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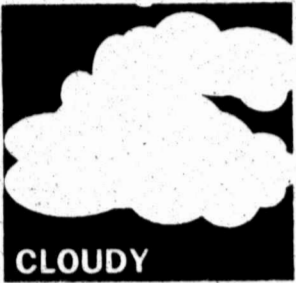
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## BRIEFLY

### Texas student found dead at CU

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Lynn Gordon Bailey Jr. was just starting to make his place at the University of Colorado. The freshman had joined the club lacrosse team and been accepted as a pledge into the Chi Psi fraternity.

But just hours after the 18-year-old from Dallas excitedly called his mother to update her on his new activities, he died at the fraternity's off-campus home. Police found him, with smudged ink marks on his face, on Friday morning in the first-floor library, after someone called 911.

"He had it all, he was absolutely at the top," his aunt, Lyn Feldman, said from Dallas. "He was thrilled about making the lacrosse team, and he was so excited about joining the fraternity."

An investigation into how he died was to resume today, police spokeswoman Julie Brooks said.

Police said they had not determined whether alcohol was a factor in Bailey's death.

### 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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## Sales tax rebates up 15.23 percent locally

By BILL MCCLELLAN  
News Editor

Big Spring was one of four area cities and communities to experience a double-digit increase in sales tax rebates this month compared to September 2003, according to the Texas State Comptroller's Office.

The \$305,819.63 received this month is 15.23 percent more than the \$265,271.95 taken in for September 2003. The rebates also put Big Spring past the \$3 million mark for the year. Now at

\$3,015,885.51, the city has received an increase of 10.48 percent when compared to a year ago.

In contrast, sales tax rebates for Coahoma dropped 10.36 percent, comparing the \$4,086.26 received this month to the \$4,558.84 received in September 2003. However, Coahoma's \$40,781.02 taken in for the year is still a solid 29.06 percent above that brought in over the same period of time a year ago.

Forsan has a similar situation. That community received

\$4,146.70 this month, down 6.99 percent from the \$4,458.64 taken in a year ago, but has received \$46,231.96 in 2004, up 32.99 percent compared to 2003.

Abilene received \$2,089,097.18 for September, a 2.75 percent decrease compared to the \$2,148,281.90 the city received in September 2003. For the year, Abilene has received \$20,171,978.43, an improvement of 3.25 percent.

Andrews took in \$63,130.03, a decrease of 4.08 percent compared to the \$65,821.15 received

the same month in 2003. For the year, Andrews has received \$646,355.65, or 0.33 percent less than a year ago.

Brownfield netted a small increase, 0.23 percent, comparing this September's rebates of \$59,069.78 to last September's rebates of \$58,931.63. For the year, the community has received \$612,435.63, a 4.47 percent increase.

Colorado City managed a 6.84 percent increase for the month.

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Jackson Parsley, 2-1/2 of Midland, enjoys an ice cream treat at the Alzheimer's Memory Walk on Saturday.

HERALD photo/Kendra Wiss

## United Way tickets are on sale now

Annual event planned for Tuesday, Sept. 28

By KENDRA WISS

Staff Writer

Officials with the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County are inviting everyone to come to the annual kickoff luncheon, which will be keynoted by Jerry Traylor.

The luncheon will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, in Garrett Hall at the First United Methodist Church. Al's and Son Bar-B-Q will cater the meal. Tickets are \$10 each and must be purchased in advance.

Cynthia Scott, executive director for the local United Way, is hoping this event will be a good start to the United Way's fund-raising goal of \$275,000, \$10,000 more than last year.

Money raised during the campaign will go to help the many local United Way agencies: American Red Cross, West Texas Chapter; Boy's Club of Big Spring; Buffalo Trail Council; Boy Scouts of America; CASA of West

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## West Nile Virus infections on the wane?

Maybe, but it's still important to take safeguards, authorities urge

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

With more than 500 cases reported in 51 counties across the Lone Star State since it was first discovered in 2002, it appears the number of West Nile virus infections is beginning to wane, according to Texas Department of Health officials.

More than 400 infections and 38 deaths attributed to West Nile virus were reported in 2003, as the epidemic seemed to reach its peak. According to TDH statistics, 2004 has seen only 33 infections and five deaths.

While the inclination at this point may be breath a sigh of relief, Texas Commissioner of Health Eduardo Sanchez said Texans should continue to minimize their chances of being exposed to the virus.

"Very few mosquitoes carry the virus, and less than 1 percent of the bites from mosquitoes that do have the virus actually cause serious illness," he said. "But we've had West Nile illness in Texas, and it's a good idea to reduce the low risk even further by eliminating mosquito hatching grounds and by minimizing exposure to mosquitoes."

Local physician Dr. Cynthia Rutledge said the number of people complaining of West Nile-type symptoms and showing concern for possible infec-

"A lot of people have been infected, recovered from it, and never even know it."



Dr. Cynthia Rutledge

tion are down considerably compared to last year.

"Last year there were just so many people that thought they had been infected or had the symptoms," said Rutledge. "This year there aren't as many."

During a recent meeting of the Big Spring City Council, Councilwoman Stephanie Horton expressed concern for the rising mosquito population in her district, a problem Big Spring Director of Public Works Todd Darden said is being addressed as quickly as possible.

"We're currently spraying for mosquitoes," said Darden. "We're running the equipment as often as possible. We've had some problems in the past with the equipment, and we sort of have to baby it, but it's up and running."

Darden said the city will continue spraying until the first freeze, when the majority of the mosquito population is expected to be killed-off.

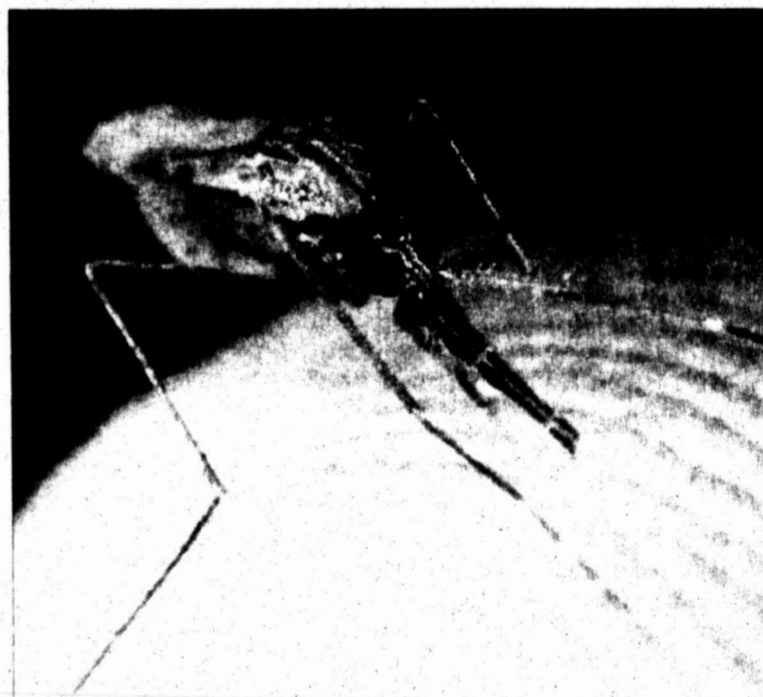
While mosquito bites represent the vast majority of human contractions of the virus, TDH officials say it's not the only way, citing one reported case of transplacental (mother-to-child) virus transmission, as well as one reported case of transmission of the virus through breast-milk.

While children and the elderly are most at risk for serious complications arising from being infected, the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention advises most infections go unnoticed, producing only mild, flu-like symptoms.

"Following transmission by an infected mosquito, West Nile virus multiplies in the person's blood system and crosses the blood-brain barrier to reach the brain," the CDC advises through their Web site. "The virus interferes with normal central nervous system functioning and causes inflammation of brain tissue."

"Infection with West Nile virus can be asymptomatic, meaning there are no symptoms at all, or can lead to West Nile fever or severe West Nile disease. Most people, about four out of five, who are infected with West Nile virus will not develop any type of illness. However, you can't know ahead of time if you'll get sick or not

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Courtesy photo

Documented infections are way down from 2003, as are deaths, but that doesn't mean the threat is over.

