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WEATHER

Tonight:



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TONIGHT	FRIDAY
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Democrats set meeting tonight

A meeting For Democrats and all interested parties, including Independents and Republicans, will be held at 7 p.m. today on the second floor of the Howard County Courthouse.

Everyone is invited.

Smoked turkey, dance planned

Smoked turkey legs and wings will be available Saturday at Morgan Park, located on Father Delaney Street.

Serving will begin at 11 a.m. and continue until the food is gone. Proceeds will go to a charitable organization.

A dance, featuring music by Danny Sherman and Herman Evans of D-Rock Productions, will be held at 7 p.m. There will be no charge for the dance.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

❑ Howard County A&M club, 6 p.m., La Posada, for monthly meeting.

❑ A Meeting For Democrats and all Interested Parties, including Independents and Republicans, 7 p.m., county court room, second floor court house.

❑ Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library.

❑ Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

❑ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

❑ AMBUCS, noon, La Posada.

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

SATURDAY

❑ Senior Health Fair, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Canterbury, 1700 Lancaster. There will be many free screenings.

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

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Tickets going quickly for Taste of Home Cooking School

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Tickets for the Oct. 12 Taste of Home Cooking School planned in Big Spring are going fast, organizers said.

Out-of-town buyers have snapped up quite a few of the 1,300 tickets available for the event, which is expected to draw cooking enthusiasts from all over West Texas.

"They are really selling well," said Terri Davis, chamber executive director. The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, KBST radio station and the *Big Spring Herald* are sponsoring the event.

COOKING SCHOOL

WHEN: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12.

WHERE: Municipal Auditorium.

TICKETS: $7 each, limited to 1,300, available at the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce.

SPONSORS: Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the *Big Spring Herald* and KBST

"From what they have told us, these (shows) usually sell out, so we are urging people to get their tickets now," Davis said. If there are any tickets left, they will be available at the door, which opens at 5:30 p.m. "But it is possible there won't be, so we hope people will buy them now."

Tickets are $7 each, available at the chamber office, Third and Gregg. The show is planned for the Municipal Auditorium.

Ticketholders attending the show will get a "goody bag" filled with free gifts and coupons from both national sponsors of the show and local businesses. Everyone in attendance receives a free cookbook that includes all recipes demonstrated during the program.

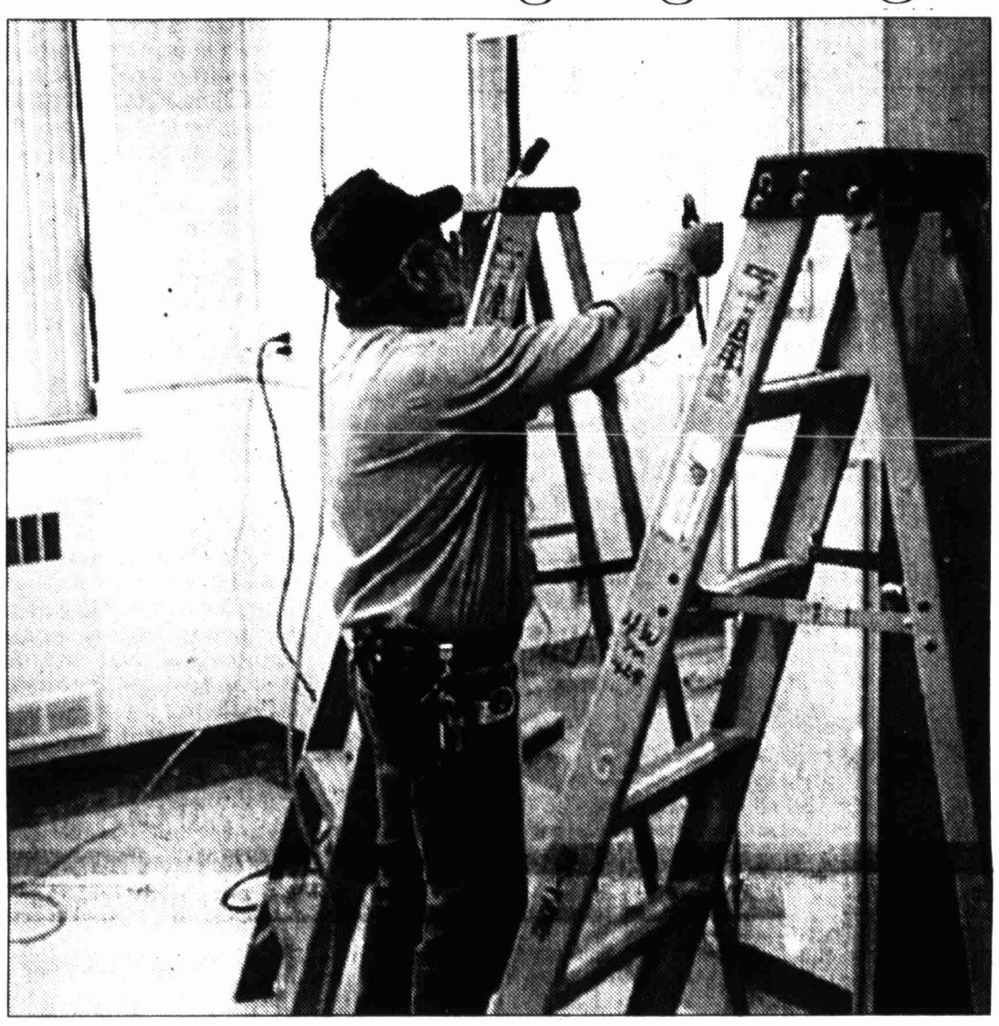
The show is associated with the cooking magazine "Taste of Home," and will include several national sponsors. Locally, Harris Lumber and Hardware will provide cooking appliances, which will be set up on the stage along with a living room set. HEB is the local food sponsor.

Door prizes will also be awarded during the two-hour presentation — more than 50 items, Davis said. They include two microwaves that

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VA Medical Center undergoing changes

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer



HERALD photo/Carl Graham

Don Jones, a mechanic with the Veterans Administration Medical Center, installs new air conditioning on the west side of the fourth floor of the center. After completion of work of the west side, work will begin on the east side of fourth floor. That work is expected to begin in November.



BROWN

Those who have driven by the Veterans Administration Medical Center (VAMC) lately have no doubt noticed a lot of construction.

According to Cary Brown, VAMC chief executive officer, it's part of several large renovation projects under way.

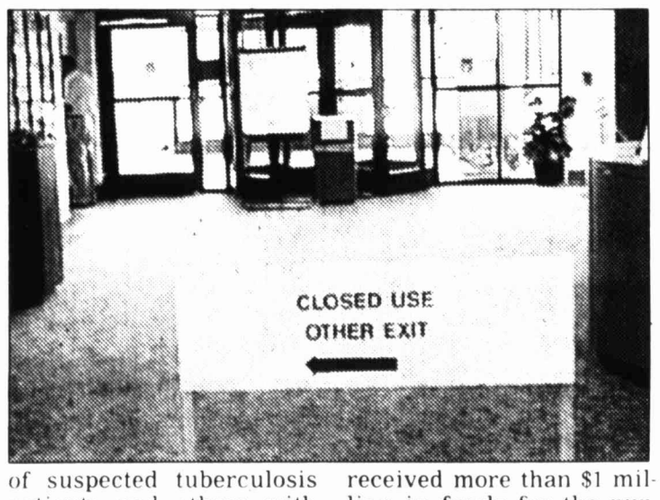
"Visitors to the West Texas VA Healthcare System will notice a lot of construction is currently under way," said Brown. "The main entrance is currently closed to renovate the front steps. The steps were old and weathered and were overdue for a facelift. Visitors are being redirected to the outpatient clinic entrance until construction is completed.

"The project will be complete within 30 days. When the main entrance is reopened, visitors will notice a few changes have taken place inside as well such as a new office for the medical center's telephone operator being built in the lobby and a new ceiling is also being installed."

An environmental improvement project is also nearing completion, according to Brown. This project consisted of new paint and wall vinyl for both the fourth and sixth floors.

One of the largest construction projects at the VAMC is the relocation of the intensive care unit (ICU). The medical center recently awarded a $1.6 million contract to Cruz Construction Inc. of Amarillo. This project will completely gut the east end of the third floor, over 10,000 square feet of space. A new six-bed ICU and 12-bed medical/surgical ward will be constructed in the space.

Renovations are taking place in one of the outlying buildings as well. Building Four is being renovated as a new home for the medical center's Information Resources Management Service (IRMS). Once renovations are complete, the entire computer system will be relocated to that building. The existing IRMS space will be renovated for a new, larger medical record file room for the ever-growing number of patient records that the center must maintain. Once the records are moved, the old file room will be converted into much-needed primary care space.



After the primary care expansion is completed, the emergency room will be renovated. The new emergency room will be a modern six-bed, open-bay that will include one negative-pressure room for isolation of suspected tuberculosis patients and others with airborne contagions.

The medical center is also making plans for the installation of several large pieces of high-tech medical equipment. The VA has received more than $1 million in funds for the purchase of modern equipment in several different areas.

Two new steam sterilizers and one ethylene oxide ster-

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Con

'Nigerian' letter fuels BBB caution to consumers

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Dick Rowland, president of the Better Business Bureau of the Permian Basin, calls it the "infamous Nigerian letter."

"Like a Phoenix bird from the ashes, it continues to raise its ugly head in the Permian Basin," Rowland said.

At least one Howard County resident recently received a copy of the letter, which promises substantial monetary gain if the individual will help the Nigerian organization transfer some money.

"The letter generally states that there is a tremendous amount of money that needs to be sent out of Nigeria and they want to have a contact in the United States who is willing to receive the money, and will allow them to transfer the funds directly into the local account," said Rowland.

"Then the local person will be able to keep a percentage of the money as a reward for assisting the Nigerian government," Rowland said.

In fact, the letter received recently is alleged to be from a Dr. Kadiri Ahmed of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation. He asks the recipient of the letter to help transfer $41.5 million into a foreign account. The money, according to Dr. Ahmed, was accumulated through an "undeclared winfall (sic) from the sale of crude oil during the Gulf War."

He promises the recipient will be compensated with $8.3 million.

Perhaps to make the offer sound more plausible, Dr.

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Make a grand entrance at the annual Pig Ball

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer



MCDONALD

Arriving in a tractor, airplane or buggy are just a few of the outlandish and original ideas patrons may use to make their entrance to the Hangar 25 Air Museum Pig Ball.

"There will be a team of judges to review the entrances," said Gloria McDonald, with the Hangar 25 committee. "Last year we had some people who taxied their airplane right to the hangar door. One person drove up pulling a trailer and got out with a baby buggy that held a stuffed pig. He pushed it around during the ball."

Prizes will be given for the most unusual entrances, she said.

Held at the Hangar 25 Air Museum, the ball is set for Oct. 21, and patrons are encouraged to dress in formal attire or in costume dating from the 1940s to the 1970s, the decades when Webb Air Force Base was active. Neither dress style is mandatory.

"Dress may be formal, be a period dress from the 1940s to the 1970s or just come as you are," McDonald said. "The main emphasis is to have fun.

"I think the highlight of the evening will be the auction," she continued. "We have several unusual items to auction this year."

An opportunity to direct

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HERALD photo/Carl Graham

Warm weather has allowed the construction along S. Highway 87 to progress well. Caution around the construction is still being advised.

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OBITUARIES

Louie W. Bryson

Funeral service for Louie W. Bryson, 73, Fort Worth, formerly of Big Spring, will be 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 6, 2000, at Lakeland Baptist Church in Fort Worth with the Rev. A.F. Jernigan officiating. Burial will be 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at Trinity Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mr. Bryson died on Tuesday, Oct. 3, in Bedford.

He was born on June 10, 1927, in Ackerly. He was a retired financial and budget expert with TU Electric. He was a former Baptist Deacon and Sunday school teacher. He moved from Big Spring to Fort Worth in 1966.

Survivors include: his wife, Joyce Wood Bryson, formerly of Big Spring, a son, Neal Bryson of Dallas, and two granddaughters.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bluebonnet Hills Funeral Home, Colleyville.

Fred M. Parsons

Funeral service for Fred M. Parsons, 68, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, 2000, at Grace Lutheran Church with the Rev. Robert Pase officiating. Burial will be in Sparenburg Cemetery under the direction of Branon Funeral Home, Lamesa.



Mr. Parsons died on Tuesday, Oct. 3.

He was born Nov. 12, 1936, in Sylvester. He married Ruby Kaddatz on Feb. 8, 1980, in Lovington, N.M.

He was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, Lamesa. He retired as a farmer in the Sparenburg community. He was also an auto parts salesman and worked in law enforcement.

He is survived by his wife, Ruby Parsons of Big Spring; a son, Robert Parsons of Big Spring; three daughters, Cathey Hogg of Big Spring, Carol Hultquist of San Antonio and Dorinda Wilson of Knickerbocker; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association of the Diabetes Foundation.

Arrangements are with Branon Funeral Home, Lamesa.

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will be used during the show.

