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THURSDAY
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Tonight



TONIGHT 67°-70° **FRIDAY** 88°-90°

Drug and gang prevention event planned Saturday

The ALSA Club of Big Spring is planning a drug and gang prevention activity Saturday for local youth.

Along with other community organizations, the club will sponsor the event at the Northside Park from noon to 6 p.m. and admission is free.

Activities will include low-rider demonstrations, dance contest and games, an art contest, basketball shootout and bike races. The goal is to show young people of the community alternatives to using drugs and getting involved in gang activity.

Midland Police Department will be on hand for a demonstration of their specially equipped low-rider police car. Also planned are a washer tournament, live music and prizes.

Organizations participating include: Permian Basin Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse, DARE, D-FY-IT, and West Texas Centers for MH/MR.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

- Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy from 10 a.m. to noon.
- Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Billy Smith, 267-6479.
- Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and over.
- Evening line dancing class, 6:30 p.m., Spring City Senior Center. Enter north gate (Simler drive), cross first intersection, building on left, park in east parking lot and enter by east door. For more information call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522 or e-mail at drk-bigspring@xroadstx.com
- Gideons International Big Spring Camp No. 4206, Hermans, 7 a.m.
- Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

FRIDAY

- Spring City senior citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., music provided by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.
- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

SATURDAY

- Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Everyone welcome.

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Antique tractors, cup towels to be featured at the fair

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

At this year's Howard County Fair, everything old is new again — or at least tractors and cup towels.

The fair begins Monday, continuing through Sept. 5.

This year, a special competition has been designed to let local residents show off their antique cup towels.

Cup towels, or "tea towels" at least 25 years old will be judged for prizes in the creative arts division. Entries will be accepted Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and displayed throughout the fair. The Grand Champion will earn its owner a $50 prize.

Later in the week, antique tractors will have their day. After a week-long display, on the fair's closing day, Sept. 5, old tractors will have the chance to prove that, though over the hill, they can still pull their weight.

"A tractor will last forever, if you take care of it," said Doyle Railsback, coordinator of the fair's antique tractor show and pull. He'll be bringing two examples from his collection of 25-30 antique tractors for the show, and will assist in the tractor pull as well.

In that event, tractors made in 1960 or earlier will compete in pulling a sled weighed down with 18,000 pounds. The tractor in each class that pulls the weight for the most distance wins a trophy.

There are 17 different classes, and tractors are classified by their weight. Tractors are separated as "modified" or "stock," those that are "just like when they left the factory," Railsback explained. Modified tractors may have been mechanically altered by the owner in some way.

Pulling the weighted sled is a matter of the tractor's power, but also depends on the driver's ability.

"The beauty part about this sled is that it's designed so the little tractors can pull it as far as the big ones," Railsback said. "It does take some skill."

On Tuesday, antique tractors will begin arriving for the show at noon, to be displayed on the east side of the fairgrounds all week. Anyone with a tractor for the show can bring it to the east fairgrounds entrance Tuesday afternoon.

Saturday's tractor pull begins at 1 p.m., and contestants should plan to enter on the west of the fairgrounds, in the southwest corner.

For more information about the antique tractor events, call Railsback at 399-4804. He said he expects about 40 competitors to join in the tractor pull, and hopes for several to lend their old farm implements.



HERALD photo/Linda Choate

Phillips Fabrication employee Michael Burcham welds a fitting for an upcoming job at the Airpark shop.

Community

Chamber-sponsored events feature well-known speaker

By T.E. JENKINS
Staff Writer

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is gearing up to welcome guest speaker Dr. Nate Booth to its Sept. 1 Community Luncheon at the Dora Roberts Community Center.



RICH

"Dr. Booth will make a presentation to our chamber (board) members prior to the luncheon entitled 'Life Balance,'" said Amber Rich, vice president of the chamber's Retail Development division, and Director of Business Development for Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

"The presentation will focus on the way we divide our time between work and home life. It should be very helpful, and have a very positive impact on a lot of chamber members who do so much in and around the community."

Booth is the head corporate trainer for Robbins Research International of San Diego and a graduate of the University of Nebraska.

He holds both doctor of dental surgery and master of counseling degrees, and is the author of, "Thriving on Change," and most recently, "The Diamond Touch."

According to Rich, Booth is no newcomer to the seminar scene, having more than 1,200 presentations under his belt already.

"Continuing education should be very important to everyone," said Rich. "I'm really excited about the new ideas and strategies that Dr. Booth will have to offer those in attendance."

"The luncheon will officially begin at 11:30 a.m., and Dr. Booth will give a short presentation based on 'The Diamond Touch,' one of his recent books," said Debbye Valverde, secretary bookkeeper for the chamber of commerce. A seminar, titled "Thriving on Change," is planned from 6:30-9 p.m. at the community center as well.

"In changing times, the same set of beliefs and strategies that have gotten you where you are now will not get you where you want to go," Booth wrote in a letter to the Chamber of Commerce. "When things change, you must change! The thrill of running a company or living a life is knowing what to change, what to keep, and when and how to do each."

Booth said that the interactive "Thriving on Change" seminar will teach people how to use change to their advantage, creating greater successes on all levels

"There will be a $25 charge for the seminar for chamber members, and a $50 charge to all non-members," Valverde said. "The presentation should be a very good one, as Dr. Booth will present some new strategies on harnessing the powers of change."

According to Valverde, the luncheon's host club will be the Tuesday Rotary Club, and will be catered by Al's and Sons Bar-B-Que.

The Chamber of Commerce asks that people get their tickets for the luncheon in advance. Tickets can be purchased at the chamber office, or by calling 263-7641.

"We really look forward to seeing both old and new members there," said Valverde.

"A lot of us here don't really get the chance to see members as much as we would like to, so this is a great chance for us to get together and hear about business and retail conditions here in Big Spring."

Septic system regs get more strict

By T.E. JENKINS
Staff Writer

Residents planning to build in Howard County should be aware that laws governing the installation and approval of septic systems have tightened their grip on builders and homeowners.

"The law really hasn't changed all that much," said George Franklin, Designated Representative for the Texas National Resources Commission (TNRC). "They are just enforcing them a lot more.

"There have been a lot of cases of cholera showing up in the state, and a lot of it is caused by bad septic systems. So, the state is beginning to crack down on septic systems that don't meet their current standards."

According to Franklin, there has been one recent change in the laws, and new property owners are the ones who will feel the pinch.

"As of Aug. 1, anyone installing a septic system must have a site evaluation completed before we can issue a permit," said Franklin. "Residents who go outside of this new law may find themselves facing hefty fines."

Franklin said that there are currently two people in Big Spring who are certified to do site evaluations.

"Al Stevens and Tim Blackshear have both attended the classes and have their certification," said Franklin. "The way the new law stands, even if you plan to put the system in yourself, you still have to have the evaluation done to get the necessary permit."

Franklin said that the evaluation process is fairly quick, and should not cause delays.

"I don't really see it causing too much trouble with people's time-tables," said Franklin. "The evaluator has to go out to the site, and core down about two feet below where the septic lines will be. Then he examines the soil, and determines exactly what type of system will best suit the builder. They put the recommendations on a form that the resident brings to me, and then I approve it. It's really very simple."

According to Franklin, the TNRC hopes to lower the number of cholera and other waste-related disorders by requiring evaluations by state certified individuals.

"Before the new law took affect, site evaluations weren't required," said Franklin. "Now, I can't even look at an application for a permit unless the

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Garza says feds keep reins too tight on energy industry

By T.E. JENKINS
Staff Writer

Texas Railroad Commissioner hopeful Tony Garza addressed many of the issues facing Texas oil industries and producers during a Wednesday afternoon campaign stop in Big Spring.

"When our oil producers hurt, it's the communities that feel the pain," said Garza Republican nominee. "We must get wise to the fact that the more dependent on foreign oil that we become, the more we will become hostages of the industry."

Garza made stops in San Angelo, Abilene, Graham, and Brownwood Wednesday, accompanied by Sen. Troy Fraser.

"Tony is one of the most qualified people to ever run for this position," said Fraser. "I really feel like he will do an excellent job for Texas."

"It's exciting to be on a statewide campaign," said Garza. "This is a little different from when Governor Bush appointed me as Secretary of State in 1995, and much simpler, but it has really been great.

"The government has really developed a 'one size fits all' attitude, and I believe that is wrong. It's really no secret, and you can read in the newspaper about how well the Texas economy is doing. In the meantime, the oil industry and the agricultural producers have it rough.

"The thrust of my campaign continues to be that our state's energy industry doesn't need the federal government in their back pockets," said Garza. "We need to promote strength in this most vital industry through sound tax, regulatory, and environmental policies."

So far in his campaign, Garza boasts the support of six Democratic former Railroad Commissioners, as well as three of the current commissioners, including Chairman Carole Keeton-Rylander.

"Our Texas oil and gas industry is too important to our state to fall victim to partisan politics," said Garza. "I'm committed to keeping the industry competitive so that Texas stays strong. I'm a big believer in sound, conservative leadership.

"Our Texas energy industry needs proven leadership guided by principles of smaller government, lower taxes and fewer regulations."



HERALD photo/Linda Choate

Texas Railroad Commissioner Republican nominee Tony Garza talked with local residents Jerry Grimes and Frances Wheat Wednesday afternoon during a campaign stop in Big Spring. Garza addressed the issues he believes are facing Texas oil industries and producers.

OBITUARIES

Alvie G. O'Briant

Service for Alvie G. O'Briant, 62, Mulvane, Kan., will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, 1998, at Bloggett Church of Christ. Burial will be in Bloggett Cemetery.

Mr. O'Briant died Tuesday, Aug. 25.

He was born July 23, 1936, in Sweetwater. He was a Church of Christ minister.

Survivors include: his wife, Alice O'Briant of Mulvane, Kan.; four daughters, Deborah Banks of Tallinn, ES, Sherrie Bradley of The Colony, Thea O'Briant, of Mulvane, Kan., and Nancy Wooden of Pittsburg, Texas; one son, James O'Briant of Mulvane, Kan.; two brothers, Allen O'Briant of Pittsburg, Texas, and Jack O'Briant of Abernathy; one sister Louise Trout of Lubbock; and 19 grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to: Smithlawn Maturnity Center in Lubbock.

Arrangement under of Bates-Cooper-Robison Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant.

Edith Marie Moseley

Service for Edith Marie Moseley, 86, Paris, Texas, will be 7 p.m. tonight at Gene Roden's Sons Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Sidney Young officiating. Burial will be in Princeton.

Mrs. Moseley died Tuesday, Aug. 25, 1998, at McCuistion Medical Center.

She was born on Sept. 21, 1911, in Altoga. She married Alton Taylor "Buzz" Moseley on Sept. 6, 1931. He preceded her in death on Sept. 19, 1988. She was a member of Grace Temple Baptist Church in Denton and First Baptist Sunday School at Colonial Lodge. She was a retired switchboard supervisor at North Texas University. She and her late husband operated a clothing store in Odessa and in Seminole for several years.

Survivors include: one son, Billy R. Moseley of Paris, Texas; four grandsons including John A. Moseley of Big Spring; and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Gene Roden's Sons Funeral Home, Paris, Texas.

Mamie Loretta Peach

On Wednesday, Aug. 26, 1998, God granted eternal peace to Mamie Loretta Peach. Born on March 22, 1923, in Paint Rock, she was the proud granddaughter of Andrew Jackson Potter, pioneer founder of San Angelo's first Methodist Church. She married Sonny Peach on May 24, 1939, and together they gave life to four daughters.



PEACH

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Sonja Kingston, with whom she is now reunited.

Her life continues in this world by her surviving family members, her husband, Sonny Peach; her daughters, Dixie Hall, Sharon Michel and Lynn Peach; her granddaughters, Kim Cole, Sindy Sanders and Natalie Peacock and by her grandson, Dusty Kingston.

Wife, mother, grandmother and lady of the highest order, she is forever remembered in the hearts of those she touched.

"Ye who are weary, come home."

Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 28, at Trinity Memorial Park with Rev. Bill Libby, of St. Paul United Methodist Church of Abilene, officiating, assisted by Greg Cole.

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

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Mamie Loretta Peach, 75, died Wednesday. Graveside services will be 10:00 AM Friday at Trinity Memorial Park.

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evaluator has already been out there, and made his report.

"This is a good measure in that it cuts down on the number of below-standard septic systems, but it also has its downside, which is the added cost.

"The evaluations can cost anywhere from $100 to $200 dollars, and a lot of people don't have that available right away. Straight out, its going to cost people more money to put in a septic system."

Franklin said that he has already had a number of cases turned in to him on below-standard systems, and although he will try to work with the residents to keep fines out of the proceedings, that is not always possible.

"When there's a complaint, I don't have any other choice but to follow it up," said Franklin. Fines for not following the correct procedures in these matters could total up to $1,000 per day.

"We try to give everyone the opportunity to follow the law," said Franklin, "but some people just won't."

Farmer's Almanac warns of rough winter

LEWISTON, Maine (AP) — Wave goodbye to El Nino and keep your overcoat and shovel handy: The Farmers' Almanac is predicting another rough winter, even though its similar forecast last year miss d the mark.

Editor Peter Geiger throws some of the blame for the blunder to El Nino, which made its debut in March of last year — right after the 1998 almanac had gone to the printer.

But with autumn just around the corner, the mysterious El Nino is on the wane — and the signs don't bode well for a mild winter, almanac forecaster Caleb Weatherbee writes in the latest edition.

"Assuming little or no El Nino influence this winter, we should be back on track for another bad winter," the reclusive prognosticator writes in the 1999 almanac, which goes on sale this week.

"Our long-term weather tables strongly suggest that a formidable winter is in store for us, with colder and snowier conditions than normal," he predicts in the almanac.

The almanac predicts snow in the Northeast right after Election Day, a blockbuster winter storm for central and eastern states between Christmas and New Year's, late-arriving spring weather and a muggy summer.

The 182-year-old almanac's forecasts are prepared using a secret formula based on sunspots, position of planets and tidal action caused by the moon.

Geiger says that beyond El Nino — the cyclical warming of eastern Pacific Ocean waters that can cause significant changes in worldwide weather patterns — other weather-altering forces may be waiting in the wings.

Among them, a La Nina effect — the reverse of El Nino — could bring sunny, dry weather to the West and frigid, snowy conditions to the East and Central regions.

The National Weather Service maintains no one can predict the weather a year in advance with any degree of accuracy.

The almanac claims its weather predictions are 80 to 85 percent accurate — even though they're prepared two years in advance.

Brides-to-be are known to consult the almanac when planning their big day, and Geiger says most are pleased at the outcome.

The most irate complaint was not from a rained-out wedding party but from a man in Saskatchewan who, based on a favorable forecast in the almanac, decided to take the summer off to build a house.

"It rained for much of the summer," Geiger recalled. "He was upset, but I was able to talk to him and smooth it over."

The Farmer's Almanac, not to be confused with the New Hampshire-based Old Farmer's Almanac which is 24 years its senior, claims a circulation of about 5 million and offers recipes, household hints, jokes and gardening advice.

It even has do-it-yourself advice for predicting the weather by cutting open a persimmon.

According to folklore, if the fruit's seed is spoon-shaped, look for a harsh winter with heavy, wet snow; if it's fork-shaped, expect a mild winter with light, powdery snow; and knife-shaped means an icy winter with cutting wind.

PUC report shows power shortages may occur in year 2000

AUSTIN (AP) — Worst-case scenarios could leave Texans in the dark in the summer of 2000, according to the Public Utility Commission.

Power companies, however, say there won't be any electricity shortages and commission officials said there's no need to panic.

PUC officials on Wednesday released estimates showing Texans demanding as much as 70,436 megawatts of power in the summer of 2000. Utility companies are expected to be able to generate 70,327 megawatts, a 109 megawatt shortage, the PUC said.

Texas power companies currently can generate about 68,339 megawatts of power at one time. Peak demand this year has been 63,970 megawatts.

REUNIONS

THE BSHS CLASS OF '68 is having a 30 year class reunion on Oct. 9-10.

