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WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT 65°-67° TOMORROW 88°-90°

POW-MIA observance time altered

The Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Committee has changed its plans for Friday's observance of POW-MIA Recognition Day.

Instead of its annual afternoon observance at the memorial, the group has scheduled an 8:30 p.m. candlelight vigil to honor not only the nation's prisoners of war and those missing in action, but to remember the police, firefighters and rescue workers involved in recovery efforts following the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C.

The public is invited to attend Friday night's observance, as well as all local law enforcement personnel and firefighters. All those taking part are asked to bring a candle.

According to Jerry Groves, the committee's publicity chairman, many citizens in the community have asked if they could place flags at the memorial or tie ribbons around the trees at the site.

"All of our flags are already out and will be left there for the 30 days Congress has approved," Groves said. "However, we'd be happy to have local residents place flags or tie ribbons around the trees as long as they don't deface the property."

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third.

THURSDAY

- Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U4206O meets at Herman's Restaurant, 7 a.m.
- The Coffee Club, Gale's Sweet Shoppe at 10 a.m.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard

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Amid controversy, council passes budget

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer


BIDDISON


McEWEN

After a contentious special meeting Tuesday night, Big Spring finally has a budget for the 2001-2002 fiscal year.

The city council voted 4-3 to approve the budget as originally proposed, except for some last-minute changes in a controversial item creating a new manager's position at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

Mayor Russ McEwen and council members Tommy Tune, Joann Smoot and Oscar Garcia voted for the budget, while council members Stephanie Horton, Chuck Cawthon and Greg Biddison voted against.

The budget weighs in at about $12.07 million, almost a half-million-dollar reduction from the $12.54 million the city spent in FY 2000-2001. The budget will require a water rate increase of 20 cents per 1,000 gallons and a sanitation increase of $2 for residential and 17 percent for commercial garbage pickups. The council will hold the line on property tax at 65.63 cents per $100 valuation.

The council voted during its meeting Friday to approve the first reading of the rate increases, but tabled the budget itself so that council members could mull over a surprise compromise proposal on the airpark manager position offered by McEwen.

But McEwen presented a new compromise option Tuesday which was approved by the council. The full-time manager's position, budgeted at a maximum $48,000 salary and $12,000 benefits annually, will replace the current positions of airport operator held by Nelda Reagan and part-time airpark manager, held by Assistant City Manager Emma Bogard as one of her several duties.

Reagan is guaranteed a position at the airpark with no reduction in salary, however.

"We'll encourage the present airport operator to apply for (the manager's) position, but there has been a lot of concern expressed to me about what would happen to her if she did not receive that position," McEwen said.

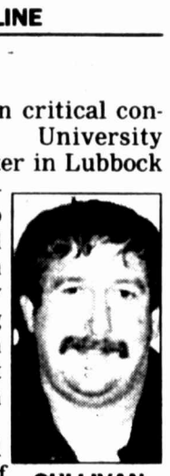
According to the deal struck by the council, if Reagan is not hired as airpark manager, she will be given the job "administrative assistant to the airpark" at a 10-E pay scale, nearly identical to her current $31,000 14-A pay scale.

McEwen said this latest

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One critically injured in blaze

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer


SULLIVAN

A man is in critical condition at University Medical Center in Lubbock after receiving burns to his arms and legs in a Tuesday morning explosion and fire at his home in Knott.

David Nichols of Knott was in the house on FM 846 when it exploded and burst into flame, said Howard County Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan.

"About 10 a.m. a call came in about an explosion and a house fully engulfed," Sullivan said. "Indications point toward a gas explosion because the bottoms of the walls were blown out, but we'll have to investigate further."

A propane tank was evident at the house, so the explosion might have been caused by a propane explosion, Sullivan said.

The house and a small pickup truck were both destroyed by the blaze, Sullivan reported, saying that the truck was ignited when a burning wall of the house fell on it.

Personnel from the Martin County Fire Department, the Howard County Sheriff's Office and the Texas Department of Public Safety all helped volunteer firefighters extinguish the blaze, while the Big Spring Fire Department EMS transported Nichols to Scenic Mountain Medical Center where he was loaded onto a helicopter for the flight to the Lubbock hospital.

A spokeswoman for University Medical Center said Nichols was in critical condition this morning.

Knott citizens helped combat the blaze by hauling tanks of water to the scene, Sullivan said.

"It's rural America, you know," he said. "We bring what we have on the trucks, but at the peak of the fire we were putting 1,000 gallons a minute on it."



HERALD photos/Roger Cline

The remains of a house and small truck near Knott after the house exploded Tuesday. A wall of the house fell on the truck, igniting it, said Chief Tommy Sullivan of the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department. Below, Howard County Assistant Fire Chief Richard Willadsen chops holes in the wall of the house while a Martin County firefighter stands ready with a hose.



Trial

Jury quickly delivers guilty verdict Tuesday in assault case

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

After a one-day trial, a 118th District Court jury took just 15 minutes Tuesday to convict William Craig Crawford of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Crawford was sentenced to 10 years in state prison for threatening to kill Dibrell's Gun Shop owner Travis Pate with a handgun owned by the store, said District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson.

Wilkerson said Crawford stopped in Big Spring on his way to a drug rehabilitation center in Lubbock.

"He entered Dibrell's and was messing around, so Mr. Pate told him he would call the police if he didn't leave," Wilkerson said. "Mr. Crawford pulled a gun and said 'If you call the police I'm going to blow your head off.'"

Some customers at the store left and contacted police of the situation at the store, he said.

Wilkerson said the Crawford had secreted a gun owned by the store and used it to threaten Pate and force him to lock the store's front door. Pate complied with the demand, but then grabbed the gun and wrestled with Crawford until the police arrived.

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Friends of the Library slates annual book sale Saturday

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Do you have books overflowing the shelves or some that have sat in the house for years gathering dust?

The Friends of the Library wants to put those books to good use at its annual big book sale set for Saturday at the Big Spring Mall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"We solicit used books from the public and sale them in the big book sale to raise as much money as possibly to supplement the support the county provides to the library," said Jo Ann Staulcup of the Friend of the Library.

Friends of the Library is now asking the public for both its used paper back and hard books from all categories for its sale.

"We appreciate anything the public wants to give us but the better the condition of the book the better for us to make money," she said.

The usually price for a average condition used hard back is a $1 while paperback are priced at 50 cents and children's books sell for 10 cents.

Those children who received a new library card this month may receive a free children's book by presenting the card when checking out their purchases.

September is National Library Card Sign Up Month and the Howard County Library has been working with the schools to sign children up with their very own library card.

Staulcup said prices of the books may vary. A new release in very good condition may cost more but the public will still receive a very good deal, she said.

The Friends of the Library sells used books throughout the year to raise funds for the Howard County Library. The organization keeps a shelf at the library for used books and uses the money raised to purchases helpful items for the library.

"These things (we purchase) make the job of the workers easier or enables the library to provide better service to public," Staulcup said. "These are not absolutely needed for the operation of the library but are the icing on the cake."

In the past, the Friends from the Library have purchased the chairs, videos, a stage for the children's department puppet show, a projector, a laptop computer and several other items.

"We have always had excellent support from the public whenever we have asked for donations," she said. "If it wasn't for them we couldn't do it."

TO HELP

Friends of the library is asking the public to donate used paperback and hard-bound books for the sale. Books may be brought by the Howard County Library.

StarTek employees plan to raise funds for disaster relief

Herald Staff Report

StarTek Inc. will be passing around the hat to its employees on Friday as the company brings Red Cross representatives to 12 of its facilities in its efforts to help with national disaster relief.

"It is frustrating for all of us to not be able to reach out and do something directly to help those whose lives have been dramatically altered by this tragic event," said StarTek president Bill Meade. "We will continue to do whatever we can to support our customers and employees that have been deeply impacted."

More than 5,000 people have been reported missing after terrorists struck the twin towers of the World Trade Center with two hijacked commercial airline planes on Sept. 11.

The act of terrorism destroyed the buildings and caused destruction among a 10 mile radius around the site of the World Trade Center.

The Pentagon in Washington, D.C., was the site of another suicide terrorist attack on the same day, taking many other lives.

Emergency relief agencies such as the Red Cross have been on the site of both tragedies to provide meals and other needs for the emergency personnel attempting to rescue any survivors and clearing away the debris.

Agencies are also providing relief for the victims and their families.

A Red Cross representative will be at Big Spring StarTek faciliy at 1 a.m. until 1 p.m. for a luncheon and to accept donations from employees and speak about the services the organization provides.

Donations from the employees can be given in the form of cash, personal checks and payroll deductions. StarTek is also making a $10,000 contribution to the American Red Cross National Disaster Fund.

In addition, the company will match employee donations for two to one for all contributions collected in excess of $10,000.

Employees are encouraged to dress in red, white and blue attire.

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OBITUARIES

J.M. "Catfish" Tucker

J.M. "Catfish" Tucker, 88, of Big Spring, died on Saturday, Sept. 15, 2001, in a local retirement home. Graveside funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 20, at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Odessa, with Dr. David Ring, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Big Spring, officiating.

J.M. was born on July 1, 1913, in Montague County. He moved to Tipton, Okla. at the age of 6 with his parents, Jessie Monroe and Ethel Tucker and attended public schools there. He married Bertha Bowman on Dec. 2, 1934, in Grandfield, Okla. J.M. and Bertha later moved to Texas, where J.M. worked in refrigeration installation and later in the oil fields. He worked for Loffland Drilling Company, retiring as rig supervisor in 1976. He then worked four years for Fas Line in Oklahoma before moving to Lake Palo Pinto near Gordon. In July 2000, he moved to Carriage Inn Retirement Center in Big Spring.

J.M. was an avid fisherman and hunter and was known throughout the oilfields as "Catfish." He loved to cook and oilfield workers and family delighted in the meals he prepared and were entertained with his humor and wit.

Survivors include two sons, Tom Tucker of Siguatepeque, Honduras and Roger Tucker of Big Spring; three brothers, Coy Tucker of Seagraves, Howard Tucker of Andrews and Bill Tucker of Wichita Falls; one sister, Freda Edwards of Tipton, Okla.; three grandsons Christopher, Roger and Rex; four great-grandchildren and many other devoted family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bertha, on Aug. 21, 1976, and by three brothers Albert, Wayne and Gene; one sister Faye; and one grandson, Joel Keith.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Leona Thompson

Leona Thompson, 85, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2001, at a local nursing home. Funeral service will be 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. David Ring, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born March 6, 1916, in San Saba County and married J.D. Thompson on Jan. 4, 1934, in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Thompson came to Big Spring in 1947 from Fort Worth. She was a homemaker and a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, a former member of Wesley United Methodist Church for over 50 years, a member of Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star and a member of the Order of the Beauceants.

Survivors include her husband, J.D. Thompson of Big Spring; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lucy and Paschal Odom of Big Spring and Jane and Bob Glover of Abilene; her grandchildren, Jill Spannaus and husband, Mark, and their children, Lindsay and Carrie Spannaus of Midland, Jack Odom and wife, Lara and their daughter, Jessica Odom of Ardmore, Okla., Shannon Glover of Fort Worth and Joel Glover of West Point Military Academy; one brother and sister-in-law, Joe M. and Sarah Jean Owen of Fort Worth.

The family suggests memorials be made to Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas Inc., P.O. Box 10135, Lubbock 79408.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Floy Burns

Funeral service for Floy Burns, 98, of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mrs. Burns died Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2001, at a Lubbock care center.

Reba Rogan

Funeral service for Reba Rogan, 91, of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mrs. Rogan died today, Sept. 19, 2001, at a local nursing home.

Thelma Williams

Funeral service for Thelma Williams, 74, of Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Mrs. Williams died Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2001, at a local hospital.

Coy J. McCann

Funeral service for Coy J. McCann, 50, of Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Mr. McCann died Sept. 18, 2001, at his home following a sudden illness.

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Thelma Williams, 74, died Tuesday. Services are 2:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Coy McCann, 50, died Tuesday. Services are pending.

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Leona Thompson, 85, died Tuesday. Services will be 4:00 PM Thursday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

R. M. "Joe" Stroup, 82, died Friday. Services will be at 10:00 AM, Monday on September 24, 2001 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Floy Burns, 98, died Tuesday. Services are pending.

Reba Rogan, 91, died Wednesday. Services are pending.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Association meets at 5:30 p.m. at the RSVP offices at 501 Runnels.

❑ American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084.

❑ Rackley-Swords Chapter 379, Vietnam Vets of America meets at 7 p.m. at 124 Jonesboro Road.

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

FRIDAY

❑ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

❑ AMBUCS meets at noon at The Brandin' Iron Inn.

❑ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

TRIAL

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The shortness of this trial is not unusual in Texas, Wilkerson said.

"We don't have a lot of long, drawn out trials here in Texas," he said. "It was a very straightforward case."

Wilkerson added that Crawford will be eligible for parole after half his sentenced calendar time, or five years.

Crawford was represented in the trial by court-appointed attorney Novert Morales of Midland.

COUNCIL

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compromise was suggested to him by another member of the council. However, some members of the council expressed dissatisfaction with the idea.

"My position is that we don't need to spend $60,000 on an airpark manager," Biddison said.

Cawthon agreed, noting that the new idea negates any budgetary savings gained by doing away with the airport operator position.

"I agree with Greg," he said. "As far as I'm concerned, this puts us back to square one."

Citizens present at the meeting were adamant and often heated in their opposition of the airpark manager position. About a dozen people spoke during the time allocated for public comment on the budget, and all expressed displeasure at the airpark manager situation.

After the vote was taken, area resident Eugene Bryant stormed out of the council chambers, telling McEwen and the council, "You're inciting a lynch mob," and exhorting those present to boycott McEwen's insurance business.

Bryant, a Howard County resident who lives outside the Big Spring city limits, said in a phone interview this morning that the council's decision affects all of Howard County and said that he didn't mean his comments at the meeting as a threat.

"I simply made a statement that he was inciting a lynch mob," he said. "That's just the way I saw it and that's why I said it."

Sandy Smith spoke in support of the council, berating the majority of the citizens at the meeting.

"I am so ashamed of my community this week," she said. "I am ashamed of this minutia over the battle of the budget. The U.S. was just attacked by terrorists last week and you applaud a man who walks out of here threatening our mayor and council."