"This is a very entertaining show," she said. "I think the term 'cooking school' sometimes confuses people. But it will be very entertaining, and you will get some great recipes."

Usually, several quick dinner recipes are prepared during the event, along with demonstrations of new food products and kitchen shortcuts.

"These are the kind of recipes a busy parent could fix after work, for dinner for the family," Davis said. And while women typically flock to similar shows in other cities, plenty of men have been picking up their tickets for the local event, she added.

"This is for everyone," said Debbye Valverde, chamber executive secretary.

"There is a lot of interaction with the audience in these shows. It is as entertaining as being in the audience of one of those cooking shows on television. People should come expecting to have a good time."

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Ahmed goes on to say that during a similar transaction two years ago, the corporation was ripped off by another individual.

"This time around," Dr. Ahmed writes, "we need a more reliable and trustworthy person or a reputable company to do business with, hence this letter to you."

As is apparent, the letter appears to be a money-laundering scheme, said Rowland.

"But we're talking millions of dollars to supposedly be kept by the local contract, and that can make a lot of very honest people pay attention to something that they would never consider otherwise," Rowland said.

"The reality of the situation is that the letter actually comes from someone who is using the scheme to gain access to bank account numbers, so they can steal money from the account. But when the money is out of the country, there's no way to get it back," Rowland said.

He noted that the United States Secret Service and postal authorities have had an ongoing investigation of such schemes for more than a year. Though some arrests were made in the U.S. last year, the scam continues.

"If you get this letter, take it to the post office," advised Rowland. "Local postmasters all over the country are sending the copies they receive to a central investigations office, to try and stop it.

"The bottom line is, as it has always been, if it sounds too good to be true, it is."

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the Big Spring Symphony or be on the broadcast team for a Big Spring Steer football or basketball game are just a few of the unusual items available for auction this year.

Other items include a used Geo automobile, a football autographed by Sammy Baugh and a mystery item.

A trip to Dallas to watch the Dallas Cowboys play at Texas Stadium with skybox seats included will be also auctioned.

Bronda and Razz-ma-Taz will be performing a wide variety of music for the event.

Ticket prices are $100 for cocktail, dinner and dance and $50 for dinner and dance.

For patrons who wish to only attend the dance, ticket prices are $15 per person or $25 per couple.

A group table rate of a $1,000 will be available and include the cocktail, dinner and the dance.

For ticket information and reservations, call Hangar 25 at 264-1999.

VA

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ilizer are currently being installed on the first floor. This equipment is used for the sterilization of surgical instruments and supplies. Renovations are being completed in the sterilizer room to accommodate the new equipment.

A new echocardiograph machine is scheduled to arrive this week. It will be installed in the pulmonary lab on the second floor.

A new gamma camera is scheduled to arrive next week. It will be installed in the nuclear medicine lab on the second floor.

"The center's largest equipment purchase is the CT scanner," said Brown. "The new scanner is scheduled for arrival on Oct. 30 and patients will start being seen the week of Nov. 13. The new scanner performs some procedures that formerly required patients to be sent elsewhere, thus providing greater convenience for patients and staff alike."

Teen receives 75-year prison sentence for parents' murder

TYLER (AP) — A teenager who pleaded guilty to shooting her parents to death on Christmas morning was sentenced to 75 years in prison in a deal brokered by prosecutors and defense attorneys.

Stephanie Barron, 18, wept as she voiced her plea to two murder charges stemming from the deaths of Carl and Stephen Barron.

Her grandparents will likely have died by the time she is released from prison, District Judge Louis Gohmert told her. Barron must serve 30 years before she is eligible for parole.

"You're not going to have anybody for you when you get out. May God have mercy on your soul," he said, according to a story for Thursday editions of the Tyler Morning Telegraph.

An autopsy report showed Stephen Barron, 44, was shot once in the back of the head and his wife, 43, was shot once in the face and once in the arm. They were killed while they slept at their home just east of Tyler on Christmas morning last year.

Barron at first told deputies that she heard what she thought was an intruder in the house and heard gunshots from her parents' bedroom. She said she hid in her closet, then ran to her grandparents' house next door.

Authorities, however, could find no sign of forced entry.

One of Barron's attorneys, Mark Hall, said she decided to plead guilty because of evidence discovered last week, which he declined to disclose. He said it also made the situation easier for her grandparents.

"She did not want to put her family, her grandmother, her grandfather and herself though the ordeal of the trial," Hall said.

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

BRIEFS

BIG SPRING EAGLES LODGE Aerie #3188 will host a reception Thursday honoring Grand Worthy President E.P. "Pete" Harty and his wife from Las Cruces, N.M., at the lodge, 703 W. Third, 7 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES AND THE Agency on Aging have announced the start of the 21st annual "Home for the Holidays" program. It provides area seniors with free airline tickets to visit family and friends during the upcoming holiday season.

Applications are available through the Permian Basin Area Agency on Aging or from the Spring City Senior Citizens Center. For an application, call (915) 563-1061 and ask for Dorothy.

Deadline to submit an application is Oct. 20.

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.

•Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

FRIDAY

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

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

•NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

•Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

•Encourager's Support Group (for widows and widowers) will meet Oct. 20, 12 p.m. at the Spring City Senior Center. For more information, call 398-5522.

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

TEXAS LOTTERY

Pick 3: 2,3,6

Lotto: 4,12,14,16,26,38

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

MARKETS

December cotton 63.85, up 45 points; November crude 30.30, down 113 points; cash hogs $1 lower at 43 even; slaughter steers steady at 67 even; October lean hog futures 58.02, down .35 points; October live cattle futures 69.02 down 5 points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation.

Noon quotes provided by Edward Jones & Co.

AT&T	29 1/8 -5/8
Archer-Daniels	9 +1/16
Atmos Energy	20 1/8 +1/4
BP AMOCO	52 1/4 -5/8
Chevron Corp	83 9/16 - 1 1/4
Compaq	26.85 - 1.99
Cornell	7 11/16 nc
Dell	26 - 2 1/16
Du Pont	44 1/8 -1/2
Exxon Mobil	88 - 1 1/4
Halliburton	45 1/8 -1/4
IFCO Systems	13 5/16 -11/16
IBM	112 1/4 - 2 1/8
Intel Corp	41 11/16 -3/16
NUV	8 1/8 nc
Patterson Ener	31 1/8 -9/16
Pepsico Inc	45 13/16 +11/16
Phillips Petro	61 1/8 - 1 1/16
SBC Comms	52 15/16 + 1 1/2
Sears Roebuck	34.24 + 1.04
Texaco Inc	51 1/4 -1/2
Texas Instrument	48 1/4 - 2
TXU	37 1/16 -3/16
Total Fina	73 15/16 -1/4
Unocal Corp	34 7/16 -7/16
Wal-Mart	46 1/16 +1/16
Wal-Mart/Mexico	21 1/4 - 21 3/8
AMCAP	18.95+20.11
Europacific	37.95-40.27
Prime Rate	9.50 %
Gold	270.70-272.50
Silver	4.87-4.93

POLICE

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

• **WILLIAM PEACHY**, 75, of 1609 Oriole, was arrested on a charge of evading arrest.

• **AMBER GUTIERREZ**, no age or address given, was arrested on a warrant.

• **CAROL McKEE**, 44, of 1511 Scurry, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JAMES WILSON**, 18, no address given, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.

• **DENNIS HOLT**, 47, of 417 Edwards, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **DOG BITE** was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 400 block of Johnson.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1500 block of Wood.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1100 block of Lloyd.

• **PHONE HARASSMENT** was reported in the 2300 block of Thorpe.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth, in the 200 block of W. Marcy, in the 900 block of Willia and in the 1100 block of N. Lamesa.

FIRE/EMS

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

WEDNESDAY

6:46 a.m. — 1600 block Martin Luther King Blvd., traffic accident, two patients transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

8:13 a.m. — 500 block Galveston, medical call, patient refused service.

8:57 a.m. — 1200 block NW Seventh, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

10:52 a.m. — 400 block Avenue D in Ackerly, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

2:09 p.m. — 1500 block E. 11th, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

3:41 p.m. — Hearn and South Highway 87, traffic accident, patient transported to SMMC.

3:53 p.m. — 1000 block Lancaster, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

4:13 p.m. — 4200 block Hamilton, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

4:16 p.m. — 600 block W. 17th, public service.

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 98
Wednesday's low 61
Average high 82
Average low 56
Record high 99 in 1931
Record low 37 in 1932
Precip. Wednesday 0.00
Month to date 0.02
Year to date 11.73
Normal for the year 15.40
Sunrise Friday 7:43 a.m.
Sunset Friday 7:24 p.m.

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(915) 267-6331

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8288

Richie Mac Smith, 68, died Tuesday. Services are 2:30 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be in Mt. Olive Cemetery.

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Regulators suspend on-air rebuttal rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal rules that require broadcasters to give candidates a chance to respond to personal attacks and political endorsements were suspended Wednesday for the duration of the 2000 campaign.

Over the vehement objection of its Republican members, the Federal Communications Commission put the rules on hold, saying that the election season offered "an ideal time to determine how broadcasters are affected by the political editorial rule."

The regulation requires TV and radio stations that endorse a political candidate to notify and give free rebuttal time to the candidate's opponent. The other suspended rule requires broadcasters to provide politicians or other private citizens air time to respond when they have been attacked during a program.

The FCC also said it would seek comments on whether to expand the scope of the rule in giving parties a right of reply to broadcasts.

Broadcasters howled at the possibility that the commission review could lead to a revival of a now-defunct provision called the Fairness Doctrine, which required broadcasters to air multiple viewpoints when covering issues and allowed parties to complain to the FCC.

"We are saddened that politics takes a higher priority than the Constitution," said Edward Fritts, president of the National Association of Broadcasters. "It is outrageous that the FCC refuses to discard tired regulations that stifle free speech rather than enhance it."

Public interest advocates said they hope the FCC review yields a framework to ensure broadcasters provide fair coverage. But they did express some concern about the suspension of the rules during the election season.

"There will be some instances in which the public will be left with a one-sided view of the elections," said Andrew Jay Schwartzman president of the public interest firm, the Media Access Project. "That's unlawful and unfortunate."

NAB and the Radio-Television News Directors Association had challenged the decades-old FCC rules, arguing that they were unconstitutional and no longer needed given the growth of cable, satellite TV and the Internet as sources of news and information.

Man confesses to killing wives, kids

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. (AP) — A 67-year-old man dying of cancer has confessed to killing his wife and two children nearly 22 years ago, and to killing another wife, authorities said.

Robert M. Spangler was arrested Tuesday at the home he shared with his fourth wife. He was being held without bail in Mesa County.

Nancy Spangler, 45, the couple's son David, 17, and daughter Susan, 15, were found dead in their home south of Denver in December 1978.

Nancy Spangler was found in the basement with a suicide note and a handgun nearby, and the children were found in their bedrooms. The deaths were ruled a double murder-suicide.

Investigators reopened the case when they learned in 1994 that Robert Spangler's second and third wives also died under suspicious circumstances, one from a drug overdose and one in a fall at Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona.

SLF chief charged with indecency

ATLANTA (AP) — The leader of a conservative legal foundation seeking to have President Clinton disbarred was charged with public indecency.

An undercover federal officer said he saw Matthew J. Glavin fondling himself on May 17 on a trail in the Chattahoochee National River Park in Gwinnett County, just east of Atlanta. The officer said Glavin also fondled him after the two started talking.

Glavin, 47, resigned Wednesday as president and chief executive of the Atlanta-based Southeastern Legal Foundation.

Atlanta television station WAGA reported it was the second time that Glavin had been charged by rangers. Glavin pleaded no contest in 1996 to an indecency charge was sentenced him to six months' probation.

Drought losses rise to $820 million, threaten economy

BRYAN (AP) — The financial toll of Texas' long-running drought has risen to $820 million and could soon slow the state's booming economy, Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs says.

The commissioner told Brazos Valley farmers and ranchers on Wednesday that losses to producers will have a ripple effect in the rest of the Texas economy.

"It's the cumulative effect (of droughts in) 96, 98, 99, 2000, and there is tremendous concern about where agriculture will be in the next year," she told the Bryan-College Station Eagle in Thursday's editions. "It's very, very serious and I'm trying to remind folks in the cities that if agriculture in Texas hurts they'll feel the pain, too.

"It makes a real difference if you've got every small town struggling because the farmer and rancher doesn't have the spare cash to do things," Combs said.

The drought could cost producers $1 billion this year, Combs said Texas A&M agricultural experts are estimating. Dry weather has cost the industry more than $4 billion since 1996.

Sales tax revenues will plunge if farmers and ranchers have no money to spend, hurting schools.

"It ripples and ripples and ripples," Combs said.

Rains last month have done little to slow this year's drought, which has kept reservoirs in many parts of the state at low levels. Thirsty towns have had to pipe water in from neighboring communities because their own lake levels are too low to provide safe drinking water.

The drought has heightened the danger of brush and forest fires statewide.

The agriculture department's Go Texan program, which markets products made in the Lone Star State to other states and abroad, could give farmers and ranchers needed economic assistance.

