

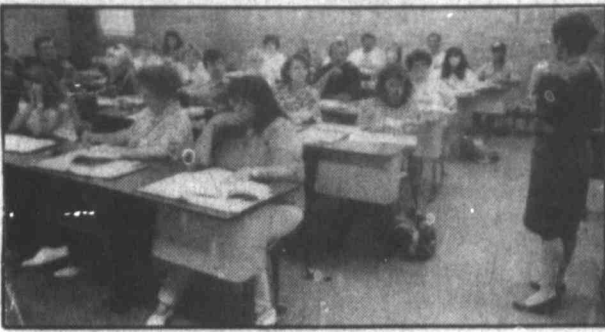
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NEWS DIGEST



▲ Back to classes at Howard College

It was back to class for Howard College students Wednesday as the school began the 1993-94 school year. Students in this nursing class listen to the instructor describe the book they will be using this semester.



◀ Picking a puppy

Jared Wilkerson steps back as a dog greets him by jumping on the fence at the Humane Society Wednesday. The shelter is currently having its "Dog Days of Summer" special on dogs and puppies.

Community luncheon

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Community Luncheon is set for 11:45 a.m. Friday at the First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall. Tickets are \$7 at the door. Call 263-7641 for reservations.



◀ Study participation

Those wanting to take part in the Texas Tech University blood study into neurological disorders can still do so by calling Connie Fowler at 267-2713.

World

•Convoy gets through: Starving Muslims mobbed a U.N. convoy today to prevent it from leaving Mostar after the trucks unloaded the first food and medicine to reach them in two months. See page 6A.

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•Embattled father: Kenneth Lakeberg is fighting legal and ethical battles while his 7 1/2-week-old daughter struggles for life after being separated from her Siamese twin five days ago. See page 3A.

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Weather

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Extended arts & crafts

Breck Simmons carefully threads her needle and yarn through a plastic mesh as she and others were creating designs in their arts and crafts class in the Extended Day Program at Bauer Magnet School Wednesday afternoon.

CASA to provide area's children with an advocate

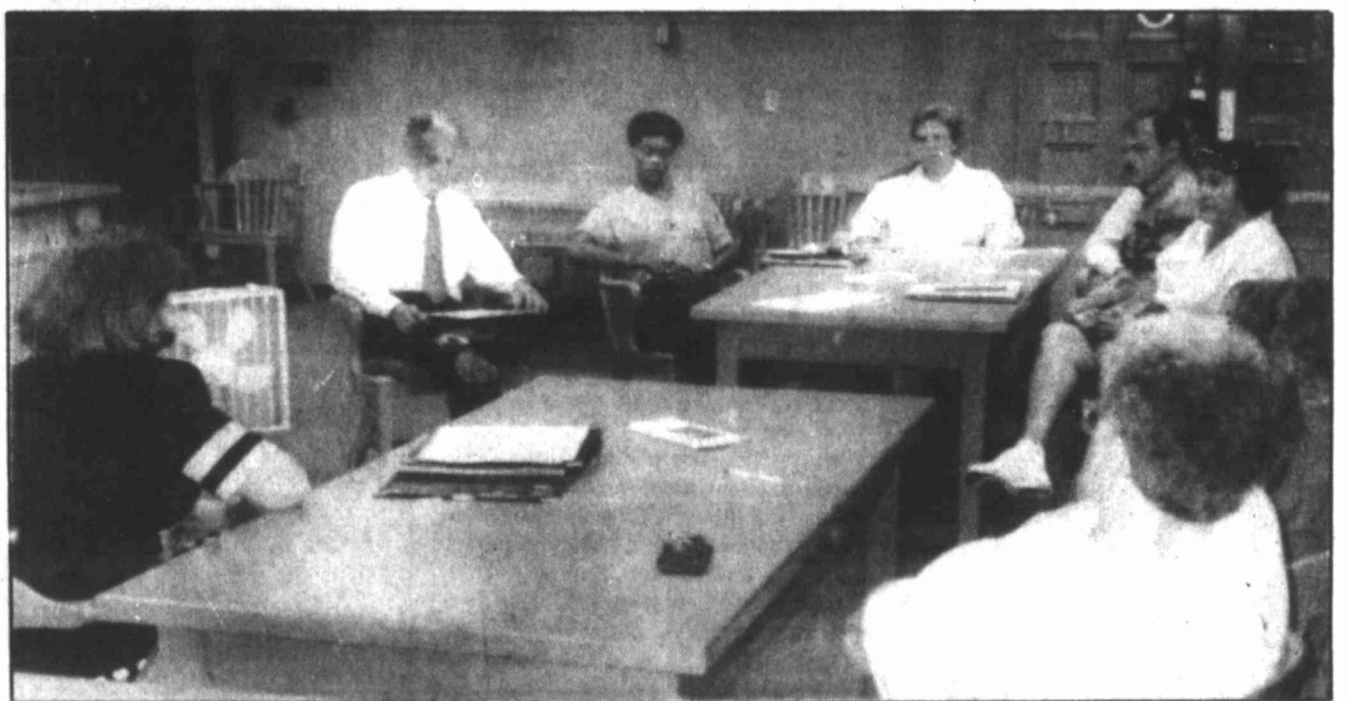
By CONNIE SWINNEY
Staff Writer

With the district judges' approval, local children experiencing their parents' divorce will have an advocate in the courtroom, following a meeting Wednesday of a new court-appointed group, officials said.

CASA, Court-appointed Special Advocate, is a national investigative organization, acting as the "eyes and ears" of area judges in certain divorce cases.

"We talk to children and let the judge know what the child said, so he can make a determination about whether to speak to the child," said Brenda Bennett, director of the Ector County CASA, which will serve as a model for the local group. "We investigate what has occurred in a child's life."

Meeting in the 118th District Courtroom, officials in Please see CASA, page 8A



Herald photo by Connie Swinney

CASA, Court-appointed Special Advocate, conducted its first meeting Wednesday, to garner support from Child Protective Services, Big Spring Police Department and court officials. The group will act as an arm to the district judge in investigating child custody cases.

McLaughlin envisions business transition

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

"Vision is needed for economic development, vision that embraces trends shaping the future, said Scott McLaughlin, who on Sept. 1 will become a new board member of Moore Development for Big Spring Inc.

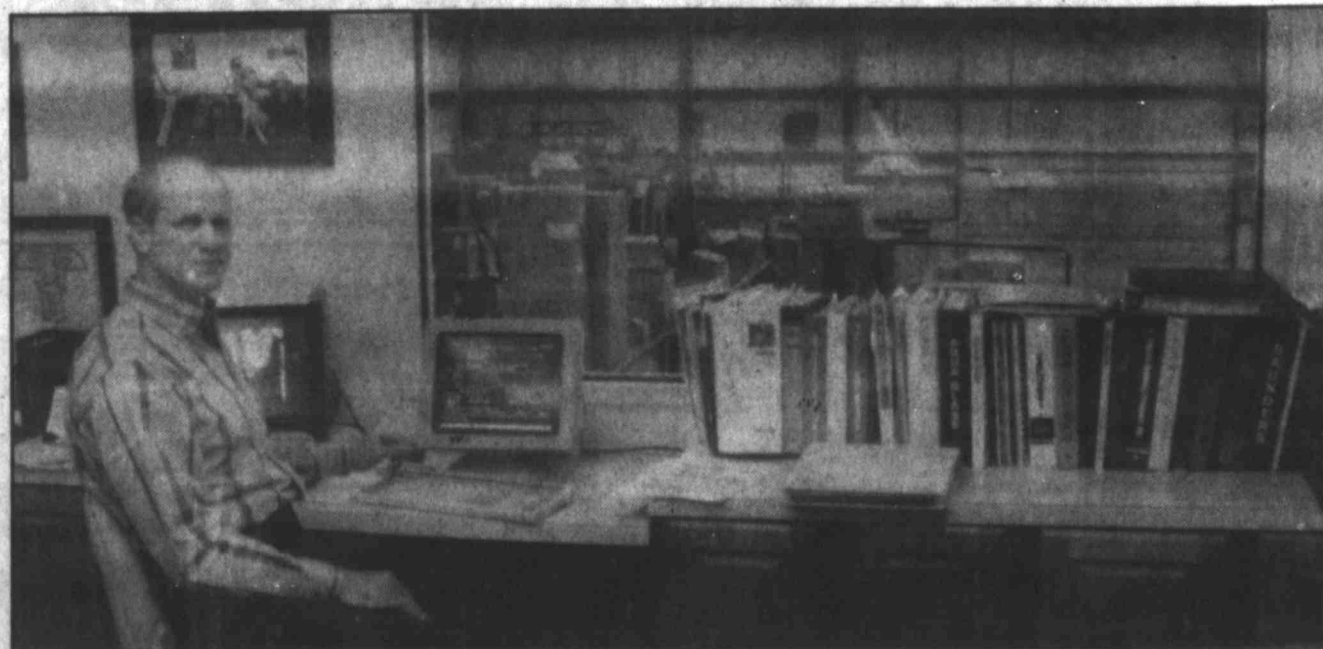
"Every industry that I look at is going through major transformations," said McLaughlin, 40, president and co-owner of Saunders Co. Inc., a plumbing and water well company. "The way we do business in five or 10 years is not going to be like anything we do now."

Mergers, acquisitions, health care reforms, and quicker and more automated services demanded by customers are part of the wave of the future, he said. The role of Moore Development, the economic development arm of the city, should be to help businesses adjust in finding market niches and weaknesses of big companies, as well as marketing Big Spring.

The city's assets include a central West Texas location at major intersecting highways, good for distribution, he said. "That's the strongest asset we have."

Other pluses include natural beauty, hills, lakes and outdoor recreation facilities, he said. The worst asset, he said, is negative attitudes.

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Herald photo by Pat Driscoll

Scott McLaughlin, recently appointed to the board of Moore Development for Big Spring Inc., sits in his office Wednesday at Saunders Co. Inc. He is president and co-owner of the plumbing and water well company. The office window overlooks warehouse space.

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Inmate death brings no-bill in grand jury

The Associated Press

MIDLAND — A Midland County grand jury has declined to indict several jailers in connection with last month's death of an inmate who collapsed after being subdued by them, a newspaper reported.

Tomas Gonzales, 41, of Stanton died at a hospital several days after the July 5 incident at the Midland County Jail.

Gonzales was serving a driving while intoxicated sentence.

"Gonzales was involved in a fight with another inmate and was removed to a single cell where he became uncooperative and was a danger to himself," Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter said.

While the handcuffs were being removed in a padded cell, "Gonzales was struggling, then became still," Painter said. Jailers and the jail nurse checked for pulse and breathing, found none and began CPR, the sheriff said.

A preliminary autopsy report indicated that the way in which jailers restrained Gonzales and alcohol withdrawal combined to cause his death.

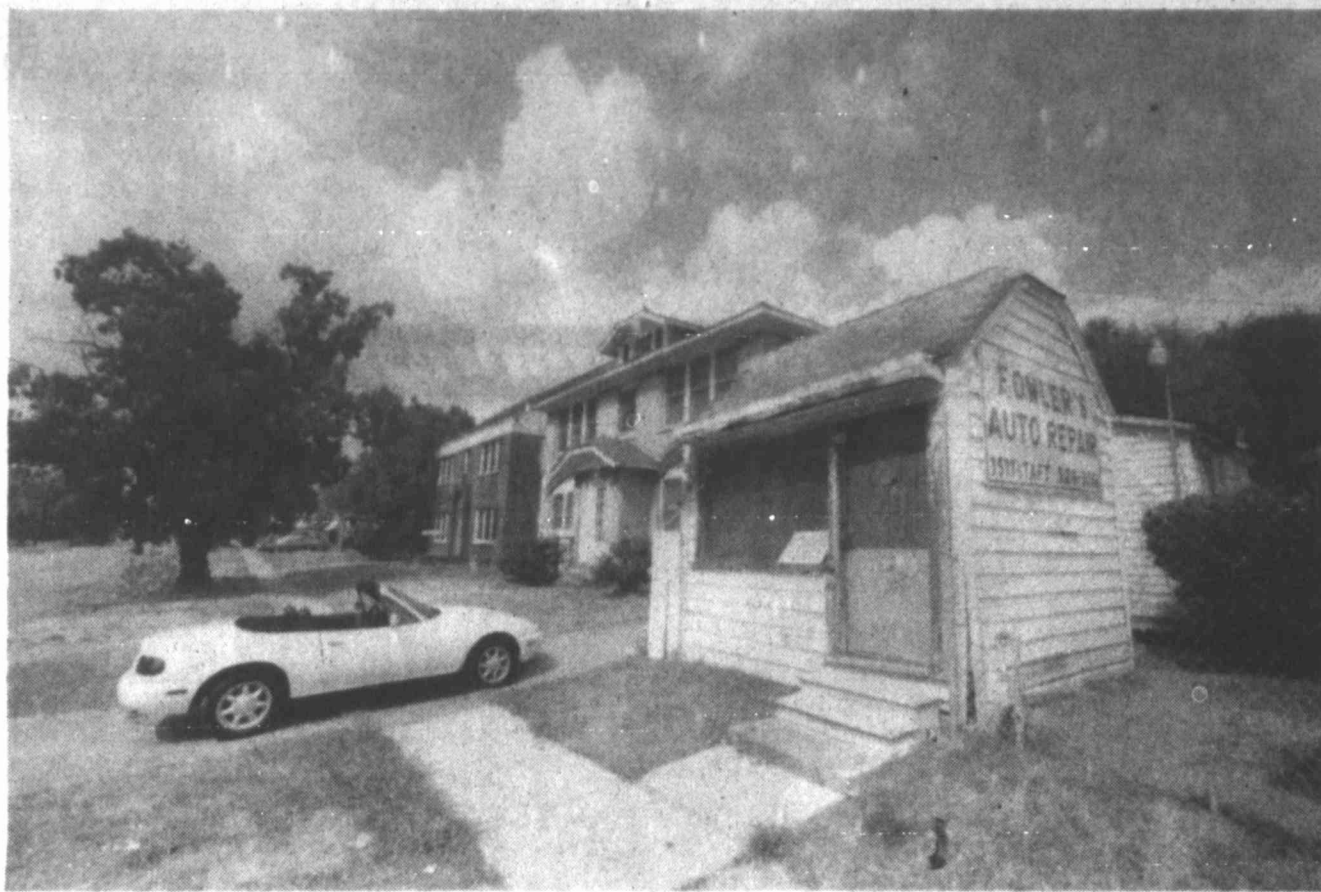
Initial investigations had indicated that the jailers used the controversial but legal hog-tying restraint, in which Gonzales' hands were handcuffed behind his back and his feet were held either on his thighs or buttocks.

