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Reflecting A Proud Community

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Big Spring's August sales tax receipts tumble 8.83 percent from one year ago

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The city of Big Spring recently received an August sales tax rebate of \$270,916.35 from the State Comptroller's Office, an 8.83 percent decrease compared to the same period last year. Overall, Howard County received a total rebate of \$276,067.32, an 8.76 percent decrease over last year. The city of Coahoma's share of the rebate was \$4,115.12, which is a 48.77 percent increase compared to last year.

Forsan's \$1,025.85 rebate was a sizable decrease (61.29 percent) over last year's rebate. Statewide, a total of \$172.7 million in monthly sales tax payments were made to 1,065 Texas cities and 117 counties. A total of \$157.6 million in rebates were paid to Texas cities, a 4.4 percent increase over last year and \$15.1 million in rebates were paid to Texas counties, an 1.2 percent increase over last year's allocation. The August sales tax rebate include local sales taxes col-

lected on July sales by businesses filing monthly returns and reporting to the Comptroller's office in August. Other area cities receiving rebates included the cities of Andrews, \$64,835.34; Colorado City, \$35,231.80; Lamesa, \$69,762.67; Lorraine, \$413.73; Midland, \$1,071,899.56; Odessa, \$771,610.86; Stanton, \$9,042.06; and Westbrook, \$1,336.30. Also released recently was the 1997 first quarter State Sales and Use Tax Analysis Report, which showed Howard County with 717 business out-

lets in all industries reporting total gross sales of \$137,277,385. Howard County's first quarter figure represents a 2.6 percent decrease compared to the first quarter report of 1996 which showed 865 business outlets reporting gross sales of \$140,945,095. Use tax purchases for Howard County in the first quarter of 1997 totaled \$426,147 and the total amount of fourth quarter sales subject to the State Sales and Use Tax was \$38,058,334. Surrounding counties reporting fourth quarter sales include

Andrews with 392 outlets reporting gross sales of \$47,530,439; Borden with 7 outlets reporting sales of \$72,512; Dawson with 322 outlets reporting sales of \$40,606,599; Ector with 3,456 outlets reporting sales of \$723,435,861; Glasscock with 20 outlets reporting sales of \$1,001,130; Martin with 92 outlets reporting sales of \$30,407,507; Midland with 3,505 outlets reporting sales of \$1,255,793,894; Mitchell with 176 outlets reporting sales of \$12,899,457; and Scurry with 418 outlets reporting sales of

\$87,687,133. Statewide, first quarter gross sales for 1997 totaling \$127,616,841,823 were reported by 361,965 outlets, which represents a 5.4 percent increase over first quarter sales from 1996 reported by 439,522 outlets, totaling \$121,036,932,309. In the retail trade division, Howard County had a total of 387 outlets report gross first quarter sales of \$62,302,890, which represents a 4 percent increase over 1996 gross first quarter sales of \$59,925,449.

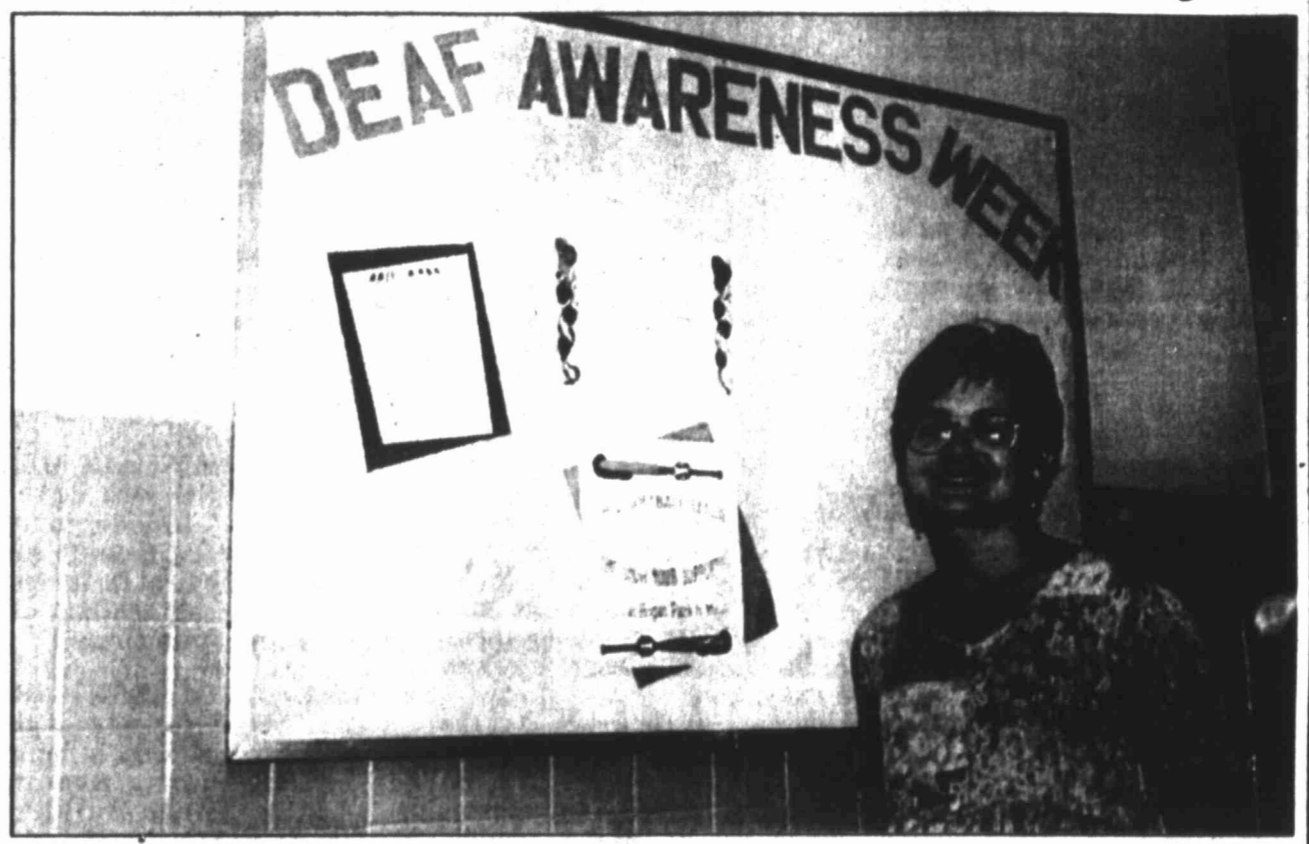
Deaf Awareness Week coincides with SWCID 20th anniversary

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

For almost 20 years, SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf has been an important part of Big Spring, and that point will be re-emphasized next week. SWCID officials will celebrate Deaf Awareness Week with a variety of events at the school between Monday and Friday. During the week, the school will host movies and instructional videos, hold games, perform a play dramatizing the deaf experience and even hold a Wheel of Fortune game, complete with a deaf "Pat Sajak," school officials said. All of the activities aim to re-emphasize SWCID's ties with the community. Jeff Anderson, an instructor at the institute, said there are three goals to Deaf Awareness Week: To improve relations between the deaf and hearing communities; to increase awareness in the deaf community itself; and as an educational tool to help reduce the stigma

of deafness. "The main purpose of Deaf Awareness Week is ... to make the deaf community more visible to the hearing community, and to make them more aware of us." Deafness is no longer considered a handicap, although that misconception still exists, offi-

cial said. "Deaf people can do anything hearing people can do," SWCID tutor Kay Amos said. "We can drive, we can hold down jobs ... about the only thing we can't do is hear." Since SWCID's founding



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Kay Amos, a tutor/learning assistant at SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, stands in front of a billboard proclaiming Deaf Awareness Week. SWCID will host a variety of events Monday-Friday in celebration of the observance.

HC officials believe SWCID set for period of rapid growth

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Howard County Junior College District officials believe their school for deaf students is about to enter an era of rapid growth. SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, founded almost 20 years ago, has become one of the largest community college campuses for hearing-impaired students west of the Mississippi. And thanks to a recent infusion of state aid, the school is about to become even larger. More than \$3 million has been earmarked for the school for construction of a dormitory and a gymnasium/student union building, as well as renovations to existing structures. In addition, technology upgrades are scheduled for the school. "These recent developments only help cement the institute's

FISHING FOR PRIZES



HERALD photo/Dobbie L. Jensen
Lois Mason pulls a prize from the "fishing pond" at Thursday's fall festival at Canterbury South. The event included entertainment, food, game booths and other activities to celebrate the season.

WTCMHMR celebrates Destination Dignity

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

West Texas Centers for Mental Health and Mental Retardation (WTCMHMR) is joining counties in its 23-county area as well as community MHR centers across the state in celebrating Destination Dignity during the month of September. Destination Dignity is a time to draw awareness to the accomplishments and the potential of people with disabilities. WTCMHMR will celebrate the event Tuesday at 1:15 p.m. at Pocket Park in downtown Big Spring. Honored guests for the event will be Big Spring's Special Olympians who will be introduced by Special Olympics volunteers Kaye Wylie and Joyce Cole. WTCMHMR Vice-Chairman and Garza County Judge Giles Dalby will make a speech during the celebration as will CEO

Shelley Smith. Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill volunteers Sondra Qualls and Paula Lafer will also speak during the celebration, addressing the progress of "Journey of Hope," a 12-week course for the families and friends of people with mental illness. Journey of Hope was designed to remove the stigma attached to mental illness. The course began in Big Spring on Aug. 7 and follows a curriculum of information about mental illness, communication techniques and advocacy issues and is geared toward family members of those with schizophrenia, bipolar disorder or major depression. According to WTCMHMR Public Relations Director Lisa Brooks, Tuesday's celebration is a small way to recognize people with mental illness. "We just wanted to have a ceremony honoring our Special Olympians and people with mental illness and mental retar-



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett
Kris Ivey and Leo Walters prepare crafts for the "Destination Dignity" celebration being held in the Pocket Park on Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. Items made by Big Spring residents with mental illness and mental retardation will be on display, according to Brooks. The event is being hosted by WTCMHMR and its board.

A look at how the new homestead exemption will work

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

During the Aug. 9 homestead exemption referendum, Howard County voters who went to the polls were a mirror as to how the rest of the state would vote, overwhelmingly approving the measure. As a result of the measure being

approved by Texas voters, the proposed constitutional amendment allowing the homestead exemption to be increased from \$5,000 to \$15,000 is now law. The increase to the minimum homestead property tax exemption will work like this: With the old \$5,000 minimum exemption, a home assessed at \$100,000 was taxed on up to \$95,000 of its value. Additional property tax exemptions could lower the

taxable amount. At the average school property tax rate of about \$1.40 per \$100 in value, the tax bill is \$1,330 if no other exemptions are included. Based on a home valued at \$100,000, the approved tax exemption increase only allows the home to be taxed on 85 percent of

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Football, garage sale, Fall Fest headline the weekend

HERALD Staff Report

Looking for something to do this weekend? Here's your ticket to weekend activities in and around Big Spring. This feature is published each Friday and will include a variety of activities. It is limited to activities of a general nature, community fund-raisers, community functions, free performances, etc. It is not available to commercial ventures. To submit your activity, send it to "Weekend Ticket," Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431,

WEEKEND TICKET

Big Spring, 79721. You may also fax your listing to 264-7205 or bring it by the Herald offices at 710 Scurry. No information will be taken over the phone. Country and western dance, tonight from 7:30-10:30 at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center. Music will be provided by CW & Company. Model train display, today and Saturday from 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Saturdays from 1-5 p.m. and 200 Gregg. High school football. Games include Coahoma at Stanton, Ropes at Sands, Forsan at Sterling City and Grady at Buena Vista. Garage Sale, Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., 1208 E. 3rd. Proceeds go to benefit the West Texas Food Bank-Big Spring. Fall Fest, Saturday from noon until 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. A variety of activities for children and adults of all ages. Lunch is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children.

WEATHER

Tonight: Sat: Sun: Mon:

Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows from the mid to near 70. Saturday, partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the 80s. Saturday night, cloudy with a chance of rain. Extended forecast, Sunday, mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. Highs near 70.

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OBITUARIES

Betty Dalton

Graveside service for Betty Dalton, 65, Big Spring, will be 3 p.m. today at Trinity Memorial Park with Royce Clay, minister of Ackerly Church of Christ, officiating.

Ms. Dalton died Thursday, Sept. 18, 1997, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a long illness.

She was born on Aug. 11, 1932, in Mineral Wells. She had lived in Big Spring since 1942. She had been a bookkeeper and ticket agent for Greyhound Bus Company for 35 years. She had also worked 10 years for Malone & Hogan Clinic. Betty retired in 1988 due to ill health.

She is survived by her mother, Betty Chrane, Big Spring; one aunt; and several cousins. Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

GROWTH

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importance to the community, officials said.

"SWCID has introduced an opportunity for the Howard County Junior College District to provide education for deaf students interested in pursuing their education in a much greater way than they would have been able to do otherwise," HCJCD president Cheri Sparks said. "I believe the uniqueness of SWCID has made Howard College even more unique."

SWCID, home to slightly more than 100 students, has operated under the Howard College umbrella since its inception, and offers many of the same type courses to deaf students that HC offers to the mainstream community.

It also provides deaf students with an important helping hand, Sparks said.

"The strength of SWCID is that it is able to provide students with an environment where they have deaf role models, and they're able to increase their skills," Sparks said. "The uniqueness of the Howard College and SWCID partnership is that deaf students can learn in a self-contained environment, but they can also be in a mainstream environment as well."

SWCID provost Ron Brasel lauded the recent construction projects at the school — saying they will be effective tools for recruiting new students — and hopes the future brings even more growth to the campus.

"With the construction projects going on, I hope that they will improve recruiting efforts, and I would like to see us continue to upgrade our technology," Brasel said.

LOOK

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its value. At the \$1.40 rate, the tax bill would be \$1,190, a \$140 savings.

By its promise, the state will pay local school districts the difference and the homeowner will pocket the savings.

Texans can calculate the savings on their own homes by multiplying their local school property tax rate by 100.

The higher exemption will not apply to business owners or rental property dwellers, despite their contribution to the funds that would be used to pay for the exemption.

The new exemption will automatically go into effect for homeowners paying 1997 property taxes.

Howard County homeowners who have not claimed their homestead exemption can do so by obtaining an application form from the Howard County Appraisal District office.

According to the State Comptroller's Office, the application only requires brief information, such as a homeowner's name, address, legal description of the property and a few other items to prove an applicant is entitled to the exemption.