McEwen said he isn't afraid of retaliation for his vote at Tuesday's meeting.

"It is a shame, seeing what our country is going through, that we have individuals who use that type of language toward elected officials who believe they are doing what's right for our community," he said. "We must listen to what the citizens say, but by the same token, we must make decisions based on what we believe is best for our community."

McEwen said he doesn't know how the majority of Big Spring residents feel about the issue.

"I don't have any way of knowing whether the majority of people are in favor or not in favor," he said. "At any rate, we can't make this kind of decision based on a referendum."

Biddison said he's not against having a manager at the airpark, but that he is against spending more money to create a new position.

"We want to hire somebody new and pay them $48,000 plus $12,000 in benefits," he said. "They're creating a new position. I'd do just what I said, I'd promote Nelda Reagan up to airpark manager."

Biddison said he doesn't support any type of retaliation against council members for their vote on the issue.

"No, I don't support that at all," he said. "I don't believe that's the way to go about getting things done. There's a proper way to do things."

WHAT'S UP

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College Cactus Room. Call Billy Smith.

❑ Citizens Police Academy Alumni

Boeing to layoff 30,000 workers due to terrorist attacks

SEATTLE (AP) — Boeing Co. plans to lay off as many as 30,000 commercial airplane workers by the end of next year as a result of an expected slowdown in orders caused by last week's terrorist attacks, the company said late Tuesday.

"We profoundly regret that these actions will impact the lives of so many of our highly valued employees," Alan Mulally, president and CEO of Boeing Commercial Airplanes, said in a statement.

"However, it is critical that we take these necessary steps now to size the Commercial Airplanes business to support the difficult and uncertain environment faced by our airline customers," he said.

Roughly 93,000 people work for Boeings' commercial airline sector, much of which is centered around the company's former headquarters in Seattle.

"We're all very distressed by it," Gov. Gary Locke said. "The repercussions of last week's terrorist activities are having far-reaching impacts, first to all the national airlines. They're laying off people, and they're not even sure they can take delivery of Boeing airplanes."

Locke said news of the Boeing layoffs illustrates how quickly the federal government must move to help the airline industry.

The White House and Congress are considering a federal aid package for the airline industry to help them recover from last week's attacks.

The industry has asked for $24 billion. The House floated a $15 billion relief plan last Friday that could include $2.5 billion in immediate grants and $12.5 billion in loans and credits.

Though the White House and congressional leaders suggested a multibillion-dollar package was on the way, they weren't offering a final dollar figure or timetable for debate.

The Bush administration could propose an aid package next week, Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta said. The House may move forward this week, when it returns from a recess for the Jewish New Year holiday.

TEXAS LOTTERY

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BRIEFS

55 ALIVE MATURE DRIVING class will be held at the Senior Center Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The cost is $10 and both days must be attended. Discount on most insurances.

For more information call 263-1576.

CANTERBURY'S FALL FESTIVAL WILL take place Tuesday from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster.

A hot dog supper will be held from 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. Cost is $2.50.

There will be entertainment from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. featuring the Sizzling Seniors and lots of linedancing.

There will also be a cake walk form 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

DONATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED at the Coahoma Dairy Queen at 108 NW Broadway for the Hero's Fund to provide relief for the family's of the firemen and police who lost their lives in the rescue efforts in New York at the World Trade Center on Sept. 11.

BIG SPRING EVENING LIONS Club will start the annual Eye Photoscreening of preschool children starting with Anderson Kindergarten students on Wednesday.

The screening cost is $1.50 per student and the Lions expect to screen over 400 students this year in the Big Spring area schools. The Coahoma Lions will provide photoscreening for the Coahoma students.

Students at Lakeview Headstart, Moss, St. Mary's Episcopal and Elbow will be photoscreened later when scheduling is completed.

Donations toward the purchase of the film for this program are greatly appreciated.

For additional information contact Bob Noyes.

POLICE

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

• **SANTO MENDOZA JR.**, 38, of 901 N. Gregg was arrested on a Mitchell County warrant.

• **ADALINDA MENDOZA CALDERON**, 17, of 1308 Sheppered Lane was arrested on four local warrants.

• **MICHAEL WILSON CARL**, 18, of 1308 Shepperd Lane was arrested on charges of no seatbelt, expired driver's license, disorderly conduct/language and criminal mischief $50-$500.

• **ADOLFO GARZA**, 18, of 807 Rosemont was arrested on a charge of failure to identify.

• **DARRELL MILLER**, 45, of 1404 Dixie was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **SHOTS FIRED** was reported in the 1200 block of Monticello

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1800 block of Mittel Avenue.

• **ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 400 block of South Benton.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 500 block of East 13th Street. About 30 feet of white slat-style fence worth about $225 was reported stolen.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 300 block of West 11th. About $499 worth of damage was done to a white 2001 Chevrolet Impala.

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Patterson Ener	12.8 -1.61
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Texas Instrument	23.75 -.55
TXU	48.5 +.27
Total Fina	67.18 -2.22
Unocal Corp	32.54 -.81
Wal-Mart	45.35 +.07
Wal-Mart/Mexico	19.25-19.5
AMCAP	14.43 -.05
Europacific	25.06 -.16
Prime Rate	6%
Gold	285.35 - 293.15
Silver	4.41 - 4.51

FIRE/EMS

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

12:14 a.m. — 1300 block of Wood, trauma call, service refused.

7:09 a.m. — 1000 block of Stadium, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

7:57 a.m. — 2000 block of Virginia, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

8:44 a.m. — 4100 block of S. Highway 87, medical call, service refused.

9:47 a.m. — 3200 block of Parkway, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

10:50 a.m. — FM 846 in Knott, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

11:02 a.m. — 3700 block of Wright, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

1:43 p.m. — 900 block of Goliad, medical call, one patient transported to Malone and Hogan Clinic.

2:58 p.m. — 2300 block of Marshall, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

3:57 p.m. — 3200 block of Parkway, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

6:19 p.m. — 500 block of Goliad, medical call, service refused.

10:40 a.m. — FM 846 in Knott, structure fire, extinguished.

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As days and hours pass, chances of finding survivors diminish

NEW YORK (AP) — As hopes dimmed for finding survivors entombed in the still-smoldering rubble of the World Trade Center, a city in mourning drew solace that prosecutors had already begun seeking those responsible for so much bloodshed.

Authorities said Tuesday that a federal grand jury had been meeting since last week to investigate the suicide hijackings that destroyed the twin, 110-story towers on Sept. 11.

The grand jury, which would typically include between 16 and 23 jurors, has been meeting in White Plains, a northern suburb. The community is part of the federal court system's Southern District of New York, which has historically led investigations related to Osama bin Laden, the prime suspect in the attacks.

The disclosure came as the number of confirmed dead climbed to 218, with a staggering 5,422 missing in the seven-story heap of rubble at the southern tip of Manhattan.

"We haven't changed from rescue to recovery," Police Commissioner Bernard Kerik said this morning on CBS' "The Early Show." "I think with every day, every hour and every minute that goes by, that hope diminishes. Right now it's not looking too good."

The bodies of two police officers were pulled early today from the wreckage, police detective Bobby Bell said. Police officers, firefighters, sanitation workers and volunteers at the site saluted.

"It was touching to see everyone pay their respects. I was bawling," Bell said, his eyes still puffy from crying.

On Tuesday, teams from the Federal Emergency Management Agency poked fiber-optic cameras into the gloom of what used to be a shopping concourse underneath the towers and found no one alive for a sixth day.

"We've got men and women down there just working their hearts out trying to get to individuals that may still be alive," FEMA director Joe Allbaugh said today on NBC's "Today" show. "Every minute that goes by is a minute against us."

Just 152 bodies have been identified — little more than 2 percent of the dead and missing. More searchers are wearing "Recovery" badges on their uniforms, indicating they're looking for bodies and body parts.

"We don't have any substantial amount of hope we can offer anyone that we will find anyone alive. We have to prepare people for that overwhelming reality," Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said.

Members of Congress, some of whom will be influential in getting more federal aid for the city, got a look at the recovery operation Tuesday from a short block away.

"I can't tell you how much this meant to us to really understand fully the dimensions of your problems," said Sen. Jim Jeffords, the Vermont independent.

United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan said, "When you see it close up, you see a completely different dimension."

Gov. George Pataki proposed $12,000-a-year scholarships to New York's public colleges for families of victims of last week's terrorism, even those from other states and countries.

"I think the state of New York should make sure no family will suffer unduly because they happened to have been in the wrong place at the wrong time," Assembly Higher Education Chairman Edward Sullivan said.

Contacts at Arlington mosque investigated

DALLAS (AP) — An arm of the investigation into last week's terrorist attacks has latched on to an Arlington mosque where some attendees have been linked to operatives of Osama bin Laden.

Arlington has long been known to the FBI as home base for members of bin Laden's domestic support network. Two Arlington residents worked as pilots for the suspected Saudi-born terrorist mastermind. Another man was his personal secretary.

The spiritual leader of Arlington's main mosque was a key communications contact and helped provide cover for some of bin Laden's businesses, federal prosecutors have said.

Bin Laden's former aide Wadih el Hage of Arlington was convicted in May of participating in bin Laden's worldwide conspiracy to kill Americans. The FBI is now trying to locate el Hage's friend and former cleric, Moataz Al Hallak, about the terrorist attacks in which bin Laden is the prime suspect.

Al Hallak's attorney, Stanley Cohen of New York, says his client didn't know about the attacks in advance and called his alleged involvement "preposterous."

Federal agents went to the Arlington home of one of the religious leader's allies from the mosque and took him into custody on immigration charges.

The Dallas Morning News reported that a federal official said agents had not determined whether bin Laden operates a formal unit in Arlington.

A confessed member of the unit called al-Qaeda, former U.S. Army Sgt. Ali Mohamed, told federal prosecutors that bin Laden has placed in the United States dozens of "sleeper agents," trained surveillance and communications operatives who can remain dormant for years.

El Hage, the former aide, lived in Arlington three times between 1986 and 1997, according to law enforcement records.

While in Africa, el Hage was in contact with Al Hallak and Orlando, Fla. cabdriver Ihab Ali, who lived in Arlington in the early 1990s.

Ali, who also worked for bin Laden in Africa, is jailed in New York for refusing to testify before a federal grand jury investigating bin Laden.

Al Hallak testified three times before a federal grand jury but was never charged with a crime.

Thieves steal flags placed along road by firefighters

FLOWER MOUND (AP) — When Flower Mound firefighters learned of the tragedies last week along the East Coast, they wanted a way to honor their fallen brethren.

Hundreds of New York firefighters are feared dead after hijacked planes destroyed the twin towers of the World Trade Center.

In their grief, Flower Mound firefighters gathered and purchased 146 large American flags. Over the weekend, they lined the right-a-way along International Parkway, a busy thoroughfare from north of DFW Airport to central Flower Mound, a suburb of Dallas.

By Monday, only six flags remained. Tuesday, there were two.

Sadly, the thefts began almost immediately.

"By the time the guys finished one end of road, they'd already started disappearing where they'd started," said Fire Chief Eric Metzger.

One person has been cited for minor theft, but many others likely have the contraband red, white and blue. Most retailers ran out of flags last week as consumers rallied to show their patriotism.

"I think people just weren't thinking," Metzger said.

"We are going to put a sign out there that says this is a memorial to be treated with respect."

The city has ordered 2,000 more flags to line the roadway and hopes many of those stolen are returned.

"I ask that they return the flags and at the same time bring some more," Metzger said. "There's no honor in flying a stolen flag."

Congress moves to help strugging airlines

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just days after coming together on a multi-billion-dollar plan to help victims of last week's terrorism, Congress is moving rapidly to craft another huge relief measure for the badly faltering airlines industry.

"Clearly this is a vital part of restoring our economic health and strength," Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said of the rescue package Tuesday after a briefing by airline executives on the losses they have suffered since the Sept. 11 attack.

Boeing announced Tuesday it is planning to lay off as many as 30,000 workers by the end of next year as a result of an expected slowdown in orders caused by the terrorist attacks.

Major carriers have announced more than 26,000 layoffs and say that figure could reach 100,000 in the coming weeks as a result of the grounding of flights following the Sept. 11 attacks and prospects for seriously reduced business in the coming months.

Fort Worth, Texas-based American, Houston-based Continental, Delta, Northwest and United have scaled back schedules by 20 percent in an effort to remain solvent.

Airline representatives appear Wednesday before a hearing of the House Transportation Committee and the Senate is expected to hear testimony on Thursday as lawmakers consider a bailout that could range from the $15 billion suggested by the House last week to a $24 billion package proposed by the industry.

Last Friday, moving with rare speed and bipartisanship, Congress approved a $40 billion plan to assist the victims of the attacks on New York's World Trade Center and the Pentagon, improve airport security and track down the perpetrators of the attack.

That spirit of cooperation and urgency was evident again with Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta, after meeting with airline representatives, saying the administration hoped to have a package ready to go by early next week. Rep. Roy Blunt of Missouri, a member of the House GOP leadership, said the House could move on legislation as early as this week.

Mineta and congressional leaders said they still needed to digest the increasingly dire data the industry was giving them before deciding on the final shape of the package.

"We are in very urgent need of a financial infusion very very quickly," said Leo Mullin, chairman of Delta Air Lines, following his meeting with Mineta. He said that through next summer the financial losses suffered by the industry could reach the $24 billion in their proposed relief package.

Michael Wascom, spokesman for the Air Transport Association, said the industry had put forth a proposal for $11.2 billion in loans and grants, $7.8 billion in tax relief such as suspension of the jet fuel tax and excise tax and $5 billion in direct cash assistance.

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OUR VIEWS

Time to come together as a community

It's done. The Big Spring City Council has approved a budget and in the process approved creation of a manager's position at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. Now it is time to stop the infighting and once again come together as a community.

Sadly, the city's budgeting process this year has been one of the most divisive issues we here in Big Spring have faced in some time.

What seems saddest in the wake of last week's tragedy, however, is that a great many of us couldn't find solidarity at home when much more diverse elements were unifying themselves across the nation and around the globe.

Each of us needs to remember today what is truly important.

After all, if Queen Elizabeth II can order the Coldstream Guards to play the "Star Spangled Banner" during the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace; if Hillary Clinton can praise the leadership of George W. Bush on national news programs; if Pakistan's leaders can fall in step with the United States' requests for support in the battle against terrorism, this community should be able to overcome its recent disagreements.

