue to serve America."

But here, from Evans, is the best quote of the convention: "The president believes in America, American-made products and American-made people."

Why do I always break out in a sweat when I have to use a coupon in a grocery store?

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## The Cork's Presidential Checklist

This is the Tommy Corcoran column. Tommy the Cork, so dubbed by FDR, was a Washington wise man. His various biographers called him the ultimate insider, the super lawyer and the master fixer. He came to Washington in 1926 to clerk for Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes and became a fixture, an almost institutional source of wisdom about American politics, before his death in 1981.

The Cork had a theory about how to choose a president. He always said it didn't matter who was running, that it was unnecessary to pay any attention to them. What matters, he said, is the approximately 1,500 people the president brings to Washington with him, his appointments to the positions where people actually run things. The question to consider is which 1,500 people we get.

So here are a few suggestions:

- At the EPA, you do not want people who think it's a good idea to allow more arsenic in the water. When someone, anyone proposes allowing more arsenic in the water, what you want is people at the EPA who promptly say: "No. Not a good idea."

- There are some lawyers, and then there are other lawyers. You do not want lawyers at the Justice Department (or the White House or the Defense Department) who, when asked to prepare a legal brief defending torture, do so. You want lawyers at Justice (and the White House and the Defense Department) who say: "No. Torture is not a good idea. Trying to wiggle out from under our laws, international treaties and civilized norms is not a good idea."
- You especially don't want

lawyers who defend torture promoted to the federal bench. It is not a good idea to have the CIA using the same "interrogation technique" that was so favored by the Gestapo.

This is counterproductive as well as wrong.

- You don't want folks in charge of the IRS who think it is more important to audit poor people than rich people. That is dumb.

- You do not want people in charge of foreign policy who are fools enough to believe in Ahmad Chalabi, a convicted con man and, it turns out, probably a spy for Iran. Those people should be fired. Especially when some of them are now also being investigated for giving classified information to Israel.

- Having your Department of Homeland Security turn out to be a public disgrace indicates that you have either not put the right people in charge or they are not getting enough support.

- When "Hurricane Hits Florida Yet Again" becomes a standing headline right up there with "Canadian Trade Talks Continue," you may want to put people in charge of policy who recognize that global warming not only exists but threatens us all.

- If the people a president puts in charge of foreign policy are all from the same small circle of rigid ideologues, what happens is that they end up listening only to themselves, and on that way lies disaster.

- When the people who are running the Food and Drug Administration do so to benefit the big processors and the big drug companies, people get hurt, and some of them die.

- When the people in charge of prosecuting terrorists in this country screw up case after case, those people should be replaced.

- When the country endures a hideous terrorist attack, is it actu-

ally useful for the White House to oppose the commission assigned to find out how it happened? To first deny it adequate funding, then refuse to provide it with critical documents, then oppose an extension of its deadline, then refuse to allow the commission access to prisoners who played key roles in the attack, then try to stop Condoleezza Rice from testifying, then refuse to have the president testify under oath?

- When the people in charge make a decision to start an unprovoked war because of nonexistent weapons of mass destruction and nonexistent ties to the terrorists who have attacked us, you may conclude that these people are lying, or dumb, or just not helpful.

- When a new administration comes into office with a huge budget surplus and then blows it all on tax cuts that benefit the very rich, should it be retained? If an economic team leads the country to a record \$422 billion deficit this year and \$2.3 trillion in the next decade, do you really want a team in charge that announces it wants more tax cuts that will double the total deficit to \$4.6 trillion by the end of the decade? Do these people have a sense of responsibility? If the economic team produces a net loss of 1.1 million jobs after four years, should its contract be renewed?

- Forget Bush — the people around him are a complete disaster. John Kerry will basically require the Clinton team and presumably remain faithful to his wife. Of course, Clinton didn't get Osama bin Laden, either. But his people worked harder at it.

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# Health advisers weigh emotional and science link in antidepressant inquiry

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Independent experts came to the same conclusion as Food and Drug Administration scientists: There is a definite link between antidepressants and the worsening suicidal fixations of children taking the drugs.

The latest analysis forms the heart of data FDA advisers were considering Tuesday during a second day of hearings on antidepressants. Even Prozac — shown in earlier studies to be the most benign antidepressant for youth — increases the odds of suicidal thoughts and actions.

On average, antidepressants taken by kids will cause an extra 2

percent to 3 percent to have increased suicidal thoughts, the independent experts, working with Columbia University, found.

Relative risks of suicidal behavior were highest among youths taking Luvox, Effexor and Paxil and lower among youths taking Celexa, Zoloft and Prozac.

Two FDA advisory committees, meeting jointly, spent Monday listening to summaries of the current science.

And for hours parents described the heartbreak of suicides they blamed on antidepressants.

Tom Woodward, whose 17-year-old daughter Julie hanged herself while she was on Zoloft, said, "Drug companies have purposely deceived the public about the safety

and efficacy of their drugs."

During congressional hearings last week, critics said the FDA and drug companies have provided scant details of pediatric clinical trials for antidepressants.

GlaxoSmithKline, the maker of Paxil, has been hit with a lawsuit accusing it of suppressing studies indicating the drug might increase suicidal tendencies in children.

But drug company representatives testified Monday that the industry's studies had limitations.

The studies weren't designed to test whether they made patients suicidal and included no direct drug-to-drug comparisons.

Under legislation passed

in 1997, pharmaceutical companies had agreed to do more clinical trials involving children in exchange for six months of exclusive marketing of their drugs.

That legislation boosted drug company profits.

Still, Dr. Wayne Goodman, one FDA advisory committee chair, wondered whether that law inadvertently spawned speedy clinical trials designed, from day one, to guarantee a positive finding for the drug.

"I brought it up as a question we'll need to discuss," Goodman said later.

Two FDA advisory panels are considering whether agency action — including stronger warning labels — is needed on nine

antidepressants linked to heightened suicidal tendencies among children.

Dr. Robert Temple, director of the FDA's office of drug evaluation, said the panel could decide the benefits derived from drugs like Prozac are worth the increased risk.

Labels could warn doctors and families to watch closest during the most treacherous time: when children first begin therapy.

The pattern was underscored in Monday's most searing testimony.

Woodward, 47, was one of more than 70 speakers enveloping federal health advisers Monday in an outpouring of emotion, tears and anger.

He said his daughter had been taking Zoloft for just seven days when she killed herself.

"We are certain that Zoloft killed our daughter," said Woodward.

Susan Bro, spokeswoman for Zoloft manufacturer Pfizer, would not comment on Woodward's allegations because of pending litigation.

Other witnesses, like Cynthia Wainscott, chairwoman of the National Mental Health Association, urged the FDA not to take away drugs credited with reducing suicides among depressed youths.

She showed panel members a photograph of her granddaughter Jessi, who she said began suffering from depression at age 11.

Now 15 and on medication, Jessi has returned to her normal self, her grandmother said.

Wainscott said Jessi advised her, "Tell them not to do anything that will make people afraid to go for help."

Untreated depression is a serious illness that threatens children's lives, said Dr. Laurence Greenhill, speaking on behalf of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

He said he found it reassuring that analysis did not find a single completed suicide among 4,440 depressed youth in drug company-sponsored clinical trials.

## Grandparents Day



Tavaris Walker, left, welcomes grandparents, right, to the Washington Grandparents Day Celebration Friday in the Fireplace Room at Howard College. Courtesy photos

## San Angelo arts and crafts set

The 30th annual Arts and Crafts Celebration in San Angelo is set for Saturday and Sunday at

the Wells Fargo Pavilion on the San Angelo Fair Grounds.

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# Bedtime Stories

## THE FAMILY WHO BUILT A REALLY, REALLY BIG TREEHOUSE

I am going to begin this story with... "Once Upon A Time." Do you think that I should? Ok, here goes!



Once upon a time, there was a group of friends who wanted a treehouse.

That is all they ever wanted. They thought about it all the time. They wanted to use it for a clubhouse. But they didn't know how to build a treehouse!

They knew another group of kids on the other side of town that had a treehouse. One day, they went over to the other side of town and looked at it. It was a small treehouse. It had no windows. It had no doors. It was made of wood that was not very pretty. But, it was a treehouse! They asked the kids if they could come up and play in the treehouse with them. "No," they said, "You can't come up and play in our

house. Go build your own!" They were some pretty mean kids; don't you think? You would have shared the treehouse; wouldn't you? I thought so!

Well, the kids who always wanted the treehouse were named Jamie, Sarah, and Katy. They didn't know what they were going to do, for they certainly didn't know how to even start building a treehouse! And they wanted one so much!

Just when they thought that they would never get a treehouse, something wonderful happened! That day, Jamie, Sarah, and Katy were so sad that tears were beginning to show up. Yes, they were that sad!