SWCID

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almost 20 years ago, relations between the school and the community have been solid. Anderson said there are many businesses and agencies that have interpreters on staff to help with deaf customers.

But the week's festivities aren't only for the hearing community's benefit.

"It's not only for hearing people, but for deaf people who may not be aware of their identity," said Katrina Rogers, a counselor at SWCID. "They may be wondering, 'Who am I?' We're able to boost their self-esteem... They learn more about themselves and they learn they can have pride."

Opening ceremonies for the school's observance will be held at 10 a.m. Monday in the main lobby at SWCID. Dignitaries scheduled to attend include Howard College President Cheri Sparks, SWCID Provost Ron Brasel and State Representative David Counts.

Also on tap is a groundbreaking ceremony for a new gymnasium/student union building at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

A drama on deaf experiences will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the student union building, followed by the Wheel of Fortune game. The observance officially ends with a closing ceremony at 10 a.m. Friday in the main lobby.

For more information, contact the school at 264-3700.

There are companies who will file a homestead exemption for a homeowner, but for a fee. For a homeowner who will take the time to file a homestead exemption, the filing is free of charge.

Older homeowners should remember there are exemptions for people over the age of 65 as well as for people who are disabled. These exemptions will vary according to the taxing entity involved.

Homeowners are also encouraged to remember the difference between a homestead exemption and a homestead designation.

While a homestead exemption requires a homeowner to show proof of ownership and principal residency as of Jan. 1 of the tax year, a homestead designation protects a homeowner in the event of a lawsuit.

Regardless of the outcome of a suit, a homestead with this designation will not be seized.

The best time to file for a homestead exemption is between Jan. 1 and April 30, but exemptions can still be filed even after taxes have been paid.

Homeowners are allowed to file for a homestead exemption up to a year after taxes have been paid or became delinquent, whichever occurs earlier.

BRIEFS

CATHOLIC INQUIRY CLASSES BEGIN Sept. 30, in Coahoma at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, and will continue every Tuesday until Easter. Starting time is 7:30 p.m. The classes will be conducted by a team of Catholic church leaders.

SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER will have a community blood drive Tuesday, Sept. 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the first floor classroom. Please call 263-1211 ext. 463 for an appointment.

FREE EYEGLASSES ARE AVAILABLE for adults the third Saturday of each month at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club Bingo Building, 1607 E. Third St.

All adults needing glasses who don't have income to purchase them are welcome. A doctor's prescription is recommended.

EXES OF TEXAS TECH are invited to attend a special program at the Big Spring Country Club Tuesday Sept. 30, with guest speaker Chancellor John Montford.

Cost is \$20 per person for the dinner and social time, and reservations need to be made by Sept. 22. For information, call Roxie McDaniel, 267-3388 or Nancy Welch, 267-9702.

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8:30 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

TODAY
•Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Bible study.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. Big Book Study.

SATURDAY

•Candlelight NA meeting, 10 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goffad.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open meetings at noon, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

•Albertos No. 2 comedy shows with live comedians, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Call 267-9746 for ticket information.

SUNDAY

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

•Fall Fest '97 at St. Paul Lutheran Churches fellowship hall at noon. There will be German sausage, sauerkraut, German potato salad and dessert for \$6 for adults and \$4 for children, as well as fun activities.

MONDAY
•Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Al Valdes, 263-6810.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

•TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:15 p.m. weigh in and 6:15 p.m. meeting, Best Home Health Care, 1710 E. Marcy Dr.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

•Encourager's support group (for widows and widowers), 6 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels,

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covered dish dinner and a program about Saudi Arabia. Enter through north door. Call 398-5522 or 399-4369.

TUESDAY

•Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group; 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m.; Spanish services.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

•Beginning line dance class will be taught at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information. All ages welcome.

MARKETS

Oct. cotton 73.57 cents a pound, up 14 points; Oct. crude oil 19.40, up 2 points; Cash hogs steady at 52; cash steers steady at 66; Oct. lean hog futures 70.22, down 92 points; Oct. live cattle futures 67.87, down 2 points.

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Table with market indices and prices: Index 7877.90, Volume 252,040,050, ATT 43%, Amoco 97%, Atlantic Richfield 85%, Atmos Energy 26%, Calenergy Inc. 35%, Chevron 86%, Cifra 2.22 - 2.25, Coca-Cola 58%, De Beers 29%, DuPont 63%, Excel Comm. 23%, Exxon 65%, Fina 64%, Ford Motors 45%, Halliburton 51%, IBM 98%, Intel Corp 95%, Laser Indus LTD 17%, Medical Alliance 37%, Mobil 76%, Norwest 63%, NUV 9%, Phillips Petroleum 50%, Palex Inc. 14%, Pepsi Cola 38%, Parallell Petroleum 6%, Rural/Metro 29%, Sears 56%, Southwestern Bell 59%, Sun 43%, Texaco 120%, Texas Instruments 135%, Texas Utils. Co 35%, Unocal Corp 43%, Wal-Mart 37%, Amcap 16.52-17.53, Euro Pacific 28.89-30.65, I.C.A. 30.53-32.39, New Economy 20.89-22.16, New Perspective 21.56-22.88, Prime Rate 8.50%, Gold 322.10-322.60, Silver 4.67-4.70

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:
Thursday
2:50 a.m. — 3600 block Dixon, mistaken fire alarm.
3:10 a.m. — 3600 block Dixon,

mistaken fire alarm.
7:04 a.m. 1900 block North Highway 87, medical call, patient transferred to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

1:30 p.m. — 900 block NW 7th, medical call, patient transferred to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

2:39 p.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transferred to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

4:57 p.m. — 1900 block North 87, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

Friday
6:44 a.m. — 3600 block Dixon, mistaken fire alarm.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. Friday:

• RICHARD WHITE JR., no age given, was arrested on local warrants.

• CODY FREELAND, 19, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• TERRY COLLINS, 25, was arrested on local warrants.

• STEVEN ROBLES, 23, was arrested on a charge of violation of a protective order.

• BRIAN COSBY, 23, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• ADELIA DEANDA, 29, was arrested on a charge of failure to identify.

• LUIS MOLINA, 36, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• MICHELLE CASTANEDA, 18, was arrested on local warrants.

• JEANETTE BUTLER, 33, was arrested on local warrants.

• THEFT was reported on the 1700 block of Wasson.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported on the 1000 block of N. Main, the 1600 block of Martin Luther King, the 1200 block of Ridgeroad, the 300 block of E. 13th and the 800 block of Anna.

• STOLEN WEAPON was reported on the 300 block of San Jacinto.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. Friday:

• LARCENY CROSS, 54, 1002 N. Main, was arrested on a charge of contempt of court.

• THEFT was reported on Denton Road.

RECORDS

Thursday's high 99
Thursday's low 71
Average high 87
Average low 63
Record high 101 in 1945
Record low 43 in 1991
Precip. Thursday 0.00
Month to date 0.01
Month's normal 0.93
Year to date 17.34
Normal for the year 13.75
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SHOW OF SUPPORT



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The Christmas in April project received a check for \$2,025 at their meeting on Thursday. Sam Castro (from left), Account Executive for Cellular One and Michael Womack, sales manager, present the check to Bob Noyes, president of Christmas in April, Don Riley, vice-president and Teresa Hodnett, Secretary.

Readers Corner
We accept reader's submissions for this monthly feature, including photos, poems or other items. It runs the fourth Wednesday of each month.
Send your submission to: Reader's Corner, Big Spring Herald, 710 Scurry; P.O. Box 1431; Big Spring; 79721; or fax to 264-7205.

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Betty Dalton, 65, died Thursday. Graveside services will be 3:00 PM Friday at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Without debate or vote, House lawmakers hike salaries \$3,000

WASHINGTON (AP) — Without debate — or vote — House lawmakers placed themselves on a glidepath to a pay hike of \$3,072 next year.

And critics of the automatic cost-of-living increase that would boost the current \$133,600 congressional salary are none too pleased.

"Not only does the public think members of Congress should have their pay cut, they only get angrier when raises occur through parliamentary maneuvers or, as in the past, during the middle of the night," Pete Sepp of the National Taxpayers Union said Thursday.

A day earlier, in speedy fashion, the House passed a spending bill denuded of a provision seen in each of the last four years: One blocking pay hikes for lawmakers. So in the absence of that blocking amendment — and with no word of a salary increase mentioned — legislators positioned themselves for a 2.3 percent pay raise next year.

Not all of the politicians themselves were pleased with how the issue was handled.

"It was wrong for the House to vote itself a pay raise," said Rep. Kevin Brady, R-The Woodlands, vowing not to accept the extra money. "We need to set an example for the rest of the federal government, especially since we are asking everyone else to hold the line and to do more with less."

But Brady, a freshman, was equally upset about how Republican leaders "ramrodded" the \$25 billion spending bill through. The legislation was "hastily pulled out of order, with limited debate and no opportunity for members to vote cleanly against the pay raise," he fumed.

During separate closed-door caucuses Wednesday, rank-and-file members of both parties discussed the issue that had been quietly worked on for weeks by

How they voted:

How Texans voted in the 231-192 roll call Wednesday by which the House approved legislation linking a provision customarily used to block pay increases for members of Congress. The \$25.4 billion measure also funds the Treasury Department and the U.S. Postal Service.

"X" denotes those not voting.
Republicans — Archer, Y; Arney, Y; Barton, Y; Bonilla, Y; Brady, N; Combest, Y; DeLay, Y; Granger, N; Johnson, Sam, Y; Paul, N; Sessions, N; Smith, Y; Thornberry, N.
Democrats — Bentsen, Y; Doggett, Y; Edwards, Y; Frost, Y; Gonzalez, X; Green, Y; Hall, N; Hinojosa, N; Jackson-Lee, Y; Johnson, E. B., Y; Lammson, N; Ortiz, Y; Reyes, N; Rodriguez, Y; Sandlin, N; Stenholm, N; Tumor, N.

Republican and Democratic leaders

One, House Majority Leader Dick Arney, denied any precipitous action.

"There has been nobody ... that has come up to me and said 'Dick, I'd like to put an amendment on the floor that addresses members' compensation,'" the Irving Republican said

Thursday

Asked if he expects any public outcry, Arney said: "We passed an appropriations bill yesterday. I voted for it. That bill addresses members' compensation not at all. That's the story and I don't know why or how I should expect any flak over that."

Like Arney, another Texas

supporter of the pay raise, Democratic Rep. Martin Frost of Dallas, noted that lawmakers haven't had a salary hike in four years.

"Every once in awhile, occasionally, I think you're going to see COLAs," he said, using the shorthand for cost-of-living adjustments. "It's just a question of what year you do it."

In 1989, Congress set the stage for the parliamentary sleight-of-hand that insulates lawmakers from the controversy typically trailing in the wake of earlier pay hikes. That year, lawmakers enacted a law giving them a cost-of-living adjustment linked to what the president recommends for federal employees. Since 1993, they have blocked those annual increases.

Some members were "skittish" about Wednesday's vote, said Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-Mich., noting that 38 colleagues changed their votes from "yes" to "no" at the conclusion of the 231-192 roll call.

For Frost, the issue was clear. "Everyone knew what was in the bill and what wasn't in the bill," he said.

Among the switchers were five Texans — Democrats Ralph Hall of Rockwall, Ruben Hinojosa of Mercedes, Nick Lampson of Beaumont, Charles Stenholm of Stamford, and Republican Pete Sessions of Dallas.

Sessions said he raced in at the last minute and mistakenly voted yes, then realized his error. "There was a lot of confusion about whether it was in or out," he said.

Seventeen of Texas' 30 House members voted for the spending bill — eight of the 13 Republicans and nine of the 17 Democrats.

The Senate version of the legislation contains an explicit prohibition against a pay hike, meaning the issue will be thrashed out later this fall in negotiations between the two houses.

Ex-Austin city pension manager to plead guilty to fraud of up to \$350,000

AUSTIN (AP) — The manager of the pension fund for Austin's city workers will plead guilty to charges that she padded a private bank account with between \$140,000 and \$350,000 in pension money, according to the U.S. attorney's office.

Merle Wilkins, who was the pension officer for the Austin Employee Retirement System from 1991 until last March, used a fake Social Security number in the scheme, according to court records.

She will plead guilty Monday to money laundering and bank fraud, according to an agreement reached Sept. 12 with the U.S. attorney's office.

In exchange for the guilty plea, the U.S. attorney's office will recommend a sentence at the low end of federal sentencing guidelines. Maximum sentence is 20 years for the money laundering charge and 30 years for the bank fraud charge.

U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks still must approve the

plea bargain.

The retirement system has assets worth more than \$900 million, with employees contributing 7 percent of their paychecks into the fund. The city matches the amount. Every month, the system sends about \$2.5 million to 1,800 retirees or their beneficiaries.

Tom Eaton, chairman of the board that oversees the retirement fund, said Wilkins' actions were not a threat to the system's investments or financial stability.

"The investment side of the retirement system is separate and apart. There's no way — unless the bank was to completely fall apart — that those investments would ever be in jeopardy," Eaton said.

Wilkins, who is a former mayor of Kyle, headed the fund's four-person administrative staff, which calculates benefits for retirees, supervises the mailing of checks and offers advice on retirement options.

A Dallas company is the fund's actuarial firm, and nine financial management companies invest the money.

Austin city auditors began to investigate the fund last February, spurred by Wilkins' alleged misuse of a company credit card as well as reports of property theft, delays of financial audits and disputes with the Internal Revenue Service. Wilkins had been suspended for two weeks without pay for continually using the credit card for personal expenses and reimbursing the fund at the end of the month.

After uncovering more than 30 transfers of public money to a private bank account, city investigators handed the case to federal authorities.

Neither Wilkins nor her lawyer could be reached for comment Thursday.

The City Council administered the fund until 1991, when the state Legislature made it an independent entity.

Prison board chairman calls for look into HIV infection among inmates

LUBBOCK (AP) — The chairman of the state Board of Criminal Justice has called for a review of the prison system's AIDS policies in response to a series of newspaper articles on the issue.

Allan Polunsky asked his Health Services Committee on Thursday to explore education, testing, treatment and housing of HIV-positive offenders and AIDS patients. Additionally, he called upon the Institutional Division Committee to examine prevention of sex among inmates.

Recent San Antonio Express-News reports about the proliferation of HIV infection in state prisons prompted concern, Polunsky said.

He cited "the nationwide increase in AIDS cases and tremendous expansion of the Texas prison population over

the last few years" in requesting an updated look at Texas Department of Criminal Justice policies.

