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WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT 65°-67° SATURDAY 87°-90°

West Texas Centers plans Monday fete

West Texas Centers for MHMR will hold its "Work for Dignity' banquet for 5 p.m. Monday at the First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall.

The banquet is being held to honor consumers in the West Texas Centers vocational department, as well as their employers.

To make reservations for the event, call 263-0007.

WEEKEND TICKET

TODAY

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

SATURDAY

❑ American Legion Post 506, 3203 W. Highway 80, trash pick-up 7 a.m.

❑ City clean-up of downtown Big Spring, Third and Fourth streets west along Business 20. Meet at the courthouse at 8 a.m.

❑ Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church Rummage Sale, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the school hall, 1009 Hearn.

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

❑ American Legion Post 506, 3203 W. Highway 80, Fish Fry, 12 to 3 p.m., $6 a plate and carry outs are available. They will deliver. For more information, call 263-3084.

❑ The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of $2 for adults and $1 for children and senior citizens are encouraged.

❑ Big Spring Shrine Club, 6:30 p.m. for meal and meeting to follow, Goliad and First.

❑ Eagles Lodge Pot Luck Supper, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge 704 W. Third.

❑ Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third. Members and guests welcome.

❑ Big Spring Squares, 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

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Volunteers to hit the streets Saturday in major clean-up effort

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Local citizens will hit the streets Saturday to clean up downtown and the western entrance to the city.

In an effort of the Beautification Committee, sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, at least 100 citizens are expected to gather at 8 a.m. at the Howard County Courthouse before starting to work. Armed with hoes, rakes and shovels, they will clean and spruce up property along Third and Fourth streets, going west on Business 20 (Old Highway 80).

"We have had a great response to this project," said Andi Andrews-York, tourism director for the chamber. Among groups helping work on Saturday are the Big Spring and Greater Big Spring Rotary clubs, the American Legion, Key Club, Boy Scouts and the Boys Club.

The AMBUCS provided materials for new park benches at the ABC Park on Fourth Street. Wilderness Camp inmates built the benches and they will be placed as part of the cleanup effort.

TO HELP

Volunteers are asked to meet at the Howard County Courthouse at 8 a.m. Saturday and bring their own hoes, rakes and other clean-up items.

In addition, local businesses are lending a hand to the project. Culligan will provide volunteers with free water and ice at their FM-700 location. La Posada will donate hot dogs for grilling on the courthouse lawn at lunchtime; and Mitchem and Sons will transport soft drinks to the groups as they work.

Committee members had sent letters to property owners in the target areas, asking that they clean up around their buildings, mow grass and pick up trash. A problem, however, was that several lots had out-of-town or unreachable owners.

"The Wilderness Camp (inmates) and Becky Crane with the city of Big Spring have been a big help in getting work done in some of the large, unkempt lots, that did not have an owner we could reach," Andrews-York said. "We still want to remind property owners that they can help us out by cleaning up around the

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Salvation Army dolls ready for dressing

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

More than 100 dolls arrived at the Salvation Army headquarters this week, waiting to be dressed in beautiful costumes.

The dolls will be dressed by volunteers and judged in several categories. While the top few will be saved for an auction later, the majority of the fancy toys will be given to kids in the Army's Christmas program.

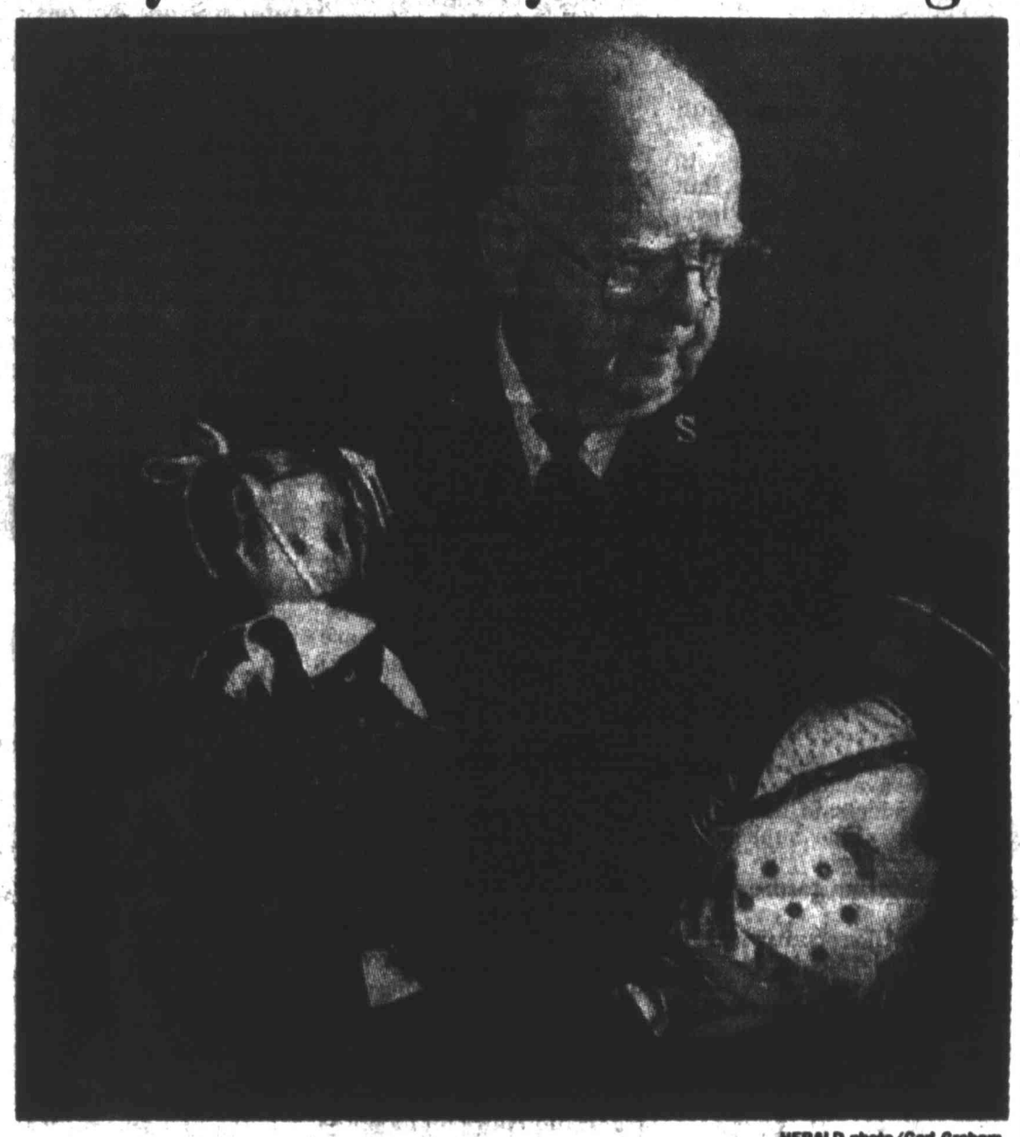
"They'll be ready at the first of next week to go out to be dressed," said Maj. Ronald Alexander. "We're sending letters out to church groups and school classes, asking for their help in getting these dolls dressed."

Volunteers will create handmade costumes or purchase them, dressing the toys along various themes, including party wear, bridal and even pajamas. Some dolls will wear elaborate hats or carry tiny accessories such as purses or glasses.

In past years, there have been such unusual dolls as Indian princesses, angels with lace wings and cheerleaders holding tiny pompons.

Maj. Jo Alexander will take charge of the doll program along with the Christmas Angel Trees, which will be starting later this fall.

Past doll auctions have raised more than $1,000, which is normally slated to help pay for the next year's Christmas programs.



HERALD photo/Carl Graham

Maj. Ronald Alexander of the Salvation Army holds two dolls that were dressed in past years as part of the group's Doll Festival. More than 100 dolls will be ready Monday for pick up at the headquarters building.

"This doll festival has been done at Salvation Armies around the world," said Ronald Alexander. "It's a wonderful program. We hope if people can't

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BSISD

Trustrees OK $1.56 tax rate for 2000-2001

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District trustees approved the tax rate Thursday.



MCQUEARY

"The board unanimously approved to keep the tax rate the same as last year's $1.5663 (per $100 of valuation)," said Superintendent Bill McQueary. "We are very pleased that the board was able to keep the tax rate the same."

According to James McFarland, administrative assistant, the school board had a budget workshop and decided the taxes would go up one cent, but after recalculating the figures, they decided that increase would not be necessary after all.

"Of the taxes, 7.6 cents will go towards the junior high debt," said McQueary. "The rest of it will go towards maintenance of our schools."

The budget for the 2000-2001 school year will be $25,350,000, a slight increase over last year's amount. For the first time in 14 years, school officials say they will be working under a balanced budget.

In other items, Big Spring ISD board members also learned that the district has received the final entitlement from the Texas Education Agency for the Class-Size Reduction Program, bringing the total amount left in the fund to $52,000. The district has received a total of $215,480 for that program, which officials say has allowed them to hire more teachers.

"We want to use these funds to hire a sixth teacher for this program," said Murphy. "Right now we

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District's low-performing status has hidden benefit

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer



PLUMLEE

Because the Big Spring Independent School District last year had low-performing schools, it has been awarded $364,130 for a Title 1 Improvement Program.

"The funds are going to be utilized at the high school," said Deputy Superintendent Murray Murphy during Thursday evening's board of trustees meeting. "It's great for our district because it will help offset local district monies that were used and help us move forward in our technology plan."

The Title 1 School Improvement Program will allow the high school to have a Title 1 lab with 30 laptops, a Vocational Education lab with 25 laptops, a complete mathematics department proposal — Math Renaissance/-Accelerated Math and 125 graphing calculators, staff development and parental involvement.

"This is a great opportunity for the high school," said Esthela Aguirre, director of curriculum and instruction. "This will allow all students in the high school level to use this program and not just Title 1 students."

Aguirre added that this program will help prepare students for the exit exam as well as the ACT.

On other agenda items, Ron Plumlee, assistant superintendent for business, made the school board aware of the changes in a policy manual generated by the Texas Association of School Boards.

"Some of the changes include the extracurricular activities changes and the investment policy," he said. "The rule of only missing 10 days of school for extracurricular activities has been changed to 15 because of the

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Mitchell County Fair up and running all weekend

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

COLORADO CITY - Carnivals, candied apples, karaoke and cotton candy — the Mitchell County Fair has all of that and more.

The 2000 edition of this year's fair kicked off Thursday. The good news is that it continues through Saturday.

For all bingo lovers, two sessions of bingo will be played beginning at 6:30 p.m. today. The first session will be run until 8. Session two will begin at 8:30 and last until 10.

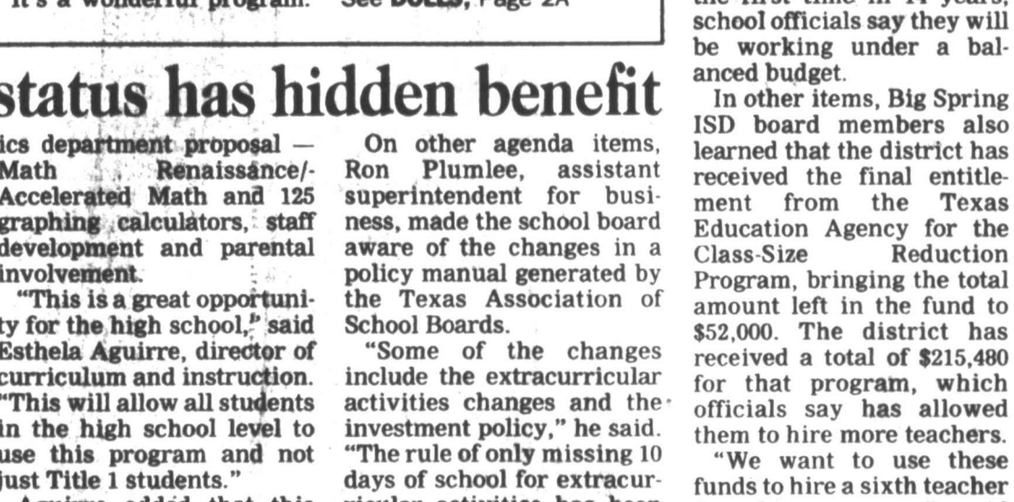
City National Bank has contributed two $100 savings bonds of which one will be won in each of the two sessions. In addition, eight businesses have donated gift certificates worth $352 in merchandise that are also up for grabs.

Chamber of Commerce Manager Leigh Ann Erwin said that Saturday's highlight would be a karaoke contest beginning at 5 p.m. and lasting until the last contestant has performed. Also slated for Saturday will be team roping which will take at the rodeo grounds next to the fair grounds. This event will begin at 7 p.m. The karaoke and team roping events require you to be a Mitchell County resident.

Erwin said she already has a number of children signed up to perform in the karaoke contest.

"The kids are really excited about the karaoke con-

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HERALD photo/Gina Garza

Cecil Sherman of Earthco uses a backhoe to break up the concrete of the foundation of the former Dairy Queen in Coronado Plaza. Work crews are finishing demolition of three buildings in the area. A new McDonald's is planned for the site.

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OBITUARIES

C.O. Cross

Funeral service for C.O. Cross, 86, Sweetwater, formerly of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. He died on Friday, Sept. 15, 2000, in a Sweetwater hospital.

Billy Carver

Memorial service for Billy Carver, 55, Big Spring, will be 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, 2000, at Central Baptist Church in Elbow with the Rev. Bill Ballard, pastor of Airport Baptist Church, officiating.



Mr. Carver died on Wednesday, Sept. 13, from injuries sustained in an auto-pedestrian accident.

He was born on Feb. 24, 1945, in Abilene. He had moved to Big Spring in 1950 from Knox City. He had served in the National Guard and was a Baptist. He had worked at the Big Spring Plastic Coating Company.

He is survived by: one son, James Carver, and one daughter, Rhonda Carver, both of Hooker, Okla.; his mother, Martha Miller of Big Spring; three sisters, Becky Huitt of Big Spring, Betty Szerwinski of Bridgeport, Conn., and Wanda Anderson of Big Spring; one brother, William Roy Carver of Los Lunas, N.M.; two grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

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

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have three at Goliad, one at the Kindergarten Center and one at Washington, and now we want to have one at Marcy."

The purpose of the the Class-Size Reduction Program is to help lower the pupil-to-teacher ratio.

"The smaller the classes are, the more one-on-one students have with the teacher," said Aguirre. "This program is part of the governor's plan in having all students reading by third grade on the third grade level."

Superintendent Bill McQueary noted that homecoming activities will begin Monday, including dress-up days for students and the election of a homecoming queen and — for the first time this year — a homecoming king at the high school.

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new district realignment and our kids will have to travel farther than they used to. We are limited on how we can can invest district money. This new policy diversifies the ability for our school district to invest and give us more options."

The board also learned Thursday that there are 83 students in the district with limited English proficiency.

"What this means is there are 83 students in our district who do not know English well enough to be in a regular classroom," said Aguirre. "The main objective of our bilingual program is to help students learn English and make them proficient in it."

CLEAN-UP

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curbs and Dumpsters."

Volunteers who come to the courthouse will placed into groups and given assignments. The effort is expected to continue until about noon.

Volunteers are asked to bring their own tools, but trash bags will be provided; they might want to consider bringing bottles of water as well.