We need your help in locating the following classmates: Jerry Altom, Glenna Armstrong, Jack Bailey, Dana Baker (Pennington), Wanda Ball, Ruth Beltz, Maria Benitz, Bill Bortner, Don Burchell, Charles Byrd, Terry Camarigg, Alura Cannon, Clarie-Marie Caulfield, Martha Choat, Sue Clark, Jenna Clinkscales, Lavera Coffey, Steve Cook, Claudene Cooper, David Cooper, Steve Correira, Dana Craven, Toni Dailey, Pat Davis, Mario De Leon, James Deese, Gloria Disney, Donna Ferguson (Howard), Linda Fuller, Debbie Gilmore, Joe Gonzales, Cleveland Gossett, Ethel Green (Wakefield), G.T. Guthrie, Robert Hall, Diane Harkins, Charlotte Heiman, Lenora Hierman (Hargrove), Patti Henderson, Jessie Houston, Nan Howard, Linda Hughes (Huston), Gary James, Cynthia Johnson, Wayne Johnson, Jerry Jones, Robert Jones, Kathleen Kemp, Christine King (Shrum), Helen Labowski, Gary Lagerstrom, Diana Landrum, Isabel Lopez (Bustamante), Allan Martin, Arnulfo Martinez, Richard Martinez, Carolyn McCann, Patsy McClanahan, Judy McHaney, James McNutt, Terry Mitchell, David Mize, Barbara Morris, Wayne Murphy, Juan Navarro, Coy Nelson, Larry Nelson, Richard Nelson, David Newton, Nick Nillo, Burt Nix, Kay Palmer, Judy Patton, Gwyn Peer, Alice Perkins, Jeff Phares, James Phillips, John Phillips, Henrietta Piper (Carson), Ray Pope, Shirley Ray (Petascho), Larry Russell, Marty Russell, Sandra Ryder, Ambrocio Sanchez, Eugene Scott, Greg Shepherd, Dee Shortes, Linda Sigmon, Shirley Simunovic, Carolyn Sisson (Almon), Joyce Smith, William Smith, Colette Took, Regina Trivett, Danny Turney, David Vasquez, Mike Warren, Danny Westbrook, Glenda Wilkes (McMallan), L.C. Williams, Frances Wilson, Michael Wilson, William Wood, Kathy Woods, and David Wright.

Please call Jeanie Johnson Knocke at 263-1757 or Vivian Dickson Glickman at 267-6808 if you have any information about any of the names listed.

THE BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL Class of '88 is going to be having its 10 year reunion in October. The following is a list of missing classmates:

Juan Baldwin, Kenneth Banks, Beki Bertrand, Michelle Brooks, Nora Chapel, Garry Chavez, Unis Drew, Carey Duffy, Thomas Figeroa, Julie Fortner, Angie Gonzales, Terry Hart, Mary Ann Herrera, Tracy Hicks, Sammy Hilario, Diana Howard, Sean Jackson, Paula Jolley, Michelle LaGrand, Christina Marquez, Gina Martinez, Stephanie Marx, Shawn Meredith, Kelly Myles, Elsie Nieto, Lucinda Oliver, John Osborne, Kelly Parks, Michelle Rodriguez, Mary Rodriguez, Robert Rodriguez, Trevor Roten, Lisa Seeley, Heath Shotts, Allan Smith, Joseph Sosa, Anna Vega, Mary Lou Villa, Charles White, Danny Williams.

If anyone has any information on the missing classmates, please contact Cheri Wyrick Reibe; 2513 Central, Big Spring; or call 268-9587; or Leslie Patterson Stevens; 2717 Carol Drive; Big Spring; or call 267-6620.

BRIEFS

STREET CLOSURE IS PLANNED Saturday on Northeast Seventh between North Runnels and Main, and Northeast Eighth Street in the same block. The streets will be closed for a gang and drug-prevention activity for local children, from noon to 6 p.m.

For more information, call the city public works department at 264-2501.

OPEN HOUSE FOR PARENTS of Big Spring High School students will be Monday from 6:45-8 p.m. There will be an opportunity to meet your child's teachers, see their classrooms, etc., so all parents are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 264-3641.

THE LOCAL SALVATION ARMY is accepting monetary donations to assist flood victims from the Del Rio area. Relief workers have been dispatched from all over the area to help in the effort.

Send contributions to: The Salvation Army, P.O. Box 1248, Big Spring. Mark donations for "disaster relief."

ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW available for the Howard County Fair Queen Contest. Entrants will be judged on Saturday, Aug. 29, at the Big Spring Mall and the 1998 Queen will be crowned on Monday, Aug. 31, during the Fair.

Entrants must be enrolled in an area high school of Howard County or a county adjoining Howard or enrolled at Howard College.

Entry forms are available at the Howard County Extension office, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Athletic Supply and Joy's Hallmark. Entries must be returned to the County Extension office by Aug. 26 and a $25 sponsorship fee must accompany all entries.

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SUPPORT GROUPS

THURSDAY

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.

•Alzheimer's support group, noon, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, third Thursday of the month. Call Janice Wagner at 263-1211.

•Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-6523.

•Alzheimer's Association Support Group, last Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m. Call Viola Barraza at 267-9459.

•Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

•Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

FRIDAY

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

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

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 90
Wednesday's low 73
Average high 92
Average low 67
Record high 103 in 1922
Record low 54 in 1962
Precip. Wednesday 0.00
Month to date 2.65
Month's normal 1.62
Year to date 9.12
Normal for the year 12.39

MARKETS

Dec. cotton 74.25 cents, down 93 points; Oct. crude 13.26, down 32; Cash hogs steady at $1 lower at 32.50; cash steers steady at $1 lower at 58 cents even; Oct. lean hog futures 40.95, down 25points; Aug. live cattle futures 58.65, up 2 points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation.

FIRE/EMS

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

WEDNESDAY

1:13 a.m. — 1900 block North 87, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

2:30 a.m. - 3200 block Swords, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

2:33 a.m. — 2600 block Langley, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

2:47 a.m. — I-20 Mile marker 179, traffic accident, two patients transported to SMMC.

3:55 a.m. — 1200 block E. 16th, trauma call, service refused.

9:20 p.m. — 900 block I-20, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

POLICE

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

- **BOBBY TAYLOR**, 32, was arrested on local warrants.
- **JACOB STARIN**, 18, was arrested on warrants.
- **THEFT** in the 2300 block of Wasson, the 500 block of Birdwell, and the 700 block of Tulane.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING** in the 500 block of Nolan, and the 1500 block of E. Marcy.
- **THREATS** in the 1500 block of Wood.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** in the 1600 block of Young.

SHERIFF

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

- **CASSIE LYNN JOHNSON**, 34, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.
- **DORIS DOWDY GREEN**, 31, was arrested for endangerment to a child.

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Hurricane Bonnie blows ashore, begins crawl up Carolina coast

WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP) — Taking one of history's busiest storm routes, Hurricane Bonnie blew ashore Wednesday and began a slow crawl up the Carolina coast with stinging rain and howling winds of more than 100 mph.

The storm's winds diminished from 115 to 100 mph early Thursday, but its slow progress brought worries of a prolonged drenching.

Arriving hours after a half-million people had fled inland, the storm swamped roads, knocked out power to at least 240,000 and peeled part of a roof from a hospital. There were no immediate reports of deaths or serious injuries.

Andrew Tawes was among the few who remained on North Carolina's Outer Banks as the storm hit, staying to look after his house and cabinet shop. His wife and two children fled the island to stay with relatives.

"I've got thousands of dollars in wood and materials in my shop right now," he said. "I'm scared to death."

The storm reached land at 2 p.m. at Cape Fear, near the South Carolina state line. It slowed from 16 mph to 8 mph as it eased ashore before slowing further.

Six hours later, Bonnie had moved only about 20 miles to the north and was centered near Wrightsville Beach, just east of Wilmington. By 2 a.m., it had moved another 20 miles. Six to 8 inches of rain had fallen in the Wilmington area by early Thursday.

Forecasters said the storm could linger over North Carolina for a day or more and bring up to 20 inches of rain.

"I suspect it's going to be raining very heavy for a long period of time and as it winds down," said Jerry Jarrell, director of the National Hurricane Center in Miami.

A flash flood watch was in effect throughout eastern North Carolina, and river flood warnings were posted for parts of the Neuse and Tar rivers.

Bonnie was expected to reach Greenville, 100 miles north of Wilmington and much farther inland than earlier expected, by Thursday afternoon.

"That means a slow, constant battering of the area from Wilmington to Greenville," state Public Safety Director Richard Moore said. "Rainfall along the I-95 corridor could reach 2 to 3 inches an hour."

The storm was expected eventually to veer to the northeast and move out to sea near the North Carolina-Virginia line, but possibly not until Friday — a day later than expected.

Officials said Bonnie could raise water levels in some areas by 9 to 11 feet. Tide levels 9 feet above normal were reported in some areas Wednesday afternoon.

"We're not talking about one burst of water, like a tidal wave," Moore said. "We're talking about the water being backed up in our sounds by the winds for as long as the hurricane lingers."

Reports from Wrightsville Beach, east of Wilmington, indicated that damage so far was minimal, with only slight flooding and minimal damage to homes, said police dispatcher Ray Peters. But the wind and rain remained fierce into the night.

Flooded Rio Grande invades more towns

LAREDO (AP) — Even as the flooded Rio Grande began to drop slowly in Laredo, having done no serious damage, floodwaters began invading homes this morning in two poor communities downstream.

El Cenizo and Rio Bravo, two municipalities downriver from Laredo, have about 7,000 residents. Those who live near the Rio Grande were asked to evacuate as early as Monday in anticipation of a crest of water on the river that is expected to reach the areas around late morning.

About 25 more families were led from their homes in Rio Bravo this morning as the river flooded at least 30 homes, said Sgt. Manuel Gomez of the Webb County Sheriff's Department.

"They're not swept away, but we have some water in them," he said today.

Still waiting downstream was El Cenizo. Norma Lopez, an El Cenizo resident who lives just about 100 feet from the river in a rundown home with a well-tended rose garden, was among those refusing to leave their homes.

"I was about to leave when they robbed me," Ms. Lopez said. "If I leave, they could rob me again. The little I have I worked hard for."

Her husband, Jose Luis Lopez, echoed her feelings.

"They have to drag me out," he said.

Ms. Lopez said she was scared, but would take her chances that the river would not rise high enough to wipe out her home.

"If the water does get this high, then I'll run," she said.

The crest was fueled by remnants of Tropical Storm Charley, which caused widespread flooding in the Del Rio area and left 14 people dead on both sides of the border.

On Wednesday, Gov. George W. Bush toured Del Rio and announced that President Clinton had declared a major disaster in Texas and ordered federal aid.

Across the Rio Grande from Del Rio in Ciudad Acuna, Mexico, 13 temporary shelters were set up to handle the 8,000 people who were left homeless from the flooding.

In Laredo, the crest reached about 37 feet above flood stage at the Colombia international bridge and about 27 feet above flood level at International Bridges I and II Wednesday.

As of early today, city officials reported no injuries or casualties.

Laredo Mayor Betty Flores said some cranes and farm equipment in the northwest part of town were under water late Wednesday, but reported no damage to homes or businesses.

The Colombia bridge, which on Tuesday was closed along with the two other bridges linking Laredo to Mexico, was set to open to all traffic at 8 a.m. today. A decision on whether to open the other two bridges was to be made early today.

In Nuevo Laredo, on the other side of the river, several homes were damaged by the flood, but the families living there had been evacuated, said Nuevo Laredo Mayor Marcos Alejandro Garcia.

Bottled water was being distributed to residents, since the city's water plant was not operating.

The rising waters Wednesday covered the riverside Dos Laredos Park and the low-lying parking lot of the Riverside Mall.

Laredoans lined up at yellow police tape a few hundred feet from the river bank to get a look at the river and the floating debris on it. In Nuevo Laredo, people were lined up shoulder to shoulder on the river bank.

Passengers scramble as Northwest strike looms

MINOT, N.D. (AP) — Dave Danielson has no choice but to fly this weekend — he has business in Dallas. And he has no choice of airline — Northwest is the only air carrier serving this city of 35,000.

But with a strike threatened Saturday and Northwest already canceling flights, Danielson and many other travelers are unnerved, angry and frustrated.

"Monopoly services are fine, if you can depend on them to be there all the time," said Danielson, executive director of a Minot medical clinic. "If not, monopolies shouldn't be allowed to operate."

The airline and the Air Line Pilots Association have been negotiating over compensation, job protection, work rules and other issues.

Some progress was reported Wednesday in talks with a federal mediator as a 12:01 a.m. EDT Saturday strike deadline approached.

A news blackout has been imposed on the talks, and ALPA spokesman Dean Smith would say only that outsourcing of jobs was a more important issue than pay.

President Clinton is not inclined to intervene and would take a hands-off approach unless the strike approaches the Labor Day weekend, a White House official said Wednesday.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that Clinton administration officials don't expect that a strike would have a wide national economic impact but would reassess that position as the holiday weekend approached.

Northwest spokesman Jon Austin said the airline, despite its optimism for a settlement, canceled 400 flights Friday and Saturday so the 25,000 passengers could make other arrangements. The flights will not be rescheduled if an agreement is reached.

In Minot, managers of the Amtrak station and the local bus depot are anticipating an increase in ridership if the pilots strike. The closest airport is in Bismarck, 120 miles to the south.

"We've sold a couple of tickets where the people said they didn't want to fly Northwest because of the uncertainty," said Robert Medley, Amtrak station agent.

Minot officials also worried about the fate of the Norsk Hostfest, an annual Scandinavian heritage festival that draws about 60,000 people to town and pumps $7 million into the local economy in the middle of October.

Danielson wondered what to do because he has hotel reservations booked in two other states in the coming months.

"It makes life extremely difficult and very frustrating," he said. "You depend on Northwest being there to fly."

Rocket explodes minutes into flight

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — In the second launch explosion in two weeks, Boeing's newest rocket vanished in bright orange flashes a minute into its inaugural flight.

The Delta III rocket blew up 10 miles above the Atlantic Ocean on Wednesday night, destroying the communication satellite on board. The wreckage slammed into the sea; part of it exploded upon impact, creating a brown mushroom cloud.

It was a $225 million disaster.

"Disappointment — it's like being punched in the belly," said Brig. Gen. F. Randall Starbuck of the Cape Canaveral Air Station.

On Aug. 12, a much bigger and more powerful Air Force Titan rocket exploded 40 seconds after liftoff, destroying the spy satellite on board at a cost of more than $1 billion.

No one was injured in either accident.

The Delta III blasted off a half-hour late because of high wind and faulty signals with the rocket's safety system. The first sign of trouble came 55 seconds into the flight when the rocket began to lose control.

Moments before six of the strap-on boosters were supposed to peel away — about 70 seconds into the flight — the 12-story rocket tilted, broke apart and erupted in a fireball.

Five seconds later, the Air Force sent destruct signals to break the rocket into smaller pieces for safety. The debris landed about 10 miles offshore.

Outside the launch site gates, hundreds of spectators cheered what they thought to be the separation of the boosters, then grew silent when they realized something had gone wrong.

Boeing officials said an investigation would begin immediately.

The Delta III is the largest and mightiest model in the Delta rocket line.

Recipe Corner

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Our Views

Looking foward to kicking off another season

Can it be that Friday night football is upon us again? Are we ready for pom-pons, buttons in school colors that exclaim "Go Team Go!" and folding bleacher seats?

Can we stomach frito pies, nachos and hotdogs?

Do we want to hear marching bands, referees' whistles and buzzing loudspeaker systems?

And are we really ready to watch a fullback crash up the middle on a crucial fourth and one situation, a quarterbacks dodge would-be sackers to deliver a 30-yard TD toss as the clock runs out, or a cornerback making a game-saving interception?

You bet we are!

Well, here it comes. Big Spring's Steers get the grid season kick-started tomorrow night and the only complaint we could possibly have is that the opener is not here. That's okay, we can make the trip to Lubbock to watch the Steers play Plainview.

Most area teams are still scrimmaging this weekend, but the Steers have an early opener. Next week, there will be Bulldogs, Bearkats, Buffaloes, Coyotes, Mustangs and Wildcats running up and down a half a dozen or more striped fields.

It's a time when expectations are high for every team in the country. It's the start of a long road with anticipation of a district championship, the playoffs, and maybe a shot at a state title. Enthusiasm abounds.

For most communities, a football game is the biggest entertainment event of the week. No other single activity draws hundreds of fans in a community of hundreds and thousands of fans in a town of thousands. That's because these are "our" kids out there blocking, tackling, running, kicking, marching, gathering equipment, taping ankles, cheering and we are proud of them. They represent "our" town.