Shame on all of us if we can't.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to make a few comments on Charley Reese's Sept. 11 editorial, "Controlling Opinion Controls Government."

At the constitutional convention founding father James Madison stated "the primary responsibility of government is to protect the minority of the opulent against the majority," and "power must reside in the hands of the wealthy who are the more capable set of men."

Throughout the 20th century the ability of the government to protect the "minority of the opulent" with force steadily declined. It was in the early part of the 20th century that one of the leading public relations experts stated that the purpose of the media is the "manufacture of consent." In other words, the media is to a democracy what force is to a dictatorship, the means to control and manipulate the population. Since then the media has been a battleground between those who would inform the public and those who want to "manufacture consent" for the benefit of the wealthy few.

The consolidation in the media that Reese mentioned is moving us away from the "inform the public" model of the media and toward the "control and manipulation" model. Currently just six corporations control 80 percent of world media. These six corporations have unprecedented control over what we see, hear and think. They are integrated companies that control all aspects of the production, distribution and promotion of information. They each have interests in everything from book publishing, to newspapers, television, internet and radio. Further, these six corporations have a relatively high degree of cooperation with joint ventures, joint stock ownership and the movement of executives between them.

As a result, the breadth of information available to the public is shrinking. As you would expect, the media product of these corporations generally support the political, economic and social views of their extremely wealthy owners. When they are not presenting distorted "news," these corporations are doing their best to keep us distracted with meaningless garbage. The space available for substance and opposing viewpoints to reach large audiences is steadily shrinking. Few Americans have access to truly independent, grass roots media today.

The price we will pay for not reversing this situation is our freedom and democracy.

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An atrocity, and for no good reason

I caught the news on a motel TV near Flagstaff, a bright Arizona sun outside belying the horror of the day. Searching for a weather forecast, I found a storm.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

For days I'd been wrapping miles around the radials in what you might call the American Cliché Tour: Alaska, the California redwoods, the Grand Canyon, Las Vegas, Hoover Dam, the Alamo.

Seeing things I'd never seen, working my way home slowly, marveling at the great expanse and natural wonder and larger-than-life landmarks of our country.

Then they hit.

A nation so rich in resources, so big in size, so resourceful and diverse, brought to a standstill by box cutters and knives and its own airplanes. By Third World thugs whose religious fanaticism pushes them to hatch bizarre plots, then to suicide and murder.

It was a bad movie, the kind kids love and Arnold and Bruce make. Only after these explosions and spectacular effects, nobody wins.

The miles seemed longer now, with the skies empty of airplanes and the radio spitting out grim details. Home was wherever I could watch Dan Rather and find out if more buildings had melted into the earth, if the world was at war. There was nothing to do but stare at the screen, watching as wives wept for lost husbands and husbands for lost wives and the death toll mounted like points in a lopsided basketball game.

On the road, everything now was slightly cockeyed. A border guard with a dog near El Paso asked if I was a U.S. citizen. A motel clerk was crying as I passed her my credit card. In a Tex-Mex restaurant, people absent-mindedly dipped chips into salsa and looked up at a TV hung on the wall. Again and again an airplane sliced through a skyscraper. Again and again we watched, as if the outcome might change.

By day, in the car, the radio began to worry me. I found myself agreeing with blowhards whose ideas I normally despise. I found myself eager for retaliation. I wanted it now. I wanted it yesterday.

Only none of us — the Radio Right pundits, the powerful, the working stiffs — knew where to drop the get-even bomb.

I've been in the opinion business so long that I usually have one. And I can express it in 750 written words if I have any kind of old keyboard and nobody bugs me for a couple of hours.

But this, this one boggles the brain. The attack is an atrocity on home soil, in living color, for no good reason. People in the World Trade Center were making money, not foreign policy. They were unarmed and unaware, not soldiers with an eye out and an even chance. They took the subway to work and read The Wall Street Journal. They were blindsided, bombed, burned, crushed to death by rubble.

Their children carry photographs and walk the streets and haunt hospitals. They want their daddies back, and their old lives.

Yet I'm still not sure the soul-satisfying response — leveling a country or two the way Arnold would, or pulling a rat out of a desert hole by his turban — is the right one. I'm not even sure which country or which rat.

Life as we knew it is over, they tell us. They state it flatly, again and again.

And maybe that's as it should be. Maybe we never should have felt so blissfully almighty and impervious. Maybe, instead, we should have seen ourselves as oversized targets, despised for whatever reasons by much of the world.

I have to hope there's enough intelligence in the so-called "Intelligence Community" to determine responsibility for the tragedy. And enough might in the military to pulverize the true culprits. And enough patience in the American public's collective psyche to allow justice.

I have to believe the marvelous sights I've seen, the canyons and rivers and mountains and big trees — the natural wonders that make us so proud — will be around for a long, long time.

I have to believe that.



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The outhouse lady of Stinnett

Deborah Summers of Stinnett spent several years as a nurse, then decided to change careers and now has a degree from Texas Tech in anthropology. She works part time at the Panhandle-Plains Museum in Canyon. She and her husband bought a historic old hotel in Stinnett and turned it into a bed and breakfast. What pays the bill for all her activities is the family business. It rents outhouses.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

"We're usually the first building on the job site," says Deborah. "People who call do not know what to ask for. They either call for boys and girls rooms or something else. I just call them outhouses. There are people who have probably never gone in an outhouse. So they don't understand why they don't flush. Women are pickier than men, I must admit."

She and her husband have had the business since 1974.

"They were building a dam and there was a man that had some old wooden ones and he decided to get out of the business. We went from wood to fiberglass. Now they're using some lightweight plastic material that is similar to Tupperware. But we've stayed with fiberglass."

People do all kinds of things to their outhouses.

"They've been roped, they've been dragged. We've been called at 2 o'clock in the morning to come get them out of people's yards. They've burned three to the ground."

The outhouses have made appearances at schools.

"They'll just call and ask us to come get the porta-potty off the school roof. We ask them if they could go find the people who put it up there and have them get it down."

The outhouses come in a variety of colors.

"We have yellow, red, orange, blue and olive drab. Those OD ones were used by the Army for Desert Storm and they didn't need them all, so we got them. When we bought our last load, the guy told us we wouldn't like them because they were green on the outside and rose pink on the inside. I told him good, maybe they won't stay in there so long and graffiti them up. I think there actually is a division of anthropology called latrinalia especially for people who write and draw on outhouse walls. There are some artists in this world who are wasting their time in construction. And poets. Lots of poets. They write about who's in office and share their thoughts on those people."

Some outhouse users do more than just write on walls.

"They've totally disassembled them. They will sit there with tools and take out the screws and the urinal falls off and the vents come off. The homeless have camped out in them."

She says they used to be the only outhouse providers in the Panhandle, but they have lots of competition these days. Deborah provides outhouses for movies and big weddings.

"When they filmed Leap Of Faith with Steve Martin around Plainview, they wanted all yellow ones. We had 'em."



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Thankfully, Dr. Seuss answered the call to stimulate young readers



HOLLIS McCRIGHT

Beginning readers have come a long way from the days of Dick, Jane, Spot and Puff. In the 1950s, the Hersey Report stated that children were having trouble reading because their books were too boring.

Enter Dr. Seuss!! His publishers asked if he could write a children's book using only 400 words that were important to beginning readers.

He used only 220 and the rest is history! Published in 1957, "The Cat in the Hat" soon became a favorite among beginning readers and their parents.

Dr. Seuss went on to write many more books for beginning readers and in the process; he changed forever children's literature.

Books for children could be Fun and Crazy, full of made-up words, characters and animals.

Beginning readers are books that young children can read to themselves.

They differ from picture books in that their pictures enhance the story, not tell it.

Children just beginning to read are thrilled when they can "do it themselves" and will spend hours "doing it" for others. Howard County Library has many beginning readers, with characters that are familiar and some brand new ones. One new character is the "Snow Lion" by David McPhail.

The Snow Lion finds the jungle much too hot to do what he likes to do.

Soon he travels over the mountains and finds something he has never seen before – snow.

Imagine the expressions on the other animal's faces as he tries to describe this wonderful thing.

From non-believing to finally following him, it is a great story that children will love to read on their own.

The simple text makes it an ideal book for a child in grades 1-2.

Older readers will know Cam Jansen; David Adler has written a series of books for the younger set called "Young Cam Jansen".

She has many adventures and with her great photographic memory, she solves lots of mysteries.

The best thing about these books are as the child gets to be a better reader, they can follow Cam into more adventures and mysteries!

It's always nice to find an old friend along they way! These books are very popular.

Barbara Maitland's "The Bookstore Ghost" is another example of a beginning reader.

The words are simple, but the plot is not.

Who is the ghost in the books store and how can Mr. Brown catch him?

Mr. Brown's cat knows the answer, but will he tell? Everyone will enjoy the cat's solution.

Beginning readers can be fiction or non-fiction. Children in the early grades enjoy doing research (unlike older ones who put it off until the last minute!!!).

Beginning readers make it easy for them to find the answers to their questions all by themselves.

Lots of our biographies and animal books are written like beginning readers.

This helps the beginning researcher off to a good start.

They feel pride and gain confidence in themselves when they don't have to ask a grown-up for help.

Also by starting at this age, in later years when they do have a research project, they already know how to use the resources at the library.

There are so many good beginning readers, that it would be impossible to list them all.

Jan and Stan Berenstain's "Berenstain Bears" series; Peggy Parish's "Amelia Bedelia", Sharmat's "Nate the Great" are just a few that you will find at Howard County Library.

Just think, it all started with a challenge, boring books and a man that had the imagination the size of Texas.

Beginning reader books have never been the same since! From Zooks to the Lorax; Thing One and Thing Two; the great Dr. Seuss's use of just a few words and crazy characters makes it so very easy to get a child "hooked" on reading his books.

Aren't we glad that Dr. Seuss accepted the challenge made to him!?!

Howard County Library has Story Time for preschoolers every Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Any school or group that would like a tour is invited to call the Children's Department at 264-2260 to set it up.

The Library is located at 500 Main St.; hours are weekdays 9-5 and on Saturday from 10-5.

Hollis McCright writes a weekly column for the Herald.

White House seeks shift in farm spending

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration, departing from traditional GOP policy, said today the government was pouring too much money into supporting big grain and cotton farms and should spend more on conservation, food safety and other programs that provide broader benefits to the country.

In a 120-page report, the administration said federal farm subsidies were causing "unintended (and unwanted) consequences" by encouraging overproduction of crops and driving up land rents, raising farm costs.

The report also said the 175,000 largest farms, which produce most of the nation's food, have household incomes that average more than $135,000.

"Highly efficient commercial farms benefit enormously from price supports, enabling them to expand their operations and lower costs even more," the report said.

"Others have not received enough benefits to remain viable and have been absorbed along the way," it continued.

The report made few specific proposals but instead was intended to provide guidance for Congress as it revises programs scheduled to expire a year from now. In questioning support programs that primarily benefit large farmers, the report's conclusions represent a change from longtime Republican farm policy.

"Farmers today operate in global, technologically advanced, rapidly diversifying, highly competitive environment that is driven by increasingly sophisticated consumers," Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman said.

"The various policies, programs and supporting infrastructure that serves our food system will require updating to meet future needs."

Veneman has not taken a position on a farm bill approved by the House Agriculture Committee this summer, but the administration's recommendations are likely to be more in line with proposals expected to be issued soon by leaders of the Senate Agriculture Committee: Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin, the panel's Democratic chairman, and Indiana Sen. Dick Lugar, the committee's senior Republican.

The House bill, which would cost nearly $170 billion over 10 years, would expand subsidy programs for grain and cotton farmers.

Among the report's recommendations:

—The government should help farmers and ranchers "when unexpected events beyond their control occur" without causing producers to become dependent on federal support.

—Congress should pay farmers who take certain conservation measures such as controlling manure and improving tillage methods to cut down on soil erosion. The report notes that two-thirds of the nation's farmland is in the hands of small- and medium-size farms, many of which benefit little from traditional subsidies.

—More money is needed for programs to prevent foodborne diseases and protect crops and livestock from pests.

The report also notes the government needs to improve the nation's diet through research into better methods of nutrition education.

Lots of information known about serial rapist

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Investigators believe he's put on a bit of weight and taken up smoking. They know he's in his twenties and suspect he has low self-esteem.

But there's one thing they don't know about the man linked to at least 12 sexual assaults and one murder: his name.

The man police are looking for struck in Philadelphia's upscale Rittenhouse Square area from June 1997 to August 1999, then seemed to vanish.

Now police in Fort Collins, Colo., have linked him to six attacks that took place from May to August.

"This is not a dumb individual. If he was, he wouldn't have been able to commit these crimes for so long without being caught," Philadelphia police spokesman Cpl. Jim Pauley said Tuesday.

Police used DNA samples to link six Philadelphia crimes, including one that ended in the strangling of University of Pennsylvania graduate student Shannon Schieber. DNA evidence has linked the man to six attacks near the Colorado State University campus.

The attacker has not changed his method but may have changed his appearance.

His Philadelphia victims said he was thin, but Colorado victims said he was slightly overweight. The women in Fort Collins also said he smelled of cigarettes — something the Philadelphia victims didn't notice.

FBI criminal profiling expert Jim Fitzgerald of the National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime, in a report released in October 1999, said the rapist might try to hide his identity by changing his appearance.

According to the FBI's analysis, the rapist likely sees his assaults as dates. He engaged in "pillow talk" with some of his Philadelphia victims and even offered one advice about how she could prevent future attacks by securing her window bars.

Fort Collins authorities declined to say whether the women there experienced a similar attack. Fort Collins police spokeswoman Rita Davis said that DNA evidence is being analyzed from 22 "potential suspects" and that 11 Fort Collins investigators and two Philadelphia detectives are analyzing the cases.

The profile found that the rapist does not want to hurt his victims but will if threatened. Police believe Schieber, 23, fought with her attacker and was killed because her screams alerted a neighbor, who called police.

"Serial rapists don't stop," Philadelphia Police Commissioner John F. Timoney said Tuesday.

"I don't believe that he's laid dormant all this time; he may have hit in some other community somewhere."