### West Nile cases in Texas since 2002

Here's a look at the progression of human cases of West Nile virus through Texas since it was first discovered in 2002. The totals represent all cases identified, which includes virus found in mosquitoes, horses, birds and humans:

2004 (as of Sept. 15)  
Deaths — 5  
Cases — 41  
Total — 534 cases in 51 of 254 counties

2003  
Deaths — 38  
Cases — 439  
Total — 2,759 in 190 of 254 counties

2002  
Deaths — 13  
Cases — 202  
Total — 2,681 in 213 of 254 counties

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EDITORIAL

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

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OTHER VIEWS

# Commission's findings must receive action

With less than a month to go in this session of Congress, lawmakers face a critical decision whether to act on 41 recommendations of the 9-11 commission before breaking for the upcoming election.

This newspaper encourages them to put reforming the way the nation manages intelligence ahead of partisan politics and to act swiftly on the 9-11 commission's sweeping recommendations.

The 9-11 commission submitted its remarkable report on July 22. Since then, momentum has been building for action. The report, which reads more like a spy novel than a droll set of policy recommendations, is a national best-seller.

Congress held hearings on the report over the summer, and bipartisan support for passage of all 41 recommendations has been building.

In the Senate, John McCain, R-Ariz., and Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., introduced a bill pushing all 41 recommendations. In the House, U.S. Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., and Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., introduced similar legislation.

Now is not the time to stall. The recommendations include broad changes, such as reorganizing the nation's intelligence agencies and congressional oversight committees, as well as specific changes, such as introducing national standards for driver's licenses and improving the screening of airline passengers.

A significant obstacle to progress was removed last week when President Bush endorsed giving greater budget and hiring power to a national intelligence director, who would have overall charge of the 15-agency U.S. intelligence community. Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry also supports the creation of a national intelligence director.

Congress must tackle the difficult job of deciding exactly what powers will go to the new post. In our view, the director should have the power to hire the heads of the intelligence agencies and to fire the same with the approval of the other 14 agency heads. Without such power, the national intelligence director will not be able to coordinate the best available responses from the various agencies.

The only thing worse than the current outdated system would be to create a position that gives the director no power and no independence. America can't afford to have a toothless tiger in charge of intelligence.

For that reason, the new director should not be a member of the Cabinet. The new director of intelligence should have a measure of freedom from political pressure from both the president and Congress.

The election is important. But reducing the risk of 9-11-style attacks is more important. The time for action is now.

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# Double distortion in the media

Media watch alert: a curious double distortion in the media mirror, as the situation in Iraq unravels before our eyes. Iraq gets less media play for two reasons — one an old media fault, and the other political.

As the story gets worse, it also becomes more familiar. We've heard it before, quite a few times, and consequently it doesn't get as much play. "Seven Marines Killed" or "Scores Are Dead After Violence Spreads in Iraq" would have been HUGE stories a year ago. Now they're just another bad day in Iraq, nothin' new here, no news. Back to the hurricane (which is also becoming unpleasantly old news).

The other factor is the Bush team's decision to drop this misbegotten war down the memory hole. Two parts at play here. The first is Teddy Roosevelt's splendid observation that the presidency is a bully pulpit. It is the single most useful public relations position in the world. When the president calls a press conference to talk about whatever he wants, all hands report for duty. And if the president doesn't mention a certain subject, nor does the veep, nor the secretaries of defense, state, etc., the media have to dig it up on their own, a responsibility at which we have often failed and are steadily getting worse.

The second part is that John Kerry is not in a particularly good position to bring up the subject himself. Through some truly adroit political maneuvering (I am not a fan but resolutely resist use of the word genius), every time Kerry opens his mouth about Iraq these days, the Bush camp bursts into a loud, well-trained chorus of "He's changing his position again."



MOLLY IVINS

Yoo-hoo, flip-flop!" One way to deal with that would be for Kerry to hold a press conference and announce he is, finally, at long last, actually changing his mind — but the political way is to step up his opposition without ever admitting he supported this misbegotten mess. Hell, if George W. Bush can't think of a single mistake he's made (not to mention still claiming he got into the Texas Air National Guard all by himself), why should Kerry admit one?

Meanwhile, back in reality, incredibly enough, the Bush team continues to make things in Iraq worse!

Ignoring the First Rule of Holes (when in one, quit digging), the geniuses in the White House are actually busy making this fiasco worse. According to The Washington Post, it was the White House that decided, against the advice of military commanders on the ground, to order the troops into Fallujah after four American construction workers were killed and their bodies mutilated.

I'm sure Gen. Rove decided we couldn't afford to look weak in the face of such provocation given the poll numbers at the time. Worse, it was the tactical geniuses at the White House who then decided, again against the advice of the military commanders on the ground, to withdraw the troops from Fallujah. Come on, people, if I hear one more person accusing those of us who oppose this war of having "Vietnam flashbacks," I'm going to urp. When will they ever learn?

Of course Bush is entitled to ask Kerry, "So what would you do about the disaster I've created?" Trouble is, the various initiatives and proposals Kerry has come up in the course of the making of this quagmire (known to Republicans as "flip-flops" and "switching positions") would have worked, but those times are gone, wasted by our "steadfast" commander in

chief who can't see anything clearly.

There was a time when it would have helped to have more troops on the ground — we could have stopped the looting and actually imposed order. That would have meant following Army Chief of Staff Gen. Erik Shinseki's advice, instead of the military geniuses in the White House. There was a time when we could have seriously gone after more international support and gotten our allies to help pay for this costly botch. But that would have meant admitting our allies had been right about too many things, and the White House was too busy smirking, bowing and crowing to improve its diplomacy after the war one iota over the offensive, unnecessary alienation of allies it worked so hard on before the war.

There was a time when we could have been more sensitive toward the Iraqis themselves — for example, by not moving our headquarters into Saddam Hussein's palace or shutting down their newspaper — to them what democracy is all about — or keeping Abu Ghraib open.

Speaking of Abu Ghraib, what happened there is not the Marshall Plan. Nor is giving billions of dollars to Halliburton and all the jobs to non-Iraqis a Marshall Plan. The Busies have slowly, one-by-one, destroyed every chance we had to make this occupation work. And then they blame Kerry for not coming up with a plan.

Now we have Dick Cheney warning us that if we don't vote for Bush, we'll all die. Good thing they're not making national security a political issue!

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# Kerry still not helping himself

The guns of August did their work on John F. Kerry. Whatever goodwill and political advantage he had obtained from his convention in Boston — and that was slender enough — it was shredded by a withering attack on his Vietnam record and Kerry's own glacial pace in defending himself.

Which put the leaders of the Democratic Party in a cold fury. The Democratic National Committee had spent a record \$36 million on television ads in August, and some now considered that a wasted effort. Big Democratic donors were howling that Kerry was blowing the chance of a lifetime, and well before the Republican Convention, which placed Kerry even further in the hole. Bill Clinton was on the phone with Kerry and telling him his campaign needed to be "stronger".

Fingers were pointed in several directions, but grumpy staff members, who bore the brunt of the blame, pointed out that the candidate was not helping. A few weeks before the Republican Convention, I asked a senior Kerry aide where Kerry would spend that week. "I don't know where he will be, but I know where he won't be," the aide replied. "He will not be on Nantucket."

The staff got it. Pictures of Kerry windsurfing around an island playground for the wealthy were not helpful. So what happens? Kerry goes to Nantucket, goes windsurfing and, as if to rub it in,



ROGER SIMON

puts on a pair of only-a-rich-guy-would-dare-wear-these shorts for the photographers.

And if the Democrats were waiting for Bush to falter at his convention, they were badly disappointed. It was a nearly flawless four-day extravaganza, and virtually every major speech had the same theme: Vote for George Bush — or die.

While Kerry's convention looked relentlessly backward to Vietnam, Bush's convention looked insistently ahead to a dangerous world that only Bush, the official line went, could protect us from.

And if anyone needed reminding of that following the convention, Dick Cheney provided it with his statement that if Kerry was elected "the danger is that we'll get hit again" by terrorists.

But then it was September, and a new Kerry campaign was in place. A number of former Clinton aides had been brought on board and, as one told me, "This campaign needs to be more urgent, more aggressive and more in your face." The new people also pointed out that after eight years of working in the Clinton White House, "rapid response" was stamped on their DNA.

