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Housing Authority closed this week for software classes

Big Spring Housing Authority will be closed for software training from Tuesday through Friday this week according to public housing director Mark Gentry.

The office will be reopen for business as usual at 8 a.m. next Monday (Sept. 13). The housing authority has completed its move to a new location at 711 E. Third, at the corner of Owens and Third streets.

With the move, the agency's telephone number changed to 263-4090.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Carnival continues at the Howard County Fairgrounds, open from 1 p.m. until 10 p.m.

TUESDAY

□ Beginning Line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628.

□ Big Spring City Council meets at 5:15 p.m. in Council Chambers, located directly west of City Hall at 4th and Nolan.

□ Quarterback Club, 7 p.m., BSISD Athletic Training Center meeting room.

WEDNESDAY

□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park. Call 398-5522 or 267-1628.

□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Terry Hansen, 264-5175.

□ Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Billy Smith, 267-6479.

□ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 a.m. and over.

□ Evening line dancing class, 6:30 p.m., Spring City Senior Center.

□ American Legion Auxiliary, 7 p.m. Call 263-2084.

□ Christmas in April, noon, Lion's Club Den, 1607 E. Third. Call Bob Noyes at 267-6095.

□ Friends of the Library, noon, Howard County Library.

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If you don't have tickets for United Way kickoff — lots of luck!

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor

Sold out!

That's the word from organizers of the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County kickoff luncheon, set for Tuesday at Garrett Hall.

"That's the word I've got. We sold out," said Richard Steel, United Way board vice president and cabinet chairman. "The response has been great."



JENNINGS

Tickets for the luncheon, which will feature Texas first lady Laura Bush, went so well that sales were stopped early.

Carroll Jennings, United Way executive director, said early Thursday morning that ticket sales had already surpassed that of any previous kickoff luncheon.

While Garrett Hall seats more than 300 persons, ticket sales were closed before the end of the day Thursday.

"This is the biggest kickoff we've ever had," he said.

He said the previous ticket sales record was 142. At 10 a.m. Thursday, he said he had already sold 195 tickets.

The luncheon will officially

kick off the 1998 drive, which has a goal of \$217,000. This year's goal was \$212,500, and was exceeded by about \$3,400.

Al's & Son Bar-B-Q is catering the event. Door prizes will be presented and United Way will also recognize last year's outstanding campaigns, special guests and introduce campaign volunteers.

The United Way serves 11 agencies, including — the American Red Cross, Boys Club, Buffalo Trail Council, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation, Northside Community Center and Rape Crisis/Victim Services.

Others are the Salvation Army, West Texas Girl Scouts,

Westside Community Center, Westside Day Care Center, and the YMCA.

Mrs. Bush, the wife of Gov. George W. Bush, travels the state promoting reading and family literacy. In 1996, she helped organize the Texas Book Festival, an annual celebration of Texas books and authors.

She also highlights issues important to women, such as breast cancer awareness, and she works with agencies and volunteer groups to promote child health and safety.

Mrs. Bush is a native Texan from Midland. She taught in public schools in Dallas, Houston and Austin from 1968 to 1977.



LAURA BUSH

MDA Telethon today at Big Spring Mall

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Staff Writer

Big Spring residents will have the opportunity to participate in the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon for Muscular Dystrophy today at the Big Spring Mall.

Anyone who pledges to the MDA and wants to come to the site of the transmission can be on television, said Mitch Gill.

"When they run local numbers that crawl across the bottom of the screen, and a person calls the Big Spring number, it's going to ring there and local folks will answer the phone, at the mall," said Mitch Gill, secretary of the Big Spring Firefighters Association.

The telecast site will be set up by about 8 a.m., Gill said, and things should get rolling about noon. The Big Spring portion of the telethon is set to conclude at about 6 p.m.

Barry Barnett, a member of the Harley Owners Group, said C.W. & Company will play from noon until 3 p.m.

A silent auction will be going on all day, and a 50/50 drawing is set as well.

"Local merchants and merchants at the mall have generously contributed to this," Barnett said.

Barbecue sandwiches for \$1 and 50-cent soft drinks and hot dogs will be available all day. All proceeds will be given to the telethon at the end of the day, he said.

"We sent out 200 to 300 invita-



HERALD photo/Linda Choate

Big Spring firefighters Farley Hayworth (left) and Dusty Shelhamer were busy working to "Fill the Boot" Saturday in Big Spring. The project is part of the firefighter's program to help raise funds for the MDA Telethon.

tions to some of our closest friends. We were one of the largest non-corporate contributors last year, and we hope to be the largest this year.

"We have a little friendly competition between us and the firefighters over who raises the

most," Barnett said.

Firefighter Paul Brown said in the past, Big Spring folks who wanted to donate to the telethon had to call Midland. But about five years ago, that changed.

"But now you don't have to

call Midland, you can call right here in Big Spring," he said.

And Barnett said the entire event is to benefit the MDA.

"Whether you donate a penny or \$1,000, everything is appreciated and it all goes to the kids," he said.

Zack's grandmothers pay attention to MDA telethon

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

Features Editor

When Big Spring resident Erma Steward watches the Jerry Lewis MDA Labor Day Telethon each year, the featured children tug at her heartstrings probably more than for most people.

Her grandson, 12-year-old Zack Steward of Lubbock, has Duchenne-type muscular dystrophy.

"It's very hard to deal with it," Mrs. Steward said. "Especially because we feel like there's not a lot we can do."

Zack, who once was able to play baseball and ride a bicycle like most young boys, now uses leg braces to walk and spends most of his time in a wheel-



ERMA and ZACK STEWARD

chair. Pam Crim of Stanton, also grandmother to Zack, said the telethon has always "gotten my attention."

"It makes you a little sad," she said. "Every year I look forward to the update, when they tell you what they've accomplished during the last year."

Mrs. Steward, a longtime volunteer at Scenic Mountain

Medical Center and the Big Spring State Hospital, said Zack is a very special grandson.

"We've been very fortunate," she said. "Other than this, his health has been good. He's such a good little boy, such a good-looking kid."

Zack was born in Big Spring. His parents, Mike and Vicki Steward, own Continental Water Company that services both Lubbock and Big Spring.

Crim, whose family carried the gene for DMD, said the disorder is known, said it is especially hard for her and her husband, Roy, to watch their daughter and son-in-law deal with Zack's illness.

"Not only do you have to watch the child suffer, but you see your own children suffer,"

she said.

Erma Steward agreed. "That's very hard," she said. "We just have to deal with it day by day."

Zack's muscular dystrophy was discovered when he was 6 years old, and his parents noticed that he was having a difficult time running. His mother said at the time that he seemed to be shuffling his feet, unable to lift them.

After the diagnosis, they got in touch with the Muscular Dystrophy Association, which provided them with literature and referrals to specialists. In past years, Zack and his mother have appeared on Lubbock's local broadcast of the Labor Day telethon.

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Big Spring students following national trend

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Staff Writer

More high school students are considering college, according to Texas Education Agency reports that credit 100,417 1998 high school seniors with taking the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT).

In 1996-97, 94,034 students took SAT tests. That figure increased by 6,383 students in 1997-98, and is the largest increase in 10 years, according to the TEA.

Locally, 86 Big Spring High School seniors, which reflects 46 percent of the total 187 graduates last year, took the SAT and/or the American College Testing Program (ACT) exams, BSISD Superintendent Bill McQueary said.

"We also get reports of those

students who enter college and we have the results of the TASP test, which is the test they must pass in order to start college courses. Eighty-five of those scored at or above the equivalent, which means they went directly into college courses," McQueary said.

Statewide, 48 percent of all 1998 high school graduates took the SAT test. About 43 percent of all seniors nationwide took the test. In Iowa, which has the highest state score nationally, only 5 percent of high school seniors attempted the SAT.

McQueary said he applauds Texas' focus toward all interested students taking the assessment tests.

"Not doing it that way just seems un-American to me," McQueary said.

Big Spring High School coun-

selor Rue Ann Cox said the emphasis here is for students to attempt their first SAT or ACT at the end of their junior year. Then they are encouraged to take another test at the senior year beginning.

"The whole point is to have as much math and science curriculum under their belt before they take the test as possible. This may bump their scores a up tiny bit, and it is very competitive. They also have to do it quickly (in the school year), so this really is a tight sandwich spot," Cox said.

Students may take the SAT and ACT as often as feasible, and the highest score is the one that will be submitted to colleges and universities.