And the fact is, football is downright exciting. A 25-yard touchdown pass. A tailback breaking through the defensive backfield into the clear. A 40-yard field goal attempt as time is ticking down.

For a football fan, there truly is something called Friday Night Fever.

We've caught it.

We're ready.

Other Views

Unless President Clinton can do a better job of running the country and addressing those problems that have been overlooked in light of the Monica Lewinsky saga, he should resign.

After seven months of lying to the American public, and under intense scrutiny from a prosecutor who left him no more wiggle room to shade reality, Clinton went on national television Aug. 17, ostensibly to apologize for what he's put the nation through.

Had he just apologized, absorbed responsibility for his actions and shown even a hint of remorse, it would have been easier to forgive and forget. But in the course of his defiant speech, Clinton revealed the damage he's done to the office and to its role in world affairs. ...

It was disappointing to hear the president attempt to blame Special Prosecutor Ken Starr for distracting the country during the past seven months. These seven months could have been over in seven minutes if Clinton would have just told the truth at the start.

But the issue isn't whether Clinton put the presidency at risk by fooling around, in the White House, with a government employee, on company time. Instead, the concern is whether Clinton and his administration can govern this country, and exert its great influence in the world, in light of the damage he has done to the office. ...

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Americans have taken the low road to materialism

A better gage of the mood of the country than a public opinion poll or the Dow Jones average is the food court test.

You can take the food court test by visiting any shopping mall that has one, buying a cup of coffee or a Coke and observing the faces of the people around you.



Charley Reese

If the sea of faces is darkened with fear, anger, wariness, anxiety or sadness, then you know that regardless of what the experts or the statistical indexes say, all is not right in Camelot. If Americans, of all people, cannot be happy in the midst of an opulent market while they eat, then something is seriously wrong. The last few times I checked the food court, the sea was definitely troubled.

It's a common saying now that America has a crisis of the spirit, and like a lot of common sayings, that's true. The four main ideas of the 20th century that were offered in lieu of religious faith were materialism, skepticism, the cult of the will and subjectivism. All fell on their face.

Materialism, which is the pursuit of stuff, turns out to be empty. After one has gotten stuff, stored it, moved it, maintained it, insured it, one gets to the final stuff, a cemetery lot and headstone, where all the stuff has to be abandoned. I don't remember the declensions of nouns or the conjugation of verbs from my Latin classes, but I do remember what a Roman said about stuff: A man becomes a slave to his possessions.

Americans bought into the industrial model, which is based on the myth of perpetual growth. Inevitably that led to the idea of disposable stuff, such as cheap furniture and appliances that one buys, uses for a while and then dumps in order to buy more. It has led to the drug culture. It's no wonder Americans consume drugs because the whole idea of health care in America is fundamentally created by the pharmaceutical industry.

Americans are bombarded with drug advertisements. Got a headache? Take a pill. A muscle ache? Take a pill. Whatever, take a pill -- preferably one that the manufacturers have marked up 1,200 percent. As one observer once put it, if a doctor can't drug it or cut it, he doesn't know what in the heck to do.

It's odd that we Americans, blessed with the ample and fertile country that our ancestors were politically incorrect enough to take from the people who lived in it, blessed with wealth beyond the dream of ancient kings, nevertheless seem to be increasingly neurotic, grumpy, irritable and unhappy.

I agree with C.S. Lewis that when you find you've taken the wrong road, going ahead isn't progress. Progress is going back until you find the right road that takes you where you want to go.

We took the wrong road when we abandoned property-based capitalism built around self-sufficient farms and small towns and took the road toward giant industrialism and finance capitalism.

We took another wrong turn away from a life grounded in faith toward a false utopia run by science.

We took still yet another wrong turn when we left the belief in mysteries for the belief in something even more preposterous: reason. We got further lost when we abandoned a federal republic of sovereign states and chose instead the European model of the centralized state.

Seems to me it's time to do what the postmodern pointy-heads say can't be done -- turn back the clock and retrace our steps.

If we stay on the present path we will end up in a hell of our own creation. Instead of a shining city on a hill, it will be nightmarish Gotham run by Big Brother and his goon squads.

A good society is where people smile, not smirk, and laugh with joy rather than with mockery and embarrassment.

A good society values people more than stuff, honor more than fame, beauty more than luxury, morality more than wealth.

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Chelsea can't be sheltered from tawdry story

Without any trouble, I can remember every item on top of the ugly metal chest of drawers in the dormitory room my freshman year at Auburn.

There was a jewelry box with no jewels, a photograph of my boyfriend, a spray bottle of Heaven Scent perfume and a tall, milky vase holding crepe paper roses with pipe cleaner stems.



Rheta Grimsley Johnson

I can remember every detail of that dorm stall because my college freshman year was the best year of my life to that point; it meant freedom, romance, adventure. The accommodations were utilitarian, the steam radiators hissed all night long, but it might as well have been the Ritz.

I've been thinking about Chelsea Clinton's freshman year. To get a mental picture, I had to first imagine Chelsea. None of us knows her. We know more about Socks the cat, than we do about Chelsea, the first kid.

Her parents rigorously and successfully sheltered her from prying eyes, desperately trying to give their teen-ager privacy. There have been precious few photo opportunities, no in-depth stories. The long-standing plan to insulate Chelsea may have been the Clintons' most successful and worthy joint venture.

As a result, we don't know if Chelsea is athletic or bookish, outgoing or shy. We don't know if she likes old movies or take-out Chinese. But if Chelsea's near normal, if she has the sensibilities nature gave a goat, we can assume her freshman year has been hell.

Her father's sex life has been discussed in detail, not only on the nightly news, but by comedians that all young people adore.

His paramour is plastered on magazine covers and tabloid TV shows. Jokes about stains and cocktail dresses are on the radio, the computer, in advertising campaigns for popular clothing.

Her mother's motives have been debated. The first family, Chelsea's family, has been ridiculed, scorned, sometimes pitied.

The child who for so long was hidden now has no place to hide.

At college age, there's nothing worse than having to consider your parents' sexuality; you are far too preoccupied with your own. In my day, it was bad enough for a college classmate when her parents divorced, in private, with nobody knowing or caring but immediate family.

The Clintons have endured the most extraordinary, not to mention malicious scrutiny of any political family ever. This has been the Ally McBeal presidency; if Ken Starr could follow Clinton into the restroom, he would.

American Heritage magazine recently ran an excerpt from Carl Sferrazza Anthony's book about Warren G. Harding, "Florence Harding: The First Lady, The Jazz Age and The Death of America's Most Scandalous President." Anthony writes about how the love of Harding's life for 15 years, his wife's former best friend, blackmailed him. During the 1920 campaign Republican supporters collected $20,000 to pay her off and send her out of the country until after the election. A secret bank account was kept that apparently served as a blackmail fund to buy the silence of still other Harding mistresses.

Political womanizing is the only bipartisan constant in Washington.

But nothing interests the American public less than history. We learn none of it, thus nothing from it. The fact that nothing's new under the sexual sun would mean little to Chelsea Clinton, anyhow, as she spends her vacation under the hot lights of unceasing publicity.

A lot's been said about the president's track record -- of lying, of sexual escapades. He has established another pattern too, that of protecting his daughter. Starr set the perjury trap with Hillary and Chelsea as bait. Clinton, caught, could lie and spare his family or tell all to politically driven people salivating for such a tawdry moment.

Clinton cheated; he lied about it.

And still he looks far more decent than that voyeur-for-hire Ken Starr.



Heritage Museum holds mural exhibit on art used as a cure for the 'Great Depression'

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

When the country was suffering effects of the Great Depression in the 1930s, art was seen as one solution to the national woes.

Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal programs of the time included the Public Works Art Project, which gave much-needed work to artists, and equally appreciated artwork to public buildings. Texas post offices, including the one in Big Spring, were some of the beneficiaries.

Now, local residents can see some of the other post office murals at the Heritage Museum's new exhibit.

"This is a chance to see a lot of the murals that came from different parts of the state," said Angie Way, curator of the museum. "It's really interesting to compare the other styles with our own."

The mural created by Peter Hurd for Big Spring's post office is not part of the exhibit, but it still hangs in what is now the Howard County Courthouse Annex.

Hurd's mural was a "wet fresco." Some of the murals pictured in the exhibit were in the same style, while other media vary.

Way said other qualities of the murals vary greatly also.

"Most of the examples in this exhibit are full of action," she explained, including one that shows a group of cowboys skinning a steer. Others include a cowboy dance, cowboys at work and an oil drilling crew.

Along with the exhibit, the museum has a video showing Hurd at work on another wet fresco, this one for a building at Texas Tech University.

"Having the video go along with the exhibit works really well," Way explained, "because you can see how he created this style of work."

About 30 photographs make up the exhibit, from both large cities and small towns. During the PWAP's operation in Texas, 125 works of art were commissioned for public buildings. Of those, 17 were destroyed and 32 are unaccounted for today.



HERALD photo/Linda Choate

Laurie Wells examines the exhibit of post office murals from across the state now showing at the Heritage Museum. of



Courtesy photo

This mural, "Before the Fencing of Delta County," by Lloyd Goff, is one of the murals currently part of the exhibit.

In a brochure from the Texas Historical Commission, the post office artwork is described as aimed as "mass appeal."

"Art that was to be housed in public buildings also needed to be understandable and have appeal to the masses of Americans that would view it," the brochure says. "The founders of the project believed in art for the education, delight and enlightenment of the American people, and they urged artists to depict scenes of of local history or folklore with themes to support American ideals.

"Today there is new interest in the 50-year-old works of art," the brochure says. "These remain in public buildings throughout Texas as monuments of an unprecedented government program to bring art to the American people."

Nutrition
Eat less; live longer



DOUG A. KAUFMANN

I, being a baby-boomer, want to live longer. I'm enjoying my stay on planet Earth and I wish to extend my visit here. This is not a new revelation, but one that I have had for over a decade. I recall visiting an Immunologist at UCLA Medical Center in California several years ago and noticing that the mice in his cages had outlived the average life span of mice by over one year. In mice years, thats a 25% increase in life span, and they were still alive and looking great....for mice.

Doctor Richard Weindruch has dedicated his esteemed career to the study of the link between the total number of calories we consume and their effect on life extension. This work, of course, must be initially done on bugs and animals first in order to confirm the efficacy of his hypothesis. After extensive research, Dr. Weindruch confirmed that fewer calories did, indeed contribute to longer lives in spiders, fleas, guppies and mice. Mice, for example ate 30-50% fewer calories than control subjects and lived longer.

There are two important aspects of Dr. Weindruche's research. It was shown that life extension via reduced calorie intake could even occur if the mice began this restricted calorie diet at midage, which for a mouse is about one year. Also, since these mice were fed about 50% of what the control mice were fed, they weighed less and looked healthier. These bonuses were in addition to them living a significantly longer life.

You know where I'm going with this, don't you? Could I, Doug Kaufmann, by eating less lose weight, look healthier and extend my live? The scientists who assisted Dr. Weindruch found that abrupt reduction of calories within the diet of mid-age mice did not extend their lives. Rather, a gradual reduction seemed to do the trick. He also cautioned that children need a higher caloric intake due to their normal growth process.

The jury is still deliberating on whether or not calories restriction will extend human life. The best guess might be that we will know after another decade of two of clinical research. But wait, I'll be 60 or 70 then. My children will be making financial demands of me! I'll be wrinkled! I'll be on 6.5 pharmaceutical drugs daily! My joints will hurt!

Try as I might, someday I will get it into my thick skull that we do not ultimately determine our own fate. God does that. But I have long been a believer not just in longevity, but in quality longevity! Why live to be 110 years old if I have arthritis from the time I'm 70 years old? Before medical science, gives us long life, they had darned well better figure out what causes short life.

I, for one, would like to see mice, spiders and fleas live shorter lives! Long live guppies!!

Specific behavior identifies ADD



DR. JAMES DOBSON

QUESTION: I understand that I can't diagnose my own son, but it would be helpful if you would list the kinds of behavior to look for in a child who may have ADD. You've described the condition in general terms, but what are the specific characteristics of someone who has this disorder?

DR. DOBSON: Hallowell and Ratey, authors of an excellent text entitled "Driven to Distraction," list 20 symptoms that are often evident in a person with ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder) or ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder). They are:

Suggested Diagnostic Criteria

1. A sense of underachievement, of not meeting one's goals (regardless of how much one has accomplished).
2. Difficulty getting organized.
3. Chronic procrastination or trouble getting started.
4. Many projects going simultaneously; trouble with follow-through.
5. Tendency to say what comes to mind without necessarily considering the timing or appropriateness of the remark.
6. An ongoing search for high stimulation.
7. A tendency to be easily bored.
8. Easy distractibility, trouble focusing attention, tendency to tune out or drift away in the middle of a page or a conversation, often coupled with an ability to focus at times.
9. Often creative, intuitive, highly intelligent.
10. Trouble going through established channels or following proper procedure.
11. Impatient; low tolerance for frustration.
12. Impulsive, either verbally or in action, as in impulsive spending of money, changing plans, enacting new schemes or career plans, and the like.
13. Tendency to worry needlessly, endlessly; tendency to scan the horizon looking for something to worry about alternating with inattention to or disregard for actual dangers.
14. Sense of impending doom, insecurity, alternating with high-risk-taking.
15. Depression, especially when disengaged from a project.
16. Restlessness.
17. Tendency toward addictive behavior.
18. Chronic problems with self-esteem.
19. Inaccurate self-observation.
20. Family history of ADD or manic-depressive illness or depression or substance abuse, or other disorders of impulse control or mood.

QUESTION: You've said that schools need to have enough structure and discipline to require certain behavior from children whether or not they have a natural interest in the subject being taught. Then you must favor a very structured, teacher-led pro-

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Stonger focus put on reading in classroom

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — Barbara Panza puts a card with the word "attendance" on a display stand and asks her students, "What two letters make the 'at' sound?"

"A-T," they spell out. Then, "What three letters make the 'ten' sound?" They answer: "T-E-N." And, "What five letters make the 'dance' sound?" "D-A-N-C-E."

The phonics exercise is called a sylla-search, a way to help second- and third-grade children attack big words by breaking them into parts.

But those following Panza's lead at a hotel just outside Washington, D.C., are about 50 elementary and prekindergarten teachers. They hope to bring what they learned about reading this summer in Arlington to their students and fellow teachers in the fall.

Teachers around the country have been getting special instruction so they can do a better job teaching children to read.

Lackluster scores on state and national tests have spurred parents, teachers, their unions and lawmakers into revamping instruction and putting millions of dollars into training.

And the reading war — the dispute that pitted phonics against whole-language teaching methods — is dying down a bit, thanks largely to a report this year by the influential National Research Council.

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The report urged more teaching of underlying skills, such as making children aware even before they begin to write or read of the discrete sounds in even a simple word like "cat."

It recommended that children be taught the connection between letter and sound, the component syllables of words — the stuff of phonics.

The report also said children need exposure to a wide variety of well-written and engaging reading material, too. Whole-language enthusiasts believe kids will turn on to reading by being exposed to lots of books, getting meaning from context.

Since the 1970s, mostly whole-language theory has prevailed in schools, in part because many felt the previously used phonics method put too much emphasis on drills and worksheets. The whole-language approach, in contrast, stressed books, lots of nice books that teachers could not resist.

"For the first time, teachers were getting these wonderful libraries," said Marsha Berger of the American Federation of Teachers, which sponsored the Arlington reading classes as part of a summer training institute for teachers.

When reading tests in recent years showed that even the children of college-educated parents were doing poorly, whole-language took much of the blame.

Among other efforts nationwide, more than 1,000 Georgia teachers and administrators from 351 schools attended training in Atlanta under a state initiative.

The program emphasizes phonics while also exposing children to quality literature.

Neighboring Alabama held a training program for 16 schools.

Other states have made money available or are considering special training for reading teachers, many of whom received little phonics training in college.

Teacher of 60 years has not missed a day of school

BISHOP(AP) — She teaches in a school that bears her name. Three generations of students claim she converted their uneven scrawl into tidy penmanship. Unassuming but possessed of iron resolve, Lillion Luehrs is an institution in this small farming town just north of Kingsville.

The simple act of going to school every day has defined Mrs. Luehrs' life, forged her identity and made her an unlikely giant.

It is a well-known fact here that from the time she started first grade in 1925, through college and a 60-year teaching career, Luehrs has not missed a single day of school.

