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New guidelines set for sex offender registration

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Convicted sex offenders must now register with law enforcement officials when they move into the area.

A new law requires the person to fill out a form at either the police or sheriff's department depending on if they will live in the city or county limits.

Once they do, officials must then publish this information in

the local newspaper within 10 days. Police Lt. Terry Chamness said he is required to provide the person's age, gender, address and type of crime they were convicted for. He is not allowed to release their name.

Chamness added, "We have taken this to City Attorney Mike Thomas for his interpretation. One of our big concerns is if the person moves and say another person moves into that house with a similar description, it could backfire on the

innocent person.

"When a person moves within the city, they must notify us and we publish their new address but we can't say they moved from this place to that place."

Sheriff A.N. Standard and Chamness both said no one has registered since Sept. 1 under the new law's guidelines.

Sex offenders have been required in the past to register but the new law now requires the information to be made pub-

lic through a notice in at least one newspaper in the county where the person lives.

This law applies to people who have committed a sex crime against a child under the age of 17. Anyone who received deferred adjudication or was dispositioned for the offense is not required to register.

If there is a cost to publish the notice, the offender must pay for it but if they cannot afford it, the cost will have to be paid for by a criminal justice agency.

In August 1994, Congress passed the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act and encouraged states to form registries for sex offenders. If states do not do so by August 1997, they face a 10 percent reduction in their federal crime control grant.

Department of Public Safety officials have said supporters of the registration contributes to public safety for several reasons including offering the informa-

tion to citizens so they can protect themselves and to establish legal grounds to hold offenders found in suspicious circumstances.

Supporters have also stated by making the sex offender register, it would deter him or her from committing new offenses.

The newly enacted law also requires an offender to register anytime he or she moves for a minimum of 10 years. If a per-

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Leaking roof a flood of problems

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Howard College trustees have voted to pursue any action necessary to have the library's roof and ceiling replaced.

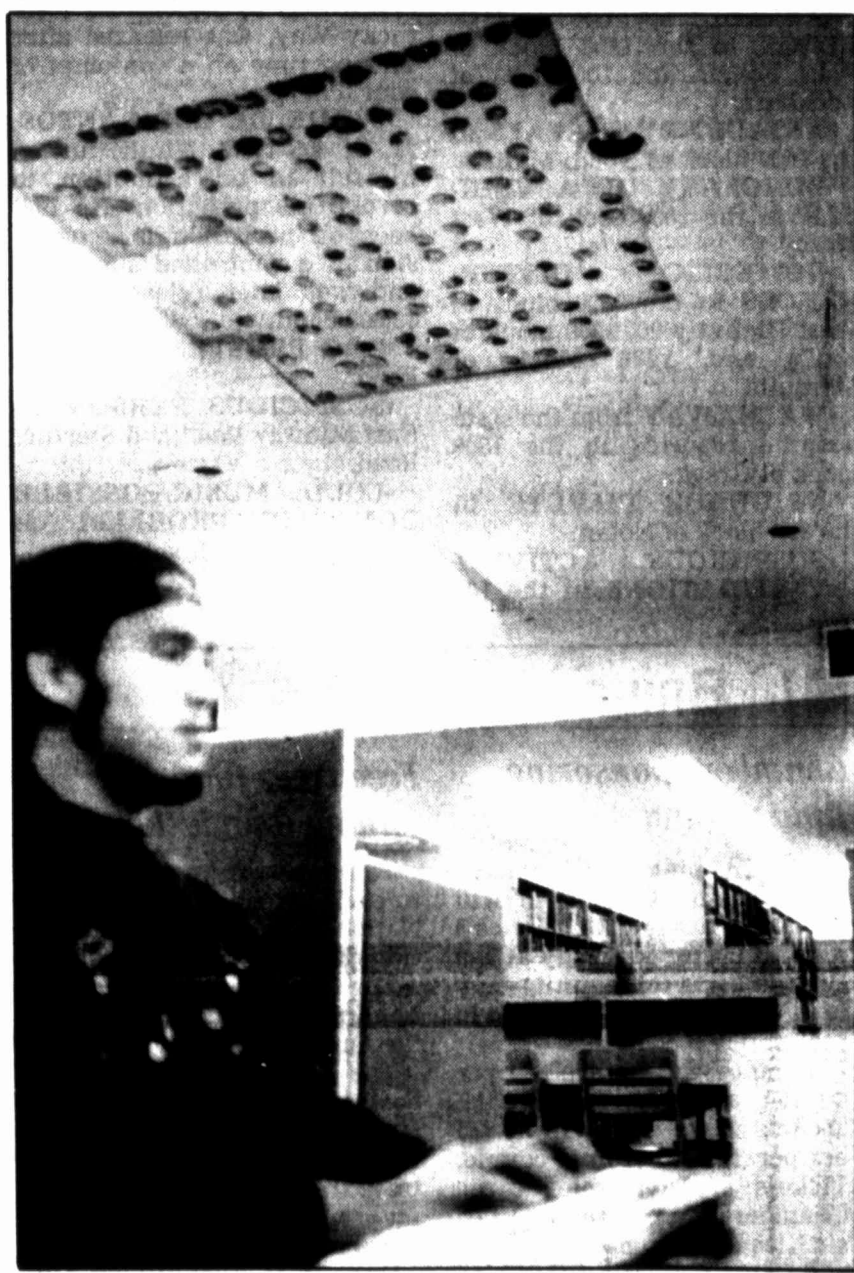
During an executive session at their regular meeting earlier this week, trustees discussed what avenues they had to make sure the library was repaired.

Vice President for Administrative Systems Terry Hansen said the college had hired Lydick-Hooks Roofing Company in August 1994 to replace the roof. Workers had removed a portion of it but did not replace it before leaving for work one day. That night, a rainstorm blew through town causing water damage to the library's ceiling.

The ceiling had blown-on acoustics and ceiling tiles that were damaged and water stained. College officials and the roofing company agreed the contractor was liable for the damage but the bone of contention has been how liable are they.

For the past year, the college and the contractor's insurance company, Highlands Insurance, have been going back and forth on how to solve the problem. Howard College officials said the insurance company should

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James Stiehl sits in front of a computer in the Howard College Library under an area where ceiling tiles fell during a storm last year. Howard College is pursuing all avenues to fix the damaged roof.

AT-A-Glance

The Howard County Junior College District board:

- Received a report from Drew Mouton about the college's delinquent tax collection.

- Received a report from Vice President for Instruction Dusty Johnston about the

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's recent visit.

- Received a report from Associate Vice President for Institutional Advancement Linda Conway about the fall's enrollment figures. There were 2,427 students enrolling in the district which is a 2.8 percent

Chamber wants city to help more with upkeep of community center

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The fate of the Dora Roberts Community Center may well rest in the hands of the Big Spring City Council.

What to do about the management of the center was a topic of discussion at Wednesday's meeting of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce board of directors.

The chamber would like to enter into a contract with the council for the upkeep and maintenance of the building.

The matter was listed as an agenda item at the council's Sept. 12 meeting, but was tabled until the matter could be studied further.

Currently the city pays the chamber \$1,667 per month to help maintain the building.

Chamber President Jim Weaver said the city wants to maintain a contract with the chamber, but only one year at a time.

One area of concern about an agreement is that even though the chamber is given \$1,667 a month by the city, the charitable trust that operates the building is still billed for utilities at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Weaver said the chamber is equipped to handle the management and the upkeep of the

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building, but it needs the cooperation of the council.

Weaver added the chamber would like to see the Convention and Visitor's Bureau market the building out of town.

"We want to have this building being used everyday," he said.

Weaver suggested before the chamber board take a vote on an agreement, it wait for the council to approve a contract. He added the chamber be unanimous in their decision to enter into an agreement or don't do it at all.

"We need full communication between both entities because there's already too much polarity involved," he said. "If we take this own, we need the council's cooperation."

The building has generated

about \$25,000 in the last two years on rentals alone, but the chamber says this is not enough year for the building to maintain itself.

The chamber is already willing to subsidize the building for a year or so, but wants a couple of changes in the contract the city is proposing.

The two issues that the chamber didn't think would be issues are the fact that the city is charging the charitable trust about \$3,800 a year for water, trash pickup and sewage. The other issue is the chamber would like to have a separate insurance policy on the building with a \$1,000 deductible and a \$500,000 limit.

Weaver said those two issues are the minor modifications the chamber would like to see in the contract with the city.

"We're only asking the city to pay about \$3,100 a year in insurance and refrain from charging the chamber \$3,800 for water, trash pickup and sewage," he added.

How to make the building available to as many people and groups as possible and still protect it is our primary concern.

"Trying to maintain an old building like this, even though it's been remodeled, it expensive," Weaver said. "The roof is in need of repair since the April

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Rains denies allegations made in suit

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

No trial date has been set, but Coahoma lottery winner Carol Rains has answered the \$17.15 million suit filed against her last month by Big Spring resident R.C. Mills.

Rains was one of four winners to share a \$51.5 million jackpot.

Rains' lawyer Abner Burnett recently filed a response to the suit in Howard County's 118th District Court.

Her petition denies each alle-

gation made by Mills and demands proof of any wrongdoing on her part.

Her response also denies Mills performed any of the conditions precedent to a right of recovery as stated in his suit, particularly that Mills purchased and/or delivered to Rains the specific ticket that won the part of the May 31 lottery.

Rains also denies Mills' right to recovery because the creation or existence of a partnership or joint venture for purchasing the lottery ticket is false. She fur-

ther denies the existence of any fiduciary relationship between herself and Rains.

Mills' suit alleges Rains breached an oral contract to split her \$12.87 million May 31 winnings with him.

He is suing for \$6,435,210 — half of Rains' winnings — \$3 million for mental anguish, \$3 million in punitive damages, and \$4,717,605 in attorney's fees.

The suit alleges after their initial meeting at Herman's Restaurant the two began play

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MUSIC AND MORE



Irene Nieves looks at some of the CD's in the racks of the new On Cue store in the Big Spring Mall. The new music and book store officially opened Sept. 15.

Police are investigating shooting

Big Spring police detectives are investigating a shooting that occurred on the north side of town Wednesday afternoon.

Police Capt. Lonnie Smith said Mark Leal, 24, of 901 North Goliad, arrived at the emergency room suffering from a gunshot wound to the hip around 4:45 p.m.

Leal told officers someone he knew shot him at his residence and he went by private vehicle to the hospital to seek treatment. Leal is listed in stable condition.

Smith added no motive has been established and no arrests have been made at this time. No further information was available.

Herald Staff Report



U.S. Trivia

What state set the first direct primary voting system?

Wisconsin

When?

May 23, 1903

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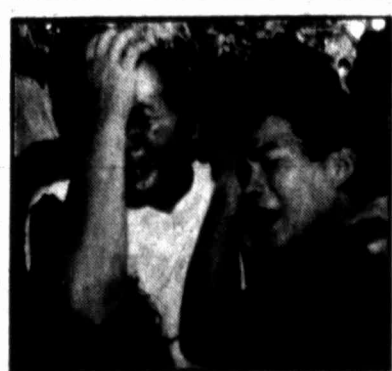
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WORLD/NATION

World:

Rebels opened fire on a bus carrying banana workers Wednesday, killing at least 24 of them in a massacre blamed on a bloody power struggle between leftist groups in northwest Colombia. See page 4A.

Nation: You could almost hear the growl of auto engines revving up. See page 3A



STATE

Multiple murder

Police say they are searching for a man they believe may have murdered four family members, including a 4-year-old girl, in a rural Wilson County mobile home. See page 5A.

Dengue fever

Victor Munoz is sick of mosquitoes. In the colonia where he lives, they swarm over water-filled ditches and hide inside old tires that litter the yards. See page 5A.



TODAY'S WEATHER

Tonight



Friday



50 ▲ Highs
Lows ▼ 43

Cloudy

Tonight, cloudy, areas of fog and light drizzle, 30 percent chance of rain, low lower 40s, northeast winds 10 to 20 mph, gusty.

Permian Basin Forecast

Friday: Mostly cloudy, 20 percent chance of rain, high near 50, east to southeast winds 10 to 15 mph; mostly cloudy night, low lower 40s. Saturday: Mostly cloudy, 20 percent chance of rain, high near 50, east winds 10 to 15 mph.

Area Roundup

Stanton works
to comply
with SB 1

STANTON - Complying with Senate Bill One salary provisions and coping with a declining tax base were the concerns of this year's budgeting process for trustees of Stanton Independent School District.

At an Aug. 28 meeting, trustees passed a budget for the 1995-96 school year that includes a local increment of \$2,500 above state base in teacher's salaries, increasing to \$3,000 for teachers with a master's degree. This cuts the local increment by \$500.

There was no one in attendance at the public hearing on the budget held before the board meeting.

Board members have been informed resurfacing of the track will be scheduled after the football season. The contractor expects the weather to be mild enough to allow the material to be laid without difficulty.

Superintendent Jim White said the rubber-based surface must not be traveled on for the first 72 hours after it is put down. Scheduling application after the football season should help keep traffic down, as cooler weather will keep walkers

away.

The next regular board meeting will be Oct. 9.

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Grady ISD
hold line
on budget

GRADY - Trustees of the Grady Independent School District are holding the line.

Board members set the tax rate for Grady ISD at the regular board meeting Sept. 11. The rate will be \$1.38 in 1995-96, the third year in a row the tax rate in the district has not increased.

Board members also discussed tax attorneys for the Martin County Appraisal District, but took no action.

In other action, the board:

- Approved supplemental textbook adoptions as presented by the textbook committee.

- Approved the addition of Wendy Glaze, Barbara Ashton, and Donna Springer to the teacher substitute list.

- Entered into an interlocal agreement with other area school districts for the purpose of purchasing health insurance.

- Approved payment of the monthly bills.

The next regular board meeting will be Oct. 9. The first six-week school term ends Sept. 22.

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Suit

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ing the lottery together and Mills would purchase the tickets most of the time, but the winnings would be split on a 50/50 basis.

After the winning numbers were announced, the two allegedly discussed the winning ticket and going to Austin and according to Mills, Rains said, "You don't have to go, you don't have a damn thing to worry about."