However, Ron Dusek, a spokesman for Texas Attorney General Dan Morales, said Gonzales was not hog-tied because his feet were not bound to his hands.

"Hog-tying was not involved in this situation," Dusek said. "His feet were folded up behind him, but ... they were held there because he was struggling. ... He was suffering from alcohol withdrawal ... and had to be restrained."

The grand jury, which concluded its deliberations at midnight Tuesday, had the option of deciding whether the jailers, the county or both were responsible for the man's death.

The jailers involved have not been identified, but Painter said they remain on duty.



A general view of a Montrose neighborhood in Houston is shown on Tuesday. For the first time in more than 30 years, the city council considered a zoning ordinance for Houston Wednesday. But the discussion didn't last long before a vote on the proposal was delayed a week.

Zoning hits roadblock en route to Houston

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — An ordinance designed to bring zoning to the largest city in the nation without it hit a roadblock Wednesday when the city council delayed action on the issue until a controversy involving a seminary can be resolved.

For the first time in more than 30 years, the city council considered a zoning ordinance for Houston, where hodgepodge development long has been the norm.

But the discussion didn't last long before a vote on the proposal was delayed a week because of a zoning controversy concerning St. Mary's Seminary.

The delay eclipsed a potentially historic moment for Houston where zoning efforts have long been opposed, but Mayor Bob Lanier said the proposal would be back on the

agenda next week. There will be three council votes on the issue before the proposal is sent to the voters for approval. The ordinance is expected to be decided on in a November referendum, but it couldn't become law until at least Jan. 1.

Lanier said he did not expect the postponement to be too disruptive. "My sense of it is, we'll get through with this in time to put it on the ballot in November," he said.

There is still opposition to zoning by those who claim it is a costly venture that will not solve the city's problems. Two anti-zoning groups have formed to try and keep the proposal from becoming law in the nation's fourth-largest city.

Zoning efforts long have been opposed by Houston developers and real estate interests, especially during the oil boom, when many cashed

in on the city's explosive growth. But the oil bust of the 1980s and the corresponding collapse in real estate prices helped change some minds.

"I think bringing zoning to this point is of some historic significance in terms of the affairs of this city," Lanier said Wednesday before the ordinance was brought before the council.

"I think that at least as of now, sentiment (towards zoning) has changed in Houston," he added. "The sentiment is generally in favor of the neighborhood protection that the citizens feel, a majority of the citizens feel, zoning will bring about. Thirty years ago, I think the opposite was true."

The proposed ordinance zones every inch of the city's 586 square miles.

Briefs

Nueces officials buy 280 acres of beach

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Beach lovers will soon have more sand with which to fill their sandals, build their castles and caress their shells.

The Nueces County Commissioners voted Wednesday to purchase 280 acres of sandy beach and dunes on Padre Island for \$350,000. The property, which borders on Mustang Island State Park, contains the Newport Pass flood plain, dunes and freshwater wetland areas.

"I see it as having public ownership of open space," said Nueces County Judge Robert Barnes. "The value in the public's hands is toward the future of having more open space."

The island property is owned by Texas Commerce Bank of Houston.

Commissioners voted to put \$10,000 down on the land, with an additional \$25,000 to follow within five days as a 10 percent down payment of earnest money. Barnes said the purchase would be funded "with some county reserve funds."

Tilton back in court trying to remove judge

DALLAS (AP) — Embattled televangelist Robert Tilton was back in court Wednesday, trying to force the removal of the judge who will hear a \$50 million lawsuit filed against him.

During the hearing, which continues on Thursday, members of Tilton's suburban Dallas church marched outside the courthouse to show their support for him.

Tilton wants the removal of State District Judge Eric Moye, who last month ordered the minister to release several documents to the lawyers of Norma Smith, who brought the lawsuit.

Mrs. Smith contends Tilton's Word of Faith World Outreach Center Church harassed her by soliciting money from her husband, Tommie Smith, after he had died. Her civil lawsuit alleges intentional infliction of emotional distress.

Moye had apparently received several letters and calls from Word of Faith church members who were concerned about their privacy. Church membership lists were

among the documents Moye ordered released July 23.

Tilton contends that Moye will be biased and should therefore be removed from the case.

Moye testified Wednesday that he has done nothing that would affect his objectivity in the case.

Lawyer apparently commits suicide

AMARILLO (AP) — A Pampa attorney charged with delivering cocaine apparently committed suicide Wednesday, the day after he posted \$5,000 bond for his release.

Attorney James M. Bowers was found hanging Wednesday behind his downtown Pampa home, which doubles as his law office. It was apparently suicide, Pampa police said.

Bowers, 64, was arrested Tuesday by the Gray County sheriff's department. He was charged with felony delivery of a controlled substance.

Bowers, reached at home late Wednesday morning, would not comment on the charge.

"It ain't right," he told the Amarillo Globe-News.

He was accused of delivering cocaine to an Amarillo woman in February. Pampa police say the arrest came so late after the alleged crime because an earlier arrest would have jeopardized a related investigation.

Robber commandeers cab for his getaway

HOUSTON (AP) — Police have arrested a gunman who they say caught a taxi and robbed at least two Houston businesses, tricking the cab driver into serving as his getaway.

The gunman, whose name was not immediately released, broke into a residence in Houston's posh Tanglewood area about 3 p.m. Wednesday after struggling with a police officer who pulled over the cab, police spokesman Joe Gamino said.

After a four-hour standoff with authorities, the gunman surrendered without incident about 7 p.m., Gamino said. A woman inside the house escaped without harm. Robbery charges were pending.

Taxi driver Chuck Underwood said he picked up the man just like any other fare.

"It was just a nice guy," Underwood said. "He had me turn on the radio and I thought it was a regular trip."

Missouri parolee will be forced from Austin

The Associated Press

AUSTIN — State parole officials will force a Missouri man convicted of manslaughter and arson in the death of his wife to leave Austin where he has lived since April.

Dan Guerra, a spokesman for the parole division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, said Dennis Bulloch, 39, was allowed to live in Austin across the street from an elementary school since April because of an interstate parole agreement between Texas and Missouri.

About 2,250 convicts from other states are living in Texas under such parole compacts, and 3,500 Texas convicts are living in other states, Guerra said Wednesday.

Texas had hoped to use parole compacts to place convicted Austin child killer Raul Meza in another state. But no agreement could be reached in Meza's case, largely because of the public outcry surrounding his release from prison.

Meza has been moved from several Texas towns after local residents protested.

Bulloch was charged with murder in the death of his wife, Julia Miller Bulloch. The woman's nude body was found tied with 76 feet of duct tape to a chair inside the garage of their home in Ballwin, Mo., a St. Louis suburb, on May 6, 1986.

Prosecutors alleged that Bulloch killed his wife of four months to

inherit her estate, valued at \$200,000, Tom DePriest of the St. Louis County prosecutor's office told the Austin American-Statesman.

Bulloch claimed his wife died accidentally during a drunken night of sexual bondage with him, the prosecutor said.

Jurors found Bulloch guilty of manslaughter and he was sentenced to seven years in prison. He was later convicted of arson charges in the fire and sentenced to an additional seven years.

The case is featured in the book "Dying to Get Married: The Courtship and Murder of Julie Miller Bulloch" by Ellen Harris, a St. Louis journalist.

"It was one of those kinds of murders that people talk about years after," Ballwin Police Chief Donald J. "Red" Loehr. "It was the last murder we've had in our community — and we have about 22,000 people — and it was in 1986."

Bulloch was paroled from a Missouri prison Jan. 26. In April, Missouri officials notified Texas parole officials that Bulloch had a job offer in Austin and wanted to move here.

Guerra said such requests are routine and, initially, temporary.

Once a convict is in the state and his or her file is received by parole officials here, a background check is conducted, Guerra said.

Bulloch moved to Austin in April, but his file did not arrive until late June, Guerra said.

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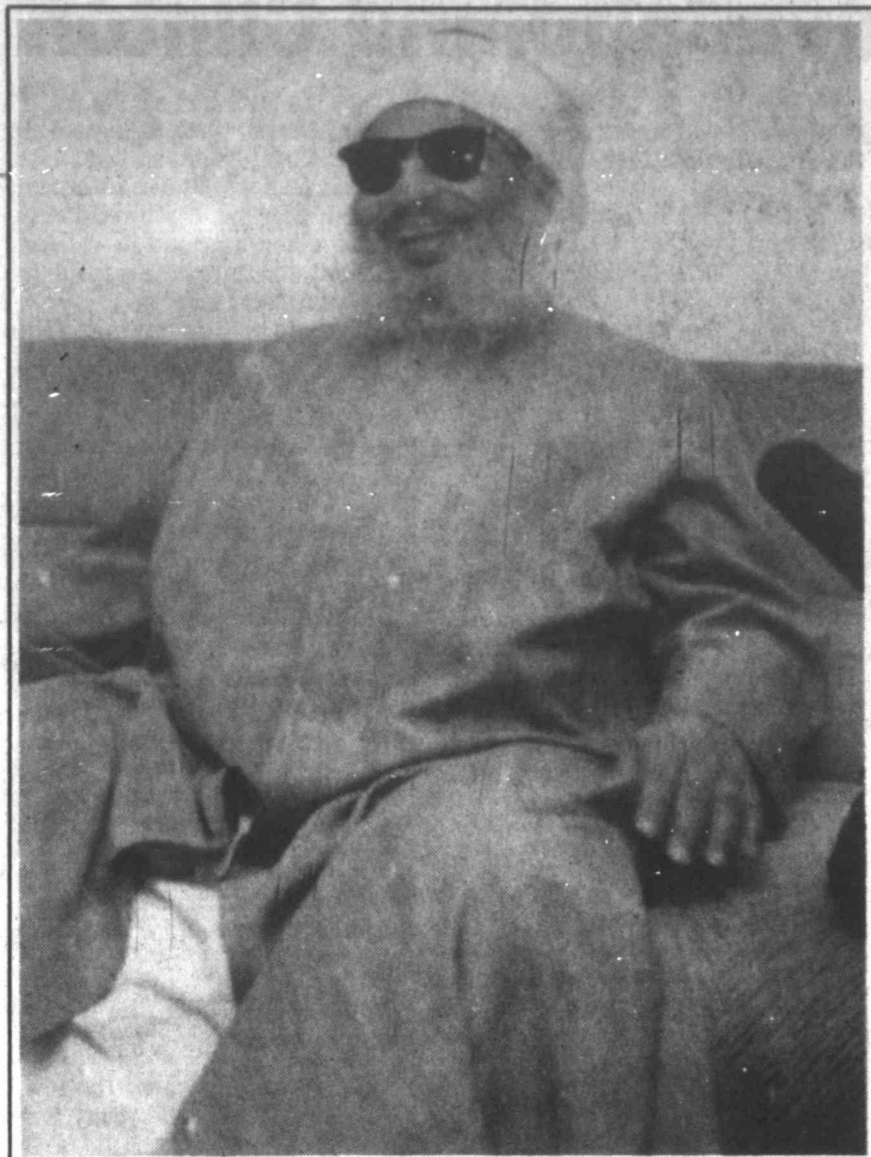
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Radical Muslim Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman, shown in this file photo, was charged Wednesday in a plot to blow up towers and tunnels in New York City. The sheik's followers already are charged in the Feb. 26 World Trade Center bombing, but the new indictment alleges that the conspiracy included several terrorist plots.