"It's really quite astonishing.... She has not missed a day," said Pamela Charles-Ham, who had Mrs. Luehrs for English in 1959 and now teaches with her at Lillion E. Luehrs Junior High School.

But Mrs. Luehrs, who turned 80 last week, said the secret of her longevity is simple.

"One day at a time. Every morning, I just get up and go to school," she explained in a gentle, graveled drawl.

Tough like the cotton country from which she hails, Mrs. Luehrs has no intention of quitting her job as an eighth-grade language arts teacher anytime soon.

"I have too much energy to just sit down and not do anything. ... I still get a lot of satisfaction from teaching," she said.

In 1987, Mrs. Luehrs' 50th year on the job, school officials renamed Bishop Junior High School in her honor. Colleagues still arrive at work each day greeted by the same sight: Mrs. Luehrs' red Buick Century parked in the first space of the faculty lot. As a rule, she gets to work by 7 a.m.

She remains, fellow teachers said, a force to be reckoned with.

"Nothing really surprises her.... She's seen everything," said Amrica Lopez, a seventh-grade language arts teacher.

When Mrs. Luehrs began teaching in 1937, schools in Bishop were segregated, a high percentage of students dropped out to work on their family farms, and supply-wise, teachers were given a single ream of paper to last the whole year. Her salary was $85 a month.

Today, Hispanics, Anglos and the occasional black student share classrooms in the town's five schools. The local economy depends as much on the output of a plastics and pharmaceuticals plant as on agriculture. And Mrs. Luehrs now teaches in a world of computers, copy machines and all kinds of gadgets.

"It all boils down to the fact that, if you don't have a dedicated teacher in there, these inventions wouldn't get the job done themselves," she said.

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SKIN CARE

Try these simple experiments to test your skin for lack of moisture.

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- Wear black stockings. Do you find white flakes when you take them off.
- Check your elbows, knees and heels at bedtime. Are they white, grey or flaky?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, your skin may be thirsty for moisture.

Try these tips to help return moisture to your skin.

- Don't be in water more than 15 minutes at a time.
- Drink at least eight glasses of water a day.
- Avoid cleansers and skin products that contain alcohol.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

OPEN HOUSE FOR PARENTS of Big Spring High School students will be Monday from 6:45-8 p.m. There will be an opportunity to meet your child's teachers, see their classrooms, etc., so all parents are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 264-3641.

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THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, also known as Meals on Wheels, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

THE LAST WORD

The secret of all victory lies in the organization of the non-obvious.
Oswald Spengler

It takes time to be a success, but time is all it takes.

The world belongs to the enthusiast who keeps cool.
William McFee

Dinosaur replicas arise from imagination

RICHMOND (AP) — There's something about staring straight into the face of a Tyrannosaurus rex that feels right at home for John Fischner.

Ever since he was a kid, he has had a burning fascination for dinosaurs. Books and magazines about them filled his shelves.

Images of what they looked like and how they lived when they roamed the earth millions of years ago stuck in his head.

Lucky for him, he also discovered he had a knack for creativity and art.

It's easy to see how he ended up sculpting life-sized dinosaur replicas in his studio in his home near Brazos Bend State Park, about 15 miles outside the city of Richmond.

His work isn't just for his own pleasure — although he loves what he does. He's turned his hobby into a full-time profession. His creations end up in museums all over the country — and planet, for that matter.

He and the company he formed, Dreamstar Productions, have work on display at Dinosaur National Monument in Burnell, Utah. He has sculptures in the Dakota Dinosaur Museum in Dickinson, N.D., and in museums in Italy, Japan and Switzerland. He's been commissioned to work for a new museum being built in Germany.

He also does a lot of work for private collectors and businesses. Many of them don't want — or simply don't have enough space for — a life-size piece of work. They prefer to have a scaled-down model or a life-sized trophy mount of a dinosaur head.

"The market kind of runs the gamut from private art collectors and enthusiastic dinosaur fans to dinosaur museums," said Fischner, who grew up in Houston but has lived a large chunk of his life in Fort Bend County.

The inside of Fischner's home is proof of his love for the mysterious extinct creatures. Scaled-down samples of his work line shelves.

His official studio is in his garage. The heat of the summer, however, can make it a bit unbearable.

The den provides a quiet, relaxing place for him to paint the detailed colors of the horned head of a meat-eating dinosaur that once roamed over South America.

This particular piece, once completed, will be shipped to a gift store in Florida and will greet customers who come inside.

The decor of his house, he said, falls in between his wife's Better-Homes-and-Gardens taste and his American-Museum-of-Natural-History taste.

"For a number of years, there were no dinosaurs in the house at all. It was work was at work and home was at home and the two didn't necessarily meet," he said. "That's changed a little over time."

A lot of time and energy goes into each of Fischner's creations. A life-sized sculpture averages about 100 hours. A tabletop piece takes about 60 hours.

The material he works most with is a wood pulp mix that goes directly over steel-wire armatures and a fiberglass understructure. Heat lamps are set up in his studio to help dry the material before he paints them and puts on the finishing touches.

His largest creations can weigh over 100 pounds and be as long as 15 feet. Because of their size, shipping them isn't that simple. The dinosaurs are broken down into smaller pieces and then packed into large crates.

SCHOOL NEWS



Courtesy photo

Borden County cheerleaders for the 1998-99 school year are pictured.Standing, left to right, are Kaci Poole, Brande Wells (mascot) and Crystal Dye. Kneeling are, left to right, Krystie Lee, Bekah Hensley, Erica Schooler, head cheerleader, and Holly Thomas.

Hispanic contribution to pop music gets long-overdue tribute in new book

FORT WORTH (AP) — No question about it, documentation of the contribution Hispanics have made to the world of pop music has been scant at best.

Go to any bookstore with a well-stocked section on pop music. Look through the numerous bios of Elvis and Jimi, the collections of essays, the handful of books devoted strictly to blues or jazz: You might not see anything about Hispanic music at all. I know I don't, and I've looked.

The new "Land of a Thousand Dances: Chicano Rock 'n' Roll From Southern California" will not single-handedly correct this oversight, but it's a very good start.

The book (178 pages; University of New Mexico Press; $18.95 paperback, $50 hardcover) is a handsome, well-researched effort. It traces the development of Hispanic R&B and rock — from Mexican-Americans falling under the spell of doo-wop in the mid-'50s to the explosion of bands in the '60s to El Chicano in the '70s to Los Lobos emerging in the '80s to rapper Kid Frost releasing 'La Raza' in 1990.

This is a fascinating journey, showing America's cultural cross-fertilization at its best, and how music in one particular community has been shaped by both internal and external forces.

One telling example: Back in the mid-'60s, Cannibal and the Headhunters would, we're told, work in front of a mirror for hours, imitating the choreography of Motown's Temptations. Just a few years later, their "Land of 1000 Dances" would become a national hit for R&B star Wilson Pickett.

"It was a beautiful thing," says David Reyes, who wrote the book over the past decade with Tom Waldman. Reyes grew up in the music of East Los Angeles; he went to shows at LA clubs and union halls and, as a saxophonist, began playing with LA bands in the late '60s. "In the late '50s Watts artists knew East LA was a big market, and they went out of their way to perform there. It was unique, because the rock scene in LA had everything, R&B and pop, and we did it our own way."

In this way, the LA Hispanic rock/R&B scene was far more advanced (and got more attention) than the one in most large Texas cities. For one thing, so many record companies have offices out there; for another, LA was, and is, "such" a melting pot; there was a large, multifaceted black music scene so close by.

In Texas there certainly were cases of Tex-Mex, rock and R&B being combined. Probably the best-known are San Antonio's Sir Douglas Quintet, which had a huge hit in 1965 with "She's About a Mover," and Dallas' Sam the Sham and the Pharoahs, which had several hits in the mid-'60s with Tex-Mex-meets-rock tunes like "Wooly Bully" and "Lil' Red Riding Hood."

The book never really addresses why more Latino groups didn't hit the mainstream, but in many cases it was probably simply a case of so much competition and the unfamiliarity of white-bread America with Hispanic culture.

Students fight baggy battle

DENTON (AP) — Some North Texas high school students are trying to sandbag a ban on baggy jeans.

Students at Denton's Ryan High School circulated a petition last week protesting a dress code banning "saggy/baggy pants" and will advocate for a repeal at Tuesday's school board meeting.

Ryan student Eric Wafford said school officials are targeting a certain group of students for wearing the jeans, "not girls, not athletes, just the regular kids who don't cause trouble, but like to wear different clothes."

The wide-legged jeans in question are a cross between those staples of '70s denim fashion, flares and bell bottoms.

"Students received announcements over the loudspeakers the entire first week of school informing them not to be thwarting the dress code," Ryan assistant principal Keith Butcher told the Denton Record-Chronicle in a story for Sunday's edition.

Several dozen students have been given in-school suspensions, Butcher said. Students who consistently flout the dress code will be placed in alternative education classes, he said.

Butcher said safety was the main concern.

Wafford said the petition against the policy has at least 300 signatures on it and is headed to other schools in the district.

DOBSON

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gram, where student behavior is rather tightly controlled. Why?

DR. DOBSON: One of the purposes of education is to prepare a young person for later life. To survive as an adult in this society, one needs to know how to work, how to get there on time, how to get along with others, how to stay with a task until completed, and, yes, how to submit to authority. In short, it takes a good measure of self-discipline and control to cope with the demands of modern living.

Maybe one of the greatest gifts a loving teacher can contribute to an immature child, therefore, is to help her learn to sit when she feels like running, to raise her hand when she feels like talking, to be polite to her neighbor, to stand in line without smacking the kid in front, and to do English when she feels like doing soccer. I would also like to see our schools readopt reasonable dress codes, eliminating suggestive clothing, T-shirts with profanity or those promoting heavy metal bands, etc. Guidelines concerning good grooming and cleanliness should also be enforced.

I know! I know! These notions are so alien to us now that we can hardly imagine such a thing. But the benefits would be apparent immediately. Admittedly, hairstyles and matters of momentary fashion are of no particular significance, but adherence to a standard is an important element of discipline. The military has understood that for 5,000 years!

If one examines the secret behind a championship football team, a magnificent orchestra or a successful business, the principal ingredient is invariably discipline. Preparation for this disciplinary lifestyle should begin in childhood. That's why I think it's a mistake to require nothing of children — to place no demands on their behavior — to allow them to giggle, fight, talk and play in the classroom. We all need to adhere to reasonable rules, and school is a good place to get acquainted with how that is done.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. James C. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" appears each Thursday as a cooperative effort of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Herald. Letters to Dr. Dobson may be sent to P.O. Box 444; Colorado Springs, Colo.; 80903.

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IN BRIEF

Community Pep Rally for Buffs set tonight

A Community Pep Rally has been scheduled for Thursday in Forsan, immediately following the Buff varsity's scrimmage with O'Donnell tonight.

The scrimmage is slated for a 6 p.m. start with junior varsity action, followed by the varsity session.

Community members are invited to meet Forsan's players, coaches, cheerleaders and band. An ice cream social will close the evening's events.

Little Football League signups continuing

Crossroads Little Football League will hold signups for boys and girls in grades 3-6 continue through Saturday at Neal's Sporting Goods.

Registration for both football players and cheerleaders will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

To register, youngsters must bring their birth certificate and last year's school report card.

The league also accepts equipment donations which may be dropped off at Rick's Transmission at 608 E. Third.

For more information, call Nick Reyna at 267-3790.

Running club schedules 'Back to School' fun run

The Comanche Warrior Running Club will hold a "Back to School" Fun Run at 7:30 a.m. Saturday at Kids' Zone in Comanche Trail Park.

The event will include a 5K run and a 1K run for youngsters.

Registration will begin at 7 a.m. the day of the race. Entry fees are $2 and prizes will be awarded to elementary school students.

For more information, call Jill Brode at 263-5359.

Herald seeking stringers for fall football coverage

The Herald is currently seeking writers and photographers interested in working as correspondents during the high school football season.

Correspondents and stringer photographers will be assigned to cover area teams on Friday nights.

For more information, call sports editor John A. Moseley at 263-7331, ext. 233.

County roping scheduled in conjunction with fair

A "County Roping" has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl in conjunction with the Howard County Fair.

The event is open to Howard County residents only. Fees will be four head for $40.

Participants may enter up to five times, but must preregister and pre-pay fees. Books close for entries on Tuesday, Sept. 1.

For more information, call Steve Fryar at 398-5513 or Diane Hofacket at 267-8041 or 267-6251.

Evening Lions schedule annual football barbecue

The Big Spring Evening Lions Club will hold its annual Football Barbecue from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, in the Big Spring High School cafeteria.

Plates will be priced at $5 per person.

For more information, call Janis Dean at 267-3068 or Bob

ON THE AIR

TODAY:

BASEBALL

7 p.m. — Atlanta Braves at St. Louis Cardinals, FSN.

8 p.m. — Chicago Cubs at Colorado Rockies, WGN.

FOOTBALL

7 p.m. — Dallas Cowboys at Jacksonville Jaguars, CBS.

WNBA

7 p.m. — Houston Coments at Phoenix Mercury, ESPN.

Steers match up well with foe, Butler says

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Big Spring's Steers probably will recognize most everything Plainview's Bulldogs throw at them in Friday's season-opening football game at Jones Stadium on the Texas Tech University campus.



BUTLER

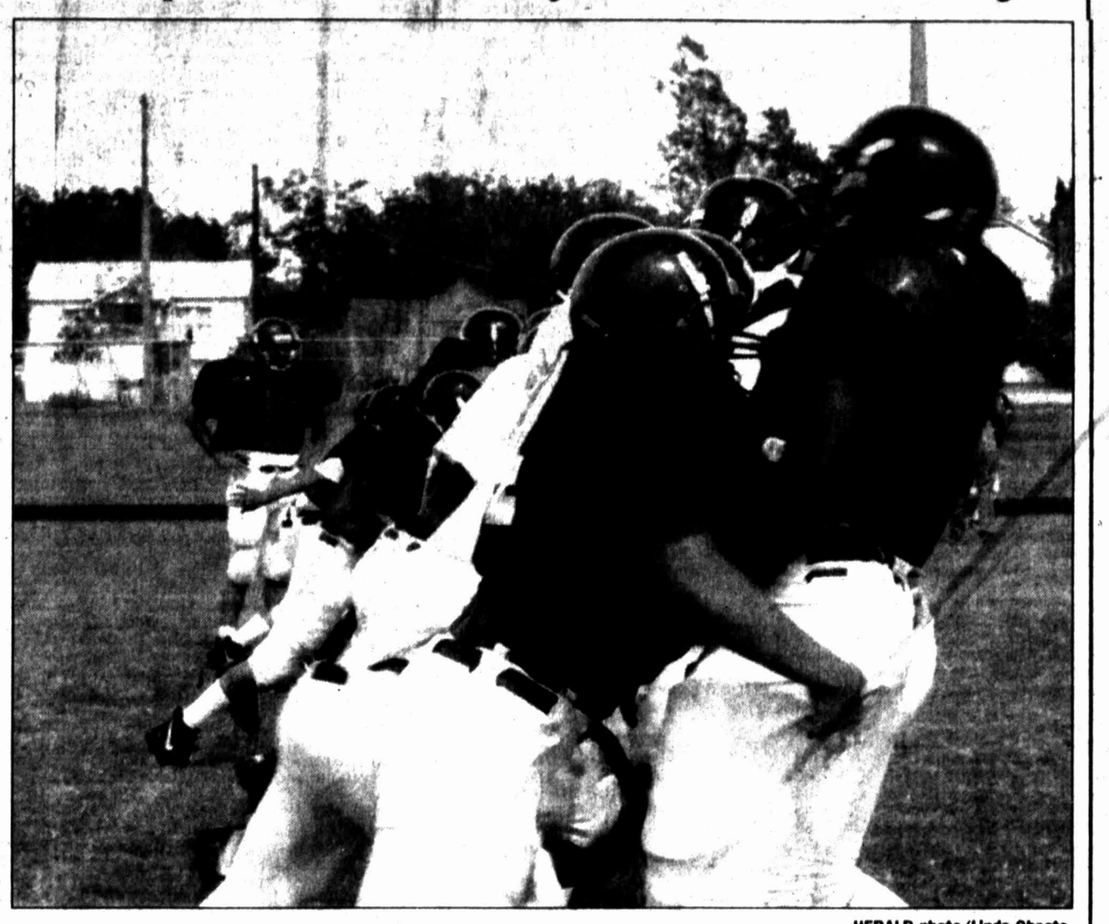
"It's going to kind of be like looking at ourselves in a mirror," Steers coach Dwight Butler said of the game set for a 7:30 p.m. start. "They're a lot like us ... both in size and in the things they do from what we say of their scrimmage game last week."