So John Edwards immediately denounced Cheney's statement as "un-American," and when media accounts surfaced that Bush may not have fulfilled all his military obligations during his stint in the Air National Guard, TV-star and Kerry backer James Carville was unleashed to say: "I think the lesson here is President Bush is probably a man of limited personal courage."

The candidate, himself, also seemed a little more emphatic and more willing to focus his speeches

on just one or two topics (instead of 16) and present a presidential, if not exactly warm and likeable face, to the public.

But is it all too late? "Our biggest problem in August was that it was an opportunity lost," a top Kerry aide said. "So many things went wrong for Bush — bad poverty numbers, the economy, Iraq — and we did not hold him accountable. That was more damaging to us than the Swift Boat stuff."

But Kerry is known as being a good closer, a candidate who comes to life in the last weeks of the campaign to make up lost ground and win — though his campaign is depending on more than just the candidate.

Senior aides feel they have a secret weapon: a below-the-radar-screen staff of experts on organizing and getting out the vote.

"While there is a lot of drama surrounding the media consultants and the press people, there are people with a ruthless efficiency on this campaign concentrating on the political, targeting and ground-game side," a Democratic strategist said.

Said Democratic Chairman Terry McAuliffe: "I think the second the Republican convention ended, it was a new campaign for us. There is a whole new level of intensity."

Now if someone could just convince the candidate of that.

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Eight-year-old Sunday even

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Saturday's Memory Walk to raise funds for Alzheimer's research drew a large crowd of supporters, as these photos (above, left, below left) show. Held at Comanche Trail Park, participants enjoyed hot dogs and cold drinks after the morning event concluded.

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HERALD photo/Kendra Wiss

These Moss Elementary School students are just hanging around the playground on a Friday afternoon.



HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

Eight-year-old Aaron Calvio, a student at Marcy Elementary, takes a spin on a camel Sunday evening during the Shriners Circus at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.



Courtesy photo/Bruce Schoolar

Stanton High School homecoming queen Megan Dotson, left, poses with the 2003 queen, Brianna Pribyla, during halftime ceremonies Friday night.



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## Foot strain common but yes, it is treatable

By KAREN SHIDELER  
Knight Ridder

WICHITA, Kan. — Some people say it feels like a sharp rock is poking you in the heel with each step.

For Nancy Robinson, it was as if "somebody had taken a hot knife and was twisting it in the bottom of my foot." Orthopedic surgeon Steve Howell has seen plenty of it, as a clinical assistant professor for the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita and during a foot and ankle fellowship at Vanderbilt University.

"It" is plantar fasciitis, or inflammation of the plantar fascia, the ligament running from the base of the toes to the bottom of the heel bone.

It's caused mostly by overuse and — wouldn't you know it? — made worse by excess weight and increasing age. Which means you might someday experience it, even if you've never heard of it before.

The good news is, it will go away, though treatment may take more than a year.

Robinson's pain started about 18 months ago. It was gradual at first but kept getting worse, "so that I noticed sometimes I was really grouchy and I didn't know why, and then I'd realize — my foot hurts really bad."

She speculates that being on her feet a lot (she owns a gift shop) "and I think maybe old age" (she's 57) contributed to the condition.

That's a possibility. Howell says the blood supply to the ligaments starts declining as we get into our 20s, and the slowing metabolism and increasing weight that often go with getting older add to the stress on ligaments.

He says the best approach to plantar fasciitis is a step-by-step one. But don't start as you might for a sore muscle.

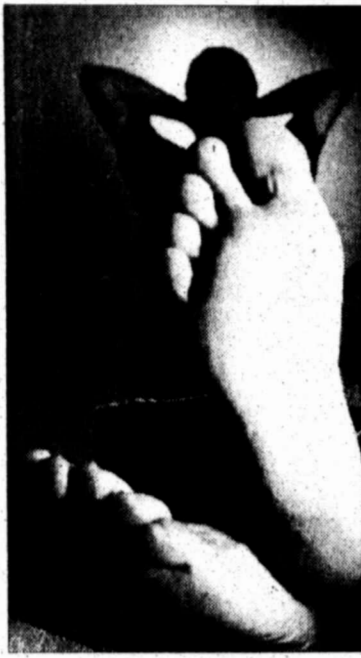
Putting ice on your heel or rolling your foot over a can of frozen juice will numb the pain, he says. Over-the-counter anti-inflammatories, such as ibuprofen, might relieve it.

But that masks the problem.

"You need to curtail the injurious activity or you're not going to get over it," Howell says.

He recommends changing what you do, especially if you're a runner or jogger, because those activities double the stress put on the plantar fascia. Even just walking can be a two-steps-forward, three-steps-back activity. Instead, try an exercise bike, jogging in water or some other non-impact activity.

Then, begin stretching the plantar fascia and the Achilles tendon, which attaches the calf muscles to the heel bone. Stand by the side of a table or with your hands against a wall for support. If your left foot is affected, for example, put it behind your right foot, with the toes on the left foot bent up.



Wichita Eagle photo/Bo Rader  
Harold Mowery says the plantar fasciitis pain in his right foot "is like having a toothache in your heel."

Lean forward, keeping your left knee straight. Keeping your toes bent stretches the plantar fascia as well as the Achilles tendon, Howell says.

He also suggests changing shoes, choosing one that is rounded on the bottom where your heel sits, so that your heel is cupped as it would be if you put your hand around it. Look also for a shock-absorbing shoe — one with springs or coils or spongy material under the heel.

Robinson swears by the Froe shoes she got online, at the suggestion of a friend who'd used them for plantar fasciitis. The rounded bottom and arch support "really have helped tremendously," she says.

She also borrowed a "night boot" from another friend who'd had plantar fasciitis. It holds her foot in a flexed position overnight, rather than letting it relax.

Such night splints are especially helpful for people whose pain is worst first thing in the morning, Howell says, because they keep the plantar fascia stretched.

If those techniques haven't helped after a couple of months, it's time to check with your doctor. Howell says he often has patients try a shoe insert or moldable heel cup and may put a cast or "moon boot" on someone who is in so much pain that it hurts to take a step.

Night splints and heel cups help about 80 percent of his patients, he says, but it may take nine to 18 months of treatment.

If a patient hasn't shown signs of improvement, Howell will try one cortisone injection; more can cause the heel pad to atrophy, which creates other problems.

Surgery is a last resort, though it sometimes is necessary.

## Testing newborns' blood a lifesaver for wee ones

By MARIE MCCULLOUGH  
Knight Ridder

PHILADELPHIA — Wendy Nawn began crusading to expand newborn health screening after she saw what happened to her son Alex, who inherited a rare metabolic disorder that can cause brain damage and death.

What happened was wonderful.

An analysis of a few drops of blood taken from Alex's heel soon after birth revealed his faulty gene. An endocrine nurse told his parents that he could not go more than five waking hours without eating because his body cannot break down fat. Today, almost six years later, both Alex and his little brother, who also has the little-known disease, are as healthy as they are precocious.

Most children with medium-chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency, or MCAD deficiency, are not so fortunate, Nawn said.

"I cannot tell you how fuming we would be if this had happened to Alex," she said, "and if we had later learned there is an inexpensive test to detect this silent disease presymptomatically."

The damaging effects of many of the diseases can be prevented or reduced through early intervention with tailored diets and, in some cases, drugs. Yet 40 years after the first screening test was developed, detection programs vary wildly.

Pennsylvania mandates screening for only six diseases, although most hospitals in the state voluntarily contract with a company that screens for about 50.

West Virginia requires testing for just four disorders, while states such as New Jersey screen for 20 or more.

Nawn's advocacy group, Save Babies Through Screening, is in the forefront of a parent-driven movement to get every state to screen newborns for an evolving list that now includes more than 50 rare metabolic illnesses.

While there is continuing debate about checking for metabolic diseases that cannot be effectively treated, a federal initiative may finally turn the nation's screening crazy quilt into some sort of blanket protection.

At a meeting late this month, a federal advisory committee on newborn screening is expected to recommend testing all babies for at least 30 genetic disorders using



Philadelphia Inquirer photo/Michael Bryant  
One-day-old Saadiq Scruggs is screened at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa. Blood from his heel is placed on a card to be tested.

the latest rapid-detection technology, according to committee members. In addition, the advisory committee — which reports to the U.S. secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) — will call for federal funding to help states develop comprehensive testing systems, including educating physicians and parents, and tracking children who are diagnosed.