Dixie Chicks, Hill and McGraw triumph at CMA awards

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Despite a little history made by Tim McGraw and Faith Hill at the Country Music Association awards, the night and the year belonged to the Dixie Chicks.

The trio from Texas was named best entertainer and best vocal group on Wednesday, and took home awards for best album for "Fly" and video for "Goodbye Earl."

The awards come the year the multimillion selling act toured for the first time as a headliner.

McGraw won the best male vocalist award, and his wife Hill won best female vocalist. It was the first time a husband and wife won those awards the same year.

Alan Jackson and George Strait won the best vocal collaboration award for "Murder on Music Row." The song accuses the country music industry of killing the traditional country music that made its name.

The inspirational ballad "I Hope You Dance," about how people should seize the day, won awards for best single and song.

Entertainer: Dixie Chicks
Female vocalist: Faith Hill
Male vocalist: Tim McGraw
Single: "I Hope You Dance," Lee Ann Womack
Album: "Fly," Dixie Chicks
Horizon award: Brad Paisley
Vocal group: Dixie Chicks
Vocal duo: Montgomery Gentry
Music video: "Goodbye Earl," Dixie Chicks
Song (for songwriters): "I Hope You Dance," Mark D. Sanders, Tia Sillers
Vocal event: "Murder on Music Row," George Strait, Alan Jackson
Musician: Hargus "Pig" Robbins
International award (for promoting country music overseas): Reba McEntire
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-First Amendment

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Our Views

Canterbury good friend for all ages

Senior citizens face many health issues, and it can be difficult to get the word out about prevention and treatments. Whether it is problems with eyesight or fluctuating blood sugar, seniors need to know the latest available information so they can help themselves.

That's why we are so pleased that Canterbury, or St. Mary's Episcopal Retirement Center, plans a health fair Saturday. The event at Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster, will include free screenings, health information and more from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Screenings to be offered will include grip strength checks, blood pressure, glucose, vision screening, pulse oxygenation, hearing evaluations and cholesterol tests. Information to be available from various sources will include bone mass, grief support counseling, hearing aids and dental hygiene.

In addition, the File of Life — a miniature file folder that seniors can use to store medical information in case of emergency — will be available.

We are especially pleased to say that everything at the fair is free, and many local providers plan to be part of the event.

While Canterbury will have a booth at the fair, its main goal in hosting the event is to bring health information to seniors in a convenient environment.

Saturday's health fair is only one example of the many benefits our community has reaped from having Canterbury as a neighbor. Another one is fast in coming, when the center hosts its spookhouse for local children on Oct. 28.

Thanks, Canterbury, for being a good neighbor to Big Spring citizens of all ages.

Your Views

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank First Baptist Church for the wonderful meal it served the Wilderness Camp inmates Friday, Sept. 29, at the Family Life Center.

Thanks to Mike Couch for coordinating this opportunity for them. He had the food, servers and everything was in place for the men of the church to serve. The meal of fried chicken, potatoes, gravy, slaw, rolls and cake was certainly enjoyed by 160 inmates and 16 guards and officers. The Rev. Tubbs took time from his day off to come and help serve. My thanks to the rest of the men who served the meal.

Thanks to Stan Hanes for providing some wonderful ministry with his gifted talent in music and singing. This is something the inmates do not get to enjoy with a meal.

This is a small way we can say thanks for the help these men provide our community. With their labor in various areas of our community we save approximately $50,000 monthly. They clean vacant lots, assist in building projects, clean up projects, are utilized in several departments within the operation of the city, as well as assisting with the Comanche Trail Festival of Lights. We try to feed them quarterly and Scenic Mountain Medical Center is scheduled for January. First Christian Church called and wants to feed them again, probably in April.

Should any church, organization, business or group be interested in feeding the inmates, please contact me at 263-1607.

Pat Simmons
Big Spring

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Eliminating handguns is game of 'let's pretend'

Let's play "let's pretend." Let's pretend Suzy, an innocent citizen, and Joe, a cop, are forced to deal with the same criminal, Zack.

One night, Zack catches Suzy on the way to her car in a parking lot, beats the stew out of her and rapes her. Now, the gun-control crowd absolutely insists that Suzy does not need a handgun in order to deal with Zack. So an unarmed Suzy becomes Zack's victim.



Charley Reese

Joe the cop tracks down Zack and puts his worthless carcass in the can. What's the difference? Joe was armed with a handgun when he had to deal with Zack.

Now you tell me what warped, sick logic says that the victim of a criminal should not have a handgun while the policeman who arrests the very same criminal should have a handgun. If, as the gun-control crowd claims, Suzy doesn't need a handgun in her encounter with the criminal, why does the policeman? After all, Joe the cop is bigger than Suzy. Why does he need a weapon?

How can people who live in gated communities with armed guards argue that us common folk must be disarmed? I say, take down your gates and fire your armed guards. I say to politicians, get rid of your bodyguards. I say to Congress, tell the Capitol Police to go write traffic tickets, you no longer need their arms to protect you. I say to the president, get rid of the Secret Service or at least take the agents' guns away from them. Disarm every one of the 60,000 federal officials currently authorized to carry handguns.

It seems to me that either we all disarm or we all arm. It seems to me unacceptably illogical to argue that crime victims must be unarmed while the police, dealing with the very same criminals, should be armed.

This business of the elitists living behind the protection of pistols telling the common folk you must not have firearms smacks of totalitarianism.

It was clearly the intent of the Founding Fathers that every American be armed. That's why the ancient Anglo-Saxon right to keep and bear arms was including in the Bill of Rights. And the amendment says "right of the people," not right of the states or right of the militias. All honest scholars agree that in every instance that the Bill of Rights uses the word "people," it is referring to individual rights.

I know millions of Americans today suffer from urban psychosis in which their world view is distorted by dishonest politicians and even more dishonest media, as well as by their miserable environment of stone, concrete and asphalt. But the facts are simple: A handgun is a tool, just like a saw or a hammer. It is an ideal tool for self-defense.

With a handgun, 90-pound Suzy can stop 200-pound Zack. After Samuel Colt invented his revolver, a common saying in America was, "God created all men, but Sam Colt made them equal." And so he did. You don't have to be built like a linebacker or invest five years of sweat in becoming a martial artist. You can defend yourself quite well with a handgun with just a little bit of practice and common sense. It is, in fact, an ideal tool for women and for the elderly.

Gun control has always been an elitist method of controlling the common folk.

It's always been racist. New York City's first gun-control laws were aimed at those immigrants from Eastern and Southern Europe that the hoity-toity types viewed as vermin. In the South, gun-control laws most often applied only to blacks.

Nevertheless, if the urban insane wish to be prey for predators, that's their privilege.

But no one has the right to tell someone else that he or she cannot possess the tools necessary to defend his or her life and the lives of loved ones.



Willie's Blues: For what ails you

The few who really know me and love me anyhow dread the late-night sessions when I hold forth on Willie Nelson. I get weepy, loud, passionate. I even sing a little.



Rheta Grimsley Johnson

My Willie Nelson speech is subtitled "The Quintessential American," and I can go on until daybreak about why, above all citizens, the redheaded Texan is just that.

Willie is, after all, both cowboy and Indian, loser and winner, rich and poor, toasted by presidents and harassed by the IRS. He's lost a fortune and saved family farms, hung out and crossed over and gone home again.

Each chapter in his "War and Peace" life takes an hour or so to describe adequately, and most of my captive audience usually nod off by the time I progress to the "Stardust" years.

So it stands to reason that the small brown box left on my step after a long, hard, soul sapping day was water on the desert, man on the moon, life after death. In other words, a darn welcome sight.

I knew without opening it that Willie was inside, not the man but his music, a new album: "Milk Cow Blues." I had "pre-ordered" it on the computer, the space-age way to get down.

So I fed the cats, gave old dog Rufus his arthritis pill and turned a speaker to face the open window. Then I sat on my deck and watched fall fall, listening, just listening. I had the volume up so that most of the neighbors could listen, too.

It was good stuff, just as I knew it would be. B.B. King is on the album, and Susan Tedeschi, Dr. John and others. But the greatest thing about Willie's latest is that it features a mammoth Atlanta talent, Francine Reed.

I first heard Francine at a Lyle Lovett concert at Chastain Park six years ago. She looked so small, prim and secretarial; then she opened her mouth. What came out was a powerful, lusty burst of the blues.

Francine sings with Willie on the title cut, "Milk Cow Blues," and that's sure enough wonderful. But my favorite duet of the album is Francine and Willie on his own blues standard, "Funny How Time Slips Away." Potent, industrial-strength stuff, which you can identify with if you've ever lost a love, seen him again, then walked away.

Willie has sung duets with just about every significant singer who ever answered the pitch pipe. With duets, he's rescued flagging careers, repaid old debts, shown a rare loyalty to those who sang his songs when he first started scribbling.

But I've never heard him pick a duet companion who wasn't deserving. He has exquisite taste.

"I'm not sure he should have done a blues album — he's no songbird — but he sure added some heart and soul when he added Francine," Eric King of Blind Willie's said when I phoned. "She's a nice lady who's only been hitting home runs since she got to Atlanta."

An Illinois native, Francine worked lots of jobs over the years, Eric said, to keep her family afloat, including singing with a jazz combo in Phoenix. That's where Lyle Lovett first heard her. She came to Atlanta to visit and ended up staying; she lives in Midtown, a few blocks from Blind Willie's, where she's a regular.

Now whenever she sings there, Francine can perform with that 24-karat legend branded across a smug soul: I once sang a duet (or two) with Willie Nelson.

When things go badly — when the roast burns, or the cat dies, or the washing machine floods the basement, when the truck won't crank and her house burns down, she can remember: I once sang a duet with Willie Nelson.

By the same token, Willie Nelson can think to himself: I once sang a duet with Francine Reed.

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SCHOOL NEWS



Thirty-four seniors and juniors were inducted into the Big Spring High School National Honor Society in a ceremony last week. Inductees pictured at right are

Seniors Joseph Bumbulis, Krystal Cline, Brandon Falkner, Stephanie Fitzgerald, Melissa Flemniken, Michael Hadley, Joshua Howell, Isaac Kremsky, Sara Murphree, Jacqueline Richardson, Leandro Sanchez, Aaron Schooler, Zach Smiley, Stephanie Stewart, Irene Trevino, Kevin Walker and Ricky Yanez.

Also juniors Landon Adkins, Justin Belcher, Brittany Bryant, Bridget Cain, Shasta Fuqua, Raul Garza, Chelsea Helsley, Alicia Kremsky, William Morgan, Willis Morrison, Jamie Pineda, Melissa Ray, Gene Roffers, Amanda Sheedy, Nathaniel Smith, April Ward and Jessica Woodward

Taking time now is key to family legacy



BOBBY RAWLS

Many years ago, my father tried telling my brothers, my sister and me about our ancestors.

We, as children, of course did not really want to know about the people he was talking about because they were no longer living. Since we did not know them, we were not interested in what they did.

After my father passed away in 1980, my brother received the letter from Henry Rawls that was passed to my mother and then me. I kept the letter for several years before I actually read it and responded to it.

In today's hectic-paced society, we just don't seem to have time to talk to, much less write down, what our family members have done or are doing now. We miss out on "recording" all the special events in not only our lives, but theirs as well.

If we want our children and theirs to know us, then we must take the initiative to write down what it was like for us to grow up in our time period! This includes our schooling, our friends, our favorite animals, fishing spots, leisure activities, chores, places visited, people met, anything that comes to mind that brings us to life.

Simple things to us could be special to our family, and special things to our family may be simple to us. Include all events that you think may have a meaning to your family or do have meaning to you.

When our children read these writings or hear these stories, it may trigger something in their memories special to them.

I keep all letters that I have received from people, and have some dating back around 20 years. Reading them brings back memories and thoughts that I haven't remembered in years.

Many times I still laugh when reading these letters or when an old memory comes to mind. Many of these people are gone now, but I will have these letters for the rest of my life and will treasure them.

Write down the names of your family members and the thoughts you have of them — favorite jokes they told, stories, funny happenings, special events, birth, graduation, wedding, jobs and military service. Their first words, first steps.

When my father died in 1980 and my mother in 1991, I lost two libraries that will never be back. But the stories they told will be forever in my mind, and if I write them down, could be in my family for generations.

My father would sit for hours with the older people both in the family and neighbors. He knew stories about people that their own family didn't, simply because he took the time to talk to the ones who knew.

When I get through with my notes, my autobiography, family history, and my book on the family, my descendants and family should have a complete "feeling" of who we are, not just names and dates. When pictures are added, we will truly come to life.

The legacy, we leave is up to us; it is up to our family members to keep it going.

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PEOPLE

LONDON (AP) — J.K. Rowling, creator of Harry Potter, will share profits from her best-selling books with single mothers like herself, British media reported Wednesday.

Staff members of the National Council for One Parent Families are quoted as saying Rowling donated a "six-figure sum" to the charity.

In an article for the British tabloid The Sun, Rowling, 34, says she has vivid memories of the social stigma she faced after her marriage broke up and she moved from Portugal to Scotland with her daughter, Jessica.