The Bulldogs come into the season with seven offensive and seven defensive starters returning from last year's 3-7 finish and are expected to be among the contenders in District 4-4A along with Lubbock Estacado and Canyon Randall.

"One of the things we saw from the scrimmage is that they throw the ball quite a bit and do it well," Butler noted. "That's kind of a concern, because we're still looking for the right combinations in our defensive backfield. We had a couple of plays where we blew coverage assignments in our scrimmage with Lamesa and we can't afford to do that against these people."

In addition to a worrisome passing attack, the Bulldogs have a talented tailback Rod Ansley and fullback Peter Gonzalez loaded in their wing-T offensive set. Ansley not only possesses good speed, Butler noted, but is 6-foot-3 and weighs 200 pounds, allowing him to run with exceptional power.

"They had some really big plays against against Hereford in that scrimmage ... really took it to them," Butler added.



HERALD photo/Linda Choate

Nick Valencia and Jason Woodruffgo through tackling drills with their teammates Wednesday in preparation for Friday night's opener with Plainview. Kickoff is 7:30 p.m. at Jones Stadium in Lubbock.

"And Hereford is supposed to be a playoff contender in their district this year."

The Steers boss did note, however, that Big Spring should possess a little edge in overall team speed.

"It's not like we're going to be running circles around them or anything like that, but man-for-man we're probably a little quicker," he explained. "They're probably a little bigger than we are ... most everyone is, but they're not going to dwarf us like the next three teams we play will. Overall, we match up pretty well."

Big Spring's injury report again contained troubling news this week. Reserve tight end and defensive end Casey Cowley suffered an ankle injury Sunday during a pick-up basketball game and has been unable to practice.

"We really don't need any injuries to our linemen," Butler noted. "We're already thin in that area. It's not that we don't have bodies to fill, but most of them are pretty young kids and we wish we didn't have to throw them to the wolves like this.

"On top of that, we've got some kids playing in positions they haven't played before," he added.

Among that group younger players or those adapting to new positions is Butler's son, Bowe, Daniel Beauchamp, Doug White, Bandy Rollins, Jose Canero and Jason Choate.

"These kids are good athletes and we've thought all along they were going to be talented performers for us ... it's just that we're going to be depending on them grow up or make adjustments here in the first few games before we open district play," Butler explained.

"But all of these kids are working very hard and they're on the road to becoming the players we've thought all along they'd be, and Plainview will be a big step in that direction."

Gonzalez drives in four as Rangers nudge Detroit

ARLINGTON (AP) — The flawed Texas Rangers still have a chance to catch the Anaheim Angels in the AL West because Juan Gonzalez is on another RBI tear.

Despite a sore leg, Gonzalez drove in four runs to raise his major league-leading RBI total to 133 Wednesday night, leading the Rangers to an 8-6 win over the Detroit Tigers.

"I like this time of year," Gonzalez said. "I like the pressure. It reminds me a lot of 1996 when we won the division. Every game is very important and I know my job."

Texas is off tonight before heading to Chicago, where they will play a doubleheader on Friday and single games on Saturday and Sunday before going to Detroit for a three-game series.

"The intensity level has to be topnotch for us from now on," Texas manager Johnny Oates said. "It's been a marathon, and now we see the finish line."

Gonzalez went 3-for-4 with two doubles and a single as the Rangers pulled within three games of first-place Anaheim. The Angels split a doubleheader in New York.

Gonzalez, the Rangers' designated hitter because he has trouble running, had a two-run double in the first and a run-scoring double in the second. His RBI single in the sixth off A.J. Sager gave the Rangers a 7-5 lead.

"We were disappointed the Yankees couldn't help us against Anaheim," Gonzalez said.

"We didn't think the Angels would win three games. It means we have to play perfect."

Esteban Loaiza (2-3) picked up his second win in five decisions despite allowing five earned runs and eight hits in five innings.

"Esteban was cruising along and his sinker quit sinking," Oates said.

"But Juan came through and we did what we had to do. It seems like every game now goes down to the last out."

"I didn't have my good stuff," Loaiza said "I was battling it out there. Maybe when I pitch at their place next week I won't do as badly as I did tonight."

Tigers starter Bryce Florie (6-8) lasted only 1 2-3 innings, allowing six runs and six hits. John Wetteland got three outs for his 36th save.

"We got behind early, but fought back," Detroit manager Buddy Bell said.

"It's hard to hold Gonzalez down when he gets hot. Florie was up with everything and his pitches didn't have the life they usually have."

Texas scored four runs in the first on an RBI single by Rusty Greer, a two-run double by Gonzalez and Will Clark's run-scoring single.

Gonzalez's double in the second inning followed Greer's double.

Tom Goodwin opened the inning with his second homer of the season.

Smoltz notches 8th straight; breaks Astros' winning string

HOUSTON (AP) — John Smoltz made it look like the Houston Astros took off a day early.

Smoltz won his eighth straight decision and boosted his career record to 10-5 in the Astrodome, leading the Atlanta Braves to a 6-2 victory that snapped Houston's five-game winning streak. The Astros are off today.

"A lot of times when pitchers have (elbow) surgery like that they don't come back quite as good as they were before, but I honestly think he's better than before the surgery," Braves catcher Javy Lopez said.

The Astrodome was kind to Smoltz once again. He's only 3-7 against the Astros at Turner Field.

"I wish could take this place on the road with me," Smoltz said. "Sometimes when you have success in a place, it helps your confidence. They beat me here earlier this year but I've had some success here in the past."

Smoltz (13-2) allowed five hits in seven strong innings and avenged a loss to the Astros on May 17.

His only other loss came on June 26 against Toronto.

Braves third baseman Chipper Jones pulled muscles in his right rib cage in batting practice, then aggravated the injury when he flied out in the first inning.

He left the game and is expected to be out for a few days at least.

"When you get tweaked like that making contact, I can't imagine how bad it would have felt if I'd swung and missed completely," Jones said.

"We'll wait and see how it feels. I'll miss a day if it means getting us a win, but hopefully it won't be more than that."

Smoltz struck out seven and walked one. Houston's only run off him came in the fourth on an RBI triple Carl Everett.

"He's been terrific," Braves manager Bobby Cox said. "He's 13-2 and got the best winning percentage in baseball. That's how good he's been. I took him out, but he could have stayed in."

The Braves have an 18-3 record in Smoltz's 21 starts. He is 9-1 since coming off the disabled list on June 20.

Marlins outslug McGwire, beat Cards in 10 innings

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NL ROUNDUP

The Florida Marlins got caught up in the home run hysteria.

After watching Mark McGwire connect for his 54th homer and falling behind St. Louis 6-0, the Marlins hit four home runs — three consecutively on eight pitches — in the ninth inning and beat the Cardinals 7-6 in 10 innings.

The game was scoreless through six innings and then — Wham!

"All of a sudden, runs galore," McGwire said.

McGwire got the home-run barrage started with a two-run shot in the Cardinals' five-run eighth inning. The 509-foot shot to dead center made him just the third player in NL history to hit 54 homers, and the first in 49 years. Ralph Kiner hit 54 homers in 1949 and Hack Wilson hit a league-record 56 in 1930.

Still, another historic night didn't ease the sting of another loss in a disappointing season for the Cardinals, who have now become secondary to McGwire's pursuit of Roger Maris' home run record.

"I know what America is watchi..," McGwire said. "They're not watching the Cardinals, they're watching me."

McGwire's homer helped him maintain a two-homer lead over Chicago's Sammy Sosa, who hit No. 52 on Wednesday afternoon in Cincinnati.

"The TV's on in the clubhouse. How can you not?" McGwire snapped when asked if he was aware of Sosa's homer. "I can only take care of myself Let's just have fun watching till the end of the season."

Elsewhere in the NL, it was Chicago 9, Cincinnati 2; New York 4, San Francisco 1; Atlanta 6, Houston 2; San Diego 2, Philadelphia 0; Milwaukee 6, Colorado 5; Los Angeles 4, Montreal 3; and Pittsburgh 4, Arizona 3.

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Cowboys hope to stave off a shutout

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — The preseason hype surrounding the Jacksonville Jaguars has focused on whether the youngest franchise in the NFL will get to the Super Bowl in only its fourth year.

For the Dallas Cowboys, one of the most successful teams in the league, the focus has been on when they'll win another game.

The five-time Super Bowl champions last tasted victory nine months ago, when Troy Aikman and Michael Irvin led the Cowboys to 11 points in the final 1:55 for a 17-14 victory over the Washington Redskins that kept their playoff hopes alive.

Dallas ended the season with five straight losses and opened this year under new coach Chan Gailey with four preseason losses, one solid performance from the starting offense, and still no victory.

The Cowboys make their first trip to Jacksonville tonight in their final exhibition game, trying to avoid their first winless preseason since 1986 and only the third in franchise history.

In the two other years Dallas failed to win a preseason game, the Cowboys wound up with a losing season.

"I don't put any stock into that," Gaily said. "I don't pay any attention to preseason records."

That explains why he's not about to pull out all the stops tonight at Alltel Stadium in a nationally televised game. Gailey saw enough promise last week from his starters that he might play them only one quarter.

"Preserving the starters is more important to me than a winless preseason record," Gailey said. "I wouldn't like an 0-5 exhibition season, but that's not what's important."

If last week was any indication, that might be all it takes to give Gailey hope that the Cowboys can again become a factor in the NFC.

The Cowboys' first-team offense finally turned in a command performance against the St. Louis Rams, scoring touchdowns the first two times it had the ball. Emmitt Smith ran for 110 yards, and the offense had 13 first downs and 258 yards before taking the second half off. The Rams wound up winning 22-14.

"We still have a lot of work to do," Aikman said. "No one is going to anoint us world champions. We haven't made many big plays in the preseason, but I think we'll eventually make more big plays than we did last year. This new offense presents itself for making the big play."

For the Jaguars, not much has changed. Of the 18 players they waived on Tuesday, only two — backup quarterback Steve Matthews and third-team cornerback Curtis Anderson — were on the roster last year.

Jacksonville reached the AFC championship game in only its second year, and followed that up with its best record, 11-5, in 1997. Some publications and analysts have predicted they will win the AFC this year and Sports Illustrated said they would win the Super Bowl.

"It's a very nice compliment," quarterback Mark Brunell said. "The expectations are very high outside this locker room, but also inside the locker room."

Brunell and the rest of the starting offense have looked as proficient as ever, and the Jaguars are showing more balance than they ever have. James Stewart won the starting job over rookie Fred Taylor, the No. 9 pick overall, by rushing for 130 yards on 22 carries in the first three games. Jacksonville is averaging 146.3 yards rushing.

Coughlin said his starters will probably play no more than two quarters. That would give Jamie Martin, who won the backup quarterback spot over Matthews, a chance throw

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SPORTS EXTRA

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
MINNESOTA TWINS—Recalled LHP Travis Baptist from Salt Lake of PCL.
NEW YORK YANKEES—Purchased the contract of RHP Jay Tessmer from Columbus of the International League. Optioned RHP Ryan Bradley to Columbus.
TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Activated RHP Albie Lopez from the 15-day disabled list. Placed LHP Ramon Tatis on the 15-day disabled list.
National League
NL—Suspended Atlanta Braves 1B Andres Galarraga three games and fined him $1,000 for charging the mound against Los Angeles Dodgers RHP Darren Dreifort in an Aug. 22 game.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
MILWAUKEE BUCKS—Fired Chris Ford, coach, and Dick Versace, assistant coach.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
BUFFALO BILLS—Claimed PK Cole Ford off waivers from the Oakland Raiders. Released WR Undre Williams.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Waived WR Kaipo McGuire. Signed WR Tutu Atwell.
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Released LB Toran James.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Waived K John Becksvoort and DT Carlos Thornton. Claimed K Wade Richey off waivers from the Seattle Seahawks, and DT Corey Sears off waivers from the St. Louis Rams.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Signed RW Eddie Olczyk.
DALLAS STARS—Signed RW Brent Severyn to a one-year contract.
NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Acquired D Ken Sutton from the San Jose Sharks for future considerations.
PHOENIX COYOTES—Announced the retirement of RW Mike Gartner.
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Named Alpo Suhonen assistant coach.

Thursday's Games
Dallas at Jacksonville, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Indianapolis, 7:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
Green Bay at Miami, 6 p.m.
Washington at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Cincinnati at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Baltimore at New York Giants, 7 p.m.
New York Jets at Chicago, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Kansas City, 7 p.m.
San Diego at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 7:30 p.m.
San Francisco at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Denver at Tennessee, 12 p.m.
Arizona at Oakland, 3 p.m.
Philadelphia at New England, p.m.
Carolina at Pittsburgh, 7:20 p.m.

NFL PRESEASON

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	95	36	.725	—
Boston	78	52	.600	16 1/2
Baltimore	69	63	.523	26 1/2
Toronto	67	66	.504	29
Tampa Bay	49	81	.377	45 1/2
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	73	58	.557	—
Kansas City	61	72	.459	13
Minnesota	59	72	.450	14
Chicago	58	73	.443	15
Detroit	51	81	.386	22 1/2
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Anaheim	74	60	.552	—
Texas	70	62	.530	3
Seattle	60	71	.458	12 1/2
Oakland	60	73	.451	13 1/2

Wednesday's Games
Anaheim 6, N.Y. Yankees 4, 1st game
N.Y. Yankees 7, Anaheim 6, 2nd game
Boston 7, Oakland 4
Cleveland 5, Seattle 3
Kansas City 7, Toronto 2
Minnesota 7, Tampa Bay 3
Chicago White Sox 12, Baltimore 5
Texas 8, Detroit 6
Thursday's Games
Minnesota (Milton 7-10) at Tampa Bay (Santana 4-2), 11:35 a.m.
Oakland (Candiotti 9-14) at Boston (Schourek 0-2), 6:05 p.m.
Seattle (Moyer 10-8) at Cleveland (Wright 11-7), 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Rosado 7-9) at Toronto (Escobar 2-2), 6:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Finley 10-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Cone 18-4), 6:35 p.m.
Baltimore (Erickson 14-9) at Chicago White Sox (Parque 3-5), 7:05 p.m.
Friday's Games
Texas (Helling 16-7 and Burkett 7-13) at Chicago White Sox (Eyre 2-7 and Snyder 4-2), 2, 3:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Hill 8-5) at Boston (Avery 9-5), 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Alvarez 5-13) at Detroit (Moehler 12-10), 6:05 p.m.
Oakland (Oquist 7-10) at Cleveland (Colon 13-7), 6:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Hawkins 7-12) at Toronto (Williams 9-8), 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Rapp 10-11) at Baltimore (Ponson 7-7), 6:35 p.m.
Seattle (Spoljaric 4-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 8-4), 6:35 p.m.

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	88	45	.662	—
New York	73	60	.549	15
Philadelphia	64	69	.481	24
Montreal	51	83	.381	37 1/2
Florida	47	86	.353	41
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	83	51	.619	—
Chicago	72	61	.541	10 1/2
Pittsburgh	64	68	.485	18
Milwaukee	63	70	.474	19 1/2
St. Louis	62	70	.470	20
Cincinnati	61	72	.459	21 1/2
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Diego	86	47	.647	—
San Francisco	71	62	.534	15
Los Angeles	66	67	.496	20
Colorado	62	72	.463	24 1/2
Arizona	50	84	.373	36 1/2

Wednesday's Games
Chicago Cubs 9, Cincinnati 2
N.Y. Mets 4, San Francisco 1
San Diego 2, Philadelphia 0
Atlanta 6, Houston 2
Florida 7, St. Louis 6, 10 innings
Milwaukee 6, Colorado 5
Pittsburgh 4, Arizona 3
Los Angeles 4, Montreal 3
Thursday's Games
San Diego (Spencer 0-0) at Philadelphia (Byrd 2-0), 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Reynoso 5-0) at San Francisco (Darwin 7-10), 2:35 p.m.
Florida (Hernandez 10-9) at Cincinnati (Parris 3-3), 6:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Neagle 12-11) at St. Louis (Morris 4-3), 7:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Morgan 0-0) at Colorado (Astacio 11-13), 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Roque 1-1) at Arizona (Banes 11-12), 9:05 p.m.
Montreal (Powell 1-4) at Los Angeles (Dreifort 6-12), 9:05 p.m.
Friday's Games
Florida (Sanchez 6-7) at Cincinnati (Bere 1-0), 6:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Cordova 12-10) at Houston (Johnson 4-1), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 17-6) at St. Louis (Mercker 8-11), 7:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Trachsel 13-7) at Colorado (Thomson 8-8), 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Woodall 6-7) at Arizona (Anderson 9-12), 9:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Jones 9-7) at Los Angeles (Perez 7-13), 9:05 p.m.
Montreal (Vazquez 4-13) at San Diego (Hitchcock 8-5), 9:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Green 6-8) at San Francisco (Rueter 13-9), 9:35 p.m.