Radical Muslim sheik accused of leading 'war of urban terror'

The Associated Press
NEW YORK — A radical Muslim cleric was the guiding hand behind a terrorist organization that bombed the World Trade Center, plotted to blow up other New York landmarks and planned a host of other violent acts, prosecutors say.
Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman was accused in a federal indictment Wednesday along with 14 followers of conspiring to wage a "war of urban terrorism against the United States."
Various defendants were also implicated in the 1990 slaying of militant Rabbi Meir Kahane, plans to attack U.S. military sites and kill FBI agents, and a conspiracy to assassinate Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.
The indictment marks the first time federal prosecutors have linked those alleged plots.
Rather than being charged with any specific act, the 55-year-old blind Egyptian cleric was charged under a rarely used sedition law as the leader of a conspiracy who was "consulted in pursuing and planning bombings, murders and other acts of terrorism."
The indictment said Abdel-Rahman "provided instruction regarding whether particular acts of terrorism were permissible or forbidden, served as a mediator of disputes among members of the organization and undertook to protect the organization from infiltration by law enforcement authorities."
The sheik, known for his fiery Islamic sermons, has denounced the Trade Center attack and the alleged bombing plot, and denied any involvement.
All of the defendants were to be arraigned today.
The indictment had been promised a month ago by prosecutors who were transcribing hundreds of hours of recordings captured by a government informant who had become a confidant of Abdel-Rahman.
Where the government saw a vast and complex terrorist plot, defense lawyers saw a case of paranoia.
"This is the closest I've ever seen to using the criminal justice system to indict a religious group for religious teaching," said one defense attorney, Ron Kuby. "That kind of action poses a much greater threat to democracy than the people who throw the bombs."
Abdel-Rahman has been in federal custody since July 2, fighting deportation to Egypt. U.S. officials now want to try him here, leaving his possible deportation in limbo.
Egyptian authorities, however, repeated today their insistence that the United States extradite the cleric back to his homeland so he can be tried on charges stemming from 1989 anti-government riots in Egypt.
"This demand still stands regardless of the announcement of charges against Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman ... in the United States and whether this requires his stay there or not," a government official in Cairo said, speaking on condition of anonymity.
Another of the 15 defendants is El Sayyid A. Nosair, who was acquitted on state murder charges in the Kahane slaying but is in a New York state prison on a related weapons conviction. This time, Nosair was indicted on federal racketeering charges in the shooting death of Kahane at a New York City hotel.
The Trade Center bombing on Feb. 26 killed six people and injured 1,000. In June, authorities broke up an alleged plot to bomb the United Nations, the Lincoln and Holland Tunnels and the George Washington Bridge linking New York City and New Jersey, and a federal building that houses the FBI in Manhattan.
The organization also plotted to kill FBI agents and kidnap hostages to trade for those charged in the Trade Center bombing, the indictment said.
It gave few specifics but did include some new details, including allegations that early this year, defendant Siddiq Ibrahim Siddiq Ali scouted U.S. military installations as possible bombing targets.

Siamese twins' father under fire

The Associated Press
SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Kenneth Lakeberg is fighting legal and ethical battles while his 7 1/2-week-old daughter struggles for life in Philadelphia after being separated from her Siamese twin five days ago.
Lakeberg, 26, admitted to a drug and alcohol problem Wednesday as he fended off questions of a possible jail sentence and accusations he has abused charitable donations.
He could be sentenced next week to a year in jail for violating a probation term received after a knife fight last Christmas. He also has failed to account for at least \$1,300 in donations he received in the past week, said his attorney, James Lakin.
"I've got a few problems, but I'm not a criminal. This has all gone too far," Lakeberg said after visiting his daughter, Angela, in The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.
"The main story is Angela — not my dirty laundry. ... I do have a drug and alcohol problem and I'll admit to that. But I'm getting help for that."
Lakeberg returned to Philadelphia on Tuesday night after coming to northwest Indiana briefly to bury daughter Amy, who died after last week's separation surgery.
He is due back in Indiana on Sept. 3 to appear before Newton Superior Court Judge Daniel J. Molter.
Lakeberg has admitted using marijuana, cocaine and alcohol in violation of a one-year probation term he received May 21, when he agreed to a reduced misdemeanor battery charge stemming from the Christmas scuffle. Traces of cocaine were found in a urine sample, court records show.
The records indicate Lakeberg used a butcher knife to slash the hand of his cousin, Jeffrey Lynn, during a fight at Lynn's Newton County home. The original charge was aggravated battery, a felony.
Brian Mathis, Newton County's chief probation officer, has recommended Lakeberg's probation be revoked. The judge could sentence Lakeberg to the one-year jail term he faced in May.
In March 1990, a misdemeanor battery charge was filed against Lakeberg in Newton County, but that charge was dropped.
In September 1988, he was convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, and successfully completed a year's probation. A marijuana possession charge filed at the same time was dropped.
Meanwhile, the Lakebergs' attorney said the couple has spent about \$7,900 of the \$9,200 collected in an account at a bank near their Wheatfield home.
Lakin said he is the only person authorized to take money from the account, which was set up to help raise money for medical costs.
About \$5,600 was spent on a used Chevrolet to replace the family's battered 1978 Ford, Lakin said. The car was bought while the twins were at a suburban Chicago hospital, and the Lakebergs needed a dependable car for the 90-mile round-trip commute, Lakin said. Other money was used to pay household bills and Lakin sent Lakeberg's 24-year-old wife, Reitha, \$400 on Monday.
However, Lakin is uncertain how Lakeberg spent \$1,300 from the account over the past week.

'Naked chase' preacher pleads guilty

The Associated Press
VINTON, La. — A preacher who crashed a carload of naked Pentecostals into a tree pleaded guilty Wednesday and was allowed to leave town.
"I would like to apologize to the people of Vinton and Floydada for everything ... and I ask for their forgiveness," Sammy Rodriguez, 29, of Floydada, Texas, said afterward.
Magistrate Kent Savoie asked why Rodriguez and 19 relatives left their clothes in a pilgrimage from Texas that ended Thursday with a 90 mph chase through Vinton.
"I don't know what possessed you to do what you did, but I'm relying on the statement you were told to do so by some higher being," Savoie said.
"It wasn't God, sir," Rodriguez answered, his voice nearly inaudible.
Rodriguez, pastor of the Templo Getsemani Assembly of God Church, told police Aug. 19 that God had told the family to leave Texas and, later, to leave behind all of their clothes.
After his hearing Wednesday, he told The Vinton News that on Aug. 17, he had what he believed was a vision from God to let him know that Judgment Day was at hand and they had to go to Florida and become evangelists.
He quoted the Bible to explain what happened: "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; in so much that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."
Rodriguez pleaded guilty to reckless driving and to flight from police, who caught him after his 1990 Pontiac Grand Am ran through the fence around Vinton's baseball field and into a tree.
City prosecutors dismissed charges of running two stop signs and having no driver's license, license plate, car registration or inspection sticker.
If Rodriguez pays \$975 to fix the fence and a telephone pole, they said, they will also dismiss a charge of criminal damage to property.
Although Rodriguez and all 19 passengers were naked, police did not bring charges of indecent exposure.
"The statute states that for in-ent exposure, you have to be exposing yourself in order to arouse someone," Court Clerk Mary Vice said. "That wasn't their intent."
Savoie gave Rodriguez 90 days to pay for the fence and 30 to pay a \$650 fine. Rodriguez was ordered to spend 17 days in jail, but the magistrate gave him credit for six days served and suspended the rest.
Rodriguez was jailed until Tuesday, when Jim Wimberly Jr. of Vinton paid his \$1,453 bond.
Wimberly said he asked Rodriguez to stay at his house Tuesday night to help him establish a relationship with God.
Rodriguez said he planned to leave immediately for Floydada, a West Texas town about 50 miles northeast of Lubbock, about 550 miles northwest of Vinton.
"When I return to Floydada I am pretty certain that I will no longer be the pastor of my church, unless the people there can forgive me," he told



Preacher Sammy Rodriguez, right of Floydada, Texas, talks with Jimmy Wimberly Jr. of Vinton, La., and Vinton Police Chief Dennis Drouillard, center, while waiting his turn to appear before a judge Wednesday in Vinton City court on charges of careless operation of a motor vehicle and flight from a police officer. Rodriguez was released after pleading guilty to both charges.

The Vinton News. "I plan to look for a job as soon as I get back."
Rodriguez' wife's family sent her a plane ticket and she returned Friday, and a relative drove the other 18 people to Wauchula, Fla., relatives said.
Rodriguez told the newspaper that the family started out in five cars, with whatever they could toss in to take with them. After four of the cars broke down or ran out of gas, the children went into the trunk, which was braced open with a hangar to let in light and air.
"None of the children ever said that they were scared since they knew they were with family," he said.
As the group neared San Antonio, Rodriguez' brother said the Lord had told him that their clothes had been cursed by the devil.
"When we went through the city, we had the feeling that God was also going to destroy it because of the wicked ways of many of its people," Rodriguez said.
It was the first of two or three times that the group put on fresh clothes and left the ones they had been wearing behind. The last time was near Galveston.
"It was dark, so no one saw us, and we just simply left everything, including clothes, papers, money, food and the license to the car, in a pile on the side of the road," he told the newspaper. "The word that we had received said that everything that we needed would be provided for us as soon as we reached Louisiana."
When they saw the Vinton KOA Kampground, they drove in, thinking the Lord would provide a recreational vehicle filled with all the money, food and clothes they needed to get to Florida.

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John Dewey, philosopher, educator, 1920

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Some things can wait

Oh, no!! Better wait to buy that new luxury car until 1994. Why? Well, because the law Congress intended to ease the taxes on luxury cars was written wrong. But go ahead and purchase the yacht, jewels, fur or planes. That's tax break was made retroactive to Jan. 1.

Congress intended the tax break to occur in the last five months of this year, a break which would amount to a couple of hundred dollars. But, in the wording of the bill, someone inserted the words "any subsequent calendar year," causing widespread confusion about when the bill would take effect.

Affected most are automobile dealers who already had car buyers lined up and expecting the tax break. An appeal to Congress is in the works to make a technical correction to the bill.

But, in all of this, there is a winner - people who have to add equipment onto motor vehicles to assist the disabled.

The elimination of that tax was also retroactive to Jan. 1 and so consumers can seek refunds on the taxes.

Some things can wait - like the purchase of a new luxury car. And, then some things can't wait such as fixing up a car so the disabled can get around more easily.

At least Congress didn't mess up there.

Football madness cometh

Random thoughts while scratching my earlobe:

Football season is pure heaven to some, and like pulling teeth to others.

For the next few months, a lot of you will wonder just what has possessed the rest of us. You'll scratch your head over the strange madness that has the rest of us walking around like addicts who have received a long-overdue fix.

For those of you who absolutely hate football, there's nothing I can say or do to placate you. Football's here, and it's going to stay here at least until January. Get used to it.

For those of you, however, who don't really dislike the game but find its many facets confusing or intimidating, well, just think of me as your guide, a sort of Buffalo Bill Cody through the badlands of football.

Recently, I wrote my sorta-annual football quiz explaining some of the more exotic terms used in the sport. It was, of course, a smash hit (at least in my mind).

Today's lesson: cliches.

Cliches and football coaches are, to use a cliche, a match made in heaven.

It's not that football coaches are inarticulate boobs incapable of original thought. On the contrary. But if it were about 11 p.m. on a Friday night and your team had just been beat by 40 points and a nosy writer was in your face asking about the game, how original would you be?

No matter how erudite a coach may be, there's going to come a time when he is going to fall back on cliches, which have been his fast and steady friend through all weathers.

So you're going to hear or read plenty of cliches this football season. Have no fear - yours truly is here to interpret.

A few examples of coach-speak:

"We've got to take it one game at a time" - Of course the team has to take its season one game at a time. Not even the Cowboys could play two games at once.



Steve Reagan

What your friendly, neighborhood coach is really saying is that his team cannot afford to overlook this week's opponent, no matter how many big games are remaining on the schedule.

Either that, or the coach is doing a mental countdown to the end of the season, when he can chuck this football nonsense and concentrate on basketball, his one true love.

"If we keep improving, we'll get better" - This is the world champion entry in the Department of Redundancy Department. I'm not sure what the coach was trying to tell me, but this quote just jumped out and demanded my attention.

"It was just one of those games where everything we did went right/wrong" - A multiple choice cliche. The coach is telling the world in general that:

1. His team was so good it could have beaten the Cowboys, or

2. His team was so pitiful it couldn't have hit water if it had jumped out of a boat.

"They're a dangerous team" - This is usually said in reference to a team that has won only one or two games. What the coach really means is "We should beat these guys by about 50 points." The coach cannot say this, however, for fear that the other team might read his words, at which time they truly would become dangerous.

"My guys have got a lot of heart" - This is usually spoken by a coach whose season is going down the toilet, and for good reason: His team, quite simply, stinks. But rather than berate them in the daily newspaper, he compliments them because they continue on, despite all the losses.

Steve Reagan is sportswriter for the Herald. His column appears each Thursday.

