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WEATHER

Tonight:



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Funeral service set Thursday for infant girl

A graveside funeral service for Baby Jane Doe, the infant found abandoned in a deserted Howard County farm house on Aug. 2, has been scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday at Trinity Memorial Park.

The Rev. Eddie Tubbs, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Big Spring, will officiate. Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home has charge of arrangements.

The partially decomposed body was found Aug. 2 by a farm hand five miles west of Big Spring at a residence off County Road 18. The body had been wrapped in a towel and placed in a suitcase.

An autopsy has determined that the infant was probably 32 to 36 weeks old. A full-term infant is 40 weeks old.

Officials are still investigating the child's death and searching for its mother.

Since the baby's body was discovered, numerous Big Spring businesses and individuals have donated funds to take care of funeral costs.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ VFW Post No. 2013, VFW Hall, 7 p.m., 500 Driver Road.

□ Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

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

□ Senior Circle Big Spring Mall walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of movie theater box office.

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

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

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, Herman's, 7 a.m.

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Local telethon raises more than \$30,000 for MDA

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

For most people, Labor Day weekend means the end of summer and perhaps the last chance to get away from it all.

For others, it's a day for a labor of love.

During the past 40 years or more, volunteers from all over the United States have used the Labor Day holiday as a time to raise money to help people battling muscular dystrophy. Jerry Lewis has headed this effort since the beginning and every year, the hope is the same, to find a cure for this deadly disease.

Big Spring was doing its part with firefighters out at the intersections of Gregg Street and FM-700 Saturday, with their annual Fill the Boot campaign. They presented a check to the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) for \$5,000.

On Monday, members of the Harley Owners Group (HOG) sponsored the local televised MDA telethon at the Big Spring Mall with a telephone center, members of the group answering the phone to take pledges. They also sold barbecue plates and drinks with all proceeds going to MDA.

For entertainment, the Billy Shears Band performed periodically throughout the afternoon, along with a "people's choice" bike show, in which donors put money in the bucket next to the motorcycle they liked the best. The bike that earned the most money was a trike owned by Krysta Friday.

According to Barry Barnett, over \$30,000 was



Shannon Beeler holds daughter Hayley so she can drop her donation to the Muscular Dystrophy Association into the collection hopper at Big Spring Mall Monday.

raised locally during the Labor Day telethon. He said that, even better, over 75 percent of that money remains here in the local area.

"We are so thankful to the citizens on Big Spring and Howard County," said Barnett. "We are pleased once again to say we exceeded our goal. Each year this thing just gets better and better. Considering we were the smallest media city to be holding their own telethon, I think we can be very proud of the efforts everyone made to put us over the top once again."

Barnett said it was a group effort.

"I want to thank the (local media), the Harley-Owners group, Big Spring firefighters, Billy Shears Band and everyone else who helped

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Scouts believe in doing 'a good turn'

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

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

For almost as long as the history of Boy Scouts, a partnership has existed between the program and the United Way.

Warren Wallace, district executive, says he can't remember when the Boy Scout program wasn't supported by United Way in one way or another.

"The United Way serves our community and gives us a central pool of money to support our different activities," said Wallace. "I remember Joe Pickle one time saying communities are well served by United Way but it also determines the quality of the community it supports."

Wallace said his scouting program supports the United Way drive each year.

"We are 100 percent behind United Way," said Wallace. "I believe in the old adage of supporting one another. There's strength in numbers, I believe."

The local Boy Scout troops, which number eight, emphasize involvement in the community and lending a helping hand when needed. They gather food each year in an effort to help those that are less fortunate.

This year they spent one Saturday collecting canned goods that were turned over to the Salvation Army. The

OBITUARIES

Larry "H.B." Darden

Larry "H.B." Darden, 40, of Big Spring, died on Friday, Sept. 1, 2000, in a Lubbock hospital.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2000, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Ben Neel, pastor of Salem Baptist Church, officiating. He was born on Nov. 18, 1959, in Big Spring. He was a lifelong resident of Howard County and attended Coahoma Schools. Larry worked in the oil field all his life and was currently working for Patterson drilling.

He was a Baptist. Survivors include: two daughters, Star Lynn Darden and Misty Dawn Darden, both of Canyon Lake; his mother, Johnnie Ruth Tatum of Big Spring; two brothers, Allen Darden and Johnny Darden, both of Big Spring; one sister, Diana Darden of Big Spring; and two grandchildren, Justin Davis and Jordan Lee.

He was preceded in death by his father, Joe Darden in 1992; his grandmothers, Lois Anderson and Lena Darden; and by a nephew, Jody Day.

Palbearers will be Randy Feaster, Steve Schaefer, Mike Hogg, Ray Darden, Doug Tatum, Clayton Coffman, Scott Darden and Perry Darden. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Edith Keener Reid

Funeral service for Edith Keener Reid, 88, of Waynesboro, Va., formerly of Big Spring, will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2000, at Basic United Methodist Church with the Rev. Richard Norris officiating. A private burial will be in Riverview Cemetery, Va.

Mrs. Reid died on Saturday, Sept. 2, 2000, at a nursing home. She was born on Dec. 28, 1911, in Lincoln, N.C. In 1940, Mrs. Reid and her husband moved to Waynesboro, Va., where they lived continuously except for a seven-year period when they lived in Big Spring. She is survived by her

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Olive W. Riley, 96, died Saturday. Services are 2:00 PM Thursday at Hillcrest Baptist Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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906 Gregg St.
(915) 267-6331
Mary Joe Barnes, 77, died Monday. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM Thursday, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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son, Jerry Keener Reid of Bayfield, Colo.; two grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Basic United Methodist Church, 489 N. Winchester Ave., Waynesboro, Va. 22980.

Arrangements are by McDow Funeral Home, Waynesboro, Va.

Mary Joe Barnes

Graveside funeral service for Mary Joe Barnes, 77, Big Spring, is 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, 2000, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with Rick Cunningham, minister of 14th and Main Church of Christ, officiating.

Ms. Barnes died on Monday, Sept. 4, 2000, in a local hospital.

She was born on June 12, 1923, in Howard County. She was a longtime resident of Big Spring and had worked at Big Spring State Hospital for 20 years before retiring. She was a Methodist.

Survivors include: two cousins, Wilbur Cunningham of Big Spring and Joe Bruce Cunningham of Fort Worth; and several nieces.

The family will be at 7:12 Dallas.

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

Olive W. Riley

Funeral service for Olive W. Riley, 96, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, at Hillcrest Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

Mr. Riley died at his residence on Friday, Sept. 1, following a long illness.

Mr. Riley was born on Sept. 12, 1903, near Ocie in Crawford County and grew up primarily in Crosbyton area. He began preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ in communities in West Texas prior to and while attending Wayland Baptist University in the 1930s. He continued his career ministering to communities in West Texas and New Mexico. In 1946, he became an association missionary for the Lincoln/Otero Association which included the growing cities of Alamogordo, N.M., Ruidoso, N.M., and Cloudcroft, N.M. He moved to Big Spring in 1992.

He is survived by: his wife, Pauline Riley; his sister, Rosa Lea Montgomery of Wilcox, Ariz.; one daughter, Pauline (Katie) Ramsey of Marsing, Idaho; five sons, Murre Riley of Fort Worth, Aster Riley of Glenrock, N.J., Bill Riley of Hobbs, N.M., Don Riley of Big Spring and Joe Riley of Portales, N.M.; 21 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Bob Hazlewood

Funeral service for Bob Hazlewood, 83, Stanton, will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2000, at Belvue Church of Christ with Phil Geck minister and Tom Craiker, Church of Christ minister of Eunice, N.M., officiating. Burial will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.

Mr. Hazlewood died on Monday, Sept. 4, at his residence.

He was born on June 14, 1917, in Cisco and married Joni Lu Jones on April 16, 1948, in Big Spring. He was raised in Cisco. He lived in Big Spring for several years before moving to Martin County in 1951, where he farmed until retiring in 1991. He was a member of Belvue Church of Christ and had served in the United States Army.