Well, their father Keith just happened to love working with wood. And he could build just about anything! When he asked them why they were so sad, and they told him, he said, "I'll bet I can make all of you happy again! I know how to build a treehouse and I will build one just for you! It will be the biggest, prettiest treehouse that you have ever seen! And I will ask your mother if she will help.? Now, Tammy was the right person to ask for help. She was always helping someone. Whenever someone needed something, Tammy would be the first one there to help! Keith and Tammy were very nice people!

Keith went to work on that treehouse the very next day. Soon the floor was taking shape. Then the walls seemed to suddenly appear. And not too long after that, why, the roof was on! And that treehouse was getting very big! It was almost as big as the house that Tammy, Keith, Jamie, Sarah, and Katy lived in! But there seemed to be something missing! "What else does it need?" Keith thought to himself. "I know what it needs, a nice coat of paint!" After Keith finished painting the treehouse, Tammy looked at it and thought, "It still needs something! I know what it needs. It needs curtains over the windows. It needs a nice welcome mat. It needs beautiful lights, too!" When Tammy finished with that treehouse, it was absolutely beautiful! It was just as pretty as the house that Tammy, Keith, Katy, Sarah, and Jamie lived in!

Those three kids gave their father and mother big hugs and kisses for building that treehouse for them. Now they had the nicest treehouse in the town. They had the nicest treehouse that I have ever even seen! They started playing in it right away!

The mean old kids from the other side of town heard about that treehouse and came to see it. "Wow," they thought, "What a treehouse! Can we come up and play in it?"

What would you do? Would you let them? If you didn't let them, wouldn't that make you just as mean as they were? And you don't ever want to be that mean, do you?

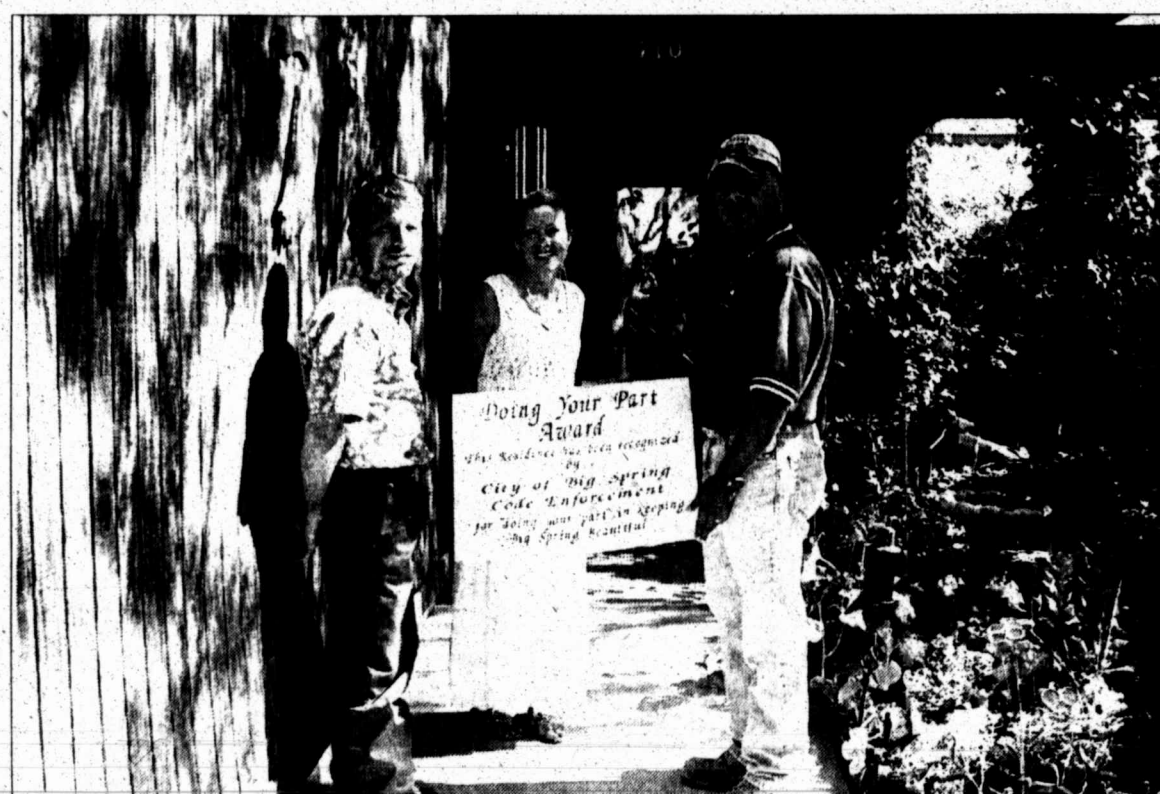
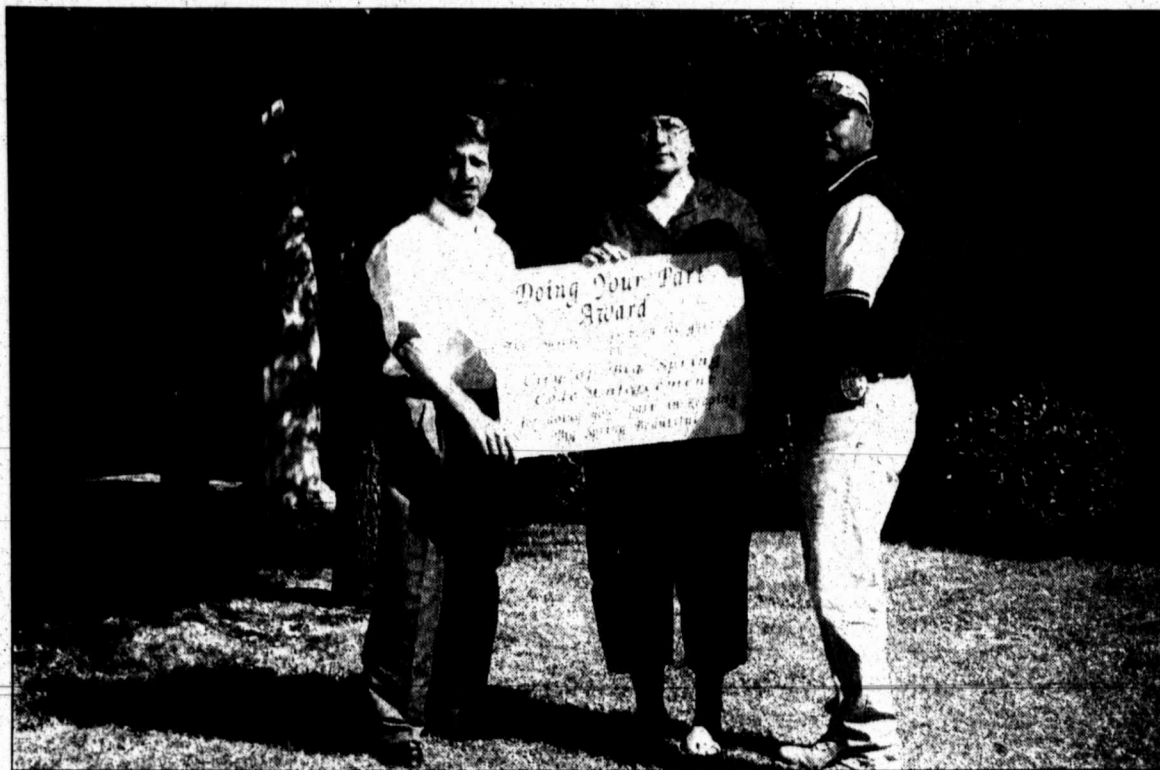
Well, that big old treehouse was certainly large enough to hold all of those kids, and even some more! After awhile, it was the place where all of the kids met and played and they all loved it! Tammy and Keith loved it too, because it made a lot of kids very happy! I even think that the treehouse was happy, too!

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▶ **Doing Their Part**



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The city of Big Spring bestows the September Doing Your Part Award tonight during the city council meeting. Receiving the business award for the month is Marcy House, top photo, with Todd Darden, city director of public works, Janet Redden, Marcy House administrator, and Nick Reyna, code enforcement/inspections. The individual award is presented to Barbara Tarpley and her husband Mike, not pictured, by Darden and Reyna, for their landscape and lawn architecture on 22nd Street.

**Midland Fibromyalgia support group celebrates 10-year anniversary with free seminar**

The West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue/Fibromyalgia Syndrome support group (WTLC) will have a free health seminar in observance of its 10-year anniversary from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25th at the Golf Course Road Church of Christ Family Center in Midland.

Dr. Todd Nelson of Denver, Colo. will be the main guest speaker. He is the host of the No.1 weekly health talk radio show, "Get Healthy" in Denver, co-author of three books, and has advanced certification in clinical nutrition and functional medicine.

Other guest speakers from the past 10 years will also be available for a question and answers

forum, including doctors, a chiropractor, a social security disability specialist, water aerobics instructor and a master degree licensed counselor.

Each guest speaker will rotate speaking on the second Thursday of each month from noon to 1 p.m. at the same location.

All of the WTLC support group meetings are free and open to the public.