"When I went to claim my first week's Income Support, I felt as though there was an enormous neon arrow pointing at my head," she was quoted as saying.

"I knew that nobody was setting out to make me feel humiliated and worthless — though that is exactly how I felt."

Rowling said she lived in a mouse-infested Edinburgh flat on $101-a-week state benefit. She wrote her best-selling series on notepad paper in Edinburgh cafes while sheltering herself and Jessica from the cold.

She added: "It makes me sad that nobody turns a hair to see the word's 'penniless' and 'single mother' together in a sentence. People seem to accept that the two things usually go together."

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SAO PAULO, Brazil (AP) — The king of soccer now has a daughter in politics.

Pele's daughter, Sandra Machado Arantes do Nascimento, was elected Sunday to the city council of Santos, home of the soccer club her father made famous in the 1950s and '60s.

Pele, whose real name is Edson Arantes do Nascimento, refused to recognize Machado as his daughter until a DNA test, and a court entitled her to use his surname.

During her campaign, she promised that if elected she would propose a law requiring the city to pay DNA testing for children not recognized by their parents.

Need for wheelchair won't stop busy farmer

> *"I thought it might be good to show people in my shape that there's a way to get around without being pushed or put in the back of a pickup."*
> **Bluette Duennenberg**

BOERNE (AP) — When a local company needed a new pitchman for its high-performance motorized wheelchairs, Bluette Duennenberg was a natural choice, and not just because of his down-home charm.

The former Sul Ross Middle School teacher has been hunting, hauling feed and herding sheep in the chair made by TEFTEC Inc. since shortly after a 1998 accident left him paralyzed below the chest.

Piloting the electric wheelchair with a joystick at speeds up to 6 mph, Duennenberg navigates hills, ditches and rocky terrain at his family's farm near Boerne.

"I'm out here every day with the stock. Wherever they go, I go," he said as bleating sheep chased after their corn-tossing master.

The chair has never broken down or left him stranded, but he said, "I tipped over a couple of times before I learned how to maneuver it."

Duennenberg, 58, heads out each morning with a bottle of water tucked between his legs.

"When I see the batteries are getting low, I head for home," he said.

A trailer hitch affixed to the chair lets him pull feed and fertilizer in a small cart, and a custom-fitted rifle rest steadies his barrel when he's after hogs or deer.

Hilda Frieda Duennenberg said she can't help worrying about her adventurous son, "but he always comes home."

Nothing can replace the full use of his limbs, but the chair provides a degree of independence essential to Duennenberg's emotional well-being.

"I don't know what he would do without it," Hilda, 89, said. "He has to have it."

Duennenberg is unable to operate a manually powered chair because he doesn't have the use of his arms' triceps muscles.

A film crew making a promotional video for TEFTEC, which has moved its facilities from Spring Branch to San Antonio, recently followed Duennenberg on his daily rounds along well-worn trails marked by narrow ruts from the 400-lb. wheelchair.

"He's out there doing what he wants to do," said Janis Finch, publicist for TEFTEC. "That's basically why we're building these chairs, so people can do what they want to do."

Duennenberg said he decided to be in the ad because he thought it would inspire others.

"I thought it might be good to show people in my shape that there's a way to get around without being pushed or put in the back of a pickup," he said.

"He's a real go-getter guy," said Jimmy Finch, who, as a quadriplegic, developed the chair with the help of his retired aeronautical engineer father.

Friends of Duennenberg say that's always been the case.

A country boy to his bones, Duennenberg has worked the family's 158-acre farm since he was a lad.

He excelled playing center field on the baseball team for St. Mary's University, but his hopes of going pro were dashed by an onfield injury.

So he took a job coaching at Sul Ross Middle School in 1967 and soon found his niche teaching science.

After school, Duennenberg would hustle home to hunt, fish and do chores on the land he loves.

That all changed Jan. 16, 1998, when a car crossed the median of Interstate 10 near Leon Springs and hit Duennenberg's truck.

The 1996 Dodge 1500 flipped, leaving Duennenberg with a broken neck and scattering what would turn out to be the last homework assignments of

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The flu: Will it find you?

Approximately 20,000 people die each year in the United states due to influenza (flu). The elderly and patients with severe underlying medical illnesses are at greatest risk for flu-related hospitalization, and even death.

THE FLU VIRUS

The influenza virus (types A and B) has the unique ability to change its external layer, which allows it to develop antigenic variation, which means it becomes resistant to your body's defense mechanisms, even if you were previously exposed to flu virus or had the flu shot.



DR. GUIDO TOSCANO

This is what explains the persistence of the flu and recurrence of epidemics, and your need for a yearly flu shot.

HAS IT HIT YOUR TOWN?

The first finding in the community is an increase in the rate of febrile respiratory illnesses among children, followed by similar symptoms in adults approximately one to two weeks later, and we start to see increasing numbers of patients visiting the emergency room with exacerbation of emphysema, asthma, pneumonia, and heart failure. We also see a rise in absences from school and work.

Influenza is characterized by the abrupt onset of weakness and fatigue, muscle and body aches, headache and fever and chills, associated with upper respiratory symptoms consisting of a runny nose, scratchy throat, hoarseness and cough.

Nausea and vomiting as well as diarrhea may accompany the illness. On examination we usually find red, watery eyes, clear nasal discharge, tender cervical lymph nodes, and occasionally abnormal breath sounds. The above symptoms may last for up to two weeks, and may be of devastating consequences.

HOW TO AVOID CATCHING IT:

Get a flu shot. Oral forms of vaccine are under investigation. Avoid potential or known exposure if you have debilitating illnesses.

Amantadine or Rimantadine are oral medications that have been used for prevention against the influenza A strains, if you cannot get the flu shot. They should be taken each day for the peak flu activity in your community. See your doctor for this.

WHO SHOULD GET THE FLU SHOT?

• Persons 50 years or older

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MENTAL HEALTH NEWS

NEW YORK (AP) — Seeking reinforcements in the fight against teen suicide, mental health experts are launching a program in high schools nationwide aimed at encouraging teens to tell an adult if one of their friends confides thoughts of suicide.

The program, which starts today at roughly 200 high schools, has a seemingly simple goal: to enable teens to respond to suicide warning signs as competently as someone trained in the Heimlich maneuver would respond to someone choking.

"Talking about suicide is both a symptom and also a communication that needs to be taken seriously," said Dr. Douglas Jacobs, a Harvard Medical School psychiatry professor who is overseeing the program.

"Young people would respond if they saw someone choking or clutching their chest," Jacobs said. "With someone talking about or showing signs of suicide, they should do the same."

Though the rate of teen suicides has dipped slightly in recent years, it remains the third leading cause of death for teen-agers. According to federal estimates, one of every five high school students has thought seriously about attempting suicide, and one in 14 has made an actual attempt.

The new suicide prevention program is being launched in conjunction with National Depression Screening Day. Participating schools get a kit that includes posters, instruction material for adult staff, and a 20-minute video for teens that offers "do's and don'ts" in the event a friend shows suicidal signs.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

THE GREENHILL FAMILY PLANS a reunion Saturday and Sunday at 5500 Perimeter Road, Training Center in the Industrial Park. The children of Leon and Ruby Greenhill invite friends to come by and visit.

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SOUTHWEST AIRLINES AND THE Agency on Aging have announced the start of the 21st annual "Home for the Holidays" program. It provides area seniors with free airline tickets to visit family and friends during the upcoming holiday season.

Fifteen seniors from the Permian Basin, including Big Spring, will be selected for the program, based on their economic need and the reason for travel. Applications are available through the Permian Basin Area Agency on Aging or from the Spring City Senior Citizens Center. For an application, call (915) 563-1061 and ask for Dorothy.

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — A bid to limit bizarre names for children, announced by Honduran authorities, may seem like much ado about nothing.

Unless you're named Bujia (Spark Plug.) Or Llanta de Milagro (Miracle Tire.)

Both are legally registered first names that parents in this Central American nation have given children in recent years, and which Honduras' National Electoral Tribunal feels are over the top.

The tribunal announced Tuesday it will ask the country's legislature to forbid parents from registering children under "extravagant or offensive" names, and allow children to sue parents who gave them "gross or insulting" names.

"Without doubt, such names are a bother to the people who have to carry them through life," the tribunal said.

Particularly irksome are naming practices in Gracias a Dios — a province of eastern Honduras whose name translates as "Thank God."

"It is common (there) for people to employ names usually used for automobile parts," the tribunal said.

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his 31-year career.

"We couldn't believe it happened to him, the most active guy in the world who was looking forward to retiring and going back to his place," said Marie Helsley, a former co-worker who remains one of Duennenberg's closest friends.

"Considering what's happened to him and how active he was, it's amazing that he's kept his spirits up and not become utterly depressed," she said. "He's doing a lot better than I thought he would, and I'm sure the wheelchair has a lot to do with it."

A license plate on a bumper at the scene led police to Jose G. Lara of San Antonio, who was charged with felony failure to stop and render aid.

A prosecutor said last week that Lara, 33, is a fugitive. He missed a court date a year ago and forfeited his $10,000 bond.

Last year, Duennenberg filed a negligence suit against Lara, whose lawyer last week denied any wrongdoing by his client.

DaimlerChrysler also is named in the suit, which claims the pickup's cab was defective and collapsed in the accident. DaimlerChrysler denied the allegations.

In addition to compensation for pain and suffering, Duennenberg hopes to recoup costly medical expenses, the $40,000 spent on a specially equipped van and the $12,000 wheelchair.

"I'm completely wiped out," Duennenberg said.

But he's not down and out.

He's been clearing a nature trail that he hopes soon will be the destination for local school kids.

"A lot of them never get a chance to get out in nature. They just watch TV," he said. "I can teach them all of the plants and trees, teach them how to hold a fishing pole."

He's also trying to get a winch that will put him back in the driver's seat of his tractor. In the meantime, he's trained his medical aide to plow the fields so together they can plant winter oats.

"This man doesn't know what a holiday is," his aide said.

TOSCANO

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- Residents of Nursing homes and other chronic care facilities.
- Adults and children who have chronic lung or heart disorders.
- Adults and children who require regular medical follow-up for chronic illness such as diabetes, renal disease, immunosuppression caused by HIV or by medication (transplant patients, etc.)
- Children and teenagers who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy and might be at risk for Reye's syndrome after influenza infection.
- Women who will be in the second and third trimester of pregnancy during the influenza season.
- Persons who can transmit influenza to high-risk patients: health care workers, employees of nursing homes, or chronic care facilities, employees of assisted living facilities, persons who provide home care, and household contacts of persons in high-risk groups.
- All other patients who wish to be protected from the flu this season.

WHEN TO GET YOUR FLU SHOT:

Now is the time to get your flu shot, from the beginning of October through mid-November. Persons at high-risk may receive the flu shot in September, and may require a second shot in January, for additional coverage during the second half of the flu season.

Unfortunately, the flu shot has been underused and only one-third of the at risk population has been getting routine flu shots, and only approximately 40 percent of the health care personnel. With better patient and community awareness, Big Spring will be prepared for the flu season this year.

Dr. Guido Toscano is a board certified internal medicine specialist practicing at Family Medical Center of Big Spring, a division of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Send questions by e-mail to: doctor_toscano@hotmail.com, or mail to: Ask the Doctor, P.O. Box 351, Big Spring 79721.

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Fishing hours w a.m. to 4 p.m.

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The Entertainers, bil professional clown basketball court, v "The Underdogs" a Friday in the C City Middle Scho nasium.

Sponsored by Colorado City Chamber of Con advance tickets show are $5. Tick chased at the door $7.

Children ages under will be a free.

Co-ed ragball to slated for week

A co-ed ragball ment to benef International League has been uled for Frida Saturday.

Teams may beginning at 6 Friday and play w a 7 p.m.

Players must be 13 years old and must have at least ers. Entry fees are player.

For more infor call Denise Yanc 756-2841 or Raymond Ontiv 263-3811 or Delber at 263-2631.

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IN BRIEF

Howard booster club sets Lady Hawk event

The Hawk Flight Booster Club will hold a meeting honoring Howard College's Lady Hawks basketball team at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Union Building's Tumblewood Room.

A meal will be served during the meeting for $4.75 per person.

Meal reservations should be made no later than noon Monday by calling Betty Reed at 264-5040.

For more information concerning the booster club, call Stan Feaster at 264-5045.

CGA schedules third championship tourney

The Chicano Golf Association of Big Spring will hold its third annual Nate "Snydo" Nunez Grand Championship Tournament on Saturday at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Players may form their own four-man teams. Closest to the pin prizes will be awarded and a dinner is scheduled at the La Vedera Club from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. following the tournament.

Call the golf course at 264-2366 for tee times. For more information, call Willie Mendoza at 264-6390.

Bass club to hold open tournament

The club will have an open tournament Saturday at Alan Henry Lake. First-place prize money will be $1,200 and the big bass award will be $300.

Fishing hours will be 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The next monthly club tournament is set for Oct. 21 at O.H. Ivie Lake. Headquarters will be the Concho Park Marina.

For more information, call Mark McMahon at 267-2008 or Jim Crenshaw at 267-6129.