The profile said authorities believe the attacker works in a low-paying, odd-hours job, which he feels is beneath him. He also likes to blend into the area where his victims live.

The attacker likely is a nocturnal person who lives alone, with his parents, or with someone who does not know where he is between midnight and 6 a.m., according to the profile. He also may have an extensive pornography collection.

Fitzgerald said that for every attack that succeeded, the predator probably attempted many more and likely targeted several women — all around his own age — in advance before each attack.

The attacks in Philadelphia and Colorado all occurred during warm-weather months, usually between 3 a.m. and 5 a.m. The attacker usually enters his sleeping victims' apartments through unlocked windows or by cutting through screens.

Zain case ends with mistrial

BECKLEY, W.Va. (AP) — The case of a chemist accused of misrepresenting test results used in trials has ended in a mistrial, after jurors were unable to reach a verdict.

After deliberating for about seven hours, the jury deadlocked Tuesday in Fred Zain's felony fraud case and told the judge they could not decide if the state crime lab chemist is guilty of committing fraud.

The former state police officer was tried on four counts of obtaining money from West Virginia — including his salary — under false pretenses.

The problems with the lab tests led to dozens of challenged convictions. His work also came under fire in Texas, where he worked after leaving West Virginia.

Internet virus warning issued Tuesday

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new virus-like attack struck large companies Tuesday, and its rapid spread threatened to slow down the Internet. Attorney General John Ashcroft warned the computer outbreak could become worse than the "Code Red" worm earlier this summer.

The malicious software program, known as W32-Nimda, is complex and designed to spread to people who open infected e-mail or visit an infected Web site. The program generated more traffic on the Web, slowing down many users.

Security experts said it had already infected tens of thousands of computers, including those at several large companies. Experts monitored the outbreak and tried to figure out how it worked as it created pockets of Internet congestion and forced some companies offline.

"There is so much traffic (caused by the worm) that it ...makes you think the Internet is down," explained Alan Paller, director of research at the SANS Institute.

The Internet as a whole is functioning normally with no widespread slowdowns, according to Internet monitoring firm Keynote Systems.

The worm can spread in many different ways. It can infect Web sites running Microsoft's Internet Information Services software, like the recent "Code Red" worm did. Once a Web site is infected, any Web user accessing it can get the worm.

Once one computer on a company network is infected, it can also travel across the network to attack others.

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Big Spring native director of female barbershop choral group

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Herald Correspondent



Courtesy photo
Big Spring native Donnie Wheeler poses here with West Texas Harmony, an all women choral group that he directs.

It's often true that "what's old is new again." And some things just never go out of style.

For Big Spring native Donnie Wheeler, both apply to the barbershop style of singing. The familiar four-part harmony will take the stage in Midland Sept. 22 and in Odessa Sept. 29, in a concert called "Rock Around the Clock." The musical evenings will showcase West Texas Harmony, a women's choral group that Wheeler directs, and include guest appearances by several other groups.

Wheeler, a 1975 graduate of Big Spring High School, has a regular "day job" at Burlington Resources, but most of his evenings are spent in music – directing or singing. That has been especially true recently, as he and his fellow musicians have been planning, practicing and preparing for the upcoming shows.

Wheeler said barbershop is a much-loved, but misunderstood style of singing.

It is made up of four parts – the tenor, the highest voice; the "lead," which sings the melody; the baritone; and the lowest, the bass. While most commonly thought of in terms of male quartets, the style is also beautifully done with women's voices, as in West Texas Harmony, and many of the other groups singing for "Rock Around the Clock," Wheeler said.

"When I became the director of the ladies' chorus, I found out that their favorite thing to kid me about, and something they always like to say during the show is, 'Barbershop harmony was created by men, and perfected by women,'" Wheeler said.

Some of the other groups that will be featured include "Guys and Dolls," a mixed men's and women's barbershop quartet that includes both Wheeler and his twin brother, Ronnie, also of Big Spring. "Impromptu" is a women's quartet, as are "Four-Ever Friends," and "The Intermission Quartet," while "Just in Time" is a men's foursome that will perform.

A special featured quartet is "Crystal Collection," a prize-winning group of women from Lubbock and Hobbs, N.M. Among their other performances this year will be the Sweet Adelines International Competition in Portland, Ore., next month.

Joining West Texas Harmony at the show will be men's chorus Sun Country Gentlemen, for which Wheeler is assistant director.

Some of the many familiar songs that will be performed include, "Mr. Sandman," "Breaking Up is Hard to Do," "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend," and "Let There Be Peace." Music lovers will hear, "Who's Sorry Now," "Georgia," and the title song, "Rock Around the Clock."

"The first half of the show is all 1950s music, while the second half will include a wide variety of music," Wheeler said. Choreography will also be part of the show, such as for "Me and My Shadow," which will feature costuming and movements to accentuate a "shadow" effect.

"We've got humorous songs," Wheeler said. "We've got some gospel, some jazz... But everything you hear that night will be barbershop-arranged."

Wheeler's love of music can be traced to his childhood. He learned to play piano from his parents, later played with the school band and then sang with the Lubbock Singing Plainsmen while in college at Texas Tech. He earned a degree in music education, but chose a career in the oil business.

In 1987, he began to sing with Sun Country Gentlemen, where he now serves as assistant director.

"In college is where I was first introduced to barbershop music," Wheeler said. "It's an original American art form." While in the 1930s, the style was in danger of dying out, Wheeler said preservation efforts have helped to popularize and promote it throughout the world.

These days, when he's not playing piano, singing or directing, Wheeler might be writing arrangements: One of his is on the program for "Rock Around the Clock."

The Midland show, Sept. 22, will be at the Yucca Theatre, with the curtain set to rise at 7:29 p.m., while the Odessa show is set for Sept 29 at Odessa College Deaderick Auditorium with the same starting time.

"We set that time so everybody would be sure to remember it," Wheeler said, chuckling.

Advance tickets for both shows are $6 each, or $8 at the door. For tickets, or information about West Texas Harmony or Sun Country Gentlemen, call Wheeler at 267-7583.

Both choruses, Wheeler said, would welcome new members. They practice on Mondays (for the women) and Tuesdays (for the men) in Midland.

Across America, nation's guardsmen and reservists prepare for active-duty call up

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nick Johnson's young life could soon take a sudden turn: The coming months that were expected to bring homework and high school dances might be filled with horror and war.

As an Army National Guardsman, Johnson is waiting to find out if he will be called to active duty or will be able to finish his final year of high school in Pierre, S.D.

"I'm ready to go if they need me," the 18-year-old said. "I just got my duffel bag with my battle-dress uniforms, my camouflage outfit and my boots and stuff that I'll take either to battle or go clean up New York."

President Bush has authorized activating up to 50,000 reservists and National Guard troops to protect military installations and to help with the recovery of victims of the World Trade Center and Pentagon strikes.

That means ironworkers and teachers, housewives and businessmen. It means Johnson and others must get ready to put their lives on hold and pull on their uniforms.

It also means 25-year-old teacher Carey Taylor must leave behind her fourth-grade students at Holy Spirit Catholic School in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Taylor was one of some two dozen Coast Guard reservists who reported for duty Monday in Mobile.

"I'm sorry for my kids because there's stress in learning a new teacher," said Taylor, who spent much of the weekend with her husband, Patrick, watching the news and packing her bags.

Don Neff, a pilot in the Nebraska Air National Guard, has a strong personal stake in the nation's response — his regular flying job is for United Airlines, two of whose jets were hijacked last week.

"I think everybody feels it on a personal level," said Neff, 30, who is based in Washington. "Obviously there is more of an attachment there when you see a United airplane going down."

"I want to participate in whatever kind of actions that we take to try to stop terrorism or make sure this kind of thing doesn't happen again," said Turenne, a major in the New York Air National Guard's 107th Air Refueling Wing, based in Niagara Falls.

Turenne said he hears plenty of worry from his parents in South Carolina and siblings around the country, both about the dangers of his regular job and his National Guard role.

"They're used to me doing this stuff," he said. "I was in Desert Storm, I've gone to Kosovo ... They worry, but they're kind of getting used to it."

The public response to seeing reservists and guardsmen has been supportive, said Maj. Linda Blaszak of Tonawanda, N.Y., a full-time public affairs officer for the 107th Air Refueling Wing.

She was in uniform the day after the attacks as she walked into a convenience store to buy a newspaper and breakfast, when a woman approached and insisted on paying.

"She said, 'You just go and you stay safe,' and she started to cry," recalled Blaszak. "It was just the most wonderful thing."

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IN BRIEF

Coahoma fans plan to caravan to Post

The Coahoma High Bulldogs stay on the road this week, putting their 3-0 record on the line at Post for an 8 p.m. kick off Friday night. As the team continues to win, the excitment and its fan base continue to grow. causing booster club officials to organize a caravan club for this week's game at Post. Organizers are inviting all fans to decorate their cars, weat their school colors of red and white and to meet at the high school between 5 and 5:30 p.m. for the caravan trip to Post. The group will leave the school parking lot promptly at 5:30.

Oswalt leaves games against the Giants

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Houston Astros rookie sensation Roy Oswalt left Tuesday night's game against the San Francisco Giants with a strained right groin.

The NL Central-leading Astros listed him as day-to-day.

Oswalt (14-2) appeared to injure himself pitching to the first batter he faced, Marvin Benard. But after a conference on the mound with his teammates and manager Larry Dierker, he decided to continue.

He allowed one run on three hits before he was relieved after two innings by Tim Redding. He struck out three and walked one.

The one run was Andres Galarraga's home run to left field in the second inning. The homer, estimated at 485 feet, set a new Pacific Bell Park record, breaking Barry Bonds' 451-footer set June 7 against San Diego.

Oswalt had won five straight starts.

PREP SLATE

RESULTS

VOLLEYBALL

BIG SPRING — lost to Lake View, 15-5, 15-5.

TENNIS

BIG SPRING —defeated Sweetwater, 19-0 at the Figure-7 Tennis Center

FRIDAY

FOOTBALL

BIG SPRING —at Abilene Wylie, 7:30 p.m.

COAHOMA — at Post 7:30 p.m.

FORSAN — vs. Sterling City, 8 p.m.

GARDEN CITY — vs. Irion County, 8 p.m.

GRADY —vs. Dawson, 7:30 p.m.

SANDS — vs. Borden County (HC), 7:30 p.m.

STANTON — vs. Iraan, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

CROSS COUNTRY

BIG SPRING —hosting meet at the Airpark, 10 a.m.

COAHOMA— at Big Spring Meet, 10 a.m.

FORSAN — at Big Spring Meet, 10 a.m.

GARDEN CITY — at Big Spring Meet, 10 a.m.

TENNIS

BIG SPRING —vs. Levelland 9 a.m.

VOLLEYBALL

BIG SPRING —at

ON THE AIR

RADIO

BASEBALL

6:40 p.m. — Texas Rangers, KBST, 1490 AM.

Television

BASEBALL

6 p.m. — Atlkanta Braves at Philadelphia Phillies, WTBS.

7 p.m. — Oaklan Athletics at Texas Rangers, FXS.

Boxer Tony Ayala pleads guilty to lesser charge

San Antonio boxer gets 90 days in jail and 10 years probation

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Boxer Tony Ayala Jr. pleaded guilty to burglary Monday in a deal that calls for 90 days in jail and 10 years' probation.

The former junior middleweight contender also pleaded guilty to trying to commit aggravated assault, abruptly ending his weeklong trial, his lawyer, Mike McCrumb, said.

A more serious charge — burglary with intent to commit sexual assault — was dropped. Formal sentencing was set for Oct. 8.

The 38-year-old Ayala, who spent 16 years behind bars for raping a neighbor in Paterson, N.J., in 1983, had faced life in prison on the latest charges.

He was accused of breaking into a San Antonio home through a window in the early hours of Dec. 12, with the intent to rape. Two women were in the house and one shot Ayala in the shoulder with a handgun.

The defense argued Ayala entered the house through an unlocked door and wanted only to talk to one of the women, whom he knew.

Lead prosecutor Michael Bernard said both sides were unhappy with the deal but agreed it's the "right resolution."

Bernard acknowledged his case was weakened by Thursday's testimony of Sandra Gutierrez, one of the two women in the house. Under cross examination, she conceded there were several key discrepancies between her testimony and the statement she gave police.

The defense, meanwhile, was worried the judge might allow evidence from Ayala's rape conviction, McCrumb said.

"We're happy only in the sense that he will now be able to spend time with his wife, his mom and dad and family, and get on with his life," he said.

"Because Tony risked life in prison, this was the appropriate decision."

Ayala refused to speak publicly about the case Monday, McCrumb said. After his release in April 1999, Ayala returned home to San Antonio to try to resurrect his boxing career. After several victories, Ayala lost to Yory Boy Campos last year for his only defeat.

In his next fight, on July 31, Ayala (28-1) beat Santos Cardona — with an electronic monitor strapped to his ankle because of his upcoming trial.

Rodeo Hawks headed back to New Mexico

Some Hawks will be sore in the saddle

By JEFF MORRIS
Sports Editor

Some Hawks will be sore in the saddle

All student-athletes compete to win. Most for teams and some for individual accomplishments. They all battle the injury bug and depend on their own rigorous training and the help of trainers and doctors and other elements of sports medicine like rehab and physical therapy.

Most student-athletes these days depend on high-tech equipment, good coaching and individual effort. Some depend on teammates or at least a doubles partner in tennis.

But the rodeo Hawks of Howard College, like college rodeo teams across America, must depend on animals for both teammates and an occasional opponent.

When the Hawks started their fall season last weekend in New Mexico, one of the returning rodeo stars landed on his head, taking on an animal and a stopwatch. The latest word is that Ross Ericsson is a little down in his back after injuring ligaments in his lower back, but the bull he was riding is just fine.

In fact, Howard coach Greg Kernick reported at Tuesday's Howard College Media Luncheon, that both the bull and Ericsson will be back in New Mexico this week when about 16 college teams return to for a second week of Southwestern Region rodeo action.

"Ole Ross rode Bald Hornet good for 7 or 8 seconds before he landed on his head. He might be hurt and I know he's going to be sore for a while.