"Our main goal for this first cleanup is to improve the main thoroughfare and entrance to our city," Andrews-York said.

Anyone interested in helping can contact the chamber at 263-7641.

DOLLS

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dress dolls, maybe they can give a donation to help pay for dolls."

Between 10 and 12 dozen dolls are available.

Alexander said the Army appreciates the support of volunteers, who give many hours of time to dress the dolls.

"We will certainly have some beautiful dolls, I am sure," he said.

FAIR

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test," said Erwin. "Prize money for the contest will be $150 for first place, $90 for second place and $60 for third place in each of four divisions. The divisions are under 5, 5-10, 11-18, and adults. Individuals entering the contest can use their own tapes if they want to, but we will have over 300 CDs and a list of songs to choose from if they need to."

Erwin encourages participants to know ahead of time what song they are planning to do or come early and look at what the selection list contains.

Topping off the evening will be entertainment by Henry Mitchell's country and western band, Texas Mesquite. They will entertain fair attendees from 7 p.m. until 10 outside of the fair barn.

There will also be local musical groups performing in the south ag barn from 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is $2 per person. The fair will run from10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday.

Shuttle crew preparing space station for residents

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — The crew of space shuttle Atlantis installed an oxygen generator and fussed with a recalcitrant battery Friday on the international space station.

The seven-man crew is outfitting and upgrading the orbiting complex for the November arrival of its first permanent residents.

"We've just about finished up everything that they sent us up here to do and we're looking for extra work now," said commander Terrence Wilcutt.

One of those extras tasks was to beam down a greeting to the Olympics getting under way in Sydney, Australia.

"From the international crew on board the international space station, we'd like to wish all of the international athletes good luck and Godspeed in your athletic endeavors," said Wilcutt.

The crew paid special tribute to the U.S. wrestling team. About 20 U.S. astronauts and several Russian cosmonauts competed in either high school or college wrestling, noted spaceman Edward Lu, who's also coached the sport.

Lu and cosmonaut Yuri Malenchenko, the main equipment installers, hooked up four power converters aboard the Russian service module Zvezda. The converters will eventually distribute electricity to the two Russian station segments from a pair of U.S.-built solar wings, which are to be attached in December.

Next, they put in place a different type of converter, a Russian device called Elektron, which separates water into hydrogen and breathable oxygen as part of the station's life support systems.

Astronaut Daniel Burbank dropped under Zvezda's floorboards to investigate problems with a new Russian-made battery that has refused to charge correctly.

The only glitch so far on the smooth-running mission, the balky battery was one of three new ones installed Wednesday.

BRIEFS

MOSS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WILL be having its fall fundraiser through Sept. 26. The children will be selling Red Wheel cookie dough, muffin mix, sticky and cinnamon rolls, French braids and gourmet pies. All monies will go towards an outdoor pavilion at the school. For more information call 264-4148.

A RECEPTION HONORING RETIRED reference librarian Rebbecca Taylor is planned Saturday, Sept. 23, from 2-4 p.m. in the Howard County Community Room. The public is invited.

FORSAN JUNIOR HIGH AND High School will be having an open house for parents on Tuesday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Parents can pick up their child's report card and meet each teacher.

Refreshments will be provided and door prizes will be awarded every 10 minutes. Various incentives will be offered to encourage participation by grades and classes. The grade that has the highest participation rate will receive a free pizza party.

A BENEFIT FUND HAS been set up at Cosden Federal Credit Union for Melody Statham, who is battling a rare form of cancer. The family has no health insurance to pay for treatments or travel they must make to Galveston.

Donations can be made to account 758214, or contact Tammy Barber at Cosden Credit Union, 264-2600 for information. Donors can also contact Calvin and Linda Bordofske, 264-0838.

JUSTIN HARRIS, 10-YEAR-OLD SON of Mary Vela, has leukemia and is undergoing his second bone marrow transplant in Tucson, Ariz. Donations to help with his medical expenses can be made to a special account at Citizens Federal Credit Union. For information, call Sherry Everette at the credit union, 267-6373.

SUPPORT GROUPS

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 at Spring City Senior Center. For more information, call 398-5522.

SATURDAY

•Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.

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

•"So I Forget," Attention Deficit Disorder support group for individuals and couples, first Saturday of the month from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas, Inc., Midland. Call the center at (915) 563-4144 or 1-800-329-4144. Cost is $15.

•West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue/Fibromyalgia Syndrom, 1 p.m., on the second Saturday of each month, HealthSouth facility at Hwy. 191 and Loop 250, Midland. Contact Linda Hagler at (915) 520-3500.

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

•Open birthday night meets the last Saturday of the month with a covered dish at 7 p.m. and birthday meeting at 8 p.m., 615 Settles. This is to celebrate AA sobriety yearly birthdays.

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

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

TEXAS LOTTERY

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

MARKETS

December cotton 64.70, up 22 points; October crude 35.20, up 113 points; cash hogs steady at 42 even; slaughter steers steady at 66 even; October lean hog futures 54.65, up 22 points; October live cattle futures 67.82 up 17 points.

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Compaq Computer	30 1/16 -1/16
Cornell Cos	8 1/16 -1/16
Dell	36 1/16 -1/16
Du Pont	40 1/16 -1/16
Exxon Mobil	88 1/16 + 3 7/16
Halliburton	53 + 1 1/16
IFCO Systems	15 1/16 -1/16
IBM	125 1/16 -1
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POLICE

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

• **ROBERT REDFORD**, 37, of 800 block of Wyoming, was arrested on a charge of aggravated assault.

• **JONATHAN TAYLOR**, 20, no address given, was arrested on a charge of evading.

• **CLASS B CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 800 block of Wyoming.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.

• **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 400 block of Hillside.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 400 block of Johnson, in the 2300 block of Wasson and in the 800 block of W. I-20.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Thursday through 8 a.m. today:

• **FERNANDO DIAZ FRANCO**, 34, of 1712 E. 15th, was arrested on a charge of possession of controlled substance and possession of marijuana. (HCSO)

• **DAVID CORTEZ CHAVARRIA**, 44, of 1508 Sycamore, was arrested on a charge of motion to revoke probation on a charge of driving while license suspended (HCSO)

• **SCOTTY JOE BRYANT**, 23, of 1605 Bluebird, was arrested on a charge of motion to revoke probation on possession of marijuana, driving while license suspended and possession of marijuana. (HCSO)

• **RUDOLPHO HERNANDEZ JR.**, 29, of 1403 Park, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended. (BSPD)

• **JESSIE REED**, 63, of 4100 Dixon, was arrested on a charge of motion to revoke probation on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and terroristic threats. (BSPD)

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C.O. Cross, 86, died Friday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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Billy Carver, 55 died Wednesday. Memorial services are 4 PM Saturday at Central Baptist Church in Elbow. There will be no viewing or visitation at the funeral home.

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Survey finds state, federal governments must work harder in Net use

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal and state governments still have a long way to go in exploiting the power of the Internet, with few offering user-friendly Web sites to help people do business with governments online, a survey found.

Among the states, Texas ranked first and Rhode Island last in efficient use of the Internet, Brown University researchers said. The White House Web site ranked near the bottom among federal Internet destinations.

"Most of these sites are struggling just to get one service online," said Darrell M. West, the Brown political science professor who led the effort.

Texas barely edged out the rest of the sites, offering 51 percent of the customer features researchers were looking for, which included government publications and forms, databases, services and disability access. Rhode Island only had 19 percent of those features, on average.

Many of the sites also lacked privacy and security statements, and the policies that were posted were so fraught with loopholes and dense speech as to be meaningless, he said.

Brown University researchers checked more than 1,800 Web sites, ranking major federal agencies and all 50 states to see how the governments were using the technology.

They found that 78 percent of the sites delivered no online services at all, such as allowing citizens to file a complaint, order publications or renew their vehicle registrations.

Many sites didn't even offer contact information such as a phone number or mailing address.

"Well-run, efficiently organized Web sites that offer useful services to citizens may have a significant positive effect on public spirit and the attitude of citizens toward government," West said.

"That potential certainly exists. We found, however, that e-government is still in its early stages."

Larger states tended to do better in the 50-state rankings, with Minnesota, New York, Pennsylvania and Illinois leading the list after Texas. States with small populations, such as Nevada, South Dakota, New Hampshire, Delaware and Rhode Island, lacked large enough economies to offer such services and came in last.

West also talked to the state technology heads to see what services they wanted to put on their site. Most wished for vehicle registration renewal, which only seven states offer now.

As for federal sites, the Consumer Product Safety Commission, Internal Revenue Service and the Treasury Department had the best sites, and the White House, U.S. Trade Representative and the National Security Council had the worst, according to the survey.

West said there were "glaring omissions" in the recently redesigned White House site, which had 42 percent of the features researchers looked for. There's a privacy statement, but no security statement, and there are no databases, services or access for people with disabilities.

"It's surprising when they redesigned it they didn't add a lot of features," he said. "The site looks good, but there's not a whole lot there."

Vets' brain-cell loss may be linked to Gulf War

DALLAS (AP) — Brain cell loss among ailing Persian Gulf War veterans has been linked in Texas researchers' new study with abnormal overproduction of a brain chemical that the scientists warn could lead to long-term degenerative diseases.

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, who got $5 million earmarked for Gulf War research in the defense budget this year, said Thursday that she intends to urge greater funding and praised the work at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

Dr. Robert Haley, chief of epidemiology at UT Southwestern and a leader of Gulf War-related research, told The Dallas Morning News in Friday's editions that "there could be an epidemic of Parkinson's disease coming out of an epidemic of Gulf War syndrome."

The institution's most recent study on sick Gulf War veterans, made public Thursday in the September issue of the American Medical Association's Archives of Neurology, found patients with damage to the brain's left basal ganglia portion produce about twice as much dopamine as healthy vets.

Blood tests helped identify overproduction of dopamine, a neurotransmitter. The amount of neuron damage in the basal ganglia was measured by magnetic resonance spectroscopy, which uses radio waves in a strong magnetic field to measure chemicals.

"We hypothesize that with injury to the brain cells that normally control dopamine production, the cells become hyperactive, overproducing dopamine and leading to additional cell damage," Dr. Frederick Petty, a UT Southwestern professor of psychiatry and staff psychiatrist at the Dallas Veterans Affairs Medical Center, said.

"The question is whether, over time, these over-stimulated cells will wear out and die. If so, these patients could develop degenerative brain diseases such as Parkinson's disease," said Petty, adding that 20,000 to 80,000 veterans could be affected within 10 to 20 years or even sooner.

"Some of these veterans are beginning to show early, subtle symptoms of brain disease, and our desire and intention, if we can get the federal government to do what it needs to do, is to initiate a fairly large-scale, national program to basically replicate our findings at the national level," Petty said.

Scientists at UT Southwestern, in an earlier study this year, concluded that some Gulf War veterans may be sick because they were exposed to low levels of a nerve gas and other chemicals, and took doses of a drug that was supposed to help them survive a nerve-gas attack.

Another study found evidence that veterans born with low levels of an enzyme that destroys chemical toxins were more likely to suffer brain damage from such exposures, which may explain why some who served a decade ago in the Persian Gulf became ill and others did not.

A $25 million grant is sought by UT Southwestern researchers from the Department of Defense to expand their work. They have so far focused on a relatively small group of veterans from a Naval Mobile Construction Battalion, known as Seabees.

"It's amazing that Dr. Haley is coming up with the findings that he has, and he continues to have to fight for grant funds," said Chris Kornkven, the National Gulf War Resource Center president who served as an Army staff sergeant in the gulf.

Survivor describes escape from deadly flames; pipeline operators seek work record

ABILENE (AP) — A West Texas woman who escaped a fatal gas pipeline explosion by jumping into her swimming pool says she watched the danger grow outside her bedroom window and knew what she had to do.

Rita Franssen, who sustained burns to her face and hands in the Sept. 7 blast that killed a police detective, said Thursday that when she saw a white cloud along Texas Highway 36 outside her home, she knew her only chance to escape the inferno was to get underwater.

A shallow swimming pool in her back yard had just been filled the day before.

"I knew I had to jump at just the right time so the blast wouldn't get me," she said. "Then it was just like the Lord said, 'jump.'"

Franssen stayed under water as long as she could hold her breath.

"Then I stayed down a little longer," she said, adding that everything around her was ablaze when she came up for air. So she spent the next half-hour submerged, coming up for air only when she could hold her breath no longer.

Franssen said she knew it was time to flee when the inferno began to die down enough for her to make a run for safety.

"The Lord told me again, 'get out'," Franssen said, describing how she poured water on the hot cement around the pool to cool it.

"It was sizzling and popping," she said.

When she ran through a hole in the fence toward a waiting fire truck, firefighters were surprised to see her.

"After I got outside the fence, I looked around and there was still fire everywhere," she said. "Fire in front of me, fire beside me, behind me and in the sky above me."

Investigators believe a cloud of propane gas was ignited by a spark from either a tractor trailer or a car driven by Abilene police detective Jay Hatcher. The 42-year-old man suffered third-degree burns over 90 percent of his body and died about 10 hours later at University Medical Center.

FDA urged not to ease ban on gay male blood donors

GAITHERSBURG, Md. (AP) — The government is considering easing the ban on gay male blood donors — but its scientific advisers say don't do it yet, citing lack of evidence about how it might affect the AIDS risk in the nation's blood supply.

All men who seek to donate blood are asked if they have had sex, even once, with another man since 1977. Those who say they have are permanently banned from donating blood.

Critics say that policy, in effect since 1985, is outdated because better testing can now detect virtually all blood infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS — and there's an increasingly urgent need for more blood donors. Also, the gay community contends the policy is discriminatory, forbidding donations by thousands of men whose HIV tests show they're healthy.

So the Food and Drug Administration asked its scientific advisers Thursday whether it should change the rule to ban only men who had sex with another man within the past five years.

But the advisers voted 7-6 that there was not enough evidence that it's safe to make that change. The FDA is not bound by its advisers' decisions but typically follows them.

The issue has split the blood industry, with half of the nation's blood banks supporting easing the policy while the American Red Cross, representing the other half, opposes any change.

Easing the ban would result in an estimated 62,300 gay men — or men who had experimented with homosexual activity only once — seeking to donate blood, FDA medical officer Dr. Andrew Dayton said. Out of that group, less than two units of HIV-infected units of blood might get into the blood supply undetected, he said.

The current ban on gay male donors "seems very discriminatory," said Dr. Mark Mitchell, a Connecticut physician on the FDA advisory panel. "I feel very strongly that it needs to be changed."

But he was outvoted by fellow panelists who complained that the FDA's estimates were based on mathematical models — nobody knows exactly how many homosexual men want to donate and how many of that subset have HIV.

"I encourage the FDA to continue to look at possible options for how this can be changed in a safe fashion," said Dr. Jeanne Linden of the New York State Department of Health.

All donated blood undergoes strict testing for the AIDS virus and other blood-borne diseases.

Of the nation's 12 million units of donated blood, about 10 HIV-infected units slip through each year, causing about two to three HIV infections a year, said Dr. Michael Busch of the University of California, San Francisco.

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OUR VIEWS

Let's express our support for MH/MR

On Monday, West Texas Centers for MH/MR will honor its working clients, people who despite disabilities have meaningful jobs that add dignity to their lives and productivity to the community. A banquet begins at 5 p.m. in Garrett Hall at First United Methodist Church.