After making the trip to Austin, Rains allegedly transferred \$50,000 to Mills' account at State National Bank. At that time he asked if that was all she was going to transfer since he was entitled to half.

Mills' also alleges Rains' statement to him that it was not necessary for him to travel to Austin was misleading to him because his trust and confidence was in the representations she had made concerning the winnings. Rains is accused of taking fraudulent actions that were intentional, or committed with a callous, conscious disregard and or indifference for the rights of Mills.

She said Mills' petition alleged an oral agreement to share equally any and all lottery winnings and create a partnership or joint venture to play the lottery which by its nature cannot be completed within one year.

The response by Rains and her attorney states such an agreement, if it was made by Rains as alleged by Mills, which Rains specifically denies, is unenforceable pursuant to Section 26.019(a) and (b)6 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code.

Roof

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pay to replace the entire roof and ceiling so it looks uniform instead of doing a patch job which is what the insurance company wants.

Shortly after the rainstorm, roofing company officials said they could replace the parts that were damaged then paint everything white. Hansen said that would not work because the acoustic ceiling would lose its ability to absorb sound.

The acoustics and the glue used to put the tiles together also contains asbestos and the roofing company said it would cost about \$43,700 to remove it. However, the college sent out bids and found out it would cost \$80,000. After that, the company's engineer looked at the damage and suggested a partial abatement but college officials did not agree to it.

Because an agreement has not been settled yet, trustees passed the motion to demand full recovery of the roof. Hansen added if the two sides cannot agree soon, the college may pursue further action including filing a lawsuit against Highlands.

Center

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hail storm and last month alone, we had more than \$800 worth of broken glass."

He added the chamber wants to have an open dialogue between itself and the city and make the Dora Roberts Community Center a true community center.

"It's not as easy to use the center as we'd like it to be," Weaver said. "If I could take a contract to the board that was unanimously approved by the council, it would say a lot to the community."

Weaver said many people can remember when the center was the Cosden Country Club. He said the chamber or the city couldn't match that because it was so heavily subsidized by Cosden as a benefit to its employees for working for the company.

He added the next big objective is to see a floor put in the center, which would really give the ballroom some of the look it once had.

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Big Spring
ON THE RUN

DID YOU WIN?

LOTTO: 1, 7, 18, 26, 30, 43
PICK 3: 8, 6, 9

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents during a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Thursday:

- DALTON W. WHITE, 18, of HC 61 Box 444, was arrested for not having a driver's license and for not wearing his seat belt.

- RILEY BOUNDS, 31, of 106 Lockhart, was arrested for assault/family violence.

- MINOR ACCIDENT in the 900 block of North Main. Anthony Thomas McGruder, 25, of 1304 Nolan, was cited for driving while intoxicated and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 2700 block of Wasson Road.
- ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE in the 1500 block of West Fourth and 100 block of Lockhart.

- ASSAULT BY THREATS in the 1000 block of North Main.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE in the 200 block of West Marcy.

- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES in the 3300 block of West Highway 80, 2500 block of Kelly and 1200 block of Mesquite.

- WALKAWAY from the state hospital reported in the 1500 block of Gregg.

- NEIGHBOR DISPUTE in the 800 block of Nolan.

- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY INVESTIGATIONS in the 100

block of North Benton, 1200 block of Mesa, 2000 block of Birdwell and 500 block of Johnson.

- LOUD PARTY in the 700 block of West Seventh.

- ACCIDENTAL DAMAGE in the 500 block of Birdwell.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents during a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Thursday:

- CHRISTY MARIE ZUBIATE, 19, of 1202 Mulberry, was transferred from the city jail after being arrested for driving while license suspended. She was later released on a \$1,500 bond.

- CHAD ALLEN MUSGROVE, 28, of 1511 Kentucky Way, was released after serving time on a contempt of court charge.

- JAMIE DE LOS SANTOS, 21, of 405 N.W. Ninth, turned himself in on a motion to revoke his probation. He had been on probation for possession of a controlled substance and was later released on a \$3,000 bond.

- DOG PROBLEM on Richie Road.

- SUSPICIOUS PERSON on East Midway Road and Sterling Road.

- LOUD MUSIC/POSSIBLE DOMESTIC PROBLEM on South Anderson Road.

- JUVENILE PROBLEM on Becker Road.

IN BRIEF

Chamber sponsoring
fund raising dance

The Chamber of Commerce Fund-Raising Committee will sponsor a fund-raising dance 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday at the Dora Roberts Community Center. All funds raised will go to the center.

Advance tickets are \$10 per person and \$20 per couple. Tickets at the door will be \$15 per person and \$25 per couple. Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce, Klasic Kleeners, Home Real Estate and Dance Gallery.

For more information, call the chamber at 263-7641.

Library has added
CD-ROM check-out

The Howard County Library now has a computer CD-ROM disc check-out program. We would appreciate your support in donating used or new CD-ROM discs. Call 264-2260 or come by 410 Scurry.

Free trees for
joining foundation

Ten free trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during this month.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The trees will be shipped postpaid between Oct. 15 and Dec. 10 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution by Sept. 30 to Ten Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, Neb., 68410.

RECORDS

Average high 87
Average low 61
Record high 103 in 1953
Record low 39 in 1971

MARKETS

Oct. cotton futures 95.95 cents a pound up 300 points; Nov. crude oil 17.83 cents down 24 point; cash hog steady at 48.50 cents even; slaughter steers steady at 64 cents even; Oct. live hog futures 46.75, up 5 points; Oct. live cattle futures 64.90, up 45 points. Courtesy: Delta Commodities
Non quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.
Index 4792.69
Volume 109,722,590
ATT 62%
Amoco 64%
Atlantic Richfield 112%
Atmos 19%

Boston Chicken 26 + 1/4
Cabot 53% + 1/4
Chevron 50% - 1/4
Chrysler 56% - 1/4
Coca-Cola 69% + 1/4
De Beers 27% + 1/4
DuPont 69% - 1/4
Exxon 72% - 1/4
Fina Inc. 48% nc
Ford Motors 31% - 1/4
Halliburton 42% - 1/4
IBM 95% - 1/4
JC Penney 49% - 1/4
Laser Indus LTD 10% - 1/4
Mesa Ltd. Prt 4% - 1/4

Mobile 100% - 1/4
NUV 9% - 1/4
Pepsi Cola 51 nc
Phillips Petroleum 34 + 1/4
Rural/Metro 26% + 1/4
Sears 35% nc
Southwestern Bell 54% - 1/4
Sun 26% nc
Texaco 65% - 1/4
Texas Instruments 82% + 1/4
Texas Utilities 33% nc
Unocal Corp. 29% - 1/4
Wal Mart 24% - 1/4
Amcap 14.57-15.46
Euro Pacific 23.39-24.82

Medicare debate takes
on air of the playground

WASHINGTON (AP) — Standing toe to toe, Democratic Rep. Charles Rangel and Republican Rep. Jim Nussie debated Medicare in a style more reminiscent of an asphalt playground than the House.

"You must be pretty weak to bring up your grandmother," New Yorker Rangel barked at his Iowa colleague, who had just mentioned his two grandmothers — neither of them rich, he said — to rebut the argument that the GOP wants to curtail Medicare to finance tax cuts for the wealthy.

"Would you like to meet my grandmothers, Charlie?" Nussie restarted, adding he would invite them to Washington for a meeting.

Nussie laughed later, saying he and Rangel had debated one another numerous times and enjoyed the repartee.

Still, this exchange, just out

side the House chamber Wednesday evening, underscores the increasing polarization of Congress as lawmakers enter a critical phase of the GOP budget-balancing drive.

From targeting huge programs like Medicaid and student loans for savings to opening portions of an Alaska refuge to oil and gas exploration, Republicans are scouring the budget for the money they need to redeem their pledge of a balanced budget in seven years.

Democrats are fighting them across the board, sometimes in unusually strong terms.

"You're a bunch of dictators, that's all you are," Rep. Sam Gibbons, D-Fla., shouted Wednesday as he stormed, red-faced, from a meeting after Republicans denied him the right to speak. "I had to fight you guys 50 years ago," said Gibbons, who fought in World War II against the Nazis.

After months of political and policy preparation, House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., arranged today to unveil the biggest — and politically riskiest — element of the Republican program, a plan to save \$270 billion from Medicare.

Republicans say the savings are necessary to restore the solvency of the program that provides health care to 83 million elderly. In general, the plan would provide incentives designed to persuade seniors to give up their current Medicare coverage in favor of cheaper alternatives such as HMOs. Premiums would rise and doctor and hospital payments would be reduced under the GOP program.

Even before Gingrich stepped to the microphone, the two parties were waging political war over the issue.

"We need to save the trust fund," President Clinton said Tuesday in Florida. "But don't you be fooled into thinking that it costs \$270 billion to save the trust fund; it costs less than half of that."

Democrats, hoping to spark a rebellion among senior citizens, released a videotape in which well-known actors caution senior citizens that Republicans will cut their benefits and restrict their choice of doctors.

The GOP countered Wednesday with television commercials attacking President Clinton and "liberal Democrats" for ignoring the crisis in Medicare.

Offender

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son is convicted of indecency with a child, aggravated sexual assault and/or sexual performance by a child on or after Sept. 1 then a lifetime registration is imposed.

The legislation also requires juvenile offenders to be placed on a minimum 10-year registration requirement.

OBITUARIES

Betty Meek



MEEK

Rosary for Betty Catherine Robertson Meek was 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19, 1995, at Sparkman-Hillcrest Funeral Home, Dallas. Funeral services were 2 p.m. Wednesday.

Sept. 20, at Christ the King Catholic Church, Dallas.

Mrs. Meek died Sept. 18, after a battle with cancer.

She was born on Oct. 17, 1931, in Baytown. In 1958 she graduated from the University of Texas at Austin. She married Paul D. Meek, FINA Chairman of the Board, on April 18, 1954.

Survivors include her husband; Paul Meek's four daughters: Paula Meek Burford, Kathryn Meek Hasemann, Carol Ann Miller, and Linda Rae Meek; her mother, Marie Robertson; a brother, C. Ray Robertson; and eight grandchildren.

The family suggested memorials to the Paul and Betty Meek/FINA professorship for Molecular Immunology, UT Southwestern Medical Center, 5323 Harry Hines Boulevard, Dallas, Texas 75235-9002.

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and Rosewood Chapel
906 GREGG
267-6331

MYERS & SMITH
FUNERAL HOME
& CHAPEL
24th & Ashmore 267-6288

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14TH & MAIN
CHURCH OF CHRIST
GARY MONTGOMERY-SPEAKER
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SUNDAY CLASS.....9 AM
SUNDAY WORSHIP.....10 AM
SUNDAY EVENING.....6 PM
MONDAY-WEDNESDAY
EVENINGS.....7 PM

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Direct payments replace subsidies

■ Proposal would cut \$13.4 billion from farm spending

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Republican march toward government reform suffered a blow when a House committee rejected a far-reaching proposal to replace current farm subsidies with direct, declining payments to farmers.

The House Agriculture Committee, on a 25-22 vote Wednesday night, defeated the "Freedom to Farm Act" sponsored by the panel's chairman, Rep. Pat Roberts, R-Kan. It would cut \$13.4 billion from farm program spending by 2002, when Republicans vow to balance the federal budget.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., and Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, both support most points of the measure. That was not enough, however, to offset five GOP defections on the committee, largely over regional farm concerns.

Opponents said the measure departed too far from the current subsidies, many of which have been in place since the 1930s. Four of the five Republicans voting no are from areas that grow crops such as cotton and stand to lose the most under the bill.

"The farmers and the U.S. government have been tied together for nearly a century," said Rep. Bill Emerson, R-Mo. "This productive machine is working."

Roberts refused to concede defeat and said he would schedule another meeting as early as today on the issue. He said that if his committee doesn't approve the bill, the House Budget Committee will, inserting it into a law laying out the blueprint for balancing the federal budget by the year 2002.

"The policy of total reliance on supply management has become increasingly obsolete and we must seek other alternatives," Roberts said. "We need more market orientation in our farm program."

Senate farm bill stresses research, loans, conservation

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate-passed spending bill for the Agriculture Department stresses research, farmer loans and some conservation programs.

However, \$40.3 billion would go to food stamps, school lunches and other nutrition programs out of the \$63.8 billion the bill would provide for the Agriculture Department, Food and Drug Administration and related agencies.

Agricultural programs would get \$16 billion, down \$5 billion from 1995.

But most of that reduction comes from lower spending required by the Commodity Credit Corp., the Agriculture Department agency that finances farm subsidies and other mandatory payments. Because costs have fallen, the CCC will need \$5 billion less.

In addition, the measure, which cleared the Senate by a 95-3 vote Wednesday, calls for spending \$2.9 billion for conservation programs, \$2.2 billion for rural development and \$1.6 billion for foreign assistance such as food aid.

The Senate bill must be reconciled with the House-passed version. Both chambers must approve the compromise, and President Clinton must sign it before the bill becomes law.

The Senate agreed to trim \$40 million from the controversial Market Promotion Program, which gives big food compa-

nies federal money to advertise U.S. farm goods overseas, leaving just \$70 million for the program that once received \$200 million a year.

On the conservation front, the Wetlands Reserve Program would get far less than the House or the Clinton administration proposed. The \$77 million for returning 100,000 acres of wetlands to nature falls \$16.2 million below this year's level as well.

The Conservation Reserve Program, which keeps highly erodible and other environmentally sensitive land out of production, would get \$1.8 billion. But no new enrollments are allowed, a move the subcommittee said was needed to get credit for savings.

The Clinton administration and conservation groups say the provision will make it difficult to change the kind of land going into the reserve as the program is modified.

Funding for some other conservation programs — technical assistance for erosion control and state-federal watershed planning, used in flood and erosion control — would be higher under the Senate bill than the House version.

The Agricultural Research Service would get \$737.2 million, some \$1.4 million more than in the House bill but \$2.8 million less than the administration request.

Gunderson switched his vote after the outcome was clear to be on the prevailing side, which would allow him to call for another vote.