For more information, call 432-520-3500 or log on to [www.fmnnews.com](http://www.fmnnews.com) or [www.cfids.org](http://www.cfids.org).

The family center is located at the intersection of Andrews Highway and 3500 Golf Course Rd. in Midland. WTLC is a nonprofit educational association.

**Bombarded by superstars and candy bars**

Talking on the phone with my sister, an interesting point came up. In the grocery stores of life, weight loss magazines are an arm's length away from the candy bars.



CHRISTY ALTON

These two items are juxtaposed just so that they face each other: one on the left of the customer; the other on the right.

As the consumer swoops into the checkout line, glossy-covered publications vie for attention. Messages of guaranteed weight reduction and unbelievable testimonies from the ultra-thin bombard shoppers.

On the other side are the delicious dandies that have been the culprit behind the need for

weight loss. Chocolate, almonds, nougat, peanut butter and fruity, sugary treats practically place themselves into shopping carts.

The innocent buyer, waiting for the conveyer belt to move their items to the laser scanner, has only two options — look at superstars or candy bars.

If one is like me, I'd much rather look at something beautiful; thus I turn and gaze upon a lovely bar wrapped in brown paper and tinfoil.

It calls and beckons like no toothpickish model-type could ever hope to do.

I suppose it would be too easy to put the "Get Thin Today" books across from the tofu and sprout aisle.

Where is that aisle anyway?

Let's talk donuts. These miniaturized tire-shaped delights have been making a mockery of waistlines for simply years.

They have made their

way out of the bakery and into the parking lots of fundraising organizations.

Millions are placing them into the trunks of their vehicles.

They stand sentinel in front of every cash register in America, vying for the attention of purchasers.

Endcaps are stuffed to overflowing with boxes of sweets.

While it's true that they aren't always across from the exercise videos, they aren't as hard to locate as the brussel sprouts.

It's a battle. It's a choice. The marketers sure know what they are doing.

We're being played as pawns on a cheesecake board.

*Christy Alton is a full-time student, works part time, has two children and is married to her park ranger, Ron.*

*She writes this column for the Big Spring Herald.*

**Book sale set at Howard County Library**

The Friends of the Library book sale is set for Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Howard County Library.

The sale is set for 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and

Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday.

Donations of books in good condition are still being received as well as easy-to-read, large print books.

Take donations to the Howard County Library, Monday through Thursday, during regular library hours.

**Hilary Elaine Mathis and Anthony Ray Garza will be married at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, 2004, in Comanche Trail Park**

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**September 1 • Wednesday**

\*Stretch & Tone - 11:00 am  
\*Sr. App. Day - 11:30 am

**September 2 • Thursday**

\*Mall Walking - 8:00 am  
\*Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am

**September 3 • Friday**

**September 4 • Saturday**

Childbirth Classes - 9:00 am-3:00 pm  
Call To Enroll - 268-4550  
Laurie Burks, Instructor (2nd Floor Hospital)

**September 5 • Sunday**

**September 6 • Monday**

Happy Labor Day - Senior Circle Office Closed

**September 7 • Tuesday**

\*Book Fair - 7:30 am - 5:30 pm (Lobby of Hospital)  
Proceeds to be donated to the Alzheimer's Association

**September 8 • Wednesday**

\*Mall Walking - 8:00 am  
\*Coffee @ Parkplace - 10:00 am  
\*Supper Club "Alberto's" - 5:30 pm

**September 9 • Thursday**

\*Stretch & Tone - 11:00 am  
\*Sr. App. Day - 11:30 am

**September 10 • Friday**

\*Mall Walking - 8:00 am  
\*Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am

**September 11 • Saturday**

\*Early Bird Breakfast - 8:00 am  
\*Shopping Midland - 8:30 am

**September 12 • Sunday**

\*Canterbury South's Health Fair 9:00 am-5:00 pm  
\*The Grapes Of Wrath - MCT 1:00 pm

**September 13 • Monday**

\*Games - 2:00 pm  
\*Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm

**September 14 • Tuesday**

\*Volunteers Executive Board Meeting 10:00 am  
\*Volunteers General Executive Meeting With Yearly Orientation 11:00 am

American Cancer Society - Howard-Glasscock County, Council Meeting  
Potluck Supper - 6:00 pm at Gale's Bakery

Volunteer/Sr. Circle Director  
**Anita Cline, 268-4721**

Free Pregnancy Testing Every Day - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
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Donna Mills, RN, Director Of Women's Services  
**OB Dept., 268-4550**

Road To Recovery (Transportation For Cancer Patients)  
**LaWanda Ham, 263-7827**

**September 15 • Wednesday**

\*Stretch & Tone - 11:00 am \*Sr. App. Day - 11:30 am

**September 16 • Thursday**

\*Mall Walking - 8:00 am  
\*Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am

**September 17 • Friday**

\*Alzheimer's Memory Walk - City Park 9:00 am

**September 18 • Saturday**

\*Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm  
Pot Luck & Bingo - 11:30 am

**September 19 • Sunday**

\*Mall Walking - 8:00 am  
Relay For Life Kick-Off Meeting  
Gale's Bakery - 5:30 pm  
Dinner & A Movie "Al's Bar-b-que"

**September 20 • Monday**

\*Stretch & Tone - 11:00 am  
\*Sr. App. Day - 11:30 am

**September 21 • Tuesday**

\*Mall Walking - 8:00 am  
Relay For Life Breakfast  
Yellow Rose Cafe (inside Hospital)  
Waffles & Pancakes, Juice, Bacon or Sausage & Fresh Fruit \$3.00 - 6:00 am - 9:00 am

**September 22 • Wednesday**

\*Mall Walking - 8:00 am  
\*Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am  
\*Lunch-N-Learn - 11:30 am

**September 23 • Thursday**

\*Games 2:00 pm \*Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm

**September 24 • Friday**

\*Mall Walking - 8:00 am  
\*Supper Club "Red Mesa" 5:30 pm

**September 25 • Saturday**

\*Volunteers Yearly District Meeting - Odessa  
\*No Stretch & Tone Today  
\*Sr. App. Day - 11:30 am

**September 26 • Sunday**

\*Mall Walking - 8:00 am  
\*Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am

**September 27 • Monday**

\*Mall Walking - 8:00 am  
\*Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am

**September 28 • Tuesday**

\*Mall Walking - 8:00 am  
\*Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am

**September 29 • Wednesday**

\*Mall Walking - 8:00 am  
\*Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am

**September 30 • Thursday**

\*Mall Walking - 8:00 am  
\*Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am

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**Howard College is seeking sl**

Howard Athletic Department seeking Anthem singer for upcoming seasons. For more info call Tana H. 264-5155.

**Relay for Life tournament s**

A ragball tournament which has been set to raise money for Relay for Life. The tournament is announced for at 1 p.m. at Comanche Trail Park.

The cost of the tournament is \$10 per person and each team will have five members.

More information or if you are interested in signing up, call Mike H. 268-4728 or Sally H. 268-4728 or 393-2684.

**Longhorns soccer toumney anno**

A Longhorn soccer tournament is set for Saturday, Sept. 18, at Comanche Trail Park.

The cost of the tournament is \$12 per person and T-shirts and water bottles will be provided. Sign-ups will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, call Mike H. 268-4728 or Sally H. 268-4728 or 393-2684.

**YMCA sets football sign**

Registration for the adult flag football tournament is being held at the YMCA.

Players must be 18 years of age or older to play. The tournament is scheduled for tonight at the YMCA.

All teams should have at least 10 players. The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 19.

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-9942.

**Big Spring Soccer Club sets fun**

The Big Spring Soccer Club is sponsoring a golf tournament on Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Big Spring Golf Course.

Both days will start with a breakfast served by the club. Lunch will be served at the country club.

For more information, contact James at 267-9942.

**Big Spring basketball boosters to r**

The Big Spring basketball boosters will meet on Thursday, Sept. 16, at the YMCA.

This year's officers are President Boling, Treasurer Piercefield, Karen Long and chairperson Harris.

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Rangers @Comanche, 6:30 p.m.	
Event, Time	Thursday
Autism @Comanche, 6:45 p.m.	



### IN BRIEF

#### Howard College is seeking singers

Howard College's Athletic Department is seeking National Anthem singers for the upcoming basketball seasons.

For more information, call Tana Howard at 264-5155.

#### Relay for Life ragball tournament set

A ragball tournament, which has been set up to raise money for the Relay for Life, has been announced for Oct. 2-3 at 1 p.m. at Cotton Mize Field inside Comanche Trail Park.

The cost of the tournament is \$10 per player and each team must have five men and five women.

More information or if you are interested in signing up, call Angel at the Big Spring ISD Bus Barn at 264-4108.

#### Longhorns softball touney announced

A Longhorns softball tournament has been set for Saturday and Sunday at Comanche Trail Park.

The cost of the tournament is \$125 per team and T-shirts and trophies will be awarded to first, second and third place.