Survivors include: his wife, Joni Lu Hazlewood of Stanton; two daughters, Robbie Gail Curry of Greenwood and Pamela McCampbell of Stanton; five grandchildren, two

great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family suggests memorials be made to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, 79701 or Belvue Church of Christ, P.O. Box 575, Stanton, 79782.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

TELETHON

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out in this very special cause. This could not have happened without you."

This was the fifth year HOG has been involved in the local telethon. Before Big Spring had its own version, the group would make the trek to Midland each year, to present their check for the cause.

"We are glad we have our own telethon here in Big Spring," said Barnett. "It's a lot of hard work, but certainly worth the effort."

BRIEFS

THE BIG SPRING EVENING Lions Club will have free eyeglasses for all adults Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third.

All adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses are welcome. The recycled eyeglasses are donated by the community as a service project of the Lions.

The Lions group offers the eyeglasses the second Saturday of each month. For more information call Donna Groenke at 393-5298.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

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FIRE/EMS

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

SATURDAY

9:32 a.m. — 100 block Colorado Road, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

4:32 p.m. — 2000 block Virginia, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:16 p.m. — 1400 block Oriole, medical call, patient refused service.

10:31 p.m. — 2500 block Albright, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:22 p.m. — 1200 block Lloyd, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

9:02 p.m. — 1900 block N. Highway 87, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

11:32 p.m. — Milemarker 181, automobile fire, fire was extinguished.

SUNDAY

12:55 p.m. — Center Point Road, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

2 p.m. — 2000 block Virginia, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:24 p.m. — 500 block Bell, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

10:09 p.m. — 600 block Bell, medical call, patient refused service.

10:35 p.m. — 1000 block E. 14th, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

MONDAY

10:22 a.m. — 1100 block E. 17th, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

3:10 p.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call,

patient transported to SMMC.

3:19 p.m. — 3200 block E. F.M. 700, traffic accident, two patient transported to SMMC, one patient refused service.

6:26 p.m. — 500 block Westover, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

POLICE

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

• GARY MILLER, 32, no address given, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• LYNDON FRALEY, 40, no address given, was arrested on local warrant.

• SUSAN THOMPSON, 38, no address given, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• KENNETH BANKS, no age or address given, was arrested on a Lubbock County warrant.

• KEVIN MENGES, 28, no address given, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• TANYA YAGER, 29, no address given, was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief/family violence.

• TIMOTHY BUCHANAN, 36, no address given, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 300 block of Main, in the 1200 block of Gregg and in the 1500 block of Lexington.

• THEFT OF FIREARMS was reported in the 1100 block of College.

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DALLAS (AP) — A heat wave in Texas is taking its toll. Forty heat-related deaths have been reported in the state and Houston, both saw all high temperatures. Dallas hit the hottest ever September. Houston's high city's all-time temperature. Most of the heat victims air conditioning.

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As cities reach record highs, heat blamed in deaths

DALLAS (AP) — The sweltering heat in parts of Texas is taking its toll.

Forty heat-related deaths have been confirmed this year in the combined Dallas and Houston areas, which both saw all-time record high temperatures Monday.

Dallas hit 111 — the hottest ever recorded in September — while Houston's high was 109, the city's all-time highest temperature.

Most of the Houston area heat victims did not have air conditioning or avoided

using it to save on their energy bills, according to the Harris County Medical Examiner's office, which has recorded 28 heat-related deaths this year. That number does not include the current autopsies where heat is the suspected cause of death.

Lack of air conditioning killed the Dallas area's most recent of its 12 victims, Lillian Swanson, authorities said. The 66-year-old diabetic, whom authorities said was in poor health, was found Saturday in her home

with the air conditioner turned off.

Dallas' previous record was 109, set in 1994. The city's all-time high was 113 on June 26-27, 1980, according to the National Weather Service.

In Waco, where the mercury also reached a record 111 degrees, workers at hospital emergency rooms received at least one confirmed heat-related illness Monday, along with some dehydrated patients during the Labor Day weekend.

Waco's Labor Day high

surpassed the date's previous record of 106 degrees set in 1998.

"When you bust a record by 5 degrees like that, that's something," Alan Moller, a NWS meteorologist in Fort Worth, told the Waco Tribune-Herald.

Houston reached its previous record of 107 on Aug. 23, 1980 — a temperature that was tied last week during this summer's brutal heat and drought, said John Zeithler, Weather Service senior forecaster.

The state's all-time high is

120 degrees, which was recorded in the North Texas town of Seymour on Aug. 23, 1980.

Because of its distance from the coast, North Texas is vulnerable to the most extreme temperatures, meteorologists said.

"We usually have more moisture in the air because we're influenced by the Gulf, so it's not as hot," Carolyn Levert, a weather service meteorologist, told the Houston Chronicle.

Levert said the extreme heat in Houston will likely

continue at least through Thursday, when the high may not reach 100.

But some slight relief may be in sight for North Texas, said Lonnie King, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Fort Worth.

A high-pressure system moving south from Canada was expected to bring east to southeasterly winds to Texas starting Tuesday afternoon. That should keep temperatures in the upper 90s to low 100s for a few days, King said.

Tentative agreement set, but more trouble ahead for Bridgestone/Firestone

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Executives at Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. had little time to rejoice after reaching a tentative agreement with thousands of tire workers threatening to strike. The company's woes aren't over yet.

United Steelworkers of America and the Nashville-based tire company announced a Labor Day agreement that would keep nine of 28 U.S. factories pumping out badly needed tires.

Jim Ash, who works at a Bridgestone/Firestone plant in LaVergne, Tenn., summed up the thoughts of many of his fellow workers: "We need the company for jobs," he said "but they need us for quality products, particularly with the mess they're in now."

Starting Wednesday, congressional hearings will scrutinize the company for the production of tires allegedly linked to 88 U.S. traffic deaths. Lawmakers hope to learn when company executives knew about the defects.

A federal investigation continues even while the tire giant works to replace 6.5 million recalled tires. Last week, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration warned that an additional 1.4 million tires could be dangerous and should be replaced.

Another recall effort was set to begin in Venezuela, where officials say they

want to hold the tire maker and Ford Motor Co. criminally responsible for 46 fatal accidents. The country's consumer protection agency said Monday that Bridgestone/Firestone would recall 62,000 more of the type of tire authorities say caused the accidents.

Yet things could have become far worse for the company. Throughout the weekend, workers at plants in Tennessee, Illinois, Iowa, Oklahoma, Ohio, Indiana and Arkansas were poised to strike.

Their new three-year contract apparently includes yearly wage hikes, higher cost-of-living adjustments and increased pension benefits, but union officials said Monday they would not release details until members have a chance to peruse it.

Tracy Russell, another LaVergne plant employee, said the tentative contract described to him by union leaders would increase wages by 20 cents an hour in each of the first two years and 25 cents an hour in the third.

Bridgestone/Firestone chief negotiator Sam Solomon, visibly weary from days of ongoing bargaining, declined to discuss the obstacles that lay in wait.

"What we have to do now is focus on getting together, keeping the plants operating, helping out," Solomon said.

Napa quake surprises seismologists

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Even in earthquake-prone California, the sharp jolt that caused millions of dollars in damage in the Napa Valley caught residents and experts alike off guard.

Two people remained hospitalized Monday, one in critical condition.

The magnitude 5.2 tremor struck at 1:36 a.m. Sunday about 8 miles northwest of Napa near the small town of Yountville — an area that seismologists hadn't even mapped for faults.

"As far as we know now, it's a previously unknown fault," said Pat Jorgenson, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Geological Survey in Menlo Park. "It shows that we don't know it all. Mother Nature still has surprises for us."

She said it was probably an offshoot of the San Andreas Fault.

The abrupt shock threw Gary Price out of his bed.

"We woke up and there was glass everywhere," said Price, 43, who has lived in the area for almost 20 years. He expects he'll have to pay at least \$1,500 to replace his broken television, videocassette recorder and other property.

Moderate quakes can strike anywhere in the seismically volatile Bay Area, geologists said. But the Napa Valley is far down the list of places where they're expected.