"This is the first advisory committee on newborn screening at the HHS level, and HHS controls the money," said the advisory group's leader R. Rodney Howell, chairman of the pediatrics department at the University of Miami School of Medicine. "So I'm optimistic that we can move the agenda ahead."

The first newborn screening test was developed in 1961 for phenylketonuria.

Now, nearly all states screen for PKU and three other disorders.

But by the early 1990s, screening was becoming a complex issue. More and more disorders were identified as scientists found ever-subtler defects in genes that regulate the body's metabolism of proteins and enzymes. An ultra-fast analytical instrument called tandem mass spectrometry enabled screening a blood sample for dozens of molecular disease markers — all in a matter of minutes and for just \$10 or \$20.

The problem is that a tandem mass machine can cost as much as \$500,000 (plus the staff to run it), and there are no effective treatments for some of the disorders it can detect. Some experts estimate that hundreds more metabolic genetic defects that fall into this gray area may be identified.

There are other dilemmas, as Thomas Jefferson University pediatrician Gary Emmett writes in a new pediatrics textbook. Some congenital metabolic defects — such as alpha-1-antitrypsin defi-

ciency, which can cause lung and liver damage — are expensive to screen for. Other disorders — such as arginase deficiency, which can cause quadriplegia, retardation and seizures — has been diagnosed in so few patients that it is not yet clear whether treatment with a supplemental amino acid works.

Screening also "opens up a Pandora's box of difficult ethics and privacy questions," Emmett writes. States must figure out "how much we should know about each individual's genetic makeup, and who is allowed access to that knowledge."

No wonder screening programs across the country have become increasingly inconsistent, despite calls for a more orderly system from the American Academy of Pediatrics, the March of Dimes and the Council of Regional Networks for Genetic Services.

Some states have argued that inherited metabolic diseases are so uncommon, parents who want extra screening tests should pay out of pocket — \$25 to \$90 — to one of the nation's four commercial newborn-screening labs.

But because the diseases are uncommon — altogether, about 4,000 of the 4 million babies born each year are affected — few parents know about supplemental screening unless doctors inform them.

Families who learn about these horrible disorders — sometimes too late to save their children — have pressured state legislatures and hospitals to expand screening and educate parents.

Hospitals in Pennsylvania quickly adopted comprehensive screening after two hospitals were sued — one in 1998 and the other in 2000 — by parents who blamed the hospitals for failing to diagnose their babies' metabolic disorders. About 95 percent of hospitals in the state now send blood to Pediatrx, a

Pittsburgh-based newborn-screening lab.

If the federal advisory committee recommends national screening for 30 disorders, it may force all states to accept this as the minimum "standard of care," experts say.

The 30 disorders were selected by a team of doctors from the American College of Medical Genetics, said Mike Watson, executive director of the college and head of the team. The team analyzed 84 rare diseases. Watson said, but chose only those that met key criteria, including: the screening test is reliable; the disorder causes serious harm and has an effective treatment; and intervention at birth is better than after symptoms develop.

MCAD deficiency, diagnosed in Nawn's sons, is a disorder that clearly meets the criteria. MCAD deficiency interferes with an enzyme needed to break down fat. The main treatment is to make sure the child does not go more than five or six waking hours without eating, so his or her blood sugar is not depleted. That is simple enough — until a child gets sick, vomits and won't eat.

"Brain damage or seizures can occur within hours," Nawn said. If MCAD deficiency has not been diagnosed, "there isn't even enough time for doctors to run tests."

Fortunately, Alex has been sick only twice. Both times, Nawn said, he was rushed to Bryn Mawr (Pa.) Hospital, where he immediately received the necessary intravenous fluids.

Numerous studies have shown that newborn screening for treatable metabolic diseases makes economic sense because it improves the outcomes for children — although the degree of improvement is not always dramatic.

But even if federal recommendations lead to uniform national screening, debate is sure to continue, particularly about expanding screening to include untreatable diseases.

Nawn and other parent advocates argue that families need early diagnosis, not only to understand why a child is sick or dying, but to make informed decisions about future childbearing.

"People are mistaken when they say the worst thing in the world is to bury a child," Nawn said. "The worst thing is burying two children."

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For more information, call Howard at 264-5155.

#### DiscOver tournament set at Birdwell Park

The 12th annual DiscOver Big Spring Golf Tournament has been set for Oct. 3 at Birdwell Park.

Registration for the event begins at 8 a.m. A players meeting and tee times start at 9 a.m.

There will be an ace pot, CTP's, \$100 added to the purse and 100% payout in all divisions. Entry fees — depending on level — range from \$15-\$35.

Juniors get a free disc and each division must have four players.

For more information, call Greg Brooks at 915-267-6335 or 915-267-1465.

#### 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.

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

#### Fifty-yard field goal stuns No. 11 Florida

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — James Wilhoit kicked a 50-yard field goal with 6 seconds left to give No. 13 Tennessee a 30-28 victory over the No. 11 Florida Gators Saturday night.

Wilhoit redeemed himself after missing an extra-point try less than five minutes earlier that would have tied the game.

The Tennessee Volunteers were trailing 28-21 in the fourth quarter, when freshman Erik Ainge completed a 13-yard touchdown pass to Jayson Swain with 4:17 left. But Wilhoit, a sophomore who had never missed a PAT in his career, was wide right on the kick.

All Florida had to do was run out the clock, but the Gators (1-1, 0-1 Southeastern Conference) had to punt with 55 seconds left.

It was enough time for the Volunteers (2-0, 1-0) to rally for their first win over the Florida Gators at home since 1998, the year they won the national championship.

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## Big Spring netters dominate rival Lake View

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

A dominating performance against rival Lake View at the Figure 7 Tennis Center inside Comanche Trail Park Saturday got the Big Spring tennis team off to a good start in district play as the Steers whipped San Angelo Lake View, 15-4.

The boys' team went 9-0 on the day, while the girl's team finished 6-3. The other loss by Big Spring came during the mixed doubles match.

"The boys played excellent and I couldn't have asked for more," said Big Spring head coach Sarah Corse. "The girl's team played well, but it wasn't as good as I had hoped."

"But, if we are going to play and get our feet wet then this is the match to do it."

Five out of the boys six singles matches were won in straight sets.

Sophomore Roshan Shroff took care of his opponent 6-3/6-0, while seniors Nick Rivera, Nick Paredez and Jason Vela all won, as well.

Riyera won 6-2/6-2. Paredez dominated his match 6-2/6-1 and Vela defeated his opponent 6-3/6-0. Sophomore Bryan Juan also won in straight sets, 6-1/6-2.

Freshman Ryan Gonzales won his match, but needed three sets. He won 1-6/6-3/6-2.

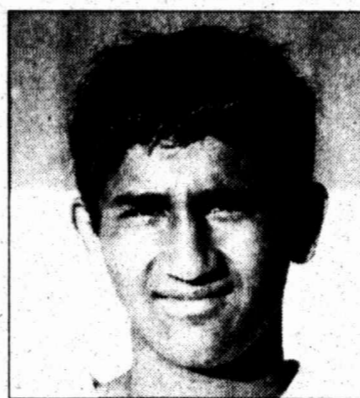
"The boys took care of business (Saturday)," said Corse.

The boys doubles teams were equally as impressive.

The Nick's — Rivera and Paredez — won their doubles match 6-2/6-2.

Vela and Shroff lost five games, but still won the match 6-1/6-4. The best performance came from Gonzales and Juan, who won their match 6-2/6-0.

The girl's team added



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six wins of its own.

No. 1 seeded senior Veronica Villarreal hardly broke a sweat in her 6-0/6-0 win.

Three-seeded senior Jessica Rodriguez also won in straight sets as J-Rod completed the 6-0/6-3 victory.

The other victory in girls singles was captured by fifth-seeded junior Natasha Neighbors. She won in straight sets easily 6-1/6-2.

"She had a really good day," said Corse. "I was very pleased with her per-

formance.

Senior Alex Garipey, sophomore Reinilde Robinson and junior Jamie Jordan all lost in singles action, as well.

The girls doubles team were perfect Saturday.

Villarreal and Rodriguez won their match in straight sets 6-0/6-1, while Garipey and Robinson needed a second set tiebreaker, but still came out with the win 6-3/7-6(7-2).