Colorado City hosts Harlem Entertainers

The Harlem Entertainers, billed as professional clowns of the basketball court, will play "The Underdogs" at 7 p.m. Friday in the Colorado City Middle School gymnasium.

Sponsored by the Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce, advance tickets for the show are $5. Tickets purchased at the door will be $7.

Children ages 5 and under will be admitted free.

Co-ed ragball tourney slated for weekend

A co-ed ragball tournament to benefit the International Little League has been scheduled for Friday and Saturday.

Teams may register beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday and play will begin a 7 p.m.

Players must be at least 13 years old and teams must have at least 12 players. Entry fees are $10 per player.

For more information, call Denise Yandrich at 756-2841 or 263-1945, Raymond Ontiveros at 263-3811 or Delbert Green at 263-2631.

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7 p.m. — National League division series, Game 2, New York Mets at San Francisco Giants, FOX, Ch. 3.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

6 p.m. — Fresno State at Rice, FXS, Ch. 29.

7 p.m. Western Michigan at Marshall, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Yankees post 4-0 win to even playoff series with Oakland

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Andy Pettitte stood on the mound, talking to himself and mentally blocking out a stadium full of screaming fans.

That mental intensity is partly why he has been so successful in the postseason, and he needed every bit of that focus Wednesday night as he pitched the struggling New York Yankees back into their playoff series against the Athletics.

Pettitte allowed five hits in 7 2-3 scoreless innings, surviving a goofy pratfall by second baseman Luis Sojo, and the Yankees defeated the Oakland A's 4-0 to tie their best-of-five AL division series at 1-1.

"He focuses and gets himself in this trance, I guess you can say, and he does a lot of talking to himself. He has meetings with himself on the mound very often," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "Most of the time he's locked in, and he was tonight."

The playoff series moves to New York for Game 3 on Friday night, with Oakland's Tim Hudson (20-6) facing Orlando Hernandez (12-13).

Pettitte, who has had some of his best performances in the postseason, said he's always talked to himself during games — mostly to remind himself about pitching mechanics.

"Obviously, I feel like I get a little more locked in in playoff games," he said. "You try to see the pitches. You try to see them before you make the pitch."

Pettitte's performance and a radically revamped New York lineup helped the two-time defending World Series champions snap an eight-game losing streak. The Yankees, derided by critics as over-the-hill champions, also ended a 10-game road losing streak.

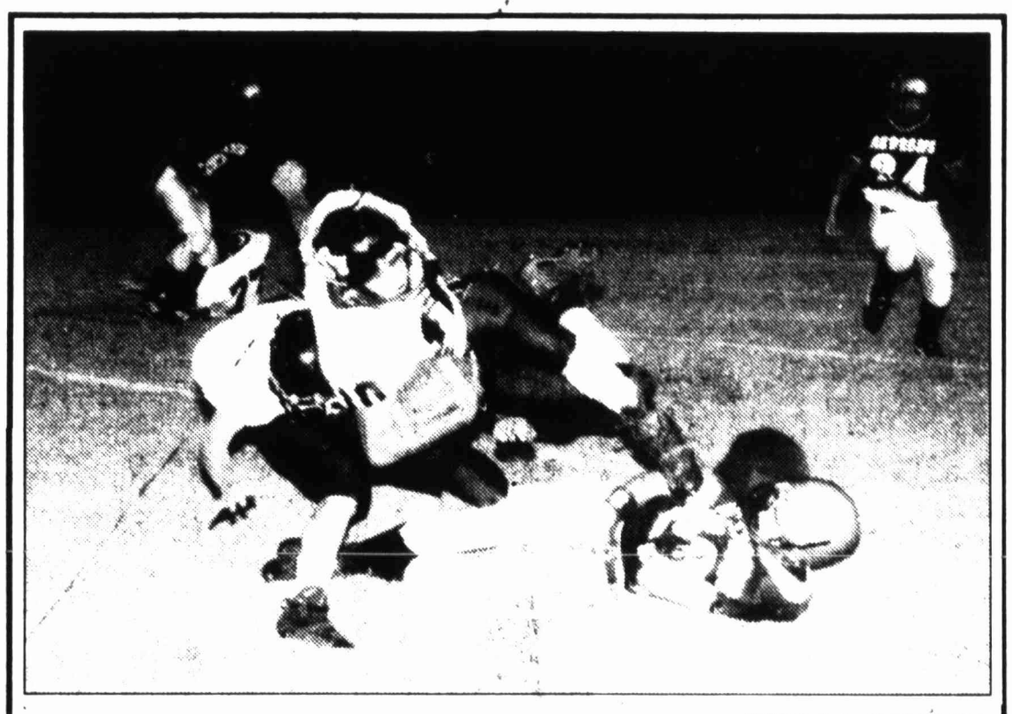
"We've been down. We've been on a terrible skid," Pettitte said. "I hope this will get us going. This is a big game for us, obviously. We've really been struggling."

Glenallen Hill, in the lineup as part of Torre's effort to shake up a moribund offense, broke up a scoreless game with an RBI single, and Sojo followed with a two-run double as the Yankees scored three in the sixth.

The hits by Hill and Sojo came with two outs and immediately after an intentional walk to struggling Paul O'Neill, who has not had an extra-base hit since Sept. 6.

After the left-handed O'Neill walked, righties Hill and Sojo connected off right-hander Kevin Appier.

Hill was 1-for-12 in the postseason before that single.



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler

Big Spring's Jaroe Parnell (10) finishes off a good run by powering over an Andrews defender en route to a 169-yard performance in the Steers' 21-13 win over the Mustangs last week. The Steers play host to San Angelo Lake View's Chiefs at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Revived Steers ready to take on Lake View

JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

It's called the "Miracle on 43rd Street."

At least that's what folks on the northwest side of San Angelo refer to last year's improbable come-from-behind San Angelo Lake View Chiefs win over Big Spring's Steers.

On that night, the Steers struggled to take a late lead at Lake View Stadium that sits on San Angelo's 43rd street, only to see the Chiefs score on a flea flicker pass from receiver Oscar Solis to quarterback David Lankford in the final seconds.

The play worked because Big Spring's secondary lined up in tight coverage, leaving nobody home when the Chiefs threw back across the field.

For Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler, the play was anything but a miracle. Instead, it's a moment in time he'd rather forget, but can't.

"That was one of those things you're never going to forget," Butler admitted after putting the Steers through workout paces Wednesday afternoon.

"Yeah, we've spent some time working on the 'bomb drill' ... worked on it again today," he added, making it clear the Steers will be in a "prevent" defensive alignment if the same situation presents itself when the Chiefs pay a visit to Memorial Stadium at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The Steers are in a much different scenario going into this week's showdown with the Chiefs.

Big Spring managed to qualify for the playoffs following last year's shocker at Lake View Stadium in the ninth game of the season, but this time around, the two teams are squaring off in the second game of play in newly realigned District 4-4A.

But the Steers are again considered a favorite — primarily because they opened 4-4A play with a 21-13 win over arch rival Andrews, while the Chiefs were suffering an unexpected loss to Levelland.

Those district openers for the two teams figure to play a role when kickoff time arrives Friday.

"You can bet they're going to walk onto the field believing they've got something to prove," Butler said of the Chiefs. "Nobody expected Lake View to lose to Levelland. It was one of those situations where they had the ball and were driving when the game ended ... they just ran out of time."

The Steers, on the other hand, are clearly walking with a slightly springier step after having won at Andrews.

"There's no question that was important for us," Butler acknowledged. "We'd lost a couple of games and that always puts you in a dangerous position. You start questioning yourself ... questioning everything you've been doing, so knocking off Andrews really helped our psyche."

The key to the Steers turnaround, Butler noted, was simply believing in themselves.

"It was simply a matter of the kids believing in themselves," Butler explained. "We spent a lot of time last week challenging these kids and they were challenging themselves. They stepped up and met the challenge."

Among those who stepped up to the challenge was running back Jaroe Parnell. Pressed into a starting role when senior Jason Woodruff was sidelined by a knee injury.

The junior responded by rushing for 169 yards and scoring two touchdowns against the Mustangs.

"Jaroe did a great job of stepping up," Butler said. "The key is that he's a product of our program. He's had his ups and downs; but when called on, he stepped up and accepted the challenge.

"That's what we've got to have, because this team doesn't have one or two superstars that it can ride on," the Steers boss added. "Everybody has to contribute, and that's what happened last week. Jaroe had a big night because our offensive line responded to the challenge just like he did."

Barring additional injuries, Butler said he believes the Steers are through making major changes in the lineup.

"Adam Partee stepped in with the offensive line last week and did a great job for us and getting Jason Thomas back at tight end so that he could split time with Aaron Olague made a difference," he explained. "That allowed us to let Jade Hughes concentrate at defensive end, plus it's really helped that Jason (Chaote) has been able to concentrate on his quarterback responsibilities because some other kids have stepped up in the defensive secondary."

Mariners in control following 5-2 win over slumping Sox

CHICAGO (AP) — Lou Piniella won't divulge Seattle's pitching plans to the team that led the majors in scoring this season.

That approach by the Mariners' manager is working, and they're headed home to Safeco Field with a 2-0 lead in their division series.

If the Chicago White Sox want to avoid a sweep, they'll need to figure out how to improve on a 3-for-23 performance with runners in scoring position.

They need to hit a Seattle bullpen that's pitched 10 scoreless innings and allowed just three hits. And they need to get some hits out of Frank Thomas, who is 0-for-7 in the first two games.

"We have a specific game plan. I can't talk about that," Piniella said following Wednesday's 5-2 victory over the White Sox, who averaged six runs this season while winning an AL-best 95 games.

"We've been fortunate to shut them down. You're not going to find better hitters."

Game 3 is in Seattle on Friday.

"We don't want to get in a slugging match with the White Sox. I don't know if it's them struggling or we're making our pitches," Alex Rodriguez said.

It's been a little of both.

Seattle's win Wednesday featured 3 1-3 hitless innings by Mariners relievers, a go-ahead homer by Jay Buhner and superb defensive play by Mark McLemore.

It all puts the White Sox near an early exit, although they did have a major league-best 49-32 mark on the road this season and won four of six at Safeco Field.

"We've never been in this situation, 0-2 going to a team's home field, but we have played good baseball there," Chicago manager Jerry Manuel said.

"We won 95 games and feel we can find a way to win three more."

Paul Abbott gave up five hits and two runs in 5 2-3 innings to win in his first postseason appearance in a pro career that began in 1985.

Relievers Arthur Rhodes, Jose Mesa and Kazuhiro Sasaki didn't allow a hit the rest of the way.

Bonds all smiles after start of Giants' series with Mets

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Barry Bonds wore a broad smile when he stepped into the on-deck circle in the first inning.

He might have had an inkling his playoff luck was about to change.

Bonds, the three-time MVP whose career has been defined by regular-season prowess and postseason futility, kicked off his latest playoff appearance with an RBI triple and a key single in the San Francisco Giants' 5-1 victory over the New York Mets in the opener of their NL series.

For Bonds, a 2-for-3 performance was an early answer to his critics. He hit .200 in four previous seasons in the playoffs, but he had the fourth multihit playoff game of his career.

"You should stop dwelling about the past with Barry," Jeff Kent said. "This is a new team and a new year."

If its first playoff game is any indication, this new team has what it takes to win in October. Livan Hernandez held the Mets to five hits for 7 2-3 innings, and Ellis Burks hit a three-run homer as the Giants gave manager Dusty Baker and Pacific Bell Park their first postseason wins.

But none of the Giants gave particular credit for the win to one player. Kent said Bonds' standout game was no more important than Billy Mueller getting two hits or Burks' homer. This is a team. We don't depend on just one or two guys."

After the game, Bonds eschewed a trip to the postgame interview room and answered only a few questions at his locker before leaving with his young son. He blames the media for blowing his postseason struggles out of proportion.

"I don't want to get into the past. That's history," Bonds said. "We're starting over here."

Bonds couldn't have imagined a new start much better than this. His two-out triple — which came after he took a close 2-2 pitch — during San Francisco's four-run third inning ricocheted crazily off the wall in right, scoring Mueller and setting the table for Burks' three-run homer.

That was all Hernandez needed. He pitched strong into the eighth before handing the game over to Felix Rodriguez and closer Robb Nen.

"Livan was phenomenal. He's been doing it for us now for quite awhile," Bonds said. "You've got to go with your big dog in the big games, and it's him."

Amarillo player takes top prize at disc golf tournament

HERALD Staff Report

John Stewart of Amarillo took the top prize during Sunday's "Eighth Ever DiscOver Big Spring" disc golf tournament at Birdwell Park.

Stewart took the $100 top prize from the professional division, while Marcus Roberts of Lubbock was second and Greg Brooks of Big Spring, who came up with a 200-yard birdie putt, one of the tournament's most spectacular shots, was third. Fourth place went to Cruz Rangel of Lubbock.

The tournament drew a total of 34 players, only eight of them competing in the professional division.