"I don't think anybody would have put a magnitude 5 out there," USGS geologist Steve Walter said. "It occurred in an area of fairly sparse seismic activity. That whole region north of the bay is much less active than the South Bay."

The epicenter was three miles from the northern end of the nearest previously known fault, the West Napa, Jorgenson said. But the West Napa, although well-documented and considered active, hasn't produced a significant earthquake

Officials estimated the quake caused \$5 million to \$15 million in damage. About 100 to 150 buildings had structural damage, including collapsed chimneys and broken windows. Seventy-one people spent Sunday night in a Red Cross emergency shelter.

since the late 1800s, she said.

The last strong quakes near Napa hit in October 1969. The quakes, magnitudes 5.6 and 5.7, were centered in Santa Rosa, 35 miles west, she said.

Still, Sunday's jolt shouldn't have been a total surprise.

"Even though that area north of San Francisco Bay is not nearly as active as the areas right around the bay, it's not devoid of earthquakes," Jorgenson said. "Most areas in California within 100 miles of the coast have an earthquake history."

Jorgenson said the area where Sunday's quake occurred would be researched and mapped and possibly given a name. It has the characteristics of a strike-slip fault, in which one huge chunk of land slides by another one, she said.

Those are the kind of quakes the San Andreas fault produces. All these faults are offshoots of the

San Andreas fault," she said. "If you took a board and ripped it vertically, you would get a lot of splintering along the edges. Sunday's quake probably occurred on one of the slivers of the San Andreas fault 50 miles away."

The last similar-sized earthquake to hit the Bay Area measured magnitude 4.8 in the Marin County town of Bolinas on Aug. 18, 1999. That quake also occurred on an unrecognized fault, but was west of the San Andreas.

Officials estimated the quake caused \$5 million to

\$15 million in damage. About 100 to 150 buildings had structural damage, including collapsed chimneys and broken windows. Seventy-one people spent Sunday night in a Red Cross emergency shelter.

A 5-year-old boy remained in critical condition Monday with a broken pelvis, arm and shoulder, caused by 40- to 50-pound blocks that fell from a fireplace. A woman was in stable condition with leg injuries.

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Family of 7 found dead had not showed signs of violence, divorce was being discussed

AVA, Ohio (AP) — A family of seven found dead in their fire-gutted home, victims of an apparent murder-suicide, had shown no signs of violence although the parents were discussing divorce, neighbors and officials said.

Noble County Sheriff Landon T. Smith wouldn't say who he believes was responsible for the deaths, although nobody outside the family is considered a suspect.

Smith said a fire accelerant was found. "This fire was definitely set," he said.

The bodies of Richard Pangle, 37, his wife Sheryl, 29, and their five children were found after a blaze destroyed their trailer around 3 a.m. Monday.

Preliminary autopsy reports showed the two youngest children, 5-year-old twins Trina and Trinda, died of single gunshot wounds, Smith said.

Four guns and spent shells were found in the living room near the bodies of the parents and their eldest daughter, Kayla, 12. The bodies of the twins and their brothers Brett, 10, and Derek, 7, were found in the two bedrooms.

A neighbor in a camper about 20 feet from the trailer, at the end of a gravel road in the Appalachian foothills of eastern Ohio, saw the fire and ran to a nearby home to call for help, Smith said.

Deputies had never received complaints of domestic violence involving the Pangles, Smith said. He added that, although the couple was discussing a

divorce, he saw them driving together Sunday during a celebration in Ava, about 75 miles east of Columbus.

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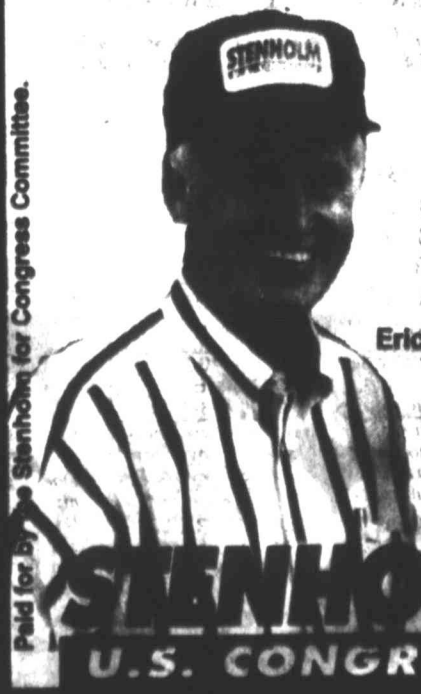
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EDITORIAL

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OUR VIEWS

Auction will support our young people

It's the next best thing to going to the big game — and it's for a good cause. Exes of Texas Tech and Texas A&M will join forces Thursday for a tailgate party and scholarship auction.

The event begins at 6 p.m. at La Posada restaurant with cocktails and hor d'oeuvres. Kickoff of the auction is 7 p.m., when unique and valuable items will go on the block to raise money. Always wanted a football autographed by Mike Leach or R.C. Slocum? Perhaps a basketball bearing the signature of Michael Jordan is more your style?

Local businesses have chipped in with some of their most unusual and coveted merchandise, including Windberg prints, a haircut and styling and even art by some of our local painters. The last item auctioned will be four tickets to the Tech-A&M game on Sept. 30, which come with a coveted invitation to the Presidents' Brunch for the lucky ticketholders.

The point, however, is that the event benefits the young people of our community. Scholarships from the auction, hoped to total \$5,000, will help send young men and women from the Crossroads area to further their education.

And when our youth can better themselves, it is good for all of us. The knowledge they can bring back to our city can only make it better and ensure a brighter future for us all.

Won't you plan to attend this exciting and fun event? Dress is "school color casual" and admission is \$5.

There is an added "side benefit" to supporting Thursday's auction: Hardy Wilkerson and Hayes Stripling, a Tech grad and Aggie respectively, have agreed to a rivalry of sorts. If the goal of \$5,000 is reached, Wilkerson will carry a stuffed version of the A&M mascot Reveille for a week prior to the Tech-A&M game. To reciprocate, Stripling will dress in the Tech colors of red and black for the same time period.

If for no other reason than to see that, let's support this event and raise some money to help our youth.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

It seems that our mayor and city council members get their kicks raising water and sewer rates.

I wonder if they have been out driving around the city and see how many yards that are yellow because they need water.

Most of these people will not water their yards because the water rates are too high and I think the Herald printed that Big Spring was going to get a check for \$358,000 in sales tax rebates this last quarter.

Big Spring will get nearly \$2 million by year's end.

Where is this money going?

They never tell the people that pay the sales tax where it is going. I just wonder how many people are getting their pockets lined. I think the city should be able to cut expenses in a few places instead of the taxpayers having to tighten their belts another notch everytime the city needs something.

ROBERT F. FITZGIBBONS SR.
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Hate-crimes bill is threat to our freedom

You should, as people once said in the 19th century, take pen in hand and let your congressional representative know that he or she should vote against the federal hate-crimes bill.

This obnoxious bit of legislation has already passed the Senate but needs a House vote to become law.

The legislation is obnoxious for a number of reasons. One, it injects the federal government, once again, into local law enforcement. The traditional trigger for federal involvement was crossing state lines. Local hate crimes don't qualify, and, so far as I know, there is no such thing as interstate hate crimes.

Perhaps the most important reason to oppose the legislation is that it creates an insulting inequality among the victims of crimes. It says that if some-

one hits you on the head because of your religion or sexual orientation, then you are a more important victim than your neighbor who gets whacked on the head just so somebody can steal his wallet.

A victim of a crime of violence is a victim, regardless of the motivation of the perpetrator, and to claim that some victims are more important than others — to wit, require federal intervention and harsher penalties for the perpetrators — violates the principle of equality before the law.

The idea of a legislatively created special class of people ought to be obnoxious to every American. God knows, if we cannot maintain the principle of equality in the face of death and suffering, then where can it be maintained? Even the thought of saying that the death of one person is less important than the death of another enrages me. And that's exactly what so-called hate-crimes legislation does.