For more information, call Mike Hilario at 267-6619 or Sally Grant at 268-4728 or 393-5237.

#### YMCA sets flag football sign-up date

Registration to play adult flag football is being held at the YMCA.

Players must be 18 or older to play and an organizational meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. tonight at the YMCA.

All teams should plan to have at least one representative present at the meeting. The games are scheduled to begin Sunday, Sept. 26.

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

#### Big Spring Shrine Club sets fund-raiser

The Big Spring Shrine Club is sponsoring a golf tournament Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Big Spring Country Club and Sunday, Sept. 26, at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Both days will have 8 a.m. tee times and breakfast will be served. Lunch will be served Saturday at the country club.

For more information, contact James Hughes at 267-9942.

#### Big Spring basketball boosters to meet

The Big Spring Steers boys basketball boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the ATC.

This year's officers are President Christine Boling, Treasurer Lana Piercefield, Secretary Karen Long and calling chairperson Barbara Harris.

### ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule	
Today	
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Astron @ Cardinals, 6:45 p.m.	3490
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Thursday	
Event, Time	Station
Astron @ Cardinals, 6:45 p.m.	3490

## Junior high teams find early success

### Special to the HERALD

The Big Spring junior high football and volleyball teams have found early season success this year.

The seventh grade football team defeated Midland Christian last week, 32-0, and improved to 2-0 on the season. Monte Anderson had two scores for the Steers, while Zackery Salgado threw a touchdown and ran for another. Martin Yanez also scored on a 60-yard reception.

The Big Spring junior high volleyball teams were in action Monday night against Colorado City.

The eighth grade "A" team won in two games.

25-7/25-18. Shelbi Stewart led the scoring with 16 points, including four aces and Whitney Wortham had eight points.

The "A" team's record is now 5-2.

The "B" didn't fare as well, losing in two games, 22-25/17-25.

The seventh grade "A" team won its match 25-16/25-10.

The top servers were Linzee Yarbar with 12 points and Kelly Sage added 10 points.

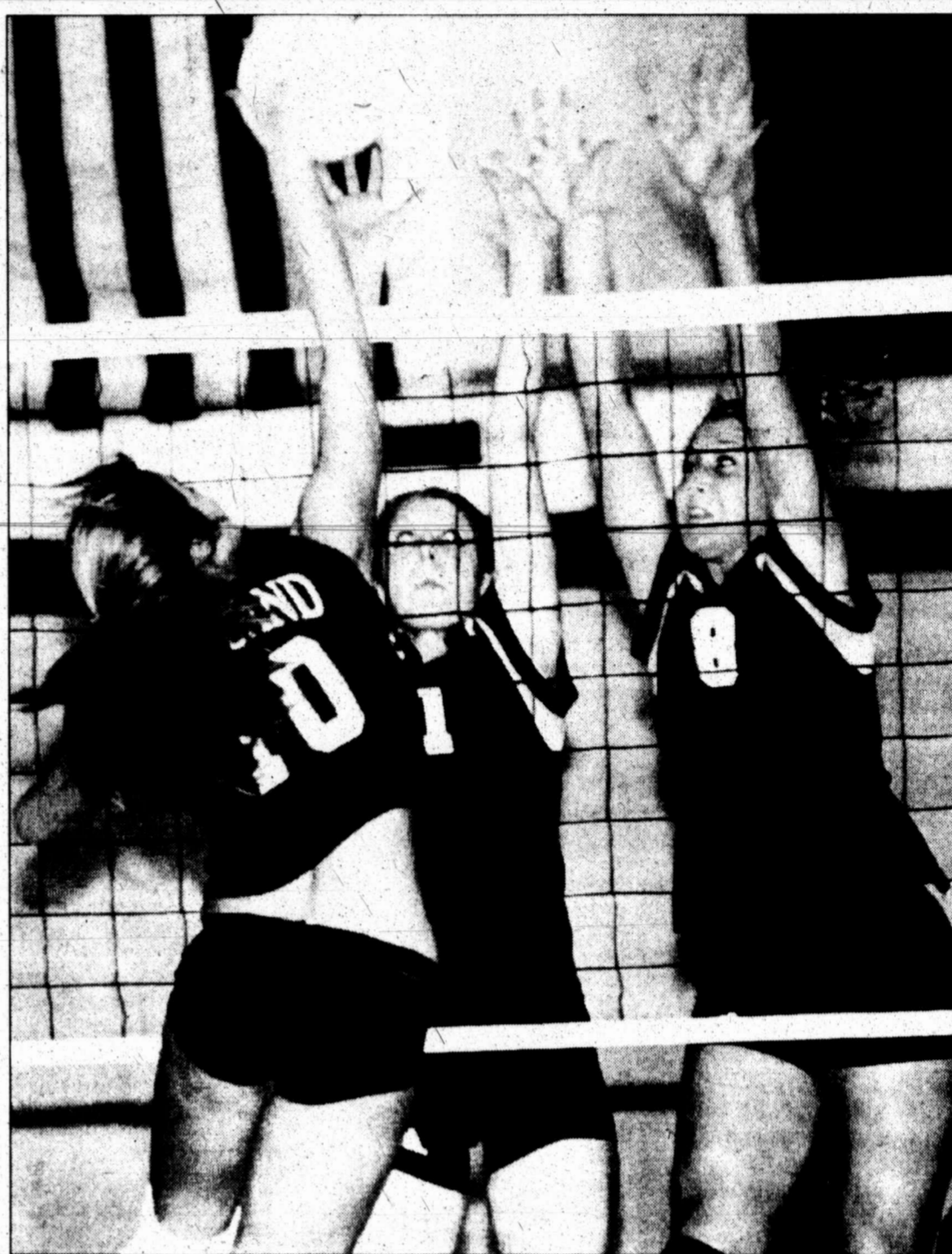
The "B" team lost in two games 23-25/11-25. Brenda Hill led the team with nine points.

The seventh and eighth grade "B" teams will play in the Andrews tournament Saturday.

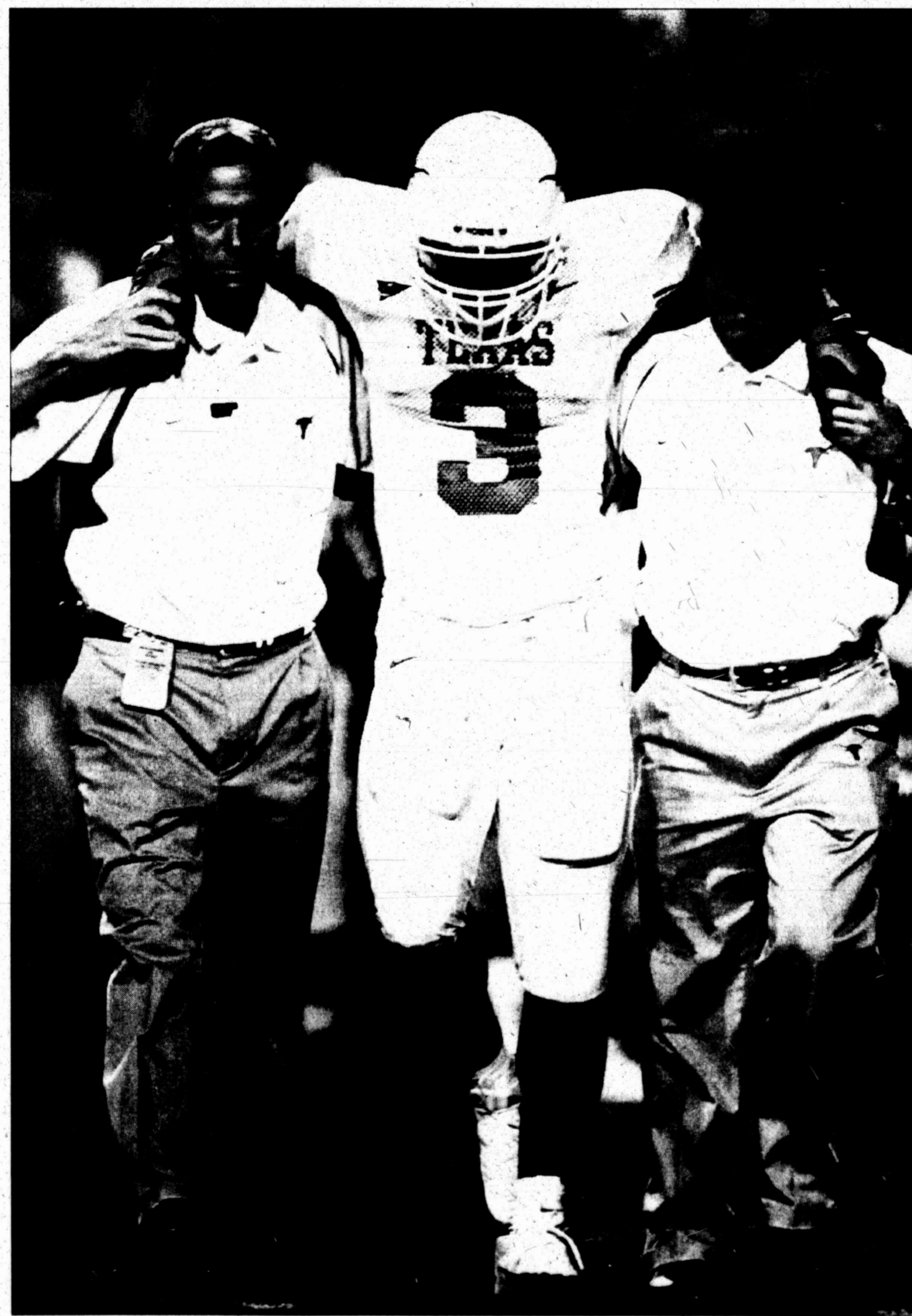
### Hole-in-One Comanche Trail Golf Course

Bryan Beal hit a hole-in-one on the No. 1 using a 7-iron.