Matthew Kelly of Abilene topped the nine-place advanced division field. Marcus Roberts of Lubbock was the runner-up in that division, while Frank Muniz of Fort Stockton finished third. Lubbock players Stephen Joyner and Vicente Trujillo were fourth and fifth, respectively.

The tournament's amateur division also drew nine competitors and another Abilene player led the way, Chris Wilson defeating 15-year-old Robert Habert of Abilene.

Big Spring's David Brooks, 14, was third among the amateurs, while Matt Joyner of Lubbock and Branton Young of Midland finished fourth and fifth.

Five players over the age of 40 took part in the advanced masters division. Chris Young of Abilene dominated that field, while Gary Neal and Johnny James, both also residents of Abilene, were second and third.

Nine-year-old Chris Brooks of Big Spring topped the juniors field.

Daniel Young of Abilene finished second, while Jacob Castle of Big Spring was a close third.

Andrew Young and Wesley Russell, both of Abilene, were fourth and fifth.

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Moons and New Planets

Recent Discoveries in Space

Scientists are making discoveries about space faster than at any other time in history.

Planets outside our solar system

About five years ago, scientists made an Earth-shaking discovery. They found a planet outside our solar system. Until then, no one was sure there were any.

Since then, astronomers have found more than 30. Most of these planets are hot gas giants like Jupiter. It is doubtful they could support life.



In March, astronomers found two planets, both smaller than Saturn. Now they know smaller planets are out there, too.

In about 10 years, NASA is planning to launch a set of telescopes, the Terrestrial Planet Finder. They hope to find Earth-size planets capable of supporting life.

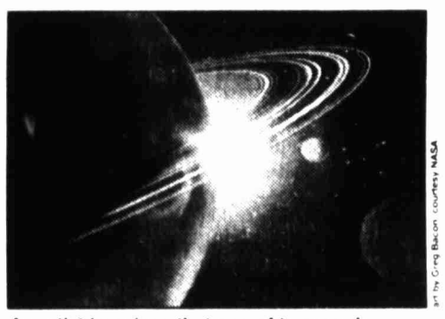
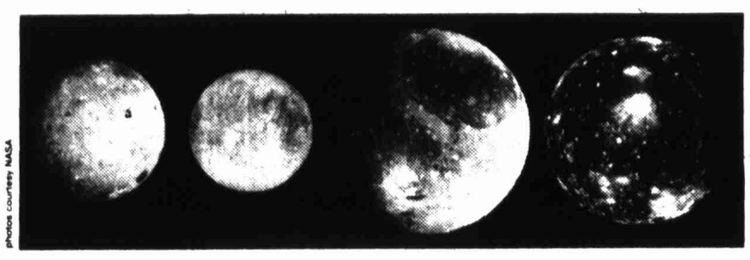


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An artist imagines that one of two newly discovered planets may have rings and moons just as planets do in our solar system.



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The four biggest moons of Jupiter, shown here from left to right, are: Io, Europa, Ganymede and Callisto.

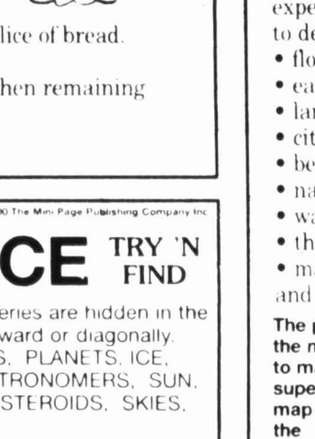
Jupiter's moons



The Galileo space probe is sending back lots of pictures and information about Jupiter and its moons. Jupiter's four biggest moons stand out in our solar system.

The Galileo probe was named after astronomer Galileo Galilei. About 400 years ago, he became the first person to see Jupiter's moons.

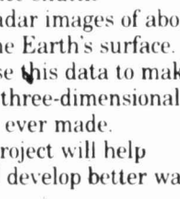
Io (EYE-oh) is the most active body in the solar system. Its volcanoes are so violent they can send out gas plumes about 200 miles into space. On Earth, volcanoes shoot up fountains for only about two miles.



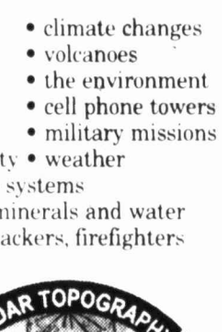
"Io-quakes" are also BIG! During a quake the ground moves up and down the height of a 30-story skyscraper.

Scientists believe **Europa** (your-O-puh) has a liquid water ocean. It probably contains more water than there is on Earth.

Europa also has a thin oxygen atmosphere. There may be energy sources there that produce heat.



Scientists are very excited by these discoveries. They mean Europa could have most of the ingredients needed for life.



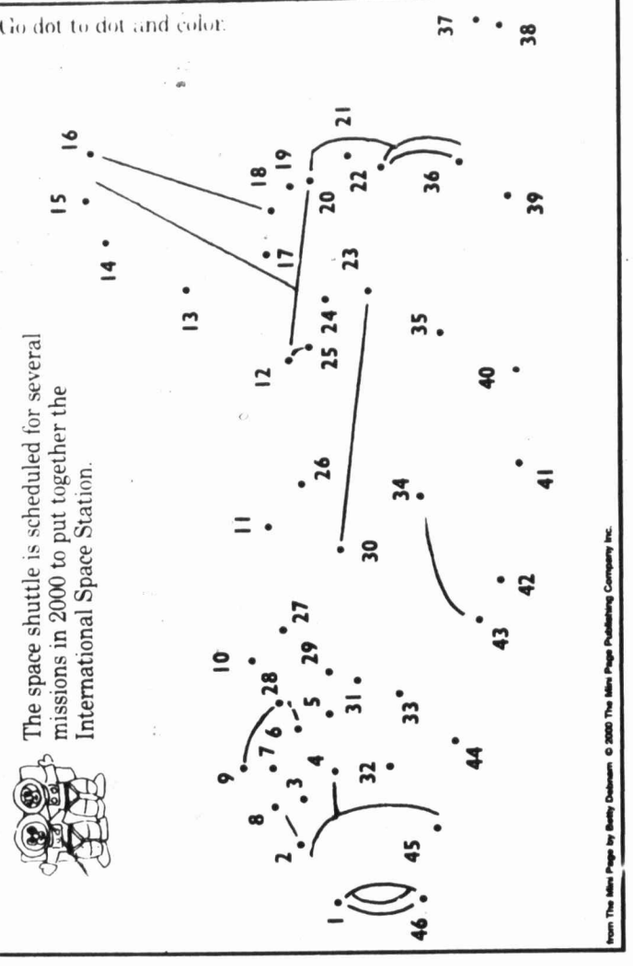
Ganymede (GAN-ee-meed) is the biggest moon in the solar system. It is even bigger than the planet Mercury.



Callisto (kah-LISS-toe) has more craters than any other moon. Its crust is about 4 billion years old, almost as old as the solar system. It has no volcanoes or oceans to create new surfaces. Its surface now is the one it was "born" with.

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The space shuttle is scheduled for several missions in 2000 to put together the International Space Station.

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MIGHTY FUNNY'S Funny Phonics

It's fun to learn phonics, or the sounds that letters make. This week's target sound is the one made by the letter O. The letter O is a vowel with a long and a short sound. We are using the short-O sound this week, as in the word **sock**.

Q: What did the light bulb say to the switch?
A: "You really turn me **on**!"

Q: Why did the **robber** take a bath?
A: So he could steal the ring!

Q: Have you heard about the **doctor doll**?
A: Yes. You wind it up and it **operates on** batteries!

Go on a short-O word hunt. What other words can you find containing a short O? What sound do you hear?

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Rookie Cookie's Recipe

Solar Sandwich



You'll need:

- 1/4 cup deviled ham
- 2 slices bread
- 2 tablespoons pickle relish
- 1 slice Swiss cheese
- 1 slice tomato

What to do:

1. Spread deviled ham evenly on one slice of bread.
2. Spread pickle relish evenly on top.
3. Top with cheese slice, tomato slice, then remaining bread.

Serves 1.

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BASSET BROWN'S THE NEWS HOUND'S SPACE TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of new space discoveries are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: SPACE, DISCOVERIES, PLANETS, ICE, MOONS, EARTH, SOLAR, SYSTEM, ASTRONOMERS, SUN, JUPITER, NASA, TELESCOPES, LIFE, ASTEROIDS, SKIES, STAR

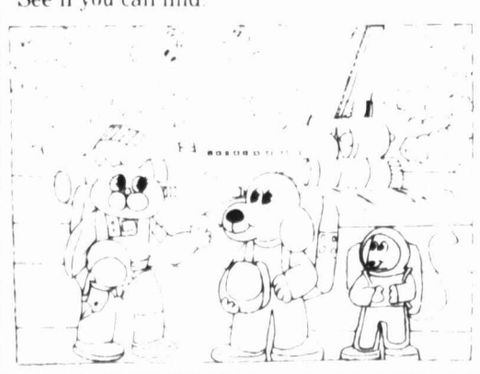


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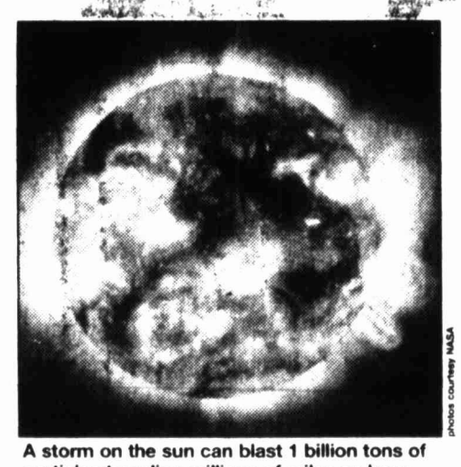
More Finds From Outer Space

Planet Earth

In February, space shuttle astronauts took radar images of about three-fourths of the Earth's surface. Computers will use this data to make the most detailed three-dimensional map of our planet ever made.

This mapping project will help experts study and develop better ways to deal with:

- flooding
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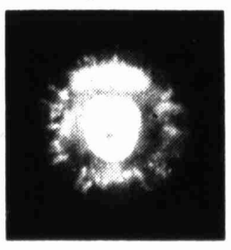
A storm on the sun can blast 1 billion tons of particles traveling millions of miles an hour into space. When those particles hit Earth, they can disrupt power and communication systems.



The patch for the mission to make a super-map of the Earth. It will show exact pictures of mountains, valleys and flat land.

Amazing pictures

This year the Hubble Space Telescope celebrates its 10th birthday. Last December astronauts repaired it and put in new advanced systems. Hubble is once again sending us many amazing views of our universe.



A planetary nebula is a cloud of dust or gas from a dying star. In 1787, astronomers named this the "Eskimo Nebula" because from Earth it looks like a face in a furry parka.

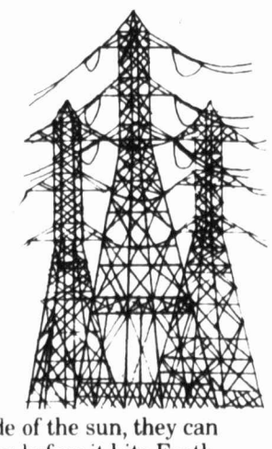
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Look on the weather page of your newspaper. What does it tell you about bodies in outer space such as the moon and planets?

The other side of the sun

For the first time, scientists were able to "see" through the sun to the other side. Before, they had to wait about 27 days until the sun rotated.

This is important because the sun has big storms so powerful that they can short out satellites and even blow out power grids on Earth millions of miles away. For example, in 1989 a sunstorm wiped out the power grids in Quebec, Canada, leaving millions without power.



If experts can see a storm brewing on the other side of the sun, they can take safety steps before it hits Earth.

This year warnings of sunstorms will be especially important. The year 2000 is the end of the sun's 11-year cycle, a time when sunstorms go way up. Cell phones, pagers and radio broadcasts could be disrupted.

Site to see: www.nasa.gov

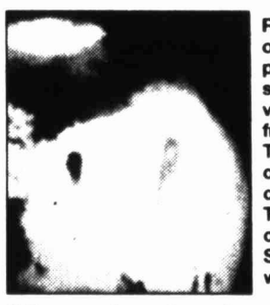
Zoom! Next week's Mini Page is about the Indy 500 car race.

Water on Mars

Although NASA's last two Mars probes failed, information is still coming in from a probe that has been orbiting Mars for about three years. The Mars Global Surveyor has found what look like buried river channels. Water probably flowed through them billions of years ago.

Scientists want to find out where all that water went. They think there used to be giant oceans on Mars. But something happened, and the water went somewhere else.

Some experts think most of it went deep underground. The rest may be on the polar caps.



Recent photos of the Martian polar caps show they are very different from each other. This northern one looks like cottage cheese. The southern one looks like Swiss cheese, with big craters.

More about asteroids

For the first time a probe is orbiting an asteroid, a big rock orbiting the sun. On Valentine's Day, the NEAR Shoemaker probe began orbiting an asteroid named after the Greek god of love, Eros.

Scientists hope to learn more about what asteroids are made of. Perhaps someday we will mine them.