Bullheaded idea for a vacationing Clinton

"How do you give your brain a rest?" asked Slat Grobnik. I'd say that we're doing that right now, with the help of this kindly bartender. Why do you ask?

"Because it says here in the newspaper that President Clinton is resting his brain while he's on vacation."

Yes, that's the idea of a vacation. Think cool thoughts. Charge up the old battery.

"Well, it don't sound to me like he picked the right place to rest his brain, going to that Marty's Yard."

You mean Martha's Vineyard? That island happens to be one of the most desirable vacation retreats on the East Coast. Why do you think people like Jackie Onassis and Walter Cronkite have estates there?

"Yeah, I read about that. The place is loaded with celebrities. So why would he go to a place like that?"

Why not go to a place like that?

"Because when you got all those celebrities, you got gawkers. I saw on TV, thousands of gawkers. And how do you rest your brain when every time you go out there's a thousand gawkers?"

That's pretty hard to avoid when you are President of the United States.

"Wouldn't be if he picked the right place to take a vacation and rest his brain."

Where do you suggest?



Mike Royko

"Wisconsin." Wisconsin? Presidents don't take vacations in Wisconsin.

"Why not? That's where I go."

Because it isn't fashionable. How would it sound if some network anchorman said: "Good evening, President Clinton announced today that he is going to spend his vacation in Wisconsin. He said he wants to visit a cheese factory, an Indian casino, a roadhouse that has a plastic muskie hanging above the bar and stop at the Wisconsin Dells to get matching moccasins for the whole family."

"Yeah, but he wouldn't have to worry about gawkers."

Of course he would. Wisconsinites gawk as much as anyone else. That's why they all drive so slow. They gawk at gas stations and fertilizer billboards.

"Not if he went to the right part of Wisconsin."

And where would that be?

"He could use me and my brother Fats' cottage on Lake Bullhead. Nobody would gawk at him there."

Of course they wouldn't, because you and Fats are the only people

who would build a cottage on a lake that is only four feet down at its deepest point.

"Five feet. We measured it when my wife fell out of the boat and the top half of her head stuck out of the water."

All right, five feet after a heavy rain. But what would he do there? "Give his brain a rest, just like me and Fats do. And my Uncle Beer Belly Frank."

But there is nothing to do.

"Sure there is. We could take him bullhead fishing, which is very restful."

Nobody fishes for bullheads.

"We do. Then we smoke 'em. Of course, we'd have to show him which end to light and make sure he don't inhale, hah."

I doubt if he would want to spend his entire vacation fishing for bullheads.

"That ain't all we do. In fact, we only fish a little while until we run out of worms. Then we drink beer, play poker and tell dirty stories until about two o'clock in the morning."

And you expect the President of the United States to spend his time like that?

"Why not? I read that he already had dinner twice with that Kay Graham, who owns the Washington Post. I bet she doesn't know as many dirty stories as my brother Fats."

I would hope not. I have met her and she is a woman of great dignity and regal bearing.

"See, that's what I mean. He's from Arkansas, right, so why would he want to have dinner with some rich doll who has dignity and regal bearing when he could be catching bullheads and drinking beer with me and my brother Fats?"

What does his being from Arkansas have to do with it?

"Because being from Arkansas means that down deep he's a bullhead kind of guy, except down there, they catch catfish with their bare hands. But I been there and they tell good dirty stories. Except sometimes you can't understand what they're saying, especially if they don't have teeth. And if he wants to really feel at home, I'll buy an old pickup with no tires and park it in my front yard and put a chicken in the front seat."

You don't understand. Because he is from Arkansas doesn't mean he is some backwoods Ozark rustic. He is a scholar, an intellectual, a Yale lawyer and is comfortable in the company of the rich and the famous. Besides, what would Hillary do at your cottage?

"Bullheads wouldn't be hard for her to fry once we skin 'em."

But remember, where the President goes, the media army goes. What would you do about them?

"The media, huh? Hey, skinned, they might not be bad either."

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This date in history

A real eyesore

Editor: You want to know about some of the worse spots in town? You should see this vacant lot at the corner of Airport and Harding. The weeds are over my head. Skunks like the place so they play around there.

We have three widow women on this corner who are all too old to clean it up so we just have to live with it.

They cleaned it last year after I wrote about it. We also have a lot across from us that was Mrs. Tucker's home that has weeds taller than I am. It hasn't been cleaned since she passed away over two years ago. The weeds are over my head there, too.

Our neighbors had two big lots mowed out here across the street from us, so it looks nice, but these other two are real eyesores.

Sure hope someone will clean them up. It's a real eyesore to see all these weeds.

EDNAE BASSETT Big Spring

What was lost?

Editor: In your editorial section on August 17, Mr. John Moseley (city editor) pointed out that after the drag boat races at Moss Creek local law enforcement agencies while "lying in wait, had a field day" when they arrested almost thirty people for drunk driving. Nine of these people were from out of town. Mr. Moseley hinted that it is really not fair to have an event that encourages visitors to come here, and spend money then arrest them when they do something like break the law.

I believe Mr. Moseley was trying to point out the potential lost revenue the city gave up by arresting these drunk drivers, just think of the tow truck drivers that lost the chance to respond to the scene of a wreck involving one of these drunk drivers. Think of the potential lost revenue our law enforcement agency caused the emergency room at the local hospital and of course the rehabilitation service providers probably lost bundles. The local funeral homes

undoubtedly lost thousands to say nothing of the hardship we put on our attorneys that now will be unable to seek damages on behalf of any survivors.

Yes, Mr. Moseley is definitely on to something here, if we follow his lead and pursue this line of reasoning we could conceivably bring to our town a whole new source of revenue. All we have to do is restrain our policemen and stand back on scrape up the windfall that will follow. I do agree with Mr. Moseley that we should follow the same procedure at any and all events where these financial benefits might take place due to large amounts of adult beverages being consumed.

PHILLIP BURCHAM Big Spring

Raise a shock

Editor: We were shocked by the very large increase in our electric bill this month.

I called and discovered if you would like to register a protest to TU Electric's requested rate increase (that's on our bills already) write to the following address. It may not help but it certainly can't do any harm.

Write to: Public Utility Commission of Texas Attn: Public Information 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard Austin, TX 78757

ERNESTINE CHILDERS Big Spring

Thanks for helping

Editor: I just want to thank everyone who helped me get my baby out of my car at Coahoma elementary the first day of school. I really appreciate everything you did. I'm sorry that I feel I have to criticize the police for refusing to come because I think they are criticized far too much as it is. So I understand why they wouldn't try to unlock my car, but when a baby is involved they should be more judicious. He was not in immediate danger but he was in there for 30 minutes. Everyone else was great. Thank you Henson Wrecking Service.

STACEY CHILDERS Coahoma

A lot learned

Editor: Good day. I am new here, and glad to get your good newspaper.

We learn a lot about people by what gets their dander up. The tempest over DUI arrests at the lake has been interesting. Anyone who rages like the DPS's critics only makes me suspicious: What's their real motive? Guilt usually rants and raves. Shakespeare said, "Thou protesteth too much." ... so much so, that we question the screamer, not the ones at whom he points his finger.

What's really going on here? Is someone's income threatened? Are we listening to the beer vendors? Did these arrests embarrass somebody? Was someone's intoxicated son booked that afternoon? Or are we simply dealing with people who enjoy getting bombed? Where's the missing piece to this puzzle? Whatever the motive, I'm suspicious.

Did you see "Twenty-Twenty" last week, about the deaths resulting from alcohol-related boating accidents? Personally, I salute Frank Woodall and the officers who have the viscera to stand up to unjust pressure and protect us from these people. Frankly, officers, I hope next time you arrest a hundred. Chase 'em in black and whites, in unmarked vehicles, or in pink Volkswagens. These people are no friends of Big Spring.

TOM FULLER, pastor First United Methodist Church

Be practical

Editor: Superintendent W.A. McQueary said recently on KBST that "it will cost more now to renovate Runnels Junior High School than it would have two years ago when the school bond election was held." Unfortunately, at that time the voters were not given a choice of renovating Runnels; the bond issue only promoted construction of a new junior high school.

All of us want what's best for our children, but let's do it in the most practical way. Let's renovate Runnels (at a savings of more than \$1.3 million over new construction, according to BSISD's own figures, published in the Big Spring Herald in January, 1991), and in the process save this historic building that could never be replaced, a building that is an important part of our heritage here in Howard County.

Would it be possible to hold an election that would allow the voters to decide whether to renovate Runnels or to build a new school?

GERALD AND RAMONA JARRIS Big Spring



Choosing a fire detector

Over the years we have had a myriad of companies come into the Big Spring area selling smoke and heat detectors. I have had quite a few citizens inquire about the smoke and heat detectors, asking, "What is really needed in the home?"

Some companies invite you to a free meal just for watching their presentation. However, the presentation that most use is high pressure sales pitches that indicate the heat detectors provide earlier warning than smoke detectors and not buying a heat detector would jeopardize the lives of your family.

The Texas Fire Marshal Association, in its June 1993 Quarterly Newsletter, reports that Oklahoma's Attorney General is suing an Oklahoma Company and its Arkansas distributor over advertisements that claim heat detectors are better than smoke detectors.

In addition, they used misleading advertisements and scare tactics to sell heat detectors priced from \$100 to \$250. They also falsely claimed law enforcement and fire departments endorse their products.

So with all this in mind, what should you do? Which is the better of the two? Where should they be placed? Of the smoke detectors there are two types. Ionization and Photoelectric.

The ionization detector is more sensitive to tiny particles of combustion that can not be seen or smelled. The Photoelectric detector is more sensitive to large particles of combustion emitted by smoldering fires. The differences between the two types are generally not critical, since the difference in response time is a matter of a few seconds. Either of the two, ionization or Photoelectric, detectors will meet most needs.

What about heat detectors? A heat detector works by detecting abnormally high temperature or rate-of-temperature rise.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommends to homeowners that heat detectors be placed in areas such as the kitchen, dining room, attic, basement and garage. For bedrooms, the NFPA, prefers smoke detectors.

Smoke detectors work best when the battery are changed on a regular basis. We recommend during the time change, when clocks are turned up or back, that the smoke detectors battery be changed as well. Smoke detectors give earlier warnings than heat detectors in nearly all residential fires.

Fire Tips is written by Big Spring Fire Marshal Burr Lea Settles.



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Memory fails Denny as he watches tape

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Reginald Denny sat in a courtroom and watched a videotape of men kicking him and bashing him with a hammer, an oxygen tank and an object resembling a brick. Denny said he remembered none of it.

Testifying for the first time about the attack, the 37-year-old truck driver who was beaten nearly to death in the opening moments of the 1992 riots said he recalls almost nothing after the passenger window of his rig shattered.

"From that point on I have no idea what I saw," Denny said Wednesday. "I have no memory after that."

During a break in the trial, Denny embraced the mothers of his alleged assailants. He approached Georgiana Williams, the mother of Damian Williams, who prosecutors say is one of the men shown attacking Denny in the videotape.

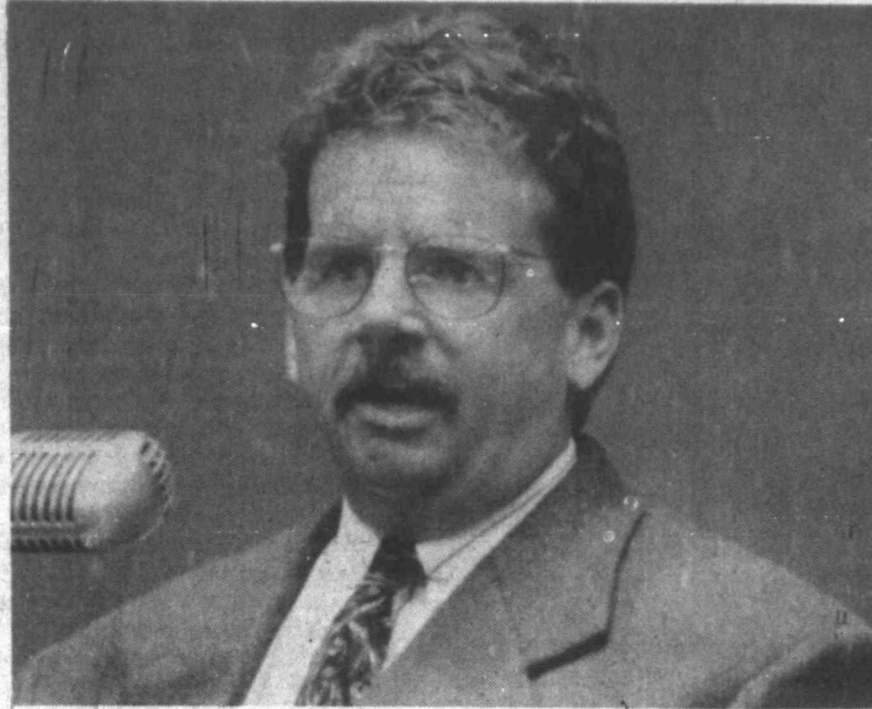
"May I shake your hand?" he asked. Mrs. Williams reached out with a big smile and hugged Denny. "I love you," she said. "I'm so glad to meet you."