Finally, it is a phony-balance deal. Crime motivated by prejudice is a small percentage of overall crime. Furthermore, any

crime that involves violence and death is self-evidently motivated by malice and hatred. Hacking, shooting and maiming people are not generally considered the characteristics of a loving person.

This bill has more to do with setting up special classes of people and with laying the basis for hate-speech laws — read, making a crime out of thought — than it does with solving a real problem. There are already laws against violence without regard for the motives of the perpetrators.

But what the promoters of hate-crimes legislation really are aiming at are hate-speech laws. This will give teeth to the politically correct types who can then have the police enforce the politically correct prejudices by putting people who disagree with them in prison.

The First Amendment protects speech, which is the verbalization of thought. Without free speech, there is no such thing as a free society. The First Amendment, however, was not designed to protect just popular and acceptable

speech. Its very purpose is to protect exactly that kind of speech the government or the establishment is very likely to find "unacceptable" or "offensive."

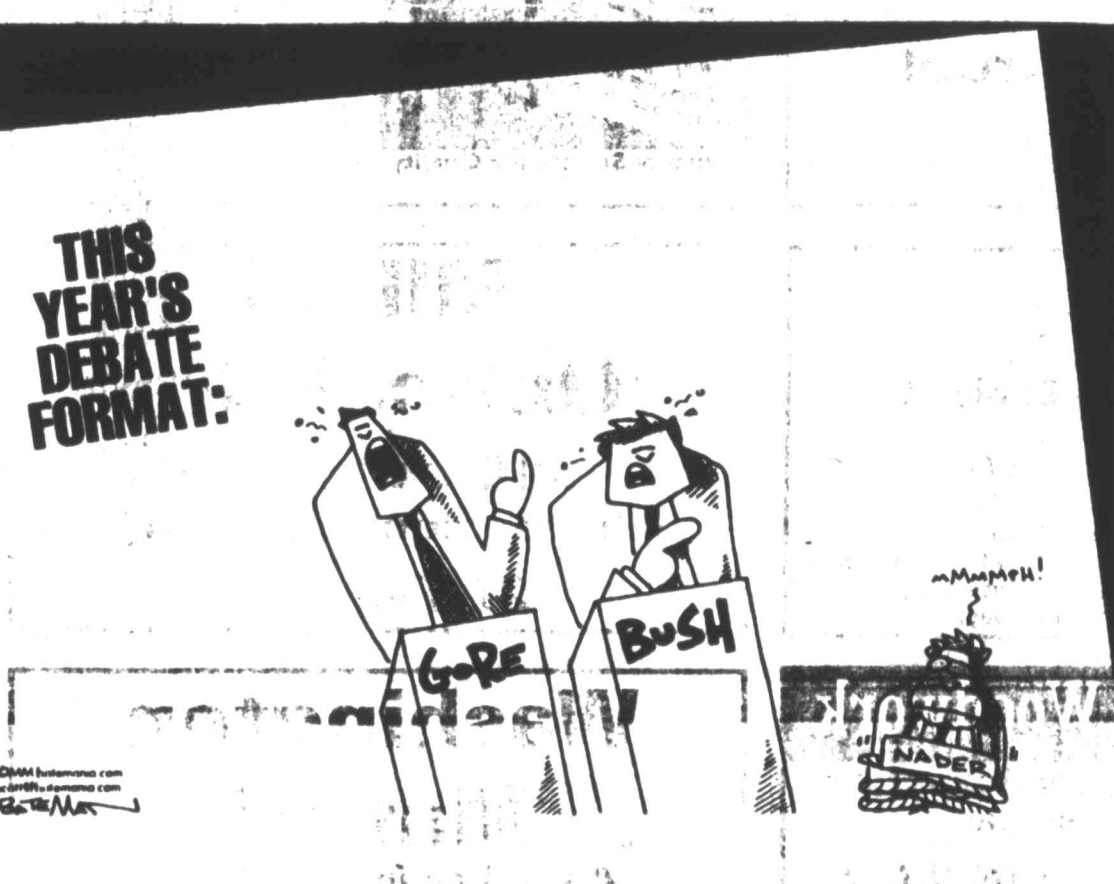
If Americans let that happen in this country, they will cook their own goose. The first place to draw the line is to stop the movement to pass hate-crimes legislation. The very absurdity of the idea is illustrated by the absence of love crimes or kind crimes or gentle crimes. A crime is a crime is a crime.

The government has already demonstrated that the administration of so-called hate crimes will be politicized. Politicizing the criminal code should also be a no-no if people wish to remain free.

A murdered homosexual is likely to be designated a victim of a hate crime, while a person murdered by a homosexual is not. When four black hoodlums stomped and kicked to death a white girl, that was not considered a hate crime. When a man shouting anti-Christian slogans shot up a church, that was not considered a hate crime.



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This story is about enduring friendship

This story is not about death or disease, murder or mayhem. The people in it are not celebrities, villains or vagrants.

They are, instead, two sons from the suburbs, and this is their story as told by proud mothers.

Nobody breaks an Olympic record or a bone. And yet there's a triumph of sorts. And a happy ending.

Over in Athens, in Room 333 of Russell Hall on the University of Georgia campus, two young Marietta, Ga., men are settling in as college freshmen. They are old friends.

Friends in the tradition of Butch and Sundance, Bing and Bob, Lewis and Clark. Pals who would jump off a cliff together or fight off a grizzly, if these were different, more desperate times.

A friendship of 15 years might not seem all that remarkable. Unless you're only 18, and then it is most

of your life.

Ours is a fickle, transient world where "For Sale" signs pop up in yards faster than wild onions. Marriages end in divorce, and children are pulled

around like so many U-Haul trailers. Everything's disposable — including loyalties. I loved this tale of abiding friendship.

Their mothers told me. After reading her e-mail on the subject, I met Rhonda Porter at a shopping-mall food court. She sat across the table, misty-eyed and nostalgic, having just deposited the oldest of her three sons and his best friend at UGA the week before. Her nest, all of a sudden, looks awfully roomy.

"The main thing is, the two of them are just good, good boys," she said over the din of cash registers. Before her on the table was a stack of photographs, the duo at each stage of inevitable growth.

Robbie Porter and Chris Brun met when they were 3 and enrolled in Cobb County's Burnt Hickory Baptist preschool. A sweet woman named Kaye Moon was their first teacher.

Over lunches, their young mothers shared salads and

dreams of the future.

"I remember saying when they were 3, 'Wouldn't it be something if Robbie and Chris were roommates at college someday?'" Rhonda said.

Together Robbie and Chris toddled through the years of chickenpox and chicken-star soup, wearing GI Joe gear for backyard campouts and swapping He-Man action figures.

"They used to make forts out of refrigerator boxes," Liz Brun, Chris' mother, said.

At Still Elementary in Powder Springs, Ga., a third-grade teacher said the friends talked too much. After that, Robbie and Chris were assigned to different classrooms.

During their preteen years, in 1987, both boys' families relocated — but, amazingly enough, about half a mile from each other. Robbie, who ran track, would dash over to the Brun house whenever he felt like it. The road ran both ways.

The friends went to Pine Mountain Middle School in Kennesaw, and the Porters and Bruns carpooled the boys to intramural sports in the early mornings. Once Robbie tricked Chris

into wearing the worrisome seat belt that wouldn't release; the joke made them late.

Too soon it was on to Harrison High School where, last spring, they both graduated with honors.

"The amazing thing was, the boys weren't all that much alike," Rhonda said. "They tolerated the other's interests."

Robbie played the guitar; Chris lifted weights. Robbie loved Jimi Hendrix; Chris liked rap. Robbie had a steady girl; Chris played the field. Robbie was a night owl; Chris hit the sack early so he could work the next day.

Now Chris is going out for fraternity rush; Robbie figures he'll get to go to some great parties if his friend pledges.

The boys agreed they didn't want a TV in their new dorm room — too distracting — a decision that made their parents proud.

Sons leave home. For war, or marriage, or school. It is the way of things. When they take along a good friend, mothers feel better.