The shot was witnessed by Barry Dunnam and Mike McCormick



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Big Spring senior Shannon Higgins, center, and junior Raegan Ritchey, right, assist each other on the block in a previous game against Midland High. The Lady Steers travel to Lubbock Coronado tonight and open district play Saturday at home against San Angelo Lakeview.



KRT photo/Michael Alnsworth, Dallas Morning News  
Texas' Selvin Young (3) is helped off the field after an injury against Arkansas Saturday. Young is out indefinitely after having ankle surgery. His return is uncertain at this time.

## Longhorns' Young out indefinitely

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas kick returner and backup tailback Selvin Young is out indefinitely after surgery to repair a right ankle fracture suffered in the Longhorns' 22-20 win over Arkansas.

Young was injured in the first half when he was tackled on a kickoff return and was carted off the field.

A junior, Young was considered critical to No. 6 Texas' depth at tailback behind senior Cedric Benson. He rushed for 102 yards in Texas' 65-0 season-opening win over North Texas. He also returned two kicks for touchdowns in the 2003 season.

Team officials did not immediately set a timetable for Young's return.

## Texas' Benson shares Big 12 player honors

DALLAS (AP) — Cedric Benson of Texas, Alex Ligon of Colorado, Antonio Perkins of Oklahoma and Darrent Williams of Oklahoma State were named Big 12 players of the week.

Benson had 29 carries for 188 yards, a touchdown run and a catch for a TD in Texas' 22-20 win over Arkansas.

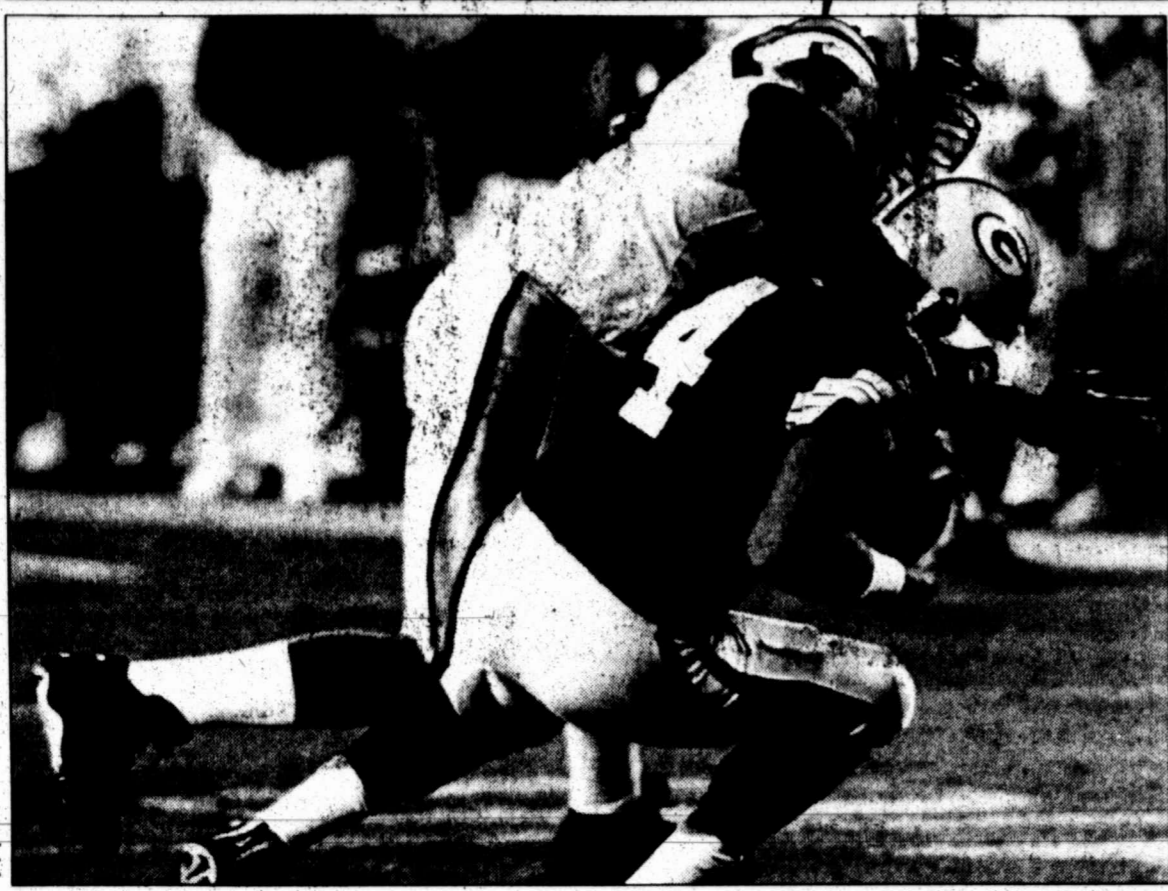
Ligon had seven tackles, four tackles for a loss, a forced fumble and three quarterback sacks as Colorado beat Washington State 20-12.

Perkins earned co-special teams honors with Williams by scoring a touchdown on a 41-yard punt return in Oklahoma's 63-13 win over Houston.

Williams returned a punt 59 yards for a touchdown in the fourth quarter of Oklahoma State's 38-21 win over Tulsa.

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Carolina's Brenston Buckner sacks Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre Monday. The Packers defeated the Panthers in Carolina, 24-14.

## Green Bay, Franks begin year with Monday night road victory

By JENNA FRYER

AP Sports Writer  
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Everything went right for the Carolina Panthers last season, from lucky bounces to staying injury free.

One game into the new season, all that has changed.

The Panthers became the sixth consecutive team to lose the Super Bowl and then drop their ensuing season opener with a 24-14 loss to the Green Bay Packers Monday night.

Everything went wrong, from a pair of turnovers that led to 14 Green Bay points, to losing star receiver Steve Smith to a

broken leg late in the fourth quarter.

"I might cry a little," Smith said. "But what are you going to do? Last year we didn't have hardly any injuries and this year I am the first victim."

Ahman Green ran all over the defending NFC champions, scoring three touchdowns and running for 119 yards for the Packers. He never expected to be so successful against a defense that only gave up four individual 100-yard rushing games last season.

But his effort was draining: He needed intravenous fluids for more than 45 minutes after the game to treat dehydra-

tion.

Green scored on touchdown runs of 3 and 6 yards, and caught a 3-yard scoring pass from Brett Favre to pile on the Panthers.

"I was surprised at how well we ran the ball," Favre said. "Our philosophy is we'll wear you down before you wear us down."

Carolina then beat the Eagles to advance to the first Super Bowl in team history.

But the Panthers looked nothing like that team Monday night.

But that came one play after Smith was injured.

## Dallas defense lays egg in loss to Vikes

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — The linemen didn't pressure the quarterback. The secondary couldn't keep up with the receivers. The linebackers failed to do much of either.

Even after watching a replay in slow motion, Dallas Cowboys coach Bill Parcells said Monday he was "hard-pressed to find one guy who played up to his potential on defense" in a 35-17 loss to the Minnesota Vikings in the opener.

"It was all the way across the board," Parcells said. "Don't single out one guy because it was 11."

The offense made its share of mistakes, such as two lost fumbles and a barrage of penalties that kept them from getting more than two touchdowns and a field goal out of 423 yards.

The special teams messed up, too, with punter Mat McBriar losing his job as the holder when he failed to catch a perfect snap on another field goal try.

But it was the defense — the NFL's top-ranked defense last season — that let Parcells down the most.

"I don't know what it was," Parcells said, "but that wasn't the same group I've seen out there in the past."

Missing the leadership of injured safety Darren Woodson, desperately thin at cornerback and weakened on the line by the suspension of Leonardo Carson, Dallas did nothing to stop a Minnesota offense that certainly looks capable of keeping its No. 1 ranking from last season.

The Cowboys allowed five touchdowns, their most under Parcells.

They allowed 18 of 24 passes to be completed. There also were two pass interference penalties, both putting Vikings a few steps from the end zone. The only Dallas player credited with a "pass defended" was tackle La'Roi Glover, whose job description rarely includes defending passes.