Also winning in straight sets was the team of Jordan and Neighbors. They won 6-3/6-3.

"The girls didn't have much intensity, but you could put some of that blame on me," said Corse. "It was our first district match and I didn't want the team to be nervous. I just thought they needed more excitement."

The mixed doubles team of Robert Andrade and freshman Allison Ward lost their match 6-0/6-3.

"Overall, I was pleased with the win," said Corse. "Now we have to get our focus set on Plainview next Saturday."

"Midland will also be a tough match for us Tuesday."

Big Spring also took part in some extra practice matches Saturday and picked up wins in two of them. Rosie Alcantar and Jeremy Landin won a mixed doubles match 8-6, while Jessica Barker and Ashli Islas took care of their girls doubles opponent 8-4.

Big Spring's next match will take place in Midland against Midland High Tuesday.

Then the team continues with district play Saturday at Plainview.

"The Midland match is important, but we need to be ready to go at Plainview Saturday because that is a district match," said Corse.

## Steers win home meet with five in top eight

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

After placing five of the top eight runners at the Big Spring Invitational Saturday, the Steers boys' cross country team took the overall team title by a wide margin.

The Steers scored 26 points in the victory, while Midland High (68) and Midland Lee (81) took second and third, respectively. Big Spring's district rivals — Andrews and Lake View — took fourth and fifth, respectively, while Snyder came in sixth.

Sophomore Michael Rodriguez led the way for the Steers as he crossed the finish line in 18:05. Rodriguez only trailed Midland Lee's Billy Giano, who finished the race in 17:15.

Daniel Leos and sophomore Jesse Sanchez also finished in the top-five. Leos was fourth with a time of 18:51 and Sanchez took fifth with a run of 18:57.

Freshman Zack Dawson and sophomore Chris Salazar kept the back-to-back finishes in tact as they finished in seventh and eighth, respectively. Dawson crossed in 19:12, while Chris Salazar came in seven seconds later.

The final scorer of the day for the Steers was sophomore Chris Martinez, who crossed the line in 26th with a time of 21:49.

Andrews' Ryan Roberts came in third with a time of 18:28.

Eighth-grader Jordan Valle led Big Spring's junior varsity team to a victory, as well. Valle won the race in 19:20. Dylan Yarbrough and Michael Salazar took third and fourth, respectively, while freshmen Mark Salazar and Kevin Porras came across in ninth and 11th, respectively.

Also, freshman Abel Diaz finished 35th with a time of 25:07.

The junior varsity team scored 28 points and defeated second place Seminole by 32.

Colorado City, Midland Lee JV and Midland High JV finished third, fourth and fifth, respectively.



Members of the Big Spring girls cross country stay in a pack at the start of the race Saturday at the Big Spring invitational. The girls team took second overall, while the boys team was crowned course champions.

## Lake View takes out spikers

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

Another undefeated run of district matches will not happen this season after the Big Spring volleyball team dropped its District 4-4A opener to San Angelo Lake View Saturday inside the Steer Gym.

Lake View won the match in three games 25-21/26-24/25-17.

The Maidens led the entire way in game one. They led by as many as seven points before eventually winning the first stanza by four.

Big Spring led early in game two, but Lake View (19-7) battled back to tie the score at 11-11 before rolling off four straight points and taking the 15-11 lead. The Lady Steers continued to battle, however, and were able to get the score tied again, this time at 20-20. The lead then shifted back and forth before the Maidens closed out Big Spring after scoring the game's final two points.

The Maidens controlled much of game three and closed out the Lady Steers with an eight point victory. Big Spring led 2-1 and forced ties at 13-13 and 14-14, but could not do enough late to extend the match. The Maidens



Big Spring senior Stefani Scott gets up high for the kill during the Lady Steers' three-game loss to district rival San Angelo Lake View Saturday at the Steer gym.

scored the final six points of game three.

Lake View also defeated the Steers in a best two out of three match Aug. 28 during the quarterfinals of the gold division at a tournament in San Angelo.

Big Spring (15-15) has lost three straight matches and suffered its first

district loss in 11 matches.

The Lady Steers finished 10-0 and won the district championship last season in head coach Revis Daggett's first year.

Big Spring must now travel to Andrews Tuesday to face another district rival and possible District 4-4A favorite.

## Big Spring girls take second at home meet

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

The Big Spring girls cross country team settled for second at the Big Spring Invitational Saturday, getting outscored by only district rival Andrews. The Lady Steers scored 72 points, but the Mustangs out did Big Spring with 59.

Midland Lee took third and district rival San Angelo Lake View came in fourth.

Leading the way for the Lady Steers Saturday was freshman Esther Tobar and Mistie Aguilar. Tobar was the first team member to cross as she placed sixth overall with a run of 14:14 and Aguilar crossed eighth in 14:19.

Sophomore Larissa Rodriguez and senior Tasha Rios came in 12th and 18th, respectively. Rodriguez crossed in 14:46, while Rios put together a run of 15:16.

Senior Patricia Franco and Priscilla Bustamantes finished one second apart and took 28th and 29th, respectively.

## Bulldogettes take second in Division II

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

With three runners in the top-10, the Coahoma girls cross country team place second overall Saturday at the Big Spring Invitational's Division 2 race. The only school which outscored the Bulldogettes was Seminole.

Coahoma's district rival Colorado City came in third with 86 points.

Monica Morelion, Sini Laurikkala and Callie Paige all finished in the top-10 for Coahoma. Morelion finished fourth, while Laurikkala and Paige took sixth and ninth, respectively.

Krista Kerby and Chelsea Gonzales each ran under 16:30 and placed in the top-20.

Coahoma's lone boys varsity runner was Stephen Ewing. Ewing came in eighth.

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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Members of Big Spring High School perform "the wave" during a break at the Lady Steers volleyball team's district opener Saturday at the Steer Gym. Big lost the match to San Angelo Lake View in three games.

## Hopkins knocks out De La Hoya

By TIM DAHLBERG  
AP Boxing Writer

LAS VEGAS — Bernard Hopkins suddenly ended a close fight with two left hooks to the body in the ninth round Saturday night to stop Oscar De La Hoya and ruin his bid to become the undisputed middleweight champion.

The punches put De La Hoya on the canvas on his hands and knees in obvious pain. When De La Hoya rolled over on his back, referee Kenny Bayless stopped the fight at 1:38 of the ninth.

While Hopkins celebrated, De La Hoya remained on his knees, his face buried in his gloves. He repeatedly pounded the canvas in frustration after being stopped for the first time in his brilliant career.

"I felt a sense of urgency," Hopkins said. "I wasn't sure if I was winning or not."

Hopkins (45-2-1, 32 knockouts) was ahead on two scorecards and behind on a third in a cautiously fought bout when he suddenly landed the punches just below De La Hoya's rib cage to retain his undisputed middleweight title in his 19th title defense.

"A well-placed body shot," De La Hoya said.

De La Hoya (37-4, 29 knockouts) was a 2-1 underdog in only his second fight as a middleweight and was taking on a champion who hadn't lost in 11 years.

"I tried to do the impossible on paper — beat the middleweight champ

coming up from 130 pounds," De La Hoya said.

Hopkins fought cautiously the first half of the fight, giving both De La Hoya and the sold-out crowd at the MGM Grand arena some cause for optimism. De La Hoya, who many thought would box and move, was the aggressor in many of the early exchanges as he moved forward against Hopkins.

"He came to fight," Hopkins said. "He didn't come to run or look for a gift from the judges."

The pro-De La Hoya crowd cheered their fighter from the opening bell, screaming every time he landed a punch. Hopkins fought patiently, but as the rounds went on, his corner told him to pick up the pace and pressure De La Hoya more.

Still, De La Hoya was holding his own until the fight came to a stunning climax that quieted the shocked crowd as De La Hoya stayed on the canvas.

"He caught me right on the button," De La Hoya said. "Believe me, I tried getting up but I couldn't. I have what it takes, but he hit me right on the button."

De La Hoya, who weighed 155 pounds to 156 for Hopkins, had fought only once as a middleweight, but his opponent this time was a big upgrade from little known Felix Sturm. Hopkins had not lost since Roy Jones Jr. beat him 11 years ago, and he was primed for the payday of his lifetime.