Astronomers are searching the skies to spot any asteroids that could be on a collision course with us. They hope that if we ever see one coming, we will have decades of warning and lots of time to decide what to do.



The NEAR Shoemaker patch. NEAR stands for "Near Earth Asteroid Rendezvous." Gene Shoemaker was an astronomer who studied asteroids.

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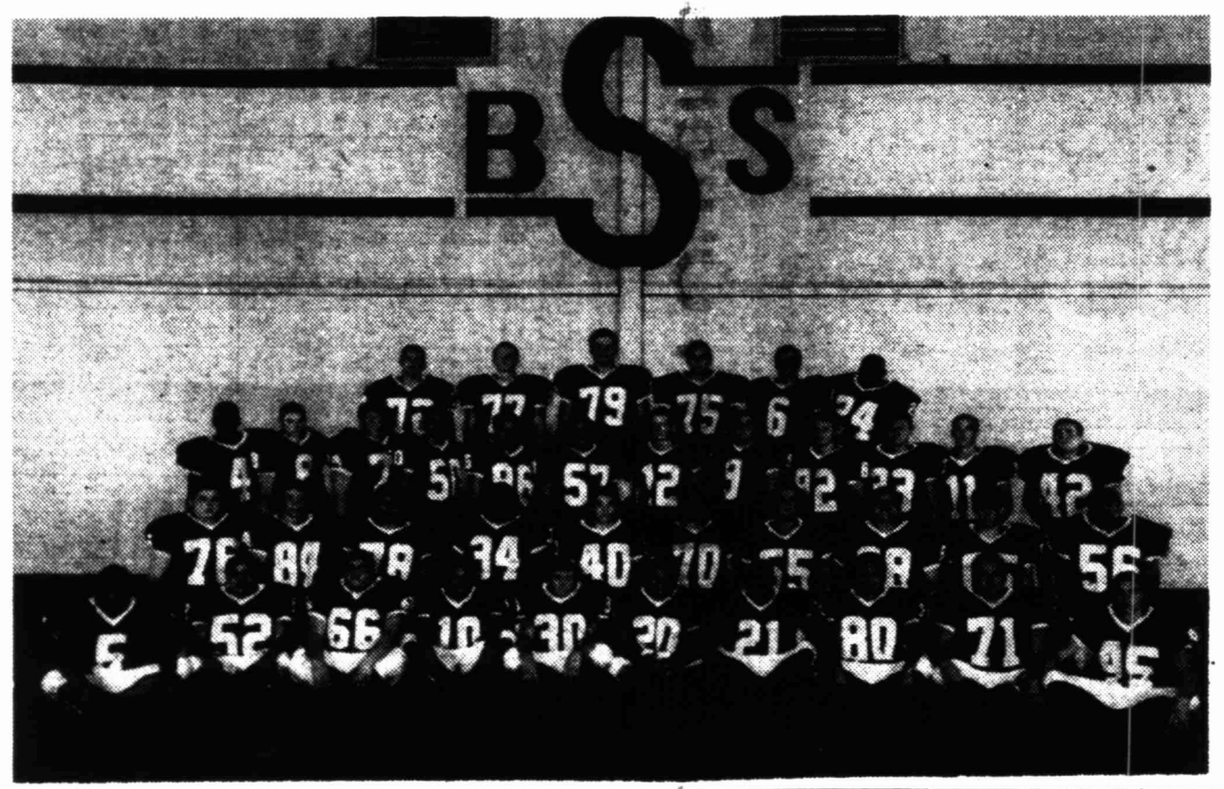
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❑ 4 Family Garage Sale Sat. 8-5, 2505 E. 23rd. Furniture, baby items, home int., heaters, salon items, computers, misc.

❑ Big Cleaning out sale: 5800 S. Service Rd. Sand Spring Area. Give away prices. Fri. 8-3 Sat. (weather permitting.)

❑ Big Garage Sale: Fri. 8-3 & Sat. 8-12. Oct. 6th & 7th. at 906 E. 13th. Household goods, & misc. everything must go.

❑ Carport Sale: 709 Andree(behind Skateland) Fri. & Sat. 8-? School teacher supp. many new items, new items added Saturday.

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❑ Garage Sale: 207 Becker Rd. (Sand Springs). Sat. 8-? Big Centar heater, nativity scene, toddler bed, clothes, water fountain, shoes, too many thing to mention.

❑ Garage Sale: 605 Washington. Sat. 8-? Furn., comp. desk, clothes, misc.

❑ Garage Sale: Fri., Sat., & Sun. at 402 Westover. Grease gun, furniture, TV, a little bit of everything.

❑ Garage Sale, Sat. 9-?. Corner of Lindsey & So. Service Rd, Sand Springs. Lots of Misc & burritos.

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❑ Yard Sale. 208 Dealy Rd. (Tubbs Add. off Jeffrey Rd.) Sat. 7-? Freezer, boys & adult clothes, household, misc.

❑ Saturday 8-3pm. 2510 E. 22nd (go down 25th to Edgemere, left at 22nd. Lot's of misc. & refrigerators.

❑ Yard Sale. 2515 Fairchild. Thurs.-Sat. 8-? CANCELLED Clothing, old jewelry, gift items, misc.

❑ 2 Family Garage Sale. Sat. 8-? 1010 Bluebonnet. Tools, mens & womens clothes, lots of misc.

❑ 3 Family Garage Sale: 2003 Runnels. Saturday only. Furniture, lot's of miscellaneous

❑ 3 Family Garage Sale. Sat. 8-3. 2613 Carol. Toys, clothes, computer & desk. Lots of misc.

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2 bdr. house 1208 Main. ALSO: 205 E. 22nd 1 bdr. upstairs & down stairs. 1-806-796-2545 or 267-457, 268-9704

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❑ 1400 E. 6th. Garden eqip., yarn, campstove, plants, luggage, misc. 9-5. Fri. & Sat.

Presser and counter help needed. Please apply in person @ 1003 State.

❑ Moving Sale, Sat. 8-?, 2210 Cecilia. Lots of misc., clothes, knickknacks, childrens items and more.

❑ Furn., camper shell, snow chains, portable butane tank, leaf blower, Winchester Rifle, Guppies, snails, games/toys, plants, yard/garden/building & household items, & lots more. 4 miles east of Price Construction on Snyder Hwy. Turn left. Sat. 9-4 & Sun. 12-4pm.

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3 Bdrm - 2 bath
3 Bdrm - 1 bath
2 Bdrm 1 bath
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❑ Backyard Sale - 1505 E. 5th, Sat. 8-4. No early sales. LOTS of nice children, teen and adult clothes, comforters, household items.

❑ Lawn mowers, Refrigerators, TV's, Lots of Misc. Fri. & Sat. 9-3. 504 Aylesford.

❑ Garage Sale, Sat. 7-12, 1905 Nolan. Sponsored by Beta Sigma Phi

❑ Moving Sale, Sat. 9-?, 403 Jill, Coahoma. TOO MUCH to list.

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❑ 2006 So. Monticello, Sat. 8-12. Crafts, clothes, linens, decor, desk, and much more. Everything must go!

3 Bedroom 1 bath. 400 Circle. Call 267-3841 or 270-7309.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Howard County Auditor will accept sealed bids until 10:00 A.M. on October 20, 2000 for: Paper and Office Supplies
Specifications may be obtained in the Auditor's Office, 300 S. Main, Room 203, Big Spring, TX or by calling (915) 264-2210
Bids will be presented to the Commissioners Court at 10:00 A.M. on October 23, 2000 for their consideration.
The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
Drew Lopez, Asst. Auditor
2959 October 5 & 13, 2000

TOO LATES

❑ We're sorry the Yard Sale, 2515 Fairchild was canceled due to illness. It's rescheduled for this Sat 9-?

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE BIG SPRING POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SPENDING OF LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT MONIES. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 16, 2000 AT 2:00 P.M. AT THE BIG SPRING CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 307 E. 4TH STREET. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND GIVE COMMENT ON HOW THE MONEY FROM THE GRANT SHOULD BE SPENT.
THE MEETING FACILITY IS ACCESSIBLE TO DISABLED PERSONS. ANY DISABLED PERSON NEEDING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS OR DEAF OR HEARD OF HEARING PERSONS WISHING TO HAVE AN INTERPRETER SHOULD REQUEST SERVICES AT LEAST 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED MEETING BY CONTACTING ANN REID AT 264-2559.
2968 OCTOBER 5, 2000

PUBLIC NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
The Big Spring Independent School District shall receive sealed bid proposals for the following areas
Supplies & Equipment
and
Labor & Contracted Services
for the
Maintenance, Transportation & Food Service Departments
These bids will form a multi-vendor list for the maintenance, transportation, and the food service departments for securing supplies, equipment, outside labor, outside skilled trades and contracted services. Specifications and bid documents may be secured from the school district's Business Office, 708 Eleventh Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720-4610, phone number (915) 264-3640. The school district will begin opening bids on October 25, 2000, in the Business Office of the Big Spring Independent School District. The Business Office will continue to receive and open bids through 12:00 noon, November 8, 2000. All bids must be received by 12:00 noon, November 8, 2000. Bids will be presented for consideration to the Board of Trustees on November 9, 2000, at 5:15 p.m. at their regularly scheduled board meeting. The Big Spring Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
2956 October 5 & 12, 2000

PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID
Bids for the construction of
Reroofing the Student Union Building
Reroofing the Building Trades Building
Replacing the HVAC system at the Student Union Building
Replacing the exterior doors at the Student Union Building
Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf (SWCID)
3201 Avenue C
Big Spring, Texas
will be received at the Howard College Board Room located in the Student Union Building at 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas until 2:00 p.m. local time on Thursday, October 19, 2000. Bids will be opened and read aloud at that time.
Bids will be addressed to:
Mr. Terry Hansen
Executive Vice President
Howard College
Diagnostic Assessment Center
Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf
(Name and address of bidder)
A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the SWCID administrative conference room, 3201 Avenue C, Big Spring Industrial Park, Big Spring, Texas on Wednesday, October 11, 2000 at 10:00 a.m.
This will be a single lump sum contact and shall include all general, electrical and mechanical work. Make proposals on unaltered proposal forms furnished by the Architect. Fill in all blank spaces and have the proposal signed by a legal officer or agent authorized to bind the Bidder to a contract.
Each Bidder shall deliver their bid in a sealed envelope to the Owner or to the bid opening.
Drawings and Specifications may be examined at the office of J. Phillip Furqueron, Architect, 500 Johnson Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, 915-267-3794. Copies of these documents shall be available at the office of the Architect in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. The refundable deposit will be $50.00 per set.
The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any formality in connection therein. The Owner reserves the right to contract within 30 days following the bid opening. No bids may be withdrawn during this time.
2957 September 28 & October 5, 2000

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HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Oct. 6:
You have the ability to create greater stability and happiness in your life. Allow greater creativity to infuse your life and how you structure it. If you are single, you could meet someone who is special and different. If you are attached, your relationship grows in a dynamic and exciting manner. AQUARIUS teases you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
**** Just cruise in to work with a clear objective. Clear your desk, return messages and set up plans for next week. Reach out for someone at a distance, even if you are unsure of his reaction. Tonight: Play the night away.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
**** Complete a project that involves research. You need to clear your desk. You might have difficulty concentrating and, as a result, might need to work through the weekend. Think about what you want. Tonight: A must appearance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Continue working through a work project with a partner. You might want a home office. Discuss this possibility with a roommate or family member. In any case, add to the atmosphere where you work. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** Reach out for others. Your imagination knows how to charm another into your way of thinking. Socialize more with your co-workers. Tonight: With your best friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** Use your skills to clear the office and get your work done. You might want to schedule a meeting for late in the afternoon, when a more social aspect comes forth. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
**** Examine your long-term goals vis-‡-vis a loved one. How you say what you are thinking has everything to do with how your message is received. Don't allow too many distractions to enter your work hours, if possible. Tonight: Run errands.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** Handle a domestic matter head-on. Your style could make all the difference in how your message is received. Acknowledge this person's creativity and ability to resolve situations. Tonight: Start the weekend well.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** Use your unusual style of communication to win friends and make headway. Evaluate your workload and clear up as much as you can. Greet the weekend with down time. Check out a new "toy" to make your life easier. Tonight: Happy at home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
**** Your efforts to handle your finances take you in another direction. Visualize what you want and make inquiries to make it so. Socialize and make plans for the next few days. Tonight: Do something you have been dreaming of.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
**** Use the daylight hours, when you go full-steam ahead. Allow your charisma to come through. A meeting might be important, but all the work that's achieved will need to be done over. Tonight: Treat yourself well.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
**** Listen to your instincts once more. You might want to assume a low profile. Examine your long-term interests regarding a career decision. Knowing what you want will help you direct your activities during the next few weeks. Tonight: Go for who and what you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
**** Touch base with loved ones and friends. You might be more instrumental than you realize in bringing others together. Your ability to give others a sense of importance becomes one of your finer skills. You might need some downtime. Tonight: Vanish.

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Wife's gambling habit puts couple's retirement at risk



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: I have just discovered that my wife of 35 years has been gambling heavily for several years. Nearly $8,000 has been withdrawn at the casinos from our account and hers in the last nine months.