West Texas Centers is recognizing Destination Dignity Month, a time set aside to show the community that people with mental retardation have both challenges to face and valuable skills to offer. The banquet will also honor employers who have taken a chance on hiring a disabled worker — a choice that for most of them has been an unqualified success.

As one of the 23 counties served by West Texas Centers, we should all feel proud of the work this agency is doing in our community. And we should be proud of the consumers who have found that, as with us all, they can find satisfaction in a job well done.

The theme of the event is "Work for Dignity," or "Everyone needs a reason to get out of bed in the morning." We believe dignity is something all people deserve; this vocational program has shown that, for people with mental retardation, it can be found through meaningful work.

Make plans to attend this special event. Take time out of your schedule to honor people who, despite challenges, get out of bed in the morning with the goal of helping us all make the Crossroads — and the world — a better place to live.

We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

- **CANTERBURY RETIREMENT CENTER** on staging a successful fall festival last week.
- **THE HARLEY-DAVIDSON SHOP** on its 71st anniversary and owners **HOWARD** and **MARIJO WALKER**.
- **GIRL SCOUTS,** on their membership rallies last Saturday at SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf and Thursday at First Church of the Nazarene.
- **MARK** and **PAM MORGAN** and children **MEREDITH, CAROLINE** and **LLOYD** on being named Family of the Year for Big Spring by the Samaritan Counseling Center.
- **FRANK EDWARDS,** whose 1933 Plymouth won Best of Show at the Ector County Fair Car Show.

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

YOUR VIEWS

To THE EDITOR:

Thank you! These words don't even begin to express our gratitude for your assistance in our latest outreach program, Block party 2000, The Blood. Your contribution to this program helped assure our success. It is our sincere prayer that God multiply His grace and mercy in your life and bless you in all that you do.

We look forward to working with you again in the future!

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Council needs to mind its own business

There were some disconcerting actions that took place during Tuesday's meeting of the Big Spring City Council. The most obvious was that, despite weeks of dissecting line items, requesting and receiving mounds of material from city staff — plus two public hearings — two council members balked when it came time to call for a vote on the 2000-2001 budget.



BILL McCLELLAN

Why? For one, they said they weren't sure the public understood the reasons behind increases in water and sewer rates. That's despite extensive coverage from local media and public hearings on both the budget and tax rate. As Mayor Russ McEwen pointed out, the council can't go door-to-door to explain the budget. It has to rely on the media and public hearings. Incidentally, not one voice was spoken in opposition during either of the public forums.

And two, every member of the council, after working with the budget for several weeks, should have been able to recite the reasons for the increases forward and backward. But it was clear from questions posed Tuesday, some council members were uncertain why the increases were being implemented.

Fortunately, their questions were resolved, and the council, as a group, was able to vote on a budget. It passed.

But even more disconcerting than some council members appearing to not understand the budget was a stipulation that was placed in the motion to pass the document, One council member agreed to a vote only after the motion was worded to prevent Moore Development for Big Spring board from spending $100,000 in its research and development fund without prior city council approval.

That's serious stuff, when you think about it. Keep in mind, it's the city council that appoints citizens to the Moore Development board. This is "its" board, for goodness sake.

Everyone can understand a city council member questioning the actions of a board. We all do that from time to time, and we should.

It's understandable that the council might invite Moore Development members to a council meeting to explain what purpose it has for those funds. It's even more understandable that a council member might attend a Moore Development board meeting to do just that. In fact, it seems like it would be a good idea for council members and anyone interested in economic development to attend Moore Development's meetings on a regular basis. And some of them do, by the way.

Those are viable ways to gain information and provide input to Moore Development board members and staff.

But that's not what the motion approved Tuesday night says. The motion *requires* prior approval by the city council before Moore Development can spend those funds.

By requiring its approval, the city council is saying it doesn't trust its own appointed board enough to conduct the business of economic development for Big Spring.

The council is saying that it doesn't think that the team it has put together — which includes two former mayors — is capable of making the right decisions. Even more distressing, it says that city council members have a better grasp on economics than the board they hand-picked.

The scenario Tuesday night, when certain council members had trouble grappling with, or grasping perhaps, the budget and their role in it, is a clear indication that they, at least, do not.

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Incidentally, the $1 increase on monthly water and sewer fees — that's $2 total — is to be used to double the effort to replace water and sewer lines throughout the city, beginning with the areas that need it most.

There is also a 3.6-cent tax increase and those monies are being used to subsidize the ambulance service.

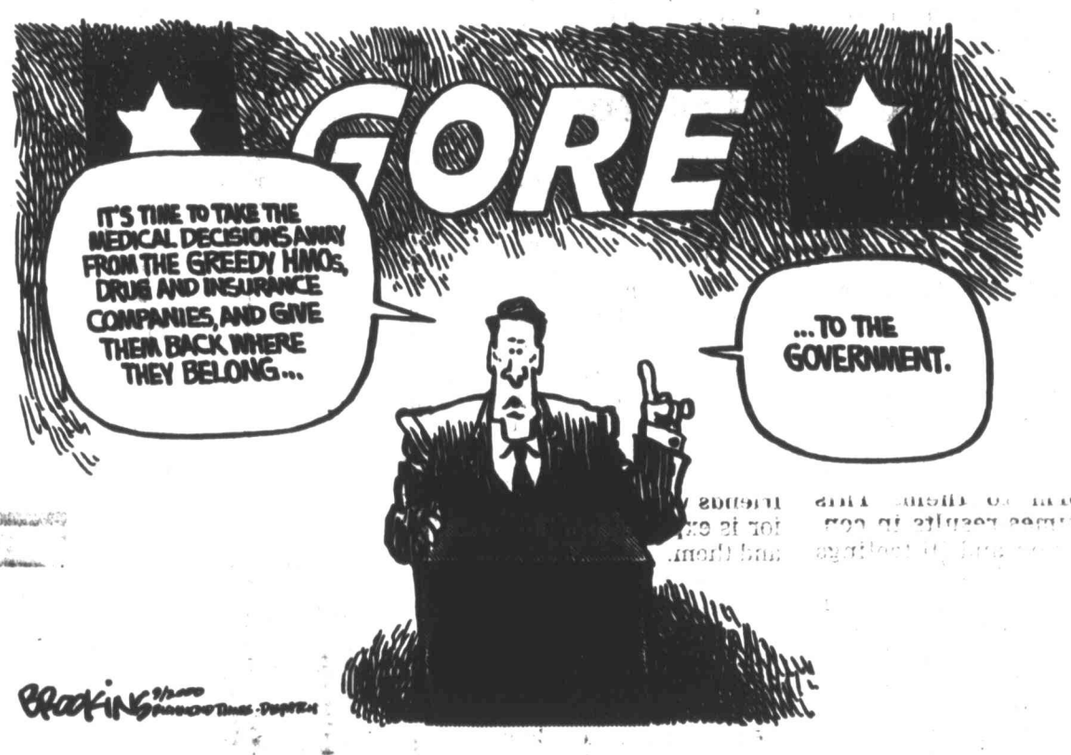
Those would seem like worthwhile reasons for the increases, but obviously not everyone will agree.

If you disagree with them, you should have attended one of the public hearings, or contacted your council member.

If you didn't, you'll still have a chance to at least-call your representative on the council. Tuesday's vote was on first reading.

Second reading is Sept. 26.

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Feminists put a spotlight on bigotry

What has become of the feminist movement? Many scholars organize the feminist movement into waves, with the first spanning the 19th and early 20th centuries, focusing mainly on the issues of the vote (suffrage) and prohibition (temperance). The second feminist wave began in earnest in the 1960s, when women came together and fought for equality with men. Many of these struggles resulted in relative success; the average female worker in the United States makes about 76 cents to every dollar earned by a man, which is an increase of about 17 cents from the 1970s. But the playing field is still far from level; there are currently only two women in CEO positions with Fortune 500 companies, Jill Barad of Mattel and Marion Sandler of Golden West Financial.



JACK ANDERSON

Now many old-guard feminists complain about a counterfeit current "Third Wave" of feminism. They say it has lost its focus, with body image sometimes becoming more important than social action. Writer and activist Betty Friedan commented, "All the sex stuff is stupid. The real problems have to do with women's lives and how you put together work and family."

Susan Brownmiller, author of "Against Our Will," noted that the current group of feminists "are not movement people. I don't know whom they're speaking for. They seem to be making individual bids for stardom."

Feminists are still fighting for social change, however. In the wake of the 1992 Clarence Thomas/Anita Hill hearings on Capitol Hill, a group of young feminists gathered in New York and proclaimed that the members of the Third Wave would seek to make the movement into a "national network for young feminists; to politicize and organize young women from diverse cultural and economic backgrounds; to strengthen the relationships between young women and older feminists; and to consolidate a strong base of membership able to mobilize for specific issues, political candidates, and events."

One of the reasons that Third Wave feminists seem to be so scattered is that they take into consideration the problems of women from all different backgrounds, cultures, sexual orientations and social standings, as opposed to the Second Wave, which consisted mainly of middle-class heterosexual women.

That fracturing is manifested by the existence of several organizations.

The National Organization for Women (NOW), the country's largest group of feminist activists, has 500,000 members and 550 chapters. Founded in 1966, the group's objective is to "bring about equality for all women." Its first president was Betty Friedan, and the current president, Patricia Ireland, has served since December 1991.

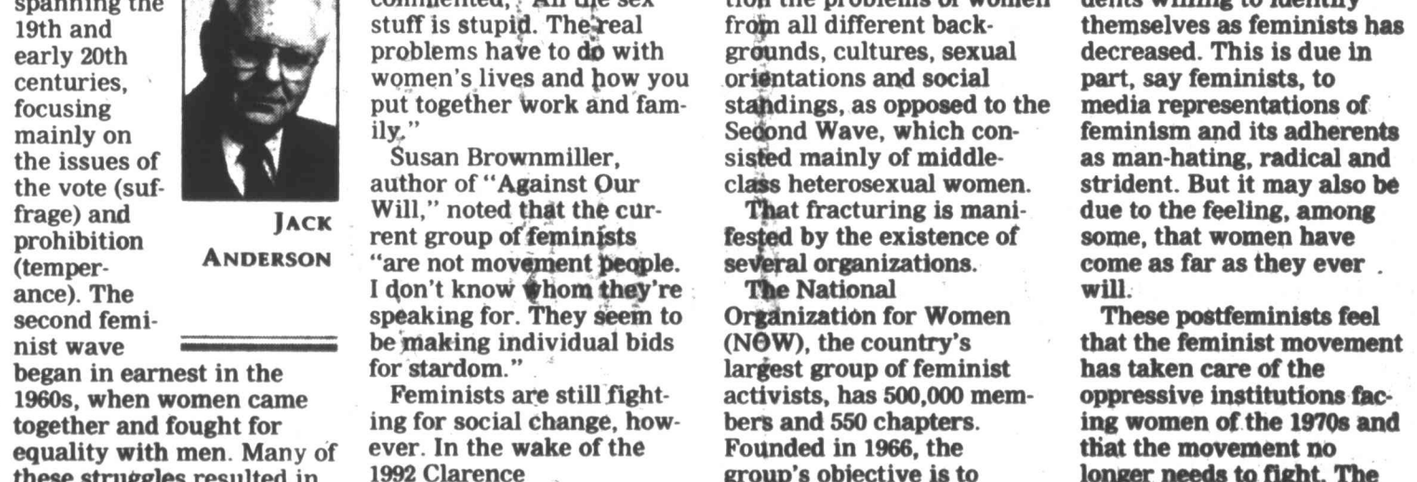
The Feminist Majority, founded in 1997, often works alongside NOW to present women's issues and concerns to the public. It recently hosted the Feminist Expo in Baltimore to discuss the status of feminism.

Then there is Emily's List, a political action group that seeks to help elect pro-choice Democratic women to government positions.

There is also a counter trend. On college campuses, the number of female students willing to identify themselves as feminists has decreased. This is due in part, say feminists, to media representations of feminism and its adherents as man-hating, radical and strident. But it may also be due to the feeling, among some, that women have come as far as they ever will.

These postfeminists feel that the feminist movement has taken care of the oppressive institutions facing women of the 1970s and that the movement no longer needs to fight. The Independent Women's Forum, for example, aims to "respect and appreciate the differences between, and the complementary nature of, the two sexes (and) affirm the family as the foundation of society."

But perhaps the greatest contribution of the feminist movements is that they put the spotlight on bigotry and, in so doing, made life better for all people who found themselves facing intolerance and prejudice.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Sept. 16:

You learn to handle negativity by turning it into positive energy this year. This skill improves the quality of your life in all realms. You understand subconscious motivation and learn how to read those who are close to you. Professionally, you gain because of your willingness to be a part of the team as well as your ability to see more than the obvious. If you are single, you love to play and party this year, but you will want a significant other. Look to 2001. If you are attached, traveling and getting away together recycle your relationship. Put more energy into this bond, and you'll get a lot more back. TAURUS helps you see the big picture.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
**** Your ruling planet, Mars, changes signs today. You could easily feel a swing in your energy levels. Use your high creativity to set the tone for plans and activities. Invite a child or loved one out. Get into a favorite hobby together. Resist a tendency to get picky and difficult with a friend. He means well. Tonight: Indulge.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
**** Make it OK to take a lazy day. You might want to mosey around and do nothing too taxing. Someone presents plans that appeal and energize. Put on your dancing shoes and allow more fun. Sometimes you worry too much about what others think. Let go and allow the kid in you to play. Tonight: Footloose and fancy-free.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
**** Use the daytime hours when you are energized to socialize, get out and complete errands. You might need some downtime by late afternoon. Plan on watching a good movie and visiting with a special friend. Don't worry about isolating yourself. Everyone needs time to recharge. Make life easy. Tonight: Order in.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
**** Others still call you. Your sense of responsibility might be encompassing too many people and too much. Pull back some. Consider the cost of your behavior here. Let go and start enjoying yourself. Catch up on another's news. Share jokes and recent happenings. Tonight: Socialize the night away.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** Make calls early on. Plan a day outing involving friends and family. You might notice that you run out of steam as the day wears on. Make a must appearance and worry less about spending. Sometimes you need to spend some to enhance your image. Others find you charismatic and look toward you. Tonight: In the limelight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
**** Be willing to go that extra step with a beloved friend or partner. Sometimes you might be uncomfortable expressing feelings. You energize once you clear your chest. Discuss a trip, or perhaps make plans to do something totally different. You delight others with your wild ideas. Tonight: Take off.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** Stay focused on objectives, even if partners and friends have a way of making situations confusing. Curb a tendency in the next few months to internalize anger. It could backfire and cause you more problems. Plan on a movie and munchies with a close friend. You need to talk in order to clear the air. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
**** Get errands done early in the day. What might be a piece of cake for you really is hard for another. Be understanding of a boss or an older relative. Join friends and loved ones later in the afternoon. Wherever you are and whatever you do, you enjoy yourself. Let laughter and friendship become an even greater part of your life. Tonight: Say yes to an invitation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
**** A child or loved one draws you in. Play the day away, but eventually you will need to handle errands and details. Call an older relative or friend. Be willing to chip in and help this person. Others look to you as an example. Express your caring through nurturing actions. Tonight: Make it easy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
**** Family always remains a high priority. Deal with someone close to you on a one-on-one level. You don't always have to understand what he says or does. Discuss potential changes. Make reservations to do something both of you love later in the day. Opt for a touch of the different. Tonight: Take an overview.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** Another often challenges you. Understanding limits isn't this person's specialty — nor, for that matter, is it yours. Don't let a battle begin. Work on acceptance, and the two of you will become two peas in a pod. You end up doing something close to home. Enjoy yourself and the closeness. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
**** Expenses could prove to be overwhelming. As a result, you might decide to put in extra hours. Another doesn't agree with you. You hear about it loud and clear in the afternoon. Actually, this person wants time with you. Allow more fun into your life. Keep communication flowing. Tonight: Out on the town.