The Cowboys didn't cause any fumbles or make any interceptions. They did have two sacks, but neither cost Minnesota any yards. Anything else?

"Lack of emotion," Glover said. "No passion, no fire."

Parcells said he knew

the Vikings would be tough to stop, but he expected more from his defense. What bothered him the most was the way they fell apart in the third quarter, when the game was still within reach.

The Cowboys scored just before halftime to get within four points, then the defense allowed a long, quick TD drive. Even after the offense answered to get back within four, the defense buckled again. That stretched the lead to 28-17 and gave Minnesota touchdowns on four straight possessions.

"We were flat," Glover said. "The score was 21-17 and we went out there like the score was 50-0."

Their intensity was sapped partly by the big plays Minnesota was making, but also by the fact they weren't making any.

While Dallas' defense wasn't exactly a highlight waiting to happen last season, Glover said they could always be counted on to make at least one big play, the kind that sends a shock of excitement throughout the unit. He couldn't recall that ever happening against the Vikings, and he said that shortly after watching the game film.

"If we don't get a tackle for loss, a sack, a big play, a big hit, there's nothing to get excited about," he said. "There's got to be a spark."

Glover repeatedly said it is up to the players to stay motivated, pointing out that if they can't then the front office will find others who can. He also said that he and other veterans already have started addressing the problem.

Parcells, meanwhile, will spend Tuesday picking out his own choice words for them.

Chewing out players following a loss generally isn't the way Parcells works.

He prefers to use mistakes as lessons, saving his tough talk for the days after a victory to make sure egos don't inflate.

"But," Parcells said, "this could be an exception."

Next up for the Cowboys is Cleveland, an offense that seems to lack the firepower of Daunte Culpepper and Randy Moss but just scored 20 points against a Baltimore defense expected to be among the NFL's best.

# Pigskin Pick Football Contest



Dora Hernandez

**Sugg's Hallmark**

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4. Andrews
5. Kansas City
6. Tennessee
7. Dallas
8. Auburn
9. W. Virginia
10. New Mex. St.



Randal Gonzalez

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7. Dallas
8. LSU
9. W. Virginia
10. Troy



Greg Brooks

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Rules: Find this week's games in the merchants' ads on this page. Choose the teams you think will win. Clip and fill in the official entry blank on this page with your team choice. The entry with the most correct picks will win \$75. You must be 18 to enter. Only official entry forms accepted. In the event of a tie, the tie breaker will determine the winner. Guess the winner and the combined scores for the total points. Decisions of the judges are final. Employees and families of employees of The Big Spring Herald are ineligible. All entries must be received at one of the participating merchants by 1 p.m. Friday of the week played. Winners will be announced in the Big Spring Herald the Tuesday following the games.

### Pigskin Picks Entry Form

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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

**BY JOYCE JILLSON**  
The new moon is in Virgo, along with such heavy hitters as Jupiter and Mars (not to make light of Virgo's guiding planet, Mercury, in the sign of helpful improvements, too). The new moon always signifies a perfect start date for new ventures, but this one is particularly stellar, as you've got gumption and good intentions.



Joyce Jillson

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You're enthusiastic about your work, and it gains momentum because of this excitement. Avoid the tendency to back off right when something good happens. Your wit and dry humor attract love like crazy.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Stars highlight the more easygoing facets of your personality. You're surrounded by people who let you be you, so it's easy for you to return the favor by tolerating the eccentricities of others. Let your hair down tonight.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You've got the gift of economy. Much can be done with very little effort when you have a solid plan. If there are no instructions for the task you face, modeling yourself after one you admire is the easiest way to stay on track.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You may feel unproductive, but don't think for a second that it's true. Consider broadening your definition of work to include all that needs doing by you. It will help you to feel proud of yourself (instead of frustrated) at day's end.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Though you're bigger-than-life response to events is part of your Leo charm, it's important not to overreact. Losing your cool is off-putting, whereas keeping it shows you're capable of handling great responsibility (and great reward).

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your actions reflect your values, and your values dictate your actions. Make sure you're spending time on tasks that correctly represent your priorities. People who call you only when they need you are not true friends.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your relationships and emotional life take most of the focus -- in fact, it's hard to concentrate on anything else. It appears you're stuck between a rock and a hard place, but another person looking at your situation would say, "Sweet."

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll be bumping into friendly, interesting people everywhere you go -- you'll learn something valuable from the person sitting in the seat next to you. Use your psychic sense to invest. The logical choice is not the winning one.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're attractive but may wish you weren't. The all-encompassing love of a partner overwhelms you or makes you want to flee. The more independence you exert, the more someone wants to get closer to you.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are ready to raise the stakes in a relationship -- put more of your heart (and your lifestyle) on the line. Singles could ask the question that makes their palms sweat. Couples could intertwine their lives further.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Just relax. If you are anxious, you won't be able to react quickly. As the martial arts teach, it is the force of speed, not muscle, that allows a relatively slight person to break through a concrete slab.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You must remain positive to keep the team going. But being positive can mean identifying potential trouble sources so you can steer clear. Don't be afraid to speak up if you're the only one who sees a possible problem ahead.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I'm a Cancer woman born July 19, 1980. I've been with a Taurus man for one year and three months. I really am in love with him and want to get married to him, but since I've known him, he hasn't held a job for more than a month. I've talked to him about this several times, but he gives me the same excuse -- the job market where he lives is not looking good. By the way, he lives in Canada, and I live in the United States. Eventually when we marry, I'll live in Canada, too. I'm worried about relocating and about our future financial situation. Is he telling me the truth about the job market, or is this an excuse not to work?"

I looked at your charts, and I'm having trouble seeing this relationship as something real. You haven't spent much time together in the flesh, and I believe that you're more in love with the idea of this man and his pretty words than with the reality of him. My suggestion is to invite him to stay with you for a few months in the States. If he's not willing to come, his unemployment is not the real reason your relationship isn't going to the next level.

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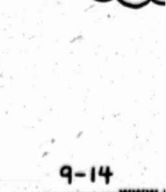
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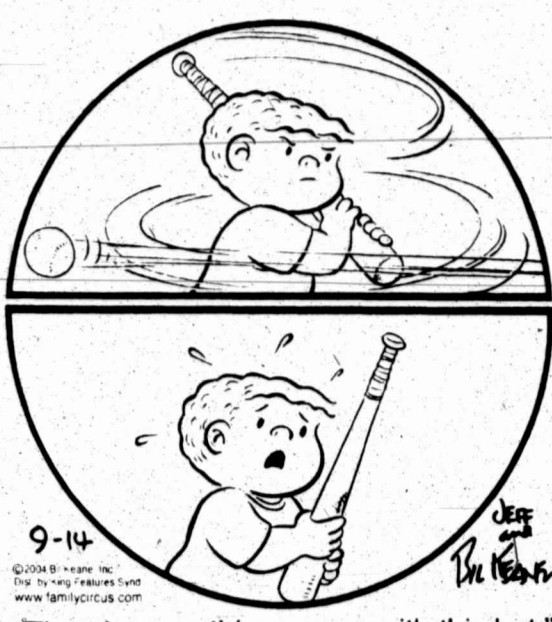
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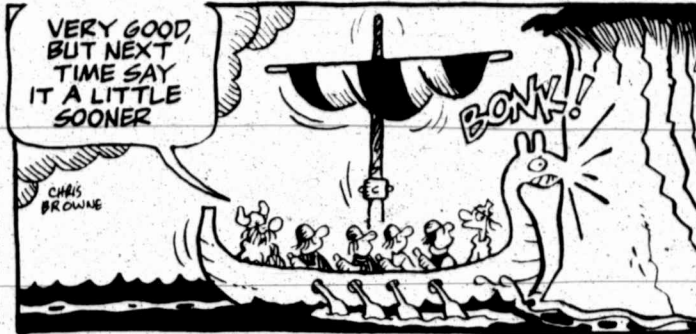
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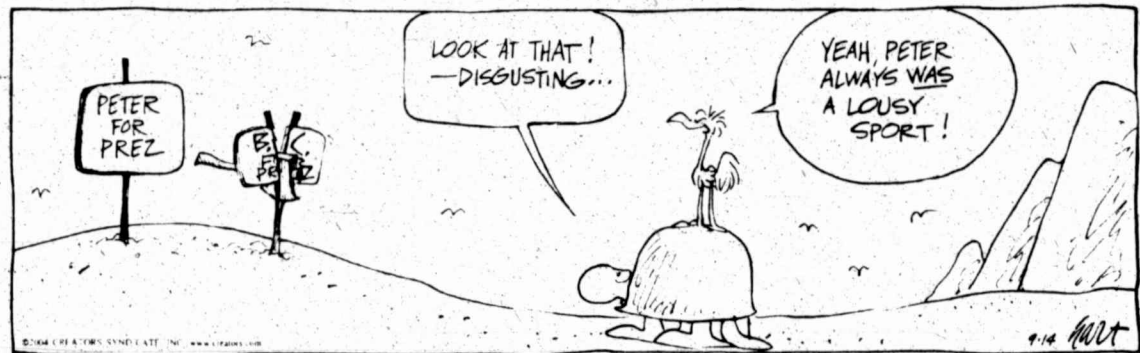