Denny then walked over to Joyce Watson, mother of defendant Henry Watson, and gave her a bear hug.

Williams, 20, and Watson, 28, are charged with attempted murder and other offenses in attacks on Denny and seven others at a South Central Los Angeles intersection as the riots erupted on April 29, 1992. They could get life in prison.

Denny sat and watched about 10 minutes of videotape of the violence that engulfed him at the intersection of Florence and Normandie avenues.

Several jurors put their hands over their mouths, and one shook his head, as images of a bloodied Denny



Associated Press photo

Trucker Reginald Denny testifies in the trial Wednesday of Damian Williams and Henry Watson, who are accused of beating him during the Los Angeles riots. Denny, 37, said he was unaware of the Simi Valley verdicts acquitting four police officers when he drove into the intersection of Florence and Normandie avenues on April 29, 1992.

being kicked and pummeled flashed across the six TV screens set up around the courtroom.

Wearing a green sport jacket, khaki pants, a striped shirt and paisley tie, Denny showed jurors the lump on his right temple. At a prosecutor's request, he walked over to the jury box to show jurors the dent in his head where part of his skull had to be removed.

Since the attack, Denny said, he has undergone numerous operations to repair his shattered head, put his eye back in its socket and move his jaw back into place. He has taken

medication for seizures and clotting for over a year and is now permanently susceptible to head infections.

The beating, televised live via news helicopter, followed the acquittals in state court of four white policemen charged in the beating of black motorist Rodney King in 1991.

Bobby Green, the black truck driver who left his home and rushed to the scene when he saw the beating on television, told jurors he drove the gravely injured Denny to the hospital. He and three other good Samaritans came to Denny's aid, Green said.

Asininity in the name of art

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) is at it again.

This is the government-endowed agency which has used your tax dollars to stage a controversial exhibition of nude photographs in a Cincinnati art gallery.

It has subsidized all manner of rude, lewd and unpatriotic exhibits in the name of "art."

The Museum of Contemporary Art in San Diego, Calif., is subsidized by the NEA with your money, so this concerns you.

Some of its grant money is being handed out in \$10 bills to outlaw immigrants who sneak across our borders.

In an effort to sanitize these parasites, those who encourage this illegal traffic want us to call them "undocumented workers."

How can public money be handed to these people in the name of "art"? Sponsors of the project insist that you and I just don't understand the meaning of "art," that their gesture



Paul Harvey

of generosity with your money is "conceptual art." (More playing with words to legitimize an illegitimate charity.)

Understand, this is encouraging illegal immigrant workers in a city which already has one of the highest unemployment rates (8.4 percent) in our nation.

A spokesperson for the San Diego Museum of Contemporary Art says the objectives of the giveaway are "to redefine public art and to raise questions about community identity."

"We are trying to make a social revelation. We are trying to say that despite the legal fictions, despite the immigration laws, we are a community that is bound economically and in many other ways to Mexico."

President Clinton's choice to head

the National Endowment for the Arts is actress Jane Alexander.

She will have an opportunity to restore some degree of dignity and discipline to the NEA, but she will encounter vigorous — and doubtless some vicious — resentment and resistance in the ranks.

It might be expedient for the president, in the interests of economizing, to dump the NEA subsidy altogether, save that \$170 million a year, until it can be revived along more responsible guidelines.

More than 200 years ago, as the ideas upon which this country was founded were taking shape, James Madison observed that it is in man's nature to form factions. "So strong is this propensity of mankind to fall into mutual animosities that the most frivolous and fanciful distinctions have been sufficient to kindle unfriendly passions and excite violent conflicts. This zeal for different opinions has rendered these factions much more disposed to vex and oppress one another than to cooperate for the common good."

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Crisis' end celebrated in Nicaragua

The Associated Press

MANAGUA, Nicaragua — Nicaraguans celebrated wildly in the streets early today after former Sandinista fighters freed the country's last hostages, defusing a weeklong crisis that had raised new fears of civil war.

Hundreds of residents cheered Vice President Virgilio Godoy and four fellow conservative leaders who walked shaken but alive from the hands of a gun-slugging group of former Sandinista rebels just before midnight Wednesday.

"Long live Godoy!" the crowd shouted.

Some wept and hugged the former captives, who had been stripped to their underwear and had served as human shields during one tense weekend during the standoff, when rebels began firing rounds with their AK-47 rifles.

Radio Catolica, broadcasting live from the headquarters, said the gunmen remained inside the headquarters of the National Opposition Union today, and that former Sandinista President Daniel Ortega was mediating a getaway.

Earlier, the hostage-takers had asked for a helicopter to fly them to an unspecified destination.

The crisis was the worst since the civil war between the U.S.-backed Contras and the leftist Sandinistas ended in 1990.

The hostage-taking began one week ago today when rearmend Contra rebels in the north seized dozens of members of a government peace delegation, many of them Sandinistas.

The only casualty was one Sandinista fighter reported wounded on Friday.

The crisis centered over demands by Contra rebels for the resignations of President Violeta Chamorro's two most powerful aides: Sandinista army chief Gen. Humberto Ortega and Antonio Lacayo, Mrs. Chamorro's son-in-law.



A Croat woman refugee from Bijelo Polje, the Muslim part of Mostar, tries to stop a U.N. vehicle en route to the embattled city Wednesday. U.N. trucks piled high with food and medicine entered the city past enraged Croat women trying to prevent the badly needed aid from reaching rival Muslims.

U.N. aid reaches Mostar; angry Croats block path

The Associated Press

MOSTAR, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Starving Muslims mobbed a U.N. convoy today to prevent it from leaving Mostar after the trucks unloaded the first food and medicine to reach them in two months.

"If you leave, they are going to massacre us," cried one woman, who identified herself only as Almira, 32.

The trucks were blocked from leaving for more than five hours by Muslim fighters and hundreds of demonstrators, who saw the U.N. personnel as a shield against further Croat shelling.

Rag-tag soldiers fired in the air and left a bus blocking the road leading out of the sector. Hundreds of

women and children pleaded for the convoy to stay. Some carried signs reading: "Why did the world forget us?" and "You're our guarantee."

The trucks crossed into the Muslim sector of Mostar overnight after driving past angry Croats who accused the United Nations of feeding killers.

Thousands of exhausted and bone-thin people mobbed the trucks as they pulled to a stop before splitting up. Ten were unloaded at the sector's rudimentary hospital, four at two nearby warehouses.

The crowd pounded on the windows of the trucks, demanding cigarettes and chocolate, many of them grinning.

Dr. Zlatko Guzin said the hospital, which can only be approached over a

square vulnerable to Croat snipers, had one day's supply of blood left and had run out of oxygen and other essentials.

Cedric Thornberry, the U.N. civic affairs officer for former Yugoslavia, negotiated for hours with local officials to get the trucks out. At one point he angrily threatened to stop all humanitarian aid to Bosnia unless the trucks were allowed to depart.

As the crowd got off the street and the trucks prepared to pull out, Thornberry criticized the delay. He said the convoy and its personnel were "held as hostages, which is completely unacceptable."

On Wednesday, the convoy had taken hours to travel the 12 miles from Medjugorje.

Slain American student wanted to help Africans

The Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Amy Biehl came to South Africa last year to try to help disadvantaged blacks.

On Wednesday, a mob of young blacks in a squalid township stabbed her to death two days before the 26-year-old Fulbright scholar was to go home to the United States.

She was believed to be the first American killed in the township violence that has killed more than 15,000 blacks since the mid-1980s.

"She wanted to give herself to the African people," said her mother, Linda Biehl, from her home in Newport Beach, Calif. "She wanted to do whatever she could to help them."

"I was very worried about her, but she would say, 'Mom, I'm okay. I'm doing this because I want to do this. You can't live your life in a shell.'"

Biehl's final moments were typical of her time in South Africa. She was driving three black friends home to Guguletu in one of the more notorious townships in the Cape Town area.

According to police and witnesses, youths lining the street stoned the vehicle, then pulled Biehl out and hit her in the face with a brick.

When Biehl tried to flee, they stabbed her several times in the head. A companion, Singiswa Bevu, asked the youths why they were attacking her and was told "because she is a settler," a term used by radical blacks for whites.

Bevu was stabbed in the hand when she tried to assist Biehl. The other two passengers escaped unharmed.

African National Congress official Allan Boesak condemned the killing as "racially inspired." He said he believed supporters of the militant Pan Africanist Congress were responsible.

Boesak said the youths were shouting PAC slogans and wearing T-shirts of the organization's student wing.

Police said today they arrested two teen-age residents of Guguletu and that more arrests were expected.

Tsietsi Telite, national chairman of PAC's student wing, confirmed the youths, ages 17 and 18, were members of the wing. Telite told reporters he wasn't surprised at Biehl's murder and warned of similar attacks in the future.

PAC spokesman Gora Ebrahim said the incident would be investigated and that such an attack violated PAC policy.

Israeli warplanes strike at Lebanon

The Associated Press

MARJAYOUN, Lebanon — Israeli warplanes struck suspected guerrilla hideouts in south Lebanon today after Israeli ground troops and Arab guerrillas clashed, security sources said.

At least two fighter jets blasted hills in the Apple province, a stronghold of the Iranian-backed Hezbollah, or Party of God, said the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity. They said black smoke rose from the villages of Ein Bouswar, Mleeta, Lowizeh and Mount Safi.

There was no immediate word on casualties.

The attacks kept tensions running high on the eve of an Arab foreign ministers' conference in Lebanon to

chart a united strategy for the Middle East peace talks, which resume Tuesday in Washington.

The clashes began when several rounds of mortars and rocket-propelled grenades hit around a post manned by Israel's affiliated South Lebanon Army in Sojod, the sources said.

The SLA and Israeli gunners retaliated by firing 155mm howitzer shells. There were no casualties in the exchange of fire, the sources said.

Israeli warplanes targeted the area about five hours later.

Hezbollah leads a guerrilla war against Israel's self-declared "security zone" in south Lebanon. The guerrillas have vowed to escalate attacks in a bid to undermine Arab-Israeli peace negotiations.

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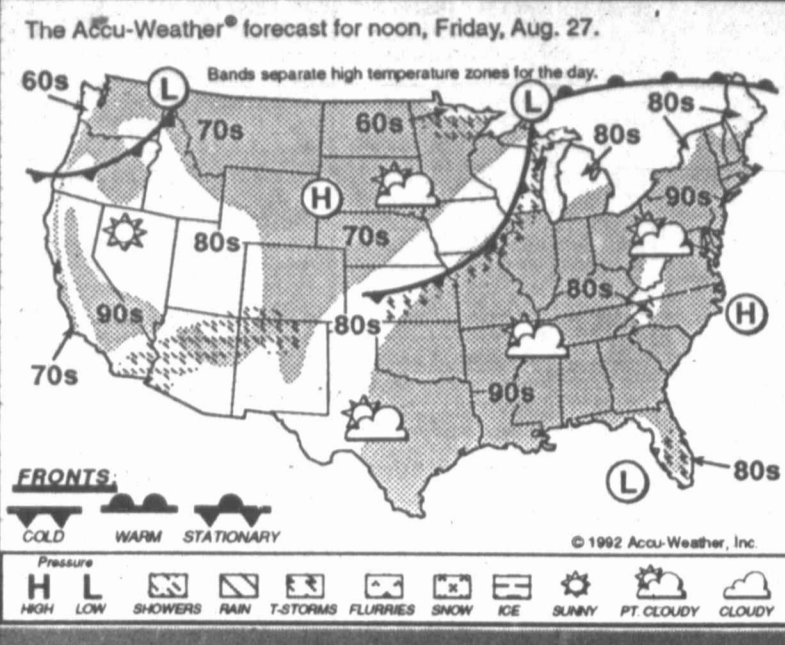
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Officials eye changes in state, federal law

By **CONNIE SWINNEY**
Staff Writer

Local law enforcement officials paid special attention to criminal issues including increased penalties for drug offenses committed near schools, during a legislative update in Denton on Aug. 19.

Attending the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program, Police Chief Joe Cook noted public safety and municipal court legislation on issues such as arresting or detaining youth in school; "drug free" school zones and street gang nuisances.

"The updated information was in the areas like increased penalties for offenses," Cook said.

The new legislation is effective Sept. 1.

Regarding criminal statutes, penalties have increased on drug offenses committed near schools under the Health and Safety Code, creating "drug free" zones.

"(There is a) doubling for minimum terms of confinement and maximum fine for conviction of drug offenses committed in, on or within 1,000 feet of premises owned, rented or leased by a school or institution of higher learning or a playground," according to the Public Safety and Municipal Court report.

Penalties are affected in the same manner for drug activities committed on, in or within 300 feet of the premises of a public or private youth center, public swimming pool or video arcade facility.

Prisoners serving sentences increased under the act are not eligible for parole until the prisoners' actual calendar time served.

The section also provides for sentences without consideration for good conduct time before five years, or the maximum term to which he was sentenced, whichever is less.