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Brother sided against mom and sister

DEAR ABBY: I am 37 years old and have one older brother who is 39. When we were growing up, our family was very close, but something happened when my father passed away eight years ago. Within a few years my mother remarried. Soon after, my marriage to an abusive man fell apart.


ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

My brother decided to support my ex-husband and held me responsible for not giving him a "second chance." This hurt me deeply. When my mother recently divorced — her husband wanted the divorce — again, my brother took the husband's side. My brother's wife is a born-again Christian and doesn't believe in divorce, no matter what the reason.

My mother is heartbroken and so am I. I always looked up to my brother. I wish I knew it was his wife's influence and not his choice. He promised our father on his deathbed that he would take care of us. Not only has he walked away from us in our time of need, he has sided against us. I have tried talking to him, but it doesn't work. Is there anything I can do? I still love my brother and always will. — SNIFFLING SIBLING IN TEXAS

DEAR SNIFFLING: If talking to your brother hasn't helped, there is nothing more you can do. I don't know whether his identification with other men is so strong that it colors the way he views you and his mother — or whether he is unable (or unwilling) to keep his deathbed promise and can't face either of you. However, the reality is that you and she will have to rely on yourselves. Love him if you wish, but don't count on him for anything.

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law, who lives with us, still clings to the cultural values of the old country and expects everybody to conform to them. This sometimes results in confrontation and ill feelings among family members.

My son, who is 16, frequently brings friends home. Most of the time he remembers to introduce them to the family members, but there are times when he thinks he has already introduced them, so he doesn't.

My mother-in-law gets upset when the young people who show up at home do not acknowledge her. She comes from a culture steeped in values such as respect for elders. She feels these young guests should greet her, or smile at her, and that they have to do it first before she will return the greeting.

Although I value such traditions, in my opinion she does not have to wait. She can initiate the introduction. I told her she should just say hello to them and ask them nonchalantly to introduce themselves. She is adamant that she should be greeted first. I explained that we do not know if these young people are shy, or whether they have not been properly taught by their own parents. None of the kids are overtly rude, either to my mother-in-law or me. Who is right in this instance? — MODERN MOTHER, CERRITOS, CALIF.

DEAR MODERN MOTHER: I don't know where your mother-in-law hails from, but in our culture it is also proper for young people to defer to older people. Make it clear to your son that when he brings friends to the house, he should make a point of greeting his grandmother and asking if she has met them. If she hasn't, he should introduce them. He should also explain to his friends what kind of behavior is expected from him — and them.

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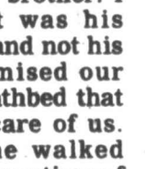
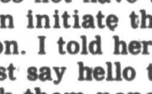
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Members of St. Paul congregation will have an opportunity to participate in Network, a program for the "Right People in the Right Places for the Right Reasons." Network is a dynamic program to help Christians to understand who God has made them to be, and to mobilize them to a place of meaningful service to the local church.

St. Mary's Episcopal

St. Mary's has returned to our regular Sunday schedule with the Holy Eucharist celebrated at 8 a.m. (Rite I) and 10:30 a.m. (Rite II with music).

Also, the Fall Christian Education classes begin at 9:30 a.m. There are classes for all age groups and everyone is welcome.

The Adult Class is reading C.S. Lewis's book, "The Screwtape Letters." Copies are available in the Parish Office.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will have their monthly meeting and breakfast on Saturday, starting at 8 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

The vestry will meet Monday at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Baptist Temple

Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m., the deacon body will be meeting for a time of questioning three men who are deacon candidates. We cordially invite all ordained men, who would like to attend, to come and take part in this important time in the lives of these three men.

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Next weekend, Sept. 23-24, this same hall will be filled with smells of turkey and dressing baking, the bustle of tacos being filled and the sounds of bingo being called. Turkey starts being served at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Bingo will start at 8 p.m. The Mexican dinner will begin at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday with three main dishes of Taco, Combination or Carne Con Chile Verde.

Junior High and High school students are invited to Sacred Heart Church for a retreat on Saturday, Sept. 23, at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided and all participants will receive a T-Shirt. Total cost is $10. Call 263-7884 to register.

During this especially busy festival time for all of us at IHM, remember Bishop Pfeifer's message to us. "We are being called to be a people of action. Be open to the gift of faith and then live your faith everyday of the week."

First United Methodist Church

"Two Marks That Brand A Christian" (1 Peter 2:9) is Dr. Ed Williamson's message this Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. This message is about how believers in Jesus Christ know themselves as distinctive, peculiar people bearing the inner mark of character and the outer mark of compassion. Worship is at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

A youth choir and handbell choir will start the first Sunday of October at 5 p.m. The Chancel Choir meets each Wednesday at 8 p.m. Planing has already begun for the Living Christmas Tree. For those who would like to participate, join us.

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It also denounced efforts in Congress to move the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem while the city's status remains in dispute.

The U.S. church leaders, whose groups represent more than 100 million members, said Jerusalem Christians' proposal for a special city government status under international guarantees would "allow Jerusalem to be an open city which transcends local, regional or world political troubles."

Those signing the appeal included Bishop Joseph Fiorenza, president of the American Catholic hierarchy; Andrew Young, president of the National Council of Churches; the heads of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Episcopal Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Presbyterian Church (USA) and United Church of Christ.

SLICE of life!

COMMUNITY NEWS

"See You At the Pole," the nationwide youth gathering, is set for Wednesday at 7 a.m. in the local area. Students throughout the Crossroads will meet at the flagpoles at their schools to pray in this student-led event aimed at those from junior high through high school.

"Saw You At the Pole" begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Municipal Auditorium. The rally is for all students who participated in the morning event and others throughout the community.



CLUB NEWS

Big Spring Neighbors and Newcomers

The couples dinner club will be hosted by the Gandys at 7 p.m. on Sept. 30 at 2400 Edgemere. For details about membership or activities call 268-9480.

Retired Teachers Association

The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday in the Howard College Cactus Room. Lunch will be served at 11:30.

Kristi Hyatt, a lawyer from Midland, will speak on wills and estate planning. Hyatt is the daughter of Betty Franklin. All retired school personnel are invited to attend the meeting.

WELL SAID

There is one thing certain, namely that we can have nothing certain; therefore it is not certain that we can have nothing certain.
Samuel Butler

When you jump for joy, be sure no one moves the ground beneath your feet.
Stanislaw Lee

He that fears not gives the advantage to the danger.
Francis Quarles

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in Israel; his two daughters, 19 and 21, work here.

"When everyone was leaving and I got married, others begged me to stay here to start my family. My brothers and uncles left, but I stayed behind," he said.

Balassiano is glad he stayed in his country, but acknowledged he plans to move to Israel within the next few years, mostly for his children, who he believes would be denied opportunities in Egypt because they are Jewish.

"I don't think I could find a job if I didn't work at the synagogue," he said. "My son will not be able to find a job or a wife here. We must leave."

After decades of tension and four wars, Egypt and Israel signed a peace treaty in 1979, but relations are far from normal. Egyptian professional groups ban their members from contacts with the Jewish state.

Jews have lived in Alexandria since soon after the city's founding in 331 B.C. Encouraged by Alexander the Great, they came in great numbers, at one point making up at least one-fourth of the city's population. The city faltered over the centuries, but was rebuilt in the 1800s, and the Jews returned, adding their active community to the large foreign population.

The 150-year-old Eliyahu Hanavi Sephardic synagogue offers a glimpse of what the Jewish community was like in its prime. The magnificent building, one of the largest synagogues in the Middle East, boasts towering Italian marble columns and seating for over 700 people.

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gest an empire, the truth is that this kind of Muslim venture is still in its infancy.

With merely a fragment of the budgets of big conglomerates, Mr. Mujahid is trying to teach Islam in all the techno-savvy ways at the fingertips of Americans. But unlike the big guys, Sound Vision must carry the burden for concept, production, design, packaging, sales, marketing, technical support and public relations all by itself.

"Marketing is a major challenge because Muslim communications doesn't exist in this country," said Mr. Mujahid, president and founder of the company. Still, every year his company grows by 20 percent to 30 percent and produces six to nine new products.

Because it's too expensive to advertise in mainstream media, Sound Vision markets in Muslim stores, mosques, the Internet and by direct mail. Sales catalogs are sent to 200,000 U.S. households. In Muslim countries, more than 17 television stations are vying for the rights to air Adam's World.

"We thought we were producing these things for the Muslim community in North America, where Muslims are a minority," said Mr. Mujahid, 48, an imam who came to the United States from Pakistan in 1981.

Started as a nonprofit, Sound Vision now operates as two entities. Sound Vision Foundation was created as an independent charitable organization that now owns majority shares in a for-profit company known as SoundVision.Com.

"Helping people understand Islam is the most important thing," Mr. Mujahid said.

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to discuss programming for upcoming Sunday night activities. After the meeting at 6 p.m., the youth will have their first meeting. All youth should plan to participate in "See you at the Pole" on Wednesday, Sept. 20, at their school flagpole. That night we will Have a Post Pole Party at 7 p.m. in the Partee Building.

The youth will also be going to Margaret Becker concert at the Ector County Coliseum on Sept. 21. The concert is $14, buy one get one free, so bring a friend. If you are interested in going, please turn your money in on Sunday. Senior high bible study will be starting back up on Wednesday, Sept. 27, at 6:30 p.m. at 1 Courtney Place Apt. 707.

There is still room available if you are interested in taking the Disciple Bible Study, contact the church office. The class will be held on Sunday nights form 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., Sept. 17 through April 29. This class will take you all the way through the Bible in a year with some fantastic people.

For more information call the church office at 267-6394.

First Church of God

We want to welcome everyone to the First Church of God Sunday. The Pastor Darrell Hendrickson will be back from vacation, not only will he have a good sermon for us he will have good singing for us and good news about our coming revival with Dr. Bill Ellis coming soon.

Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. with classes for all ages. Worship service is at 10:45 a.m. Nursery will be provided.

First Church of God is located at 2009 Main St.

First Christian

Dr. Jimmy Watson, pastor of first Christian Church, will preach the sermon, "Get a Life! The Unexamined (Self-Interested) Life is not Worth Living."

Lorrie Grantham will teach the fourth through sixth grade Sunday school class for the rest of September. The Long Range Planning Task Force will meet at 2 p.m. in the library. At 5 p.m. the Board will meet in the Parlor.

On Oct. 2, at 7 p.m., David Huffman of Church World Service will hold a CROP walk organizational meeting at First Christian. If any church group or individuals are interested in participating in this walk, please call Dr. Watson at 267-7851. The Wednesday morning Bible study will not take place for the next few weeks due to Paul Smith's absence.

First Assembly of God

The theme is Matthew 28:19-20 here at First Assembly during September and October of each year. Our annual Missions Convention is in progress now with a service tonight at 7. Missionaries Ronnie and Shannon Woodward who work with Chi Alpha on the campus of Texas Tech University in Lubbock will be the guest in this service.

Saturday night a missions Banquet at 6 p.m. Then Sunday morning at 10:40 Missionaries Bob and Helen Sullivan, Missionaries to Africa, will be speaking. The "Heart Beat" of God is Missions and the congregation of First Assembly of God invites the public to join them in these special services.

Then "Christmas in October" will be celebrated on Oct. 9, at 10 a.m. here at First Assembly. The families and friends of First Assembly are gathering groceries, medical supplies, quilts, office equipments, tools, toys for children and other items needed to run a household. Along with families of First Assembly there will be eleven other churches from the surrounding area participating. Missionaries who minister in the U.S. will be given these items. You may drop your items off at the First Assembly of God located at Fourth and Lancaster.

Pastor Havener and the congregation of First Assembly invite you to join them in all of these services as they reach out to the lost and needy of our world.

College Baptist

The members of College Baptist Church are hosting a progressive dinner for Howard College students on Saturday. Debra Lewis is in charge of arrangements.

Eric Schumacher, minister of youth and music, said plans are underway for youth to observe "See You At the Pole" on Wednesday.

"Praise 9:03" is a time for outreach and praise on Sunday mornings. This informal and contemporary ministry is scheduled for 30 minutes and will dismiss in time for Sunday School and the morning worship service.

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- Begins Sunday, 4-5:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church.
- Anyone welcome; no cost. A workbook and book will be available for purchase.
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- Aimed at those married recently or many years ago, or those planning marriage.

When people marry, they often spend the first few years — or at least the first few months — working diligently to make the union work.

Then, a local minister said, many spouses will gradually let their efforts drop and settle into a routine relationship.



TUBBS

"Then this marriage sits, and it turns stale," said Eddie Tubbs, pastor of First Baptist Church. "Eventually, it becomes anything but what we first bargained for."

That is why Tubbs, who has a background in counseling, will teach a class on marriage starting Sunday at the church.

He says, "Building Your Mate's Self-Esteem" is for people who are newly married, have been married a long time, or plan to get married.

"There is a word in the Old Testament, 'oikos,'" he said. "This means home, but it implies 'to build a home.'" So, in Biblical terms, the home was something that was always in progress, Tubbs said.

"Marriage is a building exercise. More than building a nest egg ... it's about growing a relationship with God."

Over the years, Tubbs said, many couples begin to see each others' faults as the dominant features of their respective personalities. "We need to see our mate through the eyes of Christ," he said. "Those are eyes filled with grace."

The class will meet from 4-5:30 p.m. on Sundays through the end of October in a classroom at the church.

Students should enter through the west doors, turn right and look for the signs.

A nursery will be available for small children.

Tubbs said couples are welcome to attend together, or just one partner could attend if both cannot.

There is no charge for the class, but a workbook and book will be available for purchase through the Master's Touch.

Tubbs said he is offering the class because he feels strongly that when marriages falter, our culture suffers as well.

"As the marriage and the family begin to disintegrate, our society begins to unravel," he said. "Real marriages that survive are growing, dynamic relationships that were founded upon Christ."

Elderly Jews struggling to preserve community spirit

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt (AP) — The elderly woman sinks slowly onto a seat next to a brass plaque bearing the name of her deceased husband. With a faraway look in her eyes, she scans the rows and rows of wooden benches in the vast synagogue, where hundreds of nameplates memorialize the Jewish community that once thrived in this Mediterranean city.

Lina Mattatia, in her mid-70s, is one of fewer than 50 Jews remaining in Alexandria, where they were once a 60,000-strong community with businesses, synagogues, a school and friendly relations with their Muslim neighbors. Some left after the creation of Israel in 1948, others were expelled during the 1956 Suez crisis and nationalization programs of the 1950s and 1960s and many of those remaining fled in the hostile climate of the 1967 Mideast War.

Other Jews are scattered in Egypt, with the other significant community a group in Cairo of about the same numbers as Alexandria's.