Roberts' bill is aimed at gradually weaning farmers away from government subsidies, many of which were created during the Dust Bowl of the 1930s. In 2002, a new commission would decide agriculture's direction thereafter.



HANGING AROUND

Associated Press photo
Astronaut Michael Gernhardt appears to be floating in space while attached to the robot arm of the Endeavour during a six-hour spacewalk Saturday.

AT&T breaking itself apart

NEW YORK (AP) — Since its creation more than 100 years ago, AT&T Corp. has built itself into a giant whose stock is the most widely owned in the nation and is said to be a part of every widow's portfolio.

Company directors decided that size had turned from an advantage into an obstacle.

AT&T stunned the business world Wednesday by announcing that it will break the nation's leading telecommunications provider apart and eliminate about 8,500 jobs in its floundering computer business.

Three companies will emerge from the mega-bustup, an astonishing counterpoint to a spree of corporate marriages that have reached the most frenzied pace since the 1980s mergers heyday. The move could help AT&T get back into local phone service, the business it was forced to give up in the 1984 breakup of Ma Bell.

"We have changed our strategy at AT&T," Chairman Robert Allen said. "We've focused for more than 100 years on integration as a strength. But ... we have determined that AT&T's shareowners will be better off by separating the businesses."

One of the three new companies will focus on communications services, another will make communications gear and another will make computer systems. AT&T's shareholders will get a stake in each.

The resulting companies will have greater flexibility for the future, and the damage from AT&T's troubled computer manufacturing operation will be contained.

"In a time when scale is all the rage, to see AT&T walk in the other direction is a major wake-up call," said Mark Plakias, analyst at Strategic Telemedia in New York.

It's the biggest corporate dissection since the 1984 breakup of AT&T ordered by the government as part of an antitrust settlement.

Go Fast Legal Again

Congress votes to let states set speed limits

WASHINGTON (AP) — You could almost hear the growl of auto engines revving up.

The House joined the Senate Wednesday in voting to let states end the 55 mph speed limit that has chafed American drivers for more than two decades.

The National Highway System Bill, designating 159,000 miles of priority roads and freeing \$5.2 billion in federal road funds for 1996 and \$6.5 billion for 1997, passed the House 419-7.

Rep. Nick Joe Rahall, D-W.Va., sought to amend the bill to keep the current national speed limit of 55 mph on most roads, 65 mph on rural interstates, contending that lifting the limit would lead to carnage on the highways.

"It should be obvious that the death toll will rise once the states begin increasing the speed limits under the provisions of the bill. ... This is not a matter of states rights, it's a matter of human rights," said Rahall.

Though the national speed limit was introduced in 1974 as an energy saving measure,

highway deaths declined. Transportation Secretary Federico Pena and other safety advocates have opposed easing the limits.

Rep. Thomas Petri, R-Wis., responded that speed limits appropriate for one state may be too slow for another and motorists will ignore limits that are too slow. States are best suited to determine the limit for their own roads, and state legislators are also concerned about the safety of their residents, he said.

Opposition to the limits has been especially strong in the large Western states where cities can be far apart and roads are often straight and flat.

The House voted 313-112 to drop the speed limits. The Senate-passed version of the bill also drops the speed limit for cars but keeps it for large trucks and buses. The differences will have to be worked out in a conference committee.

The National Highway System Bill would also:

—Exempt farmers from the limits on how long commercial drivers can work during harvest season.



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EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day

"If society fits you comfortably enough, you call it freedom."

Robert Frost, poet

Want Settles fixed? Get rules changed

As citizens, we have to decide how badly we want the Settles Hotel to be renovated?

If this is a project we feel strongly about, as evidenced by the Big Spring City Council's decision to attempt renovation, we want it.

But, a new rule passed by the Texas Rural Housing Association spells bad news for the project.

When the project first started, communities could obtain up to \$50,000 per unit to be built or renovated. Now, under the new rule, not more than \$32,000 per unit can be obtained through this funding source.

Sally Loveland updated officials Tuesday and said \$80,000 per unit is necessary. What this means for the city is \$2 million needed to be raised.

She also said several things needed to be done to show potential investors the excellent choice they would have. This includes a market study, matching the

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Charles C. Williams
Publisher

DD Turner
Managing Editor

grant at about \$100,000 and write lawmakers to push for changing the law.

Which is something you, as citizens who want this project to succeed, can also do.

This ruling was passed without seeing the light of public discussion.

Is it a good one, not only for our community but for other small communities attempting to revitalize downtowns?

If you believe it is not, write your congressman. Ask him to look into the matter and change it.

We are a small community. Upfront money is not always readily available for projects which, in the long run, could prove very beneficial for us.

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NATION

Moderate quake buckles California

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — A moderate earthquake ripping outward from the Southern California desert rattled windows and knocked knickknacks off shelves from the Pacific Ocean to Las Vegas.

No injuries were reported, but the quake caused some minor damage.

"It was really rocking and rolling in my office," said Paul Wilkins, director of the Las Vegas building inspection department.

The 5.8-magnitude quake Wednesday was centered 10 miles north of Ridgecrest on the sprawling China Lake Naval Weapons Center, said Jim Mori, a seismologist in charge of the U.S. Geological Survey office at the California Institute of Tech-

nology in Pasadena.

It was the second moderate temblor in the last month near Ridgecrest, about 100 miles north of Los Angeles. A magnitude-5.4 earthquake hit Aug. 17.

At Mission San Juan Capistrano, more than 60 miles south of Los Angeles, several large pieces of the 185-year-old stone church were dislodged by Wednesday's quake.

"The earth bucked. That's what it felt like," said Scott Farwell, managing editor of the Ridgecrest Daily Independent. "It shook for a good long while, maybe as long as 30 to 40 seconds."

He said he was at a bowling alley when the quake hit at 4:27 p.m., "and all the pins fell down."

In oceanside Santa Monica, 10 miles west of Los Angeles, Deanne Adlen felt the quake roll through.

"It was a long one," said Adlen, a publishing company worker in Santa Monica. "It was the biggest one I've ever felt in this building."

In Trona, just south of China Lake, a house foundation cracked, and in Victorville, about 75 miles south of China Lake, a mobile home was partially knocked off its foundation, said Sue Cozby, a dispatcher with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department.

The earthquake was not related to the great San Andreas Fault, the granddaddy of California faults, about 60 miles away.

Book outlines toxins found in consumer products

WASHINGTON (AP) — Beef frankfurters, talcum powder and toothpaste are among the thousands of cosmetic, food and household products that could be endangering consumers' health, authors of a new buyer's guide said today.

But representatives of government and the various industries involved insisted that the products named in "The Safe Shopper's Bible" are safe and sharply criticized the work of authors Dr. Samuel Epstein and David Steinman.

Epstein, chairman of the Cancer Prevention Coalition, said consumers do not know the products may be harmful because manufacturers do not list on the labels which ingredients may be cancer-causing or toxic.

"We label for cholesterol, but not for carcinogens," he said. Epstein was teaming with con-

sumer activist Ralph Nader at a news conference today to urge industry to begin giving the information to shoppers. They also released their list of the 12 worst products.

But Betsy Adams, spokeswoman for the Food and Drug Administration, said consumers should not worry about any of the substances the book's authors say are in products regulated by the agency.

"We believe that all of these products are generally safe under conditions of normal use," Adams said.

Jeff Nedelman, spokesman for the Grocery Manufacturers Association, which represents the makers of 11 products on Epstein's list, dismissed the findings as "book tour publicity."

"Consumers know these products are safe. They buy them every week," he said. "This is

scientific nonsense and America's consumers know it."

Epstein said research for the book was based on reports filed with various government agencies, including the departments of Labor and Agriculture, and reviews of industry, consumer and toxicological reports.

The book discusses various categories of cosmetic, food and household products and identifies potential hazards. It also includes tips for using products safely and lists suggested alternatives.

Crest Tartar Control Toothpaste is on Epstein's list for containing saccharin, the sugar substitute known to cause cancer in laboratory animals. Other major toothpaste brands also contain saccharin.

Crest's maker, Procter & Gamble Inc., said the FDA has "carefully reviewed" Crest and has judged it to be safe.

WORLD

Rebels kill 24 banana workers

APARTADO, Colombia (AP) — Rebels opened fire on a bus carrying banana workers Wednesday, killing at least 24 of them in a massacre blamed on a bloody power struggle between leftist groups in northwest Colombia.

Army troops, leftist rebels, right-wing paramilitary squads and bandits all vie for influence in Uraba, a region near the Caribbean and the border with Panama. At least 35 people were killed in two massacres last month.

The banana workers all were members of a political party made up of former leftist guerrillas.

President Ernesto Samper, who declared a nationwide state of emergency in August to fight the violence, said Wednesday that the country cannot sit still "counting the victims."

"The violent groups of Uraba have been notified — this will not continue," he said on national television.

The government will allow arrests and raids without warrants in Uraba, Defense Minister Juan Carlos Esguerra announced after the president's speech.

Human rights workers have complained that although the army has a strong presence in the Uraba region, bands of heavily armed killers roam largely unimpeded.

At dawn Wednesday, the gunmen reportedly set up a roadblock near Apartado, about 250 miles northwest of Bogota, and stopped one of eight buses carrying workers to a banana farm. Some passengers were able to escape the gunmen, who set fire to the bus.

Hours later, smoke was still wafting from the gutted bus, which sat on a muddy track amid splashes of blood, baseball caps and bags of rice. Flies



Associated Press photo

Family members mourn a 15-year-old who was among the 24 banana workers killed by leftist rebels in the Uraba region in the town of Apartado Wednesday in Colombia. At least 35 people were killed in massacres in the same area last month.

buzzed around a piece of bloodied bone, apparently from a forehead.

People crowded outside Apartado's hospital, waiting to find out if their loved ones were still alive.

A woman clung to the gate, sobbing, as a jeep carrying four bodies partly covered with plastic sheets left for a funeral home. Hospital director Alvaro Quintero stood on a chair and read the names of some of the dead over a megaphone.

RCN and Caracol radio quoted local officials as saying 24 people were killed and five wound-

ed. An army spokesman told The Associated Press by telephone that 28 people were killed.

All victims were members of the political party Hope, Peace and Liberty, party chief Mario Agudelo told Caracol radio. The party was founded by former leftist guerrillas who disarmed and demobilized following a 1990 peace agreement.

Agudelo and the military blamed the massacre on the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, a leftist rebel group that has been feuding with the demobilized guerrillas.

Hostages freed from hijacked bus

MOSCOW (AP) — Anti-terrorist forces stormed a hijacked bus in the southern Russian republic of Dagestan today and freed 18 hostages held by gunmen who had demanded \$1.5 million and a helicopter.

Alexander Korcheba, the duty officer at the Federal Security Service in Moscow, said the hostages had been freed and the "terrorists have been neutralized."

Korcheba said two gunmen seized the bus Wednesday night at the terminal in Makhachkala, 1,000 miles south of Moscow, after being questioned and searched by police for suspi-

cious behavior.

The ITAR-Tass news agency said special Interior Ministry anti-terrorist forces stormed the bus and all the hostages, who included seven women and two children, had been freed. It said there were some slight injuries during the storming, but did not say who had been hurt.

A spokesman for the Federal Security Service in Makhachkala said the two hijackers had been captured, and that two accomplices aboard the bus had also been taken into custody.

According to police reports quoted by ITAR-Tass, the

hostage drama began when one of the men stopped by police at the terminal pulled a Kalashnikov assault rifle from a bag, fired off a round and ordered the policemen down to the floor.

The pair then seized the bus and took the 19 people on board hostage, the news agency said.

One woman was later released. Negotiations between police and the gunmen were conducted by walkie-talkie before the bus was stormed.

Korcheba said the hijackers had demanded a helicopter and \$1.5 million in U.S. currency by the end of the day.

Rebel Serbs hold the line in Banja Luka

BANJA LUKA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — While knocking under to the threat of NATO airstrikes and withdrawing from Sarajevo, rebel Serbs are stiffening their resolve in Banja Luka.

The Serbs appear to have stemmed the stunning advances by combined Bosnian and Croatian forces that have torn thousands of square miles of territory from the rebels' grip the past week — leaving them with half, or less, of Bosnia instead of the two-thirds they had held most of the 3-year-old war.

The rebels have drawn the line at Banja Luka, the Serb stronghold in north-central Bosnia that has been overrun by thousands of desperate refugees.

"Nothing will happen to Banja Luka," vowed Zarko Mitic, a rebel soldier. "Our lines are strong now."

Reporters arriving in the city late Wednesday on a tour organized by the Bosnian Serbs saw no signs of panic, in spite of the Croatian and Muslim forces only 30 miles away.

Bosnian Serb radio said the Serb units had halted the Muslim-Croat attacks on all fronts in northern, western and central Bosnia.

The rebels also halted cross-border Croatian army attacks on Bosnian Serb-held Bosanski Novi, the radio said. A Croatian commando unit had been destroyed, it reported.

In Zagreb, Croatia, U.N.

spokesman Alexander Ivanko said the Croatian army, which has been a key catalyst to Serb losses, was reported to have at least partially withdrawn into Croatia from Bosnia's northwestern border regions.

"They're pulling their artillery across the Una," the river forming the boundary between the two countries, Ivanko said.

He also said that Muslim-Croat attacks south of Banja Luka had "slowed down significantly."

In Sarajevo, NATO and the United Nations on Wednesday announced an end to airstrikes on Serbs besieging the Bosnian capital, saying the rebels had withdrawn their heaviest guns from around the city and met other terms of their ultimatum.

A joint statement said any subsequent attacks on Sarajevo or other U.N.-declared safe areas, as well as restrictions on freedom of movement for the United Nations by road or air, "would be subject to investigation and resumption of airstrikes."

About 250 heavy guns have been removed from the 12-mile weapons exclusion zone ringing Sarajevo, said Lt. Col. Chris Vernon, a U.N. spokesman.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said the situation in and around Sarajevo had "taken a dramatic turn for the better."

He also expressed confidence that a joint offensive by govern-

Progress made in extending relief

CHARLOTTE AMALIE, St. Thomas (AP) — If it weren't for the 42,000 ready-to-feed baby bottles and 18,000 pounds of ice, it would resemble the inventory for an invasion.