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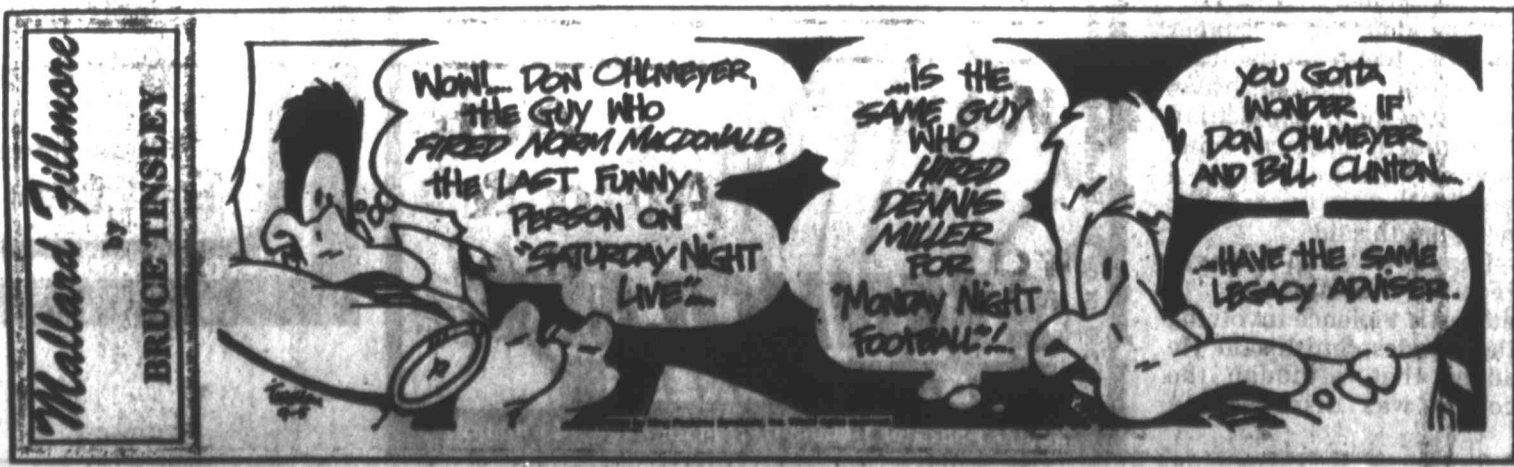


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IN BRIEF

UGSA registration set through Saturday

The Big Spring United Girls Softball Association has extended its registration period through Sept. 9.

Youngsters may sign up during regular business hours at three locations. All Star Sports, Microzone and Sound Decision.

For more information, call JoEllen Canales at 263-2982.

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.

Quarterback Club meets on Mondays

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will meet at 7 p.m. each Monday at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

Anyone interested in supporting the Steers football program is invited to attend.

Francis, K-State duo are players of week

DALLAS (AP) — Texas Tech receiver Carlos Francis, Kansas State defensive end Monty Beisel and teammate Aaron Lockett were named Monday the Big 12's players of the week.

Francis had a career-high 234 yards on seven catches as Tech beat Utah State 38-16. He was 8 yards shy of breaking the Big 12 single-game receiving yardage record and 18 yards from the single-game school mark. He also returned two kickoffs 61 yards.

Beisel was credited with 13 tackles, including five unassisted, three tackles for losses of 11 yards, and two sacks for 9 yards in Kansas State's season-opening 27-7 victory over Iowa on Aug. 26.

Sierra returning to Rangers' roster

CHICAGO (AP) — Ruben Sierra, the Texas Rangers' player of the year four times between 1987-91, will be rejoining the team today.

Texas purchased Sierra's contract from its Triple-A Oklahoma affiliate Monday. He's among four players being added to the roster. They'll join the team in Chicago, where the Rangers are playing the White Sox.

Sierra remains among the team leaders in virtually every offensive category. He was traded to Oakland on Aug. 31, 1992, in a four-player swap that brought Jose Canseco to Texas.

Joining Sierra will be catcher Randy Knorr, infielder Kelly Dransfeldt and pitcher Darwin Cubillan.

ON THE AIR

Television

BASEBALL
6:35 p.m. — Arizona Diamondbacks at Atlanta Braves, TBS, Ch. 11.

7 p.m. — Florida Marlins at Houston Astros, FXS, Ch. 29.

BASKETBALL
7 p.m. — Men's Olympic exhibition, U.S. vs. Spain (same-day tape), TNT, Ch. 28.

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

Wolves coach pleased with team's season-opening win

By SANDY McSPADDEN
Sports Editor

Colorado City's Wolves kicked off the 2000 season by spanking Stamford's Bulldogs 25-0, just the kind of start they wanted after dropping down in classification to the Class 2A ranks.

The Wolves, dropping down from Class 3A after a 1-9 finish last year, took things in

hand early. Little Aaron Waldrip caught a 29-yard pass from Andrew Spear to put Colorado City up in the first quarter.

And after a scoreless second quarter, the Wolves led by senior quarterback Chase Phariss, put 18 points on the board. The veteran quarterback led his team by completing 17 of 25 passes for two touchdowns. He also carried the ball for a 63 yards rushing along with the 170 he accounted for in the air.

The Wolves' defense held Stamford to only seven first downs, while the Colorado City offense roamed up and down the field for 19.

Marquise Leonard scored on a 5-yard pass from Phariss and also led the Wolves with four total receptions covering 42 yards.

Spear, another veteran moved to running back, scored on a 14-yard run.

Defensively, the pack was stingy causing five Bulldog turnovers. Andrew Regalado led the defense with two interceptions, while Spear and Leonard both added picks.

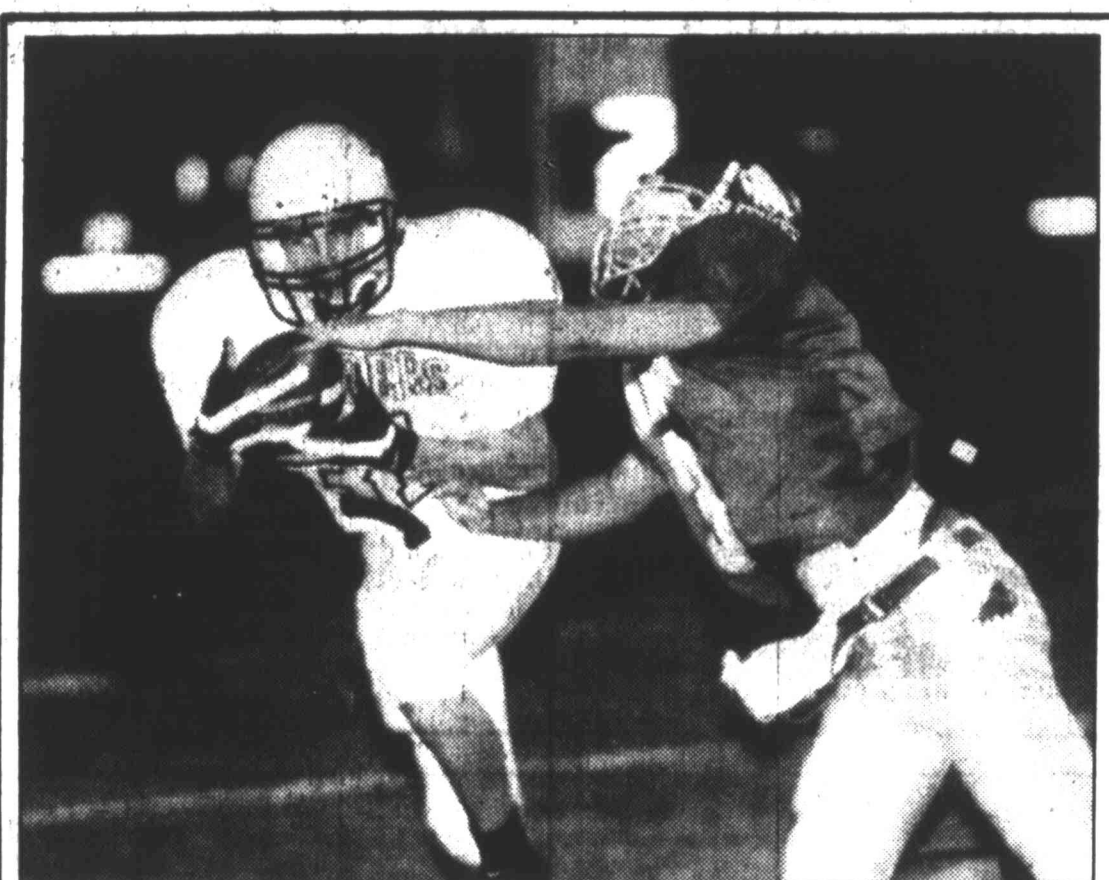
Jed Anderson and Chase Ratliff came up with one fumble each, to bring the Bulldogs' turnover total to five.