Many universities use the SAT scores as a criteria for acceptance into their academic

programs, she said.

In the 1997-98 school year, 94 BSIS students took the ACT. Out of a possible 36 points, Big Spring students scored a composite score average of 20.6, which is only four-tenths of a percentage point below the national average, Cox said.

Statewide, students taking the ACT increased 5,669 for a total of 64,064 Texas students in 1997-98, the report said.

SAT results are sent directly to the student's university of choice.

According to officials, the Texas schools that receive the most sets of SAT results are, in order: the University of Texas, Texas A&M, Baylor, Texas Tech and Southwest Texas State.

(The Associated Press contributed to this story.)

Census

Minorities grow while whites decline across Crossroads area

By JOHN H. WALKER

Managing Editor

Five of seven Crossroads counties show population growth compared to the 1990 Census, according to the latest estimates released Friday by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Mitchell County, which has landed two state prisons and a retirement community since the last population count, leads Crossroads growth with a net gain of 752 persons to an estimated population of 8,768.

Dawson County, which has also landed a state prison, was next in net growth with a gain of 444 persons to 14,793 while Howard County was third on the list with a net gain of 219 persons to an estimated population of 32,562.

According to the report, Martin County has grown by 122 persons to 5,078 while Glasscock County has grown by seven — to 1,454 persons.

Borden and Scurry counties both showed population losses in the report.

Borden County lost 51 residents to drop from 799 to 748 while Scurry County showed a population loss of 449 persons to 18,185.

Minorities showed the biggest gains in the region, with Hispanic growth leading the way.

Hispanic population in the seven-county area grew by 4,260 while the black population grew by 1,027 persons during the period. The number of American Indians in the area increased by 108 while the number of Asian and Pacific Islanders grew by 58.

During the same period, the white population in the region declined by 202 persons. Dawson County showed the greatest gain in white population — 437 persons — while Martin gained 116, Mitchell 82 and Glasscock four. Scurry County lost the most whites — 687 total — followed by Howard at 103 and Borden at 51.

Overall, the population in the area grew by an estimated 1,037 persons during the period from April 1, 1990 to July 1, 1997.

According to the report, the total census includes all individuals in the population. It is the total of all white, black, Hispanic, American Indian and Asian and Pacific Islander categories.

The white total includes the sum of white Hispanic and white non-Hispanic. The white Hispanic category is considered to be the Hispanic portion of the white population or the white portion of the Hispanic population.

The white non-Hispanic category represents whites who are not of Hispanic origin. The black category includes all individuals who are black, regardless of Hispanic origin, while American Indian includes all American Indian and American Natives, regardless of Hispanic origin.

The Asian and Pacific

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OBITUARIES

Ray Witkowski

Ray Witkowski, 74, of Sand Springs, died at 12:35 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, 1998 at his home following a lengthy illness.

Service will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Coahoma Cemetery with Maj. Roy Tolcher of the Salvation Army officiating.

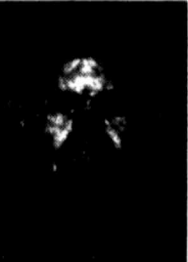
Mr. Witkowski was born June 10, 1924 in Cudaly, Wis. and moved to Big Spring from Wichita Falls in 1959. He was a former employee of the Big Spring State Hospital and the City of Big Spring.

He married Vada Ryerson on Nov. 16, 1962 in Big Spring and attended the Salvation Army church.

Survivors are his wife, Vada, of the home; a son, Lawrence Witkowski, of Forsan; four stepsons: Charles Ryerson of Big Spring, George Ryerson of Phoenix, William Ryerson of Phoenix and Buddy Ryerson of Big Spring; a daughter, Mary Ann Witkowski, of Big Spring; two step-daughters: Arvella Roe of Coahoma and Evelyn Henkel of Sweetwater; two grandchildren and eight step-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., Big Spring, 79720.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.



WITKOWSKI

District Board of Directors will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 5:15 p.m. at the Howard County Courthouse Annex, 315 Main Street.

New business will include: Final 1999 budget workshop to approve any changes to the budget; Public hearing and approval of the 1999 Appraisal District Budget.

Also up for discussion: Discuss health insurance, discuss car insurance policy, approval/disapproval purchase of plotter, and approval/disapproval scanning records.

City Council
City of Big Spring

The City of Big Spring has scheduled a regular meeting of council members at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday in the chamber board room.

A public hearing on the proposed tax rate for 12998-99 is the first item on the agenda. In its first reading is the proposed annual budget for fiscal year Oct. 1, 1998-Sept. 30, 1999. Also in first reading is an ordinance fixing and levying the ad valorem taxes for the city year 1998.

In other first readings, council members will authorize a tract of land to be an industrial district, and authorize the city manager to enter into an industrial agreement with Power Resources, Fina Oil and Chemical and Sid Richardson.

Council members may enter into an agreement with the West Texas Narcotics Task Force to supply manpower to the newly forming organization.

Also in first reading is a proposal by the mayor for ambulance service and an authorization to amend the number of authorized positions in the fire department.

The city manager may be authorized to enter into an agreement with the Texas Municipal League for health insurance and with the Texas Municipal Rating System for services rendered.

A stop sign at Caprock yielding to Scott Street is to be considered, and council members are expected to discuss the Permian Building.

BRIEFS

BIG SPRING BAND BOOSTERS will meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, in the high school band hall. All parents of Big Spring band students in grades 6-12 are welcome to attend. For more information call Rocky Harris at 264-3641.

THE BIG SPRING EVENING LIONS CLUB has free eyeglasses for all adults the second Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third. All adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses are welcome.

For more information call Janis Dean at 267-3068.

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

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

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF Health is having a shot clinic on Saturday, Sept. 12, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. at the Texas Department of Health, 501 Birdwell. Please bring your child's shot record or a note from school. For more information call 263-9775.

REUNIONS

Big Spring High School
Class of 1968

is having a 30 year class reunion on Oct. 9-10.

We need your help in locating the following classmates: Jerry Altom, Glenna Armstrong, Jack Bailey, Dana Baker (Pennington), Wanda Ball, Ruth Beltz, Maria Benitz, Bill Bortner, Don Burchell, Charles Byrd, Terry Camarigg, Alura

A BIG SPRING
AROUND THE TOWN

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

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

BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1968

is having its 10 year reunion in October. The following is a list of missing classmates:

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

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

POLICE

The following activity was reported by the Big Spring Police Department for the period ending at 8 a.m. today:

• **ANTHONY INGRAM**, 31, arrested for public intoxication, assault/family violence.

• **RICHARD MOODY**, 29, arrested for driving with invalid license.

• **CAREY LOYA**, 32, arrested for DWI.

• **JOE JUAREZ**, 25, arrested for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

• **PETE GONZALES**, 46, arrested on local warrants.

• **ROSARIO FLORES**, 46, arrested for burglary of a habitation and on local warrants.

• **INVESTIGATION OF SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES** reported in the following blocks: 15th and Settles, 1700 Virginia, 18th and Gregg, 4000 Parkway, 2500 Peach, 800 W. 4th, 200 E. 18th (two times), FM 700 and I-20, 800 E. 6th, 11th and State, 1600

Scurry, 1200 E. 3rd, 4th and Birdwell, 3200 W. Hwy. 80, 1000 Birdwell, 900 Runnels, 1300 Harding, 1400 Bluebird, 100 E. 2nd, 600 E. 13th, 200 S. Owens, 700 E. 4th, 1200 Harding and 1000 Birdwell.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** reported in the following blocks: 1500 Main, 700 N. Gregg, 2300 Grace and 1000 E. 17th.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** reported in the following blocks: 1000 N. Main, 1600 Lark.

• **DISTURBANCE/FIGHT** reported in the following blocks: 1600 Lark and 200 E. Marcy.

• **THEFT** reported in the following blocks: 1100 N. Lamesa, 800 Highland, 1200 E. 11th, 1700 Wasson, 2000 Gregg and 1200 E. 11th.

• **LOUD PARTY/NOISE** reported in the following blocks: NE 8th and Main and 1500 Kentucky.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** reported in the following blocks: 3700 Calvin and 4200 Calvin.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING** issued in the following blocks: 3300 W. Hwy. 80.

TEXAS BRILLS

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARLINGTON — Judge Clyde Ashworth says he has no ill feelings about the shooting that nearly took his life and caused nerve damage to his right leg.