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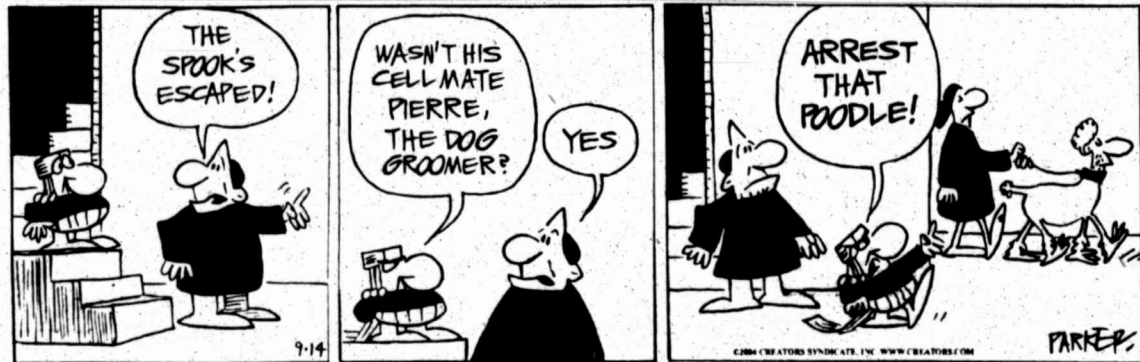
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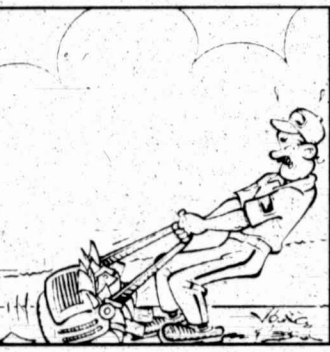
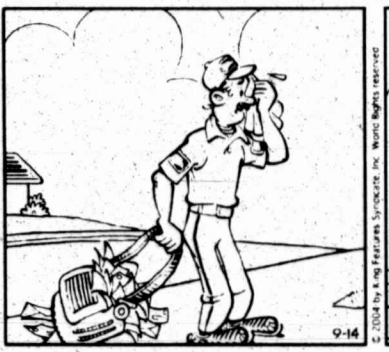
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 14, the 258th day of 2004. There are 108 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 14, 1814, Francis Scott Key wrote his poem "The Star-Spangled Banner" after witnessing the British bombardment of Fort Mchenry in Maryland during the War of 1812.

On this date: In 1847, U.S. forces under Gen. Winfield Scott took control of Mexico City.

In 1901, President McKinley died in Buffalo, N.Y., of gunshot wounds inflicted by an assassin. Vice President Theodore Roosevelt succeeded him.

In 1927, modern dance pioneer Isadora Duncan died in Nice, France, when her scarf became entangled

in a wheel of her sports car.

In 1940, Congress passed the Selective Service Act, providing for the first peacetime draft in U.S. history.

In 1948, a groundbreaking ceremony took place in New York at the site of the United Nations world headquarters.

In 1959, the Soviet space probe Luna 2 became the first manmade object to reach the moon as it crashed onto the lunar surface.

In 1963, Mary Ann Fischer of Aberdeen, S.D., gave birth to four girls and a boy, the first surviving quintuplets in the United States.

In 1982, Princess Grace of Monaco, formerly actress Grace Kelly, died at age 52 of injuries from a car crash the day before.

In 1982, Lebanon's president-elect, Bashir Gemayel, was killed by a bomb.

In 1993, Israel and Jordan signed a framework for negotiations, a day after the signing of a PLO-Israeli peace accord.

Today's Birthdays: 71. Actress Zoe Caldwell is 71. Actor Harve Presnell is 71. Feminist author Kate Millet is 70. Actor Walter Koenig is 68. Actor Nicol Williamson is 66. Singer-actress Joey Heatherton is 60. Actor Sam Neill is 57. Singer Jon "Bowser" Bauman (Sha Na Na) is 57. Singer Barry Cowhill is 57. Rock musician Steve Berlin (Los Lobos) is 49. Country singer-songwriter Beth Nielsen Chapman is 48. Actress Mary Crosby is 45. Singer Morten Harket (a-ha) is 45. Country singer John Berry is 45. Actress Faith Ford is 40. Actor Dan Cortese is 36.

Answer to previous puzzle

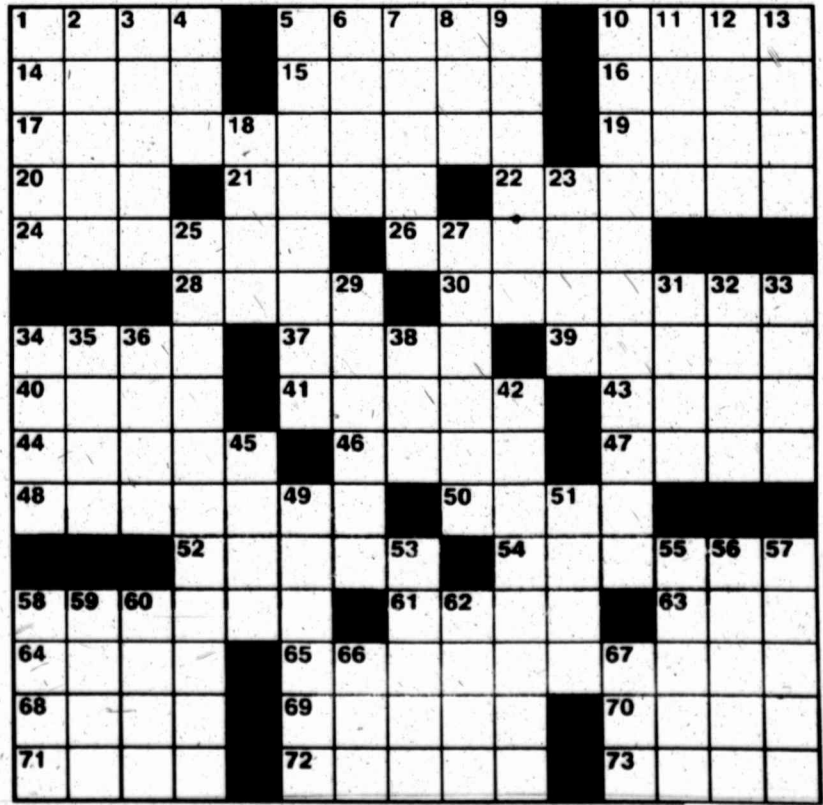
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- 24 Old Testament heroine
- 26 Vocal quaver
- 28 Actress Paquin
- 30 Donkey sounds
- 34 Smile broadly
- 37 Therefore
- 39 Accounting entry
- 40 Grad
- 41 Gridiron measures
- 43 \_\_\_ mater
- 44 Contract addendum
- 46 Witches' creation
- 47 Corporate div.
- 48 Kenya's capital
- 50 Identical
- 52 Parking spot
- 54 As of now
- 58 Says
- 61 Art
- 63 Cambridge sch.
- 64 Electrical cord
- 65 Wasn't fooled by
- 68 "\_\_\_ Want for Christmas ..."
- 69 Cream of the crop
- 70 Sailing, perhaps
- 71 Storefront sign
- 72 Prongs
- 73 *Show Boat* composer
- 8 Supply with weapons
- 9 Entertainer O'Shea
- 10 Sensible
- 11 Oil grp.
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- 13 Performs in a play
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- 31 Competent
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- 36 Mercedes rival
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- 42 Decorator's samples
- 45 Lariat
- 49 Breed of hound
- 51 Secure in a berth
- 53 Telejournalist Newman
- 55 Tickle
- 56 Woods of golf
- 57 Actor Hawke
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- 59 Scrabble letter
- 60 Singer Guthrie
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Especially for kids and their families The Mini Page

By BETTY DEBNAM

Top TV Job Interviews

The Presidential Debates

When you get older and are going to be interviewed for a job, you will always put your best foot forward. You will try to make the best impression possible. Every four years we elect our president to the top job in the country. Presidential debates are a kind of job interview. Candidates will try to put their best foot forward. These interviews take place on national TV. Millions of voters watch. Viewers will be judging not only what the candidates say, but also how they handle themselves. While debates can be big risks for candidates, they also offer opportunities for them to let voters know their side of the issues.

Debate rules

A debate is an organized way of presenting different viewpoints. To make things fair, rules apply. There are:

- an equal number of questions.
• equal time limits to answer them.
• equal turns.
• no interruptions.

The debates are sponsored by the Commission on Presidential Debates. The purpose of these debates is to give voters the views of the candidates and also to encourage debates between candidates running for other offices.