Most of those who chose to stay are now in their 70s and 80s. Their school is closed. Their one remaining synagogue sits empty most of the year because they no longer have enough men to hold regular services — 10 are needed for a prayer group, but this community has only four or five. They do not have access to kosher food. The grounds of the Eliyahu Hanavi synagogue are heavily guarded by armed soldiers, and visitors are subjected to exacting searches of bags and pockets.

Still, the Jews here say they are at home in this city of 4 million people, mostly Muslims.

"It is not difficult to keep our traditions," Mattatia said. "We don't feel anything against us. The neighbors are very nice. We have friends. We do our own thing."

But the Alexandria native admitted: "If I had children, I would go with them."

Victor Meir Balassiano, 61, is the father of Alexandria's only Jewish family with children. The youngest of his three children, a son, is 17 and studying

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Media company aims music, videos at Muslims

CHICAGO (AP) — The kid with the orange hair, bulging eyes and big glasses is Adam. He has a new baby sister who's driving him crazy, at the moment for taking his last lollipop.

"I'm tired of putting up with her," Adam whines to his mom. "Can't we give her away at a garage sale or something?"

Adam is the Kufi-wearing puppet star of the Adam's World children's video series. He is to Muslims what Mickey Mouse is to Disney and Larry the Cucumber is to evangelical Christians.

But Adam is only part of the arsenal Abdul Malik Mujahid is using to help Muslims keep the faith. His multimedia company, Sound Vision, is a bit of Disney, PBS, Microsoft and Oprah all rolled into one.

Want to learn the Qur'an in Arabic? Sound Vision has a CD-ROM for you. Hip to Islamic folk music? This is the place.

Wonder how to plan a Muslim wedding? Check out the Web site, where you'll find oodles of advice on everything from Islamic prenuptial agreements to seating arrangements for non-Muslim guests.

There are also documentaries — some controversial — such as the "Ideal Muslim Husband," in which men declare that women shouldn't do all the housework. And, for a dose of daily inspiration, Sound Vision offers a chance to tune in to Islamic radio.

No topic appears too sensitive to tackle, be it sex, divorce or finances. In Sound Vision chat rooms, a teen-ager insists that good Muslims don't attend prom. A man at wit's end with his wife spills out soap opera details of his troubles. A woman on the verge of marriage asks whether French kissing is allowed.

"I'm sorry if this grosses anyone out," she writes.

"There is no shyness in matters of religion," says a response.

Of course, there are meatier chats about public schools, the media and battling pornography.

Founded 12 years ago, Sound Vision is the oldest and largest Muslim multimedia company in the United States. While its vast array of products may sug-

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CHURCH NEWS

First Presbyterian

"Questions and Answers" is the subject of the Reverend Dianne Brown's sermon for Sunday. The text from the Bible is from Mark 8:27-38. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. "Take Ten" is at 10:30. Worship service begins at 11. A nursery is available.

"Soul Food" dinners continue on Wednesday, September 20 at 5:30p.m. The host committee for Wednesday's dinner is the Christian Education Committee. Hamburgers are on the menu. Everyone is invited to attend.

Plans are being made to take photos for a new church directory, with the photo sessions to be late in the month. Please join us for all or many of our activities....Everyone is always welcome at First Presbyterian Church.

St. Paul Lutheran

We will honor pastor Carroll C. Kohl, who is retiring after 39 years in the ministry on Saturday, Sept. 30, beginning at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary. Vespers and a reception for all honored guests will be held.

Members of St. Paul congregation will have an opportunity to participate in Network, a program for the "Right People in the Right Places for the Right Reasons." Network is a dynamic program to help Christians to understand who God has made them to be, and to mobilize them to a place of meaningful service to the local church.

St. Mary's Episcopal

St. Mary's has returned to our regular Sunday schedule with the Holy Eucharist celebrated at 8 a.m. (Rite I) and 10:30 a.m. (Rite II with music).

Also, the Fall Christian Education classes begin at 9:30 a.m. There are classes for all age groups and everyone is welcome.

The Adult Class is reading C.S. Lewis's book, "The Screwtape Letters." Copies are available in the Parish Office.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will have their monthly meeting and breakfast on Saturday, starting at 8 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

The vestry will meet Monday at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Baptist Temple

Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m., the deacon body will be meeting for a time of questioning three men who are deacon candidates. We cordially invite all ordained men, who would like to attend, to come and take part in this important time in the lives of these three men.

The College and Career Class got off to a great start last week. If you are interested, or know of any one who is interested in being part of a Sunday morning Bible class, please come and share in this wonderful time of growing in the Lord.

Coming soon to Baptist Temple Church is a new singles ministry led by the Rev. Sam Lathen. It will be at time of Bible study, Christian fellowship and growth for singles. If you are interested, call the church office.

Beginning the first Monday in October, we will offer an eight week seminar on "How to Manage Your Money." Also in October, we are looking forward to God sending revival as we emphasize that "All Things are Possible with God." The dates are Oct. 29 through Nov. 1

"Something to Sing About" is coming in November. Keep watching for details.

For more information on the church, or any of these events, call 267-8287.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic

Take a little drive Saturday morning down the San Angelo Highway. When you pass the golf course and see the RV Park sign, turn right and right up the hill to 1009 Hearn St. Turn left into the Church parking lot and at the back of the lot sits our church hall. Here will will be having a Rummage Sale from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday.

Next weekend, Sept. 23-24, this same hall will be filled with smells of turkey and dressing baking, the bustle of tacos being filled and the sounds of bingo being called. Turkey starts being served at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Bingo will start at 8 p.m. The Mexican dinner will begin at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday with three main dishes of Taco, Combination or Carne Con Chile Verde.

Junior High and High school students are invited to Sacred Heart Church for a retreat on Saturday, Sept. 23, at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided and all participants will receive a T-Shirt. Total cost is $10. Call 263-7884 to register.

During this especially busy festival time for all of us at IHM, remember Bishop Pfeifer's message to us. "We are being called to be a people of action. Be open to the gift of faith and then live your faith everyday of the week."

First United Methodist Church

"Two Marks That Brand A Christian" (1 Peter 2:9) is Dr. Ed Williamson's message this Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. This message is about how believers in Jesus Christ know themselves as distinctive, peculiar people bearing the inner mark of character and the outer mark of compassion. Worship is at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

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RELIGION IN BRIEF

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The City of Big Spring Conducted a public hearing on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the City of Big Spring, Texas from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 5.4704 percent

on Tuesday, September 12, 2000. The City Council of the City of Big Spring is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 26, 2000 at 5:30 P.M. at City Council Chambers, 307 E. 4th Street Big Spring, Texas

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IN BRIEF

Junior high spikers play in tournament

Big Spring Junior High's Lady Steers volleyball squads took part in tournament action Tuesday in Snyder.

The seventh grade Lady Steers "A" team lost to Snyder 15-6, 9-15, 5-15, despite Courtney Rodriguez's 10 points.

The seventh grade "B" team won handily against Snyder, however, rolling to a 15-0, 15-5 romp. High point for Big Spring was Carmen Lewis with 13.

The eighth grade Lady Steers split with Snyder, as well, losing the "A" game 15-4, 13-15, 11- 15, while the "B" team took a 15-7, 14-16, 17-15 win.

Kendal Adams scored 10 the the "A" game. The "B" team was paced by Chelsea Ortega and April Salazar both had seven points.

The seventh grade "A" team defeated Sweetwater 10-15, 15-10, 15-3 to take second-place honors.

Softball boosters set Tuesday meeting

The Big Spring Lady Steers Softball Booster Club will met at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

Parents of all players, as well as others interested in supporting the Lady Steers softball program are encouraged to attend.

Disc golf tournament scheduled for Oct. 1

The eighth Disc Over Big Spring Disc Golf Tournament has been scheduled for Oct. 1 at Birdwell Park.

Registration is set for 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. with a players meeting starting at 11.

Entry fees are set at $25 for professionals, $15 for amateurs and women and $10 for juniors and novices.

For more information, call Greg Brooks at 267-6335.

Hunter education class set for Oct. 7-8

A hunter education class has been scheduled for Oct. 7-8 at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce building.

Classes will begin each day at 8 a.m.

All hunters born after Sept. 1, 1971, are required to complete the course.

Fees for the class are $10 per person and interested persons can sign up at Dibrell's Gun Shop.

For more information, call Steve Poitevint at 264-7033.

Father Delaney golf tourney is Sept. 24

The third annual Father Delaney Charity Golf Tournament, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Chicano Golf Association has been set for Sept. 24 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The tournament will be an ABCD scramble.

For more information, call 264-2466.

ON THE AIR

Radio

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

6:45 p.m.— .Big Spring Steers at Hereford Whitefaces, KBST-AM 1490 and KBST-FM 95.3.

7:15 p.m. — Big Spring Steers at Hereford Whitefaces (feed from Hereford station), KBYG-AM 1400

Television

BASEBALL

6 p.m. — Cleveland Indians at New York Yankees, ESPN, Ch. 30.

OLYMPICS

6:30 p.m. — Opening ceremony (same-day tape), NBC, Ch. 9.

Stanford draws motivation from last year's loss to Longhorns

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — Coach Tyrone Willingham normally is given to methodical, measured analysis of Stanford's successes and failures.

After the Cardinal lost 69-17 to Texas in last season's opener, Willingham was sorely tempted to throw out the tape and simply start over.

"I was just disappointed we didn't properly assert ourselves," Willingham said. "There was a great deal to be learned from that game, but it was also very discouraging. We recovered, but it was a large hole to dig out of."

The loss was the most embarrassing early defeat in a season full of humiliating setbacks for Pac-10 teams. The rematch is set for Saturday night at Stanford Stadium, where the No. 5 Longhorns will look to improve on their highest ranking since 1990.

The Cardinal recovered to win the conference title and play well against Wisconsin in a Rose Bowl loss, but even then, the stigma of suffering Stanford's worst defeat since 1954 stuck with the returning players.

Eric Heitmann remembers looking up at the scoreboard in Austin last season and seeing Stanford down by 52 points — with nearly 10 minutes still to play. It gave the Texas native, a Stanford offensive guard, a feeling he could have done without.

"It was terrible to lose like that in front of people you knew," Heitmann said. "It was a bad, bad loss, but that really made it a little worse."

The Longhorns (1-0) are strong favorites against the Cardinal , particularly given Stanford's unimpressive defensive performance so far this season. Willingham thinks Texas is better this year.

"The mindset with Texas is a little scary," Willingham said. "It's rare that you see the overall talent that they have. This is a very good, solid football team that gets your attention very quickly."

Most of the attention at Texas has been focused on the quarterback derby between Major Applewhite and Chris Simms. Applewhite decisively won Round 1 last Saturday by passing for 315 yards and four touchdowns in the Longhorns' 52-10 victory over Louisiana-Lafayette.

But coach Mack Brown said Texas will continue to rotate Simms and Applewhite for the near future.



HERALD photo/Jim Florio

Stanton's Jeremy Hull (5) breaks loose for big yardage during the Buffs' season-opening win against Midland Greenwood. Hull and his teammates will be playing host to McCamey's Badgers in front of a homecoming crowd.

Homecomings, Steers' long ride top schedule

By SANDY McSPADDEN
Sports Editor

Big Spring and Colorado City take to the road tonight, while the other Crossroads teams play at home, including homecoming dates for Stanton's Buffaloes and Grady's Wildcats.

Coahoma's Bulldogs will entertain Grape Creek's Eagles in a 7:30 contest, while Grady's homecoming game against Wellman/Union and Sands' home opener with Balmorhea are also set for 7:30 kickoffs

Stanton's homecoming gets under way at 8 p.m. when they kick off against McCamey, while other starts at 8 include Garden City's home opener against Water Valley, Forsan's home game with Roscoe and Colorado City's trip to Merkel.

The Steers coaching staff has been working its offensive unit really hard this week in preparing for the No. 7-ranked Whitefaces.

Head coach Dwight Butler feels Hereford has one of the top quarterbacks in the state in Cody Marsh.

"This kid is really something, he's a veteran player and he understands his field position real well," Butler explained. "If we don't keep him contained, he could make it a long night for us."

Butler said was real pleased with the play of his defensive line during the Steers' 34-0 season-opening win over Sweetwater two weeks ago.

He cited Jade Hughes, Cody Rubio, Keith Newton and Justin Nichols for their solid play.

"We really have to get after these guys, because Marsh is going to let the ball fly, and in all probability he will be looking for Slade Hodges and Mat Rivera to catch the ball."

The surprising Colorado City Wolves are off to a 2-0 start, thanks in no small part to the play of quarterback Chase Phariss, who has completed 31 of 50 passes so far this season, five of them going for touchdowns.

Phariss' favorite receivers are Marquise Lenard and Andrew Spear, but last week he threw to eight different receivers in the Wolves' win over Crane, so he doesn't mind spreading the ball around.

Wolves head coach Gerald James made it clear he's got plenty of respect for the Badgers, even though they've gotten off to an 0-2 start.

"They will depend on Colt James to carry the ball," James said. "He has good speed and can break for the long play. Merkel is basically a running team, but they throw well enough to keep you honest. I look for this to be a great ball game."

Stanton is coming off of two wins and would clearly like to make homecoming its third. And coach Mark Cotton feels somewhat confident following his team's play in last week's 24-6 win over Reagan County.

"Our kids are coming along real good," he explained. "We have a lot of strength now in our secondary and I believe that our offense will be there, too.

"Jeremy Hull and Clay White should run the ball well," Cotton added. "We really haven't said much about our quarterback, Keith Cook, but this kid just keeps getting better and better. We think he will play well against McCamey."

Coahoma, now 1-1 on the season, looks to avenge last week's 40-6 loss at Shallowater when they tee it up against Grape Creek tonight.

Bulldogs coach Robert Wood feels his team learned some things during the loss last week and added that he saw several positives during the defeat.

"I like Chase Ward and Travis McMillan in our backfield," he noted. "McMillan is a hard runner and can get you those extra yards, while Ward throws adequately and is a good scrambler."

Forsan and Garden City opened the season with one another last week with

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Rangers pound Royals; Martinez stymies Cleveland

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Texas Rangers are using the final month of the season to find out something about the makeup of next year's team.

In rookie left-hander Doug Davis' case, the future looks promising.

Davis (7-5) escaped early trouble and allowed three hits in 7 1-3 innings in the Rangers' 8-1 victory over the Kansas City Royals on Thursday night.

Texas' Rafael Palmeiro, who hit his 36th homer to tie it in the first, likes what he sees from Davis.

"The most impressive thing to me is the way he handles himself when he's in trouble," Palmeiro said. "He seems to battle harder when he's in tough situations. That's a good thing to see from a young pitcher."

Davis thinks that the better he pitches now, the less he'll have to worry about earning a spot in the rotation next spring.

"In my mind, I think I've already got it," said Davis, who has won three of his last four decisions. "I've got to finish the year strong, then go in and work hard in spring training. But I've got to be positive. I think I've got it."

Davis walked four in the first three innings, five total, but pitched out of trouble. He retired 12 straight before a one-out walk in the eighth to Johnny Damon, his final hitter.

"From the fourth inning on, I was able to settle down," Davis said. "Before that, I was rushing too much. I was struggling early with a fast pace. I think it's all a sign of learning. Every time I go out there, I learn more about myself."

Tim Crabtree pitched the final 1 2-3 innings for his second save in eight opportunities.

"It's the same old thing — pitch well and play decent defense, you're going to win some ball games," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said.