"Ross hurt his ligiaments in his lower back, but he'll be back this week. We had a talk about it and he may be sore, but he'll be back with us this week because he is the kind of guy we counted on last year. He is a team leader for us and we will have to count on him this year. We'll need him all year," Kernick said, referring to the four remaining weeks of team competition where individuals score points for a team result while trying to earn an opportunity to compete in the College National Finals Rodeo next June.

"We'll see the same teams again this week, so I'd like to see us get things going in our direction, I look for improvement in several events. Mental mistakes hurt us last week, like bro-

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Rodeo Glance

What: Howard College Rodeo
Where: Eastern New Mexico University, Portales
When: Thursday through Saturday
Next: Howard Hawks take a week off before going on the road again

Howard hosts media luncheon Tuesday

By JEFF MORRIS
Sports Editor

Howard College rodeo coach Greg Kernick got the biggest laugh and the most questions at Tuesday's Media Appreciation Luncheon at the Tumbleweed Room in the Hawks' student center building.

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Submitted Photo

Among the many Howard College coaches and administrators who attended Tuesday's media luncheon at the Tumbleweed Room at the student union center building, were (front row, left to right): Kristy Washington, assistant women's basketball coach; Betty Reed, athletic secretary; Dawn Wuthrich, head softball coach; Shana Brasel, assistant women's basketball coach. In the second row are: Stan Feaster, coliseum director and sports information director; Joey Wells, women's basketball coach; Derek Clapp, assistant softball coach; Britt Smith and assistant basketball coach. Howard's new athletic director, Jim Lewis, is the first person on the third row, next to assistant rodeo coach, Russell Sperry and head rodeo coach Greg Kernick. On the back row are: Jim Campbell, athletic trainer; Chris Jans, head basketball coach; Victor Newman, assistant basketball coach and Justin Hays, head baseball coach. Assistant basketball coach Jermaine Kimbrough was not available for the group photo.

Houston-Georgia game rescheduled for Dec. 1

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — Georgia rescheduled its postponed game against Houston for Dec. 1, which means the Bulldogs will end the regular season against a team other than Georgia Tech for the first time since 1952.

An agreement between the schools was announced Tuesday, one day after the Southeastern Conference pushed its championship game back a week to Dec. 8 to accommodate the rescheduling of league games.

"You always think of playing Tech in that last game around Thanksgiving," center Curt 'McGill said. "Coming back to play Houston the next week is going to be a little different, but I'm sure we'll be up for it."

All Division I-A games were postponed last weekend after the terrorist attacks in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania.

Georgia (1-1) wound up with a three-week break, since the Bulldogs already were idle this Saturday. There were no common off days with Houston, leaving school officials with little choice except to play at the end of the year.

"Everybody wanted to play that game," receiver Terrence Edwards said. "At the same time, I'm glad they canceled last week's game so we could go home and be with our families. It felt good to hug my mom and dad."

McGill and the other seniors were especially glad to get another chance to play the Cougars.

"This being my last year, I didn't want to get cheated out of a game," McGill said. "Now I get to play my last game at Sanford Stadium. That's great."

Georgia was supposed to close the regular season Nov. 24 against Georgia Tech in Atlanta, continuing a 48-year tradition.

The last scheduling quirk occurred in 1952, when the Bulldogs traveled to Miami a week after losing to Tech in Athens.

Georgia also closed against Miami four years in a row beginning in 1937, each time traveling to south Florida for a de facto bowl trip.

In a similar arrangement, the Bulldogs ended the season at Southern California in 1931 and '33. Otherwise, Georgia Tech has been the final opponent every year since 1927.

"It's going to be a little weird," Edwards said. "But we'll be eager to play Houston. Who knows? That may be the game that puts us over the bowl hump."

Also, Georgia couldn't afford to lose the revenue from one of its six home games at 86,000-seat Sanford Stadium. In addition, Houston was counting on a $400,000 payday for coming to Athens.

"The kids work too hard not to play all their games," Bulldogs coach Mark Richt said. "The games are the fun part. That's the reward for all the hard work. I'd hate to take one of those away."

Big 12 coaches, players look forward after quiet weekend

DENVER (AP) — Kevin Steele hopped on his riding mower and cut the grass. Mike Leach put down his playbook and went to the movies. Terry Allen stopped at the stadium for a subdued tailgate party before going bowling with his wife and three children.

Like most Americans, Big 12 coaches did their best to keep busy and gain perspective following the terrorist attacks that prompted college football to postpone its weekend schedule.

"It was a very empty weekend in terms of what we were able to do and our feelings as well," Kansas State coach Bill Snyder said. "Our youngsters are anxious to move on as well. It will never be the same, but at the same time, it's important we create some diversions in our lives. It's been a very heavy time for each and every one of us."

For Oklahoma State and Texas A&M, the weekend was supposed to offer a final chance to tune up for conference play. Instead, they will open the Big 12 schedule in College Station on Saturday.

Both schools have dealt with tragedies in their own community in the past two years.

Two Oklahoma State basketball players were among the 10 people killed when the team's charter plane crashed near Denver.

Officials voting by Email

NEW YORK (AP) — NFL referees began voting by e-mail Tuesday on a plan that could end a lockout and have them back on the field when play resumes Sunday, two league sources said.

A source familiar with the labor dispute, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the 10-member executive board of the NFL Referees Association had agreed on the vote during a conference call Tuesday morning. The league set a deadline of noon EDT Wednesday for the result.

Tom Condon, the lead negotiator for the officials, said he believed a deal was close. But he said he had made no final deal. Asked about the e-mail vote he replied: "I don't have any plan to send them to vote on."

"They might have jumped the gun," he said of the NFL.

But the sources said the vote was already under way.

If approved, the deal would end a lockout that covered the last week of the preseason and the first week of regular games. Those games were worked by replacements.

Both sides acknowledged the move toward an agreement was precipitated by the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington that caused commissioner Paul Tagliabue to call off last week's games. A union source, also speaking on condition of anonymity, said the referees took that into consideration when they went back to bargaining.

A basic package was put in place Sunday night in Pittsburgh, the sources said.

Bill Carollo and Jeff Bergman represented the union and Steelers owner Dan Rooney and lead negotiator Jeff Pash represented the NFL.

Two union sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Carollo and Bergman were chosen because they were considered less confrontational than Ed Hochuli, who had done the bulk of the negotiating. But the sources emphasized that Carollo and Bergman had been in touch with Hochuli throughout the negotiations.

According to the NFL sources, the agreement is the same in total monetary value as the package proposed by the league on Sept. 4. It would double salaries in the first year and increase them by 100 percent in the fourth year of a six-year deal.

The league had no comment.

"We will only comment when a deal is ratified and in place," NFL spokesman Joe Browne said.

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SPORTS EXTRA

COLLEGE POLL

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sept. 8, total points based on 25 points for a first place vote through one point for a 25th place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Miami(40)	2-0	1,749	1
2. Florida(14)	2-0	1,715	2
3. Oklahoma(11)	3-0	1,638	3
4. Nebraska(2)	3-0	1,521	5
5. Texas(4)	2-0	1,490	4
6. FloridaSt.	2-0	1,426	6
7. Oregon	2-0	1,294	7
8. Tennessee	2-0	1,263	8
9. VirginiaTech	2-0	1,227	9
10. GeorgiaTech	3-0	1,092	10
11. FresnoSt.(1)	3-0	973	19
12. KansasSt.	1-0	970	12
13. Washington	1-0	947	15
14. UCLA	2-0	895	14
15. LSU	2-0	856	13
16. Northwestern	1-0	676	16
17. MississippiSt.	1-0	615	18
18. SouthCarolina	2-0	580	21
19. Clemson	2-0	536	20
20. Michigan	1-1	510	11
21. OhioSt.	1-0	258	24
22. Oregon St.	1-1	212	22
23. Notre Dame	0-1	211	17
24. BYU	3-0	148	—
25. Louisville	3-0	129	—

Others receiving votes: Purdue 98, Toledo 87, Colorado 49, Auburn 46, Michigan St. 30, Georgia 22, Wisconsin 19, Iowa 18, Stanford 16, Illinois 15, Maryland 11, N.C. State 11, Southern Miss. 11, Southern Cal 9, Texas A&M 8, Alabama 7, East Carolina 5, Washington St. 4, Arizona St. 3.

TRANSACTIONS

American League

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Activated RHP Paul Shuey from the 15-day disabled list. **National COLLEGE**

STANFORD—Named Steve Buddie wrestling coach, and Quinn Carney women's lacrosse coach.

Football League

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Signed LB Anthony Denman from the practice squad.

NEW YORK JETS—Waived P Tommy Parks.

National Hockey League

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Signed D Derrick Walser to a one-year contract. Returned D Scott Hefferman, D Louis Mandeville, G Shane Bendera, G Andrew Penner, RW Ben Knopp, D Tyler Sloan and LW Riley Cote to their junior teams.

PITTBSURGH PENGUINS—Assigned C Mario Lemieux to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton of the AHL for one game.

SAN JOSE SHARKS—Assigned RW Adam Colagiacomo, G Seamus Katyk, LW Eric LaPlante, C Andy Lundbohm, C Graig Mischier, D Robert Mulick, RW Adam Nittel, RW Miroslav Zalesak, D Omar Ennaffati, G Michel Larocque and D Kevin Magnuson to Cleveland of the AHL. Returned LW Ryan Clowe to his junior club.

ORLANDO MAGIC—Re-signed F Monty Williams.

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Named Jim VanStone vice president for sales.

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Assigned G Sebastien Centomo, G Jamie Hodson, D Christian Chartier, D Allan Rourke, D Tyler Harlton, D Jonathan Zion, F Bobby House, F Craig Mills, F Don MacLean and F Michal Travnicek to St. John's of the AHL.

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American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	87	57	.604	—
Boston	73	69	.514	13
Toronto	71	73	.493	16
Baltimore	55	88	.385	311/2
Tampa Bay	50	94	.347	37

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	83	62	.572	—
Minnesota	77	68	.531	6
Chicago	74	71	.510	9
Detroit	57	87	.396	251/2
Kansas City	57	87	.396	251/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Seattle	104	40	.722	—
Oakland	87	57	.604	17
Anaheim	73	71	.507	31
Texas	66	78	.458	38

Monday's Game
N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay, ppd.
Tuesday's Games
Toronto 8, Baltimore 5
Boston 7, Tampa Bay 2
Cleveland 11, Kansas City 2
Minnesota 8, Detroit 3
N.Y. Yankees 11, Chicago White Sox 3
Oakland at Texas, late
Anaheim at Seattle, late
Wednesday's Games
Baltimore (Maduro 3-5) at Toronto (Halladay 3-2), 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (P.Wilson 6-8) at Boston (Cone 8-5), 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Suppan 9-11) at Cleveland (Colon 12-11), 6:05 p.m.
Detroit (Sparks 10-9) at Minnesota (Milton 14-5), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Hudson 16-7) at Texas (Davis 9-8), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 19-1) at Chicago White Sox (Glover 4-2), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Schoeneweis 10-9) at Seattle (Moyer 17-5), 9:05 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Detroit at Minnesota, 12:05 p.m.
Anaheim at Seattle, 5:35 p.m.
Baltimore at Toronto, 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Boston, 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Cleveland, 6:05 p.m.
Oakland at Texas, 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Chicago White Sox, 7:05 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	78	66	.542	—
Philadelphia	77	68	.531	11/2
New York	73	73	.500	6
Florida	68	77	.469	101/2
Montreal	61	84	.421	171/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	84	59	.587	—
St. Louis	81	64	.559	4
Chicago	78	66	.542	61/2
Milwaukee	63	83	.431	221/2
Cincinnati	59	86	.407	26
Pittsburgh	55	90	.379	30

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	82	62	.569	—
San Francisco	80	64	.556	2
Los Angeles	78	66	.542	4
San Diego	71	73	.493	11
Colorado	62	81	.434	191/2

Monday's Games
Florida 10, Montreal 6
Philadelphia 5, Atlanta 2
N.Y. Mets 4, Pittsburgh 1
St. Louis 2, Milwaukee 1
Arizona 7, Colorado 3
San Diego 6, Los Angeles 4
Tuesday's Games
Florida 3, Montreal 1
N.Y. Mets 7, Pittsburgh 5
Cincinnati 6, Chicago Cubs 5
Philadelphia 4, Atlanta 3
St. Louis 9, Milwaukee 4
Arizona at Colorado, late
San Diego at Los Angeles, late
Houston at San Francisco, late
Wednesday's Games
N.Y. Mets (Rusch 7-10) at Pittsburgh (McKnight 2-3), 12:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (D'Amico 1-2) at St. Louis (Morris 19-7), 12:40 p.m.
Florida (Beckett 1-0) at Montreal (Pavano 0-4), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Wood 10-6) at Cincinnati (Hamilton 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Burkett 11-10) at Philadelphia (Coggin 4-5), 6:05 p.m.
Arizona (Lopez 3-5) at Colorado (Hampton 13-11), 8:05 p.m.
San Diego (Tollberg 7-4) at Los Angeles (Baldwin 2-4), 9:10 p.m.
Houston (Mlicki 5-1) at San Francisco (L.Hernandez 12-13), 9:15 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati, 11:35 p.m.
Houston at San Francisco, 2:35 p.m.
Colorado at Montreal, 6:05 p.m.
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 6:05 p.m.
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 6:05 p.m.
Arizona at Los Angeles, 9:10 p.m.

Rangers lose again, Astros beat Giants

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Mark Mulder earned his 19th victory, and the Oakland Athletics came from behind twice to beat the Texas Rangers 6-5 Tuesday night for their ninth straight win.

The teams were playing for the first time since Sept. 10, when they played in Oakland the night before the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington.

Not even an unexpected week off could slow down the A's, who are 43-14 since the All-Star break and have an 11-game lead over Minnesota in the AL wild card race. They haven't lost since Sept. 1.

A fierce thunderstorm that delayed the start of the game couldn't temper the anticipation of the 21,517 fans for the patriotic pregame ceremony.

After waiting more than an hour past the scheduled start, fans cheered loudly when a U.S. Air Force color guard marched onto the field. They sang along to Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA" as it was played over a video showing firefighters working in the rubble at the World Trade Center.

Mulder (19-7) allowed four runs and six hits before being pulled after Mike Lamb's leadoff single in the seventh. He is 11-1 in his last 14 starts, and Oakland starters are 13-0 the last 16 games.