There are 57 trucks, two 35-foot boats, 4.4 million gallons of water, 1,500 eight-person tents, cots, blankets, gasoline lanterns, 11,000 rolls of plastic sheeting and 300,000 ready-to-eat military rations.

But these are only part of the federal hurricane relief supplies that have arrived or are en route to the U.S. Virgin Islands and to Culebra, a small island off eastern Puerto Rico.

Hurricane Marilyn hurried into the islands Friday and Saturday, damaging or destroying 80 percent of the homes in St. Thomas. One-fifth of the homes on St. Croix and St. John were damaged or destroyed. Marilyn spared the Puerto Rican mainland, but damaged 100 homes on Culebra.

"The destruction on these islands is massive," James Lee Witt, director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, said Wednesday. "There's no power, water or infrastructure. Every effort is being made to restore basic community services as quickly as possible."

President Clinton extended direct federal funding to the relief effort for another five days.

There were signs of progress on Wednesday.

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Goodbye warm days, hello to cold and rain

LUBBOCK (AP) — A bone-chilling cold front headed for the Texas Panhandle today could plunge temperatures to record levels.

West Texans already were bundled up Wednesday from a milder cold snap.

"We're kind of gleeful," said Ted Dodd, director of public works in Perryton, where Wednesday morning's 46-degree nip had residents asking the city-owned utility to light their furnace pilots.

"It's about time for some football weather, for sure," Dodd said. "It's just right."

Light snow fell in the Dalhart area in the northwestern area of the Panhandle. The mercury had dipped to 38 during the pre-dawn hours.

National Weather Service meteorologist Doug Crowley expected temperatures in Amarillo to dip as low as the mid-30s Friday morning. The record for that date is 40 degrees, set in 1951 and '72, he said.

"We have pretty high variability in our temperatures this time of year," Crowley said.

"We're moving into the transition season."

Autumn officially arrives Saturday.

The earlier cool snap dropped temperatures into the 50s in Amarillo. Laredo hit 96.

"This was just the first piece of colder air coming down from Canada," said NWS forecaster Jody James in Lubbock. "The mother lode, so to speak, is coming (today)."

James said the prefrontal trough had made its way into Central Texas by Wednesday afternoon.

Flash flooding, meanwhile,

dumped up to 5 inches of rain across parts of the Hill Country.

Water filled the Bexar County Courthouse' ankle-deep and damaged microfilm and files, officials said. San Antonio rescuers came to the aid of people in 11 vehicles stuck in low-water crossings.

An elementary school principal in Panhandle said the 45-degree weather made his students more energetic than usual. They went outside for recess.

"When the weather's in the '50s and '60s, that's when we like it the best," Gary

Dalhart receives smattering of snow

Light snow fell in the Dalhart area of the Texas Panhandle early today as a strong cold front moved into the state whipped southward by blustery north winds of 20-30 mph.

Dalhart police dispatcher Denise Farris said the downtown temperature at 5:45 a.m. was 32, but she said the snow was not sticking to the ground.

"It's not causing any problems," she said. "It's beautiful."

Laramore, the principal, said.

Meanwhile, some Lubbock homeowners were calling to get Larry Waggoner of Poolstar to close down their pools for the

summer.

"Cool weather is not an enticement to go out and swim," said Waggoner. "It's an enticement to curl up in front of the fire."

Fever hovers over colonia

McALLEN (AP) — Victor Munoz is sick of mosquitoes. In the colonia where he lives, they swarm over water-filled ditches and hide inside old tires that litter the yards.

But Munoz is more than annoyed — he's afraid the mosquitoes invading his neighborhood may carry dengue fever, the painful viral disease that has infected at least one South Texan.

"We're very much concerned," said Munoz, whose neighborhood lacks sanitation and drainage, making it a prime place for mosquitoes to breed.

"As long as we stay inside it's fine. But not all the families have screens. Not all of them have proper ventilation, so they're going to open doors," he said.

A McAllen woman has the first confirmed case of dengue fever in South Texas and more cases soon may be verified, state and federal health officials said Wednesday.

The case, though contracted in nearby Reynosa, Mexico, has stirred fear in Rio Grande Valley residents and health officials, who say it could spawn an outbreak of the mosquito-carried virus on this side of the border.

"Our concern is if it's in Reynosa, it's here," Munoz said. Dr. Gary Clark, chief of the dengue branch for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in San Juan, Puerto Rico, shares that concern.

All dengue cases reported in the United States since 1986 have been contracted outside of the country, but transmission within the United States may not be far off, Clark said.

"How do viruses move around the world? It's the lady that goes to Reynosa, Mexico. When she goes back to McAllen and is bitten by Texas (mosquitoes) then those mosquitoes can transmit to other family members or neighbors, and that's how the transmission begins," Clark said.

Dengue, a virus transmitted by the female Aedes mosquito, causes severe muscular pains, stomach inflammation,



Standing water is shown in a ditch at the Colonia Linda Vista in Palmhurst, northwest of McAllen. Several residents have complained to local health officials about the stagnant water from recent rains that have provided a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

headaches and hemorrhaging, which for some can be deadly.

The Aedes mosquito, which thrives in tropical climates, has made an alarming resurgence in several Latin American countries.

This year, 35,000 cases of dengue and 545 cases of the more severe hemorrhagic dengue have been reported in Central America, Mexico and the Caribbean.

The epidemic hit closer to home in late August when an outbreak occurred in Reynosa. More than 400 cases of dengue have been reported there.

The McAllen woman, who was not identified, was a frequent visitor to the border town, Clark said. Her blood sample was sent to his lab last week for testing, along with 29 others from the Valley. Of those, two were negative and the rest require additional tests.

Another 37 blood samples were sent to the lab on Tuesday, he said. Those are from residents throughout South Texas, from Harlingen and McAllen to as far north as Corpus Christi.

During a 1986 outbreak of dengue in the United States, there were 68 suspected cases of

the disease, Clark said. Fourteen were confirmed.

There have been no suspected cases reported this month from elsewhere in the country, Clark said.

The Texas Department of Health has pledged to spend at least \$250,000 to fight the virus through education campaigns and laboratory work, and local health departments have begun spraying pesticides every morning and night.

"We spray in the mornings from 6 to 8 and in the evenings from 8 to 11. As soon as we saw that we had a mosquito problem, we started right away," said Eleazar W. Gonzalez, environmental health director for the city of Harlingen.

The city also has mailed more than 200,000 letters to homeowners asking them to eliminate places where mosquitoes can breed.

"The most important thing that individuals can do is remove any breeding sources from around the household — upturned buckets, cans, lanterns, birdbaths," said Richard Campman, epidemiologist for the Texas Department of Health's South Texas region.

Family bludgeoned to death; police searching for suspect

STOCKDALE (AP) — Police say they are searching for a man they believe may have murdered four family members, including a 4-year-old girl, in a rural Wilson County mobile home.

"It was unbelievable," said Wilson County Sheriff Joe Tackitt. "I wouldn't say there was blood everywhere, but there was blood."

A security guard came home from an overnight shift at work early Wednesday morning and found the bodies of his wife, granddaughter, niece and her granddaughter.

All appeared to have received blows from a blunt object and three of them may have been shot. No weapon has been recovered.

"There were obvious signs of bruising," Tackitt said. "They were struck by a heavy object."

Tackitt would not reveal a motive for the deaths, but said a

suspect was being sought.

"We're trying to check on the location of this individual," he said.

Texas Rangers and the Department of Public Safety were helping with the investigation.

A courthouse source identified the security guard who discovered the victims as Ronald Boone, the San Antonio Express-News reported.

Tackitt would not release the victims' names, but confirmed the ages and relationships. They were Boone's wife, 50; his granddaughter, 15; his wife's 24-year-old niece and her daughter.

Tackitt identified the father as a security guard for a sausage plant located about 90 minutes from the mostly mobile home subdivision called Longhorn Ranch, which is about 10 miles northeast of Stockdale.

The guard went to work Tuesday evening at about 8 p.m.,

leaving the four victims at the home. He worked his shift and returned home at about 7:15 a.m. to find the bodies, Tackitt said. A 911 call was received at 7:18 a.m.

The bodies were taken to the Bexar County medical examiner's office in San Antonio for autopsies. No one could be reached at the office, which was closed late Wednesday.

Tackitt said the body of Boone's wife was found in the living room area of the mobile home. The niece and her daughter were still in bed, and the granddaughter was on the floor in the same room.

Station KTSA-AM in San Antonio reported that the 4-year-old girl apparently was beaten to death with a claw hammer.

Tackitt said the rural area is not heavily populated and the homes are about 100 to 150 yards apart.

Electric surcharge protested

AUSTIN (AP) — Consumer groups are blasting a proposal to require electric customers to keep helping big utilities pay for costly power plants, even as other companies compete to provide cheaper electricity.

Jane Briesemeister of Consumers' Union said Wednesday the Public Utility Commission doesn't have authority to implement the electric bill surcharge proposal, while Public Citizen's Tom Smith called the idea "welfare for the wealthy."

The idea was defended by its author, PUC Chairman Pat Wood, who said customers wouldn't see higher bills and even could see their costs decrease.

Wood offered the idea as part of a plan for the state to move into a world of increasing competition in the sale of electricity, an idea touted as a way to drive down costs to customers.

The PUC in previous years OK'd utilities recovering "reasonably incurred" costs.

Pharmacists urge consumers to push for choice in plans

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas pharmacists are urging consumers to demand that health insurance coverage allow them to choose their own pharmacy.

Increased use of plans that deny such a choice threaten to make independent pharmacies an endangered species, pharmacists said.

The 5,000-member Texas Pharmacy Association said Wednesday it was protesting what Austin pharmacist Bill C. Pittman called "high-handed, unfair practices of insurance companies that we feel jeopardize the consumer's ability to obtain quality pharmacy services."

Some insurance plans offer networks of health care providers that keep patients from patronizing the pharmacy of their choice and exclude drugs based solely on cost.

Pittman said. He said some plans also tell pharmacists from which source they must buy drugs, pay pharmacy dispensing fees that don't cover overhead and offer pharmacies take-it-or-leave-it contracts with no negotiation.

The National Association of Retail Druggists estimates that nearly 2,000 independent pharmacies closed last year because of such policies, said Pittman.

State Rep. Leticia Van de Putte, a pharmacist, said losing local and neighborhood pharmacies could cause serious problems in rural and inner city areas.

"If community pharmacies continue to be shut out by a mandate of where their patients could go, then those pharmacies in those rural areas may not be there to serve anyone," she said.

Derailment lures folks to site

MARION (AP) — Crews reopened a major east-west Southern Pacific rail line Wednesday after the wreckage of 16 derailed freight cars was cleared.

The track opened about 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, 14 hours after the cars derailed at a crossing in the center of Marion, Southern Pacific Mike Furtney said.

The 78-car freight train, carrying a mixed cargo ranging from silica and plastics to crude oil, was headed west from Houston to near San Bernardino, Calif., when the accident occurred, Furtney said.

The cause of the accident was not immediately determined.

The wreckage blocked Southern Pacific's main line between San Antonio and Houston, Furtney said.

No injuries or evacuations were reported, the spokesman said.

However, the jumbled cars, some empty, lured much of the town's population to the derailment site, according to reports from the scene.

The town of about 900 residents is 23 miles northeast of San Antonio.

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GETTING READY



U.S. Ryder Cup team members, from left, Loren Roberts, Corey Pavin and Peter Jacobsen gather on the practice tee Wednesday at Oak Hill Country Club in Rochester, N.Y., site of this weekend's Ryder Cup matches.

Steers, Estacado both look to revive offense

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports Editor

Dwight Butler is confident local fans will see a different Big Spring team this week.

Butler just hopes they don't see a different Lubbock Estacado team, also.

The Steers (0-2) and Estacado (1-1), two teams who have struggled in the season's early going, meet at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Memorial Stadium in Big Spring.

Big Spring's main problem can be traced to an offense that is scoring well below its 30-point per-game clip of last year — and the major reason for that, Butler said, is a struggling running game.

"I think everything in our offense revolves around the running game," Butler said. "If we have to throw all the time, opposing defenses can just turn their people loose — and that causes you problems."

Opening-night tailback Toma McVae has been slowed by a back injury suffered in an auto accident and is out indefinitely. The good news is that McVae's

replacement, sophomore Antwoyne Edwards, rushed for 133 yards in last week's loss to Sweetwater.

Partly because of Edwards' emergence, and partly because he believes Big Spring's defense has improved in recent practices, Butler believes the Steers will give a better showing of themselves than last week's 27-12 defeat indicated.

"I just think we'll be a completely different team Friday,"

Butler said. "When we get back to playing the way we know how — and that's with an attacking defense — things are going to pick up. I think all of our desire and emotion revolve around our aggressive defense."

Perhaps some of Butler's confidence stems from the fact that Big Spring always seems to

play Estacado close. Also, the Matadors head to Big Spring with offensive troubles of their own.

Head coach Louis Kelley was faced with replacing seven starters on offense this year, including three offensive linemen. The changes haven't quick took yet, as evidenced by the Mats' scoring only 20 points so far this season.

"We thought we'd have kind of a slow start," said Kelley. "Our defense has played exceptionally well, but our offense has not been consistent."

Estacado opened the season with a 13-10 win over Plainview, but stumbled to a 13-7 loss at Andrews last Friday.

One weapon that the Mats' definitely have, however, is running back Tyson Gatewood, who rushed for more than 2,000 yards last season.

"What I'm afraid of is that Estacado will decide that they haven't given Gatewood the ball enough," Butler said. "He's a great athlete ... and when you

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Bulldogs want to take to the air

By DARRELL ERICSON
Sportswriter

COAHOMA — A situation which often arises has made itself apparent — two teams with the same record looking to improve by another win before district competition begins.

The Coahoma Bulldogs and the Sterling City Eagles will face off Friday night at 8. The two coaches predict a tough game since both are coming off their first wins.

Coahoma's coach Eddie McHugh is concentrating on improving execution. Instead of relying on defense to win, McHugh said the offense will have to improve on passing.