In other American League games, Boston beat Cleveland 7-4 and Toronto edged the New York Yankees 3-2 in 11 innings.

In National League games it was New York 10, Montreal 4; Atlanta 5, Florida 3; St. Louis 4, Chicago 0; Colorado 5, Los Angeles 4; Houston 8, Pittsburgh 7; and Milwaukee 6, Cincinnati 4.

Palmeiro's homer, which tied it in the first, was his 397th, moving him past Joe Carter and into 34th on the career list, one behind Dale Murphy.

Texas broke it open in the eighth on two-run homers by Chad Curtis and Gabe Kapler off reliever Paul Spoljaric. It was Curtis' second career pinch-hit homer.

Mac Suzuki (8-10) allowed four runs and five hits in 6 1-3 innings. He matched his career high with eight strikeouts and walked six.

"He pitched behind pretty much all game," Royals manager Tony Muser said.

Kansas City has scored just four runs in the last three games.

"We had the bases loaded twice tonight and didn't score," Muser said. "You get a couple there and you start to feel good about yourself. Our bats were slow. Nobody is crisp."

Carlos Beltran's sacrifice fly put Kansas City ahead in the first after Rey Sanchez and Mike Sweeney singled, and Jermaine Dye walked.

After Palmerio's homer tied it, the Rangers went ahead in the third. Luis Alicea doubled, Palmeiro was walked intentionally with one out, and Kapler walked to load the bases. Suzuki then walked rookie Pedro Valdes on a 3-2 pitch, forcing in the go-ahead run.

Catalanotto reached first on second baseman Carlos Febles' fielding error in the seventh and Palmeiro walked. Kapler singled in a run off Suzuki, and pinch-hitter Ruben Sierra singled in a run off Scott Mullen.

Red Sox 7, Indians 4

It took them a year, but Cleveland finally had a monumental breakthrough against Pedro Martinez.

The Red Sox scored.

Hey, against Pedro, it's one small step at a time.

Martinez did it to Cleveland once again, allowing four hits in seven innings to improve to 9-0 in his career against the Indians while leading the Red Sox to a 7-4 win.

He didn't dominate, but just made the pitches he had to make, when he had to make them.

The Indians still haven't figured out a way to beat Martinez (17-5), but at least they didn't get blanked again. Before David Segui's two-run homer in the fifth, Cleveland had gone 32 1-3 innings without scoring against Martinez.

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Steers frosh manages split; Bulldog JV rolls to win

HERALD Staff Reports

Big Spring's freshmen Steers managed a split in their games with teams from Coahoma and Andrews Thursday night, but the Steer junior varsity came up short in a 20-0 loss to Andrews' young Mustangs.

Tyree Williams scored the only touchdown in the freshman Black team's 14-8 loss to Andrews, but Big Spring had much more success in the White team's date with Coahoma's Bulldogs.

The Steers White took a 24-16 win behind the rushing of Marcus Gray, who broke loose on touchdown runs of 45 and 65 yards.

SUB-VARSITY ROUNDUP

Mark Sheedy opened the Big Spring scoring with a 30-yard TD burst and Gray provided three two-point conversion runs.

Coahoma's freshmen got their scoring on touchdown runs from Nick Molina and Clay Grant. The young Bulldogs' two-point conversions were provided by Clinton Haile, who caught two passes from quarterback Cody Jackson.

The Steers freshmen will travel to Abilene next Thursday for 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. games against Wylie's Bulldogs, while the Steers JV will entertain Wylie in a game set for a 6:30 kickoff.

The only other sub-varsity game reported by Crossroads area coaches before the Herald went to press Friday was Coahoma's junior varsity win over Grape Creek.

Coahoma JV 18
Grape Creek JV 12

Coahoma's Bulldog junior varsity evened its record to 1-1 on the season Thursday night with an 18-12 win over Grape Creek's Eagles.

While Grape Creek got on the scoreboard first, Coahoma retaliated with a four-yard touchdown run from Billy Bob Walker that deadlocked the game, 6-6, at the halftime intermission.

The Bulldogs took a 12-6 lead in the third period when Walker broke loose for a 22-yard scoring jaunt, but the Eagles retaliated late in the period to tie things at 12-12 going into the final quarter.

Kelby Kemper provided the game-winning touchdown with 5:27 left in the game when he rambled in from eight yards out.

The Bulldog JV returns to action at 6 p.m. Thursday when they travel to Post.

Colorado gets visits from old coach, Huskies

DALLAS (AP) — Colorado, which has gone from a No. 24 preseason ranking to an 0-2 start, now gets a visit from its old coach, while fifth-ranked Texas takes its two-quarterback show to a rematch with Stanford.

With just two weekends left before the games start to count in the Big 12 conference standings, No. 1 Nebraska and No. 18 Oklahoma — both off to 2-0 starts — have open dates.

Former Colorado coach Rick Neuheisel makes his first trip back to Boulder, Colo., when he takes his ninth-ranked Washington Huskies (2-0) to town.

Colorado has lost its two games this season by a combined seven points, including 17-14 at Southern California last week on a field goal with 13 seconds left. Washington, which beat the Buffaloes 31-24 in Neuheisel's first season, is coming off a 34-29 victory over No. 12 Miami.

The Buffaloes have 539 yards passing their first two games, but also got 150 rushing yards from freshman Marcus Houston against USC in his first start.

That was the best rushing game by a running back in his Colorado starting debut since Rashaan Salaam ran for 165 yards in 1993.

In other games Saturday involving Big 12 teams, Iowa State plays at Iowa; Baylor hosts Minnesota; Kansas is home against Alabama-Birmingham; Texas Tech plays Louisiana-Lafayette; Missouri is home against Michigan State; Kansas State plays Ball State; Oklahoma State plays Southwest Texas; and Texas A&M plays Texas El-Paso.

That open date last week wasn't a necessity for seventh-ranked Kansas State (2-0), which plays Ball State (0-2) for the first time. The last time the Wildcats played a team from the Mid-American Conference, they beat Northern Illinois 73-7 in 1998.

Iowa State, which has had more than 400 total yards in each of its first two games, plays Iowa.

The Cyclones are going for their third straight victory in the instate series, a feat last accomplished from 1980-82.

ROUNDUP

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After the Indians closed to 3-2, Everett's two-run homer capped Boston's four-run sixth, with the Red Sox scoring all their runs with two outs. The Indians had a chance to get out of the inning, but first baseman Jim Thome couldn't come up with Trot Nixon's hard smash.

The Red Sox scored their other runs in the inning on a wild pitch and Nomar Garciaparra's RBI double.

Blue Jays 3, Yankees 2

Jose Cruz Jr. hit a two-run homer in the 11th as Toronto gained in the AL wild card but saw David Wells fail again to become the first 20-game winner in the majors.

In a pitchers' duel full of postseason intensity in Yankee Stadium, Wells and Andy Pettitte matched zeros for seven innings, yet neither was around at the end.

Carlos Delgado opened the 11th with a single against Randy Choate (0-1). Two outs later, Cruz's 30th homer barely cleared the wall in left.

Billy Koch (8-3) pitched two innings for the win.

Mets 10, Expos 4

Edgardo Alfonzo, Robin Ventura and Jay Payton homered as New York beat Montreal Expos to remain two games behind Atlanta, the NL East leader.

Glendon Rusch (10-10) allowed all four Montreal runs and eight hits in 7 1-3 innings.

The Mets increased their wild card lead to five games over Arizona. New York has won four of five — including three straight — after losing seven of eight.

Ventura, who went 3-for-5, raised his average to .229. He was in a 2-for-31 slump before his double. in the ninth Wednesday.

AREA

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Forsan taking a 21-6 win.

Both Forsan coach Roger Hudgins and Garden City boss Wade Wesley feel good about their teams' chances tonight.

Hudgins knows that the Roscoe Plowboys will give the Buffs all they need in tonight's game, but look for senior Furillo Subia and junior quarterback Dusty Morgan to light up the lights for Forsan.

Wesley was pleased with much of what he saw from the Bearkats offense against Forsan.

"I was real pleased with the play of quarterback Justin Hillger and I felt like Kyle Kight had a good game also," Wesley said, adding that Kight and Tony Talamantes also played well defensively.

Grady head coach Roger Smith, in his ninth season at the Wildcat helm, said he's got a good feeling about his team this year following a win over Hermleigh in the season opener.

Sands coach Clint Lowry is looking to Cesar Martinez to lead his team as it tries to rebound from last week's loss at Sanderson.

Lowry is also pleased with the play of Martinez's brother, Junior, at the tailback position.

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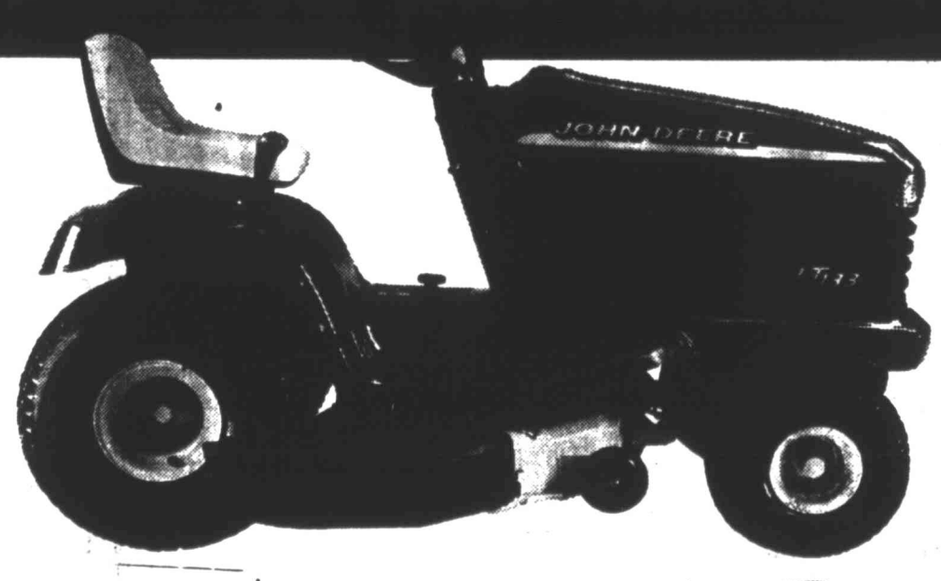
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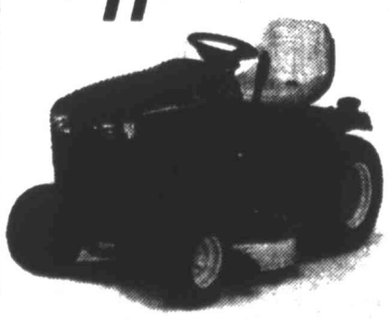
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FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Sept. 13. (Report also available on Web as www.txfishing.com.)

CENTRAL

BROWNWOOD: Water lightly stained; 79 to 83 degrees; Black bass are good on topwaters and shad colored Bass Assassins with chartreuse dyed tails fished in 2 to 10 feet. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished around the boat docks in the evening in 10 to 12 feet. White bass are good on Rat-L-Traps and Chug Bugs.

BUCHANAN: Water clear, 83 degrees; 997.50'; Black bass are fair to good on topwater poppers, plastic jerkbaits and silver titanium buzzbaits on shallow flats and points very early. School activity increasing with bass in the 2 to 4 pound range working baitfish. Striped bass are good to 10 pounds drifting live bait from Flag Island to dam in 24 to 36 feet. Topwater action is good very early on Berkley Threadfin Walkers, Zara Spooks and 1oz. Rat-L-Traps. White bass are fair vertically jigging Horizon Pirk Minnows through schools on lake points or casting chrome/blue Spin Traps to schooling fish in Morgan and Beaver Creeks. Crappie are slow on white jigs and live minnows. Channel catfish are good on live minnows, liver and dip bait.

PROCTOR: No report available.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: No report available.

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water slightly stained; 83 degrees; Black bass are fair on blue/black and silver/black topwaters fished early and late and on blue/silver crankbaits fished during the heat of the day. Alabama Spotted Bass are fair on crankbaits fished on long faces near the dam. No reports of smallmouth bass. Crappie are fair on minnows fished from the crappie dock and on brushy flats near creek channels. Channel and blue catfish are fair on shrimp and stinkbait fished in 20 to 25 feet across from the boat ramp. Yellow catfish are fair on perch and large minnows.

ARROWHEAD: Water clear; 82 degrees; Black bass are fair on chartreuse spinnerbaits fished near the Henrietta Bridge. Crappie are good on small minnows fished in 10 to 15 feet near the derricks and the Henrietta Bridge. White bass are slow on minnows and white jigs. Channel and blue catfish are good on stinkbait and nightcrawlers. Yellow catfish are slow on trotlines baited with goldfish set in 15 to 20 feet on the south end of the lake.

BRADY: No report available.

COLORADO CITY: Water lightly stained; 85 degrees; Black bass are slow on minnows and spinnerbaits. White bass are slow. Channel catfish are good on shrimp. Redfish are slow on shrimp and shad.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water slightly stained; 80 degrees; Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits and minnows fished in 15 to 16 feet. Crappie are good on small minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 10 feet on the west side of the lake. No report on white bass. Hybrid stripers are fair on spinnerbaits and shad fished in 5 to 7 feet. Blue catfish are good on carp and perch fished in 4 to 5 feet. Yellow catfish are good on carp, goldfish and perch fished in 4 to 5 feet.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water lightly stained; 83 degrees; Black bass are good on topwaters fished around the duckweed. Crappie are good on small minnows and jigs fished in 7 to 8 feet around brushpiles. White bass are good on small spinners. No reports on hybrid stripers. No reports on channel catfish. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live bait.

KEMP: Water slightly stained; 81 degrees; Black bass are slow fished in 2 to 5 feet. White bass are slow on minnows. Crappie are slow on minnows fished in 4 to 5 feet. Striped bass are fair on jigs and Sassy Shad fished in 20 to 30 feet. Blue and channel catfish are fair to good trotlines and rod and reel baited with goldfish. No reports on yellow catfish.

NASWORTHY: No report available.

NOCONA: No report available.

OAK CREEK: Water clear; 82 degrees; Black bass to are fair on spinnerbaits, crankbaits, topwaters and minnows fished in 3 to 10 feet. White bass are fair on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 10 feet. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 15 feet. Blue and channel catfish are excellent on stinkbait, minnows and liver fished in 3 to 10 feet. Yellow catfish to are excellent on shad, goldfish, and cut bait fished in 3 to 12 feet.

OH. IVIE: Water clear; 83 degrees; Black bass are fair to good on topwaters fished in 3 to 5 feet on points. Crappie are fair on minnows fished in 5 to 15feet. White bass are good on minnows and jigs at night under lights fished along river channels in 25 to 35 feet. Catfish are slow in baited holes on stinkbait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 82 degrees; 6.69' low; Black bass are slow on soft plastic worms, tubes and grubs fished in 5 to 20 feet. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs fished in 10 to 20 feet. White bass are slow on small jigs, spinners and minnows fished in 5 to 15 feet. Striped bass are fair on live shad fished in 20 to 40 feet. Blue catfish are good on cut shad and perch fished in 20 to 30 feet. Yellow catfish are slow on perch fished in 10 to 20 feet.