In fact, the 75-year-old jurist kept the bullet-tattered, caramel-colored vinyl chair he was sitting in moments before the July 1992 attack.

"The county decided to replace the chairs in the courtroom not long after the shooting," the retired 2nd Court of Appeals judge told the Arlington Morning News in Monday's editions. "It's a comfortable old chair I'd broken in. 'I just wanted to keep it around.'"

The shooting, considered the worst in a Tarrant County courthouse, left two lawyers dead and two other people injured.

HOUSTON — In 1994, then-Mayor Bob Lanier excluded funding for the proposed West Side Airport from his spending plan, saying the project — launched under former Mayor Kathy Whitmire — either was dead "or on life support."

But as late as 1996, city Aviation Department officials privately told the Federal Aviation Department they wanted to prepare to build the controversial airport "as soon as possible," according to FAA documents the Houston Chronicle obtained under the federal Freedom of Information Act.

"The city's intent is to complete all required environmental reviews and be ready to construct the airport as soon as possible, so that the new facility is operational by 2002," an FAA official wrote in the minutes of a Jan. 5, 1996, meeting of FAA and Aviation Department officials and city consultants.

The same meeting's minutes show Aviation Department officials sought to finish a required environmental review without asking City Council for approval to pay a contractor.

"The city does not favor going through the selection process because city procedures would take between 6-12 months," the minutes state.

FORT WORTH — A purported eyewitness account of the 1836 Alamo siege will be sold at auction in November.

Since the 200-page document

was brought to Texas in 1974, debate has raged over its description of how several of the mission defenders, including Davy Crockett, met their end.

Traditional accounts have the Alamo volunteers dying on the walls or in hand-to-hand combat with Mexican troops under Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna.

But the document, supposedly dictated in the 1840s by a Mexican officer, says Crockett and others were captured and executed.

The diary of Lt. Col. Jose Enrique de la Pena, an officer under Santa Anna, surfaced in Mexico City in 1955.

KILGORE — There'll be no high kicking in Red Square for the Kilgore College Rangerettes.

A planned trip to Moscow this week was canceled when their Russian host said he couldn't guarantee the safety of the girls' dance drill team.

The host cited the turmoil in Russia, which has included political instability and a run on banks.

"This would've been a big opportunity, but some of the girls I talked to may have been relieved not to be going because of the conditions over there," Christy Gammon, coordinator of student development, said Sunday night.

The Rangerettes, famous for their chorus-line productions featuring their white boots and cowboy hats, try to make at least one big trip a year. Last year, they toured Singapore, and they frequently appear in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in New York.

Yeltsin lobbies
Russian lawmakers
to approve new PM

MOSCOW (AP) — With Russia's economy floundering, President Boris Yeltsin invited his parliamentary foes to the Kremlin to seek their support for his candidate for prime minister in a key vote today.

Russia has had an interim government for the past two weeks, and acting Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin has been struggling to win confirmation from an opposition-dominated parliament — leaving little time to devote to the economic crisis.

The president and Chernomyrdin met with the leaders of the parliamentary factions at the Kremlin, but the Communists and their allies insisted they would vote against Yeltsin's choice this afternoon.

Yeltsin continued pushing for Chernomyrdin's approval, presidential spokesman Sergei Yastrzhembsky said.

The participants adjourned without reaching an agreement and planned to convene again this afternoon before parliament votes.

Speaking after the meeting, Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov reiterated that his faction would vote against Chernomyrdin, but added that "it's a dangerous time and we should search for acceptable solutions."

"The talk is very tough," said Zyuganov, who suggested several alternative candidates. Yeltsin, however, has said he won't nominate anyone besides Chernomyrdin, who held the post for five years before Yeltsin fired him in March.

Meanwhile, trading in dollars was canceled today on the Moscow interbank currency exchange over a lack of dollar offers and the opening rate indicated a further collapse of the Russian ruble.

The official rate was set at more than 20 to the dollar, down from 17 to the dollar on Friday.

The ruble was trading at just over six to the dollar when the crisis erupted less than a month ago.

The drop apparently showed that the market had little faith in an immediate positive outcome of the talks between Yeltsin and parliamentary leaders.

Parliament overwhelmingly rejected Chernomyrdin a week ago, and if they vote him down again today, Yeltsin can either nominate him again or someone else for a vote that would take place in about a week.

If the Duma rejects the president's candidate on the third vote, the constitution calls for the president to dissolve the Duma, the lower house of parliament, and call new elections within three months. Yeltsin would effectively rule by decree during the interim.

Chernomyrdin, speaking on national television Sunday, compared Russia to a ship driven toward cliffs by stormy weather and said the crew should stop arguing and follow its captain.

He also stressed that Russia still wants aid and cooperation from the West.

"Russia is now enmeshed in the global financial system, and this system doesn't want any collapse," Chernomyrdin said.

He said Russia needed to at least double its gold and foreign currency reserves, "hopefully through the (assistance) of the global financial system," he said.

It was his latest effort to reassure Western governments and Russian reformers that he hopes to avoid retrenchment into Soviet-style economic isolation, which some people have predicted.

Russia is in the midst of one of its most serious economic and political crises since the 1991 collapse of the Soviet Union.

The economy has been in freefall, with the government devaluing the ruble and effectively defaulting on foreign loans. Ever since Yeltsin fired the previous Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Sergei Kiriyenko, the country has been groping its way through the crisis without a government.

Russian ruble drops
as Central Bank's
head resigns

MOSCOW (AP) — The ruble collapsed dramatically and Central Bank Chairman Sergei Dubinin offered to resign as economic turmoil and political instability rocked Russia again today.

Trading in U.S. dollars was canceled on the Moscow interbank currency exchange because people only wanted to buy dollars, not sell them. However, deals that are to take effect Tuesday pegged the exchange rate at as much as 30 rubles to the dollar.

That's down from an official rate that was 17 rubles to the dollar on Friday and 20.66 today. The ruble was trading at just over six to the dollar when the crisis hit last month.

"Everyone is waiting for the confirmation of the prime minister and the announcement of a new economic program," said acting deputy premier Boris Fyodorov. "If there are no offers, the (ruble) price can be anything."

The ruble's continued crash indicated the market had little faith in an immediate resolution to the political standoff between President Boris Yeltsin and his rivals in parliament.

The State Duma, parliament's lower house, was to hold a second vote today on Yeltsin's candidate for prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin.



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MEETINGS

The following meetings have been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act:

Howard County
Appraisal District

The Howard County Appraisal

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& WELCH
Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park
and Crematory
906 Gregg St.
(915) 267-6331

MYERS & SMITH
FUNERAL HOME
& CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288
Ray Witkowski, 74, of Sand Springs, died Saturday. Graveside services will be 4:00 PM, Tuesday at Coahoma Cemetery.

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Divers discover Swissair Flight 111's flight data recorder Sunday

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia (AP) — Divers working in 100-foot waters have found the flight data recorder of Swissair Flight 111 and will next try to confirm the location of fuselage sections which may hold many victims' bodies.

The retrieval of the so-called black box on Sunday was the first major breakthrough for crash investigators, who are trying to determine why the MD-11 jetliner plunged into the sea Wednesday night, killing all 229 people on board.

The flight data recorder will be flown to a laboratory in Ottawa for examination. If it's in good condition, it would provide more than 100 types of technical data that could help explain why the plane's cockpit

filled with smoke and why the pilots' emergency conversation with traffic controllers was cut off six minutes before the crash.

Divers will continue searching for the second black box — the cockpit voice recorder that would reveal other noises in the cockpit in addition to the already available conversation with controllers.

They also will try to confirm that the three large pieces of wreckage near the recorder are sections of the fuselage.

"Some of them are squashed. It's in very poor shape, but it is visible and it looks like an aircraft fuselage," said Capt. Phil Webster, a navy spokesman.

Though officials have declined to give an updated figure of how many bodies have

been recovered, they have indicated that most remain in the sea. Recovery of the fuselage could also lead to recovery of many more bodies, officials said.

A U.S. Navy rescue and salvage ship embarked Sunday from Philadelphia to assist in the possible recovery of large aircraft part.

The USS Grapple, which assisted in the deep-sea investigation of the TWA Flight 800 crash in July 1996, carries equipment capable of lifting 300 tons, plus more than 30 divers. It is expected to reach Nova Scotia on Wednesday.