We had over 50 percent in completions last week but we didn't put about six passes that



Forsan's Wes Crow (21) tries to elude a Rankin defender during last week's 7-0 Rankin win. The Buffaloes travel to Roscoe Friday.

should have been caught." Along with improving on the Bulldogs' passing game the linemen are concentrating on blocking.

McHugh said he wants "precision blocking out of the line man. We have to line up and block with aggression."

The Eagles also see the defense as being the main key for winning against the Bulldogs.

"Controlling Coahoma's passing attack will be the main key for the defense. I don't know about stopping it, I just look to control it," Sterling City's

coach Howard McDaniel said. McDaniel said, "Playing Coahoma is a good chance to play a quality football team. Having a preseason game such as this simulates district games such as Roscoe and Robert Lee."

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Style, substance behind owners' war with Jones

The NFL's licensing dispute with the Dallas Cowboys goes beyond substance. It's also about Jerry Jones' style and the way it offends many of his colleagues.

When Jones publicly upstaged New York Giants owner Wellington Mara's parade and went out of his way to throw darts at Paul Tagliabue, he unified a group that's difficult to unify.

It's not unusual for NFL owners to fight.

When you put 30 multimillionaires together, they're usually too competitive to be pals. But when you publicly embarrass the league's patriarch and the commissioner who has kept the NFL in the black while other sports suffer, you end up, as Jones did, getting sued for \$300 million.

Go back to the Monday night when Jones announced his marketing deal with Nike.

Late in the second quarter, while his Cowboys were trampling Mara's Giants, Jones paraded onto the turf, followed by hordes of cameras and attended by Nike CEO Phil Knight and tennis star Monica Seles. Up in the TV booth, Al Michaels was reading to the national audience the press release headlined: "Cowboys' Owner Bucks NFL Again."

In one stroke, Jones had offended just about every

owner in the NFL.

Why?

Because with that headline — perhaps the overzealous work of an anonymous public relations person — Jones had pronounced what was viewed as his real intention.

And with his parade onto the field, he had upstaged Mara, a man who has been in the league since his father bought

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Revenge on Mustangs' minds against Ropes

By DARRELL ERICSON
Sportswriter

ACKERLY — Friday at 7:30 p.m. the Mustangs will look to go undefeated against Ropes in Ackerly. And the Mustangs are bringing their memories with them.

Defensive coach Jerry Gooch said, "Last year we were ranked (No. 1) and went up to Ropes and got knocked off. I think the players remember that as much as I do."

"The main key will have to be on defense. We have to be real aggressive and play tough."

On offense the Mustangs will balance their offense going from the pass to the run. "We will be going to the air more this week than last week. We have to get some passing down," Gooch said.

Grady (1-1)
vs. New Home (0-2)

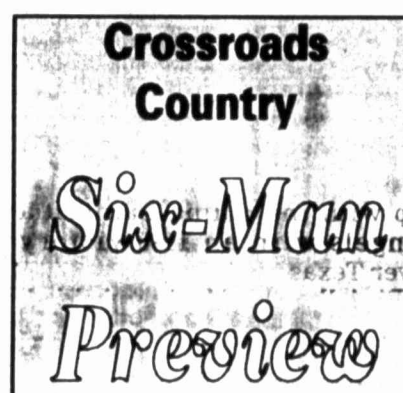
LENORAH — Coming off a 42-0 loss against Borden County last week, Grady's coach Roger Smith said, "We are going to have to do a whole lot better. I think we are capable of bouncing back and looking respectable."

Smith said starters Raymond Torres and Cody Peugh may return soon. "It is very probable that Raymond will be back for the week, but doubtful for Peugh."

The Wildcats want better execution out of their offense.

"We have to be able to make the big drives and get into the end zone. Last week we had strong drives but shot ourselves in the foot getting in the end zone," Smith said.

The Wildcats host New Home Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Klondike (2-0)
vs. Lazbuddie (1-1)

PATRICIA — Klondike is expecting an air raid this week.

The Cougars will have to stop Lazbuddie's spread offense. Head coach Jim Kinnear said, "We have been working on our secondary, knowing that (Lazbuddie) is capable of throwing the ball. The main key will be slowing down their offense."

The Cougars will be happy with the same execution on offense that they have had the past two weeks.

Kinnear said, "We have made some adjustments in our passing game. With the secondary they run, we might just get them to bite and get behind them to score."

The Cougars will face off with Lazbuddie in Patricia Friday at 7:30 p.m.

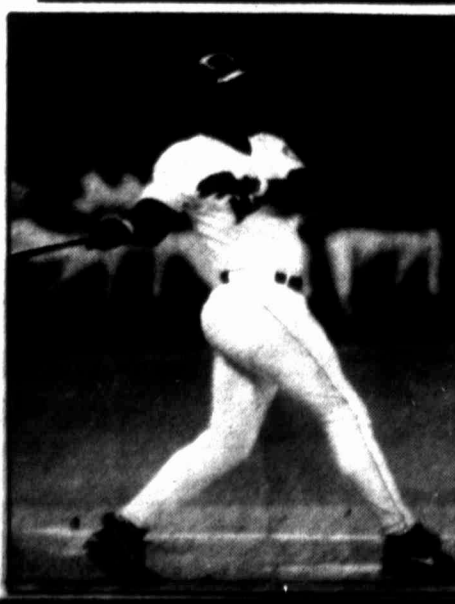
Borden Co. (2-0)
at Southland (1-1)

GAIL — The Borden County Coyotes are polishing their offense to get ready for Southland.

Borden football coach Bobby Avery said, "If we play as we have been then we should come

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SHOT OF THE DAY



There it goes

Seattle's Ken Griffey Jr. watches his two-run home run off Texas pitcher Bob Tewksbury during their game Wednesday in Seattle.

TEXAS

Et tu, Spurs?

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — In an attempt to obtain a sweeter deal with San Antonio, the Spurs have provided the city with a highly unusual glimpse of the team's gloomy financial outlook.

"The trend of revenues and expenses shows a rapidly narrowing gap," said Spurs President and Chief Executive Officer Jack Diller. "Next year, for the first time, the Spurs will move into a loss position."

The team revealed its private finances Wednesday to emphasize its economic situation and its assertion that the money coming in does not meet its rapidly escalating expenses.

According to the team's income statement, the Spurs earned \$4.51 million in the 1994-95 season, including just more than \$4 million from the playoffs alone.

NATION/WORLD

Barkley un-retires again

PHOENIX (AP) — Phoenix Suns star Charles Barkley says he'll be back for another run at an NBA championship, The Arizona Republic reported.

Stadium vote close

SEATTLE (AP) — Proponents of a \$325 million baseball stadium designed to keep the Seattle Mariners in town said they hope to propose at least one more financing plan if voters reject this effort.

A measure to finance most of a new stadium by increasing the King County sales tax from 8.2 percent to a state-high 8.3 percent was leading by only 4,000 votes after Tuesday's primary, with about 47,000 absentee ballots yet to be counted.

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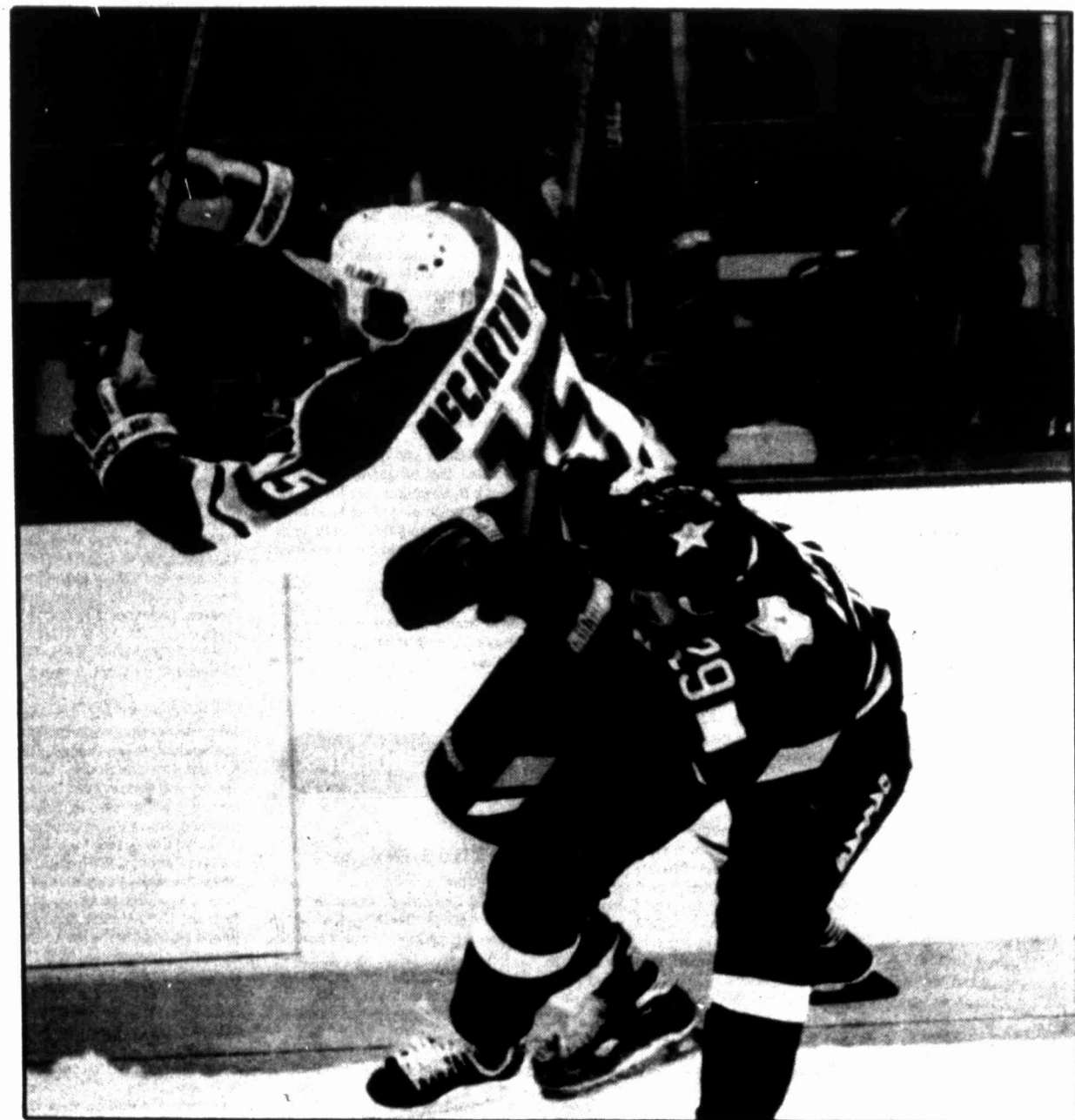
Baseball

Major League
New York at Atlanta,
6:35 p.m., TBS (ch. 11).

Football

Colleges
North Carolina at Louisville,
7 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).

OOPS, SO SORRY



Dallas Stars right wing Grant Marshall (29) checks Calgary Flames right wing Sandy McCarthy (15) into the boards as Stars players on the bench try to protect themselves in the first period of their neutral-site exhibition game in Minneapolis Wednesday night. The Flames beat the Stars 2-0.

Sweep dampens Rangers' playoff hopes

SEATTLE (AP) — Lou Piniella's memory is a little foggy these days. Maybe it's all the clamor in — and around — the Kingdom. Or maybe he's playing dumb.

"We're tied for first place, that's all," Piniella said Wednesday night after the Seattle Mariners finally caught up with the fading California Angels with an 11-3 victory over Texas.

Piniella, the Mariners' third-year manager, was the New York Yankees right fielder in 1978 when his team made up a 14-game deficit and beat Boston in a one-game playoff for the AL pennant. The Yankees then beat the Los Angeles Dodgers in six games in the World Series.

By completing a sweep over the Rangers in an important three-game series, the Mariners finally moved into a tie for first place in the AL West. On Aug. 4, the division race seemed over with Seattle in third place 13 games behind the Angels.

Asked if Seattle's down-to-the-wire spurt combined with California's 8-25 slump rekindled any thoughts of '78, Piniella only shook his head. He didn't want to answer that question.

Why start something when you have two games with the Angels in Seattle next week?

He preferred to talk about the 26,524 fans who watched the Mariners collect a season-high 20 hits — four each by Luis Sojo and Vince Coleman — off six Texas pitchers.

"The crowd was loud and enthusiastic," Piniella said. "That's helpful."

With the prospect of making the playoffs for the first time in the team's 19-year history, Mariners fans have taken on a new character. They're louder and more animated than ever.

On Tuesday night, they may have voted to build the Mariners a new outdoor stadium, an election that's going to be decided by absentee voters.

The following night, they cheered crazily after Ken Griffey Jr. made a sensational, leaping catch above the center-field fence to rob Juan Gonzalez of a home run in the sixth inning with Seattle ahead 10-0.

The Mariners are playing their best baseball of the season — at just the right time. They've won seven of eight, 10 of 12 and 11 of 15, pulling even with the Angels at 72-63, picking up 11 games on California in the last 26 days.

Piniella has made key additions, bringing in Andy Benes and rookie Bob Wolcott as starting pitchers, Norm Charlton as the closer and Coleman for left field. And there was the Aug. 15 return of Griffey, who missed 73 games because of a fractured left wrist.

That was supposed to finish the Mariners as contenders. It didn't.

"Offensively, we don't belong on the same field with them," Texas manager Johnny Oates said after watching his team fall to four games back of Seattle in the AL wild-card race with nine to play. "They have four guys with more RBIs than anyone on our ball club."

Reynolds pitches Astros past Cubs

HOUSTON (AP) — Mark Parent's definition of a good pitcher is Shane Reynolds.

Reynolds had been slumping this month until Wednesday night when he threw a seven-hitter and tied a club record with three sacrifice bunts, helping the Houston Astros beat the

Chicago Cubs 4-0.

"He's got a good split-finger and he'll throw it even when he's behind in the count," Parent said. "He's got good control and when you put it all together you've got a pretty good pitcher, which is what he is."

The Astros, battling for the NL's wild-card spot, needed an outstanding performance from Reynolds (10-11) and they got it for the first time this month.