Web site: www.debates.org

Plans for the debates

Before the debates are held, the candidates must agree on a plan, or format, and the number of debates. Each candidate wants to make certain he appears to his best advantage.

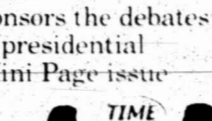
How many debates there will be is left up to the candidates. The group that sponsors the debates had scheduled three presidential debates when this Mini Page issue went to press.

Two of the debates are to be conducted by a moderator whose job is to ask questions and remind the speakers of the time rules. The other planned debate is a "town meeting" where citizens can ask questions. These debates are usually held on college campuses. Plans were also being made for a vice presidential debate. In this case, a moderator will ask the questions. You and your parents will want to check your newspaper's TV schedules to see when the debates will be aired.

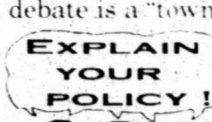
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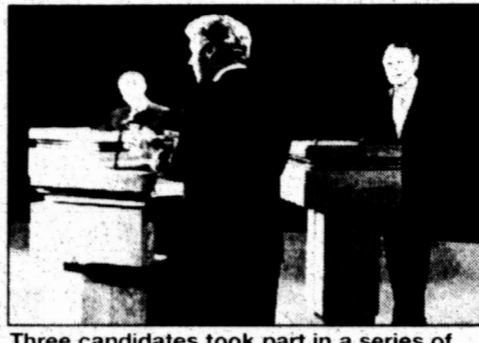
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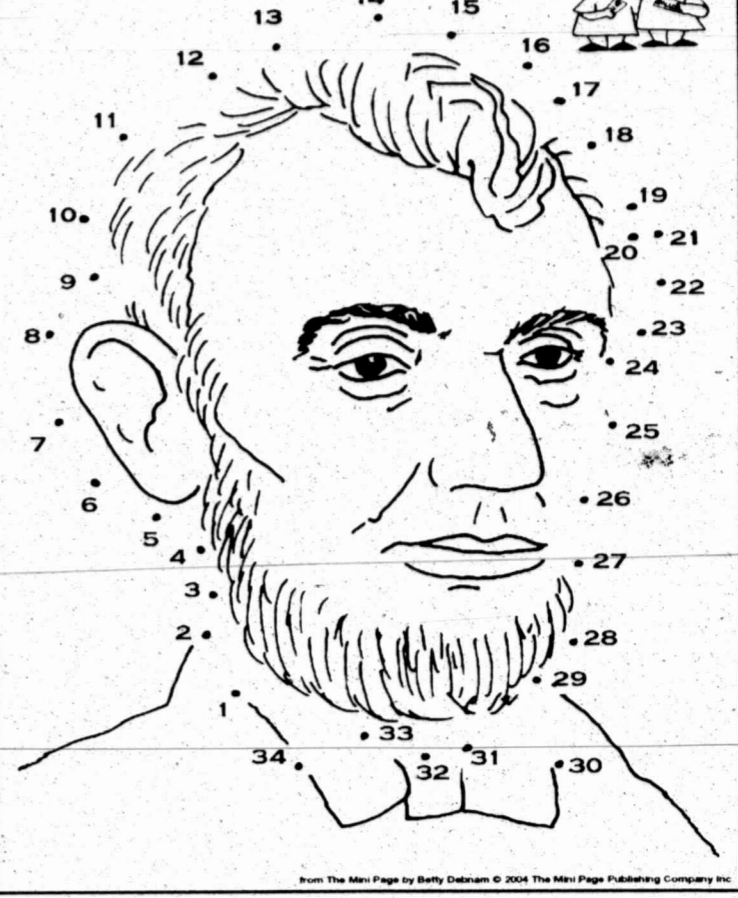
The only woman to take part in one of these debates was Democratic vice presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro. In 1984, she debated George H.W. Bush, who was vice president at that time.



Three candidates took part in a series of debates in 1992: Bill Clinton (Democrat, with his back to the camera), George H.W. Bush (Republican, who was president at the time and running for a second term) and Ross Perot (Independent, or third-party candidate).

A third-party candidate can enter a presidential debate only if he has met certain requirements showing that he has strong enough support.

Go dot to dot and color this famous debater.



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Rookie Black Bean Soup

This is a make-with-Mom recipe. We have put an asterisk (\*) by the steps that kids can do. You'll need: 2 tablespoons olive oil, 1 tablespoon cumin, 1 large red onion, chopped, 3 (15-ounce) cans black beans, not drained, 1 (15-ounce) can low-salt chicken broth, low-fat sour cream, tortilla chips. What to do: 1. In a large pot, combine olive oil, cumin and onion. 2. Stir on the stove over medium heat for 5 minutes. 3. In a large bowl, mash black beans with a fork until mushy. 4. Add beans and chicken broth to the pot. 5. Cook for 15 minutes on medium heat. 6. Serve in bowls with a tablespoon of sour cream on top. Place tortilla chips on the side. Serves 6.

Kids! You're Invited to the White House. A Kid's Guide to the White House is a terrific behind-the-scenes look at a very special house. Written with the cooperation of the White House Historical Association, the book is full of fun information, photos (some in full color) and puzzles that kids of all ages will enjoy.

Gus Goodsport's Report Supersport: Tom Brady. Height: 6-4, Weight: 225, Birthdate: 8-3-77, Hometown: San Mateo, Calif. The score was tied, the clock was ticking, and the Super Bowl fans were in a frenzy. But Tom Brady was calm. The poised New England quarterback guided his team downfield to set up a field goal by Adam Vinatieri that gave the Patriots a 32-29 win over the Carolina Panthers last February.

Meet Scott Baio. When Scott Baio was just 9 years old, he told his parents he wanted to be an actor. He grew up in Brooklyn, so he started looking for acting jobs in New York. Scott got parts in commercials, and by the time he was 13 he landed the lead role in the movie "Bugsy Malone." A producer liked his talent so much that he created a character for him named "Chachi," Fonzie's cousin in the very popular TV sitcom "Happy Days." He was such a success in that role that he then played Chachi in the TV show "Joanie Loves Chachi." Scott decided he wanted to be a director, too. Some of the shows he directed include "The New Lassie" and "Harry & the Hendersons." Now 43, Scott plays the character of Stan Bobbins in the upcoming movie "SuperBabies: Baby Geniuses 2." Scott's favorite thing to do besides acting is playing sports.

MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes. All of the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category? Horace: What cheese can't stop talking? William: Chatter cheese! Fred: How did your shirt get so many holes in it? Bob: We were playing grocery store, and I was the Swiss cheese! Wanda: What do you get when you mix Snoopy and breakfast? Nelly: A beagle and cream cheese!

DEBATES TRY 'N FIND. Words that remind us of the presidential debates are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden diagonally or backward, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find: AUDIENCE, MODERATOR, AGREE, FORMAT, VIEWPOINT, DISCUSSION, PRACTICE, SERIES, CLOCK, JUDGE, RULES, SPEAKER, PRESIDENTIAL, DEBATES, RESEARCH, WINNER, TIMING, PLAN, TURNS.

Mini Spy... Mini Spy and her friends are at a debate. See if you can find: dustpan, ladder, word MINI, ice skate, letter C, sock, heart, candle, paintbrush, pencil, letter J, kite, saw, key, lima bean, baseball, mitten, letter H, banana, woman's shoe, football.

The first TV debate. The first face-to-face nationwide TV presidential debate was held in 1960 between Richard M. Nixon (Republican) and John F. Kennedy (Democrat). Nixon was vice president at the time. He did not have to agree to the debate, but he did, and many experts think that was a big mistake. Nixon looked haggard and nervous. He did not feel well at the time. While Kennedy had practiced the answers to the questions he thought might be asked, Nixon had not. Many felt that this gave Kennedy an advantage. Kennedy won the election. Nixon ran for president eight years later and won. There was no national presidential TV debate during that election. The 1960 debate stands as an example that while what candidates say is important, how they look and handle themselves is important, too. TV presidential debates don't decide elections, but they are an important part of the outcome.

Debate guide for kids. How to watch debates: We don't expect our readers to watch all of the debates, but they might enjoy watching some. To find out more about debates, The Mini Page talked with experts at the National Forensic League. (One meaning of "forensic" is discussion and debate.) Ask yourself, are the candidates... making contact with the audience at the debate and also with the TV audience? answering the question put to them? using facts that support their arguments and sticking to the subject? at ease? Do they look comfortable in front of an audience? How to conduct a debate: Hold a classroom debate. You will want to do research and practice before starting. You need a watch for timing and a judge to choose a winner. Statement: Each speaker takes one minute. We have used as an example a debate about school uniforms. They give the main points in their minute each. Questions: Each speaker has one minute to ask the other speaker one question about his or her statements. The other speaker has one minute to answer. They take turns. Closing statement: Each speaker has one minute to give a short summary of his or her points.

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