The Swissair plane, about an hour into its flight from Kennedy International Airport to Geneva, crashed 16 minutes

after the pilots reported smoke in the cockpit and decided to attempt an emergency landing. The plane started toward the Halifax airport, but made two sharp turns as it tried to descend and dump fuel.

In Zurich, Switzerland, Swissair officials said they had reconstructed the final phase of the flight, based on information from Canadian investigators. They said the plane couldn't have made a direct approach to Halifax from where it made the first distress call because it was flying too high and was too heavy — 30 tons overweight — with fuel.

The call was made 70 miles out of Halifax, but the pilots would have needed 130 miles to make a direct landing,

Swissair's chief pilot, Rainer Hiltbrand, said. However, he said attempting to land in Halifax was still better than trying for Boston, which the pilots initially suggested.

Alan Wolk, a U.S. pilot and aviation lawyer, said in a statement Sunday that Flight 111's pilot, Urs Zimmermann, showed an initial lack of urgency and should have begun an emergency descent sooner.

"The MD-11 could have been landed overweight without difficulty," Wolk said. "We have learned from aircraft fires historically that the only procedure that has a prayer of avoiding an accident is the quickest possible descent and landing."

At a military air base outside Halifax, pathologists continued

the grim and technically difficult task of trying to identify the badly fragmented human remains that have been retrieved thus far. Among the dead were 131 Americans.

Dr. John Butt, Nova Scotia's chief medical examiner, said he has been groping for gentle ways to convey to the victims' families that few of them will take possession of mostly intact bodies.

Butt also said he had been seeking advice from the medical officials who handled body identification after the crash of TWA Flight 800 off the south shore of New York's Long Island. Asked to compare the state of the bodies in the two crashes, Butt replied, "This is much more difficult."

Big market gains all across Asia

HONG KONG (AP) — Asian stock markets recorded one big gain after another today, with traders crediting everything from Japan's strengthening yen to speculation about lower U.S. interest rates and new market controls imposed by Malaysia and Hong Kong.

In Japan, the yen climbed once again against the U.S. currency, reaching a four-month high of 131.99 to the dollar. Japan's benchmark 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average surged 747.15 points, or 5.32 percent, closing at 14,790.06.

As good as the Nikkei was, Hong Kong's benchmark Hang Seng Index ended at a six-week high, finishing up 7.9 percent to 8,076.76.

In Singapore, the Straits Times Index closed at 862.10, a 7 percent increase, its best performance this year.

And in Malaysia, the Composite Index did the best of all, closing 22.5 percent, or 81.62 points, higher at 445.06. Traders said the government was manipulating the market.

Elsewhere in Asia, the markets finished 3.9 percent higher in South Korea, 2.6 percent in Australia, and 0.67 percent in Taiwan, where the government recently imposed new restrictions on the more speculative types of trading.

Yun Sam-wee, an analyst at LG Securities Co. in Seoul, said investors in South Korea, one of

East Asia's hardest-hit economies, were encouraged by the new stability of Japan's yen and stock gains across Asia, "which eased concerns over recent instability in world financial markets."

Wall Street was closed today for the Labor Day holiday. So traders will have to wait until Tuesday to see whether Asia's advances affect the Dow Jones industrial average.

The latest drop in the U.S. dollar's value against the yen was tied to a hint Friday by U.S. Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan that American interest rates may have to be cut to prevent a U.S. recession. Lower interest rates tend to make a nation's currency less attractive to investors.

A lower yen also benefits other Asian countries, by lifting the pressure on their battered currencies, and by making it easier for them to compete with Japanese companies that are trying to export their way out of Asia's crisis by shipping products to the West.

Japanese stocks also rose on reports that a compromise was being worked out between ruling party and opposition lawmakers over efforts to reform Japan's debt-ridden banks. Such a move could benefit the rest of troubled Asia, given the big role that Japan plays as the region's key lender.

New controls adopted in Hong

Kong and Malaysia in an effort to protect their markets also seemed to help their bourses, even though the changes have been criticized by free-market economists.

In Hong Kong, new measures were announced over the weekend and today to strengthen the currency board system and to reign in illegal speculation on the territory's stock and futures markets. That boosted bank liquidity, cut interest rates sharply, and buoyed investors' confidence, analysts said.

Investors think "at least for the foreseeable future interest rates will come down, and it will be more difficult for speculators to attack the Hong Kong dollar," said Percy Au-Young, sales director at DBS Securities in Hong Kong.

In Malaysia, Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad went even further last week, adopting new measures aimed at fixing his country's economy and firing a top government official he assumed opposed them: Deputy Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim.

In one of Mahathir's measures, the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange announced restrictions that effectively ban trading in its shares outside the country. The government also imposed currency controls and decreed that investors cannot take money out of Malaysia before September 1999.

Another switched baby case discovered at University of Virginia Medical Center

WASHINGTON (AP) — The hospital where two babies were sent home with the wrong parents more than three years ago gave a grieving mother the wrong remains when her child died in March, The Washington Post reported.

The mistake was discovered before the mother left the University of Virginia Medical Center in Charlottesville, Va., but only after the mother asked for a baby blanket that was not with the coffin she had been given.

Mistie Fritz, 17, told the newspaper her child was born a month premature with severe birth defects on Feb. 6 at a Roanoke hospital. The baby girl was moved to the university hospital, where she died six weeks later.

When Ms. Fritz and her boyfriend went to the hospital to claim the body, she was given a plastic coffin containing the body of another infant. The mixup was not discovered until Ms. Fritz asked for the blanket, which hospital employees found in the morgue next to the body of

her daughter, Jasmine.

"By the time they realized what was going on, they had found Jasmine," Rhonda Fritz, Mistie's mother, told the newspaper. "It wasn't a very pleasant thing. ... Thank goodness they had not left the parking lot."

Attempts to reach Rhonda Fritz late Friday night were unsuccessful. Her telephone had been temporarily disconnected. Directory assistance had no listing for Mistie Fritz.

Hospital officials Friday confirmed the account of the incident and blamed the switch on an employee's failure to check the cardboard tag affixed to each body bag.

"Sickening as it is to say, yes it did happen," hospital spokeswoman Marguerite Beck said. "The person that released the remains just didn't check the tag on the body bag."

Ms. Beck said the unidentified employee was not fired, and there was no indication in medical records that the family of the second baby ever learned of the incident.

Thomas Massaro, the hospital's chief of staff, said the

hospital was extraordinarily sorry about the mistake, but said the incident was fundamentally different from the earlier case of switched babies.

That switch was discovered in July when DNA testing showed that Paula Johnson and her former boyfriend, Carlton Conley, could not be the biological parents of the daughter, Callie, whom they had been raising for three years.

Subsequent DNA tests showed Callie was the biological daughter of Kevin Chittum and Whitney Rogers, and that Ms. Johnson's daughter, Rebecca, was being raised by Chittum and Ms. Rogers. Chittum and Ms. Rogers died in a July 4 car crash, and the child is being raised by her grandparents.

Hospital officials have said that because of security procedures in place, they doubted the switch of the girls was accidental. Police and the state Department of Health are investigating that matter.

Massaro said the switch of bodies was the hospital's fault.

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Environmentalists: Road threatens peak that inspired 'America the Beautiful'

CASCADE, Colo. (AP) — Pikes Peak, a beacon to pioneers and gold seekers in the Old West, is being wrecked by the gravel road 300,000 sight-seers use each year to reach its 14,110-foot summit, environmentalists say.

The Sierra Club is suing the city of Colorado Springs and the U.S. Forest Service to force them to pave the 19-mile road. Currently, all but six miles up the famous grade are gravel.

The nature advocacy group says the city is ignoring its own studies and a Forest Service recommendation that the road be paved to reduce environmental damage caused by runoff from the tons of gravel used to maintain it.

City officials say they don't have the nearly \$15 million needed to pay for the job.

"Perhaps it's appropriate that they call it America's Mountain, because like so many other things in America they took it and trashed it," said Gail Snyder, a member of the Sierra Club and the Pikes Peak Advisory Commission.

The city, which assumed responsibility for the Pikes Peak road from the state, shut down the commission after the lawsuit was filed last month, saying Snyder's presence on it could harm their case.

"Pikes Peak or Bust" was the motto of gold miners in 1859.

The man for whom it is named, explorer Zebulon Pike, first saw it from 150 miles away in 1806 and later tried to climb it but gave up, saying no man would ever be able to reach the top.