The victory allowed the Astros to remain one game behind Los Angeles in the NL wild card race. The Dodgers beat the San Francisco Giants 4-2.

"All I can think about is St. Louis," Astros manager Terry Collins said of the series that starts Friday night. "We can't worry about the Dodgers when we have St. Louis and Pittsburgh coming in. If we don't win our games, somebody will catch us."

Reynolds hadn't won since Aug. 30 while trying to get all the components of his game working again.

"I've had a bad month. I lost my split-finger a little, got up in the strike zone and I was getting beat," Reynolds said. "It felt good tonight to stay out there and finish up. Everybody knows you do better with three pitches instead of one."

Reynolds equaled his career strikeout total of 12 and pitched his third complete game of the season, most on the staff but it's taken hard work to get it all back into the form he showed earlier in the season when he made eight starts without a loss.

Steers

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have a horse like that, you've got to ride him."

Both coaches believe Friday's game will be a typical Big Spring-Estacado matchup — close and hard-fought.

"It's always an important

game for us," Kelley said. "We always play each other tough, and we respect each other. We've been fortunate to come out on the long end of the score most of the time."

With both offenses struggling, Butler wouldn't be surprised with a defensive battle Friday.

Then again, he wouldn't be surprised if one or both offenses got well, either.

"If it's a defensive game, I think we'll be right in the middle of it. But it wouldn't surprise me to see one of the offenses break out, either," Butler said.

Bulldogs

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It allows us to get tough for a tough district. I just hope we can arise to the occasion."

McHugh wants the same type of matchup from last year: "A good game, facing some big boys who will get physical up front. We are going to have to mentally tough in order to compete."

The Bulldogs travel to Sterling City Friday at 8 p.m.

Forsan (1-1)

at Roscoe (1-1)

FORSAN - Forsan coach Jan East is looking to improve his 1-1 record in order to prepare for district.

Coming off a defensively dominating game against Rankin last week, East wants improved execution out of his offense.

"We have to come off the ball

and play. We can't continue shooting ourselves in the foot. We had some good drives but wound up short of the end zone."

The Buffs have some new looks on the line and in the backfield.

Tailback Wes Crow has moved to tight end, Andy Epley switched from guard to tackle, Jason Brown from end to guard and T.J. Lipham was moved from fullback to tailback.

East said, "I hope it will allow for more quickness on the line of scrimmage. I feel like this is what we need for district play as well as for Roscoe."

The defense kept the Buffs in the game against Rankin and the same is expected this week.

"Roscoe has a good team with some big boys. They are going to line up and try to run down

the field. The defense is going to have to be ready physically and mentally," East said.

Roscoe coach Robbie Tindol expects the game to center on defense. "Defense is what we base everything on. If we play good on defense then we should win the game."

"I'm looking for the players to perform and do what they are able to do. I want execution out of offense and a stingy defense."

East said execution, with few penalties and a hard-hitting defense, are the main keys.

"The disappointment in last week's game has made the players want to come out and perform. It is going to be a mental game as well as a physical game," East said.

The Buffaloes and Roscoe play at 8 p.m. Friday in Roscoe.

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off with a win. Southland has a good ball club and this will be a good test for us."

The main key to the game will be on defense. "I expect Southland to try straight up the middle. They have some big kids and they are going to try and control the line of scrimmage," Avery said.

On offense Avery will be going for balance. "We will have to go to the air more, especially in a close game."

The Coyotes will travel to

Southland Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Westbrook (1-1)

vs. Jayton (1-1)

WESTBROOK - Westbrook knows its second win may come tougher than its first.

Jayton played state-ranked Amherst last week and lost a close-fought game.

"They played Amherst hard and stayed physical with them. They had a good showing with them," Westbrook coach Jim Hill said.

"We are going to have to per-

form on defense," Hill said. "They have a good arm in the backfield and they are capable of throwing the ball. We've got to concentrate on holding their offense down."

The Wildcats are working out of a more balanced offense.

Hill said, "We are going to have to be able to run the ball as well as throw it. They have some big boys on the line and we have to get the ball down field."

The Wildcats will host Jayton Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Jones

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the team in 1925, when he was 9 years old. It came just before the halftime ceremony at which the Giants were retiring the number of Phil Simms, the quarterback who helped them to two Super Bowls while they were up and the Cowboys were down — the perfect example of cycles in the NFL.

None of this overrides the substance, which is that the other owners view Jones' action as a threat to revenue sharing that has made the field

level for Green Bay at one end of the spectrum and New York, Chicago and Dallas at the other.

There are other owners who quietly agree with the premise that teams should have more of a say in their own marketing instead of ceding it to NFL Properties. New England's Robert Kraft, who has his own deal with Pepsi and is attempting to be the middle man between Jones and the league, is one of them.

But Jones' freewheeling southwest oilman's style is also

a major factor.

For example, during the most tense period of the television negotiations in 1993, the owners' committee was waiting in a room to see if Fox would overbid CBS for the NFC contract. According to two people who were present, when the Fox representatives came back into the room and said they would bid \$1.58 billion for five years, Jones jumped to his feet, punched his hand in the air and shouted "Yessssssss!"

"Sit down, Jerry," Denver's Pat Bowlen told him.

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National Basketball Association
NEW YORK KNICKS—Named Lou Hamato director of media services.
PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS—Traded Otis Thorpe, forward, to the Detroit Pistons for the rights to Randolph Childress, guard, and Bill Curley, forward.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed Alfred Ogblesby, defensive lineman.
WAIVED Ty Patten, defensive end.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Signed Frank Stams, linebacker, to a one-year contract. Waived Rick Hamilton, linebacker.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—
Released Mike Pelton, defensive tackle, from the practice squad.

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HEROES

Men didn't think twice before saving others from deadly vapor

By MARY McATEER
Staff Writer

"I didn't think about it, I just knew something was wrong," Steve Price says.

What Price and his partner, J.D. Loper, didn't think about was the danger of diving into a cloud of nitrogen vapor to pull two other men out.

All they were concerned with was getting their friends out of trouble.

Price and Loper, both Big Spring residents, deliver cryogenic gases for Tri-Gas, an Odessa company.

On a regular delivery to the Johnson Space Center in Las Cruces, N.M., unusual conditions led to what would have been a tragedy if it hadn't been for the two men's quick action.

The delivery point is a blind alley - an area with buildings on three sides. The cryogenic

gas, in this case liquid nitrogen, is transferred from the Tri-Gas truck to another kept parked in the alleyway.

Liquid nitrogen releases vapor during the transfer process, but usually the breeze is strong enough to dissipate it. This day, the weather was cold - Loper remembers it starting to snow - and there was little or no wind, which allowed the vapor to collect in the space between the trucks.

Loper and Price, monitoring the valves on their truck, noticed the transfer was complete and went to close them down.

When he shut down the lower valve, Price could tell the valves on the receiving truck were still open, and called to the senior technician, Charlie, but got no answer.

Loper, closing the valve on top of the truck, couldn't see

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J.D. Loper and Steve Price display the medals and plaques they received from NASA. The two were awarded NASA's Exceptional Bravery Medal for saving two co-workers' lives.

Climbing poles is phone linewoman's ideal job

By PEGGY KREIMER
Scripps Howard News Service

COVINGTON, Ky. — When Sue Storer worked as a marketing analyst, she used to escape to the fresh air on her lunch hours and dream about having what she called "a nature job."

Today the 38-year-old mother of two from Ft. Thomas, Ky., climbs 40-foot telephone poles with 40 pounds of tools slung on her hips.

"I thank God every day that I have this job," she said. "I'm an outdoor person. I couldn't sit at a desk all day."

She's been working for Cincinnati Bell Telephone for 17 years, installing new service and splicing and repairing lines in Northern Kentucky.

She got her training through the company, including courses in electronics and hands-on training with seasoned installers.

She did so well that she ended up as a pole climbing instructor for a year.

Pole climbing is the first test

for people training for outdoor work, Storer said, "because pole climbing is the toughest thing to pass. A lot of people are afraid of heights."

Storer is 5-foot-3, and her only problem is that the footholds set into the poles are designed for someone closer to 6 feet.

When she climbs poles to check problems, most of the time it's a problem caused by nature, she said. Squirrels and mice chew the cables. Wasps, bees and ants nest in them.

A manhole is always dark, always dirty and always noisy from the traffic overhead.

It is always full of water, she said, so the first job isn't finding the wires but draining the water.

Then she must test for gases and fumes to make sure she can breathe.

"Sometimes you can get three to five calls done a day; sometimes you spend all day in one manhole. In the summer, it's extremely hot. In the winter it's very cold," Storer said.

Birds may squawk, but ruffled feathers keep them at home

By REBECCA JONES
Scripps Howard News Service

The sounds that came out of 4-year-old William's throat were reminiscent of a scene from "The Exorcist." He was screeching and squawking like a demon.

Getting groomed is not a parrot's favorite pastime.

But with the onset of warm weather and open windows, it's something bird owners should consider if they don't want their pets literally flying the coop, say bird experts.

"This always stresses the

birds," concedes Angie Paylor, who drew the flesh-threatening job of holding down William, an African gray parrot, wrapped in a towel, while bird groomer Joe Southern trimmed the bird's toenails, clipped its wing feathers and polished its beak.

"It's instinctive," says Southern, as he gently prodded William's beak, scraping off old food particles and making sure the beak closed properly.

"Ordinarily, if a bird is on his back and someone has a hold of him like this, he's lunch."

No parrot has yet screeched

obscurities at Southern during the grooming ordeal, but he did have one say to him "Ooh, that was scary!" after it was over.

Ten minutes later, William was back in his cage in his owner's living room, a silent sullen bird with newly buffed nails and 3 inches less wing feather — just enough to alter his aerodynamics to prevent him from flying out an open window.

His owner, Jane Asper, was glad the bird's wrath wasn't directed at her.

"He'll hold a grudge," says Asper. "This way, he can be

mad at Joe and Angie, not at me."

Southern, owner of Bird Calls Inc., in Denver, has been grooming birds for eight years. He makes house calls. The cost varies depending on the number and size of birds to be groomed. He charges \$25 for the visit, plus \$5 to \$15 per bird. (William was a \$10 bird.)

Some veterinarians also offer bird grooming services, as do some bird breeders and pet shops. Birds — including canaries and parakeets — should be groomed every four to five months. It's especially

important to keep large birds groomed, say breeders.

Ask for references before selecting a bird groomer, advises Dr. Jerry LaBonde, a veterinarian who specializes in treating birds.

"You can talk to bird clubs ... or avian veterinarians who can recommend groomers," he says. "What I'd look for (in a groomer) is a person who has had some experience, who is able to handle and restrain your bird in a manner that doesn't stress the bird."

Now, about that feather clipping thing ...

Some people don't want to clip their bird's feathers because they feel birds ought to be able to fly and to deny them the ability to do so is cruel.

LaBonde says:

"I've had birds that flew over to see their owner, missed, and landed on the frying pan and burned their feet. I've had birds which were inexperienced at flying try to fly through a closed window, get a concussion and die."

"And birds that fly usually get an attitude. They're a lot more difficult to control," he says.



Abel Salazar, left, Raymond Vega, center and Freddy Rios enjoy lunch at the Dixie Dog in Tahoka.

Dixie Dogs: A West Texas tradition

By STEVE O'NEIL
Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

TAHOKA — It's a few minutes after noon and Tahoka's Dixie Dog Drive In is starting to hop. The phone is ringing, and hamburgers are crackling and popping on the grill.

Mario Chapa, whose family owns the restaurant, hangs up the phone.

"For J.W. add another burger and add another order of onion rings," he shouts as he walks to the front of the restaurant to take someone's order.

White sacks, brimming with orders, appear on the takeout counter. Soon a gaggle of pickup trucks and family cars flood to the drive-up window to pick up lunch. Just another busy day at the small-town restaurant. And yet the popular eatery represents something more than a good place to grab a bite to eat.

"At one time there were about 85 Dixie Dog Drive Ins scattered all over this area," said James Tidmore, who runs the Dixie Dog Drive Inn in Wolfthorpe. "Over the years, though, most of them shut down."

Ralph Hooper, who sells the trademarked Dixie Dog batter mix out of Albuquerque, N.M., estimates there are about a dozen of the drive-up restaurants left throughout West Texas.

So what is a Dixie Dog anyway?

"It's like a Superdog, but only a whole lot better," Tidmore said.

When pressed further, Tidmore explains that the Dixie Dog is a hotdog on a stick plunged into a sweet batter and then tossed in a fryer. No cornmeal in this mix, thank you.

"They certainly are popular," said Tidmore, who sells about 75 or 100 of the dipped dogs per day. "I'll have people order 20 at a time and feed their families with them."

The Dixie Dog Drive Ins were the brain child of an entrepreneur who sought to build a fast-food empire, beginning some time around the early 1950s.

Hooper remembers the fellow's name as Monte Davis, but didn't know much more about his background. Other Dixie Dog owners in West Texas often remembered when their Dixie Dog opened, but not

much else.

While the origins are fuzzy, the charm that the drive-ins add to their towns is unmistakable.

Veda and Joe Howell have owned the Spur Dixie Dog since 1987.

"We bought it out of a sense of tradition," said Veda Howell. "It's been part of Spur for such a long time."

Keeping the Dixie Dog open has taken on added importance as other area restaurants have closed. Howell adds. Recently the Howells have opened at a.m. to give the coffee-drinkers a place to go.

And like other Dixie Dog towns, the one in Spur is all the rage when area graduates return to visit. "They don't want you to change a thing," Howell said. "Of course, they only return once a year."

In addition to the batter-dipped dogs, the Spur Dixie Dog serves a wide variety of food, including chicken-fried steaks and hamburger steaks. In fact, the only thing any of the Dixie Dogs have in common now is the catchy name and the official batter.

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SLICE of LIVING!

PICTURE THIS

Which way's up Rikki Waltz, 3, of Monroe, Mich., watches as her aunt, Rebecca May, tips upside down while the two spend time on the swings at Veteran's Park near downtown Monroe. (Associated Press photo)

Retired Nurses to meet

Malone & Hogan Retired Nurses will meet for lunch at the Spanish Inn, 11:30 a.m. Friday.