Alex Rodriguez put Texas ahead 4-3 in the sixth with his 45th homer — the most by a major league shortstop since 1959 — before Oakland scored three times in the seventh.

Texas reliever Mike Venafro (5-5) came on with one out and one on in the seventh and walked Johnny Damon. He then fielded Miguel Tejada's dribbler, but threw wildly past first base to allow two runs to score. Jason Giambi followed with a run-scoring double.

Rodriguez's homer came after Chad Curtis walked to lead off the sixth. A-Rod matched the 45 homers Ernie Banks hit in 1959, a year after Mr. Cub set the major league record for shortstops with 47.

Rodriguez doubled, stole third and scored on Ruben Sierra's groundout in the eighth.

Rangers starter Rick Helling, 6-1 in his previous 10 starts, pitched six solid innings. He gave up three runs on seven hits.

Frank Catalanotto, Curtis and Rodriguez started the Texas first with consecutive singles. Rafael Palmeiro drew a bases-loaded walk, and Ruben Sierra grounded into a double play while the second run scored.

The Athletics took a 3-2 lead when Eric Chavez hit a solo homer in the sixth. The 428-foot shot off the upper deck facade in right-center field was his 26th, matching a career high.

Astros 3, Giants 2

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Jeff Bagwell wanted his game-tying triple to go just a little farther. In the end, it didn't matter.

Bagwell later scored on Moises Alou's sacrifice fly as the Houston Astros rallied off Robb Nen to beat the San Francisco Giants 3-2 Tuesday night.

The Giants led 2-1 going into the ninth, but pinch-hitter Orlando Merced singled off Nen (4-4). Bagwell followed with his hit that caromed off the right-field wall and scored pinch-runner Adam Everett.

"I thought I hit it good enough to hit it out. I guess I'm not as strong as I thought," Bagwell said. "I was a little disappointed to see it stay in the park, but it worked out good for us."

One out later, Alou hit a routine fly to center that scored Bagwell from third. It was Nen's seventh blown save in 46 chances.

Mike Williams (5-4) pitched the eighth for the victory, and Billy Wagner got three outs for his 35th save.

It was the first game in nine days for both teams, following the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington.

Barry Bonds did not homer for the Giants, who remained two games behind the Arizona Diamondbacks in the NL West and fell a game back of the St. Louis Cardinals for the wild card.

But Andres Galarraga hit a homer estimated at 485 feet off Astros rookie Roy Oswalt in the second inning that brought the sellout crowd of 40,901 to its feet.

Galarraga's homer surpassed Bonds' 451-footer against San Diego on June 7 as the longest at the Giants' bayside ballpark.

"It was so nice to hit it out of the ballpark on a day like today," Galarraga said. "It's what we have to do, make people feel better for the couple of hours they come to the games."

Bonds, who leads the majors with 63 home runs this season, was 0-for-3 with a walk.

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East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	1	0	0	1.000	45	24
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	31	23
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	6	24
New England	0	1	0	.000	17	23
N.Y. Jets	0	1	0	.000	24	45

Central

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	17	6
Cincinnati	1	0	0	1.000	23	17
Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	21	3
Cleveland	0	1	0	.000	6	9
Pittsburgh	0	1	0	.000	3	21
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	23	31

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	31	20
Oakland	1	0	0	1.000	27	24
San Diego	1	0	0	1.000	30	3
Seattle	1	0	0	1.000	9	6
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	24	27

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Dallas	0	1	0	.000	6	10
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	20	31
Philadelphia	0	1	0	.000	17	20
Washington	0	1	0	.000	3	30

Central

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	28	6
Tampa Bay	1	0	0	1.000	10	6
Chicago	0	1	0	.000	6	17
Detroit	0	1	0	.000	6	28
Minnesota	0	1	0	.000	13	24

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	1	0	0	1.000	24	13
New Orleans	1	0	0	1.000	24	6
San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	16	13
St. Louis	1	0	0	1.000	20	17
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	13	16

Sunday's Games
Buffalo at Miami, ppd.
Denver at Indianapolis, ppd.
Dallas at Detroit, ppd.
Arizona at Washington, ppd.
Green Bay at N.Y. Giants, ppd.
New England at Carolina, ppd.
Cincinnati at Tennessee, ppd.
San Francisco at New Orleans, ppd.
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, ppd.
Atlanta at St. Louis, ppd.
Kansas City at Seattle, ppd.
Jacksonville at Chicago, ppd.
N.Y. Jets at Oakland, ppd.
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, ppd.
Open: San Diego
Monday's Game
Minnesota at Baltimore, ppd.
Sunday, Sept. 23
Baltimore at Cincinnati, 12 p.m.
Buffalo at Indianapolis, 12 p.m.
Carolina at Atlanta, 12 p.m.
Detroit at Cleveland, 12 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 12 p.m.
New York Giants at Kansas City, 12 p.m.
Oakland at Miami, 12 p.m.
San Diego at Dallas, 12 p.m.
Tennessee at Jacksonville, 12 p.m.
New York Jets at New England, 3:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Seattle, 3:15 p.m.
St. Louis at San Francisco, 3:15 p.m.
Denver at Arizona, 7:30 p.m.
Open: New Orleans, Pittsburgh, Tampa Bay
Monday, Sept. 24
Washington at Green Bay, 8 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

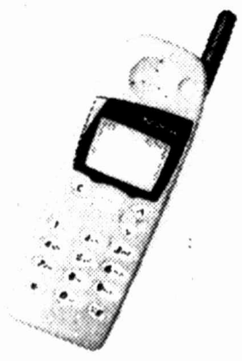
Big Spring cross country results from Saturday at Lubbock
Varsity girls
Eva Tobar, 15:14.3, 50th
Nicole Williams, 15:25, 57th
JV girls
Ashley Martinez, 14:00, 4th
Pricilla Franco, 15:00, 19th
Paige Gainey, 16:48, 50th
Varsity boys
Tony Arguell, 17:54, 16th
Keith Hillario, 18:25, 26th
Martin DeLosSantos, 18:40, 35th
Mike Flores, 19:01, 45th
Pat Gonzales, 19:25, 60th
JV boys
Daniel Leos, 19:47, 9th
Chris Martinez, 20:18, 16th
Andy Rodriguez, 23:50, 50th

Big Spring Tennis results from Saturday
Big Spring 19, Lake View 0
BOYS SINGLES
Jay Shroff (BSHS) def. Jon Cauthorn 6-1, 6-3
Jake Smiley (BSHS) def. Frank Diaz 6-0, 6-0
Alex Edgemon (BSHS) def. Santiago Martinez 7-6 (7-2), 6-1
Michael Roffers (BSHS) def. Marcos Ruiz (BSHS) 6-1, 6-2
Brian Wingert (BSHS) def. Bryan Royal 6-0, 6-0
Michael Williamson (BSHS) def. Joshua Shaw 6-2, 6-0
Vishal Shroff (BSHS) def. Noah Shaw 6-1, 6-0
Ryan Vela (BSHS) def. Jesse Garces 7-5, 6-2
BOYS DOUBLES
J. Shroff-Edgemon (BSHS) def. Cauthorn-Martinez 6-3, 6-3
Roffers-Wingert (BSHS) def. Ruiz-Royal 6-1, 6-1
Williamson-Vela (BSHS) def. N. Shaw-J. Shaw 6-1, 6-2
GIRLS SINGLES
Veronica Villarreal (BSHS) def. Deborah Bussell 6-2, 6-2
Heather Parnell (BSHS) def. Victoria Mechtley 6-0, 6-4
April Ward (BSHS) def. Jennifer Musselwhite 6-1, 6-1
Meagan Roffers (BSHS) def. Melissa WhitLock 6-0, 6-0
Lauren Chesworth (BSHS) def. Brandi Eastham 6-0, 6-0
Mindy Partee (BSHS) def. Sara Nichols 6-0, 6-0
Jessica Rodriguez (BSHS) def. Diana Santa Ana 6-0, 6-0
Heather Knappe (BSHS) def. Danielle Pollard 6-1, 6-0
GIRLS DOUBLES
Villarreal-Partee (BSHS) def. Musselshite-Eastham 6-1, 6-0
Ward-Parnell (BSHS) def. Mechtley-Whitlock 6-2, 6-1
Chesworth-Rodriguez (BSHS) def. Nichols-Santa Ana 6-0, 6-0
MIXED DOUBLES
Roffers-De Hoyos (BSHS) def. Bussell-Diaz 6-0, 6-4
V. Shroff-Knappe (BSHS) def. Pollard-Garces 6-2, 6-3

Results from Tuesday's Big Spring vs. Sweetwater match.
Big Spring 19
Sweetwater 0
BOYS SINGLES
Jay Shroff (BSHS) def. Jared Monday 6-1, 6-1
Jake Smiley (BSHS) def. Jon Browning 6-1, 6-2
Alex Edgemon (BSHS) def. Allen Pennington 6-4, 6-2
Michael Roffers (BSHS) def. A. J. Arteaga 6-0, 6-0
Brian Wingert (BSHS) def. Robert Dean 6-2, 6-0
Michael Williamson (BSHS) def. Philip Brock 6-2, 6-1
Vishal Shroff (BSHS) def. Kelsey Matchen 6-0, 6-0
BOYS DOUBLES
J. Shroff-Edgemon (BSHS) def. Browning-Pennington 6-4, 6-3
Roffers-Wingert (BSHS) def. Monday-Arteaga 6-1, 6-1
Williamson-Ryan Vela (BSHS) def. Brock-Dean 6-2, 6-2
GIRLS SINGLES
Veronica Villarreal (BSHS) def. Dawn Palmer 6-4, ret
April Ward (BSHS) def. Shannon Hazard 6-2, 6-0
Heather Parnell (BSHS) def. Rebecca Long 6-1, 6-0
Mindy Partee (BSHS) def. Bonnie Jay 6-0, 6-1
Megan Roffers (BSHS) def. Hillary Henderson 6-1, 6-1
Lauren Chesworth (BSHS) def. Nancy Crawford 6-0, 6-1
Jassica Carson (SWHS) def. Jessica Rodriguez 6-3, 6-2
GIRLS DOUBLES
Villarreal-Partee (BSHS) def. Palmer-Long 6-0, 6-2
Ward-Parnell (BSHS) def. Hazard-Jay 6-2, 6-0
Chesworth-Rodriguez (BSHS) def. Henderson-Carson 6-2, 6-0
MIXED DOUBLES
Roffers-Smiley (BSHS) def. Matchen Crawford 6-0,6-0

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Oops! Jordan makes briefest of comebacks on the Internet

NEW YORK (AP) — He's back! He's back!

Oops, well, he's almost back.

For 90 minutes Monday, Michael Jordan was listed as an active player for the Washington Wizards on the team's Web site. Apparently, someone pressed a button a little too soon.

"Just a clerical error," NBA spokesman Tim Frank said. "Our Internet department was making preparations in case he comes back."

Jordan had all but confirmed he would announce a comeback at a news conference as early as this week. Because of the terrorist attacks, he is now more likely to announce his decision in a more low-key manner, such as a faxed news release, in the next two weeks.

Wizards spokesman Matt Williams said he was inundated with phone calls after Jordan was included on the Web page, tucked alphabetically between Popeye Jones and Christian Laettner.

Jordan was listed as a 6-foot-6 guard, 198 pounds. The uniform, of course, was No. 23.

The Web site also included a brief biography, complete with his career statistics down to such trivial information as the fact that he wore his blue North Carolina shorts underneath his Bulls shorts when he played for Chicago.

Jordan's name was taken off the active roster late in the afternoon by the NBA, which controls the rosters on the Web site.

This would be the second comeback for the 38-year-old Jordan, who led the Bulls to six NBA championships. He retired in October 1993 to play minor league baseball and returned to the Bulls in March 1995. He retired again in January 1999.

At the NBA Store in Manhattan, employees said they were stocking several blank Wizards jerseys that will be embroidered with Jordan's name and number when the comeback is official.

For now, the only Wizards jerseys available at the store are Richard Hamilton's No. 32 and rookie Kwame Brown's No. 5.

Police investigate deadly crash

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) — Alcohol may have been a factor in a collision that killed eight members of the Wyoming cross-country team, a state official said Monday.

Lisa Murphy, state Department of Transportation spokeswoman, said the Highway Patrol would not elaborate on their findings until investigators received results from victims' blood tests, which could take up to two weeks.

Meanwhile, a candlelight vigil was planned for the victims Monday night.

The mood on campus, already subdued because of the terrorist attacks, was somber. Coaches were given the day off, and athletes were given the option of attending class.

"Kids everywhere have had difficulty understanding this national tragedy, and now you pack this on top of it," athletic director Lee Moon said Monday.

On fraternity row, the Sigma Phi Epsilon house displayed a large banner over its entrance saying "We Love You Shane" in memory of victim Shane Shatto, 19, of Douglas.

Shatto and seven teammates were killed when their SUV collided head on with a pickup truck that apparently swerved into their lane at about 1:30 a.m. Sunday south of Laramie.

The driver of the pickup, fellow student Clinton Haskins, 21, of Maybell, Colo., was in serious condition at Ivinson Memorial Hospital.

Haskins is a steer wrestler on the rodeo team. He was apparently heading from Laramie to his family's home when the crash occurred, said Lt. Mike Johnson of the Wyoming Highway Patrol.

The runners were headed for Laramie after spending Saturday in Fort Collins, Colo.

The wreck occurred in the northbound lane about 17 miles south of Laramie on U.S. 287.Haskins and the two occupying in the front seats of the SUV were wearing seat belts, Murphy said.

It's back to the ball parks all across America

NEW YORK (AP) — Derek Jeter thinks baseball might be just what Americans need to take their minds off the horror.

"It gives the fans a way to forget what's happened for a few hours," he said.

Being back on the field helped Jeter and the rest of the New York Yankees, too.

The star shortstop singled, scored and turned a double play in the first inning Tuesday night in the Yankees' first game since the terrorist attacks exactly one week earlier.

A day after baseball returned from a six-day break with a patriotic flourish, major leaguers tried to put the focus back on the field. The crowd of about 23,000 at Comiskey Park — par for the White Sox — cheered when the players with "New York" across their uniforms lined up.