De La Hoya fought despite needing 11 stitches to repair a cut on his left hand suffered three days before the fight. In his dressing room just before the fight, he said the cut on the fleshy part of his hand just beneath the ring finger was slightly swollen and asked that he be allowed not to have the usual tape on it.

But he said the hand didn't bother him, only the punches from a bigger and stronger fighter who wasn't going to be denied.

"It was a great shot, a great left hook," De La Hoya said.

The fight was eagerly anticipated and expected to be the richest non-heavyweight fight in boxing history. De La Hoya made at least \$30 million, but the cost to his career might be greater.

He was knocked out for the first time since turning pro after winning an Olympic gold medal in 1992.

Hopkins, who made only \$300,000 in a fight just nine months ago, got a minimum \$10 million, the biggest payday of his career, for fighting De La Hoya.

He came into the ring to a recording of Frank Sinatra's "My Way," fitting for a boxer who stubbornly set his own course, even when it cost him millions of dollars.

After stopping De La Hoya, the 39-year-old Hopkins climbed on the ropes to celebrate his biggest win.

"It was Hopkins sauce with chopped liver," he said.

## Texas blanks Anaheim...again

By KEN PETERS  
AP Sports Writer

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Rookie Chris Young helped the Texas Rangers hang on in the AL West race and drop back the Anaheim Angels.

Young allowed five hits in six innings, Kevin Mench hit a run-scoring single and the Rangers shut out Anaheim for the second straight day, 1-0 Sunday.

Anaheim leads the major leagues in batting at .285 but has been blanked three times in five games, including a 2-0 loss Saturday. It is the first time since Sept. 28-29, 1992, against Kansas City that the Angels were shut out by the same team in consecutive home games.

The Angels fell three games behind AL West-leading Oakland and the Rangers stayed five games back of the Athletics. Anaheim, which has lost four of six overall, remained 5 1/2 games behind Boston in the wild-card race.

Jarrod Washburn (11-8) held the Rangers to an unearned run in eight innings, allowing Mench's single in the fourth after right fielder Vladimir Guerrero dropped Hank Blalock's leadoff fly ball for a two-base error.

Guerrero had difficulty spotting fly balls with the sun in his face. He had to shift at the last second to catch a routine fly by Mench in the second, then appeared to lose Brian Jordan's drive to

the wall later in the inning, a ball that fell for a double.

Young (2-2), making just his fifth major league start, struck out four and walked none in six-plus innings. In his previous start, he gave up six runs and seven hits in 4 1-3 innings during a 7-3 loss to the Chicago White Sox.

With two outs and none on, Almanzar raised his arms and yelled at plate umpire Ed Rapuano after falling behind 3-0 in the count against David Eckstein. Rapuano walked toward the mound, Almanzar continued to jaw at him, and the umpire tossed him.

Francisco Cordero pitched the ninth for his 46th save in 50 chances, his second in as many days.

## Defense leads Dallas to win

By JAIME ARON  
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Bill Parcells is always toughest on his teams after they win, especially when they win ugly. That means the next eight days could be excruciating for the Dallas Cowboys.

Vinny Testaverde threw for 322 yards and Eddie George ran for 61 yards and a touchdown in a 19-12 victory over the Cleveland Browns that had all the makings of a blowout — if not for mistake after mistake by the Cowboys.

Dallas (1-1) reached at least the Cleveland 43-yard line on 10 of its 11 drives, but turned them into only two touchdowns and a field goal. The rest were squandered by four turnovers (including three late interceptions by Testaverde), a missed field goal and two punts.

Add in some silly and ill-timed penalties and the Browns (1-1) were in the game to the end. Yet quarterback Jeff Garcia could-

n't muster the spark he showed in winning his Cleveland debut, throwing three interceptions, including two in the fourth quarter after his defense picked off Testaverde.

Garcia was 8-of-28 for just 71 yards and had a rating of 0.0. The Browns had just 202 total yards, with their only points coming on four field goals by Phil Dawson.

Testaverde was 23-of-35 and threw for a touchdown.

He looked great early, driving 90 yards on the first series against a defense coached by Dave Campo, who was the Cowboys' coach before Parcells. Dallas' drive included a flea-flicker to Keyshawn Johnson for 38 yards and a 1-yard TD pass to third-string tight end Jeff Robinson.

But the problems followed quickly. The ensuing kickoff went out of bounds and the next drive ended with a fumble by rookie Julius Jones.

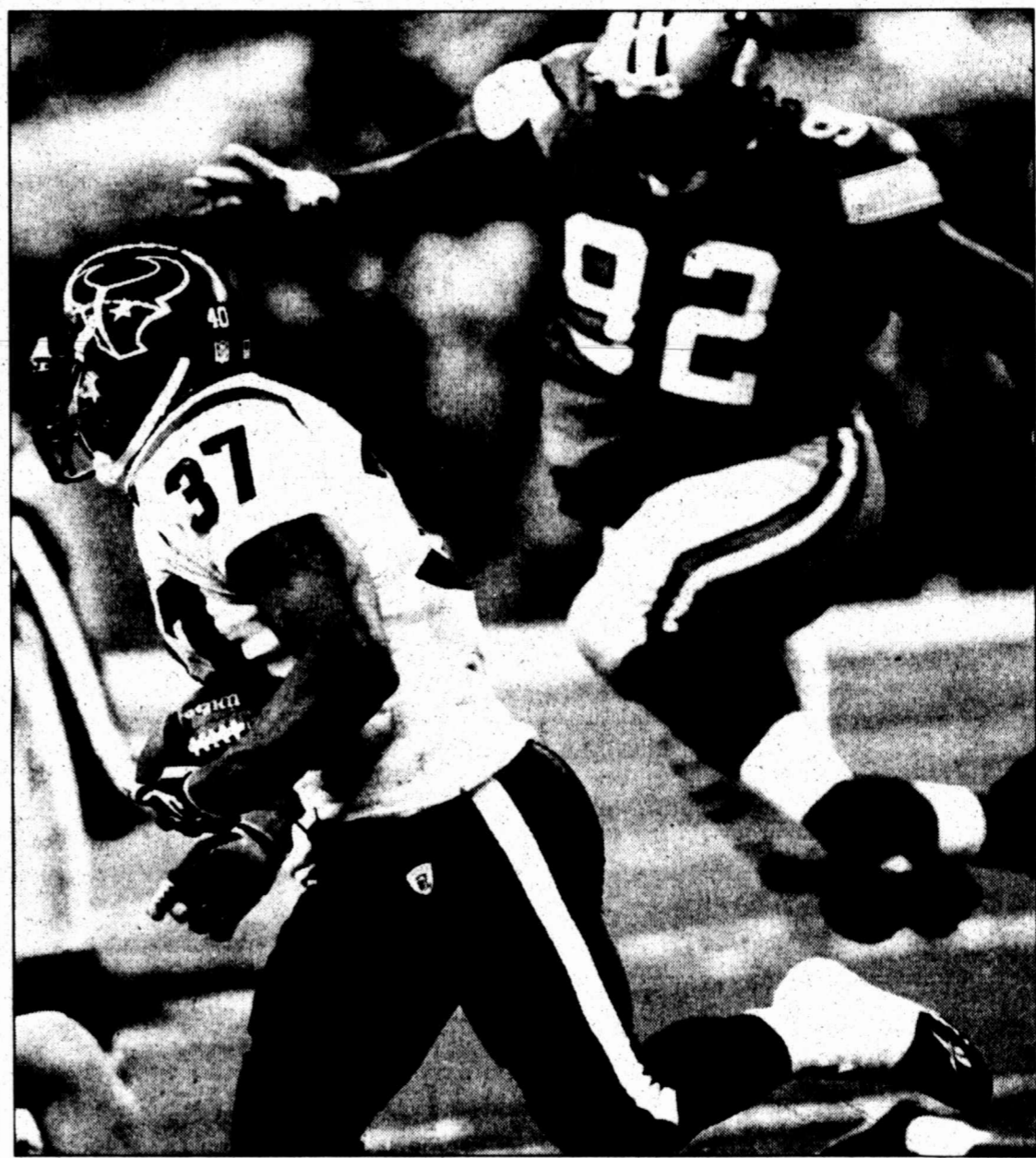
The Cowboys kept alive another drive with a 33-yard run by Dexter Coakley on a fake punt. They got only a field goal, though, partly because of an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty against Johnson.