AL LEADERS

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BATTING—BWilliams, New York, .341; TWalker, Minnesota, .332; MVaughn, Boston, .331; DJeter, New York, .329; Garciaparra, Boston, .327; EDavis, Baltimore, .327; IRodriguez, Texas, .324.
RUNS—DJeter, New York, 104; Griffey Jr, Seattle, 100; Durham, Chicago, 99; ARodriguez, Seattle, 98; Edmonds, Anaheim, 97; JnValentin, Boston, 97; Knoblauch, New York, 95.
RBI—JuGonzalez, Texas, 133; Belle, Chicago, 114; Griffey Jr, Seattle, 111; MRamirez, Cleveland, 109; RPalmeiro, Baltimore, 108; ARodriguez, Seattle, 106; TMartinez, New York, 104.
HITS—ARodriguez, Seattle, 173; DJeter, New York, 169; MVaughn, Boston, 161; GAnderson, Anaheim, 159; Offerman, Kansas City, 159; O'Neill, New York, 159; Garciaparra, Boston, 157.
DOUBLES—JnValentin, Boston, 41; Erstad, Anaheim, 39; CDelgado, Toronto, 39; GAnderson, Anaheim, 38; Belle, Chicago, 37; IRodriguez, Texas, 36; DiSarcina, Anaheim, 36; JuGonzalez, Texas, 36.
TRIPLES—Offerman, Kansas City, 11; O'Leary, Boston, 8; Winn, Tampa Bay, 7; Garciaparra, Boston, 7; McCracken, Tampa Bay, 7; Damon, Kansas City, 7; Durham, Chicago, 7.
HOME RUNS—Griffey Jr, Seattle, 44; Belle, Chicago, 39; RPalmeiro, Baltimore, 39; JuGonzalez, Texas, 37; ARodriguez, Seattle, 36; Canseco, Toronto, 35; MVaughn, Boston, 33.
STOLEN BASES—Henderson, Oakland, 56; Lofton, Cleveland, 41; Stewart, Toronto, 38; ARodriguez, Seattle, 38; Offerman, Kansas City, 38; BLHunter, Detroit, 34; TGoodwin, Texas, 31; Nixon, Minnesota, 31.
PITCHING (15 Decisions)—DWells, New York, 16-2, .889, 3.38; Cone, New York, 18-4, .818, 3.58; PMartinez, Boston, 17-4, .810, 2.73; Wakefield, Boston, 15-5, .750, 4.19; Clemens, Toronto, 16-6, .727, 2.76; Helling, Texas, 16-7, .696, 4.64; Rogers, Oakland, 12-6, .667, 3.09.
STRIKEOUTS—RJohnson, Seattle, 213; Clemens, Toronto, 209; PMartinez, Boston, 200; CFinley, Anaheim, 180; Cone, New York, 162; Erickson, Baltimore, 154; Mussina, Baltimore, 145.
SAVES—Gordon, Boston, 38; Percival, Anaheim, 37; Wetteland, Texas, 36; MRivera, New York, 33; MJackson, Cleveland, 33; Aguilera, Minnesota, 33; JMontgomery, Kansas City, 28; RaMyers, Toronto, 28.

NL LEADERS

NATIONAL LEAGUE
BATTING—Olerud, New York, .343; Bichette, Colorado, .340; Kendall, Pittsburgh, .336; LWalker, Colorado, .336; VGuerrero, Montreal, .329; Biggio, Houston, .328; Castilla, Colorado, .326.
RUNS—ChJones, Atlanta, 108; Biggio, Houston, 107; Sosa, Chicago, 103; McGwire, St. Louis, 102; Bagwell, Houston, 101; Glanville, Philadelphia, 97; GVaughn, San Diego, 97.
RBI—Sosa, Chicago, 130; McGwire, St. Louis, 116; Alou, Houston, 115; Castilla, Colorado, 113; Bichette, Colorado, 109; Galarraga, Atlanta, 106; GVaughn, San Diego, 104.
HITS—Bichette, Colorado, 188; Biggio, Houston, 175; Castilla, Colorado, 171; VGuerrero, Montreal, 170; Glanville, Philadelphia, 167; Sosa, Chicago, 163; ChJones, Atlanta, 162.
DOUBLES—DYoung, Cincinnati, 42; Biggio, Houston, 42; Bichette, Colorado, 42; LWalker, Colorado, 40; Fullmer, Montreal, 39; Floyd, Florida, 38; BBoone, Cincinnati, 36; KYoung, Pittsburgh, 36.
TRIPLES—BLarkin, Cincinnati, 9; Dellucci, Arizona, 8; NPerez, Colorado, 8; AJones, Atlanta, 8; KGarcia, Arizona, 8; DeShields, St. Louis, 7; 10 are tied with 6.
HOME RUNS—McGwire, St. Louis, 54; Sosa, Chicago, 52; GVaughn, San Diego, 43; Galarraga, Atlanta, 40; Alou, Houston, 38; Castilla, Colorado, 37; VGuerrero, Montreal, 32.
STOLEN BASES—Womack, Pittsburgh, 51; Biggio, Houston, 42; Renteria, Florida, 40; EcYoung, Los Angeles, 37; Floyd, Florida, 25; QVeras, San Diego, 21; DeShields, St. Louis, 21; Sheffield, Los Angeles, 21; Bonds, San Francisco, 21.
PITCHING (15 Decisions)—Smoltz, Atlanta, 13-2, .867, 3.32; KBrown, San Diego, 17-4, .810, 2.43; Glavine, Atlanta, 17-5, .773, 2.57; GMaddux, Atlanta, 17-6, .739, 1.91; Ashby, San Diego, 16-6, .727, 2.79; ALeiter, New York, 12-5, .706, 2.42; Lima, Houston, 13-6, .684, 3.63.
STRIKEOUTS—Schilling, Philadelphia, 253; Wood, Chicago, 223; KBrown, San Diego, 212; GMaddux, Atlanta, 170; Reynolds, Houston, 167; Nomo, New York, 161; Dreifort, Los Angeles, 154.
SAVES—Hoffman, San Diego, 43; Shaw, Los Angeles, 38; Beck, Chicago, 37; Nen, San Francisco, 33; JFranco, New York, 28; Urbina, Montreal, 26; BWagner, Houston, 25.

WNBA FINALS

Semifinals
(Best-of-3)
Tuesday, Aug. 25
Phoenix 71, Cleveland 60, Phoenix wins series 2-1
Championship Series
(Best-of-3)
Thursday, Aug. 27
Houston at Phoenix, 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday, Aug. 29
Phoenix at Houston, 3 p.m. (NBC)
Tuesday, Sept. 1
Phoenix at Houston, 7 p.m. (ESPN), if necessary

MSL GLANCE

Thursday's Games
No games scheduled
Saturday's Games
D.C. United at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Kansas City, 7:30 p.m.
MetroStars at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.
Colorado at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

ROUNDUP

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John Mabry also had a two-run homer in the Cardinals' five-run eighth before the Marlins hit four home runs in the ninth, including three on consecutive at-bats by Derrek Lee, Cliff Floyd and Kevin Orie off reliever John Frascatore.

Mark Kotsay's three-run pinch-hit homer off Jeff Brantley tied it 6-6, and the Marlins won it in the 10th on Randy Knorr's RBI double in the 10th off Juan Acevedo (6-3) sent the Cardinals to their fifth straight loss.

"I'd have bet anything except my children that we'd have walked away a winner," manager Tony La Russa said.

Cubs 9, Reds 2

Sosa finally made contact against Brett Tomko, hitting a towering shot as Chicago ended a four-game losing streak by winning at Cincinnati.

Kerry Wood (12-6) struck out 16 in eight innings, the second-highest total of his rookie season, as he won for the first time since July 31.

Sosa, who had struck out in his four career at-bats against Tomko (11-10), hit a solo homer in the third inning that smacked an advertising panel on the facing of the third deck in left-center.

Gary Gaetti drove in four runs for the Cubs.

Mets 4, Giants 1

Hideo Nomo (6-11) pitched a three-hitter and struck out 10 as New York retained its one-game lead in the NL wild-card chase with a victory at San Francisco.

Lenny Harris led off the game with a homer off Orel Hershiser (9-9), and Brian McRae had a pair of RBI singles for the Mets, who broke a three-game losing streak.

Padres 2, Phillies 0

Joey Hamilton pitched seven strong innings and Steve Finley homered for San Diego at Philadelphia.

Mercury is unafraid of defending champs

PHOENIX (AP) — Cynthia Cooper can have all the WNBA MVP awards. All Jennifer Gillom wants is a title.

"My main goal all season has been just to make it to the playoffs and win a championship, and that's what I've been concentrating on," the Phoenix Mercury center said. "That's been my main goal, not the MVP award and not any other award."

Cooper, Houston's peerless shooting guard, is the only most valuable player the WNBA has known.

She won the 1997 regular-season honor, also took the championship-game MVP as she scored 25 points in a 65-51 rout of New York, and got this year's regular-season award as well.

But the competition this time was close — Cooper averaged a league-high 22.7 points and 3.7 rebounds, while Gillom had 20.8 points and 7.3 rebounds per game.

The best-of-3 finals, beginning tonight at America West Arena, mean one more chance to fire up the controversy.

Game 2 will be Saturday in Houston, and Game 3, if needed, will be Tuesday in Houston.

The Comets went 27-3 in the regular season, had the longest winning streak (15) in the WNBA this year, scored the most points (76.2) and crushed Charlotte by 14 and 16 points to advance past the first round.

Sheryl Swoopes was sixth in scoring and third in steals, just behind teammate Kim Perrot's 2.80 average.

Houston had Swoopes from the start this year. She gave birth before the season last year and only played in the last 11 games.

The Mercury were 19-11 — good enough for the No. 3 seed in the playoffs, and got an edge on second-seeded Cleveland by having the first game at home.

They defeated the Rockers, lost on the first try in Cleveland and then closed out the series with a 71-60 victory Tuesday night.

But Gillom said the Mercury's 69-66 upset of the Comets last June was more indicative of what lies ahead than Houston's three wins over Phoenix later on.

"I think we're very even in talent," she said.

Sampras gets tough draw at U.S. Open

NEW YORK (AP) — Top seeds Pete Sampras and Martina Hingis will have tough paths to the U.S. Open championship.

Sampras, seeking a record-tying 12th Grand Slam singles title, and Hingis got difficult draws Wednesday for the the season's final Grand Slam tournament.

Sampras has a potential quarterfinal meeting with former U.S. Open champion Andre Agassi, who is seeded eighth this year.

If he gets by Agassi, Sampras then could face defending champion Patrick Rafter in the semifinals, a major obstacle in his quest for a fifth title at Flushing Meadow.

Sampras, who won his fifth Wimbledon singles title in July, needs one more Grand Slam crown to match the record dozen won by Australian Roy Emerson.

Hingis, the defending women's champion, faces a qualifier in the opening round. But her second-round foe would be 1997 French Open champion Iva Majoli of Croatia or Germany's Anke Huber.

Majoli, ranked 20th in the world, and Huber, 21st, will battle in what should be the toughest first-round matchup.

In the fourth round, if the seedings hold, Hingis would take on 16th-seeded Ai Sugiyama of Japan, possibly followed by No. 6 Monica Seles.

Hingis and Venus Williams, who played for the women's title last year, were placed in opposite halves of the draw, meaning they can only meet in another championship match.

With Sampras, Agassi and Rafter in the top half of the men's draw are hard-serving Goran Ivanisevic, who is seeded 14th; Britain's Greg Rusedski, last year's runner-up who holds the record for the fastest serve; No. 9 Karol Kucera of Slovakia; No. 12 Jonas Bjorkman of Sweden; and No. 15 Alberto Berasategui of Spain.

If the seedings hold, Agassi would play Kucera, Rafter would face Ivanisevic and Bjorkman would take on Rusedski in the fourth round.

COWBOYS

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his first incomplete pass of the preseason. Martin is 9-of-9 for 196 yards and one touchdown.

The Jaguars (1-2) are coming off a similar loss to the Cowboys. The starters led them to a 21-9 lead over the Kansas City Chiefs midway through the fourth quarter, while the backups managed minus-9 yards in four possessions of a 22-21 loss.

"I'm not happy with the twos (second team)," coach Tom Coughlin said.

"Many of our kids in the second offensive line were overmatched. I don't know if I can put it any other way."

The Jaguars have won their last preseason game in each of their three years in the league, and they've reached the playoffs the last two seasons.

Exhibition games aren't much of a gauge, considering that starters don't play much past halftime. Still, the Cowboys wouldn't mind finding out what it's like to win again.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Texas Utilities Electric Company (TU Electric), in accordance with the Public Utility Commission of Texas Substantive Rule 25.162(g)(3), hereby gives notice as to its public participation activities related to Integrated Resource Planning. In order to obtain customer opinions on resource planning issues, TU Electric will be employing the Deliberative Poll™ method developed by Dr. James Fishkin of the University of Texas at Austin. This method was developed in order to obtain informed public opinion from a scientific sample of individuals. In the initial phase of the Deliberative Poll™ process, over 1,000 TU Electric customers will be randomly contacted to participate in a telephone poll on issues related to resource planning.

On October 16 and 17, 1998, TU Electric will host the TU Electric Customer Meeting on Electricity Issues – Partners in Choice for Texas (Event) at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Dallas, Texas. The Event will provide an opportunity for approximately 250 of the 1000+ customers participating in the telephone poll to meet and discuss resource planning issues with experts who have diverse viewpoints concerning these issues. At the end of the Event, the participants will be polled again to determine if their opinions on these issues have changed.

If you would like more information on the Event, please contact Kermit L. Stosberg Jr. at (214) 812-3225.

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FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

CENTRAL

BROWNWOOD: Water stained; 85 degrees; Black bass are very good on Chug Bugs and fair to good on 7" black and chartreuse Power lizards and black and chartreuse 5" Power crawls all fished in 2 to 6 feet of water. Crappie are good on white jigs fished at night under lights in 10 to 20 feet of water. White bass are excellent on small topwater lures and spoons. For the best action retrieve fast and shallow. Hybrid stripers are fair deep water trolling with spoons and jigs. Catfish are slow.

BUCHANAN: Water clear; 86 degrees; 8' low; Black bass to 5.35 pounds are fair very early on Terminator spinnerbaits and buzzbaits fished around islands in the upper lake. Later try pumpkinseed or grape worms on the main lake points. Crappie are fair at night on minnows fished under lighted docks. White bass are fair to good on topwater lures fished very early over sandbars. Try slabs or minnows fished deep throughout the day. Striped bass are good trolling with 1.5oz. yellow/white jigs and trailers in 12 to 18 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish to 6 pounds are fair on cheesebaits.

PROCTOR: Water stained; 85 degrees; Black bass are good on Chug Bugs fished in the morning and white or chartreuse spinnerbaits in the mid-day. Also try various soft baits and jigs on the flats and brush piles. Crappie are good on live minnows fished in 10 feet of water by the dam. Hybrid stripers are good early on live shad and later on jigs fished in 10 to 20 feet of water. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with cut shad, perch and goldfish set in the evening.
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SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water fairly clear; 84 degrees; 49' low; Black bass to 8.6 pounds are good early on topwaters. Midday try Carolina-rigged worms fished in 8 to 14 feet of water. Crappie are slow. White bass are good on Red Fins and roadrunners fished early and late near the dam. Fish are schooling. Striped bass to 14 pounds are good on Red Fins fished in 5 to 10 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are fair to good on worms fished in 4 to 9 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow.

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water fairly clear; 86 degrees; 2.5' low; Black bass to 6 pounds are fair on blue fleck worms fished up the rivers in 4 feet of water. Crappie are slow to fair on minnows fished off the pier in 30 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are fair. Yellow catfish are occasional.