An addition to the Civil Practice and Remedies Code included a penalty on a proprietor of an establishment where organized criminal activity, known as gangs, takes place.

"Knowingly maintaining a place where persons habitually go for the purpose of engaging in organized criminal activity as a member of a street gang has been added to the definition of common nuisance," the report stated.

The act also notes, "Any person who habitually associates with others in such activities may be made a defendant and any person who owns or is responsible for maintaining a place used habitually for such activities may be made a defendant."

Fines for the offense is no less than \$1,000 nor more than \$10,000 and confinement in jail for 10 to 30 days.

In House Bill 23, an article was added to the Code of Criminal Procedure, regarding notice from law enforcement officials to school officials.

"Law enforcement agencies who

arrest an individual they know or believe to be enrolled in public or private primary or secondary school for an offense...shall orally notify the superintendent of the school district or the principal or designated employee of a private school within

24 hours of the arrest," the report continued.

Moreover, "Within seven days after the date oral notice is given, mail written notification..." the report continued. Officials are required to provide a disclaimer as well.

Other areas of law enforcement concern included increased penalties for drug offenses committed by adults in the presence of minors and nuisance rulings allowable on repeated and frequent discharges of weapons at certain establishments.

Appointed

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"You can look at Big Spring and see the bad aspects of it, the weedy lots and the trash and the debris and abandoned buildings, or you can see it for beyond what it is in the present," he said. "The only way that you can get something better is to have a vision, an idea of what it can be."

McLaughlin, appointed to the three-year-old Moore Board by the Big Spring City Council Tuesday, is no stranger to long-term planning or Moore Development.

He's a member of the Tourism Task Force of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, working this year to develop a tourism development plan. As president of the six-state Wholesale Distributors Association, he's writing a strategic plan for that organization. He's been a member of Moore Development's subcommittee for

CASA

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attendance included the Big Spring Police Chief Joe Cook, Assistant District Attorney Dale Dupree and officials from the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (TDPRS).

Attendees raised questions about overlapping services with current child groups, the lack of professional qualifications of CASA members and the extent to which the group will be of assistance to the district judge.

118th District Court Judge Bob Moore said he approved of installing the group.

"I'm more curious about involvement in custody situations. It's the ones that can't afford it where I need (CASA) the most," Moore said.

Although Moore expressed CASA could be a valuable resource, he had some reservations about the extent of the group's activities.

"I'm not willing to turn (an abuse victim) over to someone who's not a professional... who may trigger something detrimental," he said.

The sole criterion to become a member is 25-35 hours of training, as well as "optional" on-going training, Bennett said.

"I didn't want any false notions that CASA would be taking the place of (the Department of Human Services)," said L.J. Nelson, Child Protective Services supervisor for TDPRS (formerly called DHS). "Sharing information is basically an important aspect of the relationship we could have with CASA."

Dupree said the group may not be needed in criminal

business retention and expansion since Moore Development began.

McLaughlin is also familiar with Big Spring. He grew up here, graduated from Big Spring High School and attended Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va., before completing a degree in accounting at the University of Texas at Austin. After graduation, he returned to Big Spring and has since worked at Saunders, a family-owned business for 47 years.

His experience will help Moore Development, he said. "It helps to have people that are in business."

McLaughlin replaces Owen Ivie, who served as Moore board president. He joins Steve Fraser, reappointed Tuesday, and Glenn Fillingim, Charles Dunnam and Jim Purcell. Board terms are two years.

McLaughlin and his wife, Mary Kay, have two children ages 12 and 11. His hobbies include golf, hunting, sailing, skiing and reading.

court for abuse cases, but in child custody battles.

"There is a place for this in the community. They may be limited in some areas and play a large role in others," he said. "Where CASA can be the most benefit is in an interactive process with all agencies or advocacy groups in this town."

Volunteers research former neighborhoods, schools, medical histories; they also interview people in which the divorcing family has come in contact such as parents, grandparents, neighbors, teachers, counselors.

CASA volunteers will work hand-in-hand with protective services, law enforcement and courtroom officials, to assess the needs of children in "stressful" and "abusive" situations.

Bennett said, "In the event a divorce gets blown out of proportion — the parents do battle — the court may appoint us."

"Working with other agencies, we can check the home environment on both sides," said Anne Sigmon, the local CASA co-organizer. "We will help in the placement of the child, based on a safe environment or where the child wants to be."

CASA exists in all 50 states and has thousands of volunteers. More than 32 counties in Texas are served. Ector County CASA, in existence for five years, has 34 members.

Each year 340,000 children are removed from their homes, sparking nationwide concern for child welfare in these cases.

Defaults

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to pay back) the student loans just because they don't want to," Duncan said of students in economically depressed areas.

Howard College will continue its policy of accepting any lender-approved application for student loans, "if they show financial need for the loan," Duncan said. HC will continue to service the community as before, she added.

In 1991, taxpayers lost an estimated \$3.6 billion on bad student loans.

The department announced last month that overall default rates were decreasing because of the tougher collection methods.

The number of defaults declined from 22.4 percent in fiscal 1990 to 17.5 percent in 1991, the latest year for which figures are available.

Last year, about 1,000 schools were handed suspensions, which can

last a year or more depending on the school's corrective actions.

The government bases a school's default rate for a particular year on the number of borrowers scheduled to begin paying on their loans who defaulted either in that year or the following year.

Students apply for loans through the schools, which verify the student's eligibility. Banks furnish the money.

The government pays the interest on the loan while the student is in school. If the student defaults, one of 47 guarantor agencies repays the lender and then tries to collect. If they are unsuccessful, the government pays off the loan.

Schools, faced with the loss of a major — sometimes primary — source of revenue, have been using collection agencies to go after the delinquents.

Deaths

Church.
She is survived by her daughter, Hilda Paul, Big Spring.

Walter Graves

Services are pending for Walter C. Graves, Stanton, with Gilbreath Funeral Home.
Mr. Graves died Wednesday, Aug. 25, 1993, in Phoenix, Ariz. after a sudden illness.

Felipe Lopez

Services for Felipe C. Lopez, 53, Big Spring, are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.
Mr. Lopez died today in a Midland hospital.

Mary Freels

Services for Mary Freels, 81, Big Spring, are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.
Ms. Freels died today in a local nursing home.

Ethel Small

Services for Ethel Loraine Small, 83, Colorado City, will be 10 a.m., Friday at 22nd & Austin Church of Christ, Colorado City, with Abe Lincoln and Brad Small officiating. Burial will be in Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Small died Tuesday, Aug. 24, 1993, at Kristi Lee Manor.

She was born March 9, 1910, in Mitchell County. She married Louis Small on Dec. 14, 1929, in Colorado City. She was a homemaker and a member of 22nd & Austin Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Louis Small, Colorado City; two sons: Charles Small, Abilene, and Carl Small, Big Spring; three brothers: Foy Webb, Carl Webb, and Lindly Webb, all of Colorado City; one sister, Dorris Garcia, Pacheco, Calif.; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one grandson.

Selma Lieske

Services for Selma Lieske, 102, Big Spring, will be 4:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 27, 1993, in the Resthaven Funeral Home Chapel, Lubbock with Dr. Lynn Lemon, a Baptist minister officiating. Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Mrs. Lieske died Wednesday, Aug. 25, 1993, in a Big Spring hospital following an illness.

She was born March 18, 1891, in Atwater, Minn. She married Albert Lieske on Nov. 18, 1915, in Rochester, Minn. He preceded her in death on Aug. 20, 1978. She had lived in Big Spring the past 10 years. She was a member of the Baptist

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Steering Texas blasts Red Sox

By The Associated Press

Rookie right-hander Steve Dreyer (2-1) gave the depleted Texas pitching staff a break with five-hit ball over 6 1-3 innings and Ivan Rodriguez took care of the offense with a career-high five RBIs as Texas creamed Boston 10-2.

Rodriguez hit a three-run homer in a four-run first as the Rangers won their fourth in a row. The visiting Red Sox lost their sixth straight and eighth of nine.

In other games Wednesday it was: Toronto 10, Cleveland 7; Detroit 7, Seattle 4; California 2, Baltimore; Milwaukee 12, Oakland 2; and Minnesota 4, Kansas City 2.

Yankees 7

White Sox 5

The Yankees found someplace other than New York where they do OK.

Embroided in an AL East pennant race with the Toronto Blue Jays, the Yankees stayed one game behind the defending World Series champions Wednesday night by winning away from home.

New York beat the AL West-leading Chicago White Sox 7-5, and the Yankees' 10th victory in 14 games gave them a 30-32 road record, including 2-1 in the three-game series at Comiskey Park.

"This series was important for us because it was a first-place team and especially because we haven't been playing well on the road," said catcher Mike Stanley, who broke out of a slump just in time to break the game's final tie with an eighth-inning single.

Blue Jays 10

Indians 7

John Olerud, the major leagues' leading hitter, and Paul Molitor, the AL's No. 2 batter, each had four hits as the Blue Jays had 17 hits to prevail in another slugfest in the three-game series. Cleveland won the first game 9-8 and the Blue Jays won the middle game 8-6.

Olerud, now hitting .392, went 4-for-4 with two doubles and four runs scored. Molitor, who is at .331, went 4-for-5 with a double, triple, three RBIs and three runs scored.

Pat Hentgen (15-7) won despite

allowing six runs and nine hits in 7 1-3 innings. Duane Ward got the final out for his 36th save.

Toronto went ahead to stay in the bottom of the third, scoring four times against Jose Mesa (9-10) to take a 6-3 lead. Mesa went 4 2-3 innings, allowing eight runs on 13 hits.

Tigers 7

Mariners 4

At Detroit, Travis Fryman drove in four runs and had four hits, including his 18th homer, and Bill Gullikson improved his lifetime mark against Seattle to 9-0 with his fifth straight victory.

Cecil Fielder added his 29th homer for the Tigers, who scored four runs in the sixth to overcome a 4-3 deficit.

Ken Griffey Jr. hit his 36th and 37th homers, the ninth two-homer game of his career, for Seattle. Gullikson (11-6) allowed four runs on seven hits in six innings.

Angels 2

Orioles 1

Cal Ripken's seventh-inning single was the only hit Mark Langston allowed in eight innings.

Reliever Mike Butcher allowed one hit and got his seventh save as the Orioles were two-hit for the second straight game. Langston (13-6) struck out nine and walked three.

Mike Mussina (12-5) had his three-game winning streak snapped as he allowed two runs and six hits in eight innings. Chad Curtis and Tim Salmon each drove in a run for visiting California, while Baltimore's only run came on a double play after Ripken's hit and an error by Langston.

Brewers 12

Athletics 2

There was no brawl in Milwaukee like Tuesday night, but the Brewers roughed up Oakland pitchers with three four-run innings.

John Jaha had a three-run homer for Milwaukee, while Oakland scored its runs in the matchup of cellar-dwellers on a two-run homer in the eighth by Mike Aldrete.

'Hotlanta' sweeps Giants

By The Associated Press

On the field and off, the Atlanta Braves are making a major move in the NL West.

In what has become baseball's most intriguing race, the Braves completed an impressive three-game sweep at Candlestick Park by trouncing San Francisco 9-1 Wednesday, cutting the Giants' lead to 4 1/2 games.

Fred McGriff and David Justice hit consecutive home runs twice in the game, and the Braves connected six times in all, making it easy for Greg Maddux (15-9) to best Bill Swift (17-6). Atlanta has not been so close to first place since May 31.

"Just being able to cut into the lead is exciting for us," Maddux said.

After the game, it got even more interesting.

The Giants found out that Will Clark, injured in a collision with shortstop Jeff Blauser, strained a ligament in his right knee, and they placed him on the disabled list.

Then on Tuesday, the Giants start a three-game series in Atlanta.

"We've just got to forget about it and turn it around," Giants star Barry Bonds said. "We've got some problems, now but we don't have any excuses."

In other games, Montreal beat Chicago 7-3, Philadelphia defeated Colorado 8-5, Pittsburgh beat Los Angeles 2-1 in 12 innings, Houston downed Florida 3-2, San Diego stopped St. Louis 2-1 in 10 innings and Cincinnati defeated New York 4-1.

Expos 7

Cubs 3

Jeff Fassero defeated Chicago for the second time in seven days as Montreal won at Olympic Stadium.

Fassero (9-3) is 4-2 with a 1.75 ERA in nine games since being converted from a reliever to a starter. He gave up six hits in 7 2-3 innings, and John Wetteland closed for his 29th save.