After Cleveland's Earl Little was flagged for unnecessary roughness on receiver Terry Glenn, Johnson ran in and knelt Little, producing offsetting penalties. Dallas would've had a first down inside the 10.

Testaverde underthrew Johnson on what certainly would've been a touchdown on the opening drive of the second half. The series ended when Billy Cundiff's 49-yard field goal attempt hit the right upright.

Linebacker Dat Nguyen intercepted Garcia soon after and it led to George's 3-yard touchdown.

Then the game dissolved into the back-and-forth interceptions — five in a span of six drives.



KRT photo/Rashaun Rucker, Detroit Free Press  
Houston Texans running back Domanick Davis (37) cuts outside to avoid Detroit Lions' Shaun Rogers (92) during a second quarter run of their game at Ford Field in Detroit, Michigan, Sunday.

## Williams reaches end zone

By LARRY LAGE  
AP Sports Writer

DETROIT — Joey Harrington was the happiest guy in Detroit when the Lions drafted Roy Williams.

It's easy to see why. Harrington threw three touchdown passes, two thanks to Williams' spectacular catches, to lead the Lions past the Houston Texans 28-16 on Sunday for their first 2-0 start since 2000.

Williams, the seventh pick overall in April, had four receptions for 73 yards.

"He is a natural receiver who uses his hands as well or better than any receiver I've seen," Harrington said. "When you combine his size and speed, there aren't many 5-10, 180-pound defensive backs that can cover him."

The 6-foot-3, 212-pound receiver, who once ran the 100-meter dash in 10.48 seconds, made up for the loss of Charles Rogers, whose second straight season is over because of a broken collarbone.

"I just had to step up, but I know that Charles would have made the

same plays if he was out there," Williams said.

The Texans are 0-2 for the first time in their three seasons.

Coach Dom Capers blamed turnovers on their two losses. The Texans gave the ball away three times against the Lions after having four turnovers in a 27-20 loss to San Diego last week.

The Lions, with one playoff victory since winning the 1957 NFL title, and the expansion Texans have tried to build their teams in similar ways.

In 2002, Houston took quarterback David Carr with the No. 1 overall pick and the Lions drafted Harrington two picks later.

The next year, Detroit drafted Rogers second overall and the Texans took receiver Andre Johnson with the next selection.

"It's an obvious comparison because we were the top QBs taken two years ago," Carr said. "But like I said to him before the game, 'I can't do anything to stop you, and you can't do anything to stop me.' If I was a safety, it would be dif-

ferent."

Harrington was 18-of-25 for 176 yards with one interception in Detroit's home opener.

Carr overcame an awful start to complete 23 of 34 passes for 313 yards with two TDs and one interception.

Harrington put the game away with a 14-yard TD pass to Williams, whose fingertip catch and dragging feet in the near corner of the end zone put the Lions ahead 28-16 with 4:41 left.

"Joey put it in a spot where only I could catch it," Williams said.

Houston's slim hopes for a comeback faded when Carr's run up the middle was stopped at the Detroit 1 on fourth down with 36 seconds left.

Johnson caught three passes for 86 yards and a TD.

Detroit's other first-round pick this year, Kevin Jones, gave Detroit just enough of a running game with 57 yards on 12 carries.

Domanick Davis led Houston with 78 yards rushing and 95 yards receiving.

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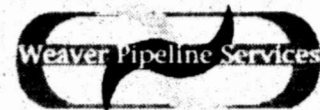
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON  
The moon passes mysterious Pluto. The unknown is usually less scary under the Sagittarius moon, but this is not the case now. It seems scarier and therefore compelling. Emotionally, we huddle like an anxious crowd of teenagers buying tickets for the latest horror film. Ultimately, we realize what we were afraid of was something altogether fake!



JOYCE  
JILLSON

ARIES (March 21-April 19). That mellow vibe you're feeling won't last long. In a couple of days, you'll be back to business as usual, with too many things on your plate. In the meantime, why not just curl up with your hottie of the moment and ride it out?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A woman in your life -- probably a family member -- requires your famous dependability and strength. Try to resist telling her what to do. Instead, just listen, and be that calming influence she needs.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Go with your best hunch. Your intuition is

strong, particularly with regard to figuring out what makes people tick. With your natural gift for gab, you'll probably be able to talk anyone into anything. Close a deal over lunch.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Emotional crab that you are, you may be tempted to crawl into your shell and hide from the world. If you do, be aware that you may miss a wonderful opportunity to connect with others in a truly meaningful and nurturing way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Don't be surprised if you find yourself at the center of some emotional turmoil at home. Everyone around you seems rather uppity, and as usual, you're the center of attention. Rise above it all by resisting the urge to play the martyr.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Clear out any clutter at your home or office -- and this includes unproductive emotional baggage that's weighing you down! You'll be able to zero in on the heart of the matter and extract the problem with surgical precision.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Mirror, mirror on the wall, who's the fairest of them all? You are, of course! Today is perfect for beautifying your personal space -- be it your home, your cubicle or

your body. Tonight, wear something nice, and don't hold back.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Hot! That's you, Scorpio. If you're in a relationship, unfolding events are deliciously memorable. Work is another story entirely, as you're likely to spark some sort of argument. Try not to sting anyone.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You may feel pulled in two different directions. You're itching for a change of scenery, but a lack of funds or a family situation has got you temporarily grounded. A mysterious, sexy stranger crosses your path.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Not much work gets accomplished this morning, which frustrates your carefully laid plans. On the other hand, this gives you more time to scope out that cute co-worker and plant the seeds for something deeper.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Feeling patriotic? Your natural inclination toward political activism is in high gear right now. No sign is better at rousing the troops for a good cause. At work, it's probably best to keep unpopular opinions to yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). So much to do, so little time! You've overbooked yourself again.

You can't help it -- saying no is just not in your nature. Intuition's strong, so if your gut tells you to blow off one appointment in favor of another, you'll be OK.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm in charge of hiring a sales force of 150 people, and I'm overwhelmed by the prospect. Do you have any guidelines that might help me assemble a top-notch crew? The product we're selling is very hard to move."

Salespeople of every sign have their strengths, but Aries and Sagittarius tend to turn in the biggest numbers. Here's a brief guide:  
ARIES: Enthusiastic and forceful but not necessarily a team player.

TAURUS: Can only sell what he or she believes in 100 percent.

GEMINI: Adept at getting people to loosen up, but someone else should come in for the close.

CANCER: Soft-sells with ease but is uncomfortable with cold situations.

LEO: Would rather manage the sales force than sell.

VIRGO: Inconsistent at first, but proper training unleashes unlimited potential.

LIBRA: Can sell in a way that the buyer hardly realizes he or she has just been sold. SCORPIO: Truthful to the extent that

some sales would be hurt. SAGITTARIUS: Can talk a bear out of its skin.

CAPRICORN: Driven to close and won't rest until the deal is done.

AQUARIUS: Not a hard seller but wonderful at generating leads.

PISCES: Intuitively knows who needs the product or service.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Champion cyclist Lance Armstrong's name has become synonymous with the word "winner." His tenacity in the face of impossible odds makes him a hero and an inspiration to others facing difficulties in life. Virgo is a champion for causes that have to do with training, nurturing and healing. Armstrong will continue to make a difference as he campaigns for reforms in medical research and health care.

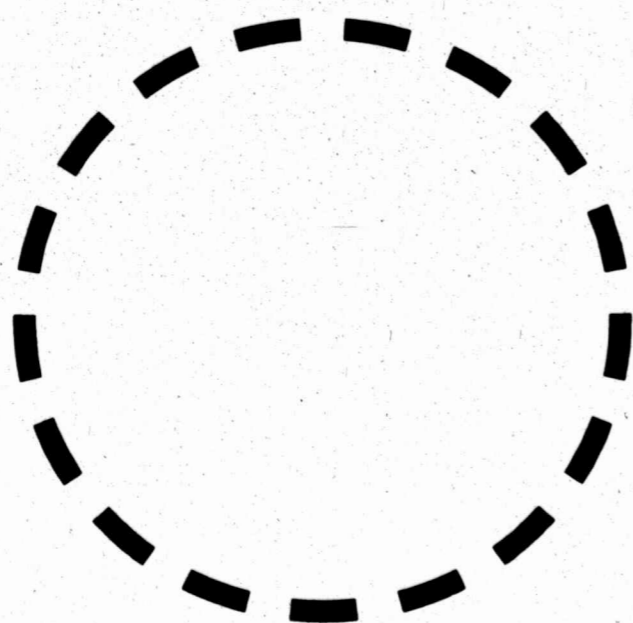
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Annie's Mailbox®

Dear Annie: My daughter, a high school senior, returned a book last May, at the end of her junior year. While the book had her name inside, the bar code on the book said it actually belonged to her locker mate, "Renee." Apparently, the books were accidentally switched. Unfortunately, Renee feels no obligation to turn in my daughter's book and says she no longer has it.