Fund-raising dance Saturday

The Chamber of Commerce Fund-Raising Committee will sponsor a fund-raising dance 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday at the Dora Roberts Community Center. All funds raised will go to the center.

Advance tickets are \$10 per person and \$20 per couple. Tickets at the door will be \$15 per person and \$25 per couple. Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce, Klassic Kleeners, Home Real Estate and Dance Gallery.

For more information, call the chamber at 263-7941.

LOCAL TIDBITS

HIV counseling, testing

Planned Parenthood of West Texas will offer HIV testing and counseling Sept. 26 and Oct. 10, 16 and 24. Please call 263-8351 for an appointment and more information.

Short course for diabetics

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service is sponsoring a six-week series "Dealing with Diabetes...A Shortcourse for the Diabetic."

The series is Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. beginning this week and continuing through Oct. 19, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Fee for the series is \$5.

Call 264-2236 for more information.

THE LAST WORD

The nice thing about egotists is that they don't talk about other people.

—Lucille S. Harper

Never does the human soul appear so strong and noble as when it forgoes revenge and dares to forgive an injury.

—E. H. Chapin

The young do not know enough to be prudent, and therefore they attempt the impossible - and achieve it, generation after generation.

—Pearl S. Buck

READ ALL ABOUT IT

Test your reading comprehension by reading the story below and answering the questions that follow.

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — For the past 20 years, hunting dogs have been disappearing in the Blackwater River State Forest. Their owners thought people were stealing the expensive animals.

The thief, it turns out, was a 500-pound alligator that turned a game trail into his private diner, grabbing dogs as they ran across Coldwater Creek in pursuit of foxes or deer.

Their barking apparently was his dinner bell. At least six hunting dogs met their fate in the gator's jaws.

One of the final victims was Rufus Godwin's \$5,000 Walker fox hunting hound. The dog disappeared a few weeks ago in the forest about 45 miles northeast of Pensacola. The last Godwin heard of her was her bark as she chased an animal, probably a deer.

Four days later, Godwin was using a tracking device to search for Flojo's electronic collar when he caught a faint signal. The beeps were very weak until he pointed his receiver at a deer swamp hole.

James Seals, who was with Godwin, also received signals from a collar worn by a dog he had lost several weeks earlier. They also got a response from a third collar that had been on another friend's dog.

"When we walked up to this hole, just all of a sudden the beeps went in beeping out of the hole," Godwin said. "So we knew they were dealing with a gator."

The 10-foot, 500-pound reptile captured dog if by state-trapper gator hunters. The hunters had harpooned the alligator in mouth snare and captured it until they had the animal brought in.

During the struggle the gator bit in Flojo's collar tracking collar. Later, after the animal was killed, the gator hunters captured the body.

In the belly of the beast was a collection of dog collars, including Flojo's collar.

Another collar was from a dog that belonged to a friend of Godwin's who lives near the swamp. The dog disappeared several years ago.

The gator was estimated to be 20 years old.

Seals said the gator was the largest he had ever seen. It was about 10 feet long and weighed about 500 pounds.

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Especially for kids and their families

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By BETTY DEBNAM

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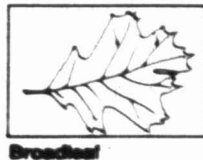
It's Leaf-Peeping Time

What leaves change color in the fall?

There are two main types of trees.



Evergreen or needle leaf



Broadleaf

Evergreen, or needle-leaf, trees have green needles year-round. Their needles form a heavy wax cover that protects them. They also have a natural "anti-freeze" inside that usually protects them.

Broadleaf leaves are flat and wide. They do not have such wax covering or natural anti-freeze. If the weather gets cold enough, the leaf dies and may fall off.

However, there are some broadleaf trees that are evergreen — for example, the holly and the live oak. In warm climates, some broadleaf trees stay green all year long.

The trees that change to the beautiful fall colors are the broadleaf trees that lose their leaves. These trees live where the weather gets below freezing.



A leaf peeper takes a photo of the capitol building in Vermont's capital, Montpelier.

Vermont is famous for its fall foliage, its maple trees and maple sugar.



red maple



silver maple



sugar maple

Leaf peepers

Ah, fall! Some trees in some parts of the country are just about to shed their leaves and go to sleep for the winter.

Just before the leaves fall, some turn beautiful fall colors. The peak time to see this is so short, it offers us only a brief look or peep!

When this happens, many people, called "leaf peepers," travel to the northeastern part of our country to enjoy the beautiful scenery.

Where and when

The New England states are especially famous for their fall leaves.



The fall foliage season here and in nearby states usually lasts from mid-September until mid-October.

In other parts of the country, such as in the South and in the mountains of the West, Mother Nature usually puts on her best foliage, or leaf displays, later in October or early in November.

Rookie Cookie's Recipe

Autumn Pie

Vermont is the country's largest producer of maple syrup.

You'll need:

- 4 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup maple syrup
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 cups peanuts
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 unbaked pie shell
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
- 1 cup dark corn syrup

What to do:

1. Combine eggs and sugar in a large bowl. Mix well.
2. Add vanilla and melted butter or margarine to bowl. Mix well.
3. Add corn syrup, maple syrup and peanuts. Mix well.
4. Pour into pie shell.
5. Bake in a preheated, 350-degree oven for 1 1/2 hours.

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FALL TRY TO FIND

Words that remind us of leaves changing color are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: TREE, LEAVES, FALL, AUTUMN, OAK, COLOR, YELLOW, RED, GREEN, BROWN, ORANGE, PURPLE, VERMONT, MAPLE, DOGWOOD, BIRCH, ASPEN.

I LIKE TO HAVE LEAVES IN THE FALL!

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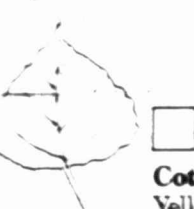
Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy is taking leaves free if you can find:



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- bear's face
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- word MEIN
- letter V

Are you lucky enough to live in an area where leaves change color in the fall? Put a check if you see any of these leaves in your area.



Cottonwood Yellow



Dogwood Bright red



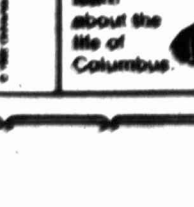
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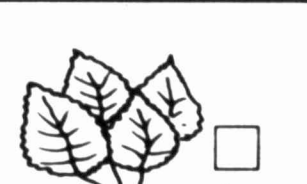
Green ash Yellow



Hickory Yellow



Silver maple Yellow



Aspen Yellow

Why leaves change color

During the spring and summer, broadleaf leaves are busy food factories. A green-colored substance called chlorophyll (KLOR-uh-fil) helps keep the food factories running.

The leaves also have other colors such as yellow or orange, but they are hidden by the green of the chlorophyll.

We see the red colors in leaves when sugars begin to be stored in the leaves. In the fall, as the days get shorter and the nights get cooler, leaves stop making food. The chlorophyll breaks down and the green color disappears. The hidden colors begin to show.

A special layer of cells forms at the base of each leaf stalk. These cells block the tissues that join the leaf to the tree. The leaf dies and eventually falls off.

When is the peak time to peek?

When the leaves turn and how pretty they will be is hard to predict. This varies from year to year.

Some areas have "hot lines" you can call for the latest up-to-date information on leaf color.

In a dry year, leaves aren't as colorful as they are in a wet year. They might turn color a little, then turn brown and drop off.

For the prettiest displays as fall arrives, trees need:

- lots of warm, sunny days.
- cool nights that stay above freezing.

But lots of rain, strong winds, and cold, freezing nights can cause problems.



Red oak Red



Redbud Yellow



Sweet gum Bright red, orange, yellow, purple

MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes



(sent in by Tami M. Adams)

Q: What changes a pear into a pearl?
A: The letter L!

Q: What room is never used?
A: A mushroom!

(sent in by Monica Jill)

Meet Alabama

If selling more than 45 million albums and having more than 30 No. 1 hits makes you a supergroup, Alabama is the champ. It is the most successful country group in music history.

The group has won about 150 awards, including two Grammys, eight Entertainer of the Year awards, and the title of "Artist of the Decade." It did all this in a little more than 10 years.

The members of the group are Randy Owen, Teddy Gentry, Jeff Cook and Mark Herndon. They live in Fort Payne, Ala.

Alabama gives about 150 performances a year. Every June, tens of thousands of fans come to Alabama's June Jam charity concert.

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CAREER CORNER

Occupational title: Gunsmith
Duties: Repair, clean, maintain, and adjust guns. Change guns to customer's specifications.

Working environment: Shop or gun store.

Helpful high school classes: Mathematics, physical science, metal trades and ICT co-op.

Continuing education: Technical school, on-the-job training, apprenticeship.

Some sources of training or education: Texas State Technical College, Amarillo.

Salary: \$7/hour and above
Job prospects: Average to good depending on location.

Occupational title: Carpenter
Duties: Build, modernize, change, repair wood structures; may perform rough or finish carpentry. Must be able to use power and hand tools.

Working environment: Outside as well as inside. Weather can determine if they work. Often required to furnish all or some of the tools needed.

Helpful high school classes: General education, math, graphics, construction trades, co-op education, building trades.

Continuing education: Technical school, junior college, apprenticeship, on-the-job training.

Some sources of training or education: Austin Community College, Brazosport College.

Certification/licenses professional organization: United Brotherhood of Carpenters, Joiners of America.

Salary: Average 1993 salary: \$27,545 for experienced carpenters.

Job prospects: Average to good.

Heroes

Continued from page 3B

either Charlie or Scott, the other technician.

"It wasn't like Charlie to just leave us alone like that," Price says. He went to the building at the back to see if Charlie and Scott had gone in, but didn't find them.

Believing they must be between the trucks, Price took a breath and plunged into the cloud of vapor. He felt his way from the Tri-Gas truck across, and stumbled over what he realized was a leg. He bent down and began pulling the man out of the vapor.

Knowing he didn't have much time, he called to Loper, and the two pulled the man, Charlie, out to clear air.

He was unconscious but still breathing, and Price and Loper went back to find Scott. He was moving, but not quite conscious, and the two lifted him and pulled him clear. Then they called for help, and emergency personnel from the site came to assist in reviving the two men.

They were just in time. Both men were taken to the hospital to be treated for asphyxiation. Scott was back on the job next day, and Charlie returned to work about a week later.

NASA and determined an unusual combination of cold temperature and no wind had led to the nitrogen vapor collecting and no human error was involved.

Price said in more than 12 years of delivering hazardous materials such as cryogenic gases, this is the first time he's ever seen anything of the sort.

Price says his wife asked him if he'd thought of putting on a breathing apparatus, but his concern at the time was getting the two men out. Loper agrees. The two say they didn't think about what could have happened to them until about three days later.

In late April, J.D. Loper and Steve Price received the NASA Exceptional Bravery Medal, the first award of this nature ever presented to a civilian. "For your utterly selfless dedication in saving the lives of two of our employees..."

The ceremony included the presentation of more than 100 awards, and recognition of Loper and Price included a standing ovation. They were also mentioned in "Komatou," the newspaper of the Nippon Sanso Corporation, Tri-Gas' parent company - the first Americans ever to be in that paper.

Price and Loper say their families think it was "pretty neat" they received the NASA medal. As for them, they're "here, and happy to be here."

HOROSCOPE

FOR FRIDAY,
SEPT. 22, 1995

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Changes in the work arena could have you scratching your head and seeking all kinds of solutions. Of course, you have the wherewithal to deal with this. Keep at it, and don't veer from the issues at hand. There is much confusion about work. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You might be forced to stretch your creativity to the max in order to get to the bottom of a problem. Listen carefully to what someone offers you. A partner is full of bright ideas about how to avoid a potentially problematic risk. Be open to suggestions. Tonight: Be frisky.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Stay more centered than you have been lately. A family member's reversal may surprise you. Pull back before you make a decision because confusion could prevent you from being wise. Trust what is happening. Tonight: Veg out at home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Communications could easily run amok, and a risk involving work or love could backfire. Ease up, and be more open to what life offers. You might not like what is on your plate, but in the long run, it could be excellent. Be open to the unusual. Tonight: Gab with a friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Curb spending before you get into trouble. Be willing to say no to extravagance. It might be better to take fewer risks for a while. A friend may egg you on. Evaluate what is going on here; a timeout may be appropriate. Tonight: Balance your budget.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You might need to stop suddenly and think. Your ruling planet, Mercury, goes into retrograde, forcing you to take another look at what is happening. Project your magnetic and secure ways, but also confirm that you are centered on inner levels. Tonight: Go out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Perhaps you made a miscalculation about your checkbook; assess the damages you recently inflicted on it. Maintain a sense of humor, but act responsibly as you seek answers to your problem. Pull back a bit.

Tonight: Think.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Focus on change involving a friendship and your choices. You might not be able to come to a decision just yet, so consider your choices with care. You'll see events in a different light, if you give yourself time. You will come out a winner. Tonight: Let off steam.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You are right on top of a work-related issue. Partners, coworkers and bosses may be entering a flaky phase. Remain upbeat, and you'll overcome an immediate setback. Let others work through their ideas. Don't allow someone else to trigger you. Tonight: Relax.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Adjust to a change in plans. Know your objectives. Detach so you can come up with a solution. Your awareness is important as you deal with news. Don't feel pushed; take your time. Tonight: Let your imagination go.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): One-to-one relating is highlighted. Someone who may have been sure of himself could become unstable right now. Question your choices about this immediate problem. News could throw you for a loop. The emphasis is on funds. Tonight: Be a snuggler.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Others are full of news and have a perspective different from yours. Your best bet is to be open and direct. Events help you gain a new perspective. Your positive attitude helps relax a family member or friend. Be empathetic. Tonight: Have dinner out.

IF SEPT. 22 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You might need to kick back and think before you act this year. When you are confused, delay making a decision until there is clarity. You are unusually creative in finding solutions. Focus on your security, desires and long-term goals. You have a lot of energy and a direct approach that others respect. If you are single, romance knocks on your door in 1996. If attached, be sensitive to options to make your relationship better. A fellow VIRGO could be irritating.