He was wrong, of course, and the view from its summit inspired Katherine Lee Bates to write "America the Beautiful" in 1893.

More than a century later, in some areas beneath the road, trees buried under gravel have died.

One reservoir below the road, apparently not contaminated by the gravel runoff, is a sparkling blue. An adjacent pool, apparently hit by the runoff, sometimes seems almost gray. At one point along the road, water from a culvert has cut a gully 17-feet deep in the hillside.

The gravel slides down the slopes, damaging the hillside that support the road, said Ms. Snyder, co-author of one of the city-ordered studies that recommended paving the road.

She said the city keeps stalling because sponsors of the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb don't want to change the flavor of the dusty race to the

top. The city says the race is not a factor.

The lawsuit was filed because the city refused to formally commit itself to any time period for the pavement project, Ms. Snyder said. The Sierra Club first urged paving the road in 1972.

John Fredell, senior attorney for the city, said the Sierra Club wants to "either close the highway or force the people of Colorado Springs to pay for improving a national asset."

The Sierra Club has criticized the city for crying poor while proceeding with plans to pay up to \$15 million for a new visitor's center at the summit. But Paula Vickerman, spokeswoman for Pikes Peak — America's Mountain, defended the plans as essential.

"Summit House is falling off the mountain," Ms. Vickerman said. "We have 40 hydraulic jacks holding it up."

Fredell said the city is preparing to hire a consultant to determine the best way to fix the road, adding that if the road becomes too expensive to fix and maintain it might be closed.

GOLFING NEWS

by Charlie Allen



Small Company's New Golf Ball Flies Too Far; Could Obsolete Many Golf Courses.

Pro Hits 400-Yard Tee Shots during Test Round

Want to Shoot an Eagle or Two?

YALESVILLE, CT — A small golf company in Connecticut has created a powerful, new ball that flies like a U-2, putts with the steady roll of a cue ball and bites the green on approach shots like a dropped cat. But don't look for it on weekend TV. Long-hitting pros could make a joke out of some of golf's finest courses with it. One pro who tested the ball drove it 400 yards, reaching the green on all but the longest par-four's.

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"Now, you've seen how far this ball can fly. Can you imagine a pro using it on TV and eagle-ing par-four's? He would turn the course into a par-three, and real men don't play par-three's. This new fly-power forces us to sell it without relying on pros or pro-shops. One way is to sell it direct from our plant. That way we can keep the name printed on the ball a secret that only a buyer would know. There's more to golf than tournaments, you know."

"We keep the name on the ball a secret"

The company guarantees a golfer a prompt refund if the new ball doesn't cut five to ten strokes off his or her average score. Simply return the balls—new or used—to the address below.

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OUR VIEWS

United Way kickoff luncheon promises to be memorable

Since his arrival in our community, United Way of Big Spring and Howard County executive director Carroll Jennings has pulled some rabbits out of his hat for kickoff luncheon keynoters.

There was then-NFL referee Red Cashion, former NFL All-Pro Willie Mitchell and, on Tuesday, there'll be Texas first lady Laura Bush.

Based on pre-event ticket sales, and the fact sales were halted a day earlier than planned, this is Jennings' biggest rabbit yet.

And justifiably so.

After so many years of not reaching its goal, the United Way is working on a three-peat — reaching or surpassing the goal for a third consecutive year.

Over the years, there have been many catchy phrases utilized to help gain participation in the United Way campaigns, but we still think the one that's most appropriate is one of the oldest — that one which went "It's not the United Way without you."

That's true of any special campaign, though, in that none can reach their respective goals without the support and backing of the community.

In Big Spring and Howard County, as we've written so many times before, we're blessed to have citizens who simply want to know what needs to be done.

They step up to the plate and face whatever pitch comes their way. Over the years in our community we've seen a number of pitches... and we've been thrown our share of curves, but the bottom line is that we keep coming back.

Community pride is one of those intangibles you can't legislate. It's either there, or it isn't and, sadly enough, it's not instilled in everyone, but a community cannot survive and prosper without it.

As the 1998-1999 United Way campaign kicks off on Tuesday, we would encourage your participation. We believe in United Way because we have seen the miracles made possible because of your gifts.

We've watched the young mother walk across the stage at Howard College, degree and future in hand because Max Webb was able to perform his miracles at the Northside Community Center... we've seen first-hand the work done by the American Red Cross following 1996's devastating hailstorm... and we've viewed the work done by the Rape Crisis/Victim Services volunteers as they've worked to help put lives back together.

But for you to give, you have to believe that your United Way dollars will make a difference in the quality of life for men and women and children in our community.

Our telling you might help, but if you don't know anyone who has benefited from a United Way member agency, then please, take the time to visit the agencies for yourself to see the work they do and the difference they make in the lives of the people they serve.

After that, reach into your pocket and dig deep. Give like it means all the world to those it will help, because it does.

Give like you are the only one who will be giving — because the United Way's simply not the same without you.

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Misguided patriotism and failed U.S. intelligence

This is a message for the bomb-a-foreigner crowd. That's those blockheads who think patriotism consists of cheering on a corrupt government whenever it decides to kill innocent foreigners for a public relations stunt.



CHARLEY REESE

A true patriot is a lover, not a hater and a killer. A true patriot loves his own land and his own people and respects patriots in other countries who feel the same way about their land and their people.

Because he loves his land and his people, the patriot does not want to go to war except when there is no choice. Least of all, he does not wish to place his people in harm's way for some stupid and irresponsible reason, like trying to distract their attention from an odious scandal.

American intelligence in the Middle East is a contradiction in terms. I could write a whole column about all the things American intelligence did not

know about the Middle East. It did not know that Egyptian president Anwar el-Sadat was going to Jerusalem; it did not know he was going to be assassinated; it did not know our embassy in Beirut was going to be bombed; it did not know our Marines were going to be attacked; it did not know the Iranians would seize our embassy.

More recently, it certainly did not know where Osama bin Laden was in Afghanistan. It did not know that the camps that were bombed were not connected to him. It did not know that the pharmaceutical factory in Khartoum was in fact a pharmaceutical factory with no ties to either bin Laden or Iraq.

And, of course, it did not know that our embassies in Africa would be bombed despite someone telling American intelligence that they would be.

An Israeli newspaper has reported that when Americans asked Israeli intelligence about the informant, the Israelis said they had not found him to be reliable. Hence, his warning was disregarded.

Furthermore, a former police officer in Kenya told embassy security people he had observed a man with two body-

guards videotaping all four sides of the embassy. This information was dismissed — "Just a tourist," he was told. So much for alert American intelligence.

I suppose a lot of Americans think the Central Intelligence Agency works the way it does in Tom Clancy's novels and movies. It does not. Real life doesn't have a good writer such as Clancy to make everything turn out just right in the end.

And I suppose a lot of Americans believe the CIA when it says, "Oh, we have all kinds of successes, but we can't tell you about them."

Bin Laden, according to people in the Middle East, was considered by the majority of Muslims as an extremist nut. Now, the Clinton administration has made him an international hero to young hotheads all over the Middle East. Most people in the Middle East considered Saddam Hussein a thug, but now, by killing so many Iraqi women and children with cruel sanctions, the United States has created sympathy for Iraq and hostility for itself among huge masses of people.

And, I can tell you what their beef is:

The United States props up

and supports oppressive governments if the dictators act as step-and-fetch-its for the United States.

The United States supports Israel no matter how much it abuses Palestinians or how often it violates international law. When the Israelis killed 100 women and children who fled to a U.N. compound in South Lebanon, the United States could not bring itself to utter even a mild rebuke. Instead, it turned on U.N. Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali when he refused to suppress a U.N. report blaming the Israelis.

The United States slaughters Iraqis in the name of enforcing U.N. resolutions; it prevents the United Nations from taking any action against Israel.

I just hope the armchair commandos are as brave when Clinton's unjust, photo-op war comes home to American streets. I'm as ready as anybody to fight a just and necessary war, but I will not support foolish and unjust attacks ordered by a sicko draft dodger for his own selfish reasons.

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Writing is tough enough without Smith, Barnicle

BEAR CREEK, Miss. — I am sitting in a small boat with a small leak looking for a mussel diver. One lousy mussel diver.

Last time I was up the creek there were a dozen or more divers, but today, when I really need one, they all must be holed up on shore at a mussel divers' convention. That's the way with this business. The best-laid plans go astray; more typically, no plan means no story.