Renee's mother searched for the book at home but didn't find it. Within the first three weeks after school, a \$10 fine had been imposed, and the remaining \$83 charge was turned over to a collection agency. I wrote a letter of appeal to the principal, but he was away for the summer. The school district's position is that they do not get involved in matters between students.

I had to pay the charge because otherwise my excellent credit record would be tarnished, and my daughter would have been dropped from her schedule of classes and forced to re-enroll. If the classes she wanted were full, it could have interfered with graduation. She also would have been barred from senior activities throughout this coming year. Obviously, I had no choice.

This week I am taking a day off work to look through 500 books for the one that has Renee's signature on the inside. If I can find it, the school will refund my money (although not the fine). I think we are being unfairly punished, and all these punitive measures smack of extortion. What do you think? -- Modesto, Calif., Mom

Dear Mom: Your daughter has learned two valuable lessons: A person is responsible for her own things, and life isn't fair. Although it would have been nice if the administration had been more understanding, the school is not at fault here. If you cannot find your daughter's book, you should ask Renee (or her mother) to reimburse you for the cost or, as a compromise, split the difference. It's time Renee learned a lesson about responsibility.



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

too.

Dear Annie: My husband is forever correcting me publicly and privately. Not only does he correct, but he keeps making comments about it to embarrass me. Now that my children are older, they act just like my husband. They all think it is funny to humiliate me this way.

I can't seem to get it through their thick heads that these comments are hurtful and no one is perfect. This has become such a source of anxiety for me that I don't say much around my family, and I rarely visit my children and grandchildren because I can't handle the criticism anymore. How can I get them to stop? -- Please, No Names

Dear No Names: What a charming family you have. The need to humiliate you through constant criticism allows them to feel superior. Call them on it. Tell them their comments are hurtful and abusive, and if they cannot control their hostility, you will remove yourself from the premises -- which you already are doing.

The difference, however, is attitude. You are hiding. Hold your head up, honey. It's THEIR character flaw, not yours. You deserve to be treated with respect.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to [anniesmailbox@comcast.net](mailto:anniesmailbox@comcast.net), or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611.

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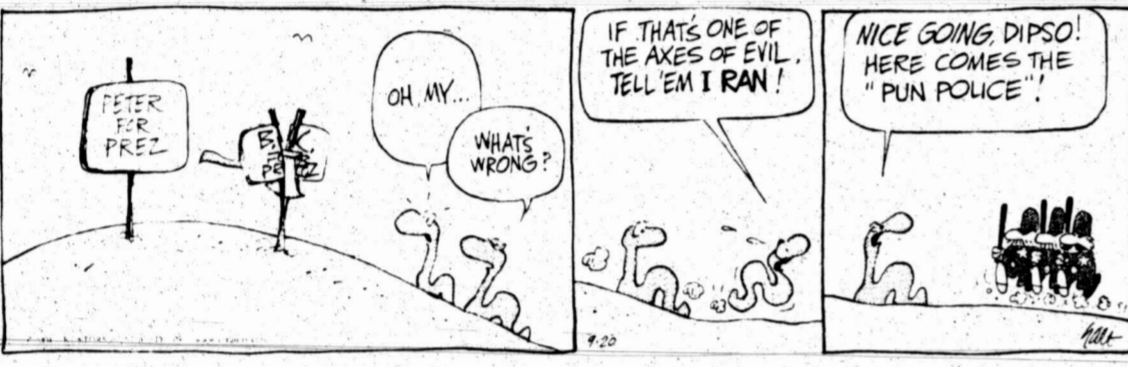
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Sept. 20, the 264th day of 2004. There are 102 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 20, 1519, Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan set out from Spain on a voyage to find a western passage to the Spice Islands in Indonesia. (Magellan was killed en route, but one of his ships eventually circled the world.)

On this date:

In 1881, Chester A. Arthur was sworn in as the 21st president of the United States, succeeding the assassinated James A. Garfield.

In 1947, former New York City Mayor Fiorello La Guardia died.

In 1954, the live T.V. drama "Twelve Angry

Men" was presented as an episode of CBS' "Studio One" anthology series.

In 1962, black student James Meredith was blocked from enrolling at the University of Mississippi by Gov. Ross R. Barnett. (Meredith was later admitted.)

In 1973, in their so-called "battle of the sexes," tennis star Billie Jean King defeated Bobby Riggs in straight sets, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3, at the Houston Astrodome.

In 1973, singer-songwriter Jim Croce died in a plane crash near Natchitoches, La.; he was 30.

In 1977, the first wave of Southeast Asian "boat people" arrived in San Francisco under a new U.S. resettlement program.

In 1979, Jean-Bedel Bokassa, self-styled head of the Central African Empire, was overthrown in a French-supported coup while on a visit to Libya.

In 1984, a suicide car bomber attacked the U.S. Embassy annex in north Beirut, killing a dozen people.

In 1989, F.W. de Klerk was sworn in as president of South Africa.

Today's Birthdays: Basketball Hall of Fame coach Red Auerbach is 87. Singer Gogi Grant is 80. Actress-comedian Anne Meara is 75. Actress Sophia Loren is 70. Rock musician Chuck Panozzo is 57. Hockey player Guy Lafleur is 53. Jazz musician Peter White is 50. Actress Betsy Brantley is 49. Actor Gary Cole is 48. Actress Kristen Johnston is 37. Rock singers Gunnar Nelson and Matthew Nelson are 37. Rock musician Ben Shepherd is 36.

Answer to previous puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Sahara caravan beast
  - 6 Fresh talk
  - 10 Oyster relative
  - 14 Make a speech
  - 15 Part of the foot
  - 16 Sector
  - 17 In charge, in a household
  - 20 All the (nevertheless)
  - 21 Make simpler
  - 22 Lobbies for
  - 23 Word on some towels
  - 24 News anchor Rather
  - 26 Wedding locale
  - 30 Advertising addressed to "Occupant"
  - 35 Bonanza or Stagecoach
  - 36 President James K. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 37 Born Free lioness
  - 38 Broadway rituals
  - 41 Do manuscript work
  - 42 Bed-and-breakfasts
  - 43 Brings under control
  - 44 Plot summary
  - 46 Spanish explorer
  - 47 Author Deighton
  - 48 Had been
  - 49 Sneeze sound
  - 53 Exercise establishments
  - 55 Money in Marseilles
  - 59 "Be patient!"
- DOWN**
- 1 Dairy animals
  - 2 Neck of the woods
  - 3 Polite term of address
  - 4 Raison d' \_\_\_\_\_
  - 5 Hawaiian garland
  - 6 Epic stories
  - 7 Patron of the \_\_\_\_\_
  - 8 Timetables
  - 9 That lady
- 10 Business**
- bigwig
  - 11 Yearn (for)
  - 12 Poker-game starter
  - 13 Untidy place
  - 18 Astronaut Armstrong
  - 19 Young hoodlum
  - 23 Word on some towels
  - 25 Pop singer Paul
  - 26 Secret messages
  - 27 Laurel's partner
  - 28 Stayed home for dinner
  - 29 Green sauce
  - 30 \_\_\_\_\_ Hopkins University
  - 31 Butte relatives
  - 32 Davy Crockett's last stand
- 33 Small spot**
- of land
  - 34 Lariat
  - 36 Florida or Iberia
  - 39 Increase
  - 40 Traveler's paths: Abbr.
  - 45 Ruse
  - 46 Short race
  - 48 Squander
  - 49 Similar (to)
  - 50 Sign away
  - 51 Sock part
  - 52 Whitish gem
  - 54 High-school dance
  - 55 Slips up
  - 56 Nevada neighbor
  - 57 Lariat
  - 58 Small bills
  - 60 Clumsy person
  - 61 Boise locale: Abbr.

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