SPENCE: Water slightly stained; 83 degrees; Black bass are good on spinnerbaits and Pop R's fished on flats near structure. White bass are good on small crankbaits and minnows fished on the flats in front of Wildcat Marina. No reports on crappie. Striped bass are good on chartreuse jigs and pearl worms trolling in 6 to 8 feet. Channel and blue catfish are good on minnows fished on sand bars on the north end of the lake, No reports on yellow catfish.

STAMFORD: Water clear; 82 degrees; Black bass are fair on crankbaits and soft plastics fished deep. Crappie are good on minnows. White bass are slow on jigs and RoadRunners fished in the boils near the power plant. Channel catfish are good on punchbait and cheesebait fished in 3 to 5 feet. Blue catfish are excellent on trotlines baited with perch. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with perch or goldfish.

SWEETWATER: Water slightly stained; 81 degrees; Black bass are slow on red shad worms fished in 8 to 10 feet. No reports on crappie or white bass. Blue and channel catfish are good on shrimp and minnows fished in 5 to 6 feet. No reports of yellow catfish.

TWIN BUTTES: No report available.

WHITE RIVER: Water clear; 84 degrees; Black bass are slow on spinnerbaits and minnows fished shallow. Crappie are slow to fair on small minnows fished early and late near the dam. White bass are fair on minnows. No reports on walleye. Channel catfish are good on shrimp and nightcrawlers fished in the mouths on the rivers and creeks. No reports on blue or yellow catfish.

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Now hiring wait staff. Apply in person to 1702 Gregg. No Phone Calls Please.

Lamesa Freights needs an OTR driver with one year's experience. Call 806-872-9133.

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to lose 20 - 400 lbs
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Mowing, tree trimming, hauling, interior-exterior painting. Call 267-5460 lv. message.

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Loans from $50-$450
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Hay grazer round balls . 5x5. Good quality.From Lomax area. Call Steve Fryar @915-270-3545

AUCTIONS

AUCTION
Saturday, Sept.16, 2000
10AM, 46th & Rasco
(West of West Co. Rd., North of 42nd)
Odessa
Partial Listing:
Brass Chevil Mirror, 1890's pump organ, Eastlake 7 ft. dresser with matching commode, high back Victorian bed, oak Hunt cabinet, drop front desk, old crocks, butter molds, glassware to include; Fostoria, Fiesta Bowls, Libby, Depression Glass, Coca Cola dispenser, old gold & silver coins, estate jewelry, and the list goes on.
Preview Friday afternoon
Terms:everything sold as is, where is.
Cash, check, Visa, MC, Discover.
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AKC lab puppies. Ready Now! Call 915-378-2163.

Free to a good home. Very energetic female puppy. Call 263-1836

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LOST: Chocolate Lab. in the vicinity of Highland. If found please call 263-7727 or 270-3709

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120 days same as cash !
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Unbeatable Values at *Branham Furniture*
2004 W. 4th
In Bedroom, livingroom suites, dinette, sofa sets, computer desk, bunk and canopy beds, mattresses, futons, vanities and new appliances

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SALE OF FARM REAL ESTATE
75 acres more or less
Howard County
The Farm Service Agency (FSA) will sell at a Trustees Foreclosure Sale to the highest bidder or bidders, for cash, at the North entrance of the Howard County Courthouse in Big Spring, Texas, on Tuesday, October 3,2000. FSA's minimum bid is $5,937.00. For specific information contact the FSA Farm Loan Manager, Mike Miller, 107 E. Broadway, Stanton, TX 79782, (915) 756-3308.

BUILDINGS FOR RENT

For lease: Beauty Shop with 4 stations and equipment. Good location. Call Westex Auto Parts 263-5000.

Small building w/lot on 4th st. $150/mn + deposit.
Call Westex Auto
263-5000.

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APTS FOR SALE
48 apt. units
Appraised at $480,000
SALE PRICED AT $375,000
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HOUSES FOR SALE

Large 2 BR home with carport, garage, storage, fenced backyard. Call 267-8047 or 915-728-2848

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HOUSES FOR SALE

$1,000 TOTAL MOVE IN COST
On any of these homes to qualified buyers. 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garages. 2308, 2506 or 2508 S. Monticello. Purchase price $59,900. Call now 520-4663

3 BR 2 bath in Sand Springs, 2 car garage, fenced, good water well, fruit & nut trees & more. Call 393-5244 or 915-651-5377.

BRAND NEW HOME just finished. 3/2/2, fireplace, formal dining with bay window, utility and sequestered master bedroom. Large fenced yard. $87,900. Drive by 3213 Fenn and call 915-520-9848 for an appointment to show.

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For Sale By Owner: 3 bdr. 2 bth. 2 car garage, carport, fireplace, & more. 505 Highland Drive. Call Tom @ 268-1526

In Coahoma 3bdr. 1bth C/H/A, approx. 1,100 sq. at 204 S. Adams. New paint inside & out, great starter home or investment property. Additional 1 bdr. 1 bth. included. $18,500.00. Call 263-0658.

PRICE REDUCED - 3/2 in Kentwood on corner lot. Move-in condition. $51,400. Becky Knight, 263-8540 or Coldwell Banker Ellen Phillips, 267-3613.

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Apartments, Unfurnished houses, Mobile Home. References required. Call 263-6944, 263-2341.

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1 bdr. apt. stove & ref. 407 1/2 E. 8th. $225/mo. plus deposit. Call 267-2296

$200 - Move In Special
Water & gas paid.
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263-2292

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Section 8 Available
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Large 1 Bdrm Apt for rent North of town, behind the Roy Anderson Ball Park. $225/mo plus deposit & first months rent. Lease with references. Call 340-713-0529 or E-mail Ranchjbar@aol.com

September Special
$149. Total Move In
1 & 2 Bedroom Apts.
267-4217

UNFURNISHED HOUSES

For rent on acreage. 3bd. 2 bth den/fplc. New cpt., d/wsh vey nice on Andrews Hwy. No inside pets. $500 mo. Call 267-3054 for appt.

Large 3 bdr. 2 bth. In Forsan ISD. Hay barn, shop, 20 acres. $500/dep. $1000/mn. Boosie Weaver Real Estate 267-8840

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$199 Move-In Special
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&
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267-5444
263-5000

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1 bdrm. house furnished w/washer. $225/month. 1108 Scurry St. Call 267-4393.

1 BR, 1 bath apt., $125/mo. $50/dep. 2107 Main #1. ALSO: 1017 E. 21St. $150/mn. 267-8642 or 267-4572.

1 BR efficiency house for rent. Partly furnished, all bills paid. $240/mo. 263-2694

2 bdr. 1 bath, 1104 (rear) Nolan. No pets. Call 267-3841 or 270-7309.

2008 Nolan
1 Bdrm 1 bath
$335/mo $100/dep. All bill paid
263-1792 or 264-6006

207 Jefferson
3 BR 2 bath, CH/A,fireplace
$650/mo plus deposit
267-2296

3 bdr. trailer furnished or partially furnished, new carpet, fenced yard, No Pets! Inquire at 1213 Harding.

3 br. 1 bth. 1609 Oriole. Call 267-3841 or 270-7309.

3210 Drexel
Very clean 3 bdr. 2 bth. C/H/A, garage. Call 263-3360 or 557-8353.

1902 Mittel
2 bdr.
No down.
Low monthly payments.
915-425-9997

Executive 3 bdr. 2 bth home in Highland. $400/dep. $850/mn. Call 263-4528

For rent : 2 bdr. 1 bth. with garage. North of city . $350/mn. $150/dep. Call 264-6959.

2 bdr. 2 bath, fenced yard. References required. 263-7259

RENT TO OWN
4 bdr. 2 bath
3 bdr. 1 bth.
2 bdr. 1 bath.
1 bdr. w/bills pd.
No Down
264-0510

Small 2 bdr. mobile home, Midway area for rent .Washer & dryer, stove & ref., C/H/A. $300/mn. $150/dep. 267-3114 after 2pm. 393-5585 anytime.

MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT

2 bdr. 2 f. bath mobile home on Gail Rd. Appliances, w/dryer, well water. $275/mn. $150/dep. 267-2889.

Nice 2BR 2 bath with CH/A, appliances, water paid. In Coahoma ISD. $285/mo plus dep. 263-2364 Lv Msg.

TOO LATES

Nice 2 or 3 bdr. with artificial fireplace, stove & refrigerator. $175/dep. $350/mn. Call 267-6722.

❑ Garage Sale: 708 Johansen Sat. 8-? Tools, household items, Dodge chrome bumper, horse shoeing tools, lot's of misc.

LONG JOHN SILVERS Day and Evening Shifts Available. Must be energetic. Apply in person, 2403 S. Gregg. No phone calls please..

2623 Langley
2 bdr., 1 bath.
$275/mn. $150/dep.
Call 267-2221.

2 bedroom. Stove and refrigerator furnished. Call 263-4410.

Broad striped tan & off white sofa, loveseat & oversized chair in good condition. $200.00 OBO. 268-9120.

3 bdr. 2 bth. C/H/A, nice neighborhood. HUD approved. Call 263-3846.

Night watchman for apt. complex, salary + free apt. Background ck. required. Apply 1002 N. Main, Big Springs. EOE.

ATTENTION CLASSIFIED CUSTOMERS
IF YOU NEED TO CANCEL OR MAKE CHANGES IN YOUR AD, PLEASE CALL BY 8:00 AM THE DAY THE CHANGE IS TO OCCUR.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF CHRISTINE BIGBY, DECEASED

NOTICE is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of CHRISTINE BIGBY, Deceased, were issued to the undersigned on the 7th day of August, 2000, in the proceeding indicated below, which is still pending, and that the undersigned now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in the county below named, are required to present the same to the undersigned, at the address below given, before suit upon same is barred by the general statute limitation, before such Estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by laws. All claims should be sent to BILLIE WYNONA CLEMENTS, Independent Administratrix of the Estate of CHRISTINE BIGBY, in care of McMAHON, TIDWELL, HANSEN, ATKINS & PEACOCK, P.C., P.O. Box 1311, Odessa, Texas 79760.

DATED this the 7th day of August, 2000.

BILLIE WYNONA CLEMENTS,
Independent Administratrix of the Estate of Christine Bigby, Deceased, No. 333, in the County Court of Glasscock County, Texas
2946 September 15, 2000

PUBLIC NOTICE

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 59, TEXAS PROPERTY CODE, AMERICAN SELF STORAGE WHICH IS LOCATED AT 3314 E. FM 700, BIG SPRING, TX. WILL HOLD A PUBLIC AUCTION OF PROPERTY BEING SOLD TO SATISFY A LANDLORD'S LIEN. SALE WILL BE AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M. ON SEPT. 16, 2000 AT AMERICAN SELF STORAGE.

PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH. SELLER RESERVES RIGHT TO NOT ACCEPT ANY BID AND TO WITHDRAW PROPERTY FROM SALE. PROPERTY TO EACH SPACE MAY BE SOLD ITEM-BY-ITEM, IN BATCHES, OR BY THE SPACE. ALL SALES ARE SUBJECT TO TEXAS STATE SALES TAX. SALE IS ON THE CONTENTS OF:
TENANT:
AMANDA MORROW
CONSISTING OF:
BED, TV STAND, MISC. BOXES
TENANT:
MONICA LOPEZ
CONSISTING OF:
TWO TWIN BEDS, SMALL TABLE, WASHER, NITE STAND, MISC. BOXES
TENANT:
MAYNE NASCHKE
CONSISTING OF:
SOFA, WOODEN CHEST, PIPE RACK, STEP LADDER, METAL RACK, MISC. BOXES
TENANT:
LORINDA HERROD
CONSISTING OF:
SOFA, LOTS OF MISC. BOXES
2936 September 8, 2000
& September 15, 2000

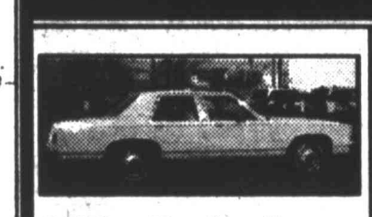
Don't throw those unwanted items away! Sell them! Call 263-7331 and place your garage sale in the Herald Classified section and receive a Garage sale kit Free!

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

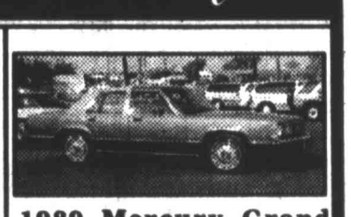
All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin, or an intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination."

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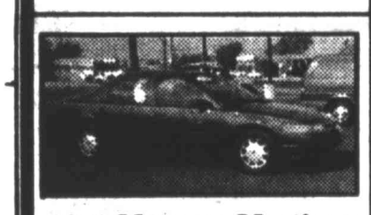
Prices So Low You'll Get Carried Away!!



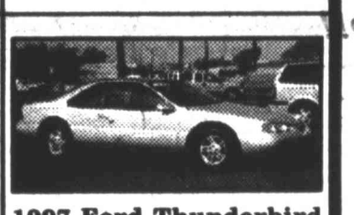
1987 Ford Crown Victoria - Tutone tan, one owner, extra clean. Only 56,000 miles.
$3,995



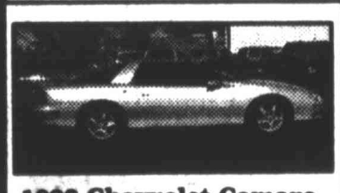
1989 Mercury Grand Marquis L.S.- Gray, all power, one owner with only 59,000 miles.
$4,995



1996 Mercury Mystique GS -Iris, all power, one owner w/40,000 miles.
$8,995



1997 Ford Thunderbird LX - Silver, all power, one owner w/32,000 miles.
$10,995



1998 Chevrolet Camaro - Silver, V-6, automatic, all power, one owner w/32,000 miles.
$14,995



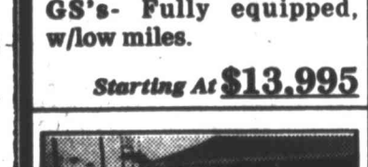
Two 1999 Lincoln Town Cars - A parchment executive and a dk. green signature, fully equipped.
***Starting at* $24,995**



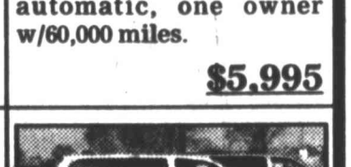
Eight 1999 Ford Taurus SE's and Mercury Sable GS's- Fully equipped, w/low miles.
***Starting At* $13,995**



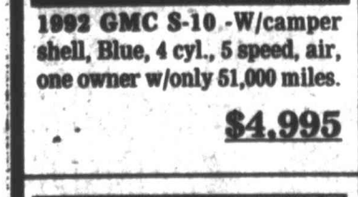
1991 Ford Ranger Supercab XLT - Red, V-6, automatic, one owner w/60,000 miles.
$5,995



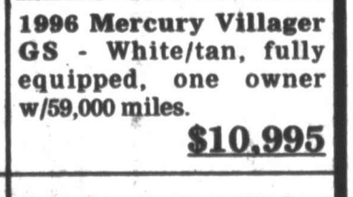
1992 GMC S-10 -W/camper shell, Blue, 4 cyl., 5 speed, air, one owner w/only 51,000 miles.
$4,995



1996 Mercury Villager GS - White/tan, fully equipped, one owner w/59,000 miles.
$10,995



1998 Jeep Cherokee Laredo 4-DR. - Green w/cloth, fully equipped, one owner w/48,000 miles.
$15,995



2000 Mercury Grand Marquis LS - Silver, program car, fully equipped w/21,000 miles.
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Saturday, September 2000 • 10:00 a.m.
Preview 8 to 10, Day of Sale only

79 Ford Van, 84 Dodge PU (Dueley), Ford F600 Truck w/dump box, Dodge 3/4 ton 4X4 U, 74 Merc. Mare, 20' Inboard/Outboard Glastron V-bottom boat w/new motor and new seats, 14' Aluminum V-bottom boat w/5hp. Johnson motor & trailer, (2) Honda 50CC Mini Bikes, (For Salvage) 5th wheel Travel trailer, 21' WideWorld Travel trailer.