Boston's Fenway Park was close to capacity, as always, and it was the same at Cleveland's Jacobs Field, where almost 35,000 fans showed up. For the most part, crowds were between 20,000 and 30,000, about average for this time of year.

San Francisco's Barry Bonds picked up his chase to break Mark McGwire's home run record and more than a dozen teams resumed pennant races. A sellout crowd at Safeco Field wanted to see the Seattle Mariners clinch the AL West.

"We have some unfinished business to take care of," Seattle's Jay Buhner said. "It will be tough to have the same frame of mind we had before, but we still have a chance to do something pretty special."

Every team was in action following six games Monday night, and there were reminders everywhere of the tragedies in New York and Washington.

Perhaps the most compelling image came at PNC Park in Pittsburgh, where the Mets took the field wearing caps honoring New York's fire, police and emergency personnel. On Monday night, the Mets wore them for pregame ceremonies — on Tuesday night, they got permission from major league baseball to wear them the whole game.

Mets general manager Steve Phillips said a fan wrote him a letter suggesting the Mets wear the caps.

Mike Piazza, with "NYPD" on his batting helmet, hit a key home run that lifted the Mets over the Pirates 7-5.

"I feel there's nothing really we can do to repay them," he said of the rescue workers. "It's just a way to say we're thinking of them. It's our salute. We really don't deserve to wear them."

Ripken, one of the sport's best ambassadors, said he'd do his best to entertain fans.

"Certainly, I'm not so gung-ho inside about baseball," the Baltimore star said before an 8-5 loss at Toronto.

"When I think of baseball in the context of what's going on it does seem very insignificant," he said. "I haven't gotten really motivated to play at this point, but we all should take great pride that we can be a small distraction, a small opportunity to smile and get away from what's going on."

At Jacobs Field, members of Cleveland's fire, police and emergency response departments threw opening pitches to catcher Eddie Taubensee, who wore a firefighter's helmet.

In a message shown on the scoreboard, Travis Fryman thanked Indians fans for their support and asked them to pray for the attack victims. Fryman then hit a grand slam in an 11-2 win over Kansas City.

Boston catcher Scott Hatteberg hoped the games would provide some relief.

"This is going to be helpful for a lot of people. Everybody needs a break. I know I need a break," he said before the Red Sox played Tampa Bay.

"Baseball, as goofy as it sounds, is going to be part of the healing process. By doing this, I think we're helping out."

Minnesota pitcher Bob Wells was glad to have a diversion.

"There's a lot of things in the mental part of baseball that most people don't think about. It takes up a lot of space in your head," he said before the game with Detroit at the Metrodome.

"I don't think anybody had any fun last week," he said.

LUNCHEON

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Kernick didn't complain about injuries, he bluntly said his team took a serious hit to a key returning rider, Ross Ericsson, who sustained ligament damage to his lower back after falling on his head while riding a bull over the weekend.

Speaking first, partly because his rodeo teams started its fall season last week, competing in Lovington, N.M., Kernick had most of the other junior college coaches asking for advise and his words of wisdom while others asked him to talk to their teams from time to time.

After stating that Ericsson had seriously hurt his lower back, Kernick said he had talked to him and that they agreed he would shake it off and be back in the saddle by this weekend when the team returns to New Mexico for week two of the five-week fall season.

After opening the luncheon with a moment of silence and thoughtful prayer for the victims of last Tuesday's tragic terrorists attacks on America, sports information director Stan Feaster introduced Howard's new athletic director, Jim Lewis, who took time to introduce the many new faces, and a few familiar ones, on the Hawks' head-coaching roster this year.

Justin Hays joins Kernick as one of the only returning head coaches. All but a few assistants are new.

Joey Wells takes over the women's basketball program wile Chris Jans is in charge of the men. Dawn Wuthrich of Austin is the new softball coach and Jim Campbell will be directing the sports medicine component as the new head athletic trainer. He is already working with Ericsson and others to insure their availability to compete for the Hawks.

College president Sherri Sparks was also on hand with other administrators to both welcome and thank the media for "the high level of coverage the Hawks have received in recent years."

Feaster concluded the luncheon by reminding the media that Howard has a sports hotline number that both the media and the public may call anytime for the latest Hawks' updates, directly from the coaches. The current number is (915) 264-5169.

HAWKS

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ken barriers in timed events, especially with our girls events. We made some freshman mistakes, but we got our first week behind us, so with 27 freshmen, we'll hit the road again this week, I guess the good news is all our animals are doing fine and that's a big part of it that most people don't think about. We have to depend on our animals as part of our team."

Kernick and his new assistant coach Russell Sperry, will be loading the trailers and trucks for a return to New Mexico when the Hawks visit Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, starting Thursday and continuing through Saturday night.

Kernick said he will be counting on sophomores like Ericsson to be ready this weekend.

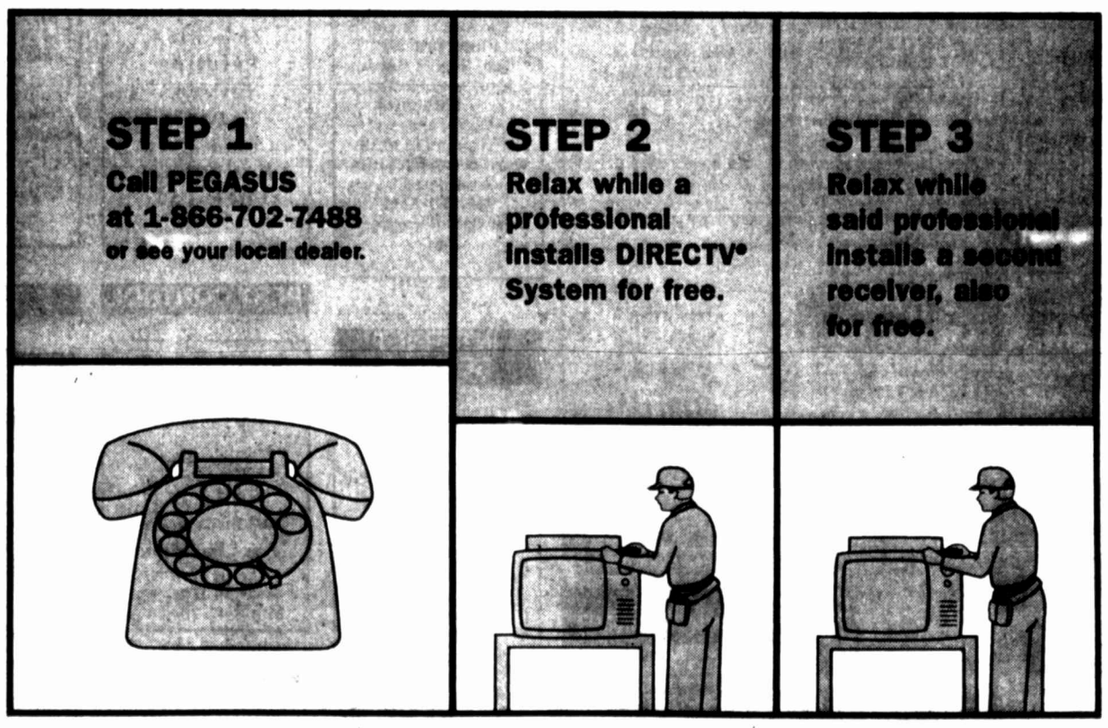
"We talked about it and he'll be back this weekend. He may be sore, but he'll be back because Ross is the kind of guy we can count on as a team leader."

As a team, the men finished ninth at Lovington behind Vernon, Odessa and Tarleton, who finished as the top three teams. Patrick Freeman, a freshman from Guthrie, Oak., had the highlight for the Hawks with a third-place finish in bull riding with a 6.9 ride. Teammate Cameron Mullins finished fourth in his first bull ride, dubbed the long go because it is a longer ride time. The women failed to score points as a team.

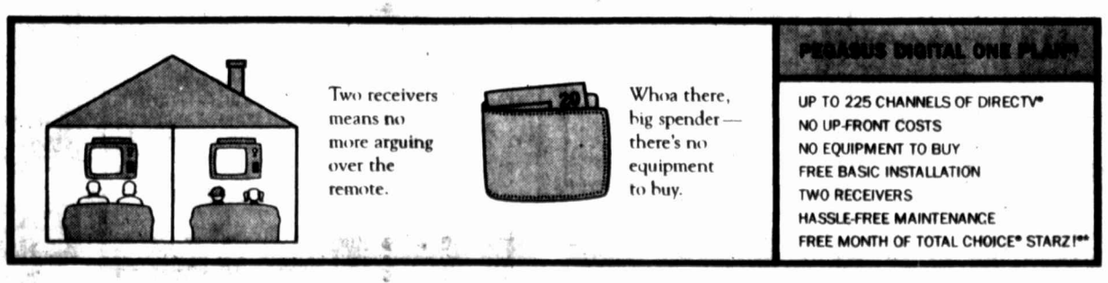
Kernick said he saw plenty of bright spots, even among the mistakes. He pointed to the women's events like goat tying, saying that as his team reduces the little mistakes like breaking barriers, he felt confident, that his teams would be scoring more points.

"Patrick Freeman did some bull riding. When you see freshmen like that step up, you know you've got something to work with and we had some girls who will win if they don't break barriers."

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Though you might like playing it low-key, you get a lot done as others seem more willing to work with you. Partners agree, bosses absorb your dynamic ideas and finances stabilize. Make time for a special friend who stands behind you. Tonight: Reach out for someone who might miss you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Others seek you out with every intention of going along with your plans and ideas. Express yourself in your normally charming manner. Another changes his feelings about you. Unite others in a key project, which could be as simple as a get-together. Tonight: Happy networking.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** You could carry on until you have it your way. Seek out other solutions that make everyone happy. You know that is possible. When discussions hit a stalemate, approach a problem in a different way. Tonight: Put on some music.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** With others' support, you find unusual and dynamic solutions. Each person has a different suggestion, most of which can work if you so decide. Deal with an authority figure before making a decision. Brainstorm with a close partner who has a strong interest in the right decision. Tonight: Accept an invitation out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Others seek you out. Though on some level you could feel cramped by a lack of knowledge, you catch up quickly. Get past a self-imposed restriction. Creativity flows once a friend starts giving you the facts. Call someone at a distance. Tonight: Spread your good news.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** Carefully listen to another. This associate means every word! Your sense of humor goes a long way toward making a point with family members. Opt to not sign a financial agreement. Check out some alternatives first. Discuss money with someone in the know. Tonight: Exercise tension away.

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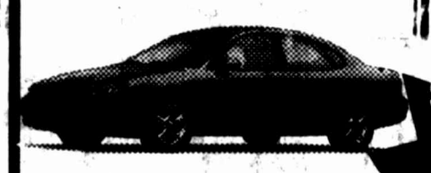
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Daughter and boyfriend's sexual activity puts Mom in the middle



ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: Two weeks ago, I walked in on my 17-year-old daughter having sex with her boyfriend, "Justin." They both will be 18 in two months. They are good kids and plan to go to college together next year. I knew it would be pointless to lecture them, because as you so wisely said in your column a while back, once teenagers begin to have sex, it's almost impossible to get them to stop.

I took my daughter to the gynecologist and had her put on birth control pills. I also discussed with her the importance of safe and responsible sex. My daughter was grateful that I was not judgmental or angry.

Here's the problem. I frequently speak to Justin's parents, and they have let me know they don't want their son to become sexually active until he is married. I am convinced if they knew what was going on, they would demand that Justin stop seeing my daughter, or they might insist the two of them get married right away. Neither solution seems "sensible" to me.

Justin's parents question me often about where the kids have been and what I think they might be up to. I am having a very difficult time keeping my mouth shut. Should I tell his parents they are having sex? I would appreciate your input. -- Up Against It in Iowa

Dear Iowa: The answer is a solid, unequivocal NO. Under no circumstances should you tell Justin's parents what you know about the couple's activities. It would not help the situation. In fact, it might make things worse. Also, your daughter and Justin would never forgive you for betraying their confidence -- and I wouldn't blame them. This is not your story to tell.

Whether or not you approve of what is going on, these kids are almost 18 and no longer under your control. If your daughter and Justin are going to the same college, they may one day marry, and their current sexual intimacy will not be an issue. Keep your oar out of their water and hope for the best.

Dear Ann Landers: This is for "Drained in Virginia," whose ex-boyfriend, "Bill," calls her constantly to complain about his life. You suggested she change her phone number. That's fine, but modern technology provides better options.

Please tell "Drained" to get an answering machine and set it to pick up after one or two rings so the phone won't ring endlessly. She can delete his calls as soon as she hears his voice and won't have to listen to his litany of complaints. If Caller ID is available in her area, she should try that, too. Please pass these suggestions along. The woman needs help. -- Ohio Do-gooder

Dear Ohio: You did, and I thank you.

Gem of the Day (credit Will Rogers): Never slap a man's face while he is chewing tobacco.

Do you have questions about sex, but no one to talk to? Ann Landers' booklet, "Sex and the Teenager," is frank and to the point. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for $3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Teens, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send $4.55.) To find out more about Ann Landers and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.