The newspaper reported Sunday that the disease has become the leading killer of inmates, claiming 475 since 1992. On Wednesday, Senate Criminal Justice Committee chairman John Whitmire, D-Houston, and Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth, called for hearings on the subject.

Moncrief sponsored a bill in 1995 to establish a hospice for dying inmates. He also is chairman of the Senate General Investigating Committee.

Nearly 70,000 inmates have undergone voluntary HIV tests over the last three years, Polunsky said. The newspaper reported Sunday that 1,979 of those tests have come back positive.

In Lubbock for the board's bimonthly board meeting, Polunsky and TDCJ executive director Wayne Scott said TDCJ rules currently prohibit segregation of HIV-infected inmates because of confidentiality laws.

"We'll see if there is flexibility in that respect," Polunsky said. "We're looking into the legal issues involved."

The idea of HIV-only units appeals to Whitmire, who said the state should concentrate more on the inner workings of a prison system that has doubled in size this decade.

"We're going to have to determine what's the greater good," Whitmire said. "We might have to come down on the side of less confidentiality and less individual rights for the common good of better health care for inmates."

Union Pacific Railroad dumps another train

ROSCOE (AP) — Fifteen cars of a Union Pacific freight train jumped the track Thursday morning near Interstate 20.

Five of the derailed cars were tankers carrying hazardous chemicals, but there did not appear to be any leaks. There were no injuries.

Nolan County Sheriff Donnie Ranefeld said the eastbound train derailed just after 7 a.m., about two miles west of Roscoe. Preliminary indications are

there may have been problems with the tracks, he said.

Union Pacific spokesman Mark Davis said the 104-car train was traveling from El Paso to Fort Worth.

It was the carrier's third Texas derailment in 30 days.

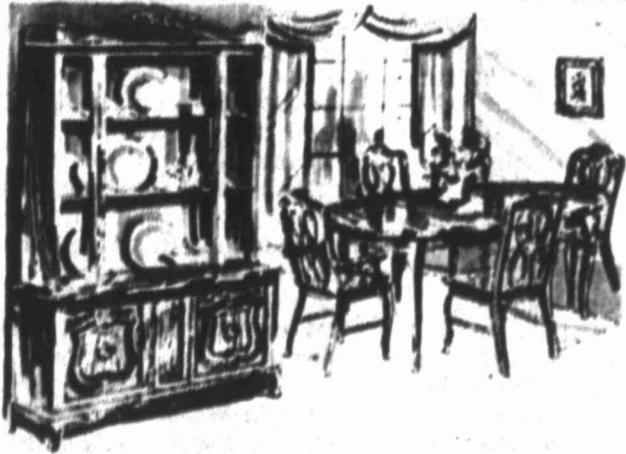
At a Texas Railroad Commission hearing Tuesday in Austin Union Pacific chief executive officer Dick Davidson vowed to improve the carrier's service record.

Two UP locomotives derailed Sept. 11 at a rail yard in Denison, spilling about 1,000 gallons of diesel fuel.

Two Union Pacific engineers were killed Aug. 20 when two trains collided near Fort Worth.

In June, four people were killed in an accident in Devine, attributed to dispatching error. Soon after, another person was killed in a Kansas accident after a train crew went through a stop signal.

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Quote of the Day

"Boredom is rage spread thin."

-Paul Tillich

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each Friday, the *Herald* salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play.

This week we salute:

• **HORACE RANKIN**, Big Spring, who was elected to the National Senior Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame.

• **NATASHA TAYLOR**, Howard College Lady Hawks assistant basketball coach, on being named one of 10 finalists nationwide for NCAA Woman of the Year. Taylor was one of more than 400 nominees.

• **KYLE HERM, STANTON**, and **ROBIN CISNEROS, SANDS**, on being named Big Spring Herald players of the week.

• **GAY HERREN** and **DEBBIE RUTHERFORD**, Big Spring, on being presented life memberships by the Big Spring Women's Club.

• **CONNIE RIOS**, Forsan, on being named Homecoming Queen at Forsan High School.

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS TEAM**, on being ranked No. 4 in the state.

• **BIG SPRING CITY COUNCIL**, on naming the new municipal annex building in honor of the late Polly Mays.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I was amused in reading the Writers Art column in Thursday's *Herald* about sore-backs, buzzards and weasels. The column reads, "A resident of Spartanburg, S. C. is naturally a Spartanburger. Why then isn't a resident of Gettysburg, Pa. a Gettysburgian?" And so it went. It seems that wherever a person is born, that's what he is. Let me go on.

Two fellows were on this subject and it went like this. One was telling the other, "Where ever you are born, that's what you are. If you were born in Indiana, you are a Hoosier; in Oklahoma, you are an Okie, and a Tarheel, and Yankee, and so on."

Then the other fellow said, "Wherever you are born, that's what you are." "Yep, that's so," the other answered. "That can't be right," the other insisted. "Why not?" "Suppose a cat had kittens in an oven. Would they be biscuits?" "Of course not" the fellow answered. "Well, you said wherever you are born, that's what you are," said the not-so-smart fellow. "What if I was born in Michigan, what would I be then?" The smart fellow said, "Well, you would be a Michigander." "Then I suppose my wife would be a Michigoose."

So the Rube thought he had him and said, "What if I was born on a ship in the middle of the ocean? What would I be then?" The answer would be, whatever your mother was. And the Rube replied, "Suppose I was traveling with my aunt?" The smart fellow asked, "What state were you born in?" The Rube answered, "In the state of ignorance."

Anyway, I enjoyed the columnist, James J. Kilpatrick. I wonder where he was born.
SIO ROGERS
Big Spring

TO THE EDITOR:

In the Sept. 12 edition of the *Herald* there was an article on Page 2, which I read and then reread.

The article was entitled "Awards Smoke Out Bad Role Models." Briefly, for those that didn't read it, it was an article describing the "Phlemmy Awards" handed out by the American Lung Association as

a way to publicly chastise TV shows depicting tobacco smoking.

Tobacco was a major force in the development of this country. Thousands of people still work both directly and indirectly in the tobacco industry. For those of you out there that don't know, smokers and non-smokers, tobacco use is not a social issue, it is a political issue. Telling people when and where they can smoke, and placing a bureaucratic strangulation on an industry is something one would expect in Communist Cuba or China. It is an indirect form of violation of a person's right, as well as excessive government regulation, not by the people, but To the people.

If the government really wants to further restrict our freedoms (though the use of it's supported associations), and make society a better place to live I could suggest other moral restrictions.

• Re-activate the so called "War on Drugs" in a way where it would not hurt the big pocketbooks it now fills. Don't step on any political toes.

• Stop immigration before our society is blended into a non-recognizable race, even at the expense of votes.

• Eliminate homosexuals. I at least hope smoking is more socially acceptable to most people.

I could go on, but hopefully you get the point. The government and their puppet associations should begin to try and save our country as a whole, and not regulate an industry or its customers because it is politically correct to do so.

TIM HATCHER
Big Spring

TO THE EDITOR:

The Howard County Special Olympians would like to thank the Howard College Hawks, Lady Hawks, Hawk trainers, and rodeo team for their participation in the mini-bowling tournaments. We want to thank coaches, Tommy Collins, Matt Corkery, Everett Blackburn and Mike Yeater. Thanks also to J.M. Ringener and the Bowl-A-Rama staff for their help in making these tournaments a success.
KAYE WYLE, ROBERT WYLE,
JOYCE COLE, GREG NELSON
HCSO bowling coaches



Washington does make a difference in your life

By ANN McFEATHERS
Scripps Howard News Service

Chances are you probably aren't getting a \$3,000 pay raise this year, which members of the House seem intent on giving themselves.

Oddly, without any debate on the floor, the usually vociferous, argumentative members greased the way for their salaries, now \$133,600, to go up to about \$136,700. (Their leader, House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who supported the pay hike, will receive \$4,000 more in his salary, currently \$171,500.)

There are, of course, two sides to whether they merit the increase, which also affects federal judges and which would be their first pay raise since 1992. But what can't be denied is that what the members of Congress have been up to in recent months has a huge impact on the lives of millions of Americans.

The biggest action, of course, was the tax cut, which will affect big chunks of the lives of the average family from children's education to savings plan to retirement. This complex package in turn has sparked a renaissance among financial planners and investment strategists and has the average breadwinner up nights worrying.

Meanwhile, reporters scurry about chronicling how Sen.

Jesse Helms sank William Weld's chances to be ambassador to Mexico or the delicious morsels out of Sen. Fred Thompson's hearings into what a \$300,000 campaign contribution buys.

That's important for what it says about how the government operates. But behind the headlines the members debate actions every day that have far more impact on their constituents.

This fall the members will be putting the flesh on the balanced budget agreement. That is, they will be deciding what specific programs get cut, what libraries cut back their hours, what parks don't get mowed, what roads don't get widened, if there is a new \$200 million anti-drug advertising campaign (while tobacco subsidies continue), whether veterans get \$40 billion in benefits, will the Energy Department spend more money on nuclear weapons research or flood control and navigation projects.

The Senate already has junked Clinton administration plans to close more military bases and divert the money to high-tech weapons and called for, yes, another review of how much money is saved by closing bases.

President Clinton did not tarry on the defeat but began shifting his priorities in new directions, such as planning to

appoint a bipartisan Medicare commission to look into how to make senior citizens more cost-conscious so that the explosive growth in Medicare can be curbed. That will be an enormous nationwide debate that no politician will relish.

Already this year members decided to cut Medicare spending by \$10 billion over five years by reducing payments to states for hospitals with a lot of low-income patients and they gave Medicare recipients a choice of managed care plans, sure to rattle a lot of people in 1999. But they decided not to raise Medicare eligibility from age 65 to 67, decided not to make wealthier seniors pay a higher Medicare premium and did not make beneficiaries pay a \$5 co-payment for a home health care visit.

In the next few weeks the Senate will be debating whether to go along with expansion of NATO. That would mean that many young American men and women could be stationed in Eastern Europe and also would involve another demand on the U.S. tax dollars. New authority for Clinton to negotiate trade pacts also is up for debate, which could affect jobs.

Congress will start debating raising the price on a pack of cigarettes by as much as \$1.50 over the next 10 years to pay states back for some of the

health costs of tobacco-related illnesses. And Congress will take up such serious debates as whether the Food and Drug Administration should consider nicotine a drug and how much restriction on advertising of tobacco products is wise in the crusade to reduce teen smoking.

How far the United States should go in reducing carbon dioxide emissions that contribute to global warming is on the agenda. So are new clean air rules. But after years of behind-the-scenes maneuvering, both houses unanimously voted on some protections for dolphins from tuna fishing nets although there won't be new "dolphin-safe" labels on tuna cans until 1999 and as many as 5,000 dolphins could still be killed a year in the Pacific Ocean. Americans eat \$1.4 billion worth of tuna a year.

As most people know by now Congress quietly voted this summer to give the tobacco industry a new \$50 billion tax credit. After it came to light, both houses voted to repeal it.

Congress still has 13 appropriations bills involving over a trillion dollars to pass before its scheduled adjournment Oct. 31. Still a lot of room for mischief and, of course, time to earn that nice raise.

(Ann McFeathers covers the White House and politics for Scripps Howard News Service.)

Crime moves down when prison rate goes up

By LINDA SEEBACH
Scripps Howard News Service

The conventional wisdom has it that the United States imprisons a disgracefully large proportion of its population — "more than any other industrialized country" is the way it's commonly stated.

People who talk like that seem to think that it matters whether people work in farms or factories, but it doesn't matter at all how many crimes they commit. Because by one crucial measure, the probability that someone will be imprisoned for a serious crime, the U.S. incarceration rate is far lower now than it was in the 1950s, when the crime rate was much lower.

No coincidence, that. The National Center for Policy Analysis in Dallas recently issued "Crime and Punishment in America: 1997 Update," by Morgan Reynolds. It documents the common-sense conclusion that when the probability of punishment goes up, as it has been doing in recent years, the number of crimes goes down.

Just since 1993, the probability

of going to prison for murder is up 17 percent, and the murder rate is down 23 percent.

Rape: down 12 percent, incarceration rate up 9 percent.

Robbery: down 21 percent, incarceration rate up 14 percent.

Aggravated assault: down 11 percent, incarceration rate up 5 percent.

Burglary: down 15 percent, incarceration rate up 14 percent.

And as the history of the past half-century shows, the relationship holds in the opposite direction as well. When the probability of punishment goes down, crime goes up.

The probability is calculated as the number of prison sentences divided by the number of such crimes. If it seems low, that's because the number of less serious crimes such as burglaries, which are rarely solved, greatly exceeds the number of more serious crimes such as murder, which have a comparatively high rate of conviction. But the pattern is clear and consistent.

Probability of prison for serious crime:
1950 5.27 percent
1960 3.63 percent

1970 1.33 percent
1980 1.57 percent
1990 2.39 percent
1995 2.68 percent

And moving in concert (with a certain lag time while potential criminals figure out that the rules are changing):

Serious crimes reported to the police, per 1,000 population:

1950 5.0
1960 5.9
1970 14.3
1980 22.8
1990 19.7
1995 16.7

The crime rate is continuing to move down, but it's still three times what it was in 1950, and the likelihood that someone will be convicted and sent to prison is still only about half what it was then.

Because states' policies have changed at different rates, it's possible to observe the pattern on a smaller scale.

California and Texas, the report notes, have followed opposite paths. In 1990, the California state prison population was 30 percent below the national average, and its rate of violent crime was 40 percent higher than average. A decade

later California's prison population was three times higher and its crime rate a third lower.

Texas started the decade with a prison population 50 percent above the national average and crime 5 percent higher; by 1989, the prison population in Texas had fallen 5 percent below the national average and its rate of serious crime was 38 percent higher.

The conventional wisdom complains that it's too expensive to put all these people in prison — "We're spending more on prisons than on colleges." That's like complaining that Californians spend a lot more on earthquake preparation than Minnesotans. They have more earthquakes, and you spend as much as you have to.

Criminals, unlike earthquakes, choose their opportunities. If prison spending is inadequate to punish crime, the result is more crime.

As victims and their families can testify, that's even more expensive.

(Linda Seebach is an editorial writer at the Rocky Mountain News in Denver.)



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Three aides to Ron Carey plead guilty

NEW YORK (AP) — Three men pleaded guilty in a conspiracy to funnel illegal contributions to Teamsters President Ron Carey's re-election campaign and implicated AFL-CIO and Democratic officials in the scheme.

They also agreed to cooperate with federal prosecutors.

"I acted in an attempt to save the election of a candidate I believed in," former Carey campaign manager Jere Nash told a judge Thursday, his voice breaking as he apologized to his family. "In doing so, I violated principles of honor and integrity that I have followed my entire life."