"We were very pleased with the effort and aggressive play of our

defense Friday night," said Wolves head coach Gerald James.

"This might have surprised some people," the Wolves boss added. "It certainly didn't surprise me and I don't think it surprised our players. These kids suffered through last year and were really hungry to prove they were much better than their record indicated. It's great to get that opening win behind you and it's particularly significant when you can shut out a team like Stamford."

This week the Wolves will take on former Class 3A nemesis Crane, making their home debut with a 7:30 p.m. kickoff.



Midland Greenwood receiver Byron Wardlaw makes a catch in front of Stanton defender Keith Cook during Friday's season-opening shootout between the Buffs and Rangers. Stanton took a 35-34 win. The Buffs are one of two Crossroads area teams to receive votes in this week's Associated Press schoolboy football poll. The Buffs received two votes in the Class 2A balloting, while Big Spring's Steers earned two votes in the Class 4A voting.

Stingarees reload, move up to No. 1 in Class 4A ranks

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Texas City started this season with a gleaming Class 4A Division I state champion trophy from last season and a couple of large question marks in its backfield.

The trophy is as shiny as ever and now coach Rusty Dowling feels much better after solid performances by quarterback Brandon Tolden and running back Chad Clay that helped propel the Stingarees into the No. 1 spot in Class 4A of The Associated Press Schoolboy Football Poll.

With Tolden and Clay stepping up for departed seniors, Texas City snapped defending Class 4A Division II champion Stephenville's 26-game winning streak with a 39-33 victory that knocked the Yellow Jackets out of the No. 1 spot.

Garland retained its No. 1 rank in Class 5A with a 17-14 victory over Plano East, which dropped from No. 6 out of the top 10. Newton in Class 3A, Mart in 2A, and Iraan in Class 4A, each kept their preseason No. 1 rankings.

Texas City, ranked No. 2 in The AP preseason poll, played Stephenville in the Texas Football Classic in the Alamodome and Dowling was pleased with the Stingarees' poise.

"For our kids to come out and play like they did, at a neutral site, like this and to focus on the task at hand was great," Dowling said. "We did have our share of glitches but fortunately we won the ball game."

"We still made mistakes they are mistakes you know you can fix."

Dowling gave the Yellow Jackets plenty of credit.

"I'm glad it's over. I don't ever want to play them again," Dowling said. "They exhibited to me all the traits of why they are Stephenville. Most teams we've played wouldn't have challenged back like that."

"They kept in there fighting all the way until the end. I'd hate to play them next week."

Stephenville made the game close with 15 points in the fourth quarter.

Midland Lee moved up to No. 2 in 5A after beating Victoria Memorial 40-12 and Austin Westlake, No. 2 last

SCHOOLBOY POLL

Here is The Associated Press Schoolboy Football Poll with records and first place votes in parentheses:

Class 5A	Record	First Place Votes
1. Garland (14)	1-0	1
2. Midland Lee (5)	1-0	1
3. Austin Westlake (1)	1-0	1
4. Katy	1-0	1
5. Aldine Eisenhower	0-0	0
6. Waco	0-0	0
7. Plano East	0-1	0
8. Mesquite	0-0	0
9. Arlington Lamar	0-0	0
10. The Woodlands	0-0	0

DROPPED OUT: T7 Victoria Memorial, T7 Tyler John Tyler.

Also receiving votes: Tyler John Tyler 16, Jersey Village 11, Victoria Memorial 10, Corpus Christi Carroll 9, San Antonio Holmes 9, Duncanville 7, Abilene 7, San Antonio Marshall 4, Converse Judson 3, Houston Madison 2, Lewisville 2, El Paso Del Valle 2, South Grand Prairie 1, Bryan 1, Abilene Cooper 1.

Class 4A

Record	First Place Votes
1. Texas City (18)	1-0
2. Stephenville (1)	0-1
3. Wolfford Frenship (1)	0-0
4. Hereford	0-0
5. Brownwood	1-0
6. Wichita Falls	1-0
7. San Antonio Roosevelt	0-0
8. La Marque	0-1
9. San Marcos	0-0
10. Ennis	0-0

Also receiving votes: Highland Park 12, Nederland 10, Greenville 9, Bay City 8, Hewitt-Midway 3, New Braunfels 3, Brenham 3, Jacksonville 3, Big Spring 2, Kilgore 1, Port Neches-Groves 1, Binger 1.

Class 3A

Record	First Place Votes
1. Newton (12)	0-0
2. Crockett (3)	1-0
3. Lamesa (2)	0-0
4. Everman (3)	0-0
5. Cleveland	1-0
6. LaGrange	0-0
7. Sweeny	0-0
8. Cuero	0-0
9. (tie) Marlin	0-1
Liberty-Eloy	0-0

Also receiving votes: Lindale 25, Aledo 21, Daingerfield 14, Sealy 8, Gatesville 8, Atlanta 7, China Spring 7, Wilmer-Hutchins 7, Abilene Wylie 4, Forney 4, Muleshoe 1, Kaufman 1.

Class 2A

Record	First Place Votes
1. Mart (18)	1-0
2. Celina (1)	1-0
3. Refugio	1-0
4. Sonora	1-0
5. Elysian Fields	0-0
6. Corrigan-Carmen	0-0
7. Olney (1)	1-0
8. Omaha Paul-Pewitt	0-0
9. Gunter	0-0
10. Garrison	0-0

Also receiving votes: Alto 13, Pilot Point 9, Blanco 7, Rogers 7, East Chambers 6, Comfort 6, Holliday 3, Mason 3, Hemphill 3, Ganado 2, Ffiona 2, Stanton 2, DeKalb 2, Leon 1.

Class 1A

Record	First Place Votes
1. Iraan (16)	0-0
2. Shiner	0-0
3. Beckville (2)	0-0
4. Stratford (1)	0-0
5. Paducah (1)	1-0
6. Celeste	0-0
7. Wheeler	0-0
8. Rankin	1-0
9. Wortham	1-0
10. Bartlett	0-1

Also receiving votes: Baird 10, Bremond 6, Lindsay 4, Collinsville 3, Charlotette 3, Windthorst 2, Ranger 2, Karnack 1, Toler 1, Evadele 1, Menard 1.

week, dropped to No. 3 following a 17-10 victory over San Antonio MacArthur.

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Injuries send Cowboys back to drawing board

IRVING (AP) — After spending the offseason rebuilding their offense, the Dallas Cowboys must do it again just one game into the regular season.

Receiver Joey Galloway tore a ligament in his left knee in Sunday's 41-14 loss to Philadelphia and is out for the rest of the season.

Quarterback Troy Aikman is waiting to see how he'll recover from his third concussion in nine games. That makes Randall Cunningham tentatively the starter Sunday against Arizona, although he's battling a sore throwing hand.

Having the mobile Cunningham under center instead of Aikman gives Dallas a new dimension. Then again, there are plenty of other plays that get torn out of the playbook when Aikman isn't there to run them.

"I think with a week's work, hopefully he will have enough of a grasp of the offense," coach Dave Campo said. "But we'll do some things to take advantage of what he does best."