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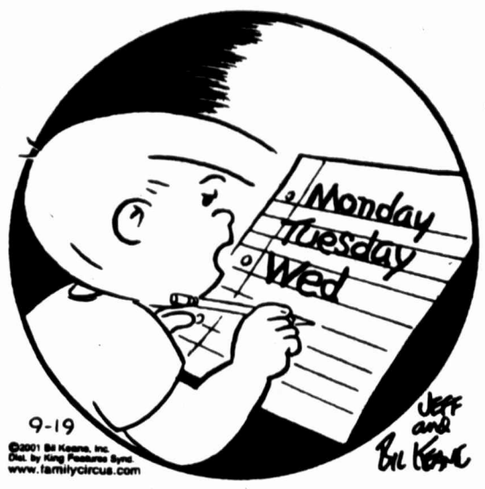
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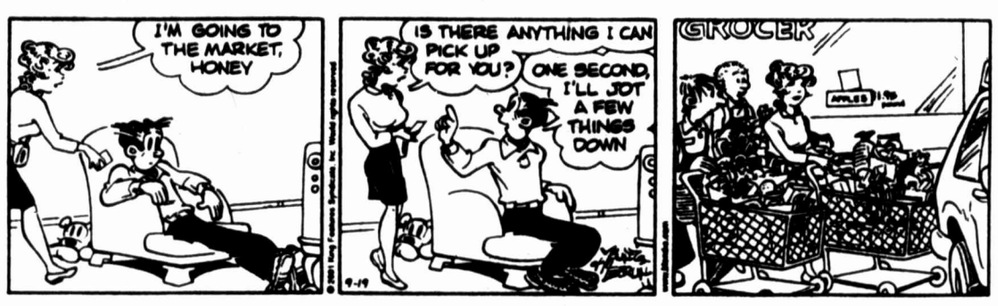
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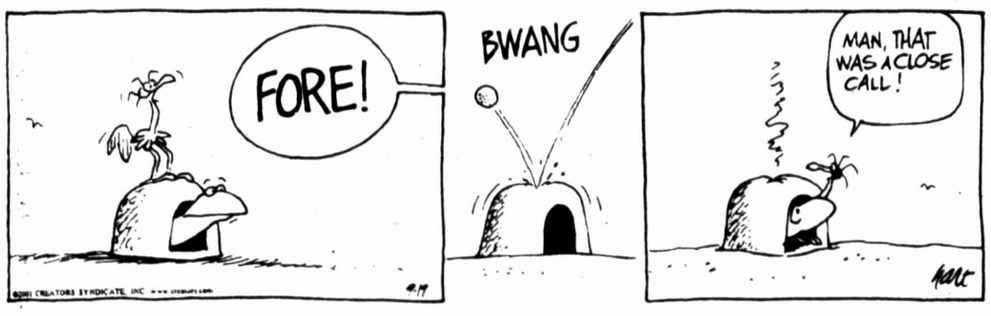
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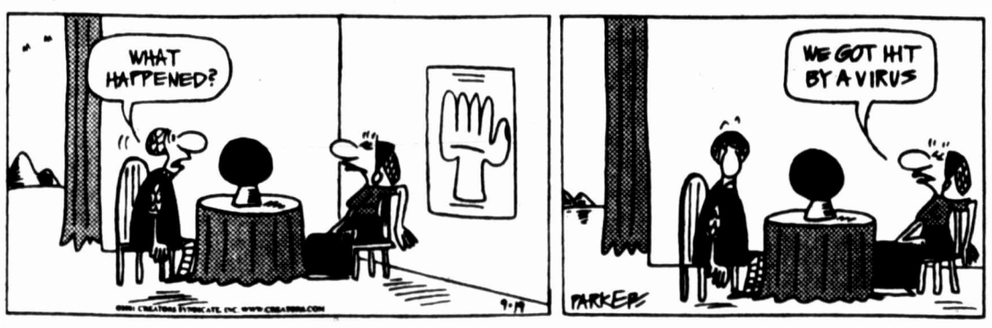
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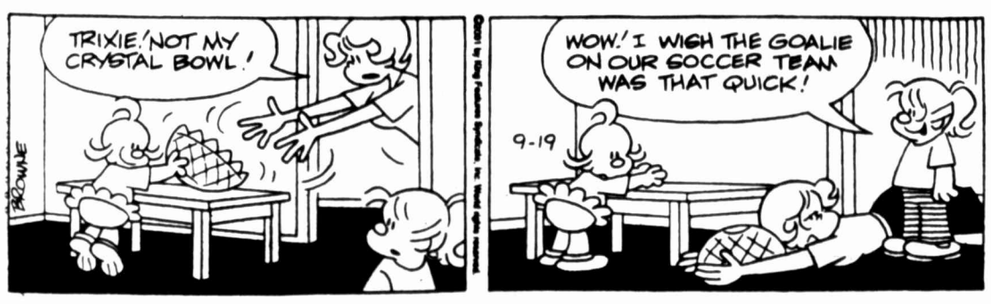
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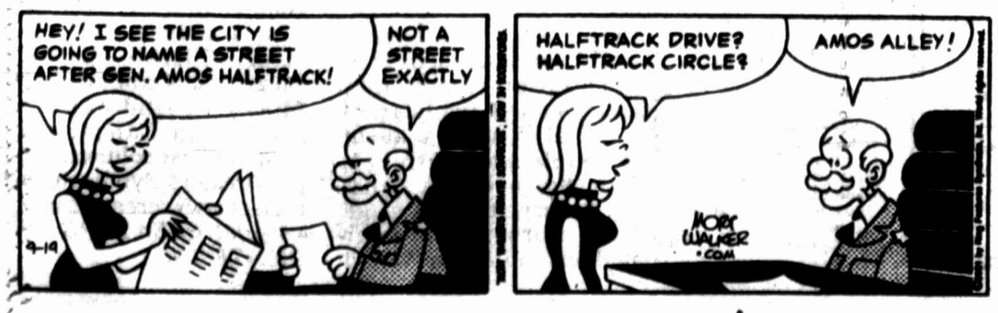
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Wednesday, Sept. 19, the 262nd day of 2001. There are 103 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 19, 1777, during the Revolutionary War, American soldiers won the first Battle of Saratoga.

On this date:

In 1796, President Washington's farewell address was published.

In 1881, the 20th president of the United States, James A. Garfield, died of wounds inflicted by an assassin.

In 1934, Bruno Hauptmann was arrested in New York and charged with the kidnap-murder of the Lindbergh infant.

In 1945, Nazi propagandist William Joyce, known as "Lord Haw-Haw," was sentenced to death by a British court.

In 1955, President Juan Peron of Argentina was ousted after a revolt by the army and navy.

In 1957, the United States conducted its first underground nuclear test, in the Nevada desert.

In 1959, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev reacted angrily during a visit to Los Angeles upon being told that, for security reasons, he wouldn't be allowed to visit Disneyland.

In 1960, Cuban leader Fidel Castro, in New York to visit the United Nations, angrily checked out of the Shelburne Hotel in a dispute with the management.

In 1985, the Mexico City area was struck by the first of two devastating quakes that claimed some 6,000 lives.

In 1986, federal health officials announced that the experimental drug AZT would be made available to thousands of AIDS patients.

Ten years ago: Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir accused the United States of tilting toward the Arabs in its eagerness to organize a Mideast peace conference.

Today's Birthdays: Author Roger Angell is 81. R&B musician Billy Ward is 80. Former Defense Secretary Harold Brown is 74. Actress Rosemary Harris is 71. Actor Adam West is 71. Actor David McCallum is 68. Singer-songwriter Paul Williams is 61. Singer Bill Medley is 61. Singer Sylvia Tyson (Ian and Sylvia) is 61. Golfer Jane Blalock is 56. Singer David Bromberg is 56. Actor Randolph Mantooth is 56. Singer Freda Payne is 56. Rock singer-musician Lol Creme (10cc) is 54. Actor Jeremy Irons is 53. Actress Twiggy Lawson is 52.

Answer to previous puzzle

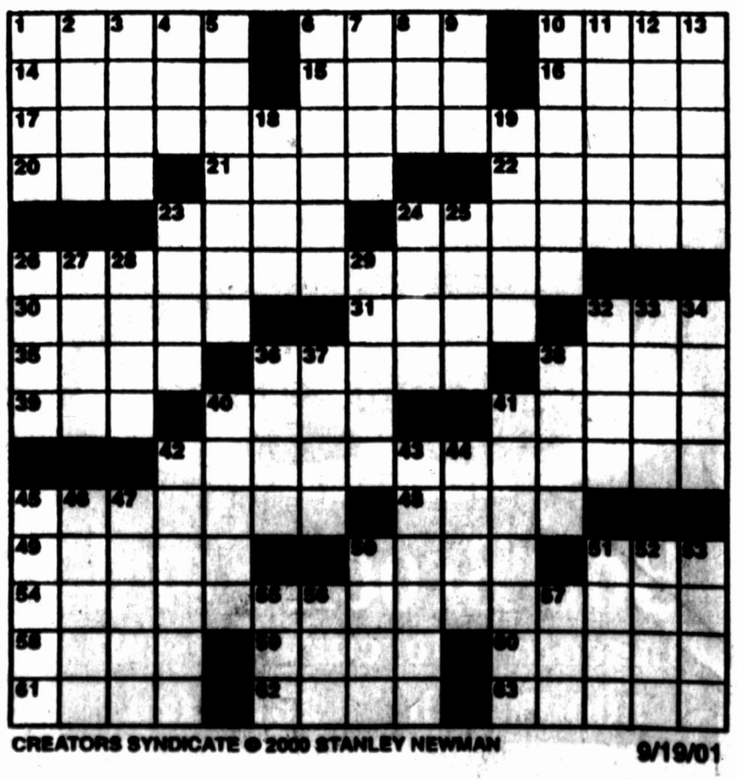
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Newsday Crossword

AIRPORT HONOREES by S.N.
Edited by Stanley Newman

ACROSS
1 Made bovine noises
6 *Exodus* author
10 Prefix for "both"
14 Italian isle
15 Ship of 1492
16 Confederate general's family
17 A Paris airport is named for him
20 __-de-sac
21 Sky color
22 Brown shade
23 Artery's opposite
24 Major star
26 A New Delhi airport is named for her
30 Friars Club event
31 Pepper partner
32 Syrup ingredient
35 Folklore meanie
36 Comic Mandel
38 Ballet bend
39 "I should say __!"
40 Sousaphone kin
41 Color variation
42 A Caracas airport is named for him
45 Ilie of tennis
48 Pitcher Hershiser
49 Miscellaneous category
50 __ upon a time
51 Furniture wood
54 A Rome airport is named for him
58 Pol source
59 Nod off
60 VCR button
61 Paramedics: Abbr.
62 Caraway or sunflower
63 Enjoy a rink

DOWN
1 1300, in old Rome
2 Honolulu's home
3 Milky gemstone
4 Make a mistake
5 Business-spoof comic strip
6 Like some heroes
7 Take the bus
8 Adjective suffix
9 Droop
10 School graduates
11 Peach __ (dessert)
12 Port of Brazil
13 French river
18 Director Kazan
19 Zero
23 Shop clamp
24 __ B'rith
25 Doing nothing
26 Dumbbell material
27 NASA cancellation
28 Pub missile
29 Egypt's __ High Dam
32 Eastern European
33 Verdi opera
34 Jury member
36 Sings with closed mouth
37 Wind instrument
38 Comedian Silvers
40 Jeweled topper
41 Shirt parts
42 Shorthand pros
43 Welded together
44 Killer whale
45 *The Prince of Tides* star
46 Mr. T's former group
47 Terse
50 Flow slowly
51 Top draft rating
52 S&L customer
53 Toy with a tail
55 Byways: Abbr.
56 Fawn's mother
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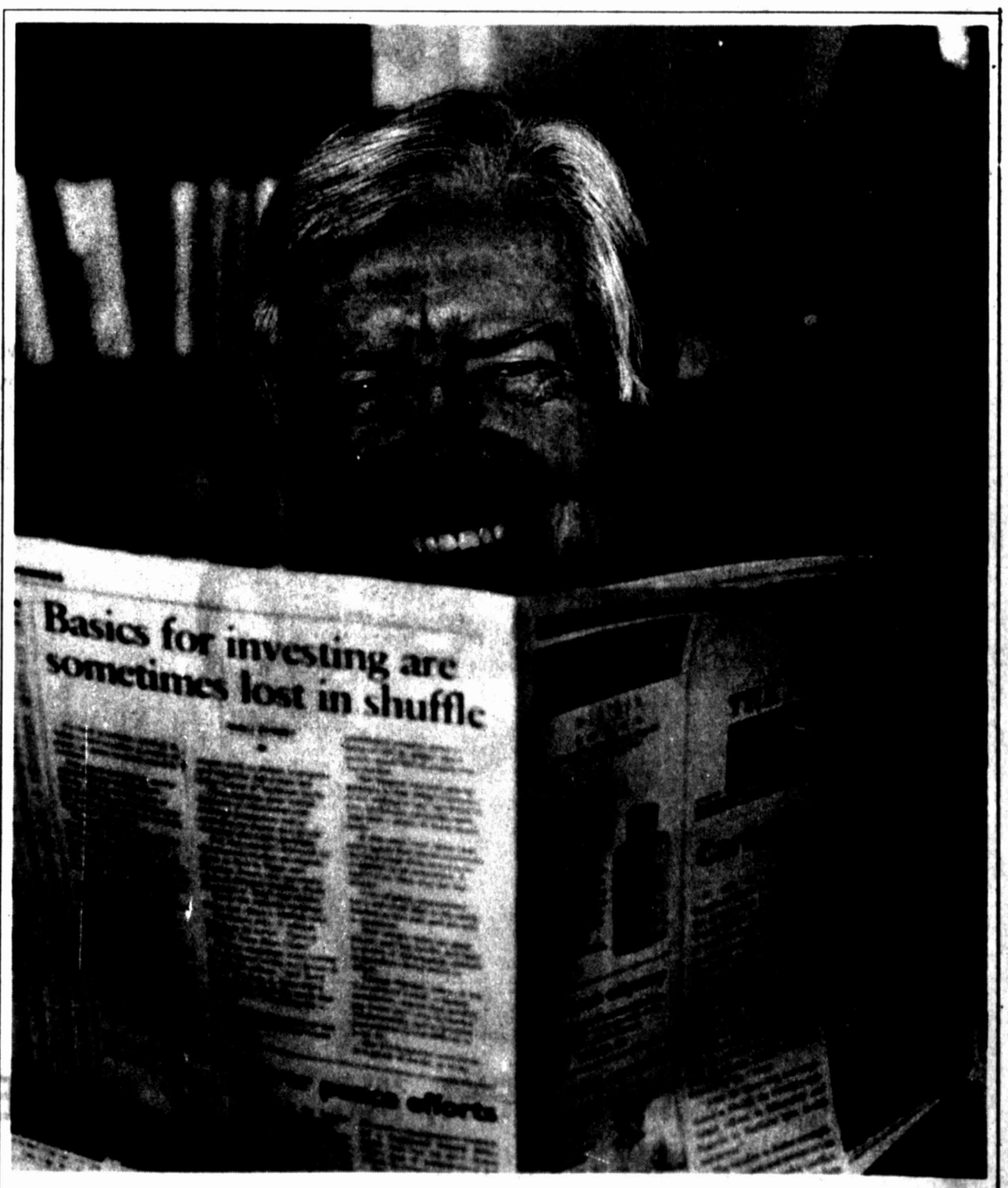


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