So I have been aimlessly bobbing and thinking about traumatic resignations. No, not President Clinton's. I have been thinking about two Boston Globe columnists, Patricia Smith and Mike Barnicle, both forced to quit the newspaper recently after allegedly making up stories.

Actually, you don't need the "allegedly" in the first instance.

Smith admitted she made up characters and quotes in her poetic prose.

She can write like an angel but forgot about the rules.

The Barnicle case is more troublesome. He says he may be guilty of sloppy reporting but denies the more serious charges of plagiarism and fabrication.

After long, seesaw negotiations and public protests in his behalf, Barnicle left the paper. Goodbye, don't let the door hit you in the dangling participle.

I don't know Mike Barnicle, and already I don't like him. He makes it harder for the rest of us who don't make up stories. (If I were good at inventing characters I'd be writing novels, not newspaper columns.)

But I cannot say I'm shocked out of my gourd that two columnists would lie and steal for a story. The pressure to produce literature on deadline makes for a desperate life.

Editors, peers and readers don't give a fig what you did last week. Fascinating characters don't line up outside your door and take a number. There are a dozen people in your own

newsroom who know they could do your job better. And while regular feature reporters usually have days, sometimes weeks to write, a columnist has hours.

And so we write about interesting things and interesting people. And dull things and dull people. Some days we write about the first thing we see or the last thing we felt. We write about our friends and families. We write about each other.

Dallas Morning News columnist Marlyn Schwartz, whose work is brilliant, says she often writes about/exploits her friends. "New friends are easier to find than column ideas," she says, only half joking.

The best never stop thinking about the next deadline. They go to dinner and gnaw the possibilities: "How can I use this pleasant evening?" They endure a personal tragedy and think through the pain: "Is there a universal angle?"

Veteran columnist Mike Harden of Columbus, Ohio, and I once shared a New York taxicab to the airport. During the ride, the driver was robbed not once, but twice. Hoodlums first

ripped the driver's money from his shirt pocket, but he adroitly grabbed it back and stuffed it in his sun visor. Minutes later, the crooks returned and took it from the visor.

"Mine or yours?" Mike calmly asked. We flipped a coin. I won.

But one thing most of us don't do is make stuff up. We are bound by the truth. If not, who would pay us? It would be too easy. Truth is stranger than fiction, and a lot harder to come by.

Mike Barnicle probably will never work in the newspaper business again. And that reminds me of the wisest thing I ever heard a reporter say. A Memphis colleague, Bill Thomas, once said to me: "Who would ever have thought that writing about life would be easier than living it?"

It is time to make a U-turn and motor back down the creek. Mussel divers must take weekends off.

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The Chicano Golf Association of Big Spring will hold a four-man select drive tournament Sunday, Sept. 13, at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Entry fees for the ABCD format tournament are \$15 per person. Tee times will be from 10 a.m. to noon.

For more information or tee times, call the Comanche Trail pro shop at 264-2366.

Referees needed now for sub-varsity games

Officials from the Permian Basin Officials Association are seeking referees to work sub-varsity football games this fall.

Local officials will help train those interested in becoming high school officials.

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Evening Lions schedule annual football barbecue

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

Plates will be priced at \$5 per person and orders to go will be available.

For more information or advance tickets, call Janis Dean at 267-3068 or Bob Noyes at 267-6095.

Notre Dame moves up, Michigan falls in AP poll

Ohio State beat West Virginia so easily, coach Don Nehlen could only shake his head in amazement.

"I hope that team is No. 1," Nehlen said after the Buckeyes left Morgantown, W.Va., late Saturday night with an impressive 34-17 victory over his Mountaineers.

Don't worry coach, they are. Ohio State retained the No. 1 ranking Sunday in The Associated Press' first regular-season Top 25 college football poll, and increased its lead over No. 2 Florida State.

The Buckeyes received 39 first-place votes and 1,708 points from the 70 writers and broadcasters on the panel. The Seminoles, who opened their season last week with a 23-14 victory over Texas A&M in the Kickoff Classic, had 22 first-place votes and 1,667 points.

In the preseason poll, the Buckeyes led the Seminoles by only five points and eight first-place votes. Now the lead is 41 points and 17 first-place votes.

Florida, a 49-10 winner over I-AA The Citadel, was No. 3 with four first-place votes and 1,571 points, while Nebraska (two first-place votes, 1,546 points) remained No. 4 with a 38-7 win over Alabama-Birmingham.

Kansas State, a 66-0 winner over I-AA Indiana State, moved up a spot to No. 5 with two first-place votes and 1,418 points, with UCLA (one first-place vote, 1,394 points) at No. 6, LSU at No. 7, Tennessee at No. 8, Penn State at No. 9 and Notre Dame at No. 10.

Washington moved up seven places to No. 11 and Colorado moved into the rankings at No. 16.

Following the Huskies were No. 12 Virginia, No. 13 Michigan, No. 14 Arizona, No. 15 Georgia, No. 16 Colorado, No. 17 Wisconsin, No. 18 Texas A&M, No. 19 Syracuse and No. 20 West Virginia.

Arizona moved up three spots to No. 21, followed by No. 22 Southern California, No. 23 Texas, No. 24 Oregon and No. 25 Missouri.

ON THE AIR

TODAY:
FOOTBALL
7 p.m. — New England Patriots at Denver Broncos, ABC, Ch. 2.

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6:30 p.m. — U.S. Open Tennis Championships; men's and women's fourth rounds, USA, Ch. 38.

Another blowout opener, Cowboys rip Cardinals, 38-10

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys are in the same position after one game as they were last year: coming off a blowout victory.

This time, though, the players and their new coach are confident the rest of the year will be very different from the miserable 1997 season.

"I don't really think you can draw any comparison between this team and what happened last year," quarterback Troy Aikman said Sunday after using his feet and arm to lead the Cowboys to a 38-10 victory over Arizona. "I think that, as a group, we are more focused than in the past."

Dallas plastered Pittsburgh 37-7 in last year's opener, then didn't play that well again. The Cowboys went 6-10 and missed the playoffs for the first time

since 1990, costing coach Barry Switzer his job.

Chan Gailey was hired to rebuild the team, and in just a few months he has earned the players' trust and confidence. He's revamped the playbook and, even more importantly, has them believing in themselves again.

Despite all the good feelings, the Cowboys didn't look very good in the preseason. They lost all five games, and the scoreless first quarter Sunday wasn't much better.

But once the Cowboys got on track, they could hardly be stopped. They wound up gaining 439 yards, holding Arizona to 205 yards and stopping the Cardinals on all 10 of their third downs, and the special teams scored a touchdown and helped set up another with a

38-yard kickoff return.

"This is how it used to feel when this team was going to Super Bowls," defensive lineman Chad Hennings said.

Gailey, who doubles as the offensive coordinator, made sure the Cowboys offense wasn't as predictable as it was last season. It's no coincidence they were also more successful.

Michael Irvin lined up all over the field — inside, outside, strongside, weakside — and caught nine passes for 119 yards. Aikman keyed on Irvin, but also used his other receivers, hitting Ernie Mills for several big plays, including a 30-yard touchdown.

Much of Aikman's success came in the shotgun, a Tom Landry innovation that left the playbook when he left the franchise. Gailey has revived it and there

was much success with it Sunday.

The biggest surprise of the new offense was seeing Aikman running. He scored on a 1-yard sneak in the second quarter and took in a bootleg from 2 yards in the third quarter, marking the first time he's ever had two rushing touchdowns in a season, much less a game.

He ended up with 40 yards rushing, his most since he was a rookie in 1989, included a 23-yard scramble that also was his longest since then.

"I thought he was Slash," cornerback Deion Sanders said. "I didn't know what was going on."

Emmitt Smith also was a vital cog, rushing 28 times for 122 yards.

Dallas plays at Denver on Sunday, then stays on the road to play the New York Giants.

Cypert back in the saddle again

Heads to world championships set on reclaiming an American record

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

After taking almost a six-year hiatus from competitive cycling, Richard Cypert is literally back in the saddle again.

Cypert, who set an American record of 7:29.049 in finishing sixth at the 5,000-meter time trials of the 1992 Barcelona Paralympics, is more than just riding again, however.

He's a national road racing champion, having won his most recent title at the EDS National Disabled Cycling Championships in Dallas during July, and again considered one of the world's elite disabled racing cyclists.