BBQ Pit on Trailer, PU Bed Trailer, Tandem Axle Tractor Trailer, Trailer for Welder, 16' Gooseneck Stock Trailer, (2) Brigg & Straton Push Lawn Mowers, (6) Mobile Home Axles, Chisel Plow-3pt., 6' Tandem Discs-3pt., 6' Drag Blade-3pt., Round Bale Spear-3pt., 4 row Knife & Slide-3pt., Telephone Pole Fence Posts, Concrete Table w/benches, Steel Storm Cellar, (2) File Cabinets - 4drw., Craftsmans Radial Arm-3hp, Band Saw, (3) Craftsman Scroll Saws, Craftsmans 15" 1hp. Drill Press(12spd.), Craftsman 5" Bench Grinder, Craftsman 3" Belt Sander, Case Bobcat (Diesel), Model 3000 Gas Engine Gehl Skid Loader, Hand Tools.

LOTS OF OTHER MERCHANDISE/Food and Drinks Available***

Property; Hillside Trailer & RV Park - 1700 Sq. Ft. Block Tile Home on 6.665 acre tract., N/2 of Section 46 Block 32, T-1-N, T&R RR Co. Survey, Howard County Texas., State approved septic system (installed 12/5/97), Water Well tested 8/22/00.

Property to be sold at 12:00 noon!
10% Down Day of Sale - Balance On Closing
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BIG SPRING, TEXAS
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THIS WEEKEND'S *Garage Sales*

*** Look in Too Lates for more!! ***

❑ Front Yard Sale: Friday & Saturday. 9 till. 3613 Dixon.

❑ Garage Sale: Sat. 8-2pm. 4208 Parkway. Lot's of miscellaneous items.

❑ Living Estate Sale: If you need it, we have it. Fri & Sat. 7-? 304 N. Moss Lake Rd.

❑ Moving Sale 604 Boykin , Sat. 7:30-1, furn., garage misc, clothes, & lots more.

❑ PJ'S RESALE SHOP 2210 Main. Fri. & Sat. 10-5. Lots of Furniture, kitchenware & TV's.

❑ Rummage Sale, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Hall, 1900 Hearn. Sat. 8AM - 1PM.

❑ Yard Sale: Saturday only. Sept 16. 5822 Oak Rd. Take Midway Rd. exit stay on service rd. to suburban east mobile park. Follow signs. All prices negotiable.

❑ Yard Sale: Saturday only. 5100 Parkway. Linens, kitchen items, furniture, lot's of miscellaneous.

❑ Fabulous Garage Sale: 1100 Highland. Sat. morning only. 7-11:00am. Clothes, linens, furniture.

❑ Garage Sale: 1216 Ridgeroad. Sat. 8-? Appliances, ref., stove, tools and misc.

❑ 3 Family Garage Sale, Fri. Sat. & Sun., 8-? 601 Culp. (Coahoma) Baby clothes thru adult, misc.

❑ Fabulous Garage Sale: Sat. morning only. 7-11:00am. Clothes, linens, furniture.

❑ Garage Sale: 1611 E. 6th. Fri. Sat. & Sun. 9-? Stereo, womens clothing, shoes, lot's of misc.

❑ Garage Sale 1811 Hilltop-40 YR. Estate still lot's left - Sat. only 8:00am.

❑ Garage sale 2514 Albrook Fri. &Sat. 9-? Wedding dress size 12, mens, womens & 18mn. old boys clothes, vaccum , kitchen stuff, crafts, computer monitor, misc.

LOOK TO THE BIG SPRING HERALD FOR ALL OF YOUR LOCAL NEWS, SPORTS AND INFORMATION

FRIDAY SEP. 15

	KMID (2) Midland	KPEJ (3) Odessa	KERA (5) Dallas	FAM (6)	KOSA (7) Odessa	WFAA (8) Dallas	KWES (9) Midland	WTBS (11) Atlanta	UNI (13) Spanish	DISN (14) Premium	NASH (15) Nashville	TMC (16) Premium	SHOW (20) Premium	HBO (22) Premium	KMLM (24) Odessa	A&E (25) New York	DISC (26) Discovery	TNT (28) Atlanta	TLC (41) Learning Ch.
6 :PM :30	News (CC) Fortune	Home Imp. Judge Judy	Wishbone Zoboomafoo	Early Edition "	News Ent. Tonight	News (CC) Fortune	News Olympic	Fresh Prince Fresh Prince	Por Tu Amor "	In a Heartbeat Movie: Leave	Martial Law "	(:10) Movie: The Cowboy	(CC) "	Inside the NFL (CC)	News John Hagee	Law & Order (CC)	Wild Discovery	Pretender (CC)	Emergency Services Unit
7 :PM :30	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Music Mania (CC)	Wash. Week Wall St. Week	Higher Ground (CC)	Big Brother Becker (CC)	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Summer Games (CC)	(:05) Movie: Days of	Mujeres Enganadas	It to Beaver (CC)	Extreme Wrestling	Way (CC) "	Movie: In Too Deep (CC)	Universal Soldier: The	Light of the Southwest	Biography (CC)	On the Inside "	Movie: One Night Stand	US Marshal "
8 :PM :30	Whose Line? Whose Line?	" "	Antiques Roadshow	Providence (CC)	Survivor (CC) "	Whose Line? Whose Line?	" "	Thunder "	Laberintos de Pasion	(:10) Movie: Troop	Motor Madness	Movie: Terminal	" "	Return (CC) Movie: The	" "	Movie: No Way Out	News Discover Mag.	(CC) "	US Marshal "
9 :PM :30	20/20 (CC) "	Mad Abt. You Nanny (CC)	1900 House (CC)	Early Edition "	Nash Bridges (CC)	20/20 (CC) "	" "	(:40) Movie:	Cero Lente Loco	Beverly Hills (CC)	Rollerjam "	Velocity (CC) (:45) Movie:	Stargate SG-1 (:45) Outer	Matrix (CC) "	Something Good	" "	Storm Warning!	Movie: One Night Stand	US Marshal "
10 :PM :30	News (CC) Final Score	Jerry Springer (CC)	News-Lehrer "	700 Club (CC) "	News (:35) Late	News (CC) Nightline	" "	Smokey and the Bandit	P. Impacto Noticiero Univ.	In a Heartbeat So Weird (CC)	Martial Law "	The Pass "	Limits (CC) Beggars	" "	News Life in Word	" Am. Justice	On the Inside "	(CC) "	US Marshal "
11 :PM :30	Nightline Politically Inc.	Real TV (CC) Unhappily	Red Green The Industry	Who's Boss? Who's Boss?	Show (CC) (:37) Late Late	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc.	News (:35) Tonight	" "	Que Nos Pasa "	Zorro (CC) Mickey Mouse	Championship Bull Riding	(:15) Movie: The	Rude Awakening	Chris Rock Real Sex 23	Duane Sheriff Church	Biography (CC)	News Discover Mag.	Movie: Up Close &	US Marshal "
12 :AM :30	(12:08) Maury (CC)	Cops (CC) Attorney	Goodnight Thin Blue Line	Paid Program Paid Program	Show (CC) Grace Under	(12:08) Oprah Winfrey (CC)	Show (CC) (:37) Late	Movie: Smokey and	Te Sigo Amando	Return of the Big Cat (CC)	Dukes of Hazzard (CC)	Governess (CC)	Red Shoe Beverly Hills	(CC) (:20) Movie:	Faith Pleases God	Movie: No Way Out	Storm Warning!	Personal "	US Marshal "

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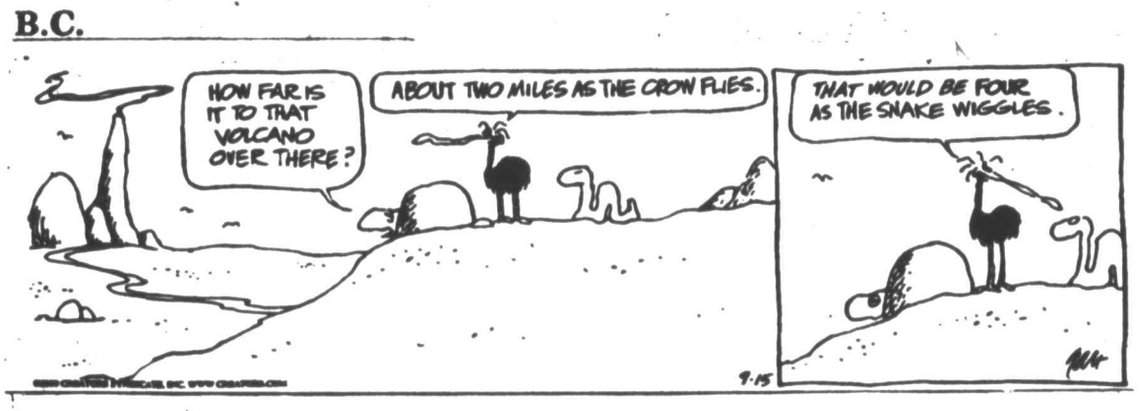
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Friday, Sept. 15, the 259th day of 2000. There are 107 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 15, 1950, during the Korean conflict, United Nations forces landed at Inchon in the south and began their drive toward Seoul.

On this date:

In 1776, British forces occupied New York City during the American Revolution.

In 1789, the Department of Foreign Affairs was renamed the Department of State.

In 1821, independence was proclaimed for Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and El Salvador.

In 1857, William Howard Taft — who served as president of the United States and as chief justice — was born in Cincinnati.

In 1917, Russia was proclaimed a republic by Alexander Kerensky, the head of a provisional government.

In 1935, the Nuremberg Laws deprived German Jews of their citizenship and made the swastika the official symbol of Nazi Germany.

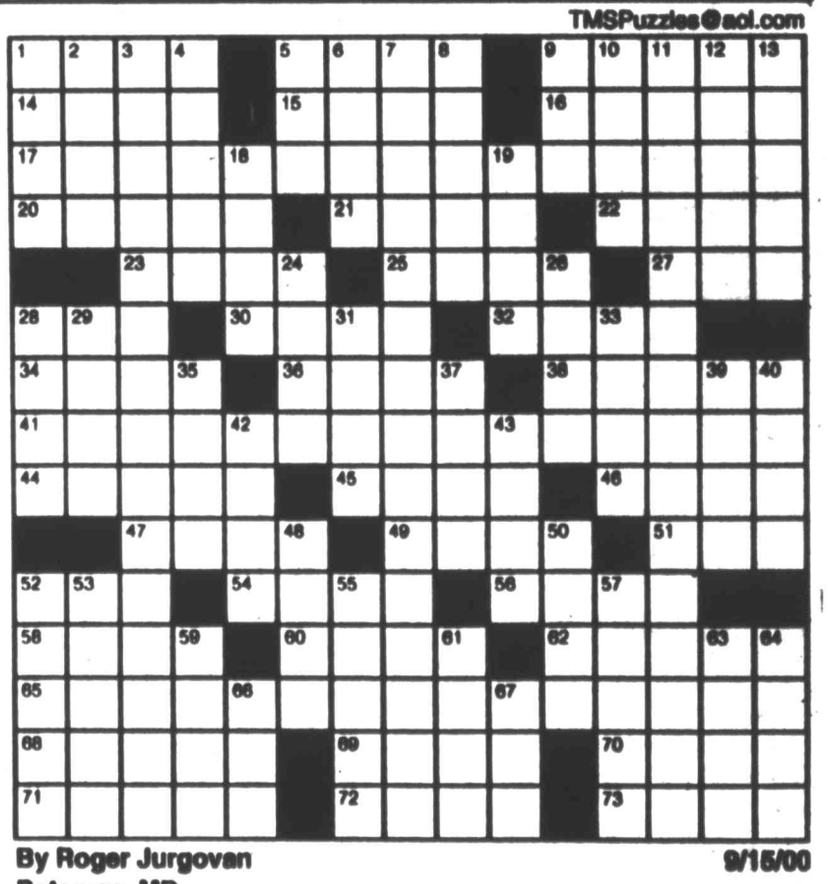
In 1940, during the Battle of Britain in World War II, the tide turned as the Luftwaffe sustained heavy losses inflicted by the Royal Air Force.

In 1959, Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev arrived in the United States for a 13-day visit.

Today's Birthdays: Bluesman Snooky Pryor is 79. Singer-musician Bobby Short is 76. Comedian Norm Crosby is 73. Actor Henry Darrow is 67. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Gaylord Perry is 62. Football Hall-of-Famer Merlin Olsen is 60. Opera singer Jessye Norman is 55. Rock musician Lee Dorman (Iron Butterfly) is 55. Actor Tommy Lee Jones is 54. Movie director Oliver Stone is 54. Rock musician Mitch Dorge (Crash Test Dummies) is 40. Football quarterback Dan Marino is 39. Actor Danny Nucci is 32. Rap DJ Kay Gee (Naughty By Nature) is 31. Actor Josh Charles is 29. Britain's Prince Henry of Wales is 16.

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ACROSS
1 Give lip
5 Grad
9 Ghana's capital
14 Skater Katarina
15 Burt's ex
16 More washed out
17 This puzzle's theme
20 Sticky-toed lizard
21 Moore of "Disclosure"
22 Rabbit's kin
23 Maintain
25 Guitar solo
27 Head dip
28 __ Plaines, IL
30 Wrongful act
32 Brass instrument
34 Penny __
36 London district
38 Pastoral people of Kenya
41 Hoisted with one's own petard
44 "The Jetsons" dog
45 __ homo.
46 Castor to Pollux
47 Shh!
49 Paddles
51 Yokohama OK
52 Opp. of NNW
54 Bean curd
56 Siamese, today
58 Singer Amos
60 Fleming's spy
62 Beginning
65 Misfit
68 "The Misfits" star
69 Oahu goose
70 Lowest parts of small intestines
71 Highway curves
72 Attracted
73 Potential plant

DOWN
1 Deep draft of liquor
2 Right-hand man
3 Adds meat, in a way?
4 __-on-Trent
5 Kaline and Rosen
6 Weight capacity
7 Covertly
8 Heat home?
9 Gibbon, e.g.
10 Liquid asset
11 Spotless
12 Like nostalgic fashions
13 Followed a trajectory
18 __-Chandon champagne
19 Present
24 Strike an attitude
26 Vaporous
28 Computer input
29 Hall-of-Famer Slaughter
31 Wander
33 Thai currency
35 Cream shade
37 Killer whale
39 Inter __
40 Former Spanish toehold in Africa
42 Misplaced
43 Ernie's buddy
48 King of the road?
50 Display
52 Broadway platform
53 Chesterfields
55 Discovered
57 Diarist Nin
59 __ Royale
61 Over with
63 Wide shoe
64 Abbr. on folk music lyrics
66 "For __ a jolly good..."
67 Not many

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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