Nash and Martin Davis, a Washington political consultant, each pleaded guilty to conspiring to funnel union funds through political groups into Carey's re-election bid against James P. Hoffa. Nash also confessed to accepting cash from other union leaders for Carey's coffers.

Michael Ansara, the owner of a Massachusetts telemarketing firm that did business with the Teamsters, pleaded guilty to creating a shell company that helped Davis and Nash carry out one of their plans to embezzle union funds.

Officials at the Democratic National Committee and the AFL-CIO denied the organizations tried to steer money to Carey's campaign.

Carey was not named in connection with any wrongdoing in the voluminous complaints. Nevertheless, Hoffa aide Richard Leebove called for him to step down "to save the labor movement and the Teamsters further embarrassment from his involvement in this ugly embezzlement scheme."

Carey released a statement through his campaign, saying he would continue to cooperate with the investigation.

Nash and Davis were expected to be interviewed by a court-appointed officer who will determine next month whether Carey should be disqualified from a rerun election for president of the 1.4 million-member union.

Ansara already was providing information to the election officer and the federal grand jury investigating Carey's campaign and the union's relationship with Democrats and the AFL-CIO.

Under a 1989 consent decree between the Teamsters and the Justice Department, the federal government allocated \$21.2 million to underwrite last year's union election. Direct elections of the union's top officers are key to the government's plan to root out corruption.

The use of union treasury funds or support from any employer is prohibited in labor elections. An employer is defined as anyone who manages a staff — including officials working in union offices.

But faced with a tight race against Hoffa, Nash and Davis admitted to violating election rules and federal law to obtain extra funds. Carey's campaign spent \$3.6 million on the election; Hoffa spent \$3.8 million.

In separate court appearances, Davis and Nash alleged involvement by Democratic officials, leading labor leaders and the AFL-CIO in the fund-raising scheme.

Both Nash and Davis claimed officials working for the Democratic National Committee and the Clinton-Gore '96 campaign agreed to Davis' suggestion that they find donors to support Carey in exchange for Teamsters contributions.

Nash alleged that the Teamsters' political director, William Hamilton, agreed to the plan to trade union donations to Democratic Party organizations for outside donations to Carey's campaign. Nash said union donations were made "after and as a result of this agreement."

While they said DNC officials found a foreign contributor willing to donate \$100,000 to help Carey, Davis and Nash also said the donation was rejected because they realized the donor was an employer.

"As far as I knew," Nash said, "none of Davis' plans with the DNC or the Clinton-Gore campaign came to fruition."

"No plan to raise money in exchange for Teamster contributions to the DNC was approved or implemented by the DNC," DNC spokesman Steve Langdon said.

America's new AIDS cases drop for first time in epidemic

ATLANTA (AP) — The first-ever drop in the number of new AIDS cases in the United States last year is the latest proof that powerful new drugs seem to be slowing down the virus that causes the disease, the government said.

In 1996, an estimated 56,730 people were diagnosed with AIDS, down 6 percent from the 60,620 new cases in 1995, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Thursday.

AIDS deaths also dropped 23 percent, from an estimated 50,140 in 1995 to about 38,780 in 1996, a trend reported by the government earlier this year.

"This is remarkable evidence that our efforts in prevention and treatment are allowing more people to live free of HIV while we are extending the healthy lives of those who are infected," said U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary

Donna Shalala. The CDC said powerful drugs such as protease inhibitors are apparently preventing HIV infection from progressing to full-blown AIDS, especially in patients who start the medicine early.

"We are going to see people living decades with this disease," said Dr. Bruce Rashbaum, who cares for AIDS patients in Washington. "Three years ago, we would have 10 to 15 patients in the hospital each month. Now, we have 10 to 15 each year."

Some figures remain troubling: AIDS cases diagnosed in 1996 rose 19 percent among heterosexual black men and 12 percent among heterosexual black women.

The number of women diagnosed with AIDS caught through sex with infected men rose 7 percent last year, the CDC

said. In the 1980s and part of the 1990s, AIDS spread among women primarily through the sharing of needles. But by 1993, sex with infected men overtook drug use as the leading cause of infection among women.

"We know that the gay community has had a relatively thorough saturation of candid information on HIV prevention," said Daniel Zingale, executive director of AIDS Action, an advocacy group. "Women and people of color are not getting the same level of unvarnished HIV information."

New cases of AIDS dropped 13 percent among whites and 5 percent among Hispanics.

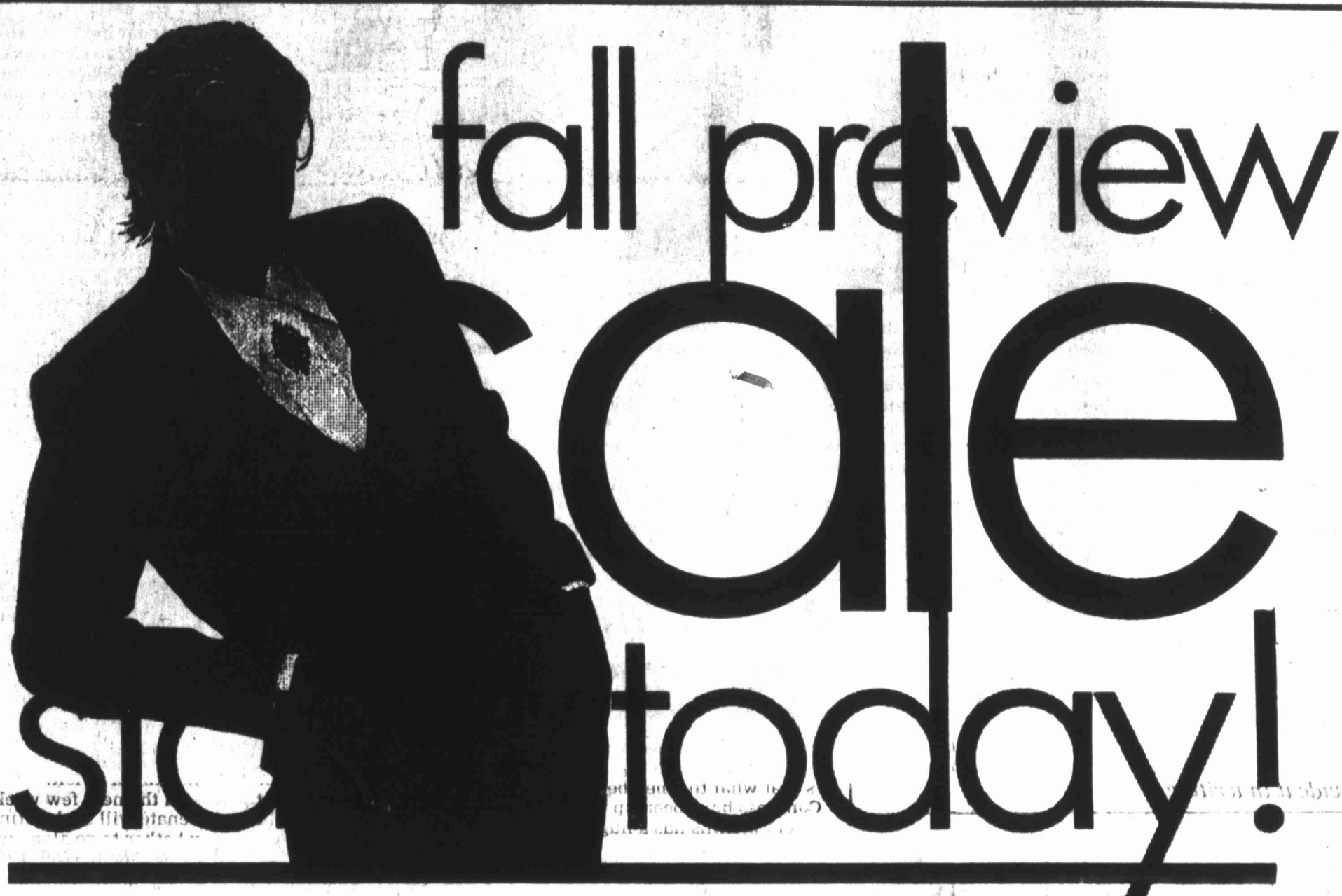
The CDC does not have information on the rate of HIV infection, which would give a far better idea of how successful

the fight against AIDS has been. The latest figures available, from 1987 to 1992, show there were about 40,000 to 80,000 new HIV infections a year. All states report AIDS cases and deaths, but only 30 count HIV infection, too.

The CDC wants the remaining states to start reporting HIV. An editorial in the New England Journal of Medicine is also calling for that.

The decline in new cases reached every region of the country. AIDS cases fell 12 percent in the West, 10 percent in the Midwest, 8 percent in the Northeast and 1 percent in the South.

The greatest drops were among homosexual men and homosexual men who inject drugs — 11 percent and 15 percent, respectively. New cases also declined among heterosexual men and women who inject drugs.



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◆ Coffee is thought to have been discovered in Ethiopia in the Ninth Century by a goatherd who noticed his goats acting frisky after eating "berries" of the plant.

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Big Spring Herald

Friday, September 19, 1997

Food bank benefit garage sale Saturday

Local branch begins serving agencies, buying and renovating Third Street building

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Big Spring's branch of the West Texas Food Bank will conduct a benefit rummage sale Saturday at their building, 1206 E. Third.

The food bank, based on Odessa, opened Aug. 21 and is still getting organized. It provides local and area social service agencies with food, for which they pay a handling fee. Dolly Neff, director of West Texas Food Bank, said the garage sale will help the agency give more food to agencies, and will fund some of the set-up costs for the new branch.

"This is our first ever garage sale," said Neff. "We thought it was a good way to let people come and see the food bank and raise money also."

Planned for sale Saturday from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. are household items, Christmas decorations, toys, bicycles, clothing and decorative items.

Almost all items are new, and staffers said they will be offered for discounted prices.

Shoppers are also being asked to bring a can of food for the food bank. It is stocked by surplus from manufacturers and grocery chains, but that stock does not normally include cans, which are needed by charitable agencies.

"We're here to make it cost-effective for charities to do more," Neff said. She said agencies using the food bank pay a



Judy Reed, director of the local branch of West Texas Food Bank, and volunteer Joanne Ford, sort items that will be sold Saturday in a benefit garage sale at the food bank building.

"handling fee" for the food, to defray the cost of shipping it to the local area.

Food now stored at the bank comes from all over the U.S., from many different sources.

"This is good, wholesome food that would otherwise be thrown away," Neff said.

In the last few weeks, the food bank building has been renovated — with sheet metal installed on the ceiling, but local director Judy Reed said she is still looking for a walk-in freezer and cooler.

"Right now we can only keep the staples," she said, pointing

out large, stacked boxes of dry items such as crackers and snack bars. Agencies can get frozen and refrigerated items only when a truck arrives, since they can't be stored.

West Texas Food Bank on Friday will finalize purchase of Please see SALE, page 7A.

CHURCH NEWS

Midway Baptist Church

The Midway Baptist Church will conduct a revival meeting Sept. 21-24. The evangelist will be Rev. Bill Tisdale. Rev. Tisdale has preached all over the world, has served as missionary to the Philippines and pastored churches in Dallas and in Henderson. He has preached at the Southern Baptist Convention and the Texas Baptist Convention, and has served on various committees and boards on Southern Baptist work.



TISDALE

Ford Cole, who is minister of music at First Baptist Haskell, will lead the music.

The church will give a 11x14 matted full-color picture of the Ten Commandments which is suitable for framing, to each family that attends, as long as supplies last.

The time of the Sunday morning service will be 9:45 a.m. for Sunday School and 11 a.m. for morning worship. All evening services will be at 7 p.m. Pastor Hubert Wright invites everyone to attend.

First Assembly of God

Earl Hazelbaker and the Hazelbaker family started singing professionally as a group over 30 years ago. For the past 15 years, Earl has been performing solo. Some of his country Gospel songs are taken from the old hymns which many will recognize, while most of his songs are his original compositions unique to him and his style of singing.

Hazelbaker will be in concert Sunday, Sept. 21, 8 p.m. at First Assembly of God, Fourth and Lancaster.

Pastor Grace invites the public to attend.

Church of the Harvest

Church of the Harvest will welcome Troy and Denise Puckett and their children Kristin (14) and Joshua (12) to their fellowship on Sunday, Sept. 21. Troy Puckett will serve as Senior Pastor at Church of the Harvest.

The Pucketts were previous associates at Willow Run Church in Ypsilanti, Miss. Troy has been in the ministry since 1989. Church of the Harvest is now a satellite fellowship of Total Life Ministries based in Dallas.

The Harvest fellowship offers a wide variety of ministries including the contemporary praise and worship band "No Walls," an active youth ministry from junior high to college, mens and ladies ministries, and a "Question and Answers from the Word" class.

Plans are for further ministries to be offered from Church of the Harvest. For more information call 267-6747. The service times are Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend at 14th and Goliad.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will meet in the Parish Hall at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, for breakfast. Everyone is welcome to attend.

St. Mary's Vestry will meet on Sunday, Sept. 21, after the

10:30 a.m. Eucharist.

Baker's Chapel AME

Baker's Chapel AME Church will have a bake sale Saturday, Sept. 20, at Wal-Mart Super Center, starting at 8 a.m. There will be cakes, pies, cookies and brownies. All proceeds from this sale will go to improvements of the church, where Rev. Floyd Green, Jr., is the pastor. The Church is located at 911 N. Lancaster.

First United Methodist Church

"How to handle Anger, Constructively" (Ephesians 4:26-27) is Dr. Ed Williamson's message this Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. The message is about how some Christians stereotype the emotion of anger as "bad" when in fact anger is a God-given good emotion with a constructive purpose when handled properly. It will also have a message for anyone suffering from depression. Worship is at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

First Christian Church

Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 23-24, all who worship at the First Christian Church are reminded of the schedule for having your picture taken for the pictorial directory. Please, call the church office, 267-7851, to schedule a time between 3 and 9:30 p.m. on one of these days if you have not done so already.

Those interested in joining the Co-ed Recreational Volleyball League may contact the church office for a schedule of the games which are played on the courts of the First Baptist Church.

The Stewardship Committee will meet in the fellowship hall at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 25.

Each Sunday morning a time of fellowship precedes the 9:45 a.m. Sunday School classes with the morning worship service beginning at 10:50 a.m.

Promise Keepers

Promise Keepers will meet 7 p.m., at Northwest Baptist Church, (204 NW 10th). There will be a time of prayer and fellowship.

Those that need rides or carpool to the Promise Keepers meeting in Dallas on Oct. 24-25, speak up at the meeting.

College Baptist Church

Senior Citizens of College Baptist Church can bring their cars to the church Saturday, Sept. 20 for a free check-up service.

From 9-11 a.m., men of the church will check basic functions of automobiles, alerting owners to any potential problems. Cars will also be checked for winter driving. Seniors should bring antifreeze if they wish to have it added.

Anyone with a question should contact Don Miller.

First Church of the Nazarene

First Church of the Nazarene will be showing "Charles Colson: Reluctant Prophet" Sept. 28 at 6 p.m. at the church building, 1400 Lancaster. The film shows the transformation of Colson from proud politician, to fallen prisoner and finally to humble servant of God, according to press information.

Colson, a key advisor to the Nixon campaign, confessed to leaking stolen documents to the press and served a prison sentence. He later used royalties from his autobiography to start a ministry for inmates. For information, call the church at 267-7015.

Judge says church must return man's donations

HOUSTON (AP) — A judge ordered a Baytown church to return \$23,000 in tithes from a legally bankrupt member, after a company sued the church to recover debts the member owed the firm.

County Civil Court Judge Tom Sullivan issued a trial verdict last week for Cedar Bayou Baptist Church to surrender offering plate donations from member Leland Collins.

They are to be paid to the Houston air conditioning company of Gregory-Edwards Inc.

Church attorney Don Knabeschuh said church officials are committed to a full appeal of the judge's verdict — and will appeal all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court if necessary.

He said the ruling and the state's creditor law violate the First Amendment freedom to exercise religion.

"You could take that money and gamble it away in Las Vegas, or even pay for legalized prostitution and it would not be covered by the law or subject to return," Knabeschuh told the Houston Chronicle. "But you can't tithe with it. This is blatant discrimination against religious activity."

However, Gregory-Edwards attorney Paul Nimmons said the legal principles are clearly established and appropriate.

"Boiled down to basic lay terms, Collins was using Gregory-Edwards' money — not his own — to make gifts to the church," Nimmons said. "The law applies equally to everyone. For example, I couldn't even give that money to my daughter. I have to pay the creditors first."

Churches plan fundraising festivals

by HERALD Staff Report

FESTIVALS

• St. Paul Lutheran Youth Fall Fest '97
Sunday, noon-2:30 p.m.

• Immaculate Heart of Mary Fall Festival
Sept. 26-27
5 p.m. each day

Two congregations are gearing up for fall festivals, both slated as fundraisers for the church.

St. Paul Lutheran Church Youth Fellowship is sponsoring Fall Fest '97 from noon until 2:30 p.m. on Sunday.

They plan a meal of German sausage and all the fixings, at \$6 for adults and \$4 for kids 12 and under.

Also included at St. Paul's event will be carnival games, a horse ride, moon walk and dunking booth.

Proceeds from Fall Fest '97 will be used by the Youth Fellowship toward expenses of attending the National Youth Gathering in Atlanta, Ga. in July. Call the church office at 267-7163 for more information.

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Parish is having its fall festival on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 26 and 27, beginning at 5 p.m. each day at the church, 1009 Hearn.

On Friday, a turkey dinner with all the trimmings will begin at 5 p.m. and on Saturday, a Mexican dinner begins at 5 p.m.

There will be live music both nights, food and game booths. Food for sale will include hot

dogs, tamales, hamburgers and trips.

A huge rummage sale will be held in connection with the festival. There will be an arts and crafts booth, and religious articles booth.

Raffle tickets will be available for the following prizes: trip for two to Las Vegas, trip for family to Fiesta Texas, Nintendo 64, \$100 gift certificate, religious pictures, brass vanity and chair set, 1972 Dallas NFL football and pictures, \$45 scratch off lottery tickets, handmade Indian doll, \$50 gift certificate, and three \$25 gift certificates. Raffle tickets are available for \$1 donation.

Church members said the festival proceeds will go toward renovations at the church, including a new sound system.

We owe former POWs great debt

During the past week, National POW/MIA Day was observed, and in conjunction,

ex-prisoners-of-war from throughout West Texas were honored by Big Spring VA Medical Center and the owner of Spade Ranch.

Such recognition involves a group of people for whom we hold a special place in our hearts. No group is more deserving of America's admiration and gratitude than its former pris-

oners-of-war and the brave families of those who remain listed as missing in action.

Through their courage and tenacity in coping with capture and imprisonment, they serve as a never-ending source of inspiration for all of us. They have given us proof that a strong heart and indomitable spirit are more than a match for life's most difficult challenges. It's a cruel irony that so many of our best men and women were imprisoned while they were fighting in defense of the very freedom they lost.

More than 60,000 American former POWs are alive today, slightly less than half of all the Americans held prisoner in the last five wars. In all, 142,250 Americans — including 83 women — were captured and interned during the two World

Wars, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War and the Persian Gulf War.

Whenever we think of the heroic sacrifices of our men and women in uniform, we must also remind ourselves of the silent sacrifices of our POWs and MIAs. I'm proud to note that many ex-POWs work for the VA, and — not surprisingly — they comprise some of our most valued employees. Equally important are the outstanding efforts of ex-prisoners-of-war in VA medical facilities through the VA Voluntary Service Program.

Locally, our patients and staff are assisted regularly by four ex-prisoners-of-war: Ernie Boyd, Joe Dobbs, Williams Purser, and Elton "Buck" Turner. In dealing with those who have been prisoners-of-war, please see VA, page 7A.



Fred Cox
VA Medical Center

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Do you have dry eyes?

(NAPS) — About 10 million Americans suffer from a condition that occurs when the normal flow of tears over the eyes is interrupted. In fact, after the need for glasses, dry eye syndrome is the most common ocular problem.

Symptoms include eye irritation, itching, sensitivity to light, gritty sensation and blurring of vision. Left untreated, this can lead to damage of the eye tissue.

Use of artificial tears is a common treatment. Here are some tips for easing your discomfort:

- Avoid prolonged exposure to sun, heat and wind.
- Be aware of any medications you take and their side effects.
- Avoid wearing contact lenses for extended periods.
- Alert your physician to any symptoms and ask about treatment.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

St. Lawrence festival set

The annual St. Lawrence festival is planned for Oct. 5 at the Parish Hall, 10 miles south of Garden City on Highway 33, then 5 miles west on 2401.

Booths open at 10:30 a.m. and the traditional dinner is served from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

THE LAST WORD

The only thing worth having in an earthly existence is a sense of humor.

Lincoln Steffens

Tact is after all a kind of mind reading.

Sara Orne Jewett

There may be more beautiful times, but this one is ours.

Jean-Paul Sartre

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VA

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war, and with their families and the families of those missing in action, we in the VA have gained a special appreciation for the depth of their suffering.

In the VA, we've seen the impact on the health of those who have been POWs and have shared the sadness felt by the families of those who remain missing. But our work also has shown us a more positive feature: as our POWs returned from each of the wars they fought in, they provided stirring examples of endurance in the face of extraordinary hardship. We have come to realize through them the great strength that love of family and country gives us all.

We owe these special people a tremendous debt of gratitude - not only for having served America, and suffering on our behalf, but for showing us how hope can triumph over bleak despair. And, of course, we owe our total commitment to the proper and full accounting of those who did not return - our MIA's - as well as to their families and friends who carry the burden of not knowing the fate of their loved ones.

America's efforts in recent years have resulted in the recovery and identification of more remains, bringing some measure of closure to the families who have lived so long with uncertainty.

Flu and pneumonia shots will be given to VA employees and volunteers in the main lobby of the Big Spring VA Medical Center, Sept. 23-25, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Volunteer groups/entertainers are needed to sponsor patient recreation activities.

Volunteer drivers are needed to transport patients to and from medical appointments.

Volunteer patient escorts/messengers are needed to work one or more weekday afternoons.

Fred Cox is Community Relations Coordinator at the Big Spring VA Medical Center.

SALE

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the building, a warehouse with a loading dock and a small office.

Neff said the agency is pleased with the first few weeks of operations at the local branch.

"We think it's gone fantastic," she said. "We've really been focusing on getting the building up and ready."

The bank hopes to expand the number of agencies it serves to 20 in the near future, Neff said. She added that, because of tax regulations, West Texas Food Bank can service only those agencies that have a 501(c)(3) status with the Internal Revenue Service.

Any church or other non-profit organization interested in using the bank should call 263-3111 for more information.

Supermarket find success with singles

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — On a recent Thursday night, Clara Allen went to her local supermarket to look for something different. Not biodegradable detergent or a fresh salmon steak, but a nice man.

She was not the only one. Dozens of the unattached showed up for singles night at the Fresh Fields Whole Foods Market in this Washington, D.C., suburb. The store started the monthly event in June, and manager Renee Harrison said the evenings have been so popular that the chain's other 225 stores are considering the idea.

"I came here to mingle with other people just to see if I connected with anybody," said Allen, 24, a recreation specialist dressed in jeans and a white blouse.

"I like this better than bars. Everyone is not drinking. No one is smoking. And you don't have to shout to be heard."

Looking for love in the organic vegetables aisle may sound unromantic, but the social evening at the store is the latest attempt to offer single Washingtonians an alternative to the bar scene.

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Respect for others becoming a trend of the past? Have we lost some respect for our parents, husbands, wives, family and friends? Today it seems that respect for professional people, such as school teachers, police officers, doctors, lawyers, clergymen, etc., is not what it used to be. Respect for life in general has steadily declined, and each year the increase in crime is evidence of a lack of respect for the law. Even dressing respectfully has changed, and it seems that whatever attire we are comfortable with can be worn for almost any occasion.

Respect used to be obtained merely by a person's position in life; however, today, one has to learn and earn respect. Like all morals and values, respect should begin in the home. Treating family members, friends, and co-workers in a proper way is good, and in regards to being respectful, we usually get what we give. Respect for God and country used to be a universal motto that we all were proud of. No matter how society and trends change, God wants us to be respectful of others.



The more things a man is ashamed of, the more respectable he is.
Bernard Shaw (Man and Superman, 1)

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Murray tells of life as atheist's son

HOPE MILLS, N.C. (AP) — Evangelist William J. Murray says it wasn't easy being raised by a mother who called herself "the most hated woman in America."

Murray, 51, is son of Madalyn Murray O'Hair, the operator of American Atheists, Inc., in Austin, Texas. O'Hair and other members of the family disappeared two years ago.

"I was not raised in an intellectual home," he said Sunday, his voice lowering as he fingered the pieces of a Nativity scene at Southview Baptist Church. "I was raised in a really dysfunctional environment."

By the age of 30, Murray said he smoked two to three packs of cigarettes and drank a quart of whiskey a day. He entered a 12-step program, but found himself searching for something else.

"By one means or another, I came to discover that unknown. God was indeed Jesus Christ," he said. "I turned my life over to his care."

Murray said it has been 20 years since he has spoken with his mother, brother Jon Murray, or daughter Robin Murray-O'Hair. The three ran American Atheists, and William Murray was once president of the organization.

Since their disappearance in 1995, \$627,500 was reported missing from a New Zealand trust account of American Atheists and United Secularists, the two non-profit organizations headed by O'Hair and her family.

"Over a period of years, she raised many millions of dollars," Murray said. "One of her specialties was talking people out of their estates when they die, to build great atheist libraries that were never built."

The rights to his book, "My Life Without God," have been sold, and he said a movie is in the works.

Mother Teresa loved people, but her real focus was souls

By TERRY MATTINGLY
Scripps Howard News Service

It was another day in the Home for the Dying, a year before a 1969 British film that made Mother Teresa the most unlikely of global superstars.

As was her custom, she was taking her turn doing basic chores. Over and over, the tiny nun and a coworker — an Anglican seminarian named Sathi Bunyan — lifted patients off the thin pads on narrow steel-framed cots. Fresh sheets weren't enough. Workers also used this agonizing ritual as a chance to cleanse the sores of those found abandoned along the streets of Calcutta.

"There was one moment that I will never forget," recalled Bunyan, who now serves as a priest in Loveland, Colo. "We were trying to pick up a man whose back was simply covered with sores. This was very hard and, as I lifted his shoulders, my hands slipped and he fell back onto the bed. It was agonizing."

Mother Teresa waited a moment and then prodded her disciple to try again. Her face revealed both compassion and determination. Yes, the man was in pain. Yes, lifting him again, peeling the soiled sheet from his body, and washing his sores, would hurt. But this did not change the fact that this needed to be done, for his sake.

It wasn't that Mother Teresa had no feelings or had become oblivious to suffering. Just the opposite — she didn't let her feelings prevent her from doing what needed to be done. She washed people's wounds.

"This is what made Mother who she was," said Bunyan, who returned to India four years ago to take part in a celebration of her ministry. "She was not otherworldly. Too often, calling her a saint is just as bad as saying she's crazy. ... It still puts her off in an unreal world of very spiritual people."

Then we don't have to take her seriously."

Truth is, Mother Teresa was not a "nice" person in the usual sense of the word. She wasn't trying to be nice. She was trying to be good. But even her goodness had an edge to it. She was as good as a dentist probing decaying teeth, a parent warning a straying child, a priest urging a sinner to repent.

She loved people, but she ultimately cared more about souls than feelings.

She did talk about peace and people liked that. They were less interested in her views on the sources of conflict. Mother Teresa, over and over, insisted that abortion was a sign that violence was seeping into all human relationships. When she accepted the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize she bluntly told her hosts: "Abortion is the worst evil in the world."

Years later, she faced America's political establishment at the annual National Prayer Breakfast. Too often, she said, modern parents are too busy to care for their own children or their own marriages. This causes strife, creating poisons that spread into the world and destroy peace. Then abortion teaches people to "use any violence to get what they want," she said.

In one of the defining moments in her life, she turned and looked at President Clinton and Vice President Gore and their wives. "Please don't kill the child," she said. "I want the child. Please give me the child. I am willing to accept any child who would be aborted and to give that child a married couple who will love the child and be loved by the child."

The president responded by praising her "moving words," but added: "We will always have our differences. We will never know the whole truth."

Mother Teresa disagreed. She believed that truth was truth, even if it hurt.

YOUTH PRAYER GATHERING



"See You At the Pole," a before-school time of worship for local and area students, included music and prayer. Shown here is the group at Big Spring High School, but others gathered at Runnels, Goff and area school campuses. Many youth arrived before 7 a.m. Wednesday morning to set up for the event.

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Tennis
Davis Cup semifinal, U.S. vs. Australia, noon, ESPN, Ch. 30

Schoolboy Football
Coahoma Bulldogs at Stanton Buffaloes, 8 p.m.
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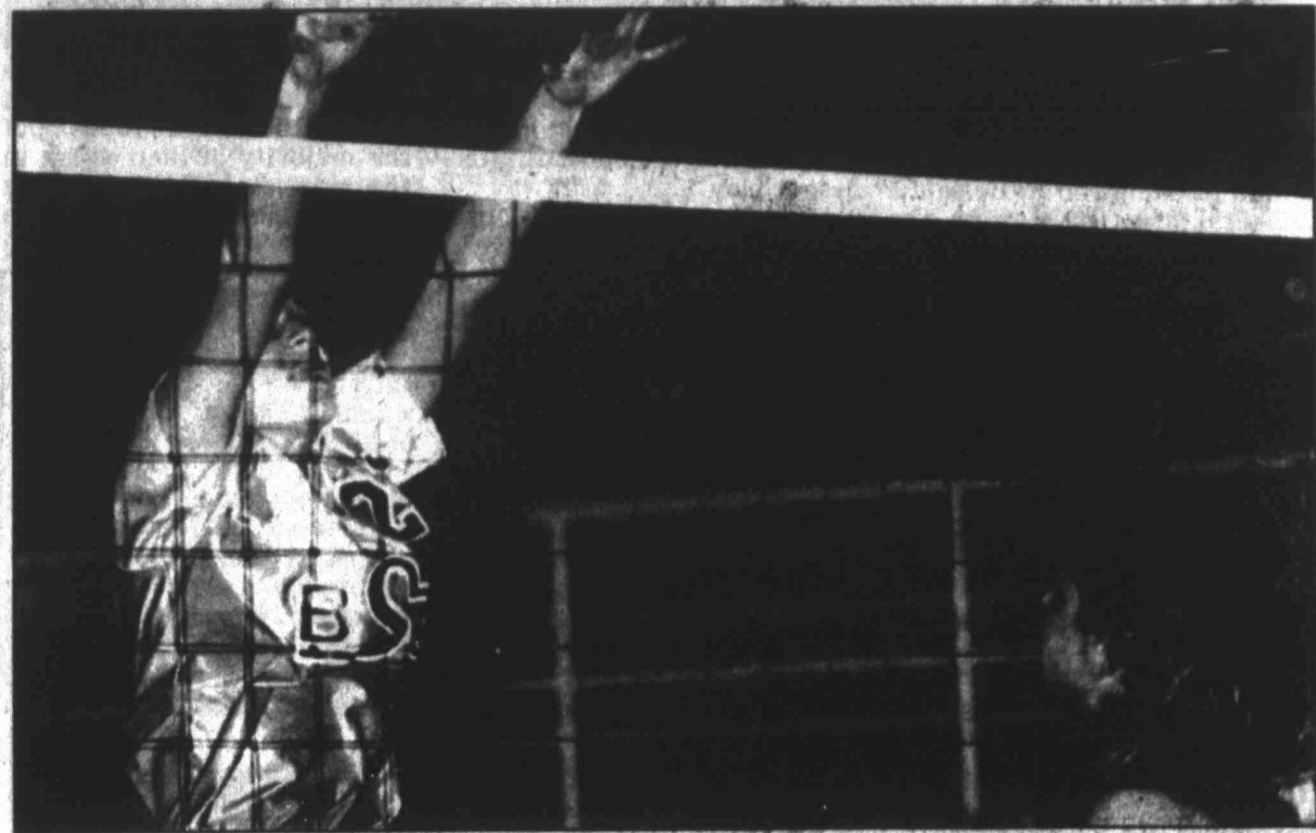
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Lady Steers open 4-4A play playing host to Fort Stockton Saturday

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Big Spring's Melanie Flenniken goes up in a bid to block a Bronte point during the second game of the Lady Steers' volleyball win over Bronte. The Lady Steers open District 4-4A play Saturday afternoon.

After struggling to a win over Bronte Tuesday, Big Spring's Lady Steers open District 4-4A volleyball play playing host to Fort Stockton's Lady Panthers Saturday afternoon at Steer Gym.

While Lady Steers coach Traci Pierce was pleased by the stamina and high level of play her team showed in the third game of their match with the Lady Longhorns Tuesday, she's well aware Big Spring can't afford the same kind of start Saturday.

"We're going to have to play a lot better in the first game when Fort Stockton comes in here," Pierce said, noting that the Lady Panthers will bring an 11-6 record into the match. "We can't afford to let leads like we had there in the first game slip away from us. We've got to be in sync from the very start."

Saturday's schedule calls for sophomore action to begin at 1 p.m., followed by a junior varsity game at 2 p.m. and the varsity squads stepping onto the court at 3 p.m.

In the opening game of the Bronte match, the Lady Steers jumped out to a quick 6-2 lead before literally self-destructing in front of Pierce's and everyone else's eyes.

"We started things off pretty well, and then all of a sudden, nothing's working," Pierce recalled. "We're getting in one another's way, setting the ball to places where there's nobody to hit the ball and missing one serve right after another."

"We struggled through the second game ... still didn't have any flow going, then all of a sudden start playing like we're capable of playing in the third game," she added. "Fort Stockton will make us pay dearly if we get off to that kind of start."

The primary weapon in the Lady Panthers' attack is hard-hitting junior Alicia Espino.

"We'll have to get up early and block her at the net ... keep her off balance," Pierce said of the talented Espino. "She's a tremendous leaper. If we let her do what she wants to do, we'll look like ducks running, because she can put it on the floor."

While Pierce says Espino is Fort Stockton's only "dominant" player, the rest of the Lady Panthers are effective scorers with punch shots, finding holes in an opponent's defense.

The rest of the district's teams opened league play Tuesday. Defending champion and favorite San Angelo Lake View blitzed Sweetwater, 15-1, 15-2, improving its season record to 15-3. The Maidens have now won nine of their last 10 district matches.

Andrews, last year's runner up, and Pecos, which also qualified for the playoffs last season, battled through three games before the Lady Mustangs took a 15-13, 10-15, 16-14 win.

Fort Stockton enters Saturday's match fresh off a 15-4, 15-13 win over Marathon.

In other district games, Lake View and Andrews are scheduled to square off Saturday on the Lady Mustangs' turf, while Pecos travels to Sweetwater.

Steers fall to Estacado in 27-21 thriller

Edwards provides all 3 touchdowns in 183 yard romp

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LUBBOCK — Turnovers and Lubbock Estacado's ability to come up with the big play were too much for Big Spring's Steers to overcome Thursday, as the Matadors handed them their first loss of the season, 27-21.

It was everything Big Spring coach Dwight Butler had expected ... a virtual war.

"We knew it would be like this ... the last eight years, I think the game's been decided by a touchdown or less," Butler said. "It's this way every year. You try to gauge yourself when you're at it with people like this."

Estacado capitalized on a Big Spring fumble at its own 35-yard line with four minutes to play, needing just three plays to score the winning touchdown on an 8-yard run by Patrick Sanders with 3:19 left.

After having rallied for a near-miracle win over Ballinger the previous week, the Steers seemed poised for another comeback when Gabriel Mendoza connected with tailback Tory Mitchell for a 42-yard pass play that was improved by a 15-yard face mask penalty that gave the Steers possession at the Estacado 23 with just over two minutes left.

The Steers would reach the Matadors' 11 before a controversial intentional grounding penalty — controversial only in that it was not called until Big Spring was breaking the huddle for its next play with less than a minute to play — backed them back to the 28 and forced a desperation



Big Spring fullback Antwoyne Edwards (25) momentarily breaks into the open during the Steers' 27-21 loss to Lubbock Estacado. Edwards finished the night with 183 yards and three touchdowns, as well as an extra-point conversion run.

pass that Estacado's Antwan Overstreet intercepted at the one with 14 seconds left to play.

The grounding penalty wasn't one Butler wanted to argue, but admitted not liking the timing. "It was (a late call) wasn't it," he said. "I don't mind being called for it, but don't wait until we're ready to come out of the huddle on the next play."

The Big Spring fumble that provided Estacado its opportunity for the winning score, occurred when quarterback Gabriel Mendoza and Antwoyne Edwards failed to make connection in

the Steers backfield, was perhaps the only detraction from Edwards' stellar performance.

The senior fullback rushed for 183 yards on 33 carries, scored all three of the Big Spring touchdowns and added a crucial two-point conversion run that tied the game at 21-21 midway through the fourth quarter.

"Antwoyne was awesome," Butler said of Edwards' performance that included touchdown runs of 19, 32 and 13 yards. "In the second half,

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Franks' touchdown catch not enough to save 'Canes

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — Although a touchdown reception by former Big Spring star Daniel Franks on a fake field goal allowed Miami to pull the Hurricanes into a 14-14 tie, they couldn't avoid the upset Thursday.

Pittsburgh quarterback Pete Gonzalez completed 19 of 33 passes for 187 yards and two touchdowns and ran for another score as Pittsburgh upset No. 22 Miami 21-17.

"It's been frustrating, yes," Gonzalez said. "This just means so much not just for me, but also for the senior class and all the seniors who have been with me this far."

Pittsburgh became only the fifth unranked team to beat Miami of its last 104 unranked opponents. Arizona State won 23-12 in Miami last week.

Another Panthers senior, John Jenkins, had a game-saving interception of Ryan Clement at the Pittsburgh 24 with 1:12 left and also scooped up Dyrall McMillan's fumble, caused by Ernest

Coakley in the third quarter.

"This win was a lot like last week's (over Houston)," Jenkins said. "When we really need to make plays, we come out and make them."

Pittsburgh ended an eight-game losing streak to Miami by winning for the first time since the 1976 national champions beat the Hurricanes 36-19. It was Pitt's first victory over a ranked team since 1989, and its third win in four starts for rookie coach Walt Harris. The Panthers were 15-41 the past five seasons.

Miami's 1-2 start is its second in three seasons under Butch Davis, who is 18-8 since replacing Dennis Erickson.

Gonzalez took the quarterback's job from 1996 starter Matt Lytle. Harris said Gonzalez dedicated himself this spring to learning the position and persevered even when he was on the bench.

"Pete is a lot better than he has shown in the past. He's a big-time competitor and he knows the game like a coach. I couldn't be happier for him or more proud of where he is," Harris said.

"You don't know what he has done to prepare to become our starter," Harris said, adding that

Gonzalez learns 70 to 100 pass plays for each game.

Gonzalez played mostly a mop-up role last season, when Pittsburgh finished 4-7 and lost 45-0 to Miami and 72-0 to Ohio State, its worst loss ever. He completed 43 percent of his passes before this year, with only four starts to his credit and nearly twice as many interceptions (nine) as touchdowns (five).

Miami had a chance to pull the game out in the final minutes, but Jenkins intercepted Clement's fourth-down pass near the Pitt 20 and Gonzalez ran off the remaining minute.

"We made numerous mistakes. We have 18 to 20 freshmen playing. We have mistakes being made by inexperienced players," Davis said. "The biggest challenge for us is to evaluate. We have to take a hard look at our players."

Five minutes after Franks' catch, Pittsburgh blew a chance at a 31-yard field goal when John Parker's snap hit holder Joe Holland in the chest.

Three plays later, Miami's Dyrall McMillan fumbled and Pittsburgh took over.

Pirates stay alive another day with 12-3 thumping of Astros

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Pirates are alive for another day in the NL Central. What they want to do is get it down to the last day.

In Houston. With Francisco Cordova on the mound.

The Astros still lead the Pirates by 3 games in the NL Central despite losing to Pittsburgh 12-3 Thursday night, and they still expect to wrap up the division before the teams finish the season next weekend in Houston.

"They've got to do a lot of work to catch us," said Darryl Kile (18-7), who lost his fourth decision in five games. "We got what we wanted here — a split."

But should the Astros let the Pirates back into

the race by that final series, they might get exactly what they don't want — Cordova (11-8) on the mound in a meaningful game.

At least they got a couple of hits off him in six innings, something they didn't do when he no-hit them for nine innings on July 12. But they mostly flailed helplessly at his sinker and changeup as he extended his hitless innings streak against them to 15 until Billy Spillers' homer in the fifth.

"I couldn't believe it when he threw me six straight changeups," Jeff Bagwell said of his sixth-inning strikeout. "I also couldn't believe it when I swung at them."

Now the Astros know how teams felt when they sent Nolan Ryan to the mound. Cordova's linescore in four career starts against Houston:

29 innings pitched, five hits, two runs, a 2-0 record and an 0.62 ERA.

The right-hander's effective outing was especially important to the Pirates because he had lasted only 9 1-3 innings in two starts since coming off the disabled list.

"The key to Francisco is keeping the ball down, and that's what he did," catcher Jason Kendall said. "He kept us in a game we needed to win. We've got nine left and we want to win them all. Obviously, we want to go to Houston with a chance."

They wouldn't have had much of one had Houston swept the two-game series. A loss would have dropped Pittsburgh 5 games back and, as Turner Ward said, "That would have pretty much been the season."

TONIGHT'S GAMES:

COAHOMA (0-2-0)
at STANTON (2-0-0)

8 p.m. kickoff

While the unbeaten Buffaloes are flying high following big wins over Colorado City and Roscoe, Mark Cotton admits being somewhat



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concerned about the Bulldogs' single shot offensive scheme. Coahoma quarterback Vincent Garcia threw two touchdowns in the Buffs' loss to Anson, one to Jerry Mann and the other to Keith Brockman. Buff QB Kyle Horn, who started that production, and added one on the ground. His TD passes were caught by Tyrone Davis and Jody Louder.

FORSAN (1-1-0)
at STERLING CITY (1-1-0)

8 p.m. kickoff

Sterling City, which got into the win column with a 14-6 decision over Eden last week, while the Buffaloes are smarting from a 28-12 loss to Rankin. Turnovers and special teams play were Forsan's biggest enemy. The Buffs hope to return to the kind of play that allowed them to hammer Garden City in the season opener. Wes Osburn figures to be the mainstay in the Buff offense, and look for quarterback Cade Park to be joined by Brian Fielder to try and make the offense a combination that worked for a touchdown last week pay off again.



FIELDER

ROPES (2-0-0)
at SANDS (1-1-0)

7:30 p.m. kickoff

Ropes running back Greg Knight is the biggest concern for Sands coach Billy Barnett and his Mustangs. The talented junior has gained 580 yards in the Eagles' first two wins and is 85 percent of the Ropes offense. The Mustangs' defense came up big last week with the Herald's defensive player of the week, Robin Cisneros, and Josh Long both coming up with defensive touchdowns in Sands' big 20-point fourth quarter comeback against Highland last week.



CISNEROS

GRADY (0-2-0)
at BUENA VISTA (1-1-0)

7:30 p.m. kickoff

Grady coach Roger Smith says the Wildcats have drawn another tough opponent in the Longhorns, who 45-pointed Midland Trinity, 51-6, last week. The key for the 'Cats, whose only score against highly-rated Borden County came from Jed Hinojosa, who scored from two yards out in the third quarter, will be to stay with the Longhorns early. A lack of experience, coupled with lofty expectations for the Wildcats' lofty run last season, have put pressure on the young Grady squad.



HINOJOSA

Radical realignment dead; more moderate goal pursued

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Baseball owners have abandoned their attempt at radical realignment and are concentrating on a more moderate plan that has five or seven teams switching leagues.

Owners, unable to from a plan with enough support for approval, extended their deadline for a decision from Sept. 30 to Oct. 15 and said it could be delayed again.

Realignment committee chairman John Harrington said about a half-dozen plans were under consideration, and acting commissioner Bud Selig finally admitted the total geographic realignment, in which 15 teams would have switched leagues, is "very, very, very unlikely."

"They've looked at more maps than Magellan," Selig said after the relatively brief 2-hour session.

Proponents of realignment appear set on switching Anaheim, Oakland and Seattle to the National League and moving Florida and Montreal to the American. Some also would like to move Houston and possibly Arizona to the AL in exchange for Kansas City and possibly Milwaukee.

"We have a difficult job in front of us," Atlanta Braves president Stan Kasten said, "because we have 30 teams, which means we have 30 different histories, 30 different sets of circumstances, 30 different needs. And it's very difficult, probably impossible, to perfect."

Bearkats blast OHS sophomores

HERALD Staff Report

GARDEN CITY — Garden City's Bearkats chalked up their first win of the season, romping to a 34-6 win over Odessa High's sophomore team Thursday night.

Running back Adam Frysak, receiver Zac Zachry and quarterback Cory Batla provided most of the highlights in Garden City's offensive onslaught.

Frysak piled up 106 yards on 18 carries and scored two touchdowns, while Batla was enjoying a 10-of-19 passing night for 188 yards and a touchdown.

Zachry was on the receiving end of that touchdown pass, one of his four catches for 79 yards.

The Bearkats' first score came on a 5-yard run by Steven Hoelscher less than three minutes into the second quarter.

Frysak then got into the swing of things, scoring on a 4-yard run with just 44 seconds remaining in the half.

The Bearcats increased their lead to 18-0 when Frysak scored on a 2-yard run less than two minutes into the second half. Garden City's lead was 26-0 at the end of the third quarter after Batla and Zachry connected and Robert Guerrero gathered in the conversion pass from Batla with 52 seconds left in the period.

Justin Hillger capped the Bearkat scoring with a 7-yard run with 6:31 left to play.

The only highlight for the outmanned Broncho sophomores was quarterback Fernando Franco's two-yard touchdown run with just more than a minute remaining in the game.

Franco finished the night with six completions on 25 passing attempts for 156 yards.

The Bearkats open District 7-1A play next Friday, playing host to Robert Lee's Steers with the kickoff slated for 7:30 p.m.

OHS stats	Team stats	G. City
7	Pass downs	27
73	rushing yds.	197
158	passing yds.	190
6:25-2	Completions	10-19-1
3:32-4	penalty-yds.	3-42-4
0-0	fum.-lost	1-1
0:30	pen.-yds.	7-53

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Garden City 0 12 14 0 24

First quarter
No scoring
Second quarter
GC - 6:22 remaining, Steven Hoelscher 5 run. Run fails.
GC - 6:44, Adam Frysak 4 run. Run fails.
Third quarter
GC - 10:08, Frysak 2 run. Pass fails.
GC - 0:52, Zac Zachry 25 pass from Cory Batla. Robert Guerrero pass from Batla.
Fourth quarter
GC - 6:31, Justin Hillger 7 run. Run fails.
GC - 1:08, Fernando Franco 2 run. Run fails.

ly harmonize all 30 of the different sets of needs. No plan is perfect."

San Francisco Giants owner Peter Magowan, the chief obstacle to the five-team plan, has threatened to sue if owners attempt to move Oakland into the NL, not wanting his rival to share what he feels is the Giants' exclusive right to play NL games in the Bay area.

Some owners, notably Jerry Colangelo of the Diamondbacks, say they are willing to take Magowan on in

court. Selig said the players association has been repeatedly informed of the debate. Union head Donald Fehr, speaking in New York, said it was too soon to draw a conclusion.

"There is a fundamental question of eliminating the American League presence on the West Coast," Fehr said.

Some of the teams who would have switched leagues as part of a total geographic realignment don't want to move if only a few teams are changing

leagues. "Houston is not going to the American League," Astros owner Drayton McLane said.

While Selig originally intended to press for a decision Thursday, he changed his mind when it was apparent there was no consensus. Instead, the meeting became a forum for each team to express its views.

Selig said owners would meet again very soon, but wouldn't put a timetable on it. He said a special meeting during the postseason was possible, but in

recent years owners have not met during October, preferring to keep fans' focus on the field. A telephone meeting remains a possibility, as does another extension of the deadline.

League offices usually give teams the schedule for the following season in July. Last year, the schedule was delayed until November because of the debate on a new labor contract, required for the start of inter-league play.

"We all are aware of the passage of time because we have to

get a schedule out," Magowan said. "We have to tell our season-ticket holders what's going on. We have to tell the networks what's going on. We have to tell the players what's going on."

In the other major business at the meetings, owners approved guidelines for allowing teams to sell public shares. However, teams will not be allowed to put the majority of their stock in the marketplace, and voting rights of public shares will be restricted.

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Sometimes, you are too brash and bold for your own good. It isn't like you to make a big splash wherever you are, but you will this year. There is no way you will be shy or retiring. Keep the big picture in view. You might opt to travel, take courses or expand your mind in other ways. If you are single, romance comes in the form of an exotic or unusual person. Next year will be memorable. If attached, a partner might be put off by your assertive ways. But your relationship improves once he becomes used to the new you. TAURUS appreciates your mind.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Your more possessive side emerges when dealing with money issues. Your creativity comes out too. Be more imaginative. You shine while making a "must" appearance. Listen to instincts. Be more nurturing with a loved one. Your caring counts. Tonight: Cut the budget.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
You are personality-plus. A partner is testy and difficult. Heed your instincts when relating to him. You are creative and full of spirit. Consider

what you want in the long run. Consider travel and an opportunity to learn more. Tonight: Do whatever you want.****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Temper flare, and you race to keep everything under control. You might want to consider loosening your grip. Things might not be the way you think. A partner provides the loving support you need. Listen better, so you can work out a problem. Tonight: Be mysterious.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Join friends, and be carefree. Everyone needs to let off steam, including you. Getting into an active game of ball or joining friends is important. Honor what is going on with a loved one. The love temperature soars. Go for what you want. Tonight: Have a good time.****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You feel as if you are in the pressure cooker and are unsure in which direction to go. A loved one throws a tantrum, which is nothing new. Be more in tune with your needs. Do not compromise. You can distinguish fact from fiction. Tonight: You are in the limelight!***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Create the situation that you want. You can make waves, and make an impression, yet still be your loving self. Examine your goals. A flirta-

tion could become more, but don't make this your dream lover just yet. Tonight: Stir up action.****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Close relating is key to making yourself feel good. How you deal with another makes a big difference in the outcome. You do not have to spend lavishly. Discussions with a partner are intimate. Ask for more of what you want. Tonight: You are happy with a loved one and the VCR.****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
You are fiery. Listen to what others say, and go along with the program. Be direct with others, but try seasoning it with a pinch of diplomacy. Popularity is high; your magnetism draws others to you. Aim for your goals. Tonight: Accept an invitation to a party.****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Think through a recently-made decision. Moneymaking opportunities present themselves, if you are open to another's suggestions. You are asked to do something special that only you can do. Be willing to put in the extra work needed. Tonight: Go along with the program.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Sensuality calls, and you feel more in touch with what is

going on. A male friend pushes hard to have it his way. Share your great idea. Loving exchanges mark the moment. Talk about the future. Tonight: Go to a concert or play.****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
How you view another could change considerably, as a result of his emotional display. He is trying to give you direction. You, however, might decide to go your own way. Discussions are key with a partner. Be vulnerable. Tonight: Make it a night for two.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Others emote, but you are likely to be far more mellow. What seems difficult really doesn't have to be. Discuss what is on your mind, and seek out others for their opinions. Your dream could become a reality. Tonight: Enjoy yourself wherever you are.****

BORN TODAY
Hockey player Guy Lafleur (1951), actress Sophia Loren (1934), actress Anne Meara (1929)

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he came back and ran like we knew he could. We're really tickled to see him run like that."

Estacado made the most of a short punt late in the first quarter to take a 7-0 lead when quarterback Zairreus Patterson capped a 34-yard drive with a one-yard sneak with 38 seconds left in the period.

The majority of the damage was done by Mat tailback Warren Boyd, who would finish the night with 117 yards on 16 carries and a 52-yard touchdown run on a play that seemed as if he'd be tackled for a loss.

"It was not a good first tackle night, especially in the first

half," Butler noted. "That No. 1 (Boyd) and No. 33 (Calvin Grant) had a lot to do with it ... they've got more moves than a belly dancer. They're like (the 1970s toy) Weebles ... they wobble, but they don't fall down."

Having said you gauge yourself with competition like Estacado, Butler was asked where he believes the Steers are.

"Well, we're 2-1 but we've got to get some people well," he said. "We got some people beat up (tonight) ... linemen especially. We had some guys get hurt, then try to go back out there and play, but they just couldn't against all that size ... they gave us everything they had."

Stanton gets best end of sub-varsity matches

HERALD Staff Report

Stanton came out way ahead of Coahoma in sub-varsity football action Thursday evening, taking wins in junior varsity and eighth-grade play, while its seventh-graders battled to a 12-0 tie.

Playing in Coahoma, the Buff junior varsity romped to a 42-6 win, improving its record to 3-0 on the season.

Quarterback Will Harris had virtually a career night, throwing for two touchdowns and running for another, offensively, and adding an interception while playing defensive back.

The Buffs jumped out early when Harris connected with Courtney Scurlark on a 46-yard scoring toss in the first quarter. He then ran 12 yards for a second-quarter touchdown and passed to tight end Brady Cook for the two-point conversion and a 14-0 halftime lead.

Stanton erupted for three more scores in the third quarter, as Jeremy Hull scored from 8 yards out and carried for the two-point conversion; Harris hit Cook for a 38-yard touchdown and Hull added another conversion run; and Clay White broke loose for a 34-yard touchdown romp.

Coahoma's highlight came early in the final frame when

Lance Monteleone scored on a 54-yard run.

However, the Buffs answered with a 28-yard run by reserve tailback Chris Flores.

Meanwhile, in Stanton, fullback Harvey Juarez broke loose and scored all three of the homesteaders' touchdowns in an 18-0 eighth-grade game.

And in the seventh-grade game, Coahoma managed touchdown runs of 33 and 42 yards by Michael Gollandau to take a 12-0 halftime lead, only to see Stanton retaliate with a scoring run in the third quarter and a touchdown pass with 30 seconds remaining to finish the game deadlocked.

FORSAN 8th TIES

Forsan's eighth-grade Buffs were unable to capitalize on the 100-yard rushing performance of Leldon Jenkins, as well as strong play by Josh Bedwell and Brodie Wash, as they battled to a scoreless tie with Sterling City Thursday afternoon.

Defensively, the young Buffs were paced by Brad Gillihan's eight tackles. Other defensive standouts included Joseph Cantu, Donny Allan and Cody Lefever.

Forsan's eighth next travels to Coahoma to face the young Bulldogs Thursday.

Woman all tied up in knots must cut herself some slack

DEAR ABBY: I have huge expectations for myself, but I never achieve my goals. For example, I want to be a straight-A student, but even though I study and study, I still get B's.

I want to be beautiful. I eat right, I work out, I get enough sleep, but I've never been able to lose the extra 10 pounds I carry.

Plus, I look in the mirror, and all I see is disorder. I want to be happy and surrounded by friends and family. In reality, every time I

start to get close to a man, I get scared and ruin it. And if I spend more than an hour with my parents, I'm climbing the walls.

In short, how do I change so I can finally accept myself as I am, and begin enjoying life? —FRUSTRATED PERFECTIONIST IN OAKLAND, CALIF.

DEAR PERFECTIONIST: You're already on the right track because you realize your unhappiness comes from the tint on the lenses through which you view your situation. Counseling is the answer. Once you get to the root of why you have such high expectations for yourself that nothing you achieve is meaningful, you'll be able to forgive yourself, and get on with your life.

DEAR ABBY: Ms. Barrett in Aurora, Colo., wanted to encourage parents to buckle their children in car seats. Perhaps my experience will impress parents with the importance of this safety measure.

My friend Suzie and I decided to take our sons to her father's

home to swim in his pool. Suzie had two sons (ages 3 and 1) and I have one. I always insisted that the children buckle up in my car, and they never gave me a problem with it. I told them that they could either buckle up or walk along behind the car, and because they thought I would actually make them walk, they buckled up.

Well, the day we were going to take them to Suzie's father's home, my back seat was full of laundry, so we took two cars. I allowed my son to sit in the front seat, but I moved it way back so he wouldn't be too close to the dashboard — then I buckled him in. Suzie's 3-year-old threw a fit about the safety seat, so she let him ride unbuckled. She followed me, and in my rearview mirror, I could see her son climbing from front to back and back to front.

Suddenly a car turned in front of me and I couldn't stop. I hit it and spun around, coming to a dead stop in the middle of the road. Suzie was so busy yelling at her son, she didn't see what was happening until it was too late. She hit me!

Although my little compact car didn't hold up very well, my son walked away with only a few minor bruises. Sadly, Suzie's 3-year-old didn't fare so well. He was thrown around in the car and critically injured. He died two days later. Every day I think about how easily his death could have been prevented had Suzie forced him to be buckled in his safety seat.

Since that accident, my son insists upon being buckled in. If I forget, he reminds me.

Abby, I want to tell parents that it's a lot easier to tolerate your children's anger when you insist that they are buckled in

than to regret for eternity that you didn't. —SAD FRIEND OF A BROKENHEARTED MOTHER

DEAR SAD FRIEND: Thank you for sharing this tragic story. If it prevents just one person from experiencing that nightmare, it is well worth space in this column.

DEAR ABBY: I must respond to your answer to "Catfused in Canada." Unless you have cats, you have no right to tell the reader to "keep the cats in a separate room with food and water." As every cat lover knows, people don't own cats — cats own people!

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Cats are family members, just as people are. Abby, what would you have told "Catfused" if he or she had a child that the neighbors didn't like? Keep the child in a separate room with food and water?

Be careful how you respond to cat lovers. — CAT LOVER IN GEORGIA

DEAR GEORGIA CAT LOVER: Since that letter appeared in my column, the fur has been flying from cat lovers nationwide.

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter signed "Caregiver in La Canada," I had to write. "Caregiver" stated that she has



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Culinary sleuths solve mystery of cake's demise

By KITTY CRIDER
 Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN — What killed the Lemonade Pound Cake? This game of culinary Clue was done in the kitchen. That much we knew. And we knew who. It was not Col. Mustard, Mrs. White or Miss Scarlett. But Mrs. Fisher of Elgin, Mrs. Whipple of Kingsland, Mrs. Fairchild, Mrs. Lowengrub, Mrs. Stephen, Mrs. McMillon and others of Austin, including this Mrs. Crider.

But what was the weapon? Was it the pan? The oven? The cake mix? The lemonade? The mixer?

That was the mystery to be solved. And cooks across Central Texas, as well as one in Louisiana, have been playing the sleuth game. But now it's over. We think.

We have a winner — by our declaration — in Lillian Fisher. She's made the Lemonade Pound Cake three times. The first two fell. When another cake recipe also had a sinking spell, she took her new heavy-duty mixer back to the store and swapped it for an inexpensive one. Her third lemonade pound cake turned out fine.

"I was determined. I'm hard-headed, I know," she said with satisfaction.

The cake in question is a five-ingredient recipe printed in this newspaper several weeks ago. The recipe came via the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. That paper's food editor, Beverly Bundy, had tested the recipe, sent in by a reader, with no problem. The Star-Telegram printed the recipe. As did we:

One 18-ounce white cake mix, 3 eggs, a cup of sour cream, 3 ounces of cream cheese and a 6-ounce can of thawed lemonade. Combine all ingredients at low speed to moisten. Beat for 4 minutes at high speed. Bake in greased and floured 10-inch tube pan for 50 minutes at 350 degrees. Cool for 10 minutes in pan before removing.

Cooks were excited because the recipe was so simple. Not long after publication, the phone rang. It was Mrs. Fisher in Elgin, reporting failures Nos. 1 and 2.

We immediately whipped up the cake. It was beautiful in the pan when we removed it from the oven. But within 10 minutes, it had fallen about an inch. Mrs. Fisher had our sympathy.

We printed a warning in the next food section. It prompted calls and letters from other cooks who had tried the recipe. Nearly all had experienced failures, but they were an understanding lot, looking for

answers. Bundy was stunned. She had not heard from any readers with negative results. We joked about Austin's cooking karma.

The game of culinary Clue got under way. Back in our kitchen, we made the cake with white mixes from Duncan Hines, Betty Crocker and Pillsbury. It fell all three times. The cakes still were edible, to be sure. In fact, some of our colleagues who breakfasted daily on fallen cake pronounced them delicious. They liked the dense slices, which had a lemon curd-like layer on the bottom.

But other cake bakers were dissatisfied. Meanwhile, Bundy got some interesting mail — a slice of fallen cake and a picture of the Bundt pan in which it was baked in Louisiana.

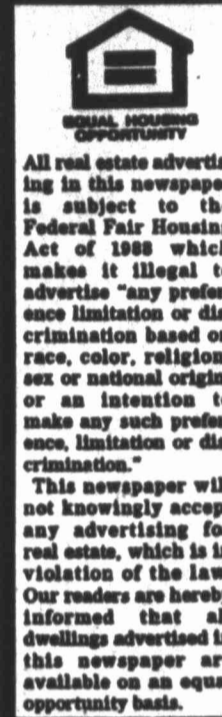
We called cake mix companies for clues. Pillsbury found the cake recipe in its database. It was a Bake-Off recipe from the '70s. (The only difference was the Bake-Off recipe was more specific on baking time: from 50 to 65 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center came out done. We had been doing that all along.)

So what crime were we committing? The recipe worked fine 25 years ago, but cake mixes have been reformulated since then, says Marlene Johnson, director of Pillsbury's product communications. The company's most recent reformulation was in 1995, and this recipe had not been retested with the new mix. The Pillsbury home economists immediately baked the recipe twice with the new cake mix. Both cakes fell.

Pillsbury's cake mixes today are made with pudding for a much moister, denser cake than those produced by previous mixes, Johnson says. As a result, the home economists speculated, the recipe now has too much liquid and too much fat. "The recipe is way out of proportion with today's ingredients requested," said Johnson. In trying to salvage the recipe, their first experimental suggestion would be to omit one of the eggs and cut the sour cream in half.

We tried those suggestions. The cake still fell.

The fallen cake of the summer of '97, however, was not unique to the Pillsbury brand of cake mix, and some cooks had experienced success. We tried again. (This cake is not so outstanding as to merit baking a half-dozen times, but daily calls and correspondence from interested cooks warranted the effort.)



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Hart-hit schools turn to advertising for cash

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Instead, they are splashed with white banners displaying McDonald's golden arches, Dr Pepper slogans and the name of a local orthodontist.

And in a few weeks, the rooftops of at least two schools in the district will also bear a new look: Dr Pepper's dark maroon logo.

Advertising is gracing school buildings, buses, lunchrooms, electronic signs and playgrounds as never before. In Tarrant County, and across the country, school districts are raking in millions of dollars from marketing opportunities that they can offer businesses large and small.

The money is going to fund programs that districts say they might otherwise have to forgo: computers, buses, scholarships and improved athletic facilities.

"I think it's a good idea and creative way to bring money into the district to help support school activities," said Mary Ann Nicholson, whose children attend Grapevine High School.

But as the volume of advertisements has grown, so has criticism. Some consumer

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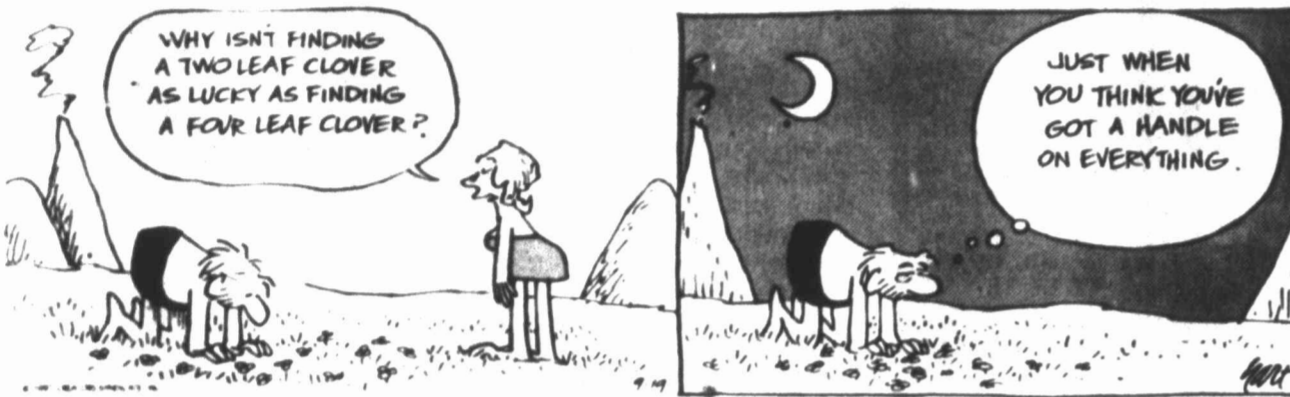
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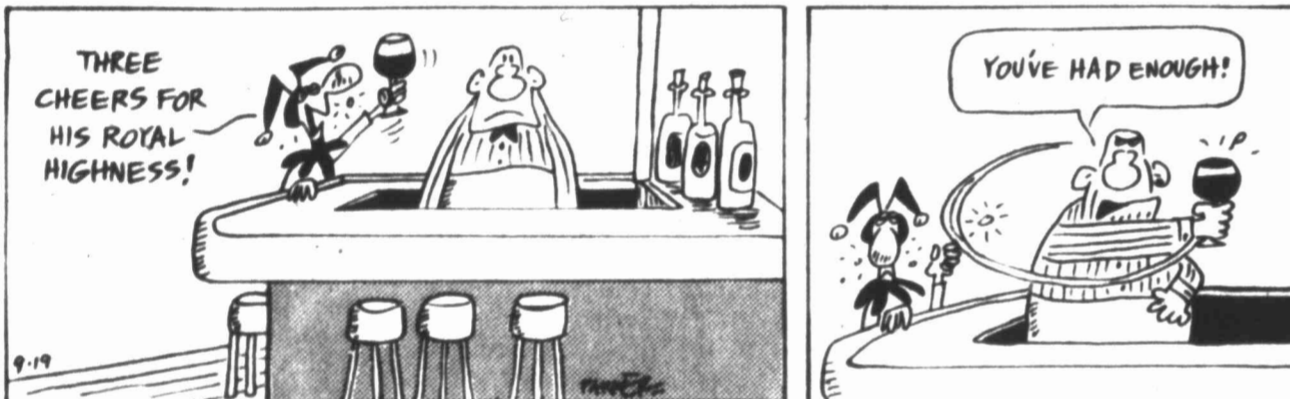
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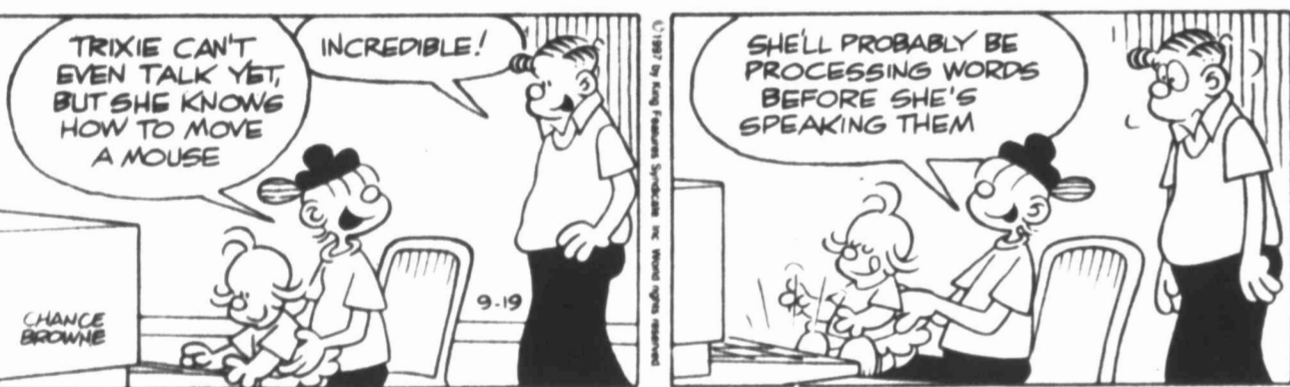
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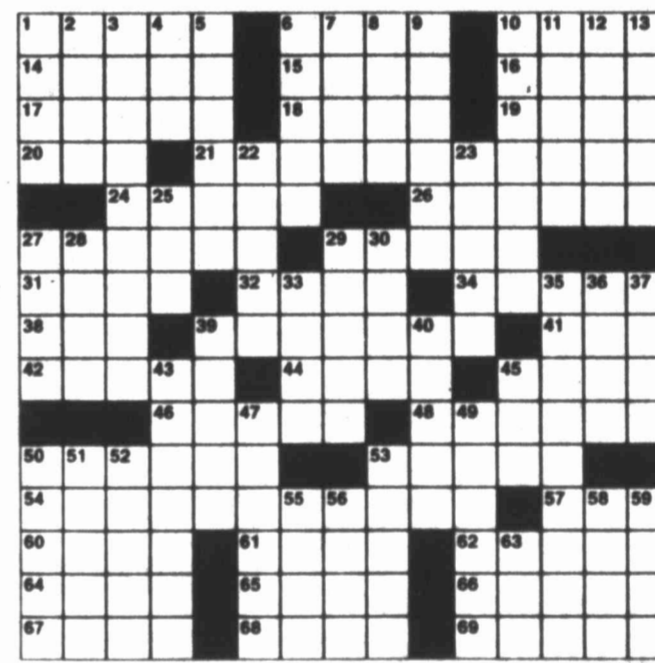
Today is Friday, Sept. 19, the 262nd day of 1997. There are 103 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Sept. 19, 1796, President Washington's farewell address was published. In it, America's first chief executive advised, "Observe good faith and justice toward all nations. Cultivate peace and harmony with all." On this date: In 1777, during the Revolutionary War, American soldiers won the first Battle of Saratoga.

In 1881, the 20th president of the United States, James A. Garfield, died of wounds inflicted by an assassin. In 1934, Bruno Hauptmann was arrested in New York and charged with the kidnap-murder of the Lindbergh infant. In 1945, Nazi propagandist William Joyce, known as "Lord Haw-Haw," was sentenced to death by a British court. In 1955, President Juan Peron of Argentina was ousted after a revolt by the army and navy.

THE Daily Crossword

- ACROSS 1 Gelatinous garnish 6 Mail 10 Turn white 14 Bone partner 15 Part of the iris 16 "I've Got — in Kalamazoo" 17 — car (airport offering) 18 Algeria neighbor 19 Geek 20 Hold title to 21 Truffaut film 24 Himalayan apemen 26 Bully 27 Gliobretol 29 Ship to remember 31 Napa export 32 Running wild 34 Law 38 Play a part 39 Abruptly, so to speak 41 Lennon's love 42 Continental — 44 Painter Magritte 45 Blue pastel 46 Caulking fiber 48 Speckled songbird 50 Puppet 53 Kind of ballerina 54 Bogdanovich comedy 57 Vitamin amt. 60 Pulitzer author, James 61 Shark's offer 62 U. of Florida athlete 64 Trepidation 65 Post Pound 66 Happening 67 Coffee servers 68 Film holder 69 Unwashed



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Thursday's Puzzle solved: A grid with words filled in. Words include: SAMBA, MATED, BAD, ILLIAD, ALIVE, ASA, BACCHANALIA, SKI, TEPID, DRAKES, OBERON, PEEPED, SCARED, DENSER, PARIS, DRACT, VAN, ALBA, TEASE, MINE, TAI, SHAPE, TILDE, TALESE, LOLLED, AUGUST, TITLES, CHROME, HOMER, LEA, BASEON, BALLS, EAT, ERECT, ACTER, ODE, REEK, QUEENA.

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