That performance in July alone would be considered a spectacular comeback for any athlete, but Cypert admits having lofty goals — nothing less than reclaiming his American record and a spot on the United States team for the 1996 Paralympics in Sydney, Australia.

And this week he takes the next step on the road to Sydney as part of the United States 62-athlete roster preparing to take part in the International Paralympic Committee's World Cycling Championships in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Although Cypert says he's interested in doing well at the world championships, his immediate goal is reclaiming the American record in the 5,000 meters. Unfortunately, he's not sure just what time he'll have to post to again put himself in the record books.

"Even though I'm going to the world championships and hope to do well, what I'm really shooting for is the record," Cypert explained before leaving for the U.S. Olympic Committee's training center in Colorado Springs where he and other members of the team will acclimate themselves to the altitude before Saturday's opening ceremonies of the championships.

He'll take part in three events at the world championships, the 1,500 meters, the 3,000 meters and the 5,000.

"The only problem is that I haven't been able to find anyone that knows for sure what I have to ride to break the new record," he added. "I'm sure someone

will know when I get there."

Whether he reclaims the record or not, however, Cypert says he believes his long-term goal of reaching the Paralympics in Australia is entirely within reach.

"Right now, even though it's still a year-and-a-half away, I'd say my chances are very good... as long as I don't get injured and keep training like I am now," he explained, noting that he is currently riding at the average of 18 to 25 miles per day.

Regardless of what the future holds for the 29-year-old legal assistant employed at the Mouton and Mouton law offices, he's already far outstripped what anyone could have expected when he first started riding competitively at the age of 16.

"I actually started competing when I was in Boy Scouts... wanted the bicycling merit badge," Cypert recalled of the time when few of his Garden City High School classmates could have imagined the success he'd achieve.

As a youngster, Cypert suffered from a crippling spasticity in his legs as a result of a head injury and a lack of oxygen at birth.

"It was like my muscles were tensed all the time," he recalls. "Everywhere I went I was basically stumbling. But not on my bicycle. I was like a madman on a bicycle."

As a result, his parents, Wayne and Linda Cypert, saw their son riding as many as 30 miles a day.

"I was gearing up for an operation where they went in and tested the nerves in my lower back that were affected by the spasticity," he explained. "The doctors said I needed to get as strong as I could as fast as I could because it was going to zap me. Boy, were they right!"

Following the surgery, Cypert's legs were virtually useless for six months — a period he spent in a wheelchair. And for another six months after that, he walked with the aid of crutches.

"But once I could get back on my bike, I was right back at it again... riding everywhere," he added. "The doctors said it was great therapy for getting my legs back in shape. I don't think anyone could have believed I'd



Big Spring's Richard Cypert poses with his racing bicycle and his national road racing champion's medals prior to leaving for Colorado Springs, Colo., where he'll compete in the International Paralympic Committee's World Cycling Championships.

wind up where I am today, but it is something I'd always dreamed about."

He'd seen disabled athletes competing at a national level on television as a youngster, and Cypert says he knew at that moment what he wanted to achieve.

"I guess my first really big race was in 1990," Cypert explained. "It was a regional meet in Dallas and I was racing with a team called the Disabled Sports Association of North Texas (DSANT). I went to a couple of other regional meets in Dallas and New Orleans, kept training and kept winning."

"There were some members of the national team at those meets... they came up and told me they liked the way I trained and raced and invited me try out for the team that was getting ready for Barcelona."

Cypert, who'd just finished

receiving his second of two associates degrees from Howard College, took a semester off from school to concentrate on training for the Paralympics.

Following his return from Barcelona, Cypert returned to his studies, finishing a degree in marketing at the University of Texas at the Permian Basin in Odessa.

"I didn't ride at all while I was at UTBB and really didn't get back on my bike on a regular basis... really training until January," he explained. "I just decided that I wanted a shot at going to Australia for the Paralympics. Things have worked out pretty well for me."

One of the things that have really "worked out," he noted, is being employed by Big Spring attorney Drew Mouton.

"He (Mouton) is one of those people I have to give a lot of credit... just like my parents,"

Cypert explained. "Drew used to be a marathon runner, so he knows what it takes to train and be competitive. He gives me whatever time I need off to train and compete at this level. That's a big advantage."

But there are countless others who provide encouragement and support, Cypert says, many he realizes he'll never met.

"I still can't believe I've been able to do all this," he admitted. "But one of the things I've learned is that you have to take one step at a time and head on down the road."

"And you can't be afraid to ask for help," Cypert concluded. "I wouldn't be able to do this if it hadn't been for people helping out... family, friends, physical therapists. There are people, I'm sure, who've helped me that I don't even know about, and the best way I can thank them is to keep doing my best."

McGwire vs. Sosa a holiday treat

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Labor Day normally signifies summer's end, a final barbecue or trip to the beach. This year, though, it might be tough to avoid simply sitting on the couch to watch TV.

While most of the nation takes a day off, Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa will go to work — together.

"It's going to be unbelievable, you know," Sosa said. "There's going to be a lot of people cheering for Mark McGwire and me. And, hey, we'll see how it goes."

McGwire has 60 homers and needs two to break Roger Maris' record for a season. Sosa has 58, and he'll have a chance to close on McGwire in person at St. Louis as the Cardinals face Sosa's Chicago Cubs.

"Oh man, it's going to be absolutely bonkers around here," Cardinals outfielder Brian Jordan predicted Sunday.

Bonkers for baseball. A national TV audience will tune in to see a sold out Busch Stadium, bathed in a sea of Cardinals red, stand for every pitch to McGwire and Sosa as they attempt to make history.

"It's the most excitement we've had in baseball in a long time. The two guys going against each

other and the entire country is interested," said Cardinals broadcaster Ozzie Smith, a now believer in manifest destiny, that some things are meant to be. Evidently, this was meant to be.

Neither Sosa nor McGwire could connect Sunday, although McGwire came within about 7 feet of hitting No. 61.

In the sixth inning of the Cardinals' 5-2 win over Cincinnati, McGwire ripped a low line drive off Brett Tomko that veered left near the left-field foul pole and into the stands.

"When he hit it, I thought it was out," said Tomko. "I thought — home run."

So did McGwire.

"At first, on contact, yes," he said. Sosa went homerless for the first time in four games, allowing Jason Kendall to stop the Cubs' six-game winning streak with a 10th-inning homer as the Pirates rallied for a 4-3 victory.

Sosa, who went 2-for-5 with two singles and two strikeouts, had homered five times in the last six games — all of them Cubs' victories.

"That's part of the game sometimes. You're not going to do it every day," Sosa said. "Forget about today and get ready for tomorrow... It will be like a World Series in St. Louis. It's going to be exciting."

Rangers bullpen blows chance in Minnesota's 6-5 comeback

ARLINGTON (AP) — Minnesota's Todd Walker feels right at home on the road in Arlington.

The Texas bullpen blew a two-run lead in the eighth inning for the second straight night Sunday and Walker provided the crushing blow with a two-run homer in the eighth as the Minnesota Twins beat the Rangers 6-5.

Walker, who grew up three hours east of Arlington in Bossier City, La., has owned the Rangers this year. He's hitting .633 against Texas.

With friends and family in the stands, Walker was 2-for-4 Sunday, and hit his 17th homer of the season. In Saturday's 7-4 Twins win, he was 2-for-3 and kept the Twins' winning rally in the eighth alive with a walk.

"I grew up following the Rangers, but think it's coincidence more than anything," Walker said. "I've been fortunate to have balls fall for me against them. I always have a lot of support when we play here. I feel pretty blessed with the kind of backing I've had here."

But the Rangers' starting pitching has not been too thrilled about the support it has gotten from its relievers.

In the midst of a pennant race with Anaheim, Rangers relievers lost their fourth consecutive decision and seventh of their last eight. Their latest blowup dropped Texas 3 games behind the first-place Angels in the AL West.

The Twins had been 5-63 when trailing after seven innings prior to Saturday's game.