Cunningham signed in early June, missing most of the team's minicamps. A

shoulder injury limited him to one preseason game and limited work the last two weeks of training camp. He took very few snaps as the backup last week.

"With any offense, you have it available for whatever quarterback is in, but you cater toward your starter," Cunningham said as he squeezed globs of Silly Putty he'd borrowed from his kids. "So what really makes a difference is knowing who your starter is."

If dizziness and headaches continue to bother Aikman on Tuesday, it would be highly unlikely that he'd play against the Cardinals. If he's fine, he could practice Wednesday.

"Let me be sure we're clear about one thing: I'm not interested in any way of jeopardizing his long-term well-being," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "If you think I'm sitting here pushing him to get back out there on behalf of winning a ball game, the answer is no."

Jones said he's looking into bringing in another quarterback, preferably a veteran. He already plans to put Galloway on injured

reserve and activate rookie Clint Stoerner off the practice squad. Galloway, incidentally, was Dallas' third quarterback.

"I've got a long week ahead of me — a lot of game-planning to go over several times and a lot of coaching to take, but I'll be ready," Stoerner said.

Without Galloway, the Cowboys will need a new No. 1 receiver. Raghib Ismail will take up most of the slack, but that means someone else will need to step up.

Coach Dave Campo said he'll be looking to James McKnight and Wane McGarity. Jason Tucker and Chris Brazell also become more important.

"McKnight is an outside receiver and McGarity can play outside but is a little more comfortable in the slot," Campo said.

Dallas gave up two first-round draft picks to get Galloway from Seattle, then gave him a \$42 million, seven-year contract. He did catch four passes for 62 yards in the opener, including a 4-yarder in the fourth

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White Sox run out of comebacks in 5-4 loss to Rangers

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago White Sox finally ran out of comebacks.

With the White Sox trailing the Texas Rangers 5-3 in the ninth, Charles Johnson hit a two-out solo homer. Then, Chicago had runners at first and second and Frank Thomas at the plate against Texas closer John Wetteland.

But Thomas flied out to center on a first-pitch fastball to end the game and the White Sox's five game-winning streak as the Rangers escaped with a 5-4 victory Monday.

"We had the right guy up at the right time. It just didn't happen," said White Sox manager Jerry Manuel, whose team rallied for come-from-behind wins in two of their last three games.

"We almost pulled it out," Chicago outfielder Jeff Abbott said.

"We've done it before. Why not do it again?"

Wetteland, who got his 29th save in 37 chances, wouldn't let them.

Gabe Kapler hit a solo homer and Ricky Ledee had a tiebreaking RBI single to lead the Rangers.

Rookie Doug Davis (6-5) stymied the White Sox, who were coming off a three-game sweep of Anaheim in which they scored 35 runs. Davis gave up two runs, eight hits and two walks in six innings to win for only the second time in his last 11 starts.

"I think I broke about four or five bats today. I was able to establish the inside and that opened up the outside part of the plate," Davis said.

"Since our starting rotation got disassembled, he's given us four outings in a row," Texas manager Johnny Oates said of Davis, who is

2-1 with a 1.52 ERA in his last four starts.

"Pitching is hard to come by, and to have a left-hander like him and a right-hander like Ryan Glynn come along is what you need."

Jon Garland (3-5) took the loss in his first start since July 18, when he was hit in the right forearm by a line drive. Garland gave up three runs and eight hits in five innings.

The White Sox, who have a 7-game lead over Cleveland in the AL Central, are counting on the rookie after learning that veteran Cal Eldred is probably done for the season.

Eldred, who was 10-2 in 19 starts, took himself out of a rehab start Sunday night after two innings. He arrived at Comerica Park during Monday's game but left early.

"Obviously, we were counting on

Cal to give us a shot in the arm," Manuel said. "We'll just do what we have to do. It's (losing Eldred) a big setback for us."

Garland is not looking too far ahead.

"I don't even think about it," Garland said of the postseason. "I'm worried about five days from now. I don't even think about the playoffs or anything like that."

Kapler hit his 11th home run leading off the fourth as the Rangers won for only the third time in 10 games.

Texas has won consecutive games for the first time since a four-game winning streak from July 25-28. The Rangers have the second-worst road record in the AL at 24-42.

Reliever Tim Lincecum gave up a solo homer to Carlos Lee with two outs in the eighth.

SPORTS EXTRA

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
ANHEIM ANGELS—Activated RHP Mark Grace from the 15-day disabled list.
BOSTON RED SOX—Activated INF Donnie Sadler from the 15-day disabled list.
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Activated RHP David Riske from the 60-day disabled list. Placed RHP Jamie Brown on the 60-day disabled list. Recalled LHP Tom Martin from the 15-day disabled list.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Activated OF Carlos Beltran and LHP Paul Spoilac from the 15-day disabled list.
TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Activated 3B Vinny Castillo from the 15-day disabled list. Recalled RHP Travis Harper and RHP Dan Wheeler from the 15-day disabled list.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
FLORIDA MARLINS—Recalled INF Chris Capik from the 15-day disabled list. Recalled RHP Vladimir Nunez from the 15-day disabled list.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Recalled RHP Scott Linebrink and purchased the contract of C Frank Thomas from the 15-day disabled list.
NEW YORK METS—Recalled RHP Bobby M. Jones and RHP Grant Roberts from the 15-day disabled list.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Recalled LHP Brian O'Connor from the 15-day disabled list.
ST. LOUIS BRUINS—Recalled RHP Gene Stechschulte and OF Luis Salazar from the 15-day disabled list.
MONTREAL CANADIENS—Signed D Sheldon Souray to a two-year contract.
FOOTBALL
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Released TE Chris Fitzmann.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Signed RB Stephen Davis to a one-year contract.

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York Yankees	77	63	.553	0
Toronto Blue Jays	71	69	.518	7 1/2
Baltimore Orioles	62	78	.453	16 1/2
Tampa Bay Devil Rays	59	78	.431	19 1/2
Chicago White Sox	62	75	.450	0
Cleveland Indians	61	76	.445	1 1/2
Detroit Tigers	59	78	.431	3 1/2
Kansas City Royals	55	72	.433	7 1/2
Minnesota Twins	60	77	.438	22
Seattle Mariners	74	63	.540	0
Oakland Athletics	72	64	.529	1 1/2
Anaheim Angels	68	68	.496	6
Los Angeles Dodgers	61	76	.445	13

Monday's Games
 Oakland 10, Toronto 1
 Cleveland 5, Tampa Bay 1
 Texas 5, Chicago White Sox 4
 Detroit 5, Anaheim 0
 NY Yankees 4, Kansas City 3
Today's Games
 Anaheim (11:30) at Detroit
 (Motel 11:30) at Detroit
 Tampa Bay (12:05) at Cleveland
 Cleveland (4-2) 6:05 p.m.
 Seattle (5-13) at St. Louis

NL LEADERS

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis Cardinals	77	63	.553	0
San Francisco Giants	71	69	.518	7 1/2
Atlanta Braves	62	78	.453	16 1/2
Philadelphia Phillies	59	78	.431	19 1/2
Chicago Cubs	62	75	.450	0
Cincinnati Reds	61	76	.445	1 1/2
Pittsburgh Pirates	59	78	.431	3 1/2
San Diego Padres	55	72	.433	7 1/2
Florida Marlins	60	77	.438	22
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Monday's Games
 Cincinnati 6, N.Y. Mets 2
 St. Louis 5, Houston 2
 Florida 5, Houston 2
 Colorado 6, Chicago Cubs 1
 San Francisco 3, Philadelphia 1
 San Diego 4, Milwaukee 3
 Pittsburgh 12, Los Angeles 3
Today's Games
 N.Y. Mets (9-4) at Cincinnati (8:05) 6:05 p.m.
 Arizona (Johnson 17:55) 10:10 p.m.
 Atlanta (Glasnow 18:00) 6:40 p.m.