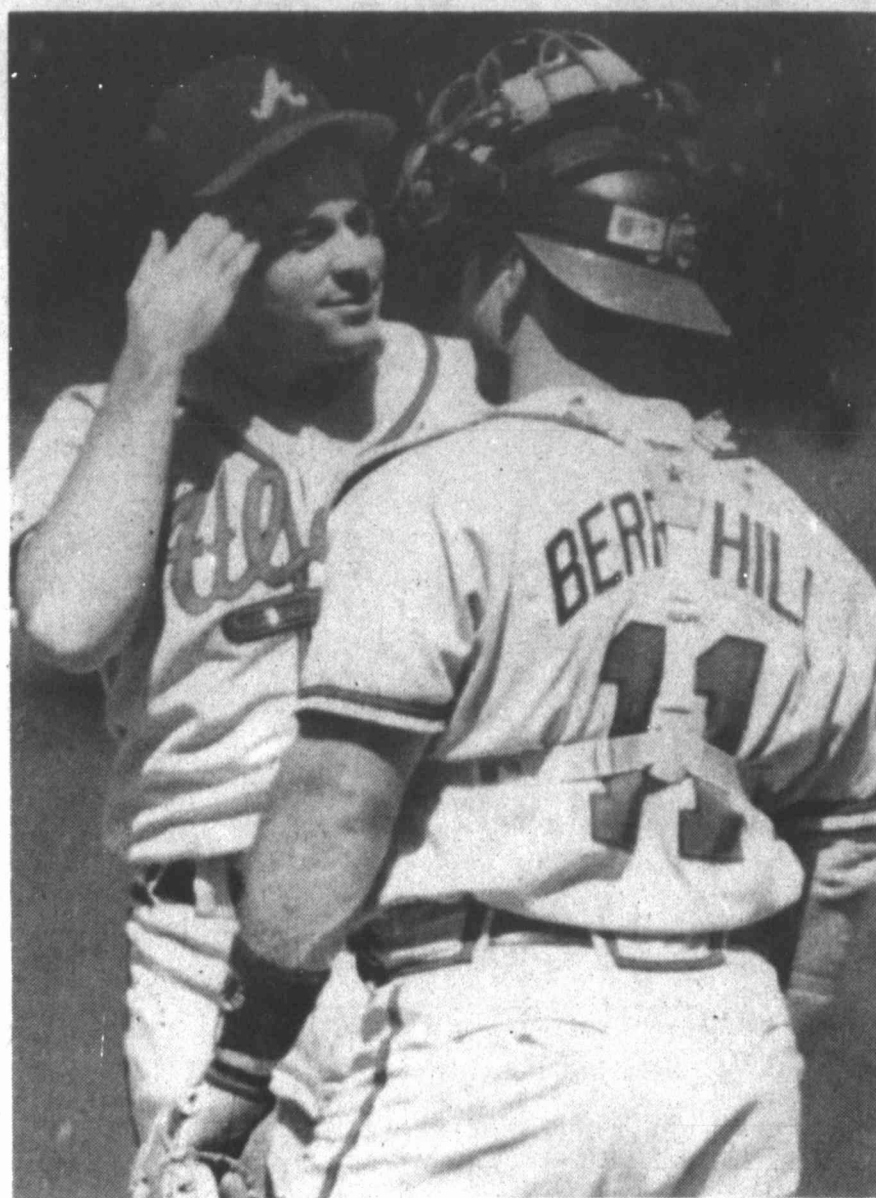
Larry Walker hit a two-run double during a three-run first inning against Mike Morgan (8-12). Marquis Grissom had three hits for Montreal, including a two-run single in the eighth.

Glenallen Hill, acquired by the Cubs from Cleveland on Aug. 19, hit his first NL home run.

Phillies 8

Rockies 5

Backup Todd Pratt hit a two-run homer, helping Curt Schilling and



Atlanta pitcher Greg Maddux and catcher Damon Berryhill meet on the mound at Candlestick Park Wednesday during action against the San Francisco Giants. Atlanta won 9-1.

Philadelphia win at home.

Pratt homered for the third time in his last five starts in place of starting catcher Darren Daulton. Pratt's home run in the fourth off Mo Sanford (1-1) put the Phillies ahead for good at 4-3.

Schilling (11-6) tied his career high with nine strikeouts in eight innings. He gave up home runs to Daryl Boston and Roberto Mejia.

Pirates 2

Dodgers 1

Al Martin hustled for a leadoff double in the 12th inning and scored on rookie Andy Tomberlin's single as Pittsburgh stopped Los Angeles' six-game winning streak.

Martin beat center fielder Brett Butler's throw to second base. Tomberlin then singled off Jim Gott (4-7) for his fifth RBI in 22 at-bats

since being called up from Triple-A Buffalo on Aug. 11.

The Dodgers left 17 runners on base, nine in scoring position. Denny Neagle (3-5) pitched three hitless innings.

Astros 3

Marlins 2

Mark Portugal, Todd Jones and Xavier Hernandez teamed on a three-hitter as Houston won its fourth straight game.

Portugal (13-4) is 7-0 with a 1.88 ERA in his last nine starts. He pitched five innings and gave up only one hit, a two-run homer by Darrell Whitmore.

Hernandez struck out four of seven batters and got his seventh save. Charlie Hough (7-14) was the loser.

Florida has lost seven in a row to the Astros.

Pitching-rich Braves trade for Martinez

By The Associated Press

MONTREAL — The Atlanta Braves, trying to strengthen their staff for the stretch run, have worked out a trade for Montreal pitcher Dennis Martinez, pending his approval. The Associated Press learned Wednesday night.

Expos general manager Dan Duquette announced Wednesday that a deal has agreed upon, but did not identify which team Martinez might join. Martinez was to give his decision at 2 p.m. EDT Thursday.

A source close to the negotiations, however, said the Expos had made a deal with the Braves for a player to be named. That player was said to be power-hitting Brian Hunter, who was recently sent to the minors after the Braves acquired Fred McGriff.

Martinez, 38, has the right to veto any trade because he is a 10-and-5 man — he's played at least 10 years in the major leagues, including the last five with the same team.

Martinez told his teammates that the Braves were the ones who wanted him.

"I was in the clubhouse watching television when he came out of the manager's office and he told me he was going to go to Atlanta," Expos reliever Mel Rojas said.

Martinez is 11-8 with a 4.23 ERA this season. He was an All-Star in 1990, 1991 and 1992.

Martinez has been the subject of trade rumors for several seasons, with contenders San Francisco and Toronto among those most interested. On Wednesday, Giants general manager Bob Quinn confirmed that the team put in a claim for Martinez when the Expos put him on waivers.

Trades made in August can only be completed after a player has cleared waivers. The Braves, though, would get a chance to claim Martinez before the Giants because they are lower in the standings than San Francisco.

The Braves completed a three-game sweep in San Francisco on Wednesday with a 9-1 victory, and pulled within 4 1/2 games of the NL West-leading Giants.

Steers minus three for Midland scrimmage

By DAVE HARGRAVE
Sports Editor

The Big Spring Steers will be going into Friday night's scrimmage at Midland High without at least three of their key players.

Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler has placed three players on his "physically unable to perform" list — Wes Hughes, Todd Parrish and David Akin. Two others — Lonnie Jackson and Josh Jones — will see only limited action because of injuries.

Jackson, a tailback who gained 25



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"Sure, we'd like to have everybody ready to go for this scrimmage. But the good thing about all this is that none of the injuries are major. We'll be ready next Friday, and more than likely we'll have everyone in uniform and 100 percent."

Dwight Butler
BSHS football coach

yards on six carries in the Lamesa scrimmage last Friday, has been battling a strained thigh for the last 10 days.

"This is the scrimmage we would like to have everyone intact, so we could get our starters in there," Butler said.

It looks as though the Steers will still

be playing their opening-night starters at Midland. Dustin Waters, a junior, will fill in for Hughes at quarterback and will likely start the season opener against Levelland.

"The people that start the scrimmage tomorrow night will likely be the ones that start next Friday," Butler said. "You don't lose your job by being hurt, I've always told the kids that. But we do have some guys here that can fill in well."

Friday's scrimmage will be similar to the Lamesa scrimmage — no clock, no score. Butler said there may be some sort of game-type play organized "to teach the kids to get on and off the

field," but a final decision has yet to be made.

This is the second year Big Spring will scrimmage Midland High. The Bulldogs are a class 5A team that visited Big Spring in 1992. They finished 1-9 last season and have lost 24 lettermen.

"They have a very good coaching staff, and they're bringing the program back from virtually nothing. They're liable to be pretty tough. They're a 5A school, and they're going to have bigger athletes than we do," Butler said.

Midland High is coached by Ronnie Reeger.

Butler said Steers fans have little to worry about — none of the injuries are major. Though Hughes, Akin and Parrish will not be playing tomorrow night and probably won't be starting in the season opener, Butler said they will be available for action against Levelland.

"Sure, we'd like to have everybody ready to go for this scrimmage," Butler said. "But the good thing about all this is that none of the injuries are major. We'll be ready next Friday, and more than likely we'll have everyone in uniform and 100 percent."

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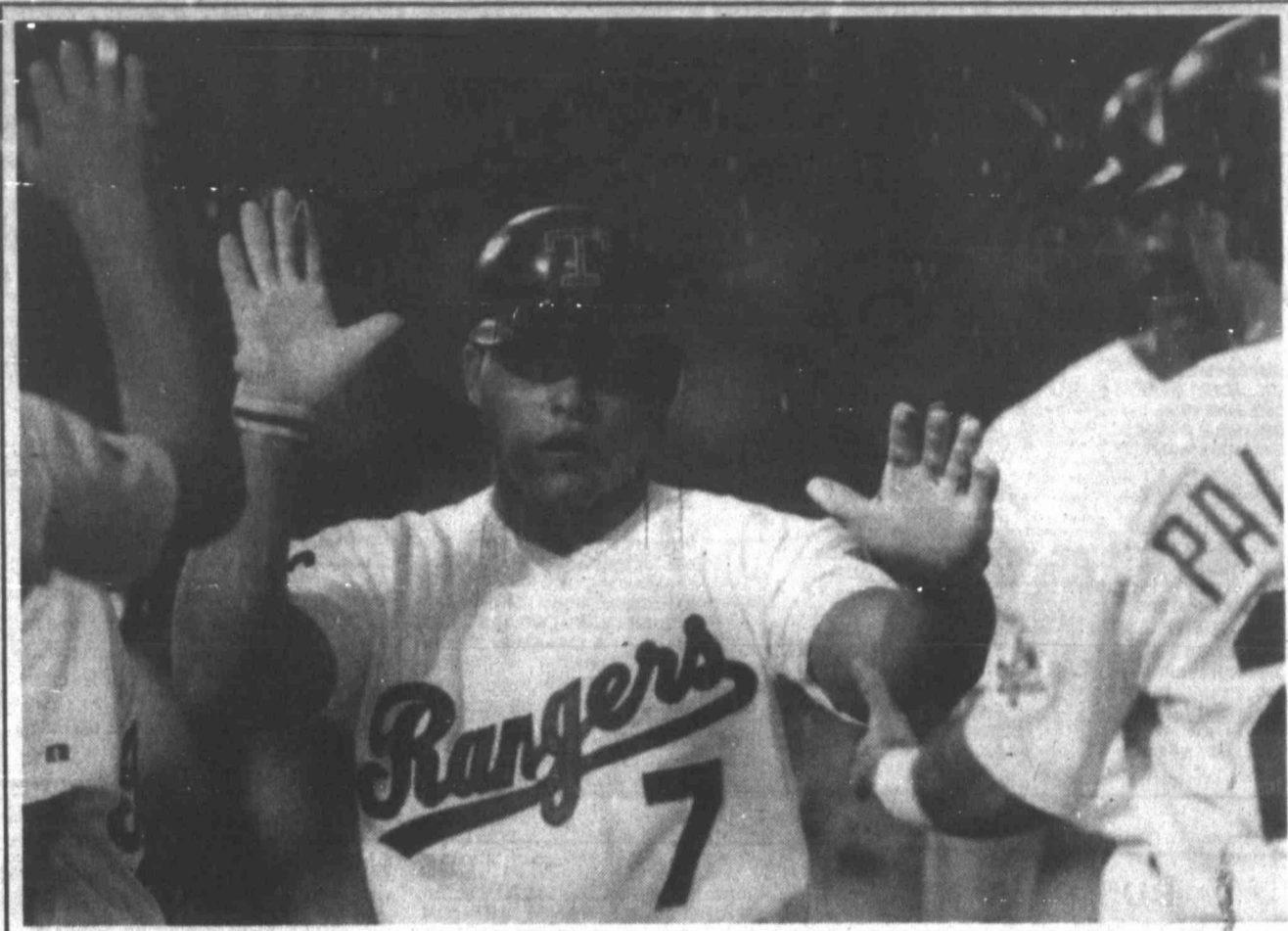
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Pudge parade

Texas catcher Ivan "Pudge" Rodriguez, center, is congratulated by teammates after hitting a three-run home run in the bottom of the first inning of the Rangers' game with Boston Wednesday night in Arlington. Rodriguez drove in five runs as the Rangers beat the Red Sox, 10-2.

Little League officials: 1992 scandal a thing of the past

By The Associated Press

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Philip- pines? What Philipines?

If you didn't already know about the darkest days in Little League history, you wouldn't find out about them at this year's World Series.

Why moan about what happened in 1992, when the Philipines used a national all-star team and over-aged players to win the championship?

"It was a fiasco, but we received a great deal of support and applause ... for taking action and not just slapping their wrists and turning our back," Little League president Creighton Hale said this week. "It turned out to be very favorable, even though the Philippine press was not very favorable."