ARROWHEAD: Water clear; 87 degrees; Black bass to 5 pounds are fair to good on white spinnerbaits. Crappie are good on minnows fished around the derricks in 10 feet of water. White bass are good on black and chartreuse jigs fished near Henrietta Bridge in 7 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are good on cheesebait fished in 18 to 20 feet of water. Yellow catfish to 28 pounds are good on live shad fished in 20 feet of water.

COLORADO CITY: Water fairly clear; 95 degrees; 12' low; Black bass to 8.5 pounds are fair fished off the rocks by the dam. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Redfish to 9 pounds are good drift fishing on live shad.

FT PHANTOM HILL: Water murky; 80 degrees; 12' low; Black bass to 5 pounds are fair on bass minnows fished in 7 to 12 feet of water. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 7 feet of water. White bass are slow. Striped bass are slow. Channel and blue catfish to 6 pounds are good on shrimp fished in 8 to 20 feet of water. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with live shad set in 8 to 20 feet of water.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water fairly clear; 85 degrees; 2.3' low; Black bass to 6 pounds are good on topwaters and swimming worms fished early near the cattails and hydrilla. Crappie are fair to good on minnows fished in 18 to 20 feet of water. White bass are good on white and chrome topwater lures. Fish are schooling. Hybrid stripers to 8 pounds are fair to good drift fishing 1.5oz. bucktail jigs near Tanglewood Island in 25 to 28 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are good on juglines baited with cut shad set in 15 to 20 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow.

KEMP: Water fairly clear; 91 degrees; 8' low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Striped bass are good on live shad. A new contact on the lake has been made. Look for better information in the report next week.

NOCONA: Water clear; 87 degrees; 3' low; Black bass to 8.5 pounds are good on plastic worms and crankbaits fished in 8 to 15 feet of water. Look for the topwater bite early and late. Crappie are good on minnows and jigging spoons fished in 15 to 25 feet of water. White bass and hybrid stripers are good on Sassy shads and deep diving crankbaits fished in 15 to 20 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with perch.

OAK CREEK RESERVOIR: Water fairly clear; 78 degrees; 4.5' low; Black bass are fair on white and chartreuse buzzbaits fished early. Crappie are slow. White bass are fair to good on Little George's, spoons and slabs fished in 5 to 20 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish to 4 pounds are good on trotlines baited with chicken livers. Yellow catfish are fair.

O.H. IVIE: Water fairly clear; 85 degrees; 4.5' low; Black bass to 10 pounds are fair to good on Texas-rigged grubs and spinnerbaits fished in 30 to 35 feet of water. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows fished in the river channel at night under lights in 25 feet of water. White bass are fair to good on minnows and jigs fished at night under lights 25 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish to 5 pounds are fair on trotlines baited with cut baits set in the river. Yellow catfish to 25 pounds are fair on trotlines baited with live perch.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 84 degrees; 9' low; Black bass to 10 pounds are fair to good on Pop R's fished early. Later try purple worms fished in 5 to 20 feet of water. Crappie are slow on minnows fished in 7 to 20 feet of water. White bass to 2 pounds are slow on minnows fished in 10 to 24 feet of water. Striped bass to 12 pounds are slow on live shad fished in 20 to 35 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish to 8 pounds are slow on bloodbait fished in 24 to 35 feet of water. Yellow catfish to are slow on live perch fished in 10 to 24 feet of water.

SPENCE: Water clear; 82 degrees; Black bass to 7 pounds are slow on minnows fished in 3 to 4 feet of water. Crappie are slow on worms. Striped bass are very good on cut shad fished in 12 to 15 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are good on worms and minnows fished in 4 to 6 feet of water. Yellow catfish are good on cut baits fished in 12 to 15 feet of water on the north side of the lake.

STAMFORD: Water fairly clear; 89 degrees; 9' low; Black bass to 4.5 pounds are good on chartreuse spinnerbaits, jigs and pumpkinseed worms fished early in 1 to 4 feet of water. Crappie are very good on minnows fished off the rocky banks and around the brush in 7 to 8 feet of water. White bass are slow. Channel and blue catfish to 9.25 pounds are fair on punchbaits and nightcrawlers fished in 1 to 6 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish to 8 pounds are good on stinkbait fished by the dam in 10 to 30 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow.

TWIN BUTTES: Due to work on the dam the lake level is extremely low. There are very few fishermen accessing the lake and no marina, thus our attempts to gather information have been unsuccessful. Anyone with access to weekly information please call 806-785-4918. We would appreciate the help!

Especially for kids and their families

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We Are All in It Together!

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The Back-to-School Boat



The same feelings

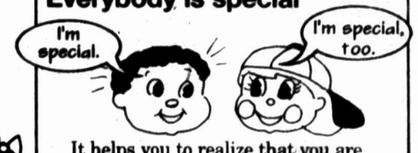


At the beginning of school, almost everybody tries to look cool and calm. However, inside each back-to-school student is a special person who is wondering what the new year is going to be like. It helps to know that most kids feel the same way. It's normal to feel a little uneasy and a little anxious.

But it won't take long for you to settle in and feel at home at school.

The Mini Page thanks Brenda Kahan, school counselor, Long Branch Elementary School in Arlington, Va., for help with this issue.

Everybody is special



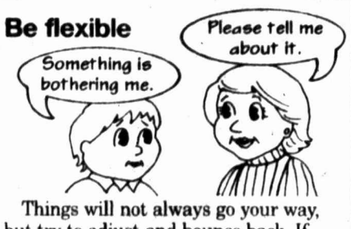
It helps you to realize that you are special to your parents, friends and family. You will be meeting other kids who are special to their parents, friends and families, too. You will have to learn to share the spotlight and attention with others.

Learn people skills



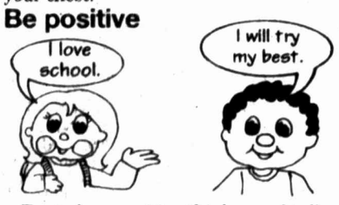
It is your job to do your best in reading, writing, math and other "study skills." Your "people skills" are most important, too. How well you get along with others is a key to success.

Be flexible



Things will not always go your way, but try to adjust and bounce back. If something goes wrong, don't let it ruin your day. When something at home really upsets you, talk to your parents or an adult at school about it. Get it off your chest.

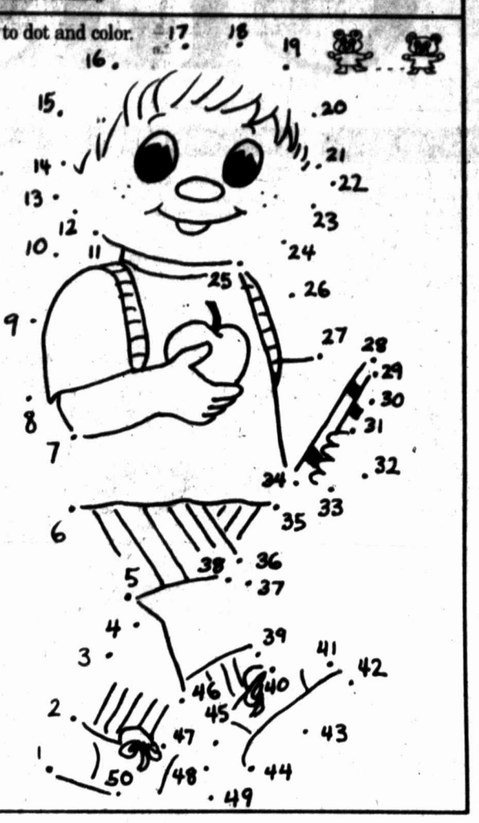
Be positive



Try to be a positive thinker and talker. Look on the bright side of things.

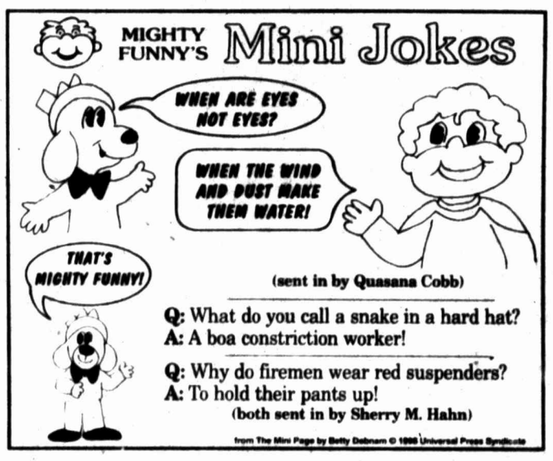
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MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes



(sent in by Quasana Cobb)

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A: A boa constriction worker!

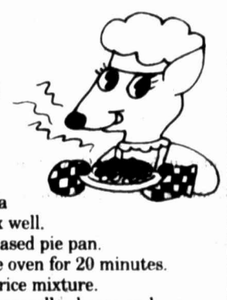
Q: Why do firemen wear red suspenders?
A: To hold their pants up!

(both sent in by Sherry M. Hahn)

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Rookie Cookie's Recipe

Nice Rice Pie



You'll need:

- 1 1/2 cups rice, cooked
- 1 cup mozzarella cheese, grated
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 8-ounce can tomato sauce
- 1/3 cup mushrooms, chopped

What to do:

1. Combine rice, 1/2 cup mozzarella cheese and eggs in a large bowl. Mix well.
2. Press mixture evenly into a greased pie pan.
3. Bake in a preheated 450-degree oven for 20 minutes.
4. Pour tomato sauce evenly over rice mixture.
5. Sprinkle evenly with 1/2 cup mozzarella cheese and mushrooms.
6. Bake another 10 minutes. Serves 6.

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BASSET BROWN THE NEWS HOUND'S BACK TO SCHOOL TRY 'N FIND

Names of things you have to look forward to at school are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: TRIPS, GAMES, ACTIVITIES, KINDNESS, COMPUTERS, CHALLENGES, SPORTS, ART, DISCOVERIES, EXPERIMENTS, HOLIDAYS, JOKES, MUSIC, CELEBRATIONS, WORDS.



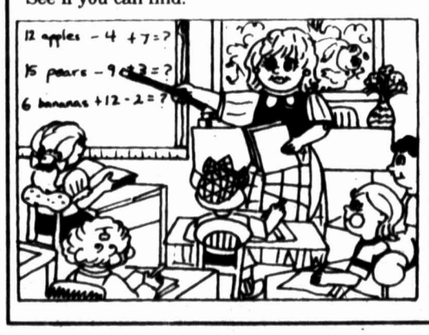
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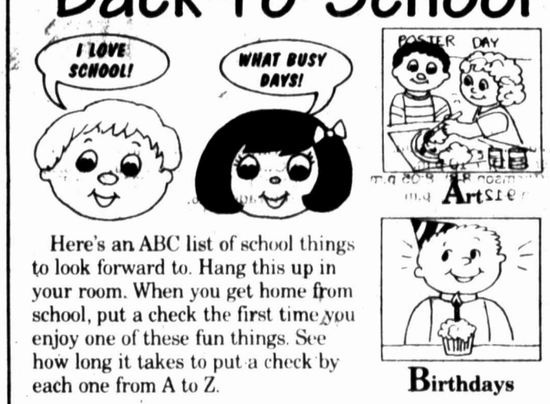
Mini Spy and her friends are learning a lot at school. See if you can find:

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- spoon
- lima bean
- word MINI
- bear's face
- chicken
- sailboat
- frog
- ruler
- cherry
- number 3
- comb
- bird
- peanut
- bell



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Back-to-School Fun From A to Z



Here's an ABC list of school things to look forward to. Hang this up in your room. When you get home from school, put a check the first time you enjoy one of these fun things. See how long it takes to put a check by each one from A to Z.



Making special new friends and seeing old ones again are two of the joys of going back to school.



Next week The Mini Page looks at backpacks and pencils.

To Do: On a separate piece of paper, make a list of all the things you enjoy about school.

To Do: Let your classmates know something about you. Look through your newspaper and cut out words that might describe you. Paste them on a sheet of paper. Share and compare these with your classmates.

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❑ Garage Sale: 1317 Mulberry Saturday Only, 8:30-?.

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Jackie Olson
County Auditor
2017 August 21 & 27, 1998

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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)

Passions run high. Getting others' heated tempers to cool down will take a great effort. Perhaps you should just let nature take its course. Pressure to go with existing procedures takes over. Make plans for a fun getaway this weekend. Tonight: Why not leave now?****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You could be blocked when you least expect it. A loved one creates his share of uproar. You need to coax a friend to think the way you do. Let go of pressure, and stay even. Others dominate the scene. Get together with a family member. Tonight: Make peace, not war.****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

You feel as if your personal life and work are hopelessly out of control. Listen to your sixth sense regarding someone close to you. You understand a lot more than he perceives. Don't let your frustration get to you. Instincts are right on with this friend. Tonight: Relax.**

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Call upon your creativity when you hit obstacles at work. Someone doesn't mean to misunderstand. Regroup, and keep at it until you get through. An investment in your career will come back in multiples. Convincing someone is another matter. Be flexible. Tonight: Kick up your heels.****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Emotional and financial risks could scar you. What you need is hard work, energy and dynamic ideas. Indulgence and extremes mark your interactions. Pull back, and return to the fundamentals. You relieve a family member's anxiety. Tonight: Entertain at home.***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Keep communications rolling. It isn't necessary for someone to view life as you do. Think in terms of winning the war, not the battle. Stress surrounds domestic life and an investment. Reveal your feelings; when you share them with family, you'll make peace. Tonight: Meet friends for a bite to eat.****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You could easily misread a situation. But a friend gives you feedback about a financial matter that allows you another perspective. Take a different direction. Avoid tangling with a negative person. Why do that to yourself? Tonight: Vanish with a special friend.**

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Finances could be difficult and stressful. A friend gives you advice; evaluate its helpfulness. A boss has great ideas; listen, and give him your feedback. Follow traditional avenues, and you will succeed. You are in the limelight; accept responsibility. Tonight: A favorite spot.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You could give someone in charge a jolt. Think before you proceed, as there could be messy ramifications. Keeping your own counsel serves you best. News from a distance encourages you. Prepare to take a trip once an invitation is extended. Tonight: Get extra ZZZs.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You could sabotage yourself when you least expect it. Stay in sync with your long-term needs. Someone presents great ideas, and you might opt to run with them. A partner has great ways of spending your money. Put the kibosh on this behavior! Tonight: Where your friends are.****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Accept the limelight, and take responsibility. It surprises you how many people depend on you. Pressure from a partner over money rains on your parade. A dear friend has some strong words to say; still, he clearly means well. A friendship blossoms. Tonight: Leave work ASAP.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Maintaining your vision for the future allows you to open doors. A work offer is valid. Go for the bottom line. Someone might be contrary now; give him time. Focus on improving work performance. Detachment allows greater understanding. Tonight: Be generous with a loved one.****

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ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: A few months ago, I met a lovely young lady and we began to date. Soon the relationship was exclusive because we fell in love. Our relationship is perfect except for one thing. We are of different religions. I am Jewish and she is Christian.

Religion is important to both of us, and neither of us wants to convert. We realize that marriage would present problems; however, we don't know if the problems would be so serious that our marriage would fail.

Abby, would our marriage have a chance, or should we go our separate ways before we invest any more time in what could be a disaster? — TO MARRY OR NOT TO MARRY

DEAR TO MARRY OR NOT TO MARRY: Interfaith marriage can be difficult, but the problems are not insurmountable if both partners are willing to communicate honestly and compromise.

Before you make the commitment, there are some issues that you should discuss to determine how important they are to both of you and how you should handle them.

Could she accept it if you want your children raised in the Jewish faith? Could you accept it if it were important to her that the children embrace Christianity? How would you handle the holidays? If you have dietary restrictions, could she accept that? Would your wedding be Jewish or Christian?

It would be a good idea for you and the young woman to meet with both a rabbi and a minister to discuss the differences so that you don't misunderstand each other's religion and expectations. Good luck.

DEAR ABBY: What do you think of sending wedding invitations to every possible acquaintance? I know a gift is supposed to be voluntary, but during the last year I have received invitations from the daughters of casual friends or co-workers. I've met these daughters only once or twice in my entire life. They probably wouldn't know me if they ran into me on the street.