I am a saver; she has been a spender for the duration of our marriage. We could live very well in our retirement if we are prudent now.

She says it's her life and she will do what she wants; it's her money and she'll spend it any way she wants. She does work, but are these fair statements? Will she ever quit gambling? — HOPEFUL IN KENTUCKY

DEAR HOPEFUL: Unless your wife is willing to admit that her gambling has become a problem she's unable to control, she will continue to gamble. Most couples pool their finances and decide together how the money should be spent. Her argument that it is her life and she'll do anything she wants, etc. is defensive, selfish and irrational.

You can lead a horse (player) to water, but you can't make her drink. Unless she's willing to get help for her gambling addiction, your wife could literally spend you out of house and home. Consult a lawyer about separating your finances before she goes through all the money. Please don't wait.

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Valerie Gibson of Cheyenne, Wyo." regarding the kindness of strangers reminded me of a similar act of kindness bestowed on my husband and me earlier this year. We are both in our late 60s.

My husband considers himself an excellent driver, but actually drives like someone watching a tennis match. He constantly gazes at landmarks, left and right, instead of keeping his eyes on the road.

We were traveling along I-75 from Atlanta to Biloxi, Miss., in our motor home when I noticed a piece of metal lying in the road. I thought my husband had seen it too. By the time I yelled, it was too late. He ran over the piece of metal, and it embedded itself under the vehicle.

As we continued driving, we could hear the metal scraping the pavement but did not know what damage it had done. We stopped at a restaurant, and my husband surveyed the damage. The piece of metal had embedded itself in our septic tank, which was a relief to us, as we had feared it had penetrated the gas tank.

My husband worked furiously for about 10 minutes, but couldn't free the metal object, nor could he bend it to stop scraping the roadway. Just when we had given up, several people left the restaurant and noticed our dilemma. One young man left the group and came to our aid, but was unable to dislodge the metal either. He said he lived only a short distance away, and would go home to get a hacksaw.

Within 30 minutes, he was back as promised. He crawled under the vehicle and spent the better part of 15 minutes sawing away at the metal. He finally was able to saw off enough to stop the scraping. Although I offered, he would not accept a cent for his help. He said he hoped if his parents were ever in a similar predicament, someone would assist them.

Even more remarkable about this young man helping us is that he is white and we are black and this is still "the deep South." — MRS. V.W. BROWN, ATLANTA

DEAR MRS. BROWN: Contrary to what some may believe, there are many young people in the South — and elsewhere — who have been raised to see people first, not their race. Still, it's nice to see a testimonial to that fact.

Thank you for sharing your act of kindness. I consider it an antidote to some of the things we see on the evening news. Perhaps it will stimulate others to be Good Samaritans should they happen upon someone in need of help.

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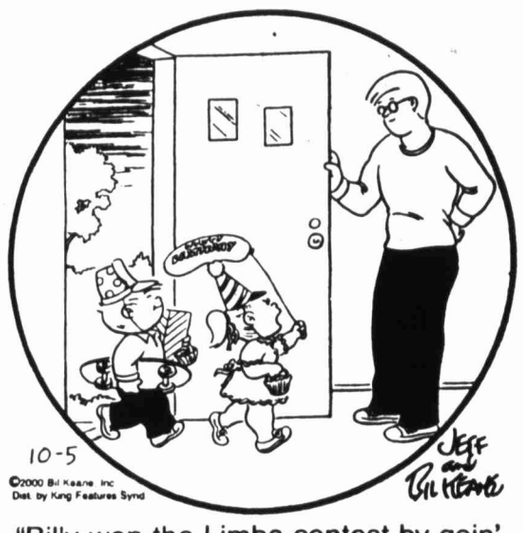
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8 :PM :30	Political Debate (CC)	Playoffs: Division Series	House of Windsor	Lampoon's Vacation	Political Debate (CC)	Political Debate (CC)	Political Debate (CC)	Die "	Laberintos de Pasion	Meet the Deedles (CC)	**Movie:** The Man With	**Movie:** Reform School	(CC) "	**Movie:** A Better Way to	" "	Murder One (CC)	Hospital "	" "	Susan Smith: Nine Days
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11 :PM :30	Politically Inc. Cheers	Blind Date Divorce Court	" "	Who's Boss? Who's Boss?	Show (CC) (:37) Late Late	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc.	Show (CC) (:37) Late	With the Golden Gun	Viviana a la Medianoche	Zorro (CC) Mickey Mouse	Amer. Shooter Ducks	" **Movie:** Taffin	Hot Springs (:45) **Movie:**	(CC) **Movie:**	Duane Sheriff Church	Biography (CC)	On the Inside "	Moonstruck "	Susan Smith: Nine Days
12 :AM :30	Saturn Paid Program	Judge-Brown Cops (CC)	National Geo. "	Paid Program Paid Program	Show (CC) Street Smarts	(12:06) Oprah Winfrey (CC)	Night (CC) (:36) To Be	" (:35) **Movie:**	Te Sigo Amando	Walt Disney Presents	Outdoors Trucks!	" "	Ivory Tower (CC)	Sudden Impact (CC)	Faith Pleases God	Murder One (CC)	Hospital "	" (:45) **Movie:**	Manhunt in the Heartland

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"Billy won the Limbo contest by goin' under the stick lying on his skateboard."

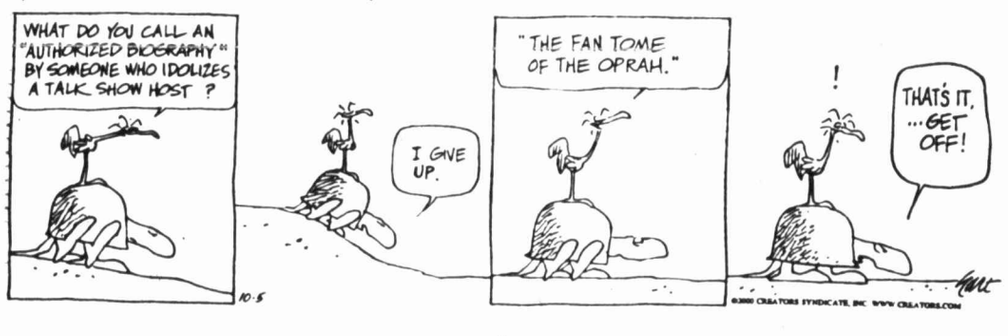
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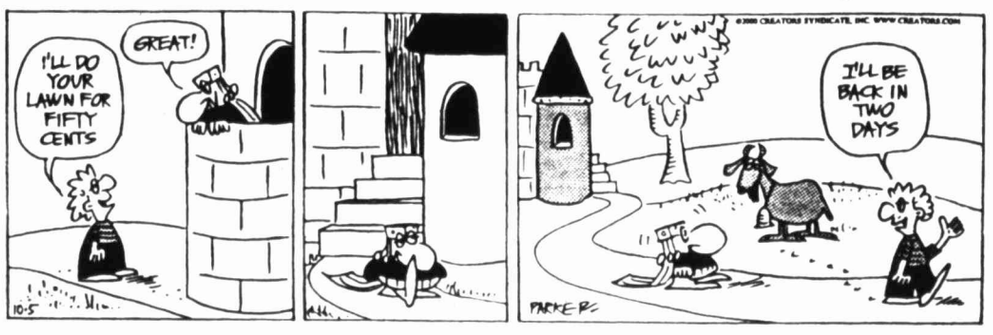
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Thursday, Oct. 5, the 279th day of 2000. There are 87 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 5, 1947, President Truman delivered the first televised White House address.

On this date:

In 1830, the 21st president, Chester Arthur, was born in Fairfield, Vt.

In 1892, the Dalton Gang, notorious for its train robberies, was practically wiped out while attempting to rob a pair of banks in Coffeyville, Kan.

In 1937, President Franklin Roosevelt called for a "quarantine" of aggressor nations.

In 1941, former Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis — the first Jewish member of the nation's highest court — died in Washington at age 84.

In 1953, Earl Warren was sworn in as the 14th chief justice of the United States, succeeding Fred M. Vinson.

In 1962, the Beatles' first hit, "Love Me Do," was released in the United Kingdom.

In 1970, British trade commissioner James Richard Cross was kidnapped in Canada by militant Quebec separatists; he was released the following December.

In 1986, American Eugene Hasenfus was captured by Sandinista soldiers after the weapons plane he was flying in was shot down over southern Nicaragua.

In 1988, Democrat Lloyd Bentsen lambasted Republican Dan Quayle during their vice presidential debate, telling Quayle, "Senator, you're no Jack Kennedy."

In 1989, a jury in Charlotte, N.C., convicted former PTL evangelist Jim Bakker of using his television show to defraud followers.

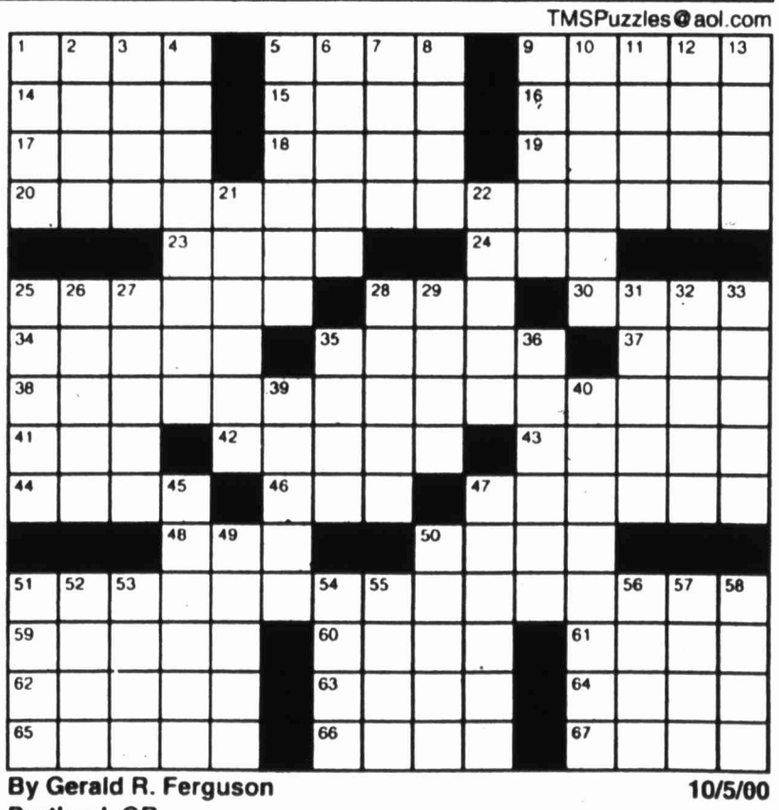
Ten years ago: A jury in Cincinnati acquitted an art gallery and its director of obscenity charges stemming from an exhibit of sexually graphic photographs by Robert Mapplethorpe. The House of Representatives rejected a $500 billion budget agreement forged by congressional leaders and the Bush administration.

Five years ago: Seamus Heaney of Ireland won the 1995 Nobel Prize in literature. Bosnia's combatants agreed to a 60-day cease-fire and new talks on ending their 3 1/2 years of battle.

One year ago: It was announced that MCI WorldCom Inc. had agreed to pay $115 billion for Sprint Corp.

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10/5/00

ACROSS
1 Silly billy
5 Urban renewal target
9 Bundle-of-joy bird
14 Roper of polls
15 Top-notch
16 Geneva's lake
17 Detroit athlete
18 Disfigure
19 Inedible orange
20 Offer to be wary of?
23 Bikini tops
24 Peer Gynt's mother
25 Yet to be planted
28 Pig's pad
30 Plumbing problem
34 1963 hit by The Orlons
35 Number on a match?
37 Do wrong
38 Offer to be wary of?
41 Last word
42 Whip-wielding Lash
43 Spinet, e.g.
44 Gather strength
46 Little-'un
47 Comic Phyllis
48 Lofty poem
50 Cowardly canines
51 Offer to be wary of?
59 Undergo a chemical change
60 Michael Dorn's Klingon
61 Woodwind
62 Thompson and Samms
63 A single time
64 Jodie Foster film
65 Overly sentimental
66 Regan's father
67 Former mates

DOWN
1 Sensed
2 Spicy stew
3 "Typee" sequel
4 Hail Mary pass
5 Upolu resident
6 Burdens
7 Component piece
8 Brief note
9 Blackthorn berries
10 Sampled
11 __ Khayyam
12 Prego rival
13 Leg punch?
21 "1984" author
22 First name in aspirin?
25 Sub-par
26 Nary a soul
27 Framework posts
28 Cry to be heard
29 Faithful
31 Of the kidneys
32 Dancing Castle
33 "The Silver Streak" co-star
35 Newbie
36 Magnate's purview
39 Corroded
40 Surface for sharpening
45 Work-shoe protection
47 Mediocre golfer
49 Airheaded
50 Approximately
51 Cinnabar and bauxite
52 Verne's captain
53 Pitch a tent
54 Off-base GI
55 Sole
56 Wild goat
57 Burrowing mammal
58 Marine shockers

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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