In official circles, last year's scandal was a time when Little League shone. Their system worked, they said, because no outsiders had to go to the Philipines to bust them. Other Philippine Little League administrators turned in their country's top Little League official.

"It was an embarrassment for those people who did it," said Luke LaPorta, the chairman of Little League's board of directors. "It was an embarrassment to that man, Armando Andaya, who sat here and broke bread with us, but it certainly wasn't an embarrassment to us."

To keep attention on this year's games, the Philippine scandal and the five ejections of teams this year are taboo at postgame news conferences with coaches, even though the disqualifications had a direct bearing on two teams.

Panama finished second in its bracket and has advanced to the Little League semifinals. Saipan finished fifth and was eliminated Wednesday. Far East teams had been in 23 of the last 27 championships.

In the official program, there's no record of the Philipines doing anything wrong last year. Their 15-4 victory over Long Beach, Calif., is listed as a 6-0 American victory. There's no asterisk to show the score was

Surprising German team advances to Series semis

By The Associated Press

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Germany, a team made up of the children of American military personnel, advanced to the semifinals of the Little League World Series on Wednesday night with a 5-1 victory over Panama.

The Germans will play Panama again Thursday in the finals of the tournament's international bracket.

The European champions, from the Kaiserslautern military community, this week knocked off the Far East and Latin American champions.

No European team has ever played in a World Series final. In the Little League records available, only once before has a European squad (Aviano, Italy) advanced this far. Until this week, a German team had never won a game.

At last year's World Series, a flu struck several players and the German team lost 10-3 to Canada, 24-0 to Latin America and 14-2 to the Far East.

"When they weren't getting their

brains bashed in, they're puking their guts out," German coach Bobby Enfinger said. "They didn't have fun here at all."

Long Beach, Calif., and Bedford, N.H., meet in Thursday's other World Series semifinal. The title game of the American bracket is Thursday, with the Little League championship Saturday.

Long Beach beat Bedford 21-1 Wednesday in what amounted to an exhibition, with each team securing semifinal berths the day before.

In a game with no bearing on tournament, Hamilton, Ohio, beat Richmond, Va., 1-0. Hamilton was no-hit in its first two games, but Wednesday night pitchers Ricardo Burbridge, Danny Brander and Phillip Bell combined on their own no-hitter. Adam Grissom had two hits for Hamilton.

Germany could not have advanced without Saipan's 4-3 victory over Canada on Wednesday. Canada had beaten Germany Tuesday and also had allowed fewer runs.

changed three weeks later. The Philipines remain listed as runners-up.

Little League vice president Steve Keener said no one thought of listing it any other way. College football and basketball record books are full of asterisks as teams were put on probation for one thing or another.

Before last year's scandal, about the worst thing that happened to Little League's image was Lou Rawls singing a line from the Budweiser theme song during the 1992 opening ceremonies.

Little League was built on a policy of playing everyone who suits up and never charging admission to games.

Fans are close to a grass field. No one is squabbling over multimillion-dollar contracts.

That's why the Philippine scandal hurt so much. "We were keenly disappointed because of the children involved," Hale said. "It wasn't their fault."

This year, Little League called for tougher standards. Teams that couldn't prove they were honest couldn't come.

A new rule on district size — limiting a league to 1,000 youths for every four teams — knocked out Taiwan, Japan, South Korea and China because they couldn't prove compliance.

Instead of giving up, Braves are arming up for NL pennant race

Thank you, Atlanta Braves.

This season's National League pennant races were about as exciting as watching a ground crew piddle with the dirt between games of a double-header. The Philadelphia Phillies have left the rest of the NL East behind, and the San Francisco Giants were making a joke of the NL West until this week.

The Braves marched into Candlestick Park Monday, and when they left Wednesday they had given the Giants a three-game losing streak. It was the first time the Giants had been swept in a series this season, and it was San Francisco's first three-game losing streak since May.

It's difficult to like a team that already has been to two straight World Series and hogs the television airwaves more than Ross Perot, but you have to admire the Braves. Rather than give up in the face of the Giants' incredible start, they went to the trading block.

First, they grabbed Fred McGriff, taking advantage of the San Diego fire sale. Until McGriff arrived, Ron Gant and Jeff Blauser were the only Braves hitting the ball with any consistency, but McGriff has given the Braves a major lift, as evidenced Wednesday. McGriff and David Jus-



Dave Hargrave

... tice smacked back-to-back homers. Twice. In the same game.

Actually, the wheeling and dealing started before the season. The Braves already had a great pitching staff, but they grabbed 1992 Cy Young Award winner Greg Maddux off the free-agent list. They seemingly had five aces in their hand - Maddux, John Smoltz, Tom Glavine, Steve Avery and Pete Smith.

Smith hasn't worked out, but the Braves did what they always do - make a deal. Wednesday night, Atlanta traded first baseman Brian Hunter to the Montreal Expos for pitcher Dennis Martinez.

Martinez was the Expos' ace, but in Atlanta he'll be the fifth starter. Imagine being a Giant today. Sure, you're still leading the Braves by 4 1/2 games, but look at what's wrong: Left-handed starting pitchers Trevor Wilson and Bud Black are on

the disabled list. Black may be out for the season.

Will Clark is on the 15-day disabled list. Darren Lewis is hurt, and the fill-ins in center field - Mark Carreon and Dave Martinez - just don't cut it.

Manager Dusty Baker has shown signs of desperation by juggling his lineup. Throughout the Giants' fallous first 120 games, Clark, Matt Williams and Barry Bonds were batting 3-4-5. Yesterday, out of the clear blue, Baker decides to put Bonds third in the order.

It all adds up to this - the Giants have the lead, but the Braves have the edge. Atlanta has made second-half surges their trademark since 1991, when it made up 9 1/2 games and caught the Dodgers.

Finally, the NL will lead off some of the baseball reports. The American League has received the pennant-race attention on television and in the newspaper, but now NL fans have something to watch. This should be the race of September.

Thank you, Atlanta Braves.

Dave Hargrave is the sports editor of the Herald. His column appears Sundays and Thursdays.

BASEBALL

Standings

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct., GB. Lists American League East and West divisions.

Tuesday's Games: Milwaukee 9, Oakland 2, 1st game; Milwaukee 7, Oakland 6, 13 innings, 2nd game.

Wednesday's Games: Toronto 10, Cleveland 7; Detroit 7, Seattle 4; California 2, Baltimore 1.

Thursday's Games: California (Leftwich 1-3) at Baltimore (McDonald 9-11), 12:35 p.m.; Oakland (Mortier 1-4) at Milwaukee (Miranda 2-3), 2:05 p.m.

Friday's Games: Chicago (Deshales 11-12 and Trombley 5-3) at Minnesota (Belcher 2-2 and McDowell 20-7), 2:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division: Philadelphia 80, St. Louis 69, Montreal 68, Cincinnati 66, Pittsburgh 60, Florida 52, New York 43.

West Division: San Francisco 83, Houston 79, Los Angeles 65, Cincinnati 63, San Diego 49, Colorado 48.

Tuesday's Games: Atlanta 6, San Francisco 4; Houston 4, Florida 0; Chicago 3, Montreal 1.

Wednesday's Games: Philadelphia 8, Colorado 5; Cincinnati 4, New York 1; Atlanta 9, San Francisco 1.

Thursday's Games: Houston (Harnisch 11-8) at Florida (Bowen 8-11), 1:35 p.m.; Colorado (Gr. Harris 11-12) at New York (Gooden 11-14), 7:40 p.m.

Friday's Games: San Francisco (Burkett 18-5) at Florida (Rapp 1-4), 7:35 p.m.; Houston (Drabek 7-14) at Montreal (Boucher 0-0), 7:35 p.m.

Saturday's Games: Cincinnati (Roper 2-3) at Philadelphia (Muholland 11-9), 7:35 p.m.; San Diego (Benes 13-10) at Pittsburgh (Cooke 8-7), 7:35 p.m.

Sunday's Games: Chicago (Harkey 8-7) at Atlanta (Smoltz 13-9), 7:40 p.m.; Colorado (Bottenfield 4-8) at New York (Fernandez 2-4), 7:40 p.m.

Monday's Games: St. Louis (Urban 0-2) at Los Angeles (Astacio 10-7), 10:35 p.m.

TEXAS LEAGUE Second Half Eastern Division: Shreveport (Giants) 33, Tulsa (Rangers) 32, Arkansas (Astros) 31, Arkansas (Cards) 29.

Western Division: x-El Paso (Brewers) 38, Wichita (Padres) 34, Midland (Angels) 31, San Antonio (Dodgers) 24.

x-won first half title Wednesday's Games: Wichita 16, Midland 13; San Antonio 6, El Paso 3.

Thursday's Games: San Antonio at Midland; Wichita at El Paso; Jackson at Tulsa; Shreveport at Arkansas.

Friday's Games: San Antonio at Midland; Wichita at El Paso; Jackson at Tulsa; Shreveport at Arkansas.

AL leaders: BATTING—Olerud, Toronto, .392; Molitor, Toronto, .331; Thomas, Chicago, .322; Hamilton, Milwaukee, .322; Lofton, Cleveland, .321.

NL leaders: BATTING—Olerud, Toronto, .392; Molitor, Toronto, .331; Thomas, Chicago, .322; Hamilton, Milwaukee, .322; Lofton, Cleveland, .321.

Top singles seeds

Men and women participating in the U.S. Open Championship, the last of tennis' four grand slam events, to begin August 30.

US OPEN '93



Table with columns: Men, Women, Rank, Name, Country. Lists top seeds for both genders.

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TRIPLES—LJohnson, Chicago, 11; Hulse, Texas, 10; Cora, Chicago, 9; Lofton, Cleveland, 8; McRae, Kansas City, 8; Cuyler, Detroit, 7; Fernandez, Toronto, 7.

HOME RUNS—Griffey Jr., Seattle, 37; Gonzalez, Texas, 36; Thomas, Chicago, 35; Belle, Cleveland, 33; Palmeiro, Texas, 32; Fielder, Detroit, 29; Tettleton, Detroit, 29.

STOLEN BASES—Lofton, Cleveland, 52; Currie, California, 44; Polonia, California, 41; RAlomar, Toronto, 40; RHenderson, Toronto, 36; LJohnson, Chicago, 31; White, Toronto, 25; Guzman, Toronto, 152; Langston, California, 152; Cone, Kansas City, 149; Finley, California, 146; Appler, Kansas City, 144; Clemens, Boston, 140.

SAVES—Montgomery, Kansas City, 39; D'Ward, Toronto, 36; Russell, Boston, 32; Henke, Texas, 30; RHernandez, Chicago, 29; Olson, Baltimore, 29; Eckersley, Oakland, 29.

NL leaders: BATTING—Gwynn, San Diego, .358; Jeffries, St. Louis, .344; Bonds, San Francisco, .338; Kruk, Philadelphia, .337; Rothompson, San Francisco, .336; Merced, Pittsburgh, .328; Grace, Chicago, .325.

RUNS—Dykstra, Philadelphia, 115; Bonds, St. Louis, 102; Gant, Atlanta, 85; Blauser, Atlanta, 83; Kruk, Philadelphia, 83; JBeil, Pittsburgh, 82; McGriff, Atlanta, 82.

RBI—Bonds, San Francisco, 97; Justice, Atlanta, 87; Daulton, Philadelphia, 87; Gant, Atlanta, 86; McWilliams, San Francisco, 85; Bagwell, Houston, 82; Piazza, Los Angeles, 81; King, Pittsburgh, 81.

HITS—Gwynn, San Diego, 163; JBeil, Pittsburgh, 158; Bagwell, Houston, 155; Grace, Chicago, 154; Dykstra, Philadelphia, 150; Jeffries, St. Louis, 146; King, Pittsburgh, 145.

DOUBLES—Bichette, Colorado, 39; Dykstra, Philadelphia, 37; Gwynn, San Diego, 36; Biggio, Houston, 34; Bagwell, Houston, 32; Gilkey, St. Louis, 31; Grace, Chicago, 31; JBeil, Pittsburgh, 31.

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Notice is hereby given that there will be a Public Hearing on the proposed budget of the Big Spring Independent School District for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 1993. The hearing will be at 12:00 p.m., August 31, 1993, in the Board Room of the School District in the East wing of the Senior High School Building at 707 11th Place. Fiscal matters to be acted upon at this meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Big Spring Independent School District include the official adoption of the aforementioned budget.

Don Baker, President, Board of Trustees
Big Spring Independent School District
6485 August 26, 1993

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with Section 152.013 (b) of the Local Government Code, notice is given that the Howard County Commissioners Court has proposed a 5% salary increase for employees. Any other proposed increases in expense/allowances may be found in the proposed County budget which is available in the Office of County Auditor, 300 Main Street, Big Spring, TX.

Call Jackie Olson at 915-264-2210 or Judge Ben Lockhart at 915-264-2202 for information relating to the salaries, expenses, or allowances that are proposed to be increased, and the amount of the proposed increases, or any other budget information.

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