These invitations arrived with cards included that state where the bride is registered, or, in the case of the most recent, stating that contributions could be made to a honeymoon cruise with the check made payable to the cruise line! That one was for a wedding that's three states away. The mother of the bride is fully aware that there's no way I could attend the wedding. It's obvious that a gift or contribution is expected when a card like that is included.

Because I either correspond with the mother of these brides or work with the father, it's very awkward for me not to buy a gift for these events. Yet I would never dream of sending them an invitation to my son's wedding next year, because my son wouldn't know them any better than their daughters know me. Please tell me how to deal with these kinds of invitations. It's emotionally unsettling when one barely has enough funds to buy gifts for actual relatives. — DESPERATE FOR RELIEF

DEAR DESPERATE: It is inappropriate to include information about where the bride is registered with the invitation to the wedding. The proper way to transmit the information is verbally, in response to an inquiry from someone who has accepted the invitation.

Respond to invitations such as these by sending a card or letter congratulating the happy couple and expressing regret that you will be unable to attend. If you are not attending the wedding, no gift should be expected from you.

DEAR ABBY: A year ago, I asked my fiance's sister to be the maid of honor in our wedding. I felt it was important to make sure his family didn't feel left out, as we live five states apart.

Abby, my sister-in-law will be getting married later this year. She has asked my husband to be an usher, but I have been excluded from the wedding party. My in-laws and I have had some tense moments. I feel this is a slap in the face, and I can't seem to shake the feeling.

Should I say anything to my in-laws about how hurt I feel? My husband and I come from two very different backgrounds, so I'm afraid it would not be well received and would cause more bad feelings. Sign me ... ISOLATED IN VIRGINIA

DEAR ISOLATED: A bride's attendants are not chosen to repay the honor of having been chosen to serve in another's wedding. As a general rule, a bride chooses her best friends or sisters to be in her wedding party.

Do not complain to your in-laws, and don't take this so personally. Your sister-in-law probably has enough close friends or sisters to fill the party and was unable to accommodate you. Perhaps she will choose you for some other duty, but if she doesn't, please don't let this dampen family relationships. Give her the benefit of the doubt and rise to the occasion.

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THURSDAY AUG. 27

	KMID (2) Midland	KPEJ (3) Odessa	KERA (5) Dallas	FAM (6)	KOSA (7) Odessa	WFAA (8) Dallas	KWES (9) Midland	WTBS (11) Atlanta	UNI (13) Spanish	DISN (14) Premium	NASH (15) Nashville	TMC (16) Premium	SHOW (20) Premium	HBO (22) Premium	KMLM (24) Odessa	A&E (25) New York	DISC (26) Discovery	TNT (28) Atlanta	FSN (29) Sports	ESPN (30) Sports	AMC (31) Classics	BET (33) Black Ent.
6 :PM :30	News (CC) Fortune	Simpsons Home Imp.	Science Guy Creatures	Show-Funny Show-Funny	News Ent. Tonight	News (CC) Fortune	News Seinfeld (CC)	Andy Griffith Andy Griffith	Mi Pequena Traviesa	Escape to Witch Moun-	Waltons (CC)	(:15) Movie: Ted and	an Axe Murderer (CC)	(:15) Movie: My Girl (CC)	Kendalls John Hagee	Law & Order (CC)	Gimme Shelter	Babylon 5 (CC)	Last Word Sports News	"	"	Planet Groove
7 :PM :30	World's Sea	Wildest Police Videos	American Experience	Oh No! Mr. Bill Life, Camera	NFL Preseason Football:	World's Sea	Friends (CC) Frasier (CC)	Major League Baseball:	Vivo por Elena	tain (CC) (:35) Movie:	NASCAR: 50 Years	Venus	Movie: Air Force One	"	Light of the Southwest	Biography	Wild Discovery	Movie: Midway	Major League Baseball:	WNBA Basketball Play-	Movie: The Land That	"
8 :PM :30	Summer Thursday	Fox Files (CC)	(CC)	Movie: The Night of the	Dallas Cowboys at Jack-	Summer Thursday	Seinfeld (CC) Frasier (CC)	Atlanta Braves at St.	Desencuentro	Hocus Pocus (CC)	Prime Time Country (CC)	Movie: The Corporate	(CC)	Movie: Fools Rush In (CC)	"	Unexplained	Into Unknown Movie Magic	"	Atlanta Braves at St.	offs: Championship	Time Forgot (:45) Movie:	Hit List
9 :PM :30	Nightline in Primetime	Team Knight Rider	"	Twisters (CC)	sonville Jaguars (CC)	Nightline in Primetime	ER (CC)	Louis Cardinals	Bienvenidos	Bump in the Night	Today's Country (CC)	Ladder	(:05) Linc's Rude Awaken.	"	News Life in-Word	Touch of Frost	Wings	"	Louis Cardinals	Baseball Tonight	When Dinosaurs Ruled	Comicview
10 :PM :30	News (CC) Nightline	Home Imp. Mad Abt. You	News-Lehrer	700 Club	News (:35) Late	News (CC) Nightline	News Tonight Show	(:05) Movie: The War	P. Impacto Noticiero Uni.	Menace on the Mountain	Dallas	(9:55) Movie: The Nurse	(:05) Stargate SG-1 (CC)	Autopsy 4- Spk.	Something Good	Law & Order (CC)	Justice Files	"	FOX Sports News	Sportscenter (CC)	the Earth Movie:	BET Tonight
11 :PM :30	Politically Inc. Hollywood	Vibe	American Cinema (CC)	Oh No! Mr. Bill Life, Camera	Show (CC) Grace Under	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc.	(CC) (:32) Late	Wagon	Al Ritmo de la Noche	Zorro (CC) Mickey Mouse	Dukes of Hazzard (CC)	(CC) Movie:	Beverly Hills Compromising	Arliss (CC) Sex and City	Duplantis Ask Joe Good	Biography	Wild Discovery	Gray Lady Down	FOX Sports News	Baseball Up Close	Springfield Rifle	227 (CC) Midnight Love
12 :AM :30	(12:06) Ricki Lake	Magic Hour (CC)	American Cinema (CC)	Paid Program Paid Program	Married... With (:37) Late Late	News Ent. Tonight	Night (CC) Gayle King	(:20) Movie:	Club America	The Three Lives of Tho-	Prime Time Country (CC)	Stripteaser 2	Movie: Night of the Living	Movie: Black Cat Run (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Unexplained	Into Unknown Movie Magic	"	Last Word Football Wkly	Special Running	(12:05) Movie:	"

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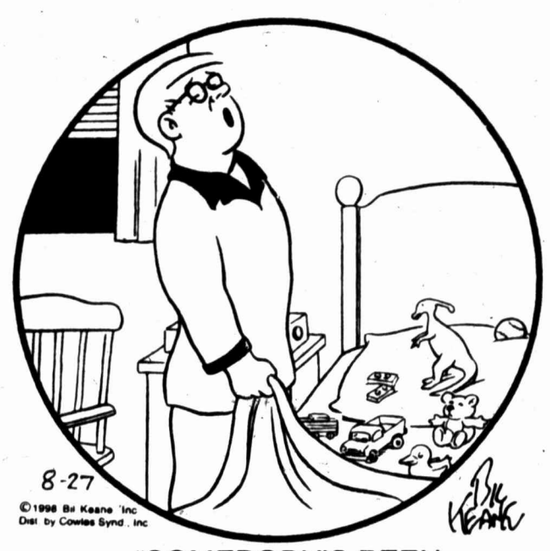
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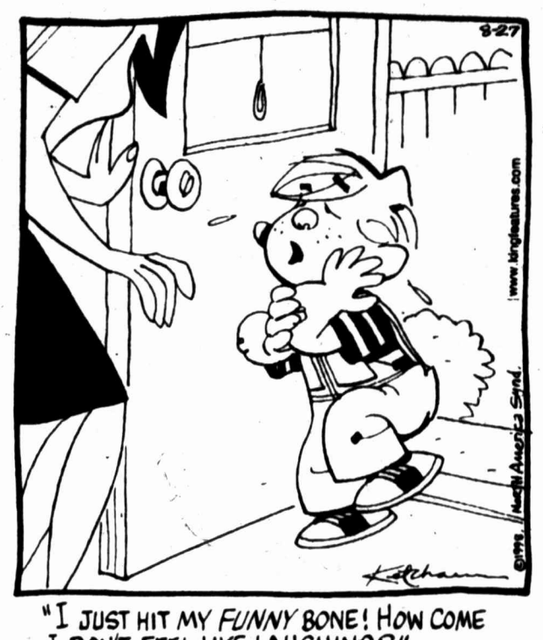


FAMILY CIRCUS



"SOMEBODY'S BEEN SLEEPING IN MY BED!"

DENNIS THE MENACE

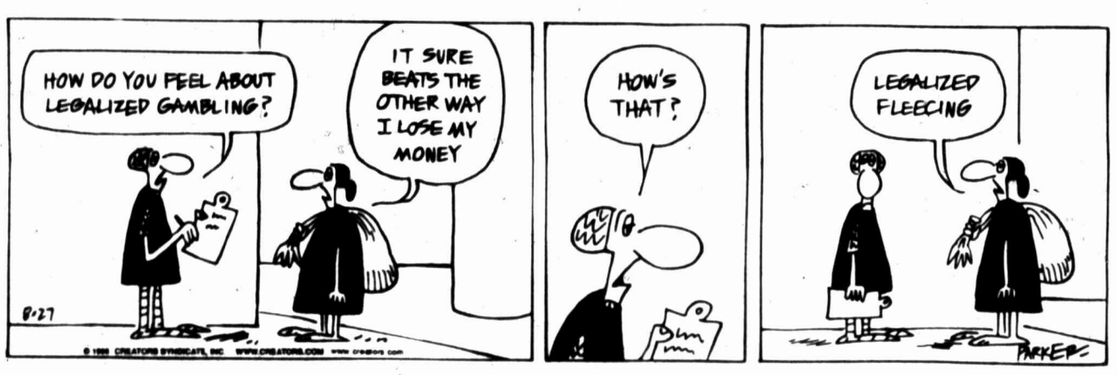


"I JUST HIT MY *FUNNY* BONE! HOW COME I DON'T FEEL LIKE LAUGHING?"

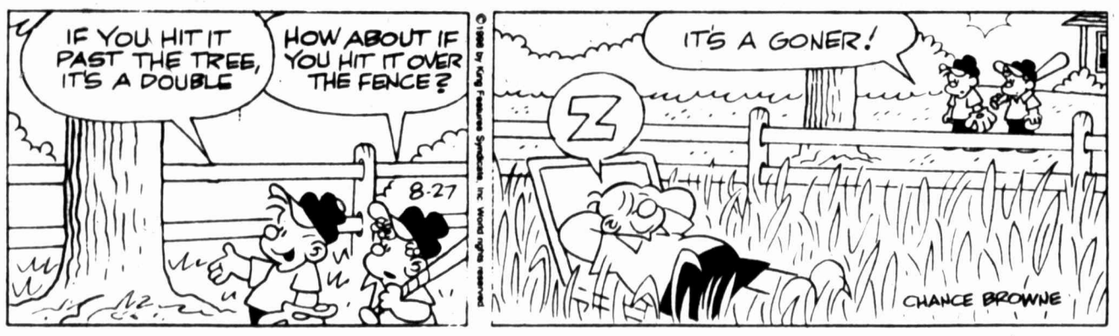
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Aug. 27th, the 239th day of 1998. There are 126 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 27, 1883, the island volcano Krakatoa blew up; the resulting tidal waves in Indonesia's Sunda Strait claimed some 36,000 lives in Java and Sumatra.

On this date:

In 1770, the German philosopher Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel was born in Stuttgart.

In 1892, fire seriously damaged New York's original Metropolitan Opera House, located at Broadway and 39th Street.

In 1908, Lyndon B. Johnson, the 36th president of the United States, was born near Stonewall, Texas.

In 1928, the Kellogg-Briand Pact was signed in Paris, outlawing war and providing for the peaceful settlement of disputes.

In 1945, American troops began landing in Japan following the surrender of the Japanese government in World War II.

In 1962, the United States launched the Mariner II space probe, which flew past Venus the following December.

In 1967, Brian Epstein, manager of the Beatles, was found dead in his London flat from an overdose of sleeping pills.

In 1979, British war hero Lord Louis Mountbatten was killed off the coast of Ireland in a boat explosion claimed by the Irish Republican Army.

Ten years ago: Tens of thousands of civil rights marchers gathered in Washington, D.C., on the eve of the 25th anniversary of Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech.

Five years ago: The U.N. Security Council suspended 2 1/2-month-old economic sanctions against Haiti to spur the country's return to democracy. They were reimposed the following October.

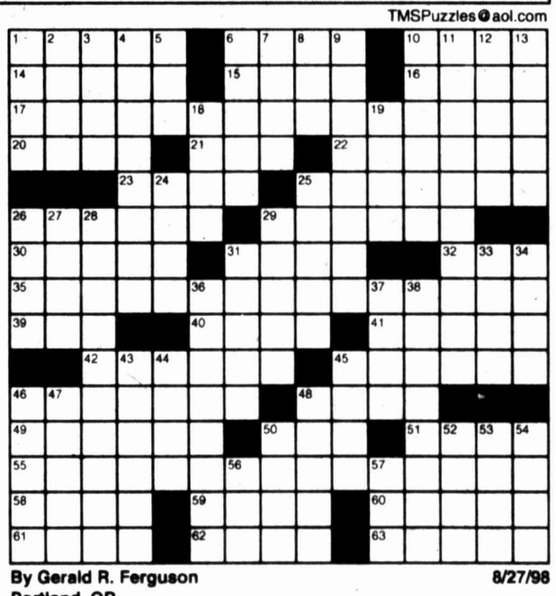
One year ago: Former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy was charged with seeking and accepting more than $35,000 dollars in trips, sports tickets and favors from companies that did business with his agency. His trial is set for Oct. 1. Israel lifted a month-long blockade of Bethlehem imposed after a suicide bombing July 30 that killed 16 people.

Today's Birthdays: Cajun-country singer Jimmy C. Newman is 71. Actor Tommy Sands is 61. Bluegrass singer-musician J.D. Crowe is 61. Musician Daryl Dragon (The Captain and Tennille) is 56. Actress Tuesday Weld is 55. Rock singer-musician Tim Bogert is 54. Actress Marianne Sagebrecht is 53. Actress Barbara Bach is 51. Ex-porn star Harry Reems is 51. Country musician Jeff Cook (Alabama) is 49. Actor Paul Reubens is 46. Singer Willy DeVille is 45. Rock musician Alex Lifeson (Rush) is 45. Actress Diana Scarwid is 43. Writer-producer Dean Devlin ("Independence Day") is 36. Rock musician Mike Johnson (Dinosaur Jr.) is 33.

THE Daily Crossword

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ACROSS

1 Flower with velvety petals
6 Road safety grp.
10 Aid in wrongdoing
14 Make joyful
15 Legal action grp.
16 Sample tape
17 On reflection
20 Retain
21 Phone co.
22 King or Lombard
23 Very dry
25 Like utilities
26 "Get Shorty" author Leonard
29 Flow back
30 1988 Olympic Games city
31 Explorer Vasco da __
32 H. Hughes airline
35 Debatable point
39 New Testament section
40 Crude shelters
41 Old-time actor Novarro
42 Art stands
45 Lodging establishments
46 Permanently
48 Nobel Prize winner Morrison
49 Conspicuous successes
50 Domino dot
51 High muckamucks
55 How dare you!
58 European eagle
59 Top-drawer
60 Mr. T's group
61 Checkers side
62 Hiker's shelter
63 Color changers

DOWN

1 Quarter bushel
2 Lotion ingredient, often
3 Identify
4 Leaves briefly
5 So far
6 Photo finish
7 Suffer stiffness
8 MCII halved
9 Lazy pupil's headwear
10 Idolized
11 Premature
12 Writer Zola
13 Lugged
18 Fairy-tale monster
19 "Kiss Me __"
24 First name in mysteries
25 Office notes
26 Salinger girl
27 __ of faith
28 Ancestral home
29 Inflatable boats
31 Elliott or Jay
33 Hair of a sheep
34 Blyth and Jillian
36 Current regulator
37 Press
38 Birth
43 Playing marbles
44 Boozers
45 Pueblo people
46 Smaller number
47 Earthy pigment
48 Country occupied by China
50 Quaker William
52 __ fixe (obsession)
53 Shapely fruit
54 Houston and Huff
56 Gardener's implement
57 Flit about aimlessly

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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