Rams survive shootout with Broncos

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 Kurt Warner threw for a career-high 441 yards and three touchdowns in a 31-28 opening victory over the Denver Broncos on Monday night that lived up to the pairing of the last three Super Bowl champions.
 The Rams scored on an 86-yard punt return and receptions of 72 and 80 yards, and had three 100-yard receivers for only the second time in franchise history.
 "That's the name of our game," Warner said. "That's what we do around here, we spread it around and get it to everybody and take advantage of what defenses are doing to us."
 All that, and yet they needed to drive 75 yards for the clinching touchdown, a 1-yard run by Robert Holcombe with 2:58 to go. Then they had to stop a Broncos offense they hadn't stopped all night by summoning up a pass rush.
 The Rams finally nailed down the victory by sacking Brian Griese twice on Denver's last possession in the final two minutes.
 Defensive end Grant Wistrom hit Griese just as he threw his final pass on

fourth and 33 as the ball fluttered away.
 "I don't think we had a real good pass rush until the very end," Wistrom said. "Until we decided to go out there and win this game."
 It reminded some of the Rams of their nail-biting 23-16 Super Bowl victory over the Tennessee Titans, which wasn't secured until Mike Jones tackled Kevin Dyson a yard-and-a-half short of the goal line on the game's final play.
 "Why are we always so dramatic?" defensive end Kevin Carter said with a sigh as he entered the locker room.

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A's win, close in on Mariners

The Oakland Athletics didn't figure to make up much ground in their play-off chase facing David Wells.
 Yet they did just that Monday, and derailed the Toronto ace's bid for 20 wins as well.
 Mike Stanley went 5-for-5 with five RBIs and Oakland scored seven runs in the first two innings to knock out Wells in a 10-0 win at Skydome.
 "It's almost like a double victory because you know he's beat a lot of teams," Oakland's Jason Giambi said. "To come away with a win against David is large for us, especially with the race that we're in."
 The Athletics moved within 1 game of first-place Seattle in the AL West. The Mariners lost 5-1 at Boston.
 In other American League games, it was Cleveland 5, Tampa Bay 1; Texas 5,

Chicago 4, Detroit 5; Anaheim 0, New York 3; Kansas City 3; and Baltimore 3, Minnesota 2.
 In National League games, it was Cincinnati 6, New York 2; San Francisco 3, Philadelphia 0; St. Louis 4, Montreal 2; Pittsburgh 12, Los Angeles 1; Colorado 6, Chicago 2; Florida 5, Houston 2; and San Diego 4, Milwaukee 3.
 Stanley entered the game in a 3-for-14 slump. He put that to an end quickly. He hit a two-run double in the first, a two-run single in the second, singled in the fourth and sixth, and hit his 13th homer off Mark Guthrie in the eighth.
 "David just didn't have the good cutting fastball, and he felt like the umpire missed a couple of pitches," Stanley said. "I was just trying to get back to being able to trust my abilities."
 Wells (19-6) had pitched 19 scoreless innings before Oakland scored five runs in

the first on Stanley's two-run double. Ben Griese's two-run homer and Miguel Tejada's solo shot.
 The left-hander placed most of the blame for his struggles on home plate umpire Mark Wegner.
 "He just had one miserable day," Wells said of the second-year umpire. "He threw me off my game."
 After Terrance Long, Randy Velarde and Jason Giambi hit consecutive singles in the second, Stanley hit his two-run single to give Oakland a 7-0 lead.
 Indians 5, Devil Rays 1.
 Kenny Lofton's run-scoring streak came to an end at 18 games, which tied the major league record Red Rolfe set with the 1939 Yankees.
 Cleveland remained two games ahead of Boston and Oakland for the wild card.
 Dave Burba (13-6) allowed one run and seven hits in 7 2/3 innings at Jacobs Field.

POLL

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 Memorial and Tyler John Tyler, tied for No. 7 last week, both dropped out of the top 10 following losses and were replaced by No. 9 Arlington Lamar and No. 10 The Woodlands. Plano East dropped only one spot to No. 7.
 La Marque lost to 5A Corpus Christi Carroll 26-21 and dropped from No. 3 to No. 8 in the 4A rankings.
 Newton and Lamesa, ranked 1-2 in 3A last week, were idle last season but No. 3 Crockett moved up to No. 2 this week following a 19-14 victory over Marlin, which dropped from No. 7 to a tie for ninth.
 The only other ranked team to lose in the opening week was No. 9 Bartlett, which lost to Jarrell 34-10 but Bartlett hung onto the No. 10 spot this week.
 Mart opened its season with a 43-0 victory over Waco Reicher Catholic and easily kept its No. 2 ranking in 2A.

COWBOYS

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 quarter for the Cowboys' lone touchdown. He was hurt on Dallas' third-to-last snap.
 "At that point in the ball game, we were trying to get some things going offensively, trying to work some things," Campo said. "It just so happened that that's an unfortunate injury."
 Aikman's health is an ongoing concern. The cumulative effect of concussions has ended many careers. A generation earlier, Roger Staubach called it quits after concussions were coming too easily.

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TIEBREAKER 1 Total points scored (both teams) in COWBOYS game.
TIEBREAKER 2 Total offensive yards (both teams) in this game.

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Atlanta at Denver	New Orleans at San Diego
Carolina at San Francisco	NY Giants at Philadelphia
Chicago at Tampa Bay	Oakland at Jacksonville
Cincinnati at Cleveland	St. Louis at Seattle
Green Bay at Buffalo	Washington at Detroit
Jacksonville at St. James	Dallas at Arizona
Kansas City at Tennessee	New England at NY Jets
Miami at Minnesota	North Texas at Texas Tech

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Wednesday, Sept. 6: Your greatest focus remains your home and family. Though you often become distracted by work and others, you know on which side your bread is buttered. Learn to discuss your more uncomfortable feelings before they become more volatile than they need to be. Work on your verbalization and clarify communication. You excel professionally and get that pay raise or promotion. If you are single, you yearn for a significant other. By your next birthday, this type of relationship becomes a distinct possibility. If you are attached, express your feelings more often to your sweetie. Work together on improved communication. CAPRICORN adores you.

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 creativity pops out of bed with you this morning. Nothing that figures into your day is unmanageable. Make calls and seek out the experts about a question. Take action as the day wears on. Tonight: Work late.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) ***** Continue working closely with another who sometimes knows how to anger you. You find that this person challenges you. Use this ability to strengthen your ideas. Everyone, including you, needs a devil's advocate. Another wants to help you and has only good intentions. Express your caring loud and clear. Tonight: Rent a movie.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Others clamor around you. You might need to halt all the attention, as you must focus on work. Make key calls. Networking increases your success. Evaluate an important decision that takes you in a new direction. You could be nervous about the outcome. Stay upbeat. Tonight: Talk to your best friend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Dig into work. Don't be surprised by a need to spend more than you anticipate. Extrêmes surround communication. If another plays coy or comes on too strong, look again. You have a way with words, which others recognize. Ask for what you want. Network late in the day. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Direct your energy, and you'll succeed at nearly any task. Your creativity pitches in. Schedule time with a child or loved one. You could easily become embroiled in an intense financial discussion. Be aware of limits you set for yourself. Tonight: Work late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Another pushes you until you flare. A disagreement might be difficult to bypass. Stay on top of choices. You might not agree with someone or with his approach. On some level, you might be venting anger that has built up elsewhere. Stop. Use your creativity when facing a challenge. You clear a problem easily. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Not everyone concurs with your actions. Your focus continues to be your goals and success. Work with friends. Network and extend yourself to others. Another proves to be provocative; perhaps you have misunderstood him. Check out what is really happening here. Go within and center. Tonight: Quiet at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Spending continues to be a necessity professionally. You could be overwhelmed by recent activity. A friend means well but adds fuel to the fire. Don't listen; stay focused on your objectives. Your sense of humor emerges with a friend or loved one. You see how silly a disagreement is. Tonight: Out and about.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** News charges your energy, but you could be a lit fuse ready to go off. Use care when dealing with a stressful associate or boss. You won't be able to take away your words once you speak them. Emphasize the positive in a business venture. Explore office gossip but don't take it as being written in stone. Tonight:

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