THE ASTERISKS (*) SHOW THE KIND OF DAY YOU'LL HAVE: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

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Modern drug therapy brings relief for lifelong depression

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for printing the letter about depression from the woman in Contra Costa, Calif. As a depressed person who has gone the route of counseling and medication, I couldn't have said it better than she did.

I am a senior citizen and only wish that some of the latest

medications had been available 40 years ago. Life could have been lived with so much less pain. My thinking is clearer, and I feel like a

more whole person with the aid of the new drug. Thank God for research and discovery!

Counseling was helpful, but it could not supply the chemical my brain needed.

To those good people who tell the depressed that "it's all in your head," or, "If you trust in the Lord, your troubles will be over," I would like to say that is not helpful. Many of us do trust the Lord, but we can't make our bodies produce the chemicals we lack. We need medication just like a diabetic does.

For the depressed who are afraid of medication, or about their reputation, I would like to say, hold your head high with expectation as you walk through the door of your physician's office to ask for the chemical you lack in your system. There is hope. — OREGON WOMAN

DEAR OREGON WOMAN: Thank you for a letter that will be appreciated by many who have benefited from one of the modern medications prescribed for depression.

DEAR ABBY: My name is Remi Nair. I am 14 years old

and live in Ann Arbor, Mich. I found this great poem on a postcard in an antique store marked "Hell's Half Acre, Wyoming." I don't know who the author is. It is titled "The Hell You Say."

Just what is meant by the word "hell?"

They sometimes say, "It's cold as hell."

Sometimes they say, "It's hot as hell."

When it rains hard, "It's hell," they cry.

It's also hell when it's too dry.

They hate like hell to see it snow.

It's a hell of a wind when it starts to blow.

How in the hell can anyone tell

What in the hell they mean by "hell?"

"This married life is hell," they say.

When he comes home late, there's hell to pay.

When he starts to yell, it's a hell of a note.

It's hell when the kids you have to tote.

It's hell when the doctor sends his bills.

For a hell of a lot of trips and pills.

When you get them, you'll know real well

Just what is meant by this word "hell."

"Hell yes," "Hell no," and "Oh, hell," too.

"The hell you don't," and "the hell you do!"

And, "what in the hell," and "the hell it is."

"The hell with yours," and "the hell with his!"

Now, "Who in hell," and "Oh, hell, where?"

And, "What in hell do you think I care?"

But the hell of it is, it's sure as hell

We don't know what in the hell is HELL.

DEAR REMI NAIR: I don't know why, but the poem intrigued me, too.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

No. 12358
ESTATE OF ROBERT JAMES SHORTS, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS.
Notice is hereby given that original letters Testamentary for the Estate of Robert James Shorts, Deceased, were issued on the 15th day of September, 1995, under Docket No. 12,358, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to Dickie Shorts.
Claims may be presented in the County Court of the Estate addressed as follows:
Estate of Robert James Shorts
c/o Dickie Shorts
3824 W. Hwy. 87
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All persons having claims against this estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
DATED this 15th day of September, 1995.
DICKIE SHORTS, Independent
Executor of the Estate of Robert James Shorts, Deceased.
3509 September 21, 1995

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
ENHANCED USE LEASE FOR THE VA MEDICAL CENTER, BIG SPRING, TEXAS
The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is conducting a public hearing on the proposed enhanced use lease for the VA Medical Center, Big Spring, Texas. The hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for the public to express their views on the proposed lease. The hearing will be held on the following date and time:
DATE AND TIME OF HEARING: October 5, 1995, 7:00 pm
PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARING: Big Spring VA Medical Center, Building 21, Room 212
700 Veterans Blvd., Big Spring, Texas 79720

IDENTIFICATION OF PROPERTY TO BE LEASED:
The proposed 1/4 acre (more or less) to be leased from the Big Spring VA Medical Center will be located on the Southeast quadrant of the intersection between the Street St. Entrance and the Government Employees Federal Credit Union.
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY TO BE LEASED:
The VA Medical Center has approximately 31 acres of property of which the majority of this land is a buffer space for its main patient building, building #1, under the Enhanced Use concept, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will lease the site to the GECU for a period of up to 30 years at no monetary cost. In consideration for the lease, the developer will build, own, operate, and maintain a parking lot and allow the VA sole use of its parking area directly behind the Credit Union Building. The parking lot will be built in accordance with VA specifications and criteria and at the end of the lease term, title to all improvements on the leased property will revert to the VA.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED LEASE:
VA proposes to lease approximately 1/4 acre to the GECU for a parking lot to be built on the site. The lease term will consist of time of construction plus a period no greater than 30 years from the date of award at no cost. The improvement of VA property will reduce operating costs associated with maintaining this property over the life of the agreement. In exchange for the land lease, the GECU will construct, operate, and maintain the new parking lot at his/her expense, in lieu of paying fair market value rent to VA for the lease of the site, the developer will exchange existing GECU parking for the site use of VA employees. The new parking lot will be open to members of the GECU and existing Credit Union parking will be used by the VA. The existing parking owned by GECU is readily accessible for use by administrative employees of the VA located in a building adjacent to this parking area.

The public is invited to submit issues and concerns which have bearing on the program, prior to the hearing, in writing to:
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7:30 PM	Charlie Grace	Living Single	Nature (CC)	Paradise	Murder, She	Charlie Grace	Friends	Baseball	La Duena	Movie: Iron	(63150)	(90368976)	Movie: Bloodnot	Chase (CC)	(577808)	Biography	Mystery Univ.	Movie: The	This Week in	College	Movie: So	Roc
8:30 PM	Monroes	New York	Nature (CC)	Rescue 911	Figure Skating	Monroes	Seinfeld	Mets at	Tere	(915570)	(919421)	(3042402)	(2781334)	The Redemp-	(552599)	Biography	Mystery Univ.	Movie: The	Cycle World	North	Hall (CC)	Video Soul
9:30 PM	Day One (CC)	Monroes	Mystery (CC)	700 Club	Hot to Skate	Day One (CC)	ER (CC)	Braves	Bienvenidos	Brian Wilson	(919421)	(3042402)	(2781334)	The Redemp-	(552599)	Biography	Mystery Univ.	Movie: The	Motorsports	Louisville	Hall (CC)	Will Penny
10:30 PM	News	Home Imp.	MacNeil-Lehrer	Father	News	News	News	Class Action	Noticiero Uni.	(10) Movie:	(792421)	(70125792)	(70125792)	(70125792)	(70125792)	(70125792)	(70125792)	(70125792)	Press Box	Sportscenter	(1680773)	Roc
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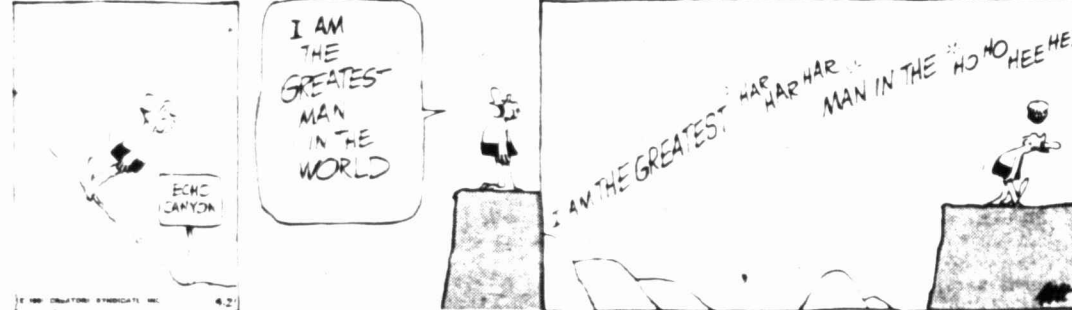
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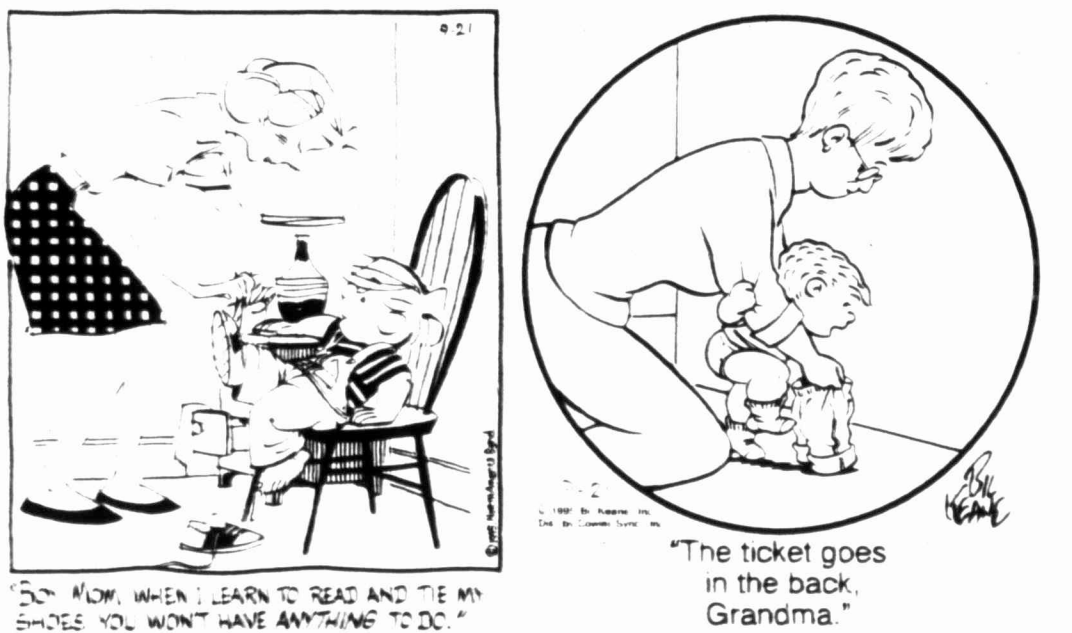
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4:20-7:00-9:20
LORD OF ILLUSIONS (R)
4:10-6:20-9:40
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THE Daily Crossword by James E. Hinish, Jr.

ACROSS
1 Sounds from the ice
5 Billiards shot
10 Double curve
13 European capita
14 — proper vanity
15 Sheet of ice
16 in — of
17 Kicks
18 Peerage member
19 Former MS senator
21 Regular
23 glider
24 Take shape
25 "North to —" (Wayne film)
28 Quebec athlete
32 Street show
33 — Alegre, Brazil
34 Spenser heroine
35 The eye has it
36 Tithing part
37 Be patient
38 Matlock
39 "Blind Mice"
40 "Beau —"
41 Batman's TV portrayer
43 Land of plenty
44 Increase
45 Radicle
46 Love apple
49 Maine
53 Ment
54 Practical, old style
56 Coolidge
57 Lean-to
58 Cultivates
59 Sask. neighbor
60 Patricia Neal film
61 Spartan serf
62 Withered

DOWN
1 Tree trunk
2 Much of the East
3 Bar servings
4 — islands
5 Bathing house
6 Surrounded by
7 Crucifix
8 Not at home
9 See 42D
10 Bad guy actor
11 Jack —
12 Marsh bird
13 Verdi
15 Nobelist Enrico
20 Body of water
22 Church calendar
24 String point
25 Bonaire's neighbor
26 Washed
27 Sphere of interest
28 Certain group
29 Subdue
30 Join
31 Devoured
33 Intrinsically
36 "— is averaged" (Booth)
37 Osters
39 Taut
40 Advance
42 With 9D, Lockridge detectives
43 Greeley's advice
45 Norse chieftain
46 "Entertainment Tonight" name
47 Pearl Harbor site
48 Equine star
49 — pickie
50 — de-camp
61 North —
62 Earnings
66 Gravel

Wednesday's Puzzle solved:

CARDS ENOS STAB
ALERT AERO TONE
RADAR TMENTYONE
PROMISES ELLEN
AKIN JANE
LISTEN LIRA FEW
ANTI PANTICAMA
BLACKJACK DEALER
EAR RACES USED
LYE AVER PETERS
STAR SOSO
STOPE SUITCASE
POKERFACE ORLOP
IDLE EGAD PAINIE
TOAD ZONE STAGE

THIS DATE
IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Sept. 21, the 264th day of 1995. There are 101 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Sept. 21, 1893, a horseless carriage — said to be the first gasoline-powered automobile built in the United States — was taken for a short test drive in Springfield, Mass., by Frank Duryea, who had designed the vehicle with his brother, Charles.

On this date:
In 1792, the French National Convention voted to abolish the monarchy.
In 1897, the New York Sun ran its "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus" editorial in response to a letter from 8-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon.

In 1931, Britain went off the gold standard.
In 1937, "The Hobbit," by J.R.R. Tolkien, was first published.
In 1938, a hurricane struck parts of New York and New England, causing widespread damage and claiming more than 600 lives.
In 1949, the People's Republic of China was proclaimed by its Communist leaders.
In 1957, "Perry Mason," starring Raymond Burr, premiered on CBS-TV.
In 1964, Malta gained independence from Britain.
In 1970, 25 years ago, "NFL Monday Night Football" made its debut on ABC-TV as the Cleveland Browns defeated the visiting New York Jets, 31-21.
In 1973, the U.S. Senate confirmed Henry Kissinger to be secretary of state.
In 1981, the Senate unanimously confirmed the nomination of Sandra Day O'Connor to become the first female justice on the Supreme Court.
In 1982, Amin Gemayel, brother of Lebanon's assassinated president-elect, Bashir Gemayel, was himself elected president.
In 1989, Hurricane Hugo, packing winds of up to 135 mph, crashed into Charleston, S.C.
Ten years ago: In North Korea and South Korea, family members who had not seen in each other for decades were allowed to visit each other as both countries opened their borders in an unprecedented family-reunion program.
Five years ago: During a meeting of the Supreme Soviet, President Mikhail S. Gorbachev scolded legislators for dragging their feet on an economic rescue plan, and asked for sweeping new emergency powers to stabilize the economy.

One year ago: Prosecutors from Los Angeles and Santa Barbara counties announced that child molestation charges would not be filed against singer Michael Jackson; however, the case will remain open until 1999.

Thought for Today: "I never think of the future. It comes soon enough." — Albert Einstein (1889-1955).
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