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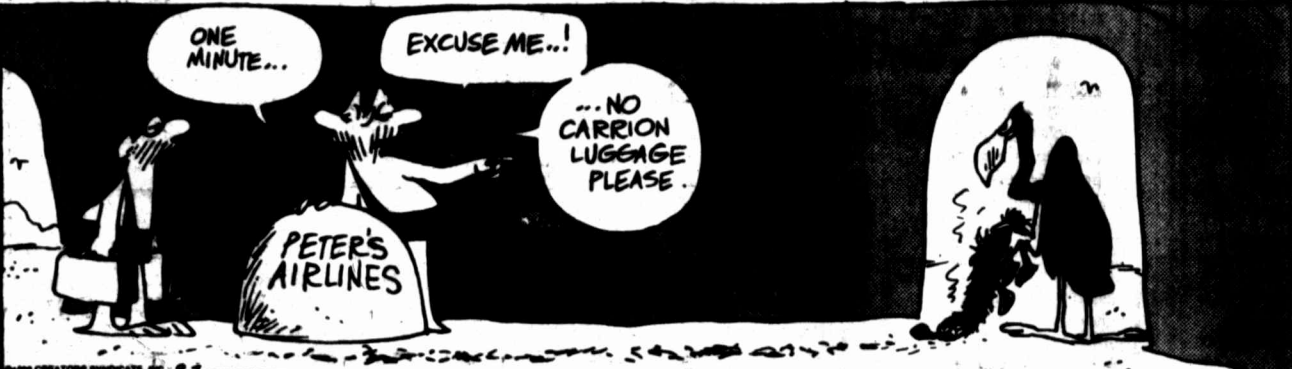
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10	PM 3:30	News (CC)	Jerry Springer (CC)	News-Lahrer	700 Club	News (35) Late	News (CC)	News Tonight Show	News (CC)	P. Impacto Multidero Uni.	Wall Disney Presents	Dallas	Movie: Body and Soul (CC)	Movie: The Platoon	Something Good	Justice Files	Babylon 5 (CC)	FOX Sports News	Baseball Sportscenter	Behind the Planet of the Apes	BET Tonight		
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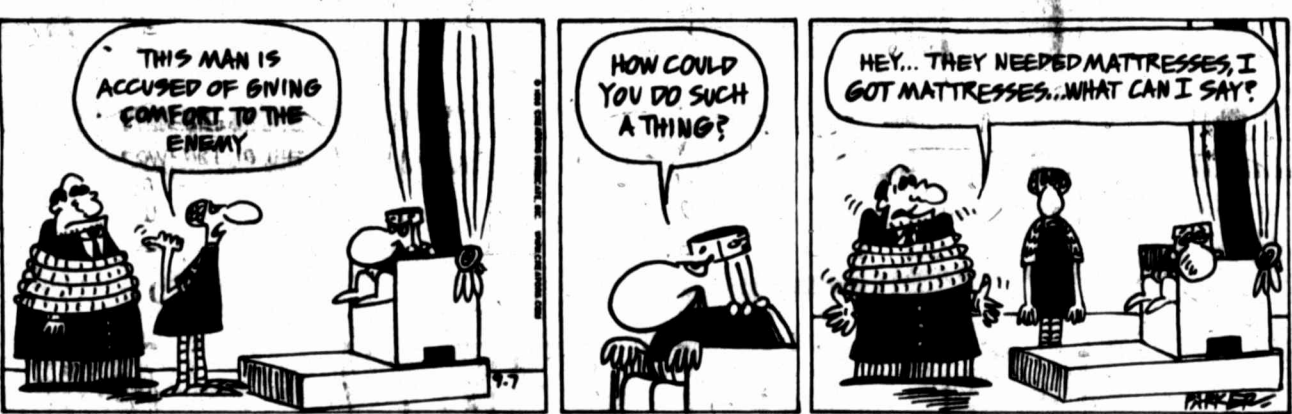
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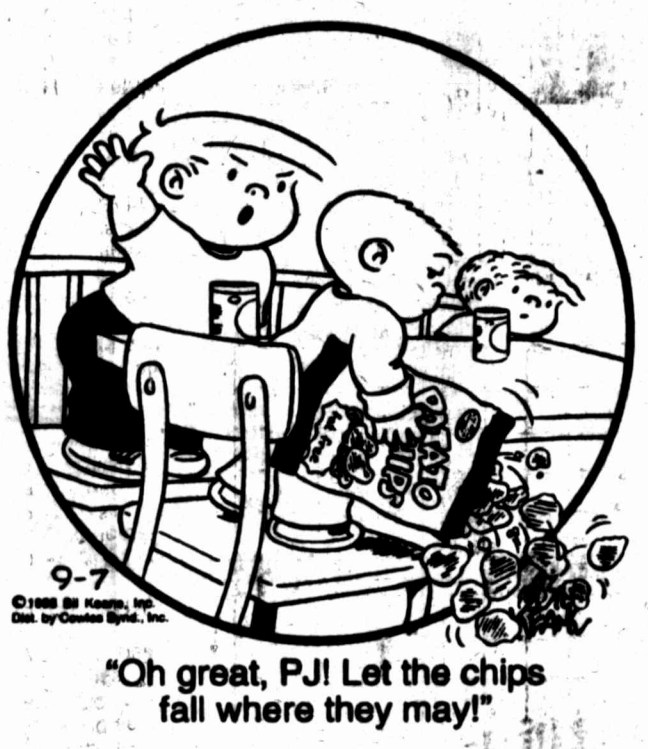
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Sept. 7, the 250th day of 1998. There are 115 days left in the year. This is

Labor Day. Today's Highlight in History: On Sept. 7, 1936, rock legend Buddy Holly was born Charles Hardin Holley in Lubbock, Texas. On this date: In 1693, England's Queen

Elizabeth I was born in Greenwich. In 1822, Brazil declared its independence from Portugal. In 1901, the Peace of Beijing ended the Boxer Rebellion in China. In 1927, American television pioneer Philo T. Farnsworth succeeded in transmitting the image of a line through purely electronic means with a device called an "image dissector". In 1940, Nazi Germany began its initial "blitz" on London during World War II. In 1963, the National Professional Football Hall of Fame was dedicated in Canton, Ohio. In 1969, Senate Republican leader Everett M. Dirksen died in Washington, D.C. In 1977, the Panama Canal treaties, calling for the U.S. to eventually turn over control of the waterway to Panama, were signed in Washington, D.C. In 1977, convicted Watergate conspirator G. Gordon Liddy was released from prison after more than four years. In 1979, the Entertainment and Sports Programming Network (ESPN) made its cable TV debut. In 1986, Desmond Tutu was installed as the first black to lead the Anglican Church in southern Africa. Ten years ago: Vice President George Bush startled an American Legion audience in Louisville, Ky., by referring to Sept. 7 as "Pearl Harbor Day," which is actually Dec. 7. Realizing his mistake, Bush said, "Did I say Sept. 7? Sorry about that." Five years ago: Two white laborers were convicted in West Palm Beach, Fla., of burning a black tourist from New York; both were later sentenced to life in prison. Dr. Joycelyn Elders was confirmed by the Senate to be surgeon general. President Clinton put forth an ambitious plan to "reinvent government" by reducing the federal bureaucracy. One year ago: Mobutu Sese Seko, the former dictator of Zaire, died in exile in Morocco at age 66.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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- New York baseball team
- Suffered soreness
- Attention-getting sound
- Fuel cartel letters
- Astronaut turned senator
- Memorizing process
- Shakespearean king
- Forecaster, of sorts
- Vergil's shepherdess
- Sie's sib
- Queried
- Ambassador's headquarters
- Grating
- Formed
- Baseball stat
- Impose a tax
- Checks references
- Anger
- Satellite of Uranus
- Be in debt to
- Ashen
- Sketched
- Choose
- Goofs
- Home of the Marlins
- Hits the books
- Cuts and splices
- Coop biddy
- Large, pref.
- Forecasters, of sorts
- Lament
- Interaction for attention
- Beginning
- Monumental
- Defeat
- Hollywood
- Noah
- Russo of "Tin Cup"

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- Foundry form
- Fencer's sword
- Forecasters, of sorts
- Water pitcher
- Stitches
- Keypuncher
- Bongo relatives
- Visionary
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- Gem state
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Today's Birthdays: Heart surgeon Dr. Michael DeBakey is 90. Producer-director Elia Kazan is 89. Pianist Arthur Ferrante is 77. Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) is 74. Jazz musician Sonny Rollins is 68. Blues singer Little Milton is 64. Actor John Philip Law is 61. Singer Alfa Anderson (Chic) is 52. Singer Gloria Gaynor is 49. Rock singer Chrissie Hynde (The Pretenders) is 47. Actress Julie Kavner is 47. Actor Corbin Bernsen is 44. Rock musician Benmont Tench (Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers) is 44.