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WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT 47°-49° WEDNESDAY 79°-84°

Book fair going on at junior high

The public is invited to a Scholastic Book Fair called Space Station READ! (Ready for Excitement, Adventure and Discovery) at the Big Spring Junior High library, continuing through Friday.

The book fair will be open from 8:15 a.m.-4 p.m. each day and all proceeds will benefit the library. For more information, call the junior high at 264-4135.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

Choir Booster, 7:30, at the Big Spring High School choir room.

WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.
Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, call Terry Hansen 264-5175.
Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park, call 398-5522 or 267-1628.
Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, Herman's, 7 a.m.
Big Spring Senior Citizens Center Art Classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.
Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, call Billy Smith, 267-6479.
Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

FRIDAY

The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
AMBUCS, noon, La Posada.
Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

SATURDAY

The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Howard County gives merchants a hand with hot checks

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Howard County has approved a plan that could help local merchants when it comes to recovering money from hot checks.



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missioners on Monday approved purchase of a new hot check software program from Papcom Inc. at a cost of \$16,962.

"I believe the program will be a great benefit to the merchants of Howard County," said County Attorney Mike Thomas. "Merchants will no longer be responsible for sending a certified letter to the check writer asking him to come in because we will now do that. This should be a big

plus and generate more usage of the program by other merchants not presently using it."

Thomas had been given the authority in an Aug. 11 commissioners court meeting to check out a similar program in Eastland County. Papcom gave the option of leasing the program at a cost of approximately \$290 per month or to purchase the program, which the county will do when the new fiscal year

begins on Oct. 1.

Included in the cost is the installation, training and one year of technical support. Also included in the package will be three user stations, allowing all of the county attorney's staff access to the program.

In other business, the tax rate for the new year was set at .4489 cents per \$100 valuation. Approval was expected after no one provided input during a public hearing on the matter, held

Sept. 11. The new rate, though an increase over last year's effective rate of .41739 cents per \$100 valuation, it is actually a decrease of one cent per \$100 valuation of last year's rate of .4589 cents.

In other action by the court, a bid of \$1,400 was accepted from the Bosworth Company to fix leaks in the courthouse boiler room. Also, Sheriff Bill Jennings agreed to keep fees for legal

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United Way programs benefit children

Editor's note: The following is the fourth in a series of articles on the agencies supported by the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

While they share the same board of directors and executive director, West Side Day Care and West Side Community Center are two separate agencies.

"I think that is the most common misconception," said Melinda Hernandez, who serves as director for both United Way agencies. The similarities don't end there: both are programs that serve children and both depend heavily on the money they receive from the United Way.

At the day care, 45 children are cared for while their parents work or receive job training. While it is open to anyone, the center is a vendor for Child Care Management Services (CCMS), allowing it to serve low-income families for a lower fee.

Teen parents are a high priority for the center, but it rarely has openings to accept new children. Funding will not allow it to increase to the 85 children the center is licensed to hold.

"The directors can get the kids in, but it is the teachers that keep them here," Hernandez said. "We have such a good staff; they always exceed their train-



HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen

West Side Day Care students Melina Molina, from left, Nathan Fuller and Patience Cervantes hold banners while director Melinda Hernandez sets them into position for a homecoming parade last week. The center is one of the 13 agencies in the community that depends on United Way funds.

ing requirements.

"And we have good parents. We have been blessed with good parents. Of course, our children are wonderful!"

West Side Day Care is the only local vendor for CCMS given a four-star (highest) rating, Hernandez said. She said most of their referrals come from parents who have been pleased by the program.

"Being a non-profit center, we are smaller and can know each child individually," Hernandez said. "I heard the best compliment about us recently from a parent who is a nurse now. She said (the day care center) was 'just like home.'"

The day care receives \$20,000 in United Way funds, all of which goes to its operating budget. Its primary source of income is

the CCMS program, along with parent fees and donations from individuals and foundations.

West Side Community Center, meanwhile, is an after-school program for school-age children. A van picks them up and transports them to the center at 1311 W. Fourth. There, they do homework, eat a snack,

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Howard College enrollment up 17 percent district-wide

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Howard College trustees received news Monday that the district has a 17 percent increase in enrollment this fall.

Trustees also named a contractor for the



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expansion of the dormitory at the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf and an architect for the college's auditorium remodeling project.

Enrollment increased for the district this year by 358 students, with 2,399 students enrolled, said Linda Conway, vice president for instruction.

"We are very excited about the enrollment figures," said college president Dr. Cheri Sparks. "The college district has been work-

ing together to make changes and increase enrollment. We are very pleased with results."

Conway said the district has its highest enrollment in six years.

According to Conway, 1,164 students are enrolled at the Big Spring campus, up 68 students from last year. That's a 15 percent increase.

The San Angelo campus enrollment increased by 103 students this year with 938 students enrolled.

The Lamesa campus received 54 more students than last year with an enrollment of 126 students and the Federal Correctional Institute showed an increase of 24 students this year with a total of 34 students enrolled in classes.

SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf (SWCID) increased by 20 students, bringing a total enrollment of 137.

SWCID will be expanding its dormitory as board mem-

bers accepted the \$604,000 bid by Mid-Tex of Midland to complete the construction.

Among the changes will be new dormitory rooms and apartments for married students, a computer lab and more storage space, said architect Phil Furquerson.

Six companies submitted bids for the project, Furquerson said, but Mid-Tex submitted the lowest

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Cooperative effort could provide water to ball fields

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Howard College, the city of Big Spring and Big Spring Independent School

District may team up in a cooperative effort to extend water lines to the football field, Little League Football Field, American League Field and the college's softball field.

During an update in capital projects at the Howard College board of trustees meeting Monday, executive vice president Terry Hansen said the city of Big Spring had contacted the college about a joint effort along with the Big Spring

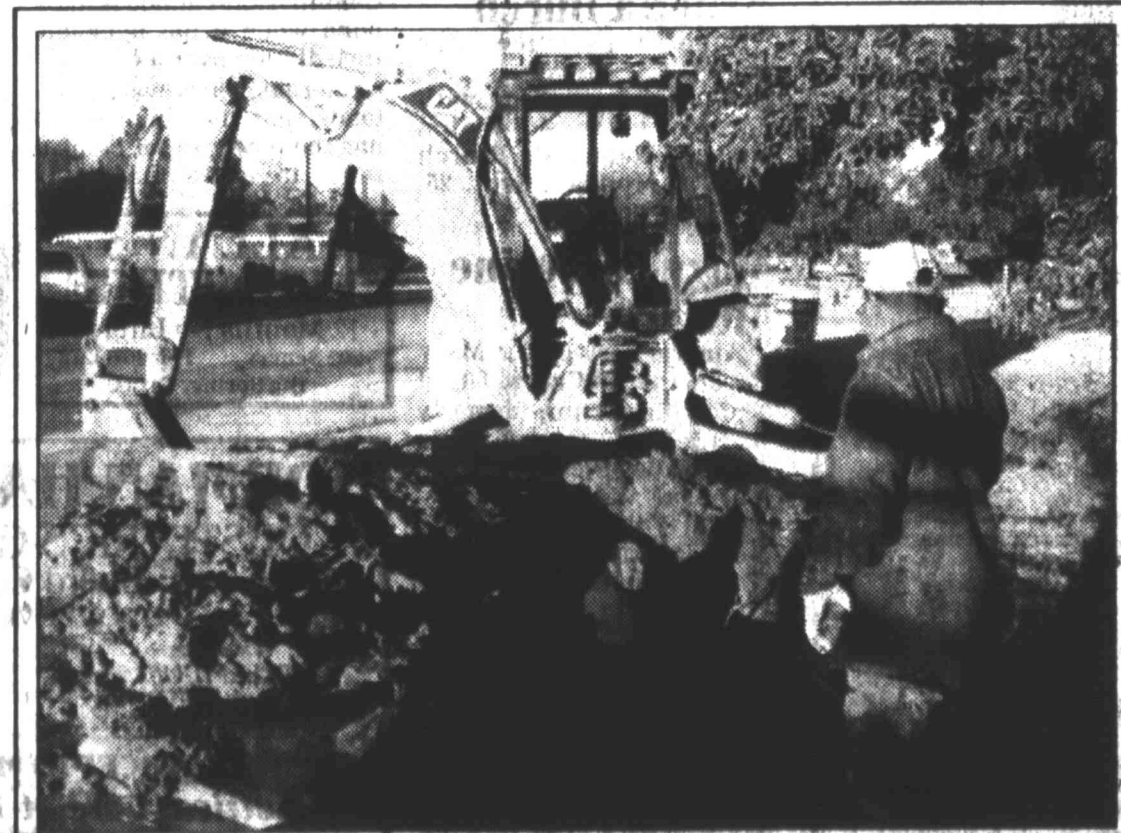
ISD to extend a water line to the college's softball field currently under construction.

The college uses raw water or lake water to water its grounds, Hansen said.

"Raw water is sold at a reduced rate from treated water and is very adequate for watering our grounds," he said.

According to Hansen, the city suggested that the current six-inch water line which begins to taper down to a three-inch line from the Harold Davis Fitness Center and continues until the college's baseball field, could be relayed as a six-inch line and lengthened to run east to the football field. From the football field the line could then run to the Little League Football Field, the American League Field

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HERALD photo/Carl Graham

Carlos Hilaro and Junior Rodriguez, right, employees with the city of Big Spring, work on an eight-inch water main break on Kentucky Way, just across from Howard College. The break was called in at 3:15 a.m. and crews were completing the repair at mid-morning.

OBITUARIES

Marjorie Henderson

Funeral service for Marjorie Henderson, 75; Big Spring, will be 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2000, at Myers and Smith Funeral Home Chapel with Wanda Hill, pastor of First United Methodist Coahoma, officiating. Burial will follow at Coahoma Cemetery in Coahoma.



Mrs. Henderson died on Saturday, Sept. 23, at her residence.

She was born on April 5, 1925, in Brownwood. She married Johnny McDonald Henderson on Feb. 21, 1945. They moved to Mitchell County in 1949 from Brown County. They ranched in both Mitchell and Howard County all of their lives. Her husband preceded her in death on May 24, 1985. She moved to Big Spring in 1990 and was a member of the Church of Christ.

She is survived by: three daughters, Nelda Saunders of Midland, Juanita Stonerook of Big Spring and Linda Henderson of Chicago, Ill.; one sister, Roxie Lee of Jal, N.M.; eight grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Merlon Ray Thigpen

Graveside funeral service for Merlon Ray "Shotgun" Thigpen, 63, Big Spring, will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2000, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Ronnie Newton, pastor of Wesley Evangelical Methodist Church in Odessa, officiating.



Mr. Thigpen died on Monday, Sept. 25, at his residence.

He was born on Dec. 26,

1936, in Jayton and married Barbara Jo Stevens on April 6, 1966, in Abilene. He came to the Big Spring area in 1978, and was a Baptist.

Survivors include: his wife, Barbara Thigpen of Big Spring; two daughters, Lela Williams and Sabrina Rivera, both of Big Spring; a son, Johnny Henson of Big Spring; three sisters, Nell Cox of Odessa, Faye Franklin of Farmington, N.M., and Jo Schreiber of Llano; two brothers, Dub Thigpen of Saginaw and James Thigpen of Marble Falls; and four grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring, 79721-3121.

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

Harvey C. Hooser Jr.

Harvey C. Hooser Jr., 84, of Big Spring, passed away at 12:50 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 25, 2000, following a sudden illness.

Funeral service is 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Doug Shelley, pastor of Eastside Baptist Church, officiating. Masonic graveside rites will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born on Dec. 7, 1915, in New Mexico, and had been a resident of Howard County for 70 years. Mr. Hooser graduated from Big Spring High School, Baylor University and Baylor University School of Law. He had practiced law with his father and brother and later in a solo practice at 1600 Scurry until he partially retired. He still did legal work for friends until the time of his death.

Mr. Hooser was elected to county office in 1978 and served as county clerk for two terms. During World War II, he had worked in defense plants in California before entering active duty as a gunner with the U.S. Army Air Corps in Europe.

Mr. Hooser had been a Scoutmaster for a number of years, having taken his troop to the national jamboree.

He was a member of the First Christian Church and the Staked Plains Lodge, 598 A.E. & A.M., and the Suez Shrine.

He is survived by: two daughters, Patricia Gammons of Sand Springs, Leanna Bedford of Odessa; one son, Gary Hooser of Seattle, Wash.; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

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and from there to the college's softball field.

"The baseball field only has a three-inch line, which falls short of meeting the need of that field," Hansen said.

Under the plan, the college and BSISD would share the cost of the materials and the city would provide the labor, he said.

Hansen said water wells were considered and samples were drawn, but the water was too salty to use, even for ground watering.

Hansen did not have any figures on the cost of the proposed project at the meeting but said he expects to have some at the next board meeting.

According to president Cheri Sparks, the college has had a positive experience in past joint projects with both the city and BSISD.

"The city and the work camp have helped with our child care center and assisted with clean-up of campus," she said. "The school district is allowing us to continue to use their softball field practice area until construction of our field is completed, hopefully in time for the spring session."

RATES

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this morning. "They could hear oral arguments as early as their next regularly scheduled meeting on Oct. 10."

The rate case dates back more than a year, when Energas first sought an \$11 million increase. That increase was opposed by a coalition of the 67 cities. The coalition formed a steering committee, which hired a consultant to study the issue.

The consultant decided that not only should Energas be refused an \$11 million increase but also should the company's rates be decreased by \$7 million. The case then went before the Texas Railroad Commission, which asked the parties involved to work out an agreement.

The agreement the parties came up with would allow Energas a rate increase of \$3,010,000 — or approximately \$1.05 per month to each of its customers. Fifty-nine of the cities involved approved that agreement, but Big Spring, Lubbock, Levelland, Brownfield, Wolforth, Shallowater, Lamesa and Hale Center rejected it.

"There is more than ample evidence from our consultants that there should in fact be a rate decrease," Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen said at the time. "The bottom line is we are opposed to this rate increase and willing to take a chance that the commission will support us."

The oral arguments concern in part the commission's jurisdiction to order a bonded rate, which Energas has requested. Cities contesting the increase have suggested the Railroad Commission cannot issue a bond when it has appellate jurisdiction over a city.

Energas, however, contends that the commission has the power to set bonded rates in cases that it is

reviewing on appeal. Energas contends it lost \$1.1 million in 1999 and could lose another \$1 million this year.

Wheeler said a ruling on Energas' request for a permanent increase is not likely to come before late November.

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services at last year's rate.

Eddie Jamison, road and bridge administrator for the county, told the court that all paving projects for this year have been completed.

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play outside in the ABC Park and make crafts.

"Many of these kids have no other transportation from school, and they would otherwise be at home alone," Hernandez said. "But at the center, they are learning, interacting with other kids, and having new experiences."

West Side Community Center also has a summer program, which offers all-day activities.

Private donations are received, but the United Way funding of about \$10,000 is the program's main source of revenue, Hernandez said. That funds two part-time workers and keeps the van running, insured and fueled.

Although the two separate agencies have different mission statements, and their programs are strictly catered to the needs of those who use them, they have a very important aspect in common, Hernandez said.

"These two programs are both serving the needs of children," she said. "And those are very important people."

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bid and least amount of days to complete the project.

Construction is expected to be completed in 180 days, he said.

During the meeting, Furquerson was appointed architect for the remodeling of the college auditorium.

Approximately 3,000 square feet will be added to the auditorium, Furquerson said. An orchestra pit with an orchestra lift will be added, along with spaces for dressing rooms and costume storage.

"We will be turning the existing class room into a black box theater," he said. "The walls, floor and ceiling will all be black. This will give flexibility in both instruction and small performing arts theater."

According to Furquerson, the auditorium is funded by private donations. Bids on

TEXAS LOTTERY

Pick 3: 4/7/6

Cash 5: 9,13,23,36,38

Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

the project are expected to go out by December or early January.

Trustees Michael Flores and Rob Ethridge received a five-year service pin at the beginning of the meeting.

In other business, trustees:

- accepted the bid of \$29,660 from Moffatt Carpets Inc. of Big Spring to replace carpet in the college library;

- accepted the bid from Absolutely Wireless to provide cell phone service for the college at \$754.77 per month with a total of 6,250 total minutes shared by all phones. Also included in the bid were usage of 21 Ericsson AF778 phones;

John Jasper, provost of the Howard College at San Angelo, updated trustees on construction for the West Texas Training Center. Jasper said the first phase of the construction is close to being complete. The contractor to finish earlier than expected on the second phase section.

POLICE

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

- PAM GRUIS, 25, of 1306 Stanford, was arrested on local warrants.

- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 600 block of Elgin, in the 600 block of Tulsa and in the 1000 block of Howell.

- ASSAULT was reported in the 1900 block of North Highway 87.

- THEFT was reported in the 600 block of Tulane and in the 200 block of W. Marcy.

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following weekly summary of activities for the week

ending at 8 a.m. Monday:

ACCIDENTS, 13
MAJOR, 3
MINOR, 10

ARRESTS, 16
ASSAULTS, 1
ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE, 2

ATTEMPTED BURGLARY OF HABITATION, 1

CRIMINAL TRESPASS OF HABITATION, 1
BURGLARY OF A HABITATION, 2

BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE, 1
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF, 5

THEFT, 5
THEFT FROM PERSON, 1

THEFT OF SERVICES, 1
CONVENIENCE STORE THEFT, 15

DISORDERLY CONDUCT, 2
DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID, 1

DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED, 4
POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA, 2

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:

MONDAY
1 a.m. — 5100 block Dawson, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

12:21 a.m. — 2500 block Chanute, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

8:44 a.m. — 100 block Scout Hut Road, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

8:52 a.m. — 3200 block Swords, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

8:47 a.m. — Intersection of FM 2599 and I-20, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

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As you might have heard, I am retiring, and to that end, Jimmy Newsom and Al Valdes, Jr. will continue to service the accounts. They will be anxious to continue the Edward Jones tradition of service and to put their knowledge and experience, as well as the full resources of our firm to work for you.

I'm pleased to have Jimmy Newsom and Al Valdes, Jr. coming in to service the accounts and feel sure you will be impressed with their professionalism and integrity as I am. Should they contact you, I know you will extend the same warm welcome you've always given me. If we can be of service at any time, please call or stop by the office.

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Study: Early treatment can limit development of MS

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One of the drugs used to control multiple sclerosis also sharply slows the rate at which people develop the crippling nerve disease, according to researchers.

The finding, from an international study halted early because the results were so strong, could help thousands of patients who currently don't get treatment until they have substantial brain or nerve damage.

"It's a very important finding because it really shows if one starts treatment early on, one can change the fate of a patient," delaying or even preventing the onset of the

disease, said Dr. Thomas Leist, director of the Comprehensive Multiple Sclerosis Center at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia.

"It opens up a new perspective about treatment of multiple sclerosis," said Leist, who was not involved in the study, which will be published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

Until now, people who suffer inflammation of nerves in the eye, spinal cord or lower brain — indications that MS might be developing — have not been diagnosed with the autoimmune disorder, let alone treated. The diagnosis only follows a second flare-up elsewhere in

the central nervous system. However, researchers at the State University of New York School of Medicine at Buffalo and about 50 other U.S. and Canadian sites concluded that giving patients a drug called interferon beta-1a within weeks of the first nerve inflammation cut the likelihood of developing MS symptoms within three years by 44 percent.

Only one-third of patients who gave themselves weekly thigh injections of the drug developed MS within three years, compared with half the patients who injected a harmless substance.

Dr. Stephen Reingold, vice president for research programs at the National Multiple Sclerosis Society,

said the findings will push doctors to promptly order magnetic resonance imaging in patients with an initial nerve flare-up.

If brain lesions — scanning that indicates past inflammation — are spotted during the MRI, Reingold said, "it should encourage treatment with this interferon."

In multiple sclerosis, the body's immune system goes awry and attacks the nerves and brain, slowly stripping away the protective "insulation" coating nerve fibers. That damage builds up over years to cause muscle weakness or paralysis, fatigue, dim or blurred vision, memory loss and other problems with thinking.

In wake of Firestone recall, automakers push for sensors

DETROIT (AP) — While most modern cars and trucks have electronic sensors to detect everything from oil quality to changes in vehicle direction, checking the air pressure in tires remains a manual chore.

But in the wake of the uproar over recalled Firestone tires, automakers are researching ways to add tire pressure monitoring systems. A few already sell "models" with a basic monitor that warns if pressure falls too low.

Others, including Ford Motor Co. and DaimlerChrysler AG, are testing a system that would automatically keep tires inflated to a certain pressure and alert drivers to a slow leak. Suppliers say they're getting more calls for such

devices, as automakers try to answer a newfound awareness of tire problems among consumers.

"The technology's there, and it's relatively cheap," said David Champion, director of automotive testing for Consumers Union. "I think to have a pressure sensor that warns you when tire pressures are low... that would be a great benefit to consumers."

Tire pressure has become a focal point in the debate over Firestone tire failures linked to 101 deaths and 400 injuries. Critics have accused Ford of setting the tire pressure used on the Explorer sport utility vehicle too low, especially given that tires often run a few pounds per square inch lower than recommended.

Free to defend government's case against Wen Ho Lee

WASHINGTON (AP) — FBI Director Louis Freeh was prepared to defend the government's case against nuclear scientist Wen Ho Lee, but was willing to acknowledge that his agents went too far in threatening Lee at one point with electrocution, according to an administration official who has seen a draft of Freeh's planned congressional testimony.

Freeh was ready to argue to Senate investigating committees today that the government would have been able to prove its charges against Lee had the case gone to trial, the official said.

Although these views were in a draft of Freeh's remarks, the director had an opportunity to revise them up until they were delivered.

Freeh was among a number of top federal officials

who were expected to be grilled by senators who want to find out what led the government to hold Lee in solitary confinement for nine months on 59 charges, including downloading nuclear secrets onto computer tapes, while he was employed at the national weapons laboratory in Los Alamos, N.M.

"We don't know if they had any justification for doing it," said Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., who planned to ask prosecutors why Lee was "manacled and kept in leg irons" during his prison stay.

"No matter what the offense, you can't coerce or torture a guilty plea out of someone," Specter said in advance of Tuesday's hearing.

Prosecutors ultimately dropped all but one charge in a plea bargain, and Lee was released.

In the spring of 1999, just before Lee was fired from his job at Los Alamos, two FBI agents were asked to conduct a confrontational interview with the scientist in hopes of winning a confession from him.

At one point the agents told Lee falsely that he had failed a polygraph test and urged him to confess by saying that the only two spies who ever had refused to confess were Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, who were put to death by electrocution. Lee was never charged with spying.

The administration official, who spoke only on condition of anonymity, said Freeh was prepared to say that the threat of execution went too far and was a product of having to conduct the interview with much less notice than normal.

In most cases, confrontational interviews are done

after long study of the case and preparation of psychological profiles by bureau behavioral scientists of the interview target.

But the official said that in this case the agents had to prepare quickly because they didn't have much advance warning that Lee was going to be fired.

Federal courts have ruled that law enforcement agents are allowed to deceive suspects in interviews.

Lee walked free Sept. 13, sentenced to the time he had served awaiting trial, after he agreed to tell the government what he did with the tapes.

His debriefing had been scheduled for today but was postponed.

The plea bargain caused the presiding judge to apologize to Lee for his pretrial imprisonment and lambast the government for embarrassing "our entire nation."

Second prison guard charged with having sex with child-killer

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — A second prison guard has been arrested for allegedly having sex with Susan Smith, who is serving a life sentence for drowning her two sons in a lake.

Capt. Alfred R. Rowe Jr. was charged Monday with one count of sexual intercourse with an inmate, punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

His arraignment was scheduled for today.

Smith told investigators she had sex with Rowe at the Women's Correctional Institution between July and August. He confessed, according to an arrest warrant.

A woman who answered at a Columbia telephone number given for Rowe said he did not live there.

Prosecutors said Rowe was a supervisor who worked with the Corrections Department about 13 years.

Charges that another guard, Lt. Houston Cagle, had sex with Smith triggered the investigation that revealed the second encounter.

The first encounter was discovered when Smith was treated for a sexually transmitted disease, prosecutors have said. Corrections Department spokesman John Barkley refused to comment on whether she had a sexually transmitted disease but said Smith was not pregnant.

Smith was sentenced to life in prison after drowning her two sons in a South Carolina lake in 1994.

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OUR VIEWS

Relief route
task group
needs input

Some things are simply obvious in our community. Among them is the notion that the existing traffic network in and around Big Spring works, but is anything but efficient.

A meeting seeking recommendations from the public concerning a possible truck relief route for U.S. Highway 87 that would divert through traffic around Big Spring and relieve congestion on Gregg Street and the Lamesa Highway has been scheduled for 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

The nine members of a task group which has been studying reliever route possibilities will be seeking input from local citizens.

Before the floor is opened to public comment, project perspectives will be presented by officials from the city of Big Spring, Howard County, Moore Development for Big Spring Inc., the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

Since a mid-1980s project expanded U.S. 87, there has been a growing level of concern regarding increased traffic — especially large trucks — in our community.

A possible reliever route for truck traffic has been discussed since 1996 when public forums were held conjunction with the Lubbock to I-10/Amarillo North study held in 1996. During those meetings, the consensus was that there was a definite need for a truck route to the west of Big Spring.

The primary concern is that traffic continues to grow on U.S. 87, as does the congestion it creates. And with the number of heavy trucks using the route through Big Spring, often exceeding the 40 mph speed limit, dangerous situations result.

In addition, it is clear traffic will only increase on U.S. 87 as a result of NAFTA and new traffic that the Ports-to-Plains Project and Texas Ag Corridor will create.

We encourage members of the community to attend Thursday's meeting, whether or not they wish to formally address the task group.

Such participation will have a two-fold effect. It will make clear to TxDOT officials this is a project we all consider of paramount importance, and more importantly, will give us all an opportunity to begin the effort with a single, common goal.

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- Letters should be submitted to Editor, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721.

Now it's the homosexual movement

Since World War II, American culture seems to have moved in a series of pulsations. There was a Catholic Moment for about 10 years after the war.

Then we had a Jewish Moment, next a Black Moment and now a Homosexual Moment.

In my neighboring town, headlines are being made by a young scoutmaster whose career in the Boy Scouts is finished because he has emerged as an avowed homosexual. The U.S. Supreme Court has even ruled on the subject: Yes, the Boy Scouts can exclude avowed homosexuals. But some corporations are cutting off their contributions to the Boy Scouts in disapproval, even despite the court ruling that the Scouts are within their constitutional rights.

I rub my eyes. When I was a Boy Scout during the early 1940s in a New York suburb, the notion of a homosexual scoutmaster would have been so outlandish as to be considered a bad joke. If a scoutmaster had declared himself a homosexual and attempted to remain in his post, there would have been an eruption in the community. He

might even have been arrested. Family muskets would have come down off the wall.

But now we have the Homosexual Moment. Homosexual "marriage" is being seriously discussed. The Vermont legislature has allowed "civil unions," despite opposition by a large majority of voters, who are taking revenge at the polls. "Civil unions" in Vermont are marriages without the name.

We have heard about avowed homosexuals in the military, and we probably will hear more. Yet I recall, when I was briefly a naval officer, when homosexual activity was illegal under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, a thick book that had been made military law by Congress. As an officer, I had to enforce that law.

Right now, everyone seems to be talking about homosexuals, sometimes seemingly about little else. The love that dare not speak its name is now the love that will not shut up.

During the 1940s and well on into the 1950s, there was a considerable Christian revival in this country.

But Protestant revivals were nothing new in America. The striking thing at the time was the Catholic Moment. It began during the 1940s with several movies. There was "Knute Rockne, All American," starring Ronald Reagan. A marvelous movie, its message was that Notre Dame and Catholics

were American — maybe especially American. And we had all those other "Catholic" movies like "The Bells of St. Mary's," "Going My Way," etc., in which Bing Crosby always seemed to be starring with Ingrid Bergman.

Cardinal Spellman in New York was a political power, visiting the troops, quarreling with Eleanor Roosevelt; and Bishop Fulton Sheen was a vivid weekly presence on early TV.

As the Catholic Moment lost its momentum sometime during the waning of the 1950s, we had the Jewish Moment. This was especially visible with the emergence of a number of young Jewish writers, more highbrow than the best-selling Jewish authors like Herman Wouk. Saul Bellow was the best of them, a star with "The Adventures of Augie March." But we had Philip Roth, Norman Mailer, Bernard Malamud and a whole galaxy of Jewish intellectuals and essayists for whom Lionel Trilling might stand as their representative.

During the Jewish Moment, everyone was talking about Jews: What was Jewishness? Was Sammy Davis Jr. really Jewish? Could an atheist be Jewish? One began to notice that interfaith marriages were increasing between Gentiles and Jews, to the point where Jews began to wonder aloud whether Jews would disappear.

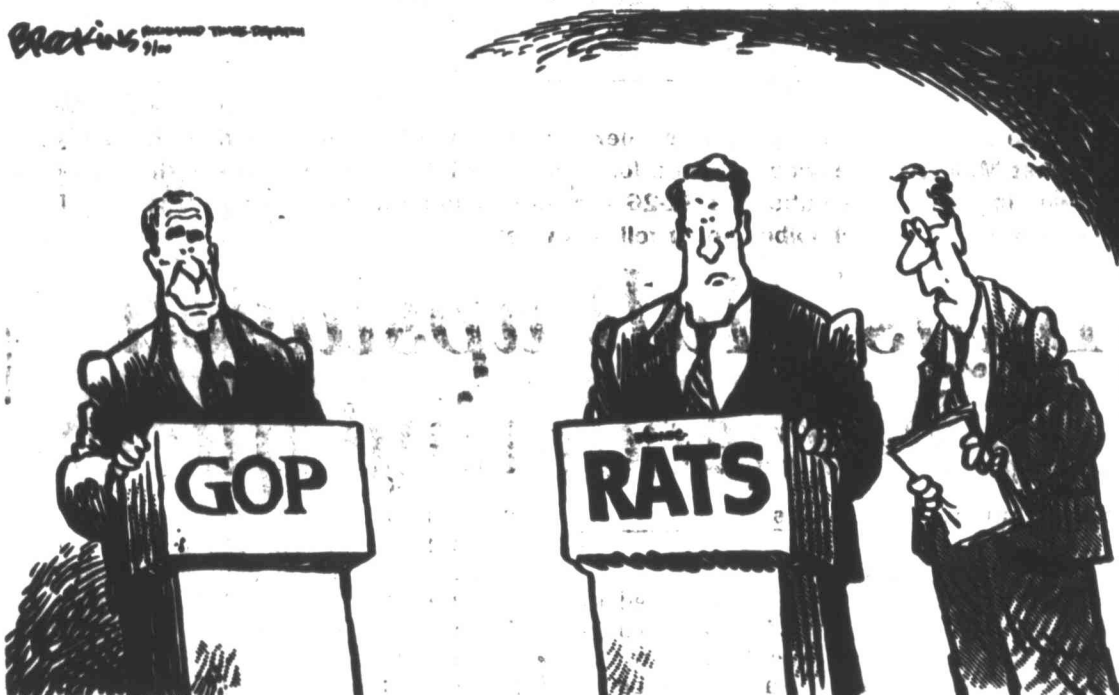
Then came the 1960s, which was many things, but most significantly it was the era of the Black Moment, with Martin Luther King Jr. and the civil rights movement, the black riots — early and prominently the Watts riot. It was also the emergence of other black stars much wilder than King, such as Malcolm X, Stokely Carmichael, Eldridge Cleaver, Angela Davis, George Jackson and the Black Panthers.

The Black Moment plainly had an effect on the tactics of the 1960s war protesters, who took over the sit-ins and the civil disobedience and riot threat from the black movement in the South.

The Black Moment had its literary stars in James Baldwin and Ralph Ellison, whom everyone was talking about for a while.

These "Moments" all seem to have a similar dynamic. They emerge, flourish and fade away, and while they are losing momentum, they are displaced by another Moment. Perhaps they represent a way in which a particular group declares itself and makes its bargain with mainstream America, making a deal for recognition and acceptance.

It will be fascinating to see how the Homosexual Moment works out. If the past is any guide, soon everyone will start talking about something else. Maybe there will be an Asian Moment.



Flying cats and other monumental tales

By LAWRENCE L. KNUTSON
Associated Press Writer

On a September morning in 1880, a catapulting cat leaped from the top of the unfinished Washington Monument — and survived, ever so briefly.

George Washington's monument has attracted stories like that ever since its cornerstone was laid on Independence Day, 1848. Many, including the tale of the flying cat, were retold this summer as the monument reopened to visitors after four years of cleaning, repairs and interior improvements.

Future President Abraham Lincoln was just another face in a very large crowd when the monument was launched on that hot and dusty dedication day in 1848. But by the time Lincoln returned to town as chief executive in 1861, the monument was just a jagged stub in a field of rubble. All work had been halted in a tangled web of political recrimination. Mark Twain said it looked

like a factory chimney with the top broken off.

The flight of the death-defying feline gives its name to a slim volume of monumental anecdotes collected by local historian Jim Berard: "The Flying Cat and other Amazing Stories of the Washington Monument," EPM Publications, Delaplane, Va.

Berard, a Capitol Hill press secretary and a volunteer National Park Service guide, picks up the story as work on the monument resumed under government control in 1880.

That September, with the monument at the 160-foot level, workmen arriving at the top of the scaffold one morning startled a sleeping cat, which leaped off the edge into empty air.

"Witnesses said the animal spread out its paws, flattened its body, and glided like a flying squirrel," Berard writes.

"The cat hit the ground on all fours, tumbled over a few times, and righted itself, dazed but very much

alive. Its troubles had just begun.

Either on the monument grounds or on its way home — there are two versions of this story — the cat met a totally unimpressed dog that chased, caught and killed it.

An urban legend was born.

Berard has collected lots of other stories from the 555-foot monument's past, including these:

— Falling Objects: Before the windows at the top were sealed some decades ago, people were regularly startled by missiles falling from on high.

Berard says people were hit by a number of objects, including a marble, a camera lens and an orange. At one point, the missiles of choice were expended shell cases handed out as firing-range souvenirs at FBI headquarters and dropped out the monument windows.

— What a Catch: The first person on record to catch a baseball thrown from the

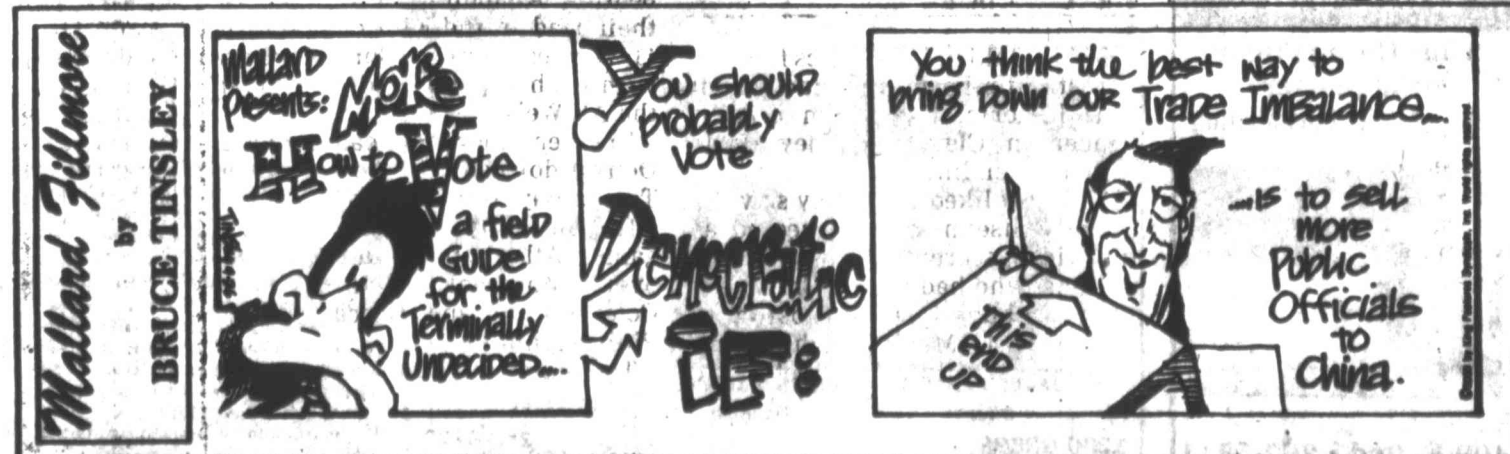
top of the monument did so in 1908, Berard says. He was Charles "Gabby" Street, a catcher for the Washington Senators. He made the catch in his mitt wearing a catcher's full protective regalia. The stunt attracted wide notice and the ball Street caught sold for \$40,000 at a war bonds auction during World War I.

— What a Catch II: An earlier ball catching attempt was made in 1894 when Chicago Colts pitcher Clark Griffith dropped two balls from the top of the monument. According to one story, William "Pop" Shriver, the Colts catcher, snagged the second ball. But Griffith wrote years later that Shriver missed them both.

— Ups and Downs: There has been an elevator to the top since the monument's earliest days, but some people preferred the stairs — all 898 of them. In 1933, one man climbed them, non-stop, with another man weighing 145 pounds perched on his shoulders.

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IN BRIEF

Brasel new assistant Lady Hawks coach

Shana Brasel has been named the newest assistant coach for Howard College Lady Hawks head basketball coach Ron Mayberry. Brasel replaces Tonya Benton who resigned to take an assistant's job at Texas Christian University. Mayberry's other assistant is Joey Wells, who has moved over from being an assistant on the men's team last season.

BSSH tournament raises almost \$300

The team of Ramon Ontiveros, Manual Jara, Johnny Ramirez and Mike Ramirez swept first-place honors in the Big Spring State Hospital's fourth annual Superfun Four-Player Scramble at Comanche Trail Golf Course. Nearly \$300 was raised from the 40 players who participated to benefit the Big Spring State Hospital State Employee Charitable Campaign. Second-place honors went to Tony Saracho, Robert Buchanan, Freddy Rodriguez and Ricky Dominguez. Stormy Ward had the longest drive for the women, and Manual Jara belted the longest drive from the men's tees. Mike Ramirez was closest to the pin and Rocky Hale won the putting contest.

Basketball officials meeting scheduled

Basketball officials are needed for the upcoming season. A meeting for those interested in serving as officials is set for 7 p.m. Wednesday at the YMCA. For more information contact Adam Rodriguez at 425-4313 or Dusty Shelhamer at 263-4888.

Twilight golf touney slated for Saturday

The Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association will hold a twilight golf tournament on Saturday at the Comanche Trail Golf Course. Teams will be made up of four players and play begins at 4:30 p.m. Fees are \$55 per person. Entry fees are available at the golf course.

Disc golf tournament scheduled for Sunday

The eighth Disc Over Big Spring Disc Golf Tournament has been scheduled for Oct. 1 at Birdwell Park. Registration is set for 10 a.m. Entry fees are at \$25 for professionals, \$15 for amateurs and women and \$10 for juniors and novices. For more information, call Greg Brooks at 267-6335.

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11:30 p.m. — Summer Games, men's water polo, U.S. vs. Hungary, and women's volleyball quarterfinals, NBC, Ch. 9.

Littlest of Colts comes up big in win over Jacksonville

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Terrence Wilkins, the smallest player on the Indianapolis Colts, looked gigantic on the football field to the Jacksonville Jaguars. The 5-foot-7 Wilkins played for the first time since suffering a concussion on Aug. 12, and had a career-high nine receptions and 148 yards as the Colts beat Jacksonville 43-14 on Monday night. "It was good to have him back," said Peyton Manning, who passed for a franchise-record 440 yards and threw for four touchdowns. Meanwhile, a defense that had been criticized for having just one sack and one turnover in its first two games, held Jacksonville score-

less and to a net of 52 yards in the second half. "We showed up for work today," linebacker Cornelius Bennett said. "I said two weeks ago, that was what was missing — getting turnovers and giving the ball to the offense in great position. "I told the guys before the game it was time to pay some bills. We're all overdue and we went out and paid those bills." The Colts sacked Mark Brunell five times for 40 yards, including one that resulted in a safety, and pressured him on nearly every play. "We needed this," safety Jason Belser said. "We wanted to come out and make a statement."

Manning had all the time he needed nearly all night, completing 23 of 36 passes without an interception or a sack. He spread the ball around to six receivers with Wilkins, Ken Dilger, Jerome Pathon and Marvin Harrison each catching a TD pass. Indianapolis (2-1) sent Jacksonville (2-2) home with the third-worst loss in its six-year history. "When we play smart, and we play physical, and we play for 60 minutes, we're a good team," said Belser, remembering that Indianapolis allowed Oakland to overcome a 21-point deficit for a 38-31 victory in its last game. "Our coaches told us we couldn't

give them any big plays," Belser said. "When they win, and are successful, they get big chunks of yards on a lot of plays." The defense also thrilled coach Jim Mora. "They took a lot of criticism, a lot of it from me and from the media," Mora said. "They shut them down in the second half, they got sacks, turnovers, played extremely well. You don't beat teams like Jacksonville with just three players. You do it with complete offense, with defense and with good kicking game performance." Chad Bantzke, who led the Colts in sacks last year, and Ellis Johnson had two each.



Stanton's Jeremy Hull (5), pictured here picking up a big game earlier this season against Midland Greenwood, rushed for more than 270 yards and scored three touchdowns in leading the Buffs to a 31-26 win over Iraan on Friday, earning a spot on The Associated Press' schoolboy honor roll this week.

Bufs' Hull upstaged by homecoming queen

Call it getting upstaged. While Stanton's Jeremy Hull turned in an impressive night with 273 yards rushing and scored three touchdowns in the Buffs' 31-26 win over Iraan, the biggest news in Texas high school football last week was provided by a girl. Okay, so kicking two extra points late in a game already well in hand wasn't such a big deal for a football game — unless maybe it was the homecoming queen doing the kicking. Megan Binkley started out the evening dressed in a lavender evening gown to receive the applause at Terrell's Memorial Stadium as the school's homecoming queen. Then, she changed into her football uniform and joined her Tiger teammates for a 27-0 victory over Dallas Samuell. Binkley, a soccer player who decided to play football this season, got the biggest kick out of her extra point kicks over her homecoming honor to earn mention in The Associated Press High School Honor Roll. "Most definitely the kicking," she said. "A lot of people had been trying to get me to do this, so I thought I'd try it. It's unbelievable." Binkley, the team's backup kicker, helped the Tigers rebound from a 46-6 loss to Greenville the previous week. "Megan is a sweet young lady who has worked really hard for us, and we're just real proud of the way she came in and did her job," Terrell coach Tom Ed Gooden said. "It was exciting for her, not only for being homecoming queen but I'm sure she'll tell you the most important thing was beating Samuell." Without homecoming fanfare, but with plenty of attention in West Texas, Hull had his biggest game so far. His 273 yards came on 21 carries and two of his touch-

down runs were for 77 and 75 yards. The Buffs' 31-26 win over Iraan knocked the Braves from the No. 1 spot in The Associated Press' Class 1A schoolboy poll. Plano cornerback Trevor Nelson played a vital role in his team's 17-14 upset of No. 7 ranked Duncanville with two blocked field goal attempts by Duncanville. "There was just so much adrenaline, you just have to be quick and then it just kind of happens," Nelson said. "The defense hung in there the whole game and then the offense took its game to another level." San Angelo Central quarterback Sol Southall missed the game with a separated shoulder. Senior running back Roy Bishop took up the slack with 312 rushing yards on 31 carries and touchdowns of 1, 52, 1 and 18 yards in a 32-25 upset of Abilene Cooper. In other outstanding performances: •Albany's Accencio Arreola gained 354 yards on 17 carries and had five touchdowns in a 46-0 victory over Archer City. •Sonny Ainsworth of Ranger rushed 341 yards on 26 carries and scored three touchdowns in a 44-13 victory over Fort Worth Harvest Christian. •Del Valle's Aaron Brack rushed 243 yards and scored five touchdowns in a 40-8 victory over Killeen Shoemaker. •Roscoe's Nick Anthony had 225 yards and three touchdowns on 10 carries in a 63-6 win over Aspermont. •Lorena quarterback Ryan Jeffrey completed 10 of 15 passes for 156 yards, two touchdowns and a 38-yard punt return for a touchdown in a 42-0 victory over Groesbeck. •Bosqueville quarterback Chris Hanna scored six touchdowns in a 55-35 victory over Frost. He completed 11 of 17 passes for 202 yards and three touchdowns and he rushed for three more. •Hubbard's Charles Henry rushed 266 yards and had four touchdown runs in a 40-21 victory over Palmer.

The Buffs' victory, which avenged an area round play-off loss from last season, might have been the biggest news in Texas high school football had it not been for Midland Lee's lopsided loss to West Monroe, La., and Wolfforth Frenship's loss to Hereford. The longest football road trip in Midland Lee history felt like it. The defending Class 5A Division I state champion Rebels traveled 700 miles to West Monroe, La., the top-ranked 5A team in Louisiana. The bus ride back home must have seemed much longer after a 36-8 loss. It was the Rebels' worst defeat since a 35-7 loss to Odessa Permian in the 1991 state quarterfinals. The loss dropped the Rebels from No. 2 to a tie for No. 5 in Class 5A ranks. Garland in 5A, Crockett in 3A, and Mart in 2A retained their top ranks. Austin Westlake, Katy, and Aldine Eisenhower all moved ahead of Midland Lee, which dropped to a tie with Converse Judson after its long road trip and loss in a driving rain. Wichita Falls, ranked third last week in 4A, leapfrogged Stephenville into the No. 1 spot. Then came Stephenville, followed by No. 3 San Marcos. Iraan dropped to No. 5 in Class A, and Shiner, a 45-0 winner over Weimar last week, moved from runner-up to leader. Hereford jumped on Frenship's early mistakes and never allowed the Tigers out of the hole after taking a 20-0 lead. Frenship dropped to No. 6 in the new balloting. Arlington Lamar dropped out of the Class 5A top 10, after its 39-28 loss to No. 7 Lewisville, and was replaced at No. 9 by Abilene, Bay City dropped

Stanton checks back in at No. 9 in Class 2A poll

From staff and wire reports

Stanton's Buffaloes are back in the Top 10. The Buffs' 31-26 win over Iraan Friday not only knocked the Braves from the No. 1 spot they'd held in The Associated Press' Class 1A high school football poll, but saw Stanton return to the Class 2A rankings for the first time this season. Stanton made its debut in the Top 10 as the No. 9 team in Class 2A, while Iraan dropped to No. 5 in the Class 1A poll.

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In addition to Stanton's move into the No. 9 spot, the rest of the Class 2A poll saw, Mart, Celina and Refugio remain 1-2-3. No. 6 Alto dropped to No. 10, and Corrigan-Camden dropped from the top 10 after losing.

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SCHOOLBOY POLL		
Here is The Associated Press' Schoolboy Football Poll with first place votes in parentheses and records through games of Sept. 25.		
Team	Record	
Class 5A		
1. Garland (18)	30	
2. Austin Westlake (2)	30	
3. Katy	30	
4. Aldine Eisenhower	30	
5. (tie) Midland Lee	21	
6. Converse Judson	30	
7. Lewisville	30	
8. Tyler John Tyler	21	
9. Abilene	40	
10. Duncanville	21	
DROPPED OUT: Addison Lamar.		
Also receiving votes: San Antonio Marshall 16, The Woodlands 8, Waco 8, Victoria Memorial 5, Plano 4, Aldine 2, Arlington Lariat 2, Bayan 2, SA Holmes 2.		
Class 4A		
1. Wichita Falls (15)	40	
2. Stephenville (4)	21	
3. San Marcos	30	
4. Hereford (1)	21	
5. Brownwood	21	
6. Wolfforth Frenship	21	
7. Highland Park	30	
8. Nederland	30	
9. Ennis	21	
10. Port Arthur Lincoln	40	
DROPPED OUT: Texas City, Bay City.		
Also receiving votes: Texas City 11, Houston Forest Brook 7, W. Orange-Stark 7, Bay City 6, Mesquite Point 6, Corsicana 4, Groesbeck 3, CC Catalyst 2, WFA Redneck Groves 2, Hallsville 1, Mercedes 1.		
Class 3A		
1. Crockett (1)	31	
2. Lamesa	40	
3. Alamo	40	
4. Cuero (1)	30	
5. Everman	30	
6. Lindale	40	
7. Diboll	30	
8. Newton	40	
9. Abilene Wylie	12	
10. Gatesville	30	
DROPPED OUT: La Grange, Texarkana Liberty-Eylau.		
Also receiving votes: Tex. Liberty Eylau 18, La Grange 17, Chase Spring 16, Madisonville 16, Commerce 15, Daingerfield 15, Gonzales 6, Crandall 4, Martin 4, Muleshoe 4, Barber's Hill 3, Hampshire-Fannett 2.		
Class 2A		
1. Mart (17)	30	
2. Celina (2)	40	
3. Refugio	40	
4. (tie) Sonora	40	
14. Olney (1)	40	
6. Pilot Point	30	
7. Rogers	30	
8. Lone Oak	30	
9. Stanton	40	
10. Alto	21	
DROPPED OUT: Corrigan-Camden.		
Also receiving votes: Elysian Fields 11, Arp 8, Comfort 7, Corrigan-Camden 6, Goldthwaite 5, Holiday 6, Jarrell 5, Leon 5, Friona 2, Hemphill 2, Thorndale 2, Universal City Republic 1.		

A's watch end of historic doubleheader, then take advantage

The ASSOCIATED PRESS
Out in Oakland, Athletics fans got a treat. After hearing so much about that historic, three-team doubleheader in Cleveland, they could watch the ending. And they liked what they saw. The Coliseum crowd cheered as the video scoreboard showed the Indians, who had beaten Chicago 9-2 in the day opener, losing to Minnesota 4-3 Monday night. "That was a little boost before we even started," A's manager Art Howe said. The Athletics took advantage,

beating Anaheim 7-5 to increase their lead in the wild card race to 1 1/2 games over Cleveland and close within a half-game of idle Seattle in the AL West. In other American League games, Detroit downed New York 15-4 and Tampa Bay beat Toronto 5-1. In the only National League games, Atlanta posted a 6-0 shutout over Montreal, Arizona beat Colorado 6-4 and Chicago edged Philadelphia 4-3. The Indians, White Sox and Twins got together at Jacobs Field for the AL's first three-team doubleheader since 1900. The only other one in

the majors in the modern era came on Sept. 13, 1951, when the St. Louis Cardinals played the New York Giants and Boston Braves at Sportsman's Park. Cleveland breezed past the AL Central champion White Sox in the opener, then blew a two-run lead in the eighth against the Twins. "We're running out of games," Indians manager Charlie Manuel said. "We're kind of at the point now where we can't lose." The person most short on time Monday was Cy Buynak, the visiting clubhouse manager at Jacobs Field.

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6 PM	News (CC)	Cosby (CC)	Wishbone	Early Edition	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News
7 PM	Be a Millionaire	Singletons	Wishbone	Early Edition	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News
8 PM	Charlie's Angels	7th Heaven	Wishbone	Early Edition	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News
9 PM	Spin City (CC)	Mad About You	Wishbone	Early Edition	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News
10 PM	News (CC)	Jerry Springer	Wishbone	Early Edition	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News
11 PM	Politically Inc.	Blind Date	Wishbone	Early Edition	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News
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"It's not as bright as the sun, 'cause it doesn't have as many batteries."

FAMILY CIRCUS



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"... And the third little pig built his house out of LEGOs."

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THIS DATE
IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 26, the 270th day of 2000. There are 96 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 26, 1960, the first televised debate between presidential candidates Richard M. Nixon and John F. Kennedy took place in Chicago.

On this date: In 1777, British troops occupied Philadelphia during the American Revolution.

In 1789, Thomas Jefferson was appointed America's first secretary of state.

In 1898, American composer George Gershwin was

born in Brooklyn, N.Y.

In 1914, the Federal Trade Commission was established.

In 1950, United Nations troops recaptured the South Korean capital of Seoul from the North Koreans.

In 1957, the musical "West Side Story" opened on Broadway.

In 1969, the family comedy series "The Brady Bunch" premiered on ABC-TV.

In 1986, William H. Rehnquist was sworn in as the 16th chief justice of the United States, while Antonin Scalia joined the Supreme Court as its 103rd member.

In 1991, four men and four women began a two-year stay inside a sealed-off structure in Oracle, Ariz., called Biosphere II.

In 1997, an Indonesian

Airbus A300 crashed while approaching Medan Airport in north Sumatra, killing all 234 people aboard.

Today's Birthdays: Fitness expert Jack LaLanne is 86. Actress Julie London is 74. Actor Philip Bosco is 70. Country singer David Frizzell is 59. Actor Kent McCord is 58. Singer Bryan Ferry is 55. New Jersey Gov. Christine Todd Whitman is 54. Singer Lynn Anderson is 53. Singer Olivia Newton-John is 52. Actress Mary Beth Hurt is 52. Actor James Keane is 48. Rock singer-musician Cesar Rosas (Los Lobos) is 46. Country singer Carlene Carter is 45. Actress Linda Hamilton is 44. Country singer Doug Supernaw is 40. Recording executive Andre Harrell is 40. Actress Melissa Sue